

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: Exclusive *Point Taken*-Marist Poll of 572 National Adults

This survey of 572 adults was conducted April 14th 2016 by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with WGBH's *Point Taken*. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Respondents in the household were randomly selected by first asking for the youngest male. This landline sample was combined with respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. Assistance was provided by Luce Research for data collection. After the interviews were completed, the two samples were combined and balanced to reflect the 2013 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Each percentage point represents 3.2 million people including children or 2.4 million adults 18 years of age and older. Results are statistically significant within ± 4.1 percentage points. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

		National Adults
		Col %
National Adults		100%
National Registered Voters		83%
Party Identification	Democrat	34%
	Republican	29%
	Independent	36%
	Other	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal	7%
	Liberal	18%
	Moderate	36%
	Conservative	28%
	Very conservative	10%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%
Age	Under 45	47%
	45 or older	53%
Age	18 to 29	22%
	30 to 44	25%
	45 to 59	26%
	60 or older	26%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	31%
	Gen X (35-50)	25%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	30%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	14%
Race	White	62%
	African American	11%
	Latino	14%
	Other	12%
Region	Northeast	18%
	Midwest	22%
	South	37%
	West	23%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%
	\$50,000 or more	52%
Education	Not college graduate	62%
	College graduate	38%
Parents		28%
Interview Type	Landline	39%
	Cell phone	61%

Exclusive Point Taken-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted April 14th, 2016, n=572 MOE +/- 4.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Exclusive *Point Taken* -Marist Poll

Table of contents

Banner 1: Gender, Race, Age, Education, Income

<u>Table CM160414PT</u>	<u>Do you think the United States should take in more or fewer refugees than it does now?</u>
<u>Table C1160414PT</u>	<u>Do you think the United States is not legally, but morally required to take in refugees?</u>
<u>Table C2160414PT</u>	<u>What is your attitude toward allowing Syrian refugees to come into the United States: (1) We should encourage them to come, even if we have to raise immigration quotas, (2) We should allow them to come, but not raise immigration quotas, or (3) With conditions as they are here, we should try to keep them out?</u>
<u>Table C3160414PT</u>	<u>If you were a member of the incoming Congress would you vote yes or no on a bill to open the doors of the United States to more than the ten thousand Syrian refugees that are now being admitted?</u>
<u>Table C4160414PT</u>	<u>Which comes closer to your opinion: Syrian refugees should be banned from entering the United States at least temporarily or The United States should continue its current policy for Syrian refugees?</u>
<u>Table C5160414PT</u>	<u>Do you think refugees are a significant threat or not a significant threat to the United States?</u>
<u>Table C6160414PT</u>	<u>Do you think that threat is: Terrorism, Economic, or Cultural?</u>

Exclusive *Point Taken*-Marist Poll
 April 2016

Do you think the United States should take in more or fewer refugees than it does now?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Income		
	National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
More	35%	34%	36%	33%	38%	46%	25%	29%	44%	37%	34%
Fewer	53%	56%	50%	56%	49%	41%	63%	57%	46%	49%	57%
Unsure	12%	10%	14%	11%	13%	12%	12%	14%	10%	14%	9%

Comparison Groups: BC/DE/FG/HI/JK

T-Test for Means, Z-Test for Percentages

Uppercase letters indicate significance at the 95% level.

Lowercase letters indicate significance at the 90% level.

[Table C1160414PT](#)

Exclusive *Point Taken*-Marist Poll
 April 2016

Do you think the United States is not legally, but morally required to take in refugees?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Income		
National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more	
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Yes	50%	43%	58%	52%	47%	54%	47%	44%	62%	48%	57%
No	42%	50%	34%	39%	47%	39%	44%	48%	31%	42%	37%
Unsure	8%	8%	8%	9%	6%	6%	9%	8%	7%	9%	5%

Comparison Groups: BC/DE/FG/HI/JK

T-Test for Means, Z-Test for Percentages

Uppercase letters indicate significance at the 95% level.

Lowercase letters indicate significance at the 90% level.

