

The logo for the CNN | ORC Poll. It features the text "CNN | ORC" in a bold, black, sans-serif font on a light gray background. Below this, the word "POLL" is written in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font on a solid black background.

# CNN | ORC POLL

**Interviews with 923 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on May 17-18, 2013. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**The sample includes 648 interviews among landline respondents and 275 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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

|                      | May 17-18<br><u>2013</u> | Dec. 17-18<br><u>2012</u> | Aug. 7-8<br><u>2012</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Very concerned       | 36%                      | 34%                       | 29%                     |
| Somewhat concerned   | 43%                      | 46%                       | 43%                     |
| Not very concerned   | 12%                      | 10%                       | 15%                     |
| Not concerned at all | 7%                       | 8%                        | 11%                     |
| No opinion           | 2%                       | 1%                        | 1%                      |

FOR COMPARISON

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| <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<br><u>2011</u> |
| Very concerned  | 31%                       |
| Somewhat concerned  | 48%                       |
| Not very concerned  | 12%                       |
| Not concerned at all  | 9%                        |
| No opinion  | 1%                        |

26. Which of the following statements best describes your view of whether the Syrian government has chemical weapons and has used them to kill civilians in that country. Would you say you are certain that this is true, you think it is likely that this is true, but you are not certain, you think it is unlikely that this is true but you are not certain, or you are certain that this is not true?

May 17-18  
2013

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|--------------------------|-----|
| Certain it is true       | 16% |
| Likely but not certain   | 67% |
| Unlikely but not certain | 10% |
| Certain it is not true   | 3%  |
| No opinion               | 3%  |

FOR COMPARISON

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

*QUESTION WORDING: Which of the following statements best describes your view of whether Iraq has biological or chemical weapons. Would you say you are certain that this is true, you think it is likely that this is true, but you are not certain, you think it is unlikely that this is true but you are not certain, or you are certain that this is not true?*

|                          | Feb. 7-9<br><u>2003</u> | Jan 31-Feb 2<br><u>2003*</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Certain it is true       | 56%                     | 50%                          |
| Likely but not certain   | 38%                     | 44%                          |
| Unlikely but not certain | 4%                      | 4%                           |
| Certain it is not true   | 1%                      | *                            |
| No opinion               | 1%                      | 2%                           |

\*Asked of half sample

27. If the United States were able to present evidence that convinced you that the Syrian government has chemical weapons and has used them to kill civilians in that country, do you think the U.S. would or would not be justified in using military action against the Syrian government?

May 17-18  
2013

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Justified     | 66% |
| Not justified | 30% |
| No opinion    | 3%  |

FOR COMPARISON

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

*QUESTION WORDING: If the United States were able to present evidence that convinced you that Iraq has biological or chemical weapons, do you think the U.S. would or would not be justified in using military action against Iraq?*

Jan 31-Feb 2  
2003

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Yes, justified    | 85% |
| No, not justified | 14% |
| No opinion        | 1%  |

## **METHODOLOGY**

A total of 923 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage. Among the entire sample, 33% described themselves as Democrats, 24% described themselves as Republicans, and 43% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

Question 25

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 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Very concerned       | 36%    | 31%    | 41%    | 39%    | 31%       |
| Somewhat concerned   | 43%    | 46%    | 39%    | 45%    | 39%       |
| Not very concerned   | 12%    | 13%    | 11%    | 10%    | 15%       |
| Not concerned at all | 7%     | 8%     | 6%     | 6%     | 11%       |
| No opinion           | 2%     | 2%     | 1%     | 1%     | 3%        |
| Sampling Error       | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-7.0    |

|                      | Total  | 18-34  | 35-49  | 50-64  | 65+    | Under 50 | 50 and Older |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------------|
| Very concerned       | 36%    | 22%    | 36%    | 41%    | 57%    | 28%      | 47%          |
| Somewhat concerned   | 43%    | 52%    | 44%    | 40%    | 32%    | 48%      | 37%          |
| Not very concerned   | 12%    | 16%    | 10%    | 10%    | 7%     | 13%      | 9%           |
| Not concerned at all | 7%     | 9%     | 8%     | 7%     | 5%     | 8%       | 6%           |
| No opinion           | 2%     | 2%     | 2%     | 3%     | *      | 2%       | 2%           |
| Sampling Error       | +/-3.0 | +/-8.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5   | +/-4.0       |

