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Interviews with 1,010 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on August 7-8, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 911 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

The sample includes 760 interviews among landline respondents and 250 interviews among cell phone respondents.

FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 AT NOON

18. In general, how concerned are you about the situation in Syria -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not concerned at all?

Aug. 7-8
2012

Very concerned	29%
Somewhat concerned	43%
Not very concerned	15%
Not concerned at all	11%
No opinion	1%

FOR COMPARISON

<i>QUESTION WORDING: In general, how concerned are you about the situation in Libya -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not concerned at all?</i>	
	Mar. 11-13 <u>2011</u>
Very concerned	31%
Somewhat concerned	48%
Not very concerned	12%
Not concerned at all	9%
No opinion	1%

19. Would you favor or oppose the U.S. and other countries using military airplanes and missiles to try to establish zones inside Syria where the opposition forces would be safe from attacks by the Syrian government?

Aug. 7-8
2012

Favor	46%
Oppose	49%
No opinion	5%

20. And would you favor or oppose the U.S. and other countries using ground troops to try to establish zones inside Syria where the opposition forces would be safe from attacks by the Syrian government?

Aug. 7-8
2012

Favor	32%
Oppose	64%
No opinion	4%

21. Would you favor or oppose the U.S. and other countries sending weapons and other military supplies to the opposition forces who are fighting to remove the Syrian government from power?

Aug. 7-8
2012

Favor	48%
Oppose	47%
No opinion	4%

22. As far as you are concerned, should the removal of the Syrian government from power be a very important foreign policy goal of the U.S., a somewhat important goal, not too important, or not an important goal at all?

Aug. 7-8
2012

Very important	19%
Somewhat important	46%
Not very important	18%
Not important at all	15%
Depends (vol.)	*
No opinion	3%

FOR COMPARISON

QUESTION WORDING: As far as you are concerned, should the removal of Moammar Gadhafi from power in Libya be a very important foreign policy goal of the U.S., a somewhat important goal, not too important, or not an important goal at all?

	Mar. 18-20 2011	Mar. 11-13 2011
Very important	34%	24%
Somewhat important	43%	47%
Not too important	13%	15%
Not important at all	10%	12%
No opinion	*	2%

FOR COMPARISON:

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS ON SADDAM HUSSEIN

As far as you are concerned, should the removal of **Saddam Hussein** from power in **Iraq** be a very important foreign policy goal of the U.S., a somewhat important goal, not too important, or not an important goal at all?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	No opinion
2002 April 5-7	45%	38%	10%	6%	1%
2002 March 22-24	60%	28%	6%	5%	1%

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Question 18

In general, how concerned are you about the situation in Syria -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not concerned at all?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to Vote		
Very concerned	29%	26%	32%	28%	29%	30%		
Somewhat concerned	43%	41%	46%	44%	42%	44%		
Not very concerned	15%	16%	15%	16%	14%	15%		
Not concerned at all	11%	16%	6%	10%	14%	10%		
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%	1%	1%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-3.5		
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Very concerned	29%	26%	19%	32%	42%	22%	36%	
Somewhat concerned	43%	39%	51%	44%	40%	45%	42%	
Not very concerned	15%	21%	16%	15%	8%	18%	12%	
Not concerned at all	11%	13%	14%	7%	9%	14%	8%	
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Very concerned	29%	32%	25%	29%	29%			
Somewhat concerned	43%	42%	46%	39%	47%			
Not very concerned	15%	14%	17%	18%	14%			
Not concerned at all	11%	12%	10%	13%	10%			
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative	
Very concerned	29%	33%	27%	27%	34%	23%	32%	
Somewhat concerned	43%	39%	44%	47%	39%	48%	42%	
Not very concerned	15%	13%	16%	17%	13%	17%	15%	
Not concerned at all	11%	12%	12%	8%	12%	11%	10%	
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	2%	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Very concerned	29%	31%	32%	30%	23%	31%	26%	33%
Somewhat concerned	43%	38%	43%	43%	49%	41%	48%	38%
Not very concerned	15%	17%	12%	13%	19%	15%	15%	13%
Not concerned at all	11%	13%	12%	11%	8%	11%	10%	13%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Very concerned	29%	35%	24%	33%				
Somewhat concerned	43%	41%	45%	43%				
Not very concerned	15%	12%	17%	15%				
Not concerned at all	11%	11%	14%	8%				
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5				

