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Interviews with 1,022 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on September 6-8, 2013. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample includes 721 interviews among landline respondents and 301 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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Now here are a few questions on Syria...

16. After reports that the Syrian government has used chemical weapons to kill civilians in that country, Congress is considering a resolution to authorize limited U.S. military action in Syria. The resolution only authorizes military action for 60 to 90 days and it bars the use of U.S. troops in a combat role in Syria. Do you think Congress should or should not pass this resolution?

Sept. 6-8
2013

Should pass	39%
Should not pass	59%
No opinion	2%

17. Would you favor or oppose U.S. air strikes against military targets in Syria if Congress passes that resolution?

Sept. 6-8
2013

Favor	43%
Oppose	55%
No opinion	2%

18. And would you favor or oppose U.S. air strikes against military targets in Syria if Congress does NOT pass that resolution?

Sept. 6-8
2013

Favor	27%
Oppose	71%
No opinion	1%

19. Would you be more likely to vote for your representative from Congress if that person voted in favor of using U.S. military force in Syria, or if that person voted against using military force in Syria, or would it not make a difference to your vote either way?

Sept. 6-8
2013

In favor	11%
Against	31%
No difference	57%
No opinion	1%

FOR COMPARISON

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>In favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>No difference</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2002 Oct 3-6	33	22	40	5
<i>QUESTION WORDING: Would you be more likely to vote for your representative from Congress if that person voted--in favor of sending ground troops to Iraq, or if that person voted against sending ground troops to Iraq--or would it not make a difference to your vote either way?</i>				

20. If the U.S. does launch air strikes against Syria, do you think that attack would or would not achieve significant goals for the United States?

Sept. 6-8
2013

Would	26%
Would not	72%
No opinion	2%

FOR COMPARISON

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Would</u>	<u>Would not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1998 Nov 13-15	48	42	11
<i>QUESTION WORDING: If the United States attacks Iraq in the next few days, do you think those attacks will or will not achieve significant goals for the United States?</i>			

22. 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?

	Sept. 6-8 2013	May 17-18 2013
Certain it is true	28%	16%
Likely but not certain	54%	67%
Unlikely but not certain	13%	10%
Certain it is not true	3%	3%
No opinion	1%	3%

FOR COMPARISON

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS		
	Feb. 7-9 2003	Jan 31-Feb 2 2003*
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

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?

23. Do you think it is in the national interest of the United States to be involved in the conflict in Syria, or not?

	Sept. 6-8 2013
Is in national interest	29%
Is not in national interest	69%
No opinion	2%

FOR COMPARISON

	April 9-10 2011
Is in national interest	44%
Is not in national interest	55%
No opinion	1%

QUESTION WORDING: Do you think it is in the national interest of the United States to be involved in the conflict in Libya, or not?

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,022 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, 30% described themselves as Democrats, 21% described themselves as Republicans, and 49% 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 16

After reports that the Syrian government has used chemical weapons to kill civilians in that country, Congress is considering a resolution to authorize limited U.S. military action in Syria. The resolution only authorizes military action for 60 to 90 days and it bars the use of U.S. troops in a combat role in Syria. Do you think Congress should or should not pass this resolution?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should pass	39%	36%	41%	34%	51%
Should not pass	59%	62%	56%	63%	49%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	3%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should pass	39%	40%	44%	40%	29%	42%	36%
Should not pass	59%	57%	54%	58%	68%	56%	62%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should pass	39%	39%	39%	39%	39%
Should not pass	59%	58%	60%	58%	59%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should pass	39%	56%	29%	36%	45%	45%	28%
Should not pass	59%	43%	67%	63%	53%	53%	70%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should pass	39%	40%	34%	42%	38%	43%	36%	38%
Should not pass	59%	58%	63%	57%	60%	55%	62%	58%
No opinion	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 17

Would you favor or oppose U.S. air strikes against military targets in Syria if Congress passes that resolution?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	43%	43%	43%	44%	42%
Oppose	55%	56%	54%	54%	56%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	43%	38%	46%	49%	41%	42%	46%
Oppose	55%	60%	51%	49%	58%	56%	53%
No opinion	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	43%	45%	42%	49%	40%
Oppose	55%	53%	56%	50%	58%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	43%	51%	36%	47%	44%	47%	40%
Oppose	55%	47%	61%	51%	53%	51%	58%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	43%	43%	46%	42%	43%	41%	40%	53%
Oppose	55%	53%	54%	56%	55%	57%	57%	45%
No opinion	2%	4%	*	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 18

