

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 larger, bold, white, sans-serif font on a solid black background.

# **CNN | ORC POLL**

**Interviews with 1,003 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on May 29-June 1, 2014. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**The sample also includes 894 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points)**

**The sample includes 702 interviews among landline respondents and 301 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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16. As you may know, in 2012, terrorists attacked the U.S. consulate in a town in Libya named Benghazi and killed the U.S. ambassador to that country and three other U.S. citizens. Based on what you have read or heard, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Obama administration has handled this matter?

	May 29-June 1 <u>2014</u>	May 17-18 <u>2013</u>	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	Nov. 16-18 <u>2012</u>
Satisfied	37%	42%	43%	40%
Dissatisfied	60%	53%	50%	54%
No opinion	4%	5%	7%	6%

*QUESTION WORDING AFTER MAY, 2013: As you may know, in September, terrorists attacked the U.S. consulate in Libya and killed the U.S. ambassador to that country and three other U.S. citizens. Based on what you have read or heard, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Obama administration has handled this matter in the past few months?*

17. And thinking specifically about Hillary Clinton, who was Secretary of State at the time of the attack in Benghazi, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Clinton has handled this matter?

	May 29-June 1 <u>2014</u>
Satisfied	43%
Dissatisfied	55%
No opinion	3%

18. When it comes to providing information about the Benghazi attack, do you think the Obama administration has generally been honest or dishonest?

	May 29-June 1 <u>2014</u>
Honest	37%
Dishonest	61%
No opinion	2%

PEW RESEARCH CENTER TRENDS

	<u>Honest</u>	<u>Dishonest</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 9-12	37	40	23

19. When it comes to the congressional hearings on the Benghazi attack, do you think Republicans have gone too far or do you think Republicans have handled the hearings appropriately?

May 29-June 1  
2014

Gone too far	44%
Handled appropriately	48%
No opinion	8%

PEW RESEARCH CENTER TRENDS

	<u>Gone too far</u>	<u>Handled appropriately</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 9-12	36	34	30

## **METHODOLOGY**

A total of 1,003 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, 23% described themselves as Republicans, and 47% 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

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Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Satisfied	37%	33%	41%	30%	53%
Dissatisfied	60%	65%	54%	66%	43%
No opinion	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Satisfied	37%	39%	35%	37%	37%	37%	37%
Dissatisfied	60%	57%	62%	58%	61%	59%	59%
No opinion	4%	4%	2%	5%	2%	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
Satisfied	37%	37%	40%	31%	42%
Dissatisfied	60%	59%	58%	64%	55%
No opinion	4%	4%	2%	5%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Satisfied	37%	61%	33%	13%	62%	39%	19%
Dissatisfied	60%	31%	64%	87%	33%	59%	77%
No opinion	4%	8%	2%	*	5%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Satisfied	37%	42%	35%	34%	38%	49%	34%	26%
Dissatisfied	60%	56%	60%	62%	59%	47%	63%	72%
No opinion	4%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 17

And thinking specifically about Hillary Clinton, who was Secretary of State at the time of the attack in Benghazi, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Clinton has handled this matter?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Satisfied	43%	37%	48%	38%	54%
Dissatisfied	55%	62%	48%	60%	42%
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Satisfied	43%	45%	40%	44%	42%	43%	43%
Dissatisfied	55%	52%	57%	53%	57%	54%	54%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

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Dissatisfied	55%	53%	54%	56%	53%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Demo-ocrat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Satisfied	43%	73%	38%	11%	68%	46%	22%
Dissatisfied	55%	22%	60%	88%	28%	51%	76%
No opinion	3%	5%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

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Satisfied	43%	44%	40%	44%	42%	52%	41%	34%
Dissatisfied	55%	53%	58%	54%	55%	44%	56%	65%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 18

When it comes to providing information about the Benghazi attack, do you think the Obama administration has generally been honest or dishonest?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Honest	37%	35%	40%	33%	49%
Dishonest	61%	64%	57%	66%	48%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

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Honest	37%	40%	36%	36%	37%	38%	37%
Dishonest	61%	58%	61%	62%	61%	59%	62%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

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Dishonest	61%	60%	60%	66%	56%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
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Honest	37%	67%	31%	12%	64%	39%	19%
Dishonest	61%	30%	67%	88%	33%	59%	81%
No opinion	2%	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

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Honest	37%	47%	35%	36%	34%	45%	38%	30%
Dishonest	61%	53%	62%	62%	63%	53%	60%	68%
No opinion	2%	*	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

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Question 19

When it comes to the congressional hearings on the Benghazi attack, do you think Republicans have gone too far or do you think Republicans have handled the hearings appropriately?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
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Gone too far	44%	38%	50%	40%	53%		
Handled appropriately	48%	54%	42%	52%	39%		
No opinion	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5		

  

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Handled appropriately	48%	48%	47%	48%	49%	47%	49%
No opinion	8%	8%	7%	7%	9%	8%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

  

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No opinion	8%	10%	8%	5%	4%	8%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

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No opinion	8%	6%	9%	8%	9%	5%	8%	10%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

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