

Interviews with 1,001 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on April 28 - May 1, 2016. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 890 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

This sample includes 601 interviews among landline respondents and 400 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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Thursday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m.
30. Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all? (RANDOM ORDER)

|  | Very serious threat | Moderately serious threat | Just a slight threat | No threat at all | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iran |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 28-May 1, 2016 | 43\% | 34\% | 13\% | 9\% | 1\% |
| Feb. 24-27, 2016 | 43\% | 34\% | 15\% | 9\% | * |
| Oct. 14-17, 2015 | 44\% | 33\% | 13\% | 9\% | 1\% |
| Sept. 4-8, 2015 | 49\% | 33\% | 11\% | 7\% | 1\% |
| April 16-19, 2015 | 39\% | 33\% | 16\% | 11\% | 1\% |
| Dec. 18-21, 2014* | 35\% | 35\% | 18\% | 12\% | * |
| March 7-9, 2014 | 33\% | 37\% | 18\% | 10\% | 1\% |
| April 13-15, 2012 | 48\% | 33\% | 14\% | 4\% | 1\% |
| June 26-28, 2009 | 43\% | 36\% | 13\% | 7\% | * |
| North Korea |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 28-May 1, 2016 | 43\% | 31\% | 14\% | 11\% | 1\% |
| Feb. 24-27, 2016 | 44\% | 30\% | 16\% | 9\% | 1\% |
| Oct. 14-17, 2015 | 38\% | 35\% | 15\% | 10\% | 1\% |
| Sept. 4-8, 2015 | 37\% | 39\% | 12\% | 11\% | 1\% |
| April 16-19, 2015 | 32\% | 34\% | 18\% | 16\% | * |
| Dec. 18-21, 2014* | 42\% | 31\% | 17\% | 10\% | 1\% |
| March 7-9, 2014 | 33\% | 38\% | 15\% | 11\% | 1\% |
| April 13-15, 2012 | 43\% | 33\% | 15\% | 8\% | 1\% |
| June 26-28, 2009 | 52\% | 28\% | 14\% | 6\% | * |
| China |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 28-May 1, 2016 | 24\% | 42\% | 17\% | 16\% | 1\% |
| Feb. 24-27, 2016 | 28\% | 35\% | 19\% | 16\% | 1\% |
| Oct. 14-17, 2015 | 28\% | 36\% | 19\% | 16\% | 1\% |
| Sept. 4-8, 2015 | 33\% | 40\% | 16\% | 10\% | 1\% |
| April 16-19, 2015 | 18\% | 36\% | 24\% | 21\% | 1\% |
| Dec. 18-21, 2014* | 26\% | 34\% | 20\% | 20\% | 1\% |
| June 26-28, 2009 | 20\% | 35\% | 26\% | 18\% | 1\% |
| Russia |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 28-May 1, 2016 | 21\% | 40\% | 22\% | 15\% | 1\% |
| Feb. 24-27, 2016 | 27\% | 42\% | 17\% | 13\% | * |
| Oct. 14-17, 2015 | 31\% | 37\% | 18\% | 13\% | 1\% |
| Sept. 4-8, 2015 | 30\% | 40\% | 16\% | 13\% | 1\% |
| April 16-19, 2015 | 25\% | 37\% | 18\% | 19\% | * |
| Dec. 18-21, 2014* | 22\% | 43\% | 23\% | 11\% | 1\% |
| March 7-9, 2014 | 29\% | 40\% | 19\% | 12\% | * |
| April 13-15, 2012 | 11\% | 33\% | 29\% | 24\% | 2\% |
| June 26-28, 2009 | 11\% | 28\% | 29\% | 31\% | 1\% |
| The Islamic militant group often referred to as ISIS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 28-May 1, 2016 | 73\% | 17\% | 5\% | 5\% | * |
| Oct. 14-17, 2015 | 70\% | 19\% | 6\% | 3\% | 1\% |
| April 16-19, 2015 | 68\% | 19\% | 6\% | 6\% | 1\% |

