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**TOPLINE DATA**

Nationwide Survey among 1,000 Adults (18+)

Field Dates: September 23-26, 2014

Margin of Error: ±3%

**SCREENER**

1. Gender (RECORDED BY OBSERVATION)

49% MALE  
51% FEMALE

2. Into which of the following broad categories does your age fall? (READ CATEGORIES)

- YOUNGER THAN 18  
12% 18-24  
18% 25-34  
16% 35-44  
18% 45-54  
17% 55-64  
19% 65+

1% REFUSED (VOL.)

3. Which of the following best describes your racial background? (READ AND ROTATED)

66% CAUCASIAN OR WHITE  
14% HISPANIC OR LATINO  
11% AFRICAN-AMERICAN OR BLACK  
2% ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER  
1% NATIVE AMERICAN  
\* MIDDLE EASTERN

2% MULTI-RACIAL OR OTHER (VOL.)

\* DO NOT KNOW (VOL.)

3% REFUSED (VOL.)

4. Region (RECORDED BY STATE, GROUPED BY FOUR-POINT REGION OF THE UNITED STATES)

19% NORTHEAST (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT, NJ, NY, PA)  
22% MIDWEST (IN, IL, MI, OH, WI, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)  
37% SOUTH (DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV, AL, KY, MS, TN, AR, LA, OK, TX)  
22% WEST (AZ, CO, ID, NM, MT, UT, NV, WY, AK, CA, HI, OR, WA)



**INTRODUCTION**

5. Do you (ROTATED) approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on foreign policy and national security? (PROBED: And is that strongly approve/disapprove or just somewhat?)

<b>43%</b>	<b>TOTAL APPROVE (NET)</b>
23%	STRONGLY APPROVE
20%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
<b>51%</b>	<b>TOTAL DISAPPROVE (NET)</b>
11%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
40%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
5%	DO NOT KNOW (VOL.)
*	REFUSED (VOL.)

6. Which political party do you believe is more reliable when it comes to foreign policy and keeping the United States safe? (ROTATED RESPONSES)

41%	THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
32%	THE DEMOCRAT PARTY
23%	DO NOT KNOW (VOL.)
4%	REFUSED (VOL.)

**SECURITY CONCERNS**

Let's now talk about some specific thoughts you have on security and foreign policy.

7. Which of the following threats worries you most? (ROTATED RESPONSES) (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

52%	TERRORISM
22%	COMPUTER HACKING OF YOUR BANK ACCOUNTS OR OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION
18%	INSECURE BORDERS
13%	NUCLEAR WAR
13%	GOVERNMENT INVASIONS OF YOUR PRIVACY
13%	ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION
12%	ATTACKS ON OUR ECONOMY
11%	THREATS TO OUR NATIONAL POWER GRID
7%	OTHER (VOL.)
2%	DO NOT KNOW (VOL.)
1%	REFUSED (VOL.)

8. Do you believe that enough is being done by our leaders and to address the threats that concern you most?

23% YES  
71% NO

6% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)  
\* REFUSED (VOL.)

### **TERRORISM**

9. Do you think the United States should continue to fight terrorists around the world who wish to do us harm?

85% YES  
11% NO

4% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)  
\* REFUSED (VOL.)

10. Which of the following do you think is the most important reason for the U.S. to continue fighting terrorists? (ROTATED RESPONSES)

35% IF WE STOPPED, OUR ENEMIES WOULD BE EMBOLDENED TO ATTACK US HERE ON OUR SOIL

18% AS A WORLD POWER, WE STILL HAVE INTERESTS TO PROTECT OVERSEAS

15% WE CAN'T STOP THIS WAR OR FURTHER ATTACKS FROM OUR ENEMIES UNLESS WE EITHER DEFEAT THEM OR SURRENDER TO THEM

19% ALL OF THE ABOVE (VOL.)

3% OTHER (VOL.)

7% NONE OF THE ABOVE, WE SHOULD STOP FIGHTING OVERSEAS. (VOL.)

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOL.)

1% REFUSED (VOL.)

## **ISLAMIC TERRORISM**

Shifting gears now, let me ask you specifically about Islamic terrorism

11. Which of the following comes closest to your understanding of the term “jihad”? (ROTATED RESPONSES)

- 74% VIOLENT HOLY WAR AGAINST UNBELIEVERS OF ISLAM
- 7% MUSLIMS’ PEACEFUL, PERSONAL STRUGGLE TO BE MORE RELIGIOUS
- 6% NON-VIOLENT ACTIONS BY MUSLIMS TO UNDERMINE NON-MUSLIM STATES AND PEOPLES
  
- 12% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)
- 1% REFUSED (VOL.)