[Table C2160414PT](#)

Exclusive *Point Taken*-Marist Poll
April 2016

What is your attitude toward allowing Syrian refugees to come into the United States: (1) We should encourage them to come, even if we have to raise immigration quotas, (2) We should allow them to come, but not raise immigration quotas, or (3) With conditions as they are here, we should try to keep them out?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Income		
National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more	
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
We should encourage them to come, even if we have to raise immigration quotas	25%	22%	28%	22%	31% D	32% G	19%	19%	35% H	26%	26%
We should allow them to come, but not raise immigration quotas	28%	27%	29%	26%	30%	31%	25%	24%	34% H	28%	29%
With conditions as they are here, we should try to keep them out	35%	41% C	29%	39% E	28%	26%	43% F	41% I	23%	32%	35%
Unsure	12%	10%	14%	13%	11%	11%	13%	15% I	7%	14% k	9%

Comparison Groups: BC/DE/FG/HI/JK

T-Test for Means, Z-Test for Percentages

Uppercase letters indicate significance at the 95% level.

Lowercase letters indicate significance at the 90% level.

[Table C3160414PT](#)

Exclusive *Point Taken*-Marist Poll
 April 2016

If you were a member of the incoming Congress would you vote yes or no on a bill to open the doors of the United States to more than the ten thousand Syrian refugees that are now being admitted?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Income	
National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Yes	33%	40%	30%	40%	43%	24%	27%	43%	36%	34%
No	60%	53%	62%	56%	53%	66%	66%	50%	58%	60%
Unsure	7%	8%	8%	4%	4%	9%	6%	7%	6%	6%

Comparison Groups: BC/DE/FG/HI/JK

T-Test for Means, Z-Test for Percentages

Uppercase letters indicate significance at the 95% level.

Lowercase letters indicate significance at the 90% level.

[Table C4160414PT](#)

Exclusive *Point Taken*-Marist Poll
 April 2016

Which comes closer to your opinion: Syrian refugees should be banned from entering the United States at least temporarily or The United States should continue its current policy for Syrian refugees?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Income		
	National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Syrian refugees should be banned from entering the United States at least temporarily	43%	49% C	36%	43%	41%	34%	51% F	48% I	34%	38%	46%
The United States should continue its current policy for Syrian refugees	49%	42%	56% B	48%	52%	60% G	39%	44%	58% H	52%	50%
Unsure	8%	9%	8%	9%	7%	6%	10%	8%	8%	9% k	4%

Comparison Groups: BC/DE/FG/HI/JK

T-Test for Means, Z-Test for Percentages

Uppercase letters indicate significance at the 95% level.

Lowercase letters indicate significance at the 90% level.

[Table C5160414PT](#)

Exclusive *Point Taken*-Marist Poll
 April 2016

Do you think refugees are a significant threat or not a significant threat to the United States?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Income		
	National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A significant threat	40%	46%	34%	41%	39%	32%	46%	48%	25%	38%	38%
Not a significant threat	51%	45%	57%	49%	54%	60%	43%	42%	67%	53%	54%
Unsure	9%	9%	9%	10%	7%	8%	10%	9%	8%	9%	8%

Comparison Groups: BC/DE/FG/HI/JK

T-Test for Means, Z-Test for Percentages

Uppercase letters indicate significance at the 95% level.

Lowercase letters indicate significance at the 90% level.

Exclusive *Point Taken*-Marist Poll
April 2016

Do you think that threat is: Terrorism, Economic, or Cultural?

Asked of those who think refugees are a threat to the US	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Income		
	National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Terrorism	67%	69%	63%	70%	62%	58%	73%	66%	*	56%	74%
Economic	19%	13%	26%	17%	22%	22%	17%	20%	*	32%	10%
Cultural	11%	15%	6%	8%	14%	19%	5%	11%	*	9%	13%
Unsure	4%	3%	5%	5%	2%	1%	5%	4%	*	3%	2%

Comparison Groups: BC/DE/FG/HI/JK

T-Test for Means, Z-Test for Percentages

Uppercase letters indicate significance at the 95% level.

Lowercase letters indicate significance at the 90% level.

* Sample size too small for analysis