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|  | Very serious | Moderately serious | Slight threat | Not a threat | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iran |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 15－16， 2003 | 35 | 31 | 19 | 13 | 2 |
| May 22－23， 2002 | 50 | 30 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| June 14－15， 2000 | 29 | 36 | 18 | 11 | 6 |
| May 26－27， 1999 | 27 | 32 | 20 | 15 | 6 |
| May 8－9， 1996 | 29 | 36 | 19 | 10 | 6 |
| North Korea |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 15－16， 2003 | 45 | 31 | 13 | 9 | 2 |
| May 22－23， 2002 | 19 | 27 | 23 | 26 | 5 |
| June 14－15， 2000 | 17 | 29 | 23 | 20 | 11 |
| China |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 15－16， 2003 | 22 | 25 | 22 | 18 | 8 |
| May 22－23， 2002 | 19 | 32 | 19 | 26 | 4 |
| June 14－15， 2000 | 32 | 28 | 18 | 15 | 7 |
| May 26－27， 1999 | 46 | 27 | 14 | 9 | 4 |
| May 8－9， 1996 | 25 | 38 | 18 | 13 | 6 |
| June，1983＊＊ | 17 | 35 | 28 | 17 | 3 |
| Russia |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 15－16， 2003 | 11 | 25 | 27 | 34 | 3 |
| May 22－23， 2002 | 7 | 24 | 25 | 41 | 3 |
| June 14－15， 2000 | 19 | 33 | 24 | 18 | 6 |
| May 26－27， 1999 | 24 | 33 | 20 | 20 | 3 |
| May 8－9， 1996 | 14 | 36 | 23 | 24 | 3 |
| November，1989＊ | 19 | 36 | 23 | 18 | 4 |
| November，1985＊ | 32 | 44 | 17 | 5 | 2 |
| December，1983＊ | 49 | 39 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| September，1983＊ | 52 | 35 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
| June，1983＊ | 65 | 25 | 6 | 3 | 1 |

＊Russia was asked as the＂Soviet Union＂from 1983 to 1989.
＊＊China was asked as＂Communist China＂in 1983

Now here are a few questions about the Islamic militant group often referred to as ISIS that controls some areas of Iraq and Syria. The group is also sometimes referred to as ISIL or as the Islamic State. As you may know, the U.S. has conducted air strikes against ISIS forces in Iraq and in Syria and has special forces troops on the ground in both countries to advise and assist in fighting ISIS, but there are no U.S. combat troops fighting ISIS forces in either country.
31. In general, how would you say things are going for the U.S. in its military action against ISIS forces in Iraq and Syria -- very well, moderately well, moderately badly, or very badly?

|  | Very <br> well | Moder- <br> ately <br> well | Moder- <br> ately <br> badly | Very <br> badly | No <br> opinion | Total <br> well | Total <br> badly |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Apr. 28-May 1, 2016 | $7 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| Nov. 27- Dec. 1, 2015 | $5 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| Oct. 14-17, 2015 | $4 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| May 29-31, 2015 | $2 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| Feb. 12-15, 2015 | $5 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| Oct.24-26,2014 | $5 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $49 \%$ |

FOR COMPARISON:

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IRAQ

|  | Very well | Moderately well | Moderately badly | Very <br> badly | No opinion | Total well | Total badly |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May 14-17, 2009 | 7\% | 45\% | 33\% | 14\% | 1\% | 52\% | 47\% |
| October 3-5. 2008 | 11\% | 42\% | 29\% | 18\% | * | 53\% | 47\% |
| April 28-30, 2008 | 7\% | 32\% | 28\% | 31\% | 2\% | 39\% | 59\% |
| Jan. 14-17, 2008 | 8\% | 38\% | 31\% | 23\% | 1\% | 46\% | 54\% |
| Nov. 2-4, 2007 | 5\% | 29\% | 31\% | 34\% | * | 34\% | 65\% |
| Oct. 12-14, 2007 | 6\% | 29\% | 27\% | 37\% | 1\% | 35\% | 64\% |
| June 22-24, 2007 | 4\% | 26\% | 25\% | 44\% | 1\% | 30\% | 69\% |
| April 10-12, 2007 | 4\% | 24\% | 30\% | 39\% | 3\% | 28\% | 69\% |
| March 9-11, 2007 | 3\% | 26\% | 32\% | 35\% | 4\% | 29\% | 67\% |
| Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2006 | 6\% | 32\% | 30\% | 32\% | * | 38\% | 62\% |
| September 22-24, 2006 | 6\% | 32\% | 28\% | 33\% | 2\% | 38\% | 61\% |
| June 14-15, 2006 | 7\% | 34\% | 29\% | 26\% | 4\% | 41\% | 55\% |
| June 8-11, 2006 | 5\% | 38\% | 31\% | 23\% | 3\% | 43\% | 54\% |

QUESTION WORDING: In general, how would you say things are going for the U.S. in Iraq -- very well, moderately well, moderately badly or very badly?

