

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### U.S. MILITARY ACTION IN IRAQ AND SYRIA

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,013– national adults, aged 18+, conducted September 20-21, 2014. For results based on the total sample of National Adults, the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

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 time zone within 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 2013 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2013 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. Next we have a question about the military action the United States is taking in Iraq and Syria against Islamic militants, commonly known as ISIS. Do you approve or disapprove of this U.S. military action?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Sep 20-21	60	31	9

2. Would you favor or oppose the United States sending ground troops to Iraq and Syria in order to assist groups in those countries that are fighting the Islamic militants?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Sep 20-21	40	54	6

3. Do you believe the Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria pose a critical threat, an important but not critical threat, or not much of a threat to the vital interests of the United States?

	<u>Critical threat</u>	<u>Important, not critical</u>	<u>Not much of a threat</u>	<u>No threat (VOL.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Sep 20-21	50	31	12	1	6

4. How closely have you followed the news about the actions of the Islamic militants in Iraq and 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>
2014 Sep 20-21	34	41	19	6	1