

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### SYRIA

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,038– national adults, aged 18+, conducted September 11-12, 2013. For results based on the total sample of National Adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and cell phone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both, cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2012 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2011 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

1. How closely have you followed the news about the civil war in Syria -- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Somewhat closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 11-12	31	39	19	11	1
2013 Sep 3-4	31	40	17	12	1
2013 Jun 15-16	13	35	26	25	1
2013 May 28-29	15	34	24	27	1

2. Would you favor or oppose the U.S. taking military action against Syria in order to reduce that country's ability to use chemical weapons?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 11-12	28	62	11
2013 Sep 3-4	36	51	13

3. As you may know, Russia has proposed a plan that an international team take over and destroy Syria's stockpile of chemical weapons. Are you optimistic or pessimistic that this plan will succeed? Are you very [optimistic/pessimistic], or only somewhat [optimistic/pessimistic]?

	<u>Very optimistic</u>	<u>Somewhat optimistic</u>	<u>Somewhat pessimistic</u>	<u>Very pessimistic</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total optimistic</u>	<u>Total pessimistic</u>
2013 Sep 11-12	10	35	21	23	12	45	44