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 19

Would you favor or oppose the U.S. and other countries using military airplanes and missiles to try to establish zones inside Syria where the opposition forces would be safe from attacks by the Syrian government?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to	
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Favor	46%	46%	46%	46%	47%	48%	
Oppose	49%	49%	48%	48%	49%	47%	
No opinion	5%	4%	6%	6%	4%	5%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-3.5	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Favor	46%	50%	44%	45%	44%	47%	44%
Oppose	49%	45%	52%	50%	49%	48%	49%
No opinion	5%	5%	4%	6%	7%	5%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Favor	46%	50%	45%	49%	44%
Oppose	49%	46%	50%	46%	50%
No opinion	5%	4%	6%	5%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Favor	46%	51%	40%	49%	42%	43%	52%
Oppose	49%	44%	54%	47%	54%	52%	43%
No opinion	5%	5%	6%	4%	3%	6%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Favor	46%	45%	50%	46%	43%	42%	49%	46%
Oppose	49%	48%	44%	50%	53%	51%	47%	50%
No opinion	5%	7%	6%	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
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Favor	46%	53%	41%	49%
Oppose	49%	43%	54%	45%
No opinion	5%	4%	5%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 20

And would you favor or oppose the U.S. and other countries using ground troops to try to establish zones inside Syria where the opposition forces would be safe from attacks by the Syrian government?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to Vote		
Favor	32%	30%	35%	29%	40%	31%		
Oppose	64%	68%	61%	68%	55%	66%		
No opinion	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%	4%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-3.5		

	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+ 65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	32%	46%	29%	26%	23%	38%	25%
Oppose	64%	48%	69%	72%	73%	58%	72%
No opinion	4%	6%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	32%	39%	26%	40%	27%
Oppose	64%	58%	71%	58%	69%
No opinion	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative
Favor	32%	37%	30%	30%	32%	29%	36%
Oppose	64%	58%	66%	69%	64%	67%	62%
No opinion	4%	5%	4%	1%	4%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Favor	32%	35%	32%	33%	29%	27%	34%	35%
Oppose	64%	60%	65%	64%	67%	68%	63%	63%
No opinion	4%	5%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	32%	35%	35%	26%
Oppose	64%	64%	61%	69%
No opinion	4%	1%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 21

Would you favor or oppose the U.S. and other countries sending weapons and other military supplies to the opposition forces who are fighting to remove the Syrian government from power?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to Vote		
Favor	48%	53%	45%	49%	48%	49%		
Oppose	47%	45%	50%	47%	48%	47%		
No opinion	4%	3%	6%	4%	4%	4%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-3.5		

	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+ 65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	48%	54%	48%	42%	51%	51%	45%
Oppose	47%	42%	49%	54%	45%	45%	50%
No opinion	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	48%	52%	46%	47%	49%
Oppose	47%	45%	49%	49%	46%
No opinion	4%	3%	5%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative
Favor	48%	50%	51%	43%	47%	49%	50%
Oppose	47%	45%	45%	53%	48%	47%	46%
No opinion	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Favor	48%	46%	52%	46%	51%	50%	48%	47%
Oppose	47%	47%	44%	51%	45%	45%	49%	50%
No opinion	4%	6%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	48%	50%	45%	54%
Oppose	47%	47%	51%	41%
No opinion	4%	3%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22

As far as you are concerned, should the removal of the Syrian government from power be a very important foreign policy goal of the U.S., a somewhat important goal, not too important, or not an important goal at all?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to Vote	
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Very important	19%	19%	19%	19%	20%	21%	
Somewhat important	46%	42%	49%	45%	45%	45%	
Not too important	18%	17%	19%	18%	18%	17%	
Not important at all	15%	20%	10%	15%	14%	14%	
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-3.5	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Very important	19%	11%	21%	23%	26%	15%	24%
Somewhat important	46%	51%	39%	44%	46%	46%	45%
Not too important	18%	21%	22%	16%	10%	22%	14%
Not important at all	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Very important	19%	22%	14%	22%	17%
Somewhat important	46%	47%	46%	44%	46%
Not too important	18%	15%	21%	18%	18%
Not important at all	15%	14%	16%	13%	16%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
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Very important	19%	21%	18%	20%	22%	13%	24%
Somewhat important	46%	47%	45%	45%	39%	50%	44%
Not too important	18%	16%	18%	20%	17%	18%	19%
Not important at all	15%	13%	17%	13%	16%	16%	13%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Very important	19%	16%	21%	21%	18%	21%	14%	28%
Somewhat important	46%	46%	51%	41%	46%	48%	48%	38%
Not too important	18%	19%	11%	19%	20%	13%	22%	17%
Not important at all	15%	12%	17%	17%	13%	17%	13%	15%
No opinion	3%	7%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
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Very important	19%	26%	15%	21%
Somewhat important	46%	41%	51%	41%
Not too important	18%	17%	17%	21%
Not important at all	15%	15%	15%	14%
No opinion	3%	1%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%