



Interviews with 1,009 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on March 13-15, 2015. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

This sample includes 605 interviews among landline respondents and 404 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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Now here are a few questions about the Islamic militant group often referred to as ISIS (PRONO: EYE-siss) that controls some areas of Iraq and Syria. The group is also sometimes referred to as ISIL (PRONO: EYE-sill) or as the Islamic State. As you may know, the U.S. has conducted air strikes against ISIS forces in Iraq and in Syria, but there are no U.S. combat troops fighting ISIS forces in either country.

10. How serious a threat do you think ISIS poses to the United States -- very serious, fairly serious, just somewhat serious, or not so serious?

	Mar. 13-15 <u>2015</u>	Nov. 21-23 <u>2014</u>	Sept. 25-28 <u>2014</u>	Sept. 5-7 <u>2014</u>
Very serious	56%	53%	45%	45%
Fairly serious	24%	20%	23%	22%
Just somewhat serious	14%	16%	23%	23%
Not so serious	6%	10%	8%	10%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>NBC/WALL STREET JOURNAL POLL</u>					
	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Fairly serious</u>	<u>Just somewhat serious</u>	<u>Not so serious</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
2003 Jan. 19-21	49	22	19	7	3
<i>QUESTION WORDING: How serious a threat do you think Al Qaeda poses to the United States – very serious, fairly serious, just somewhat serious, or not so serious?</i>					

11a. Regarding the situation in Iraq and Syria, how confident are you that the U.S. effort to degrade and destroy the military ability of ISIS forces will succeed? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/-4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Mar. 13-15 2015	Nov. 21-23 2014	Oct. 24-26 2014	Sept. 25-28 2014
Very confident	21%	18%	16%	19%
Somewhat confident	35%	40%	38%	42%
Not too confident	27%	29%	29%	26%
Not confident at all	16%	13%	16%	12%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>CNN/ORC TREND</u>					
	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not confident at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
LIBYA 2011 Mar 18-20	22%	48%	19%	9%	2%
<i>QUESTION WORDING: Regarding the situation in Libya, how confident are you that each of the following will happen? The U.S. effort to protect civilians from Gadhafi's military forces will succeed. Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?</i>					
<u>CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TREND</u>					
	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not confident at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
KOSOVO 1999 Jun 25-27	15%	42%	25%	17%	1%
1999 Jun 11-13	16%	49%	23%	10%	2%
<i>QUESTION WORDING: Regarding the situation in Kosovo, how confident are you that each of the following will happen? The U.S. effort to establish peace in Kosovo will succeed. Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?</i>					
BOSNIA 1995 Dec 15-18	13%	31%	27%	24%	5%

QUESTION WORDING: Regarding the situation in Bosnia, how confident are you that each of the following will happen? The U.S. effort to establish peace in Bosnia will succeed. Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?

11b. How worried are you that the military action against ISIS forces in Iraq and Syria will develop into a larger war that could spread throughout the region and other parts of the world? Would you say you are very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 503 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Mar. 13-15 <u>2015</u>	Sept. 25-28 <u>2014</u>
Very worried	30%	19%
Somewhat worried	49%	46%
Not too worried	14%	24%
Not worried at all	6%	10%
No opinion	*	*

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS</u>					
	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Jan 3-5	39	37	16	8	*
1991 Jan 19-22	32	40	19	8	1
1991 Jan 17-20	31	36	22	10	1
1991 Jan 11-13	38	34	17	9	2

QUESTION WORDING: How worried are you that the current situation in the Persian Gulf will, develop into a larger war that could spread throughout the region and other parts of the world? Would you say you are very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried about that?

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,009 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Among the entire sample, 28% described themselves as Democrats, 24% described themselves as Republicans, and 48% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

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.

