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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted February 1-23, 2023, with a random sample of ~~–1,008~~—adults, ages 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  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of ~~–532~~—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of ~~–476~~—national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 6$  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 75% cell phone respondents and 25% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next 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 most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2020 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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact [galluphelp@gallup.com](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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24. 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]

**EACH ITEM ASKED OF A RANDOM SUBSAMPLE OF APPROXIMATELY 75% OF RESPONDENTS**

<i>2023 Feb 1-23 (sorted by "critical threat")</i>	<u>Critical threat</u>	<u>Important, not critical</u>
Cyberterrorism, the use of computers to cause disruption or fear in society	84	13
Development of nuclear weapons by Iran	74	22
Development of nuclear weapons by North Korea	73	22
International terrorism	68	27
The military power of China	66	27
The economic power of China	64	30
The conflict between Russia and Ukraine	56	36
Global warming or climate change	54	24
The military power of Russia	51	37
The conflict between China and Taiwan	47	42
Large numbers of immigrants entering the United States illegally	47	33

**FULL RESULTS AND TRENDS:**

**A. The military power of Russia**

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Feb 1-23	51	37	12	1
2022 Feb 1-17	59	35	6	1
2021 Feb 3-18	44	46	9	1
2019 Feb 1-10	52	39	8	1
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

**Q.24 (THREATS TO U.S. VITAL INTERESTS) CONTINUED**

**B. International terrorism**

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Feb 1-23	68	27	5	*
2022 Feb 1-17	71	25	3	1
2021 Feb 3-18	72	24	4	*
2019 Feb 1-10	71	24	5	1
2018 Feb 1-10	75	22	2	1
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 economic power of China**

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Feb 1-23	64	30	6	*
2022 Feb 1-17	57	34	8	1
2021 Feb 3-18	63	30	7	*
2019 Feb 1-10	46	43	10	1
2018 Feb 1-10	40	45	14	1
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

**D. Development of nuclear weapons by Iran**

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Feb 1-23	74	22	4	*
2022 Feb 1-17	76	19	4	1
2021 Feb 3-18	75	21	3	*
2019 Feb 1-10	72	21	6	1
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	*

## Q.24 (THREATS TO U.S. VITAL INTERESTS) CONTINUED

### E. The military power of China

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Feb 1-23	66	27	6	1
2022 Feb 1-17	67	29	4	1
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

### F. Global warming or climate change

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Feb 1-23	54	24	21	*
2022 Feb 1-17	55	25	20	*
2021 Feb 3-18	58	23	19	*
2019 Feb 1-10	54	25	20	1
2016 Feb 3-7	50	28	21	1

### G. 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>
2023 Feb 1-23	84	13	2	*
2022 Feb 1-17	82	16	2	*
2021 Feb 3-18	82	16	2	*
2018 Feb 1-10	81	16	3	1
2016 Feb 3-7	73	22	3	1

### H. The conflict between Russia and Ukraine

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Feb 1-23	56	36	8	*
2022 Feb 1-17	52	37	11	1
2015 Feb 8-11	44	45	8	3

## Q.24 (THREATS TO U.S. VITAL INTERESTS) CONTINUED

### I. Development of nuclear weapons by North Korea

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Feb 1-23	73	22	4	1
2022 Feb 1-17	78	19	2	1
2021 Feb 3-18	77	21	2	*
2019 Feb 1-10	79	17	3	1
2018 Feb 1-10	82	14	3	*
2013 Feb 7-10	83	14	3	*

### J. Large numbers of immigrants entering the United States illegally

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Feb 1-23	47	33	20	1
2022 Feb 1-17	48	30	22	*
2021 Feb 3-18	46	35	19	*
2019 Feb 1-10 ^	47	30	22	2
2018 Feb 1-10 †	39	31	29	1
2004 Feb 9-12 †	50	35	14	1

^ WORDING: Large numbers of undocumented immigrants entering the United States

† WORDING: Large numbers of immigrants entering the United States

### K. The conflict between China and Taiwan

	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Feb 1-23	47	42	10	1
2021 Feb 3-18	30	53	16	2
2004 Feb 9-12	23	51	17	9