12. Which of the following is most responsible for causing Islamic terror? (ROTATED RESPONSES)

- 29% RELIGIOUS TEACHING/IDEOLOGY
- 17% HOSTILITY TOWARDS AMERICA OR DEMOCRACY
- 13% LACK OF EDUCATION
- 10% HOSTILITY TO ISRAEL OR ANTI-SEMITISM
- 7% ECONOMIC INEQUALITY
- 6% U.S. FOREIGN POLICIES
  
- 2% OTHER, SPECIFIED (RECORD VERBATIM) (VOL.)
- 9% ALL OF THE ABOVE (VOL.)
  
- 2% NONE OF THE ABOVE (VOL.)
- 4% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)
- 1% REFUSED (VOL.)

13. Two political leaders have differing views regarding the religion of Islam. With whom do you agree? (PROBED: And is that strongly/somewhat agree?)

PERSON 1: “Islam is a religion of peace and those who commit violence in its name are not following its true teachings.”

PERSON 2: “People are being politically correct, but not truthful, when they say that ‘Islam is a religion of peace’. The Quran and Islamic ideology serve as the basis for violence against non-believers of Islam.”

- 55% TOTAL AGREE PERSON #1 (NET)**
- 38% STRONGLY AGREE PERSON 1
- 17% SOMEWHAT AGREE PERSON 1
  
- 33% TOTAL AGREE PERSON #2 (NET)**
- 12% SOMEWHAT AGREE PERSON 2
- 21% STRONGLY AGREE PERSON 2
  
- 11% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)
- 1% REFUSED (VOL.)

## **SPECIFIC THREATS**

Let's now talk about some other threats facing the United States.

14. How vulnerable do you think that the system that supplies electric power to our country is to an attack? (ROTATED RESPONSES TOP-TO-BOTTOM AND BOTTOM-TO-TOP)

**83% TOTAL VERY/SOMEWHAT VULNERABLE (NET)**

43% VERY VULNERABLE  
40% SOMEWHAT VULNERABLE

**13% TOTAL JUST A LITTLE/NOT AT ALL VULNERABLE (NET)**

9% JUST A LITTLE VULNERABLE  
3% NOT AT ALL VULNERABLE  
  
4% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)  
1% REFUSED (VOL.)

15. If large areas of the United States lost electrical power for a long period of time then many people would not be able to access water, food, medicine, transportation, finance and communication. How much of a priority should it be for elected officials to prevent this from happening? (ROTATED RESPONSES TOP-TO-BOTTOM AND BOTTOM-TO-TOP)

27% THE TOP PRIORITY  
38% A TOP THREE PRIORITY  
27% NOT A TOP THREE PRIORITY, BUT WITHIN THE TOP TEN  
5% NOT A TOP TEN PRIORITY  
  
2% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)  
1% REFUSED (VOL.)

## **WORLD CONFLICTS**

Switching gears, let's now talk about other world conflicts.

16. Which of the following countries are responsible for the lack of peace in the Middle East? (ROTATED ANSWERS) (ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

46% IRAN  
28% PALESTINE  
27% ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES EQUALLY  
24% SAUDI ARABIA  
17% ISRAEL  
11% THE UNITED STATES  
  
3% OTHER, SPECIFIED (RECORDED VERBATIM) (VOL.)  
  
12% ALL OF THE ABOVE (VOL.)  
2% NONE OF THE ABOVE (VOL.)  
  
6% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)  
2% REFUSED (VOL.)



17. Which of the following groups of people are responsible for the lack of peace in the Middle East?  
(ROTATED ANSWERS) (ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

- 54% ISLAMIC STATE/ISIS/ISIL
- 41% AL QAEDA
- 30% HAMAS
- 25% HEZBOLLAH
- 18% MUSLIMS
- 13% ARABS IN GENERAL
- 6% JEWS IN GENERAL
- 5% AMERICANS
  
- 2% OTHER, SPECIFIED (RECORDED VERBATIM) (VOL.)
  
- 12% ALL OF THE ABOVE (VOL.)
- 1% NONE OF THE ABOVE (VOL.)
  
- 5% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)
- 1% REFUSED (VOL.)