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 10

How serious a threat do you think ISIS poses to the United States -- very serious, fairly serious, just somewhat serious, or not so serious?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very serious	56%	57%	55%	58%	53%
Fairly serious	24%	23%	26%	24%	24%
Just somewhat serious	14%	11%	16%	13%	15%
Not so serious	6%	9%	2%	5%	7%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	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
Very serious	56%	38%	59%	62%	74%	48%	67%
Fairly serious	24%	31%	25%	22%	15%	29%	19%
Just somewhat serious	14%	22%	8%	12%	9%	16%	11%
Not so serious	6%	8%	7%	4%	2%	8%	3%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very serious	56%	55%	58%	57%	55%
Fairly serious	24%	23%	25%	24%	25%
Just somewhat serious	14%	17%	11%	12%	14%
Not so serious	6%	5%	5%	7%	5%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very serious	56%	55%	51%	68%	45%	54%	65%
Fairly serious	24%	29%	22%	23%	27%	25%	22%
Just somewhat serious	14%	10%	19%	6%	19%	17%	7%
Not so serious	6%	5%	8%	2%	9%	5%	5%
No opinion	*	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
Very serious	56%	59%	57%	60%	46%	50%	60%	60%
Fairly serious	24%	20%	26%	22%	30%	27%	21%	25%
Just somewhat serious	14%	14%	11%	14%	15%	13%	14%	12%
Not so serious	6%	6%	5%	4%	9%	10%	4%	3%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 11A

Regarding the situation in Iraq and Syria, how confident are you that the U.S. effort to degrade and destroy the military ability of ISIS forces will succeed? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very confident	21%	27%	15%	15%	N/A
Somewhat confident	35%	26%	43%	34%	N/A
Not too confident	27%	26%	28%	31%	N/A
Not confident at all	16%	19%	13%	19%	N/A
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Very confident	21%	N/A	N/A	16%	17%	25%	16%
Somewhat confident	35%	N/A	N/A	35%	33%	35%	34%
Not too confident	27%	N/A	N/A	28%	27%	26%	27%
Not confident at all	16%	N/A	N/A	22%	23%	11%	22%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	*	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very confident	21%	28%	15%	28%	16%
Somewhat confident	35%	35%	33%	31%	38%
Not too confident	27%	24%	32%	23%	29%
Not confident at all	16%	11%	19%	17%	15%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very confident	21%	29%	16%	N/A	N/A	20%	16%
Somewhat confident	35%	40%	36%	N/A	N/A	39%	27%
Not too confident	27%	22%	30%	N/A	N/A	28%	28%
Not confident at all	16%	9%	17%	N/A	N/A	12%	27%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very confident	21%	N/A	N/A	18%	N/A	19%	21%	N/A
Somewhat confident	35%	N/A	N/A	36%	N/A	39%	32%	N/A
Not too confident	27%	N/A	N/A	26%	N/A	26%	30%	N/A
Not confident at all	16%	N/A	N/A	19%	N/A	14%	16%	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	2%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-7.5	+/-7.0	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 11B

How worried are you that the military action against ISIS forces in Iraq and Syria will develop into a larger war that could spread throughout the region and other parts of the world? Would you say you are very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very worried	30%	24%	36%	30%	N/A
Somewhat worried	49%	52%	47%	49%	N/A
Not too worried	14%	14%	14%	15%	N/A
Not worried at all	6%	10%	3%	5%	N/A
No opinion	*	*	*	*	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Very worried	30%	N/A	N/A	31%	41%	26%	35%
Somewhat worried	49%	N/A	N/A	52%	45%	49%	49%
Not too worried	14%	N/A	N/A	13%	10%	16%	12%
Not worried at all	6%	N/A	N/A	3%	4%	9%	4%
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	1%	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very worried	30%	35%	24%	33%	28%
Somewhat worried	49%	46%	53%	49%	49%
Not too worried	14%	11%	17%	11%	16%
Not worried at all	6%	8%	6%	7%	6%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very worried	30%	18%	34%	N/A	N/A	27%	39%
Somewhat worried	49%	61%	44%	N/A	N/A	53%	45%
Not too worried	14%	15%	14%	N/A	N/A	15%	9%
Not worried at all	6%	6%	8%	N/A	N/A	5%	7%
No opinion	*	*	*	N/A	N/A	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.5	+/-6.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very worried	30%	N/A	N/A	27%	N/A	23%	33%	N/A
Somewhat worried	49%	N/A	N/A	53%	N/A	50%	48%	N/A
Not too worried	14%	N/A	N/A	13%	N/A	17%	14%	N/A
Not worried at all	6%	N/A	N/A	7%	N/A	10%	5%	N/A
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	*	*	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-7.5	+/-7.0	

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