## Nature of the Sample: Exclusive Point Taken-Marist Poll of 507 National Adults

This survey of 507 adults was conducted May $12^{\text {th }}$ through May $14^{\text {th }}, 2016$ 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. 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 $\pm 4.4$ percentage points. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

 May 14th, 2016, $\mathrm{n}=507 \mathrm{MOE}+/-4.4$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.
'Banners' are a simple way to display tabular data. The following provides an explanation of how to read the banners.

1. Thinking of the entire table as a grid of cells, each cell contains a number. This number gives the percentage of respondents in a column in each cell.
2. Columns read vertically down the page.
3. The table headings present the people, or subgroup, each column represents. They are each noted with a letter.
4. The remaining rows present the column percentages for each valid response category to a question.
5. The banners include notations for statistical significance testing between columns. Each column is labeled with letters. If a letter is below a percent, it notes that this percent is statistically different from the percent of the lettered column. For example in the table below, the $57 \%$ in column H is statistically different from the $42 \%$ in column G .
6. Please note totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.
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From what you have heard or read about the United States' role in the Middle East, do you think the U.S. is doing more harm or doing more good in the region?


Comparison Groups: BCDE/GHI/JKL
T-Test for Means, Z-Test for Percentages
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* Sample size too small for analysis


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## Table A1160511PT

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When it comes to the United States' role in the Middle East, do you think the U.S. should: Increase its military presence, Keep its military presence at current levels, Decrease its military presence, or Completely withdraw its military presence from the Middle East?

|  | Gender |  | Race |  | Age |  | Education |  | Household Income |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| National Adults | Men | Women | White | Non-white | Under 45 | 45 or older | Not college graduate | College graduate | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less than } \\ & \$ 50,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 50,000 \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |
| (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | (F) | (G) | (H) | (1) | (J) | (K) |
| 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| 23\% | $\begin{array}{r} 29 \% \\ \mathrm{C} \end{array}$ | 17\% | 25\% | 20\% | 18\% | $\begin{array}{r} 29 \% \\ F \end{array}$ | 22\% | 26\% | 22\% | 27\% |
| 23\% | 23\% | 23\% | 26\% | 20\% | 26\% | 21\% | 23\% | 25\% | 21\% | 27\% |
| 24\