

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

RUSSIA AND SYRIA

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,010– national adults, aged 18+, conducted September 15-16, 2013. For results based on the total sample of National Adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 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. For each of the following countries, please say whether you consider it an ally of the United States, friendly, but not an ally, unfriendly, or an enemy of the United States. How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2013 Sep 15-16 (sorted by "ally")</i>	Ally	Friendly, not an ally	Unfriendly	Enemy
Great Britain	60	27	3	3
France	45	40	7	2
Israel	45	30	11	6
Russia	13	31	34	16
Syria	4	7	42	39
Iran	2	8	38	45

VIEW OF NATIONS TRENDS

A. France

	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Friendly, not an ally</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	45	40	7	2	6
2003 Sep 19-21	24	42	25	6	3
2003 Apr 22-23	18	40	31	8	3
2003 Mar 14-15	20	36	32	8	4
2000 May 18-21	47	41	5	1	6

Q.1 (VIEWS OF NATIONS) CONTINUED

B. Great Britain

	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Friendly, not an ally</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	60	27	3	3	7
2013 Jun 1-4	66	25	2	1	5
2006 Jul 6-9	75	19	1	1	5
2003 Sep 19-21	68	26	2	1	3
2003 Apr 22-23	79	17	1	1	2
2003 Mar 14-15 ^	72	25	1	*	2
2000 May 18-21	65	27	2	1	5

^ Asked of a half sample.

C. Iran

	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Friendly, but not an ally</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	2	8	38	45	8
2013 Jun 1-4	2	8	34	51	5
2000 May 18-21	3	14	44	34	5

Q.1 (VIEWS OF NATIONS) CONTINUED

D. Israel

	<u>Ally</u>	Friendly, but <u>not an ally</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	45	30	11	6	8
2013 Jun 1-4	46	32	10	6	6
2001 Apr 20-22	32	40	14	6	8
2000 May 18-21	35	44	10	4	7
2000 Mar 17-19	40	20	14	4	22

E. Russia

	<u>Ally</u>	Friendly, <u>not an ally</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	13	31	34	16	7
2013 Jun 1-4	11	41	30	12	6
2006 Jul 6-9	18	55	16	4	6
2003 Apr 22-23	15	50	20	10	5
2003 Mar 14-15 ^	23	44	25	5	3
2001 Apr 20-22	11	45	25	13	6
2000 May 18-21	12	49	22	11	6
2000 Mar 17-19	9	34	26	14	17
1999 Apr 13	2	44	27	5	22

^ Asked of a half sample.

F. Syria

	<u>Ally</u>	Friendly, but <u>not an ally</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	4	7	42	39	9
2003 Apr 22-23	4	19	36	31	9
2000 May 18-21	5	28	34	11	22

2. Next, we'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. How about -- [ITEM A READ FIRST, THEN ITEMS B-E READ IN RANDOM ORDER]?

A. Barack Obama

	Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion		Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion
<u>2013</u>				<u>2008</u>			
2013 Sep 15-16	53	43	4	2008 Oct 10-12	62	35	2
				2008 Oct 3-5	62	34	3
2013 Jul 10-14	52	45	3	2008 Sep 5-7	62	35	3
2013 Jun 1-4	54	45	1	2008 Aug 30-31 †	61	32	8
2013 Apr 11-14	55	43	2	2008 Aug 21-23	63	32	5
<u>2012</u>				2008 Jul 25-27	61	35	4
2012 Nov 15-18	58	40	2	2008 Jun 15-19	64	31	5
2012 Nov 9-12	58	41	1	2008 May 30-Jun 1	58	37	5
2012 Nov 1-2	55	42	3	2008 May 1-3	58	37	5
2012 Sep 24-27	55	44	1	2008 Apr 18-20	60	34	6
2012 Aug 20-22	53	46	1	2008 Mar 14-16	62	33	6
2012 Jul 19-22	53	45	2	2008 Feb 21-24	61	32	7
2012 Jul 9-12	54	43	3	2008 Feb 8-10	58	34	8
2012 May 10-13	52	46	2	2008 Jan 30-Feb 2	59	32	8
2012 Feb 16-19	50	48	2	2008 Jan 10-13	59	32	9
<u>2011</u>				<u>2007</u>			
2011 Dec 15-18	55	44	1	2007 Dec 14-16	57	30	13
2011 Apr 20-23	52	46	2	2007 Nov 30-Dec 2	53	33	13
2011 Mar 25-27	54	43	3	2007 Nov 2-4	53	30	17
2011 Jan 14-16	53	45	2	2007 Oct 12-14	53	32	15
<u>2010</u>				2007 Oct 4-7	54	27	19
2010 Nov 4-7	49	48	3	2007 Sep 14-16	56	29	15
2010 Oct 14-17	47	50	3	2007 Sep 7-8	48	32	21
2010 Jul 8-11	52	44	4	2007 Aug 13-16	52	29	19
2010 May 24-25	54	43	3	2007 Aug 3-5	48	34	18
2010 Mar 26-28	52	48	1	2007 Jul 12-15	49	26	25
<u>2009</u>				2007 Jul 6-8	53	27	21
2009 Dec 11-13	56	42	2	2007 Jun 1-3	53	25	23
2009 Oct 16-19	55	42	3	2007 May 10-13	55	20	25
2009 Oct 1-4	56	40	4	2007 May 4-6	50	24	25
2009 Jul 10-12	66	33	1	2007 Apr 13-15	52	27	20
2009 May 29-31	67	32	1	2007 Apr 2-5	49	24	26
2009 Mar 27-29	69	28	3	2007 Mar 23-25	53	24	23
2009 Jan 9-11	78	18	5	2007 Mar 2-4	58	18	24
<u>2008</u>				2007 Feb 9-11	53	19	28
2008 Nov 7-9	68	27	4	<u>2006</u>			
2008 Oct 31-Nov 2 †	62	34	4	2006 Dec 8-10 ^	42	11	47

