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## 1. Support Obama's decision

As you may know, President Obama has authorized the U.S. military to conduct air strikes against Islamic State insurgents, sometimes called ISIS or ISIL, in Iraq and Syria. Do you support or oppose this decision?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat |  | Independent | Republican |
| Strongly support | 34\% | 39\% | 29\% | 21\% | 24\% | 39\% | 53\% | 34\% |  | 27\% | 48\% |
| Somewhat support | 32\% | 30\% | 34\% | 35\% | 31\% | 34\% | 27\% | 36\% |  | 32\% | 27\% |
| Somewhat oppose | 10\% | 9\% | 10\% | 13\% | 14\% | 5\% | 9\% | 9\% |  | 10\% | 10\% |
| Strongly oppose | 9\% | 10\% | 7\% | 11\% | 8\% | 8\% | 7\% | 9\% |  | 10\% | 4\% |
| Not sure | 16\% | 11\% | 20\% | 19\% | 22\% | 14\% | 5\% | 12\% |  | 20\% | 11\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |  | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (999) | (479) | (520) | (148) | (265) | (431) | (155) | (342) |  | (432) | (225) |
|  |  |  | Race |  |  | ily Income |  |  |  | Region |  |
|  | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwes | st South | West |
| Strongly support | 34\% | 35\% | 31\% | 30\% | 26\% | 36\% | 42\% | 34\% | 29\% | \% 34\% | 38\% |
| Somewhat support | 32\% | 33\% | 24\% | 34\% | 33\% | 36\% | 33\% | 28\% | 40\% | \% 28\% | 35\% |
| Somewhat oppose | 10\% | 9\% | 5\% | 15\% | 9\% | 10\% | 11\% | 15\% | 9\% | \% 8\% | 7\% |
| Strongly oppose | 9\% | 8\% | 11\% | 10\% | 10\% | 6\% | 8\% | 11\% | 5\% | \% 10\% | 7\% |
| Not sure | 16\% | 15\% | 29\% | 11\% | 21\% | 11\% | 6\% | 12\% | 16\% | \% 20\% | 12\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | \% 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (999) | (745) | (114) | (140) | (353) | (310) | (188) | (168) | (212) | ) (378) | (241) |

## 2. Support for sending ground troops

Would you support or oppose the United States sending ground troops to fight Islamic State insurgents in Iraq and Syria?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Strongly support | 13\% | 15\% | 11\% | 8\% | 14\% | 14\% | 16\% | 7\% | 11\% | 28\% |
| Somewhat support | 25\% | 25\% | 26\% | 27\% | 19\% | 29\% | 26\% | 25\% | 24\% | 30\% |
| Somewhat oppose | 21\% | 21\% | 21\% | 24\% | 24\% | 20\% | 14\% | 24\% | 22\% | 12\% |
| Strongly oppose | 23\% | 26\% | 21\% | 20\% | 18\% | 22\% | 37\% | 29\% | 23\% | 14\% |
| Not sure | 18\% | 13\% | 22\% | 21\% | 26\% | 14\% | 9\% | 15\% | 20\% | 16\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (999) | (478) | (521) | (147) | (265) | (431) | (156) | (341) | (433) | (225) |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Strongly support | 13\% | 14\% | 8\% | 11\% | 10\% | 14\% | 13\% | 11\% | 14\% | 14\% | 13\% |
| Somewhat support | 25\% | 25\% | 20\% | 32\% | 25\% | 28\% | 26\% | 20\% | 21\% | 28\% | 30\% |
| Somewhat oppose | 21\% | 20\% | 23\% | 24\% | 24\% | 21\% | 20\% | 27\% | 25\% | 17\% | 16\% |
| Strongly oppose | 23\% | 25\% | 16\% | 17\% | 20\% | 22\% | 34\% | 26\% | 22\% | 22\% | 23\% |
| Not sure | 18\% | 16\% | 34\% | 16\% | 22\% | 15\% | 7\% | 15\% | 18\% | 19\% | 18\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (999) | (746) | (114) | (139) | (353) | (310) | (188) | (168) | (212) | (378) | (241) |

