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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted February 3-7, 2016 with a random sample of 1,021—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ±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 60% cell phone respondents and 40% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and cell phone telephone 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 and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2015 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2015 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.

26. Next, I am going to read you a list of possible threats to the vital interests of the United States in the next 10 years. For each one, please tell me if you see this as a critical threat, an important but not critical threat, or not an important threat at all. [RANDOM ORDER]

<i>2016 Feb 3-7</i>	Critical	Important,
<i>(sorted by "critical threat")</i>	threat	not critical
	%	%
International terrorism	79	18
Development of nuclear weapons by Iran	75	18
Cyber-terrorism, the use of computers to cause disruption or fear in society	73	22
The spread of infectious diseases throughout the world	63	33
The conflict in Syria	58	32
The military power of North Korea	58	29
Large numbers of refugees trying to come to Europe and North America	52	32
Global warming or climate change	50	28
The conflict between Israel and the Palestinians	45	41
The military power of China	41	46
The economic power of China	41	45
The military power of Russia	39	47

Q.26 (THREATS TO U.S. VITAL INTERESTS) CONTINUED

TREND RESULTS:

A. The military power of Russia

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	39	47	11	3
2015 Feb 8-11	49	41	7	3
2014 Feb 6-9	32	49	17	2
2013 Feb 7-10	29	53	17	1
2010 Feb 1-3	23	52	22	3
2004 Feb 9-12	18	50	29	3

B. International terrorism

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	79	18	2	*
2015 Feb 8-11	84	13	2	1
2014 Feb 6-9	77	19	2	1
2013 Feb 7-10	81	17	2	1
2010 Feb 1-3	81	16	2	1
2004 Feb 9-12	82	16	2	*

C. The conflict between Israel and the Palestinians

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	45	41	9	4
2015 Feb 8-11	47	41	8	4
2014 Feb 6-9	46	42	9	3
2013 Feb 7-10	44	44	9	3
2010 Feb 1-3	47	41	10	2
2004 Feb 9-12	58	32	8	2

D. The economic power of China

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	41	45	11	4
2015 Feb 8-11	40	44	14	2
2014 Feb 6-9	52	36	10	2
2013 Feb 7-10	52	39	8	1

Q.26 (THREATS TO U.S. VITAL INTERESTS) CONTINUED

E. Development of nuclear weapons by Iran

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	75	18	5	1
2015 Feb 8-11	77	16	5	2
2014 Feb 6-9	76	18	4	2
2013 Feb 7-10	83	16	1	*

F. The military power of North Korea

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	58	29	11	3
2015 Feb 8-11	64	26	9	1
2010 Feb 1-3	61	29	8	2

G. The military power of China

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	41	46	10	2
2014 Feb 6-9	46	41	11	2
2013 Feb 7-10	51	39	9	2
2010 Feb 1-3	46	43	9	3
2004 Feb 9-12	39	46	11	4

H. The conflict in Syria

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	58	32	6	4

I. Global warming or climate change

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	50	28	21	1

J. Large numbers of refugees trying to come to Europe and North America

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	52	32	13	3

Q.26 (THREATS TO U.S. VITAL INTERESTS) CONTINUED

K. The spread of infectious diseases throughout the world

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	63	33	4	*

L. Cyber-terrorism, the use of computers to cause disruption or fear in society

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Feb 3-7	73	22	3	1