

### AP Syria Survey

#### A telephone survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

*Interview dates: September 6– 8, 2013*

*Number of interviews: 1,007*

*Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

*Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.*

*All results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.*

**1. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way President Barack Obama is handling the situation in Syria. [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]**

**1a. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN Q1, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way President Barack Obama is handling the situation in Syria?**

The situation in Syria ...	9/6-8/13	6/14-18/12
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>
Strongly approve	13	13
Somewhat approve	16	19
Lean approve	6	9
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>
Lean disapprove	6	6
Somewhat disapprove	16	12
Strongly disapprove	32	24
Don't know [VOL]	3	10
Refused [VOL]	1	1

*Based on:*

*N=1,007*

*N=1,007*

2. **As you may know, Barack Obama has asked Congress to vote to support a U.S. military strike in Syria in response to a chemical weapons attack there on August 21. Do you think Congress should vote in favor of a military strike or should Congress vote against a military strike?**

	9/6-8/13
Vote in favor	26
Vote against	61
Don't know [VOL]	10
Refused [VOL]	3

*Based on:*

*N=1,007*

3. **How likely do you think it is that any U.S. military involvement in Syria would become a long-term commitment of forces: extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?**

	9/6-8/13	AP-GfK Poll on Libya: 3/24-28/11
<b>Extremely/Very likely</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>33</b>
Extremely likely	26	15
Very likely	27	18
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Not too/Not at all likely</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>
Not too likely	9	18
Not at all likely	7	7
Don't know [VOL]	4	1
Refused [VOL]	1	*

*Based on:*

*N=1,007*

*N=1,001*

**4. Would you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose the U.S. sending ground troops into Syria?**

	9/6-8/13	AP-GfK Poll on Libya: 3/24-28/11
<b>Total favor</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
Strongly favor	5	4
Somewhat favor	7	9
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total oppose</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>78</b>
Somewhat oppose	16	24
Strongly oppose	59	54
Don't know [VOL]	3	1
Refused [VOL]	2	*

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,001

**5. How likely do you think it is that a U.S. military strike in Syria would deter other world leaders from acquiring and using chemical weapons: extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?**

	9/6-8/13
<b>Extremely/Very likely</b>	<b>20</b>
Extremely likely	10
Very likely	11
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Not too/Not at all likely</b>	<b>43</b>
Not too likely	20
Not at all likely	23
Don't know [VOL]	5
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,007

**PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or none of these?**

	9/6-8/13
Democrat	30
Independent	24
Republican	18
None of these	24
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1
No answer	2

*Based on:**N=1,007*

**PID1/ Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or none of these?**  
**PIDi. [IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," ASK:] Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?**

	9/6-8/13
<b>Total Democrat</b>	<b>45</b>
Democrat	30
Independent – lean Democratic	11
None – lean Democratic	4
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>34</b>
Republican	18
Independent – lean Republican	10
None – lean Republican	6
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	2
[VOL] None – don't lean	6
[VOL] Independent – lean other	3
[VOL] None – lean other	5
Don't know	1
Refused	2
No Answer	2

*Based on:**N=1,007*

**D1. Do you own or rent your home?**

	9/6-8/13
Own	63
Rent	33
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>

**D2. Are you...?**

	9/6-8/13
Single, never married	28
Married, Or	47
Separated, widowed, or divorced	23
Refused [VOL]	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>

**D3. Are you, yourself, currently employed...**

	9/6-8/13
Full-Time	40
Part-Time	12
Not Employed	47
Refused [VOL]	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>

**D4. Presence of Children under 18**

	9/6-8/13
Yes	32
No	68
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>

**D5. What is your age?**

	9/6-8/13
18-20	7
21-24	6
25-29	8
30-34	10
35-39	8
40-44	9
45-49	6
50-54	9
55-59	9
60-64	9
65-69	5
70-74	5
75 And Over	7
Refused [VOL]	2

*Based on:**N=1,007***D6. What is the last grade of school you completed?**

	9/6-8/13
Less than high school graduate	9
High school graduate	31
Some college/2 year Associate's Degree	29
Graduated college (4 year)	18
Post graduate school	10
Trade/Technical (Other)	2
Refused [VOL]	2

*Based on:**N=1,007*

**D7. We try to classify people into broad income groups. To do this, would you please tell me which of the following categories most closely represents your annual household income?**

	9/6-8/13
Under \$15,000	13
\$15,000-less than \$20,000	8
\$20,000-less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000-less than \$30,000	9
\$30,000-less than \$40,000	8
\$40,000-less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000-less than \$75,000	12
\$75,000-less than \$100,000	8
\$100,000-less than \$125,000	5
\$125,000-less than \$150,000	2
\$150,000 and over	5
Refused [VOL]	14

*Based on:*

*N=1,007*

**D8a. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?**

**D8b. Which of the following best describes your race? Are you...**

	9/6-8/13
White or Caucasian	65
Black or African American	12
Asian or Pacific Islander	3
Hispanic	11
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3
Other [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	4

*Based on:*

*N=1,007*

**Respondent's Gender:**

Male	48
Female	52

*Based on:*

*N=1,007*

**CENSUS REGION:**

Northeast	18
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23

*Based on:**N=1,007*



## **Methodology**

About this study: The RDD telephone survey was conducted September 6-8, 2013 by GfK's Public Affairs & Corporate Communications division, among a nationally-representative sample of 1,007 adults age 18 or older. Interviews were conducted with 705 respondents on landlines and 302 respondents on cellular telephones. The data were weighted on age, sex, education, race and geographic region. The margin of error on results based on the full sample is plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.