^ WORDING: Illinois Senator, Barack Obama.

† USA Today/Gallup poll asked on Gallup tracking survey

Q.2 (FAVORABLE RATINGS) CONTINUED

B. Secretary of State, John Kerry

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16 ‡	48	35	6	11
2013 Apr 11-14	44	35	8	13
2006 Dec 8-10 †	43	45	6	5
2006 Sep 15-17 †	44	43	3	10
2005 Jul 25-28	42	48	3	7
2004 Oct 29-31	52	43	*	5
2004 Oct 22-24 ^	52	44	--	4
2004 Oct 14-16	52	45	*	3
2004 Oct 9-10	52	44	*	4
2004 Oct 1-3	52	43	1	4
2004 Sep 13-15 ^	51	44	*	5
2004 Sep 3-5	53	43	*	4
2004 Aug 23-25	52	40	1	7
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	57	37	1	5
2004 Jul 19-21	55	37	2	6
2004 Jul 8-11	56	34	2	8
2004 Jun 21-23	58	35	2	5
2004 Apr 16-18	54	37	3	6
2004 Mar 26-28	53	36	3	8
2004 Feb 16-17	60	26	4	10
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	61	23	6	10
2004 Jan 2-5 †	31	32	19	18
2003 Nov 10-12 †	31	24	26	19
2002 Dec 16-17 †	31	13	32	24
1999 Feb 19-21 †	30	9	39	22

^ Asked of a half sample.

† WORDING: Massachusetts Senator John Kerry

‡ WORDING: Secretary of State, John Kerry

C. Russian president, Vladimir Putin

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	19	54	13	13
2003 Oct 6-8	38	28	16	18
2002 May 20-22	41	18	13	28

D. British prime minister, David Cameron

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	49	10	24	17

Q.2 (FAVORABLE RATINGS) CONTINUED

E. Syrian president, Bashar al-Assad

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	5	68	16	11

3. How closely have you followed the news about negotiations between the U.S., Russia, and other countries to develop a diplomatic proposal to end the use of chemical weapons 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 15-16	25	37	22	14	2

4. Based on what you know or have read, do you approve or disapprove of the plan proposed by Russia to work with the U.S. and other countries to dismantle and remove all chemical weapons in Syria?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	72	18	10

5. Do you think Russian President Putin's involvement in resolving the problem of chemical weapons in Syria is -- [ROTATED: more helpful to U.S. interests (or) more harmful to U.S. interests]?

	<u>More helpful</u>	<u>More harmful</u>	<u>No difference (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	51	36	1	12

Turning to something different,

6. How much have you heard or read about Russia's involvement in the matter of Edward Snowden, the former U.S. Defense contractor who revealed details about the U.S. government's telephone and internet surveillance program and is seeking political asylum in another country -- a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or nothing at all?

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	18	35	25	20	2

7. *(Asked of those who have heard of Snowden matter)* Based on what you know or have read, do you approve or disapprove of the way Russia has handled Edward Snowden's asylum?

COMBINED RESULTS (Q.6/7): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

<i>2013 Sep 15-16</i>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Have not heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
National adults	19	50	22	9
Heard of Snowden matter ^	25	64	--	11

^ Based on --832-- adults who have heard of the Snowden matter; ±4 PCT PTS

8. How much have you heard or read about Russia's policies toward gays and lesbians -- a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or nothing at all?

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 15-16	10	21	24	45	1

9. *(Asked of those who have heard of Russian policy toward gays and lesbians)* Based on what you know or have read, do you approve or disapprove of Russia's policies toward gays and lesbians?

COMBINED RESULTS (Q.6/7): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

<i>2013 Sep 15-16</i>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Have not heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
National adults	7	37	46	10
Heard of Russian policy ^	13	69	--	18

^ Based on --613-- adults who have heard of Russian policy toward gays and lesbians; ±5 PCT PTS