

The logo for the CNN | ORC POLL. It features the CNN logo in a stylized, outlined font on the left, followed by a vertical bar and the letters "ORC" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the word "POLL" is written in large, bold, white capital letters on a black rectangular background.

# **CNN | ORC POLL**

**Interviews with 361 adult Americans who watched the presidential speech conducted by telephone (landline and cell) by ORC International on September 10, 2013. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 5 percentage points.**

**Survey respondents were first interviewed as part of a random national sample on September 6-9, 2013. In those interviews, respondents indicated they planned to watch tonight's speech and were willing to be re-interviewed after the speech.**

**Some questions were asked of each respondent both in the pre-speech questionnaire on September 6-9 and on tonight's questionnaire. Where applicable, results for tonight's respondents from both the pre-speech survey and the post-speech survey are reported.**

**20% of the respondents who participated in tonight's survey identified themselves as Republicans, 37% identified themselves as Democrats, and 43% identified themselves as Independents.**

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1. What was your overall reaction to President Obama's speech tonight -- very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative or very negative?

|                | <u>Very positive</u> | <u>Some-what positive</u> | <u>Some-what negative</u> | <u>Very negative</u> | <u>Both/mixed (vol.)</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Sept. 10, 2013 | 35%                  | 34%                       | 22%                       | 8%                   | 1%                       | 1%                |

CNN/ORC TRENDS

BARACK OBAMA

|               |     |     |     |    |    |    |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Feb. 12, 2013 | 53% | 24% | 14% | 8% | 1% | 1% |
| Jan. 25, 2011 | 52% | 32% | 11% | 4% | 1% | 1% |
| Jan. 27, 2010 | 48% | 30% | 15% | 6% | 1% | 1% |
| Feb. 24, 2009 | 68% | 24% | 6%  | 2% | *  | *  |

GEORGE W. BUSH

|               |     |     |     |    |    |    |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Jan. 23, 2007 | 41% | 37% | 16% | 4% | 1% | 1% |
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CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

GEORGE W. BUSH

|               |     |     |     |     |    |    |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Jan. 31, 2006 | 48% | 27% | 14% | 9%  | 2% | *  |
| Feb. 2, 2005  | 60% | 26% | 10% | 3%  | 1% | -- |
| Jan. 20, 2004 | 45% | 31% | 13% | 10% | 1% | -- |
| Jan. 28, 2003 | 50% | 34% | 11% | 3%  | 2% | *  |
| Jan. 29, 2002 | 74% | 20% | 3%  | 2%  | 1% | *  |
| Feb. 27, 2001 | 66% | 26% | 6%  | 1%  | *  | 1% |

BILL CLINTON

|               |     |     |     |    |    |   |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|---|
| Jan. 19, 1999 | 56% | 27% | 9%  | 7% | 1% | * |
| Jan. 27, 1998 | 52% | 32% | 11% | 5% | *  | * |

2. In general, do you favor or oppose the approach to Syria that Barack Obama described in his speech tonight?

|                | <u>Favor</u> | <u>Oppose</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Sept. 10, 2013 | 61%          | 37%           | 2%                |

3. In his speech tonight, do you think that Barack Obama has or has not made a convincing case about the need for the U.S. to take military action against Syria?

|                | Yes,<br><u>has</u> | No,<br><u>has not</u> | No<br><u>opinion</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Sept. 10, 2013 | 47%                | 50%                   | 3%                   |

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|   | Yes,<br><u>has</u> | No,<br><u>has not</u> | No<br><u>opinion</u> |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| January 28, 2003  | 67%                | 30%                   | 3%                   |
| <i>QUESTION WORDING: Do you think George W. Bush has –or has not—made a convincing case about the need for the U.S. (United States) to take military action against Iraq?</i> |                    |                       |                      |

4. Just your best guess -- how likely is it that the current situation in Syria will be resolved through diplomatic efforts without the use of military force? Do you think that is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not likely at all?

|                | Very<br><u>likely</u> | Somewhat<br><u>likely</u> | Not<br><u>very likely</u> | Not likely<br><u>at all</u> | No<br><u>opinion</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Sept. 10, 2013 | 12%                   | 53%                       | 24%                       | 11%                         | 1%                   |

5. As a result of tonight's speech, do you have more confidence in Barack Obama's leadership on military and international issues, less confidence, or has your confidence in his leadership on those issues not changed much?

|                | More<br><u>confidence</u> | Less<br><u>confidence</u> | Not<br><u>changed</u> | No<br><u>opinion</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Sept. 10, 2013 | 32%                       | 16%                       | 52%                   | *                    |

6. 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?

|                              | <u>Would</u> | <u>Would not</u> | No<br><u>opinion</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Sept. 10, 2013 (Post-speech) | 36%          | 58%              | 6%                   |
| Sept. 6-9, 2013 (Pre-speech) | 30%          | 66%              | 5%                   |

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

|                              | <u>Is in<br/>national<br/>interest</u> | <u>Is not in<br/>national<br/>interest</u> | <u>No<br/>opinion</u> |
|------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| Sept. 10, 2013 (Post-speech) | 39%                                    | 60%  | 2%                    |
| Sept. 6-9, 2013 (Pre-speech) | 30%                                    | 65%  | 5%                    |