|                      | Total  | Under \$50K | \$50K or more | No College | Attended College |
|----------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| Very concerned       | 36%    | 39%         | 33%           | 40%        | 33%              |
| Somewhat concerned   | 43%    | 42%         | 46%           | 39%        | 46%              |
| Not very concerned   | 12%    | 9%          | 14%           | 12%        | 11%              |
| Not concerned at all | 7%     | 7%          | 6%            | 9%         | 6%               |
| No opinion           | 2%     | 3%          | 1%            | *          | 3%               |
| Sampling Error       | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0      | +/-5.0        | +/-6.0     | +/-4.0           |

|                      | Total  | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
|----------------------|--------|----------|-------------|------------|---------|----------|--------------|
| Very concerned       | 36%    | 36%      | 33%         | 42%        | 35%     | 31%      | 43%          |
| Somewhat concerned   | 43%    | 44%      | 42%         | 43%        | 41%     | 45%      | 41%          |
| Not very concerned   | 12%    | 11%      | 14%         | 10%        | 16%     | 13%      | 8%           |
| Not concerned at all | 7%     | 7%       | 9%          | 4%         | 5%      | 10%      | 5%           |
| No opinion           | 2%     | 2%       | 2%          | 1%         | 3%      | 1%       | 3%           |
| Sampling Error       | +/-3.0 | +/-6.0   | +/-5.0      | +/-6.5     | +/-7.5  | +/-5.0   | +/-5.0       |

|                      | Total  | North east | Mid-west | South  | West   | Urban  | Sub-urban | Rural  |
|----------------------|--------|------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Very concerned       | 36%    | 36%        | 41%      | 36%    | 32%    | 38%    | 31%       | 41%    |
| Somewhat concerned   | 43%    | 45%        | 34%      | 45%    | 46%    | 42%    | 49%       | 37%    |
| Not very concerned   | 12%    | 9%         | 16%      | 12%    | 11%    | 10%    | 10%       | 15%    |
| Not concerned at all | 7%     | 8%         | 6%       | 6%     | 9%     | 8%     | 8%        | 5%     |
| No opinion           | 2%     | 1%         | 2%       | 1%     | 2%     | 2%     | 2%        | 2%     |
| Sampling Error       | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5     | +/-7.0   | +/-6.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.0    | +/-7.5 |

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 26

Which of the following statements best describes your view of whether the Syrian government has chemical weapons and has used them to kill civilians in that country. Would you say you are certain that this is true, you think it is likely that this is true, but you are not certain, you think it is unlikely that this is true but you are not certain, or you are certain that this is not true?

Base = Total Sample

|                          | Total  | Men    | Women  | White  | Non-White |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Certain it is true       | 16%    | 19%    | 13%    | 16%    | 18%       |
| Likely but not certain   | 67%    | 62%    | 73%    | 72%    | 57%       |
| Unlikely but not certain | 10%    | 12%    | 9%     | 9%     | 13%       |
| Certain it is not true   | 3%     | 4%     | 3%     | 2%     | 6%        |
| No opinion               | 3%     | 2%     | 3%     | 1%     | 6%        |
| Sampling Error           | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-7.0    |

|                          | Total  | 18-34  | 35-49  | 50-64  | 65+    | Under 50 | 50 and Older |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------------|
| Certain it is true       | 16%    | 11%    | 22%    | 16%    | 17%    | 16%      | 16%          |
| Likely but not certain   | 67%    | 66%    | 66%    | 68%    | 70%    | 66%      | 69%          |
| Unlikely but not certain | 10%    | 17%    | 7%     | 9%     | 8%     | 12%      | 8%           |
| Certain it is not true   | 3%     | 3%     | 3%     | 3%     | 3%     | 3%       | 3%           |
| No opinion               | 3%     | 3%     | 2%     | 3%     | 3%     | 3%       | 3%           |
| Sampling Error           | +/-3.0 | +/-8.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5   | +/-4.0       |

|                          | Total  | Under \$50K | \$50K or more | No College | Attended College |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| Certain it is true       | 16%    | 17%         | 16%           | 21%        | 12%              |
| Likely but not certain   | 67%    | 62%         | 74%           | 61%        | 73%              |
| Unlikely but not certain | 10%    | 14%         | 7%            | 12%        | 9%               |
| Certain it is not true   | 3%     | 3%          | 1%            | 3%         | 2%               |
| No opinion               | 3%     | 4%          | 2%            | 2%         | 3%               |
| Sampling Error           | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0      | +/-5.0        | +/-6.0     | +/-4.0           |

