

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### EBOLA VIRUS III

Results are based on telephone interviews with a random sample of – 1,017– national adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, conducted October 18-19, 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. Now thinking about the Ebola virus that has been in the news, did you, personally, worry yesterday about getting the Ebola virus, or not?

	<u>Yes, worried</u>	<u>No, did not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Oct 18-19	24	75	1
2014 Oct 11-12	23	77	1
2014 Oct 4-5	22	77	1

**For comparison: (H1N1/Swine Flu Virus)** Now thinking about the H1N1 virus, also known as the swine flu virus, that has been in the news, did you, personally, worry yesterday about getting swine flu, or not?

	<u>Yes, worried</u>	<u>No, did not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2009 Aug 26	17	82	1
2009 June 13-14	8	92	*
2009 May 19 ^	13	87	*
2009 May 5 ^	17	83	--
2009 May 3 ^	19	81	*
2009 Apr 30 ^	25	75	--
2009 Apr 28 ^	22	78	*

WORDING: Now thinking about the swine flu virus that has been in the news, did you, personally, worry yesterday about getting swine flu, or not?

2. How likely do you think it is that you or someone in your family will get the Ebola virus— very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not too likely</u>	<u>Not likely at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Oct 18-19	2	13	32	50	3
2014 Oct 11-12	2	14	30	51	3
2014 Oct 4-5	4	10	34	49	4

**For comparison: (H1N1/Swine Flu Virus)** How likely do you think it is that you or someone in your family will get swine flu— very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not too likely</u>	<u>Not likely at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2009 Aug 26	8	28	36	26	2
2009 May 5	4	16	37	42	2

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3. How confident are you that the federal government will be able to handle an outbreak of the Ebola virus in this country—very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not confident at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Oct 18-19	19	33	22	24	2
2014 Oct 11-12	23	37	20	18	3
2014 Oct 4-5	26	35	20	17	2

**For comparison: (H1N1/Swine Flu Virus)** How confident are you that the federal government will be able to handle an outbreak of swine flu in this country—very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not confident at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2009 Aug 26	10	49	25	14	1
2009 May 5	29	45	14	11	1

**For comparison (Bird flu):** As you may know, a virus known as “bird flu” or “avian flu” has killed some people in Asia. How confident are you that the federal government could handle an outbreak of bird flu in this country very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not confident at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 21-23	14	38	25	22	1

4. Which comes closest to your view about the Ebola virus – [ROTATED: it will not strike the United States at all, there will be a minor outbreak in the United States, there will be a major outbreak in the United States, but it will not create a crisis, (or) it will strike the United States and create a crisis]?

	<u>Will not strike U.S.</u>	<u>Minor outbreak</u>	<u>Major outbreak</u>	<u>Crisis</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Oct 18-19	9	65	10	10	6
2014 Oct 4-5	12	65	9	9	6

**For comparison (Bird flu):** Which comes closest to your view about the bird flu virus – [ROTATED: it will not strike the United States at all, there will be a minor outbreak in the United States, there will be a major outbreak in the United States, but it will not create a crisis, (or) it will strike the United States and create a crisis]?

	<u>Will not strike U.S.</u>	<u>Minor outbreak</u>	<u>Major outbreak</u>	<u>Crisis</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Dec 9-11 ^	14	63	13	8	2

^ Asked of a half sample