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32. Overall, do you think the U.S. military response to ISIS has been: [READ LIST] (RANDOMIZE FIRST TWO OPTIONS) (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 505 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Apr. 28-May 1, 2016
Nov. 27 - Dec. 1, 2015

Too
aggressive
$3 \%$
4\%

Not aggressive enough

57\%
68\%

About right

38\%
26\%

No opinion

2\%
2\%
33. Do you favor or oppose the United States sending ground troops into combat operations against ISIS forces in Iraq or Syria? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 496 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

## No

Favor Oppose opinion

| Apr. 28-May 1, 2016 | $48 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 2015 | $53 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Oct. 14-17, 2015 | $46 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Aug. 13-16, 2015 | $47 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| May 29-31, 2015 | $43 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Feb. 12-15, 2015 | $47 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Nov. 21-23, 2014 | $43 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Oct. 24-26, 2014 | $45 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Sept. 25-28, 2014 | $38 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

34. Just your best guess -- do you think there are terrorists associated with ISIS who are currently in the United States and have the resources to launch a major terrorist attack against the U.S. at any time, or not?

|  | Apr. 28-May 1 | Nov. 27-Dec.1 | May 29-31 | Sept 5-7 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2016}$ | $\underline{2015}$ | $\underline{2015}$ | $\underline{2014}$ |
| Yes | $78 \%$ |  | $81 \%$ | $76 \%$ |
| No | $20 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| No opinion | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

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|  | Yes, are terrorists | No, are not | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2003 \operatorname{Dec} 5-7 *$ | 81 | 17 | 2 |
| 2003 Aug $25-26$ | 80 | 17 | 3 |

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## METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,001 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Among the entire sample, $31 \%$ described themselves as Democrats, $26 \%$ described themselves as Republicans, and $43 \%$ 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 "NA".

CNN/ORC International Poll -- April 28 to May 1, 2016
Question 30A
Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all?
A. Iran

Base $=$ Total Sample
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

Very serious threat Moderately serious threat Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error


* percentage less than $1 \%$

CNN／ORC International Poll－－April 28 to May 1， 2016
Question 30B
Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States，a moderately serious threat，just a slight threat，or no threat at all？

B．North Korea
Base $=$ Total Sample
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

| Total | Men | Women | White | Non－White |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ---- | －－－－－－－－ |
| $43 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| $31 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| $14 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| $11 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-3.5$ | $+/-6.5$ |

Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
＊percentage less than 1\％

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Question 30C
Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all?
C. China

Base $=$ Total Sample
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error


| Total | Trump | Cruz | Kasich | Non Trump | Clinton | Sanders | White Evang. | All Others |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24\% | 37\% | N/A | N/A | 28\% | 19\% | 18\% | 32\% | 22\% |
| 42\% | 40\% | N/A | N/A | 52\% | 40\% | 47\% | 47\% | 41\% |
| 17\% | 10\% | N/A | N/A | 12\% | 26\% | 17\% | 14\% | 18\% |
| 16\% | 12\% | N/A | N/A | 8\% | 15\% | 15\% | 7\% | 18\% |
| 1\% | * | N/A | N/A | 1\% | * | 4\% | 1\% | 1\% |
| +/-3.0 | +/-7.0 |  |  | /-7.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-8.5 | /-6.0 | +/-3.5 |

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 30D
Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all?
D. Russia

Base $=$ Total Sample
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

Very serious threat
Moderately serious threat
Just a slight threat
No threat at all
No opinion
Sampling Error


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 30E
Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all?
E. The Islamic militant group often referred to as ISIS

Base = Total Sample


* percentage less than $1 \%$

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Question 31
In general，how would you say things are going for the U．S．in its military action against ISIS forces in Iraq and Syria－－very well，moderately well，moderately badly，or very badly？

Base $=$ Total Sample
Very well
Moderately well
Moderately badly
Very badly
No opinion
Sampling Error

Very well
Moderately well
Moderately badly
Very badly
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very well
Moderately well
Moderately badly
Very badly
No opinion

Sampling Error

Very well
Moderately well
Moderately badly
Very badly
No opinion
Sampling Error

Very well
Moderately well
Moderately badly
Very badly
No opinion
Sampling Error

Very well
Moderately well
Moderately badly
Very badly
No opinion
Sampling Error
＊percentage less than 1\％

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Question 32
Overall, do you think the U.S. military response to ISIS has been:
Base $=$ Half Sample


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Question 33
Do you favor or oppose the United States sending ground troops into combat operations against ISIS forces in Iraq or Syria?

Base $=$ Half Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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## Question 34

Just your best guess -- do you think there are terrorists associated with ISIS who are currently in the United States and have the resources to launch a major terrorist attack against the U.S. at any time, or not?

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than $1 \%$


[^0]:    * Asked of half sample

    QUESTION WORDING: Just your best guess, do you think there are terrorists associated with Osama bin Laden who are currently in the United States and have the resources to launch a major terrorist attack against the U.S. at any time, or not?

[^1]:    * percentage less than 1\%