|                          | Total  | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|-------------|------------|---------|----------|--------------|
| Certain it is true       | 16%    | 16%      | 14%         | 20%        | 12%     | 13%      | 22%          |
| Likely but not certain   | 67%    | 62%      | 69%         | 72%        | 66%     | 69%      | 66%          |
| Unlikely but not certain | 10%    | 13%      | 11%         | 6%         | 14%     | 13%      | 5%           |
| Certain it is not true   | 3%     | 4%       | 5%          | *          | 4%      | 2%       | 4%           |
| No opinion               | 3%     | 5%       | 2%          | 1%         | 4%      | 2%       | 3%           |
| Sampling Error           | +/-3.0 | +/-6.0   | +/-5.0      | +/-6.5     | +/-7.5  | +/-5.0   | +/-5.0       |

|                          | Total  | North east | Mid-west | South  | West   | Urban  | Sub-urban | Rural  |
|--------------------------|--------|------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Certain it is true       | 16%    | 15%        | 14%      | 18%    | 16%    | 18%    | 15%       | 16%    |
| Likely but not certain   | 67%    | 74%        | 64%      | 67%    | 64%    | 62%    | 70%       | 65%    |
| Unlikely but not certain | 10%    | 5%         | 15%      | 11%    | 12%    | 13%    | 8%        | 15%    |
| Certain it is not true   | 3%     | 4%         | 5%       | 2%     | 3%     | 3%     | 5%        | 3%     |
| No opinion               | 3%     | 2%         | 3%       | 1%     | 4%     | 5%     | 2%        | 1%     |
| Sampling Error           | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5     | +/-7.0   | +/-6.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.0    | +/-7.5 |

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 27

If the United States were able to present evidence that convinced you that the Syrian government has chemical weapons and has used them to kill civilians in that country, do you think the U.S. would or would not be justified in using military action against the Syrian government?

Base = Total Sample

|                | Total  | Men    | Women  | White  | Non-White |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Justified      | 66%    | 64%    | 69%    | 65%    | 68%       |
| Not justified  | 30%    | 34%    | 27%    | 30%    | 31%       |
| No opinion     | 3%     | 3%     | 4%     | 5%     | 1%        |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-7.0    |

|                | Total  | 18-34  | 35-49  | 50-64  | 65+    | Under 50 | 50 and Older |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------------|
| Justified      | 66%    | 69%    | 75%    | 61%    | 56%    | 72%      | 59%          |
| Not justified  | 30%    | 29%    | 25%    | 33%    | 37%    | 27%      | 35%          |
| No opinion     | 3%     | 1%     | 1%     | 7%     | 7%     | 1%       | 7%           |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-8.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5   | +/-4.0       |

|                | Total  | Under \$50K | \$50K or more | No College | Attended College |
|----------------|--------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| Justified      | 66%    | 72%         | 64%           | 74%        | 61%              |
| Not justified  | 30%    | 25%         | 34%           | 22%        | 36%              |
| No opinion     | 3%     | 3%          | 2%            | 4%         | 3%               |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0      | +/-5.0        | +/-6.0     | +/-4.0           |

|                | Total  | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
|----------------|--------|----------|-------------|------------|---------|----------|--------------|
| Justified      | 66%    | 64%      | 65%         | 73%        | 61%     | 66%      | 70%          |
| Not justified  | 30%    | 33%      | 32%         | 23%        | 37%     | 31%      | 26%          |
| No opinion     | 3%     | 3%       | 3%          | 4%         | 2%      | 3%       | 4%           |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.0   | +/-5.0      | +/-6.5     | +/-7.5  | +/-5.0   | +/-5.0       |

|                | Total  | North east | Mid-west | South  | West   | Urban  | Sub-urban | Rural  |
|----------------|--------|------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Justified      | 66%    | 63%        | 65%      | 68%    | 69%    | 70%    | 65%       | 70%    |
| Not justified  | 30%    | 32%        | 32%      | 28%    | 29%    | 29%    | 30%       | 28%    |
| No opinion     | 3%     | 6%         | 3%       | 3%     | 2%     | 1%     | 5%        | 2%     |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5     | +/-7.0   | +/-6.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.0    | +/-7.5 |

\* percentage less than 1%