18. If Russia engages in further aggression against Ukraine and possibly other nations with whom we have friendly relations, how serious a problem do you think it would be for the United States?  
(ROTATED TOP-TO-BOTTOM AND BOTTOM-TO TOP)

- 51% VERY SERIOUS
- 38% SOMEWHAT SERIOUS
- 6% NOT AT ALL SERIOUS
  
- 3% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)
- 2% REFUSED (VOL.)

19. How serious a problem do you think it would be for the United States if China becomes the dominant power in the Western Pacific and Eastern Asia? (ROTATED TOP-TO-BOTTOM AND BOTTOM-TO TOP)

- 52% VERY SERIOUS
- 33% SOMEWHAT SERIOUS
- 9% NOT AT ALL SERIOUS
  
- 4% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)
- 2% REFUSED (VOL.)

20. Thinking about current world events, what is the best course of action for our military forces? Should we...? (ROTATED ANSWERS)

- 55% INCREASE RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN OUR MILITARY
- 31% KEEP THE MILITARY AS IS
- 7% REDUCE RESOURCES TO OUR MILITARY FORCES
  
- 4% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)
- 2% REFUSED (VOL.)

## **CONCLUSION**

21. I will now read statements from two politicians who have differing views on protecting America. Which candidate would have your support? (PROBED: And is that strongly or just somewhat?)

**CANDIDATE 1:** “The most effective way to protect American is through a national security policy of peace through strength. We must show our enemies that the United States has the most capable military in world and is determined to protect its citizens, as well as its allies and interests around the world.”

**CANDIDATE 2:** “To protect America we must disengage from our foreign entanglements around the world that cost this country life and treasure. If we leave others alone, they will leave us alone.”

**80% TOTAL SUPPORT CANDIDATE #1 (NET)**

67% STRONGLY SUPPORT CANDIDATE 1  
13% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT CANDIDATE 1

**11% TOTAL SUPPORT CANDIDATE #2 (NET)**

5% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT CANDIDATE 2  
6% STRONGLY SUPPORT CANDIDATE 2  
  
7% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)  
2% REFUSED (VOL.)

## **ADDITIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS**

Wrapping up, we just have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.

22. Are you registered to vote in the state that you currently live, registered to vote in a different state, or not registered at all?

**98% REGISTERED TO VOTE IN CURRENT STATE**

1% REGISTERED IN A DIFFERENT STATE  
2% NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE

23. Which of the following best describes you:

71% MARRIED  
12% SINGLE, NEVER MARRIED  
9% WIDOWED  
6% DIVORCED  
1% SEPARATED  
  
2% REFUSED (VOL.)

24. Which of the following best describes you:

39% I HAVE CHILDREN LIVING WITH ME AT HOME  
44% I HAVE CHILDREN, BUT THEY NO LONGER LIVE WITH ME AT HOME  
13% I HAVE NEVER HAD CHILDREN  
  
2% REFUSED (VOL.)



25. Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views...Do you consider yourself to be (ROTATED) a conservative, moderate or liberal...?

[IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASKED] And would you consider yourself to be VERY (conservative/liberal) or just SOMEWHAT (conservative/liberal?)]

**38% TOTAL VERY/SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE (NET)**

22% VERY CONSERVATIVE  
16% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE

**35% MODERATE**

**20% TOTAL VERY/SOMEWHAT LIBERAL (NET)**

10% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL  
10% VERY LIBERAL

**1% LIBERTARIAN**

6% DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOL.)

26. In politics today, do you consider yourself to be a... (ROTATED) Republican, Independent or Democrat? (IF REPUBLICAN, ASKED: "Do you consider yourself a Tea Party Republican?") (IF DEMOCRAT, ASKED: "Do you consider yourself a Progressive Democrat?") (IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASKED: "Are you a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)?" (IF "INDEPENDENT" ASKED: "Which way do you lean, or usually vote, the Democratic or Republican Party?")

**39% TOTAL REPUBLICAN (NET)**

5% TEA PARTY REPUBLICAN  
19% STRONG REPUBLICAN  
7% NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN  
8% INDEPENDENT LEANING REPUBLICAN

**18% INDEPENDENT**

**37% TOTAL DEMOCRAT (NET)**

7% INDEPENDENT LEANING DEMOCRAT  
6% NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT  
19% STRONG DEMOCRAT  
5% PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRAT

1% OTHER (VOL.)  
2% DO NOT KNOW (VOL.)  
3% REFUSED (VOL.)