## 3. Support for sending weapons

Do you support or oppose the United States sending weapons to more moderate rebel groups in Syria to fight Islamic State insurgents?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Strongly support | 8\% | 11\% | 6\% | 8\% | 9\% | 7\% | 11\% | 9\% | 8\% | 8\% |
| Somewhat support | 24\% | 24\% | 24\% | 24\% | 14\% | 28\% | 31\% | 34\% | 19\% | 21\% |
| Somewhat oppose | 22\% | 24\% | 21\% | 24\% | 24\% | 23\% | 16\% | 23\% | 20\% | 27\% |
| Strongly oppose | 25\% | 28\% | 22\% | 19\% | 29\% | 23\% | 29\% | 18\% | 28\% | 28\% |
| Not sure | 20\% | 12\% | 27\% | 24\% | 24\% | 19\% | 12\% | 15\% | 25\% | 16\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (994) | (478) | (516) | (147) | (263) | (429) | (155) | (341) | (430) | (223) |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Strongly support | 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | 11\% | 9\% | 8\% | 12\% | 9\% | 6\% | 11\% | 5\% |
| Somewhat support | 24\% | 24\% | 22\% | 31\% | 22\% | 30\% | 19\% | 18\% | 29\% | 24\% | 27\% |
| Somewhat oppose | 22\% | 22\% | 30\% | 20\% | 17\% | 28\% | 25\% | 30\% | 18\% | 21\% | 22\% |
| Strongly oppose | 25\% | 27\% | 11\% | 26\% | 27\% | 18\% | 34\% | 21\% | 27\% | 27\% | 23\% |
| Not sure | 20\% | 20\% | 28\% | 12\% | 26\% | 16\% | 10\% | 23\% | 20\% | 17\% | 23\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (994) | (740) | (114) | (140) | (352) | (308) | (187) | (167) | (211) | (377) | (239) |

## 4. Effect of military action

Do you think taking military action against Islamic State insurgents in Iraq and Syria will improve the situation there, make things worse, or will it not make any difference?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Improve the situation | 32\% | 39\% | 26\% | 25\% | 23\% | 38\% | 42\% | 30\% | 28\% | 44\% |
| Won't make a difference | 25\% | 24\% | 25\% | 23\% | 27\% | 23\% | 28\% | 30\% | 21\% | 26\% |
| Make things worse | 17\% | 19\% | 16\% | 22\% | 21\% | 14\% | 11\% | 15\% | 22\% | 7\% |
| Not sure | 26\% | 18\% | 33\% | 30\% | 29\% | 25\% | 19\% | 24\% | 29\% | 23\% |
| Totals <br> (Unweighted N) | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (998) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (479) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (519) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (148) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (265) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (430) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (155) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (342) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (432) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (224) \end{aligned}$ |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Improve the situation | 32\% | 35\% | 21\% | 24\% | 26\% | 32\% | 43\% | 24\% | 32\% | 36\% | 32\% |
| Won't make a difference | 25\% | 23\% | 31\% | 33\% | 29\% | 24\% | 21\% | 26\% | 26\% | 24\% | 24\% |
| Make things worse | 17\% | 17\% | 16\% | 19\% | 19\% | 17\% | 16\% | 20\% | 15\% | 16\% | 18\% |
| Not sure | 26\% | 25\% | 32\% | 25\% | 25\% | 26\% | 20\% | 30\% | 27\% | 23\% | 27\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (998) | (745) | (113) | (140) | (353) | (311) | (187) | (168) | (212) | (378) | (240) |

## 5. Efficacy of air strikes only

Do you think it is possible for the United States to effectively fight Islamic State insurgents in Iraq and Syria using air strikes only, without sending ground troops?


