

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.

**Interviews with 1,055 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on September 25-28, 2014. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**The sample also includes 948 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points), including 701 likely voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).**

**The sample includes 704 interviews among landline respondents and 351 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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**FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 6 AM**

5. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district?
6. (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward?

QUESTIONS 5 AND 6 COMBINED

	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Neither/ other (vol.)</u>	<u>Don't plan to vote (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>Likely Voters</b>					
Sept. 25-28, 2014	47%	45%	4%	*	3%
Sept. 5-7, 2014	45%	49%	4%	1%	1%
<b>Registered Voters</b>					
Sept. 25-28, 2014	49%	42%	5%	2%	3%
Sept. 5-7, 2014	47%	45%	5%	2%	1%
July 18-20, 2014	48%	44%	5%	1%	2%
May 2-4, 2014	45%	46%	5%	3%	1%
<b>All Respondents</b>					
Sept. 25-28, 2014	49%	41%	5%	3%	3%
Sept. 5-7, 2014	47%	44%	5%	4%	1%
July 18-20, 2014	48%	42%	6%	3%	2%
May 2-4, 2014	46%	44%	5%	4%	2%

7. Thinking ahead to the elections for Congress this November, if you had to choose, which of the following issues will be more important to your vote -- economic conditions in the U.S. or the military action against ISIS forces in Iraq and Syria?

Sept. 25-28

2014

Economic conditions	65%
Military action	29%
Both (vol.)	5%
Neither (vol.)	1%
Other (vol.)	*
No opinion	1%

FOR COMPARISON:

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS						
	<u>Economic conditions</u>	<u>Possibility of war with Iraq</u>	<u>Both (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2002 Sep 20-22	42	49	7	1	*	1
2002 Sep 2-4	57	34	7	*	0	2
2002 Aug 19-21	55	36	7	*	*	2

*QUESTION WORDING: Thinking ahead to the elections for Congress this November, if you had to choose, which of the following issues will be more important to your vote -- economic conditions, or the possibility of war with Iraq?*

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling the situation with ISIS, the Islamic militant group that controls some areas of Iraq and Syria?

Sept. 25-28  
2014

Approve	33%
Disapprove	60%
No opinion	7%

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS</u>			
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1999 Apr 30-May 2	41	45	14
<i>QUESTION WORDING: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling the situation in Kosovo?</i>			

9. Overall, who do you have more confidence in to set the U.S. military policy toward ISIS -- President Obama or the Republican leaders in Congress?

Sept. 25-28  
2014

Obama	48%
GOP leaders	41%
Both equally (vol.)	1%
Neither (vol.)	8%
No opinion	3%

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS</u>					
	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>GOP leaders</u>	<u>Both equally (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1999 Apr 30-May 2	43	42	2	9	4
<i>QUESTION WORDING: Overall, who do you have more confidence in to set the United States' military policy toward Yugoslavia -- President Clinton or the Republican leaders in Congress?</i>					

## **METHODOLOGY**

A total of 1,055 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".

CNN/ORC International Poll -- September 25 to 28, 2014

Likely Voters

Question 5/6

Q5. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district -

Q6. As of today, do you lean more toward -

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Dem, lean Dem	47%	43%	51%	40%	N/A
Rep, lean Rep	45%	49%	42%	53%	N/A
Other/Neither	4%	5%	4%	4%	N/A
Don't plan to vote	*	*	*	*	N/A
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Dem, lean Dem	47%	N/A	47%	48%	44%	49%	46%
Rep, lean Rep	45%	N/A	46%	46%	52%	42%	48%
Other/Neither	4%	N/A	5%	4%	2%	5%	3%
Don't plan to vote	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	3%	N/A	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Dem, lean Dem	47%	50%	47%	40%	51%
Rep, lean Rep	45%	41%	47%	53%	41%
Other/Neither	4%	5%	4%	6%	4%
Don't plan to vote	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Demo-crat	Independ-ent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Dem, lean Dem	47%	93%	44%	1%	89%	60%	15%
Rep, lean Rep	45%	3%	42%	97%	8%	31%	79%
Other/Neither	4%	*	11%	1%	3%	4%	5%
Don't plan to vote	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	3%	4%	4%	1%	1%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Dem, lean Dem	47%	59%	48%	41%	48%	60%	44%	31%
Rep, lean Rep	45%	35%	46%	50%	45%	35%	47%	61%
Other/Neither	4%	2%	4%	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%
Don't plan to vote	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 7