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**QN24A: Threat: The Military Power of Russia BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	744	438	296	548	181	134	185	413	346	230	164	224	314	193	290	268	169
	Weighted n	736	380	340	495	232	195	231	295	261	184	289	199	324	202	257	286	174
Critical threat		377	170	198	253	120	98	116	159	109	99	168	119	162	90	141	156	75
		51%	45%	58%	51%	52%	50%	50%	54%	42%	54%	58%	60%	50%	45%	55%	55%	43%
Important but not critical threat		269	156	105	189	76	72	85	104	114	63	92	63	110	94	88	100	77
		37%	41%	31%	38%	33%	37%	37%	35%	44%	34%	32%	32%	34%	46%	34%	35%	44%
Not an important threat at all		85	53	32	48	36	25	30	28	38	22	24	17	47	18	27	27	22
		12%	14%	10%	10%	16%	13%	13%	9%	15%	12%	8%	8%	15%	9%	10%	9%	13%
(DK)/(Refused)		5 -		5	5 -	-	-		5 -	-		5 -		5 -		2	3 -	
		1% -		1%	1% -	-	-		2% -	-		2% -		1% -		1%	1% -	

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**QN24B: Threat: International Terrorism BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	720	416	296	527	177	135	184	388	338	227	151	226	295	183	293	256	152
	Weighted n	728	356	360	477	241	200	239	274	263	200	263	203	322	187	265	288	154
Critical threat		497	244	247	315	175	141	136	211	144	135	217	167	204	115	201	197	89
		68%	69%	69%	66%	73%	71%	57%	77%	55%	67%	83%	82%	64%	62%	76%	68%	58%
Important but not critical threat		195	94	99	139	55	49	86	54	102	52	41	33	101	59	56	85	49
		27%	26%	27%	29%	23%	25%	36%	20%	39%	26%	16%	16%	31%	32%	21%	30%	32%
Not an important threat at all		34	18	12	22	11	9	16	8	17	14	3	3	17	12	8	6	15
		5%	5%	3%	5%	4%	4%	7%	3%	6%	7%	1%	2%	5%	7%	3%	2%	10%
(DK)/(Refused)		2	0	2	2 -	-		2	0 -	-		2 -	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0%	0%	0%	0% -	-		1%	0% -	-		1% -	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**QN24C: Threat: The Economic Power of China BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	717	417	290	518	185	131	176	395	344	227	145	209	292	201	278	261	164
	Weighted n	730	352	360	471	250	187	233	291	266	202	262	189	305	217	246	284	183
Critical threat		464	226	231	307	152	105	144	200	171	129	165	154	193	107	194	179	84
		64%	64%	64%	65%	61%	56%	62%	69%	64%	64%	63%	81%	63%	49%	79%	63%	46%
Important but not critical threat		220	107	106	146	72	61	84	71	83	63	74	31	92	90	39	92	84
		30%	30%	30%	31%	29%	33%	36%	24%	31%	31%	28%	16%	30%	41%	16%	32%	46%
Not an important threat at all		42	18	20	15	26	21	5	16	12	10	20	4	18	19	12	12	15
		6%	5%	6%	3%	10%	11%	2%	6%	4%	5%	8%	2%	6%	9%	5%	4%	8%
(DK)/(Refused)		4	0	3	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	3	-	2	2	2	2	-
		0%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	-

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**QN24D: Threat: Development of Nuclear Weapons By Iran BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	741	435	296	544	184	141	181	406	338	242	158	223	308	194	299	266	161
	Weighted n	732	364	350	478	245	198	219	297	255	199	277	196	320	198	267	275	174
Critical threat		541	262	272	354	179	130	150	246	173	157	210	170	213	144	214	202	114
		74%	72%	78%	74%	73%	66%	68%	83%	68%	79%	76%	87%	67%	73%	80%	73%	65%
Important but not critical threat		158	79	72	104	54	60	57	40	72	29	57	22	84	49	44	67	44
		22%	22%	21%	22%	22%	30%	26%	13%	28%	15%	21%	11%	26%	25%	17%	24%	26%
Not an important threat at all		30	23	3	19	10	8	13	8	10	13	6	3	20	5	7	7	14
		4%	6%	1%	4%	4%	4%	6%	3%	4%	7%	2%	2%	6%	2%	3%	2%	8%
(DK)/(Refused)		3	0	3	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	2	-	1
		0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%



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**QN24G: Threat: Cyber-Terrorism BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	719	425	284	530	178	136	181	396	340	225	150	217	295	190	282	253	170
	Weighted n	712	371	325	465	242	191	226	288	253	201	257	202	306	185	251	269	175
Critical threat		596	316	274	392	198	149	188	252	210	155	229	174	243	160	208	237	140
		84%	85%	84%	84%	82%	78%	83%	88%	83%	77%	89%	86%	79%	86%	83%	88%	80%
Important but not critical threat		96	43	43	63	33	34	31	31	37	39	21	24	47	24	39	24	31
		13%	11%	13%	14%	13%	18%	14%	11%	15%	19%	8%	12%	15%	13%	16%	9%	18%
Not an important threat at all		17	9	8	9	8	4	8	5	6	7	5	3	13	1	4	4	4
		2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%
(DK)/(Refused)		3	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	3	-
		0%	1%	-	-	1%	2%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-

