

## NBC News | SurveyMonkey National Security Poll Results

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The NBC News | SurveyMonkey National Security Poll was conducted online from Friday, October 13 through Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Results are among a national sample of 5,047 adults aged 18 and over. The error estimate for all adults is plus or minus 2.0 percentage points.

Complete error estimates can be found in the methodology section below.

### TOPLINE RESULTS

Which one of the following issues matters MOST to you right now?

	<u>Foreign Policy</u>	<u>The environment</u>	<u>Terrorism</u>	<u>Immigration</u>	<u>Health care</u>	<u>Jobs and the economy</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	6	9	10	8	25	22	9	9	1
9/19—9/26	6	10	10	8	25	23	8	8	2
8/24—8/29	4	10	12	7	22	25	9	9	1
7/10—7/14	4	9	11	6	27	26	9	7	1
3/24—3/28	4	10	9	10	21	26	9	10	1
2/13—2/19	6	8	10	12	16	28	8	10	1

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	23	17	11	48	2
9/19—9/26	23	20	12	43	2
8/24—8/29	21	18	10	49	2
3/24—3/28	22	20	11	45	1
2/13—2/19	25	18	11	43	2

All in all, how worried are you that the United States will become engaged in a major war in the next four years? Would you say you are:

	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	38	34	20	6	1
7/10—7/14	37	39	17	6	2
2/13—2/19	36	30	25	8	2

In your opinion, which of the following poses the greatest immediate threat to the United States?

	<u>North Korea</u>	<u>ISIS</u>	<u>Russia</u>	<u>China</u>	<u>Iran</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	54	19	14	6	4	3
7/10—7/14	41	28	18	6	2	4

In your opinion, which type of attack poses the greatest immediate threat to United States?

	<u>Conventional military attacks</u>	<u>Nuclear attacks</u>	<u>Cyberattacks</u>	<u>Terrorist attacks</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	2	32	31	34	2
7/10—7/14	2	25	34	36	3

**Thinking about Russia, do you consider Russia an ally of the United States, friendly but not an ally, unfriendly, or an enemy of the United States?**

	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
10/13—10/17	5	24	45	23	3
7/10—7/14	7	29	40	19	5
2/13—2/19	7	28	43	18	4

**Thinking about Iran, do you consider Iran an ally of the United States, friendly but not an ally, unfriendly, or an enemy of the United States?**

	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
10/13—10/17	3	12	48	33	4

**Thinking about China, do you consider China an ally of the United States, friendly but not an ally, unfriendly, or an enemy of the United States?**

	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
10/13—10/17	10	47	33	7	3
2/13—2/19	7	45	37	8	4

**Thinking about North Korea, do you consider North Korea an ally of the United States, friendly but not an ally, unfriendly, or an enemy of the United States?**

	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
10/13—10/17	2	3	24	69	3

**In dealing with North Korea, should the U.S. mostly use diplomacy or military action?**

	<u>Diplomacy</u>	<u>Military Action</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	64	32	5
7/10—7/14	59	35	6

**In general, how concerned are you about the situation in Syria?**

	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not very concerned</u>	<u>Not concerned at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	31	47	14	4	4

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation with North Korea?**

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	20	20	14	42	3

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling Iran?**

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	21	21	17	38	4

**Do you approve or disapprove of the Iran nuclear agreement?**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	39	53	8

**Do you favor or oppose the United States expanding its nuclear arsenal?**

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	16	23	17	26	14	4
2/13—2/19	15	24	19	25	15	2

As you may know, NATO, or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, is a military alliance between the US, Canada, and many European countries. Would you say being a member of NATO is good or bad for the U.S.?

	<u>Good for the U.S.</u>	<u>Bad for the U.S.</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	79	16	5
7/10—7/14	82	13	5
2/13—2/19	80	15	5

Which comes closer to your view even if neither is exactly right? In foreign policy, the United States...

	<u>Should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making compromises with them</u>	<u>Should follow its own national interests even when its allies strongly disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
10/13—10/17	62	33	5
2/13—2/19	62	34	4

**METHODOLOGY**

The NBC News|SurveyMonkey National Security Poll was conducted online among a national sample of 5,047 adults aged 18 and over from October 13 through October 17, 2017. Respondents for this survey were selected from the nearly three million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week has been weighted for age, race, sex, education and region using the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States.

Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. All surveys may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error.

To assess the variability in the estimates and account for design effects, we create a bootstrap confidence interval to produce an error estimate. The bootstrap confidence interval for this survey is plus or minus 2.0 percentage points.

To calculate the bootstrap confidence interval, we use the weighted data to generate 5000 independent samples and calculate the 95% confidence intervals for the weighted average. When analyzing the survey results and their accuracy, this error estimate should be taken into consideration in much the same way that analysis of probability polls takes into account the margin of sampling error.

Group	Unweighted N	Plus or minus
Total	5,047	2.0
Republican	1,345	3.6
Democrat	1,599	3.8
Independent	1,936	3.2
Male	2,551	2.7
Female	2,496	2.7
18-24	495	5.7
25-34	582	5.7
35-44	718	5.3
45-54	1,011	4.4
55-64	1,173	4.1
65+	1,068	4.3
White	3,892	2.2
Black	375	6.8
Hispanic	287	7.2
Asian	160	10.5
Other	333	7.4