And would you favor or oppose U.S. air strikes against military targets in Syria if Congress does NOT pass that resolution?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	27%	28%	27%	25%	34%
Oppose	71%	71%	71%	73%	66%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	27%	28%	24%	33%	25%	26%	30%
Oppose	71%	71%	75%	67%	73%	73%	69%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	27%	29%	26%	27%	28%
Oppose	71%	70%	73%	72%	70%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	27%	36%	22%	28%	27%	31%	25%
Oppose	71%	63%	76%	71%	70%	68%	74%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	27%	27%	31%	29%	23%	26%	27%	30%
Oppose	71%	71%	68%	70%	77%	73%	71%	69%
No opinion	1%	3%	1%	1%	*	2%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 19

Would you be more likely to vote for your representative from Congress if that person voted in favor of using U.S. military force in Syria, or if that person voted against using military force in Syria, or would it not make a difference to your vote either way?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
In favor	11%	11%	11%	10%	13%
Against	31%	32%	31%	34%	24%
No difference	57%	56%	57%	55%	63%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
In favor	11%	7%	12%	13%	14%	9%	14%
Against	31%	31%	29%	32%	31%	30%	32%
No difference	57%	63%	58%	53%	53%	60%	53%
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%	2%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
In favor	11%	12%	8%	11%	11%
Against	31%	27%	34%	28%	33%
No difference	57%	60%	58%	60%	55%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
In favor	11%	13%	9%	14%	11%	11%	11%
Against	31%	23%	36%	33%	27%	28%	36%
No difference	57%	64%	54%	53%	61%	61%	51%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
In favor	11%	13%	13%	11%	7%	9%	12%	12%
Against	31%	28%	28%	31%	38%	27%	35%	30%
No difference	57%	57%	58%	58%	54%	63%	52%	57%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 20

If the U.S. does launch air strikes against Syria, do you think that attack would or would not achieve significant goals for the United States?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Would	26%	26%	26%	21%	39%
Would not	72%	71%	72%	77%	60%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Would	26%	28%	25%	27%	21%	27%	25%
Would not	72%	71%	73%	70%	73%	72%	71%
No opinion	2%	*	1%	3%	6%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Would	26%	30%	23%	30%	23%
Would not	72%	68%	75%	67%	75%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Would	26%	37%	23%	16%	27%	29%	22%
Would not	72%	60%	74%	83%	71%	68%	76%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Would	26%	28%	21%	28%	25%	28%	26%	23%
Would not	72%	70%	77%	69%	73%	70%	72%	72%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22

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	28%	28%	28%	30%	22%
Likely but not certain	54%	53%	56%	55%	54%
Unlikely but not certain	13%	13%	13%	11%	18%
Certain it is not true	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Certain it is true	28%	24%	21%	33%	39%	22%	35%
Likely but not certain	54%	55%	62%	52%	45%	58%	50%
Unlikely but not certain	13%	18%	12%	9%	11%	15%	10%
Certain it is not true	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%	3%	5%
No opinion	1%	1%	3%	*	1%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Certain it is true	28%	27%	29%	26%	29%
Likely but not certain	54%	53%	57%	52%	57%
Unlikely but not certain	13%	13%	12%	16%	10%
Certain it is not true	3%	5%	3%	5%	3%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Certain it is true	28%	37%	24%	25%	31%	29%	26%
Likely but not certain	54%	50%	54%	60%	55%	55%	54%
Unlikely but not certain	13%	10%	15%	12%	9%	15%	14%
Certain it is not true	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%	1%	5%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Certain it is true	28%	32%	28%	30%	21%	27%	29%	27%
Likely but not certain	54%	55%	52%	52%	60%	56%	51%	58%
Unlikely but not certain	13%	8%	15%	15%	13%	11%	15%	12%
Certain it is not true	3%	3%	4%	2%	6%	4%	3%	2%
No opinion	1%	3%	1%	1%	*	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 23

Do you think it is in the national interest of the United States to be involved in the conflict in Syria, or not?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Is in national interest	29%	30%	28%	25%	39%
Is not in national interest	69%	69%	69%	73%	59%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Is in national interest	29%	29%	29%	32%	27%	29%	30%
Is not in national interest	69%	70%	69%	66%	71%	69%	68%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Is in national interest	29%	31%	28%	28%	31%
Is not in national interest	69%	68%	71%	71%	67%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Is in national interest	29%	42%	22%	29%	33%	30%	27%
Is not in national interest	69%	56%	76%	71%	65%	68%	72%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Is in national interest	29%	31%	24%	32%	28%	34%	26%	29%
Is not in national interest	69%	68%	72%	66%	71%	64%	72%	69%
No opinion	2%	*	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%