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**QN24H: Threat: Conflict Between Russia and Ukraine BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	747	439	297	536	193	139	179	419	352	230	160	222	303	206	302	253	174
	Weighted n	746	375	351	477	257	201	229	305	263	191	289	192	319	217	262	273	189
Critical threat		418	206	208	272	142	99	115	202	141	100	175	119	164	125	152	149	108
		56%	55%	59%	57%	55%	49%	50%	66%	54%	52%	61%	62%	51%	58%	58%	54%	57%
Important but not critical threat		266	128	124	175	89	81	97	82	104	77	85	55	127	80	83	102	72
		36%	34%	35%	37%	35%	40%	42%	27%	40%	40%	29%	29%	40%	37%	32%	37%	38%
Not an important threat at all		60	41	18	29	26	21	18	19	18	14	28	18	27	12	25	22	8
		8%	11%	5%	6%	10%	10%	8%	6%	7%	7%	10%	9%	8%	5%	9%	8%	4%
(DK)/(Refused)		2	0	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	0%	-	1%	-	-

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**QN24I: Threat: Development of Nuclear Weapons By North Korea BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	734	419	303	543	176	140	174	408	344	219	167	220	303	198	302	251	163
	Weighted n	749	362	369	504	236	204	222	309	265	187	296	199	329	207	267	278	184
Critical threat		548	260	274	354	189	143	151	243	172	152	224	159	228	149	202	210	121
		73%	72%	74%	70%	80%	70%	68%	79%	65%	81%	76%	80%	69%	72%	76%	76%	66%
Important but not critical threat		164	76	84	125	37	48	64	48	79	30	54	38	73	53	49	54	56
		22%	21%	23%	25%	16%	24%	29%	15%	30%	16%	18%	19%	22%	25%	18%	19%	31%
Not an important threat at all		32	24	6	20	10	13	6	13	14	5	13	3	22	6	14	10	6
		4%	7%	2%	4%	4%	6%	3%	4%	5%	3%	4%	1%	7%	3%	5%	4%	3%
(DK)/(Refused)		6	1	5	5	-	-	1	5	1	-	5	-	5	-	2	3	-
		1%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	0%	2%	0%	-	2%	-	2%	-	1%	1%	-

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**QN24J: Threat: Immigrants Entering The United States Illegally BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	728	413	305	528	186	138	180	400	346	229	150	223	289	200	285	261	168
	Weighted n	732	352	364	468	256	199	231	290	268	195	268	204	302	208	247	284	184
Critical threat		342	166	176	240	99	52	95	188	100	90	151	172	121	43	192	113	32
		47%	47%	48%	51%	39%	26%	41%	65%	37%	46%	56%	84%	40%	20%	78%	40%	17%
Important but not critical threat		241	111	124	138	98	94	75	70	93	79	70	26	119	92	35	131	70
		33%	32%	34%	30%	38%	47%	32%	24%	35%	40%	26%	13%	39%	44%	14%	46%	38%
Not an important threat at all		143	72	60	87	56	53	57	31	75	25	43	6	61	70	15	40	83
		20%	20%	17%	19%	22%	27%	25%	11%	28%	13%	16%	3%	20%	34%	6%	14%	45%
(DK)/(Refused)		6	3	3	3	2	-	4	2	0	2	4	-	2	4	4	-	-
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	-	1%	2%	2%	-	-

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**QN24K: Threat: Conflict Between China And Taiwan BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	753	424	317	551	189	150	176	419	356	229	163	221	307	210	305	260	172
	Weighted n	769	369	379	494	265	222	230	305	270	202	295	203	325	225	276	292	182
Critical threat		362	186	170	235	122	96	75	182	128	82	152	120	143	94	166	129	62
		47%	50%	45%	48%	46%	43%	33%	60%	47%	41%	51%	59%	44%	42%	60%	44%	34%
Important but not critical threat		322	141	174	209	111	100	123	95	117	98	107	70	140	106	90	131	92
		42%	38%	46%	42%	42%	45%	54%	31%	43%	48%	36%	35%	43%	47%	33%	45%	50%
Not an important threat at all		74	39	27	43	29	24	29	21	25	18	31	11	36	24	18	28	27
		10%	11%	7%	9%	11%	11%	13%	7%	9%	9%	11%	5%	11%	11%	6%	9%	15%
(DK)/(Refused)		11	4	7	7	3	3	2	6	1	4	5	2	6	1	2	4	0
		1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%