Thinking ahead to the elections for Congress this November, if you had to choose, which of the following issues will be more important to your vote -- economic conditions in the U.S. or the military action against ISIS forces in Iraq and Syria?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Economic conditions	65%	70%	60%	62%	71%
Military action	29%	25%	33%	31%	24%
Both	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%
Neither	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Other	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*
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
Economic conditions	65%	68%	71%	65%	51%	69%	59%
Military action	29%	28%	25%	29%	38%	27%	32%
Both	5%	3%	4%	7%	8%	3%	7%
Neither	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	*
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Economic conditions	65%	65%	65%	62%	67%
Military action	29%	27%	31%	30%	28%
Both	5%	6%	4%	7%	4%
Neither	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Other	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Economic conditions	65%	72%	65%	55%	73%	67%	60%
Military action	29%	23%	29%	38%	23%	28%	33%
Both	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%	6%
Neither	1%	*	1%	*	*	*	*
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Economic conditions	65%	66%	66%	66%	62%	66%	64%	64%
Military action	29%	27%	28%	31%	30%	27%	31%	30%
Both	5%	6%	5%	3%	7%	6%	5%	5%
Neither	1%	*	*	*	2%	1%	*	*
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*	*	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 8

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling the situation with ISIS, the Islamic militant group that controls some areas of Iraq and Syria?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	33%	36%	30%	29%	42%
Disapprove	60%	59%	60%	64%	49%
No opinion	7%	5%	9%	7%	8%
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
Approve	33%	37%	32%	35%	27%	34%	32%
Disapprove	60%	57%	57%	59%	66%	57%	62%
No opinion	7%	6%	11%	6%	7%	9%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	33%	30%	36%	32%	34%
Disapprove	60%	63%	58%	62%	58%
No opinion	7%	7%	6%	6%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	33%	43%	30%	27%	38%	34%	30%
Disapprove	60%	51%	60%	68%	54%	57%	65%
No opinion	7%	6%	10%	5%	8%	9%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	33%	38%	27%	31%	38%	35%	32%	29%
Disapprove	60%	54%	64%	62%	56%	58%	60%	64%
No opinion	7%	8%	8%	7%	6%	7%	8%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 9

Overall, who do you have more confidence in to set the U.S. military policy toward ISIS -- President Obama or the Republican leaders in Congress?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama	48%	46%	50%	40%	67%
GOP leaders	41%	42%	40%	48%	25%
Both equally	1%	*	1%	1%	*
Neither	8%	10%	6%	9%	6%
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-	35-	50-	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	48%	54%	44%	51%	42%	49%	47%
GOP leaders	41%	36%	47%	38%	45%	41%	40%
Both equally	1%	*	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Neither	8%	7%	7%	9%	10%	7%	9%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	48%	45%	51%	41%	54%
GOP leaders	41%	43%	38%	48%	35%
Both equally	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Neither	8%	7%	9%	8%	8%
No opinion	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	48%	82%	45%	10%	75%	57%	23%
GOP leaders	41%	13%	39%	80%	20%	32%	65%
Both equally	1%	*	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Neither	8%	4%	11%	8%	2%	8%	10%
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	1%	4%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	48%	58%	49%	42%	46%	57%	50%	29%
GOP leaders	41%	31%	39%	48%	43%	33%	39%	62%
Both equally	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*
Neither	8%	7%	7%	8%	8%	9%	7%	8%
No opinion	3%	3%	5%	1%	2%	1%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

\* percentage less than 1%