

CBS NEWS POLL**Concerns About a Terror Attack in the U.S. Rise
November 19-22, 2015**

Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Nov15a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	42	14	71	37	45
Disapprove	47	82	19	47	48
Don't know/No answer	11	4	10	16	7

Q2. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

Economy & jobs	16	14	16	17	20
Terrorism	14	12	17	12	2
Islamic extremists groups/Isis	8	11	7	8	2
Immigration/illegal immigrants	6	7	6	5	6
Miscellaneous social issues	5	6	5	5	2
Poverty/homelessness	4	1	4	5	3
Health care/the cost of/coverage	4	2	4	4	5
Barack Obama/the president	4	5	1	4	2
Homeland security	3	3	2	4	1
Defense/national security	3	7	1	2	1
Education/school loans	2	1	2	2	3
Miscellaneous government issues	2	3	2	1	3
Other	24	24	30	24	45
Don't know/No answer	5	4	3	7	5

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

Approve	37	13	63	31	33
Disapprove	51	83	26	50	52
Don't know/No answer	13	4	12	19	15

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

Approve	44	19	75	36	44
Disapprove	49	78	20	53	51
Don't know/No answer	7	4	4	11	5

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the threat of terrorism?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul15e
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	36	14	64	29	42
Disapprove	56	84	30	59	48
Don't know/No answer	8	2	7	12	10

Q6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation with ISIS militants in Iraq and Syria?

					Nov15a
Approve	31	11	51	26	31
Disapprove	59	83	38	60	54
Don't know/No answer	11	5	11	14	14

Q7. What is your impression of the religion called Islam? Is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about that to say?

					Apr13b
Very favorable	8	3	12	8	7
Somewhat favorable	18	13	25	16	14
Somewhat unfavorable	14	21	9	12	18
Very unfavorable	23	33	18	20	20
Haven't heard enough	28	23	27	31	30
Don't know/No answer	10	8	8	13	11

Q8. How much confidence do you have in the ability of the US government to protect its citizens from future terrorist attacks, a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

					Apr15a
A great deal	21	13	28	20	23
A fair amount	42	36	49	40	41
Not very much	25	38	18	23	26
None at all	11	12	4	15	10
Don't know/No answer	2	1	2	2	1

Q9. How likely do you think it is that there will be a terrorist attack in the United States within the next few months -- very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

Very likely	28	40	19	26	12
Somewhat likely	41	42	39	41	32
Not very likely	20	12	28	18	37
Not at all likely	8	4	10	8	16
Don't know/No answer	5	2	4	7	3

Q10. Would you say you personally are very concerned about a terrorist attack in the area where you live, or not?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Apr15a
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	25	28	24	24	16
No	73	70	76	73	83
Don't know/No answer	2	2	*	3	1

Q11. How concerned are you about losing some of your privacy as a result of steps taken by the federal government to fight terrorism -- are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

					Jan14c
Very concerned	27	27	24	30	27
Somewhat concerned	27	24	29	27	32
Not very concerned	22	22	22	21	22
Not at all concerned	22	26	25	18	19
Don't know/No answer	2	*	*	4	1

Q12. Which concerns you more right now—1. that the government will fail to enact strong anti-terrorism laws, or 2. that the government will enact new anti-terrorism laws which excessively restrict the average person's civil liberties?

					Sep08c
Fail to enact laws	46	56	42	43	31
Restrict civil liberties	40	32	46	40	51
Both (vol.)	2	2	*	3	1
Neither (vol.)	2	1	3	1	3
Don't know/No answer	10	8	8	13	14

Q13. Which comes closer to your opinion about Syrian refugees who want to come to the United States?
1. The U.S. should allow refugees from Syria into the United States as long as they go through a security clearance process. OR 2. The U.S. should not allow any refugees from Syria into the United States at this time.

Should allow	47	27	63	47
Should not allow	50	68	36	49
Don't know/No answer	3	5	2	4

Q14. Do you think it is necessary for Syrian refugees who want to come to the United States to go through a stricter security clearance process than they do now, or don't you think that is necessary?

Necessary	78	87	77	74
Not necessary	15	6	19	16
Don't know/No answer	7	7	4	10

Q15. Do you think allowing Syrian refugees into the U.S. poses a threat to the security of the United States, or not?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Yes, major	45	66	33	42
Yes, minor	22	19	25	23
No, not a threat	26	12	36	28
Don't know/No answer	6	4	6	7

Q16. How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its fight against the militant group ISIS in Iraq and Syria? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Nov15a
	%	%	%	%	%
Very well	3	3	5	3	2
Somewhat well	26	14	36	25	19
Somewhat badly	33	31	38	31	36
Very badly	29	49	13	28	36
Don't know/No answer	9	4	9	12	7

Q17. Do you think Barack Obama has a clear plan for dealing with ISIS militants, or not?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Mar15c
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes, has clear plan	23	7	40	19	25
No, does not have clear plan	66	88	45	68	64
Don't know/No answer	11	4	16	12	11

Q18. Do you favor or oppose US airstrikes against ISIS militants in Iraq and Syria?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Feb15b
	%	%	%	%	%
Favor	75	83	74	71	77
Oppose	17	11	19	19	16
Favor airstrikes in Syria only (vol.)	*	*	1	-	--
Favor airstrikes in Iraq only (vol.)	-	-	-	-	--
Don't know/No answer	8	6	6	10	7

Q19. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops into Iraq or Syria to fight ISIS militants?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul15e
	%	%	%	%	%
Favor	50	66	43	45	46
Oppose	42	29	48	46	45
Favor airstrikes in Syria only (vol.)	-	-	-	-	--
Favor airstrikes in Iraq only (vol.)	-	-	-	-	--
Don't know/No answer	8	5	9	8	9

Q20. Do you think the United States will be able to remove the threat from ISIS militants using airstrikes alone, or do you think ground troops will be necessary in order to remove the threat from ISIS militants?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Feb15b
	%	%	%	%	%
Air strikes alone	20	15	22	20	18
Ground troops will be necessary	63	73	59	60	65
Don't know/No answer	17	11	19	20	17

Q21. Do you think the United States should or should not take the leading role among all other countries in the fight against ISIS militants in Iraq and Syria?

Should	44	58	37	40
Should not	50	35	60	51
Don't know/No answer	6	7	3	9

Q22. How concerned are you that U.S. intervention in Iraq and Syria will lead to a long and costly involvement there – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?

					Feb15b
Very concerned	46	40	51	44	43
Somewhat concerned	37	37	39	36	42
Not too concerned	10	14	5	12	10
Not at all concerned	5	7	4	4	3
Don't know/No answer	2	2	1	3	2

	<u>Unweighted</u>	<u>Weighted</u>
Total Respondents	1,205	
Total Republicans	341	316
Total Democrats	381	396
Total independents	483	493