

Interviews: 700 Adults, including 210 cell phone only respondents

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48 Male
52 Female

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 700 interviews among Adults is ±3.70%

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

Q2a For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? (READ LIST.)

18-24.....	11
25-29.....	7
30-34.....	10
35-39.....	7
40-44.....	12
45-49.....	9
50-54.....	9
55-59.....	7
60-64.....	11
65-69.....	6
70-74.....	4
75 and over.....	7
Not sure/refused	-

Q2b To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11
No, not Hispanic	88
Not sure/refused	1

Q2c And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	73
Black.....	12
Asian.....	3
Other.....	4
Hispanic (VOL).....	7
Not sure/refused	1

Q3 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	<u>8/13</u>	<u>7/13</u>	<u>6/13</u>	<u>4/13</u>	<u>2/13</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>12/12</u>	<u>10/12+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>4/09</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>11/11</u>	
Approve.....	44	45	48	47	50	52	53	49	61	44	
Disapprove.....	48	50	47	48	45	44	43	48	30	51	
Not sure	8	5	5	5	5	4	4	3	9	5	
		<u>9/26- 30/12+</u>	<u>9/12- 16/12+</u>	<u>8/12+</u>	<u>7/12+</u>	<u>6/12</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>4/12</u>	<u>3/12</u>	<u>1/12</u>	<u>12/11</u>
		49	50	48	49	47	48	49	50	48	46
		48	48	49	48	48	46	46	45	46	48
		3	2	3	3	5	6	5	5	6	6
	<u>11/11</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	
	44	44	44	47	49	52	49	48	53	45	
	51	51	51	48	46	41	45	46	41	48	
	5	5	5	5	5	7	6	6	6	7	
	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/28- 30/10+</u>	<u>10/14- 18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>8/26- 30/10</u>	<u>8/5- 9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/20- 23/10</u>	<u>5/6- 11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	
	47	45	47	46	45	47	45	48	50	48	
	47	50	49	49	49	48	48	45	44	47	
	6	5	4	5	6	5	7	7	6	5	
	<u>1/23- 25/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	
	50	48	47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60	
	44	43	46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26	
	6	9	7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q4 Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling foreign policy?

	<u>8/13</u>	<u>7/13</u>	<u>4/13</u>	<u>12/12</u>	<u>10/12+</u>	<u>9/26- 30/12+</u>	<u>9/12- 16/12+</u>	<u>8/12+</u>
Approve.....	41	46	46	52	49	49	49	54
Disapprove.....	49	46	43	40	46	46	46	40
Not sure.....	10	8	11	8	5	5	5	6
	<u>7/12+</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>1/12</u>	<u>11/11</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>
	53	51	51	52	50	50	57	49
	41	42	41	41	45	44	35	46
	6	7	8	7	5	6	8	5
	<u>11/10</u>	<u>1/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>
	48	50	49	51	50	57	54	56
	44	37	42	39	36	33	36	31
	8	13	9	10	14	10	10	13

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Q5 Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the situation in Syria?

Approve 35
Disapprove..... 44
Not sure 21

Now, moving on...

Q6 Syrian civilians have been killed by their government in response to protests and civil unrest. The U.S is taking diplomatic and economic measures to try to stop the Syrian government from taking military action against its citizens. Which ONE statement best describes what you think (ROTATE **FIRST THREE STATEMENTS**)

- The U.S. should take military action to help stop the killing of civilians.
- The U.S. should provide weapons to the forces inside Syria opposing the government.
- The U.S. should provide only humanitarian assistance to the civilians injured or forced from their homes.
- ...OR...**
- The U.S. should take none of these additional actions.

	<u>8/13</u>	<u>6/13</u>	<u>3/12</u>
Take military action to help stop the killing	26	15	13
Provide arms to the opposition	6	11	11
Provide only humanitarian assistance	40	42	48
Take no additional action.....	23	24	25
Take some mix of actions (VOL)	1	1	-
Take some other action (VOL)	1	-	-
Not sure.....	3	7	3

Q7 Have you seen, read, or heard the news coverage about reports of the use of chemical weapons by the Syrian government? (IF YES:) And, have you seen, read, or heard a lot or just some about this?

Total Yes	79
Yes, a lot.....	35
Yes, just some	44
No	20
Not sure	1

Q8 It has been reported that the Syrian government has used chemical weapons on its citizens. Do you think the United States should take military action against the Syrian government in response to the use of chemical weapons or not?

Yes, should take military action.....	42
No, should not take military action.....	50
Not sure.....	8

Q8X Now, more specifically, if U.S. military action in Syria were limited to air strikes using cruise missiles launched from U.S. naval ships that were meant to destroy military units and infrastructure that have been used to carry out chemical attacks would you support or oppose this U.S. military action in Syria?*

Support.....	50
Oppose.....	44
Not sure.....	6

* Data reflects responses among 291 adults interviewed on 8/29

Q9 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The use of chemical weapons by any country is a "red line," that is an action that would require a significant U.S. response, including the possibility of military action.

Agree.....	58
Disagree.....	35
Depends (VOL)	3
Not sure.....	4

Q10 Is taking military action against the Syrian government in our national interest or not? If you do not know enough about this to have an opinion, please just say so and we will move on.

Yes, in our national interest.....	21
No, not in our national interest	33
Don't know enough to have an opinion	45
Not sure.....	1

Q11 Do you feel that the use of U.S. military force against the Syrian government will improve the situation for civilians in Syria or not? If you don't know enough to say either way please just say so.

Yes, will improve the situation	27
No, will not improve the situation.....	41
Don't know enough to have an opinion	31
Not sure.....	1

Q12 Do you think that President Obama should or should not be required to receive approval from Congress before taking military action in Syria?

Should be required to receive approval	79
Should not be required to receive approval	16
Depends (VOL).....	1
Not sure	4

Q13 If the United States takes military action in Syria, which one of the following should be the most important objective of United States military action in Syria? (RANDOMIZE ITEMS.)

Stopping the use of chemical weapons.....	56
Removing Syrian President Bashar al-Assad from power.....	16
Stopping the fighting between government and rebel forces	15
None (VOL)	4
All (VOL)	4
Not sure	5

Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

QF1 What is the last grade that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school	-
Some high school	4
High school graduate	26
Some college, no degree.....	17
Vocational training/school.....	1
2-year college degree.....	11
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	24
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	12
Doctoral/law degree	3
Not sure/refused.....	-

QF2 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat	18
Not very strong Democrat.....	11
Independent/lean Democrat	12
Strictly Independent.....	22
Independent/lean Republican	10
Not very strong Republican	6
Strong Republican	15
Other (VOL)	4
Not sure	2