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**Interviews with 1,011 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on December 18-21, 2014. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**The sample includes 660 interviews among landline respondents and 351 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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28. Do you think President Obama should ask Congress for the authority to continue to use military force against ISIS, or do you think he should have the option of continuing to use military force against ISIS without authorization from Congress?

	Dec. 18-21 <u>2014</u>	Sept. 5-7 <u>2014</u>
Should ask for authorization	67%	72%
Military force without authorization	31%	26%
No opinion	2%	2%

*QUESTION WORDING IN SEPT 2014: Do you think President Obama should ask Congress for the authority to use additional military force against ISIS, or do you think he should have the option of using additional military force against ISIS without authorization from Congress?*

29. If President Obama asks Congress for the authority to continue to use military force against ISIS, do you think Congress should or should not vote to give him the authority to do so?

	Dec. 18-21 <u>2014</u>	Sept. 5-7 <u>2014</u>
Should	82%	82%
Should not	16%	15%
No opinion	2%	3%

*QUESTION WORDING IN SEPT 2014: If President Obama asks Congress for the authority to use additional military force against ISIS, do you think Congress should or should not vote to give him the authority to do so?*

## METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,011 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, 28% described themselves as Democrats, 22% described themselves as Republicans, and 50% 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 28

Do you think President Obama should ask Congress for the authority to continue to use military force against ISIS, or do you think he should have the option of continuing to use military force against ISIS without authorization from Congress?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should ask for authorization	67%	68%	65%	71%	58%
Military force w/o approval	31%	30%	32%	28%	40%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
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
Should ask for authorization	67%	69%	68%	62%	67%	69%	64%
Military force w/o approval	31%	29%	31%	36%	29%	30%	34%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%
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	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should ask for authorization	67%	63%	72%	61%	72%	64%	68%	70%
Military force w/o approval	31%	35%	27%	37%	27%	35%	30%	28%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should ask for authorization	67%	50%	71%	78%	60%	64%	76%
Military force w/o approval	31%	47%	28%	20%	39%	34%	23%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should ask for authorization	67%	63%	64%	71%	67%	64%	68%	70%
Military force w/o approval	31%	35%	33%	27%	32%	35%	30%	28%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

\* percentage less than 1%

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Question 29

If President Obama asks Congress for the authority to continue to use military force against ISIS, do you think Congress should or should not vote to give him the authority to do so?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should	82%	82%	82%	86%	74%
Should not	16%	16%	15%	12%	24%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
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
Should	82%	72%	85%	90%	84%	78%	88%
Should not	16%	27%	13%	8%	12%	21%	10%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%
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	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	82%	76%	90%	76%	87%	83%	83%	82%
Should not	16%	22%	9%	22%	11%	16%	15%	16%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	82%	85%	78%	89%	79%	83%	85%
Should not	16%	14%	19%	9%	19%	16%	12%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	82%	83%	83%	81%	83%	83%	83%	82%
Should not	16%	14%	15%	18%	15%	16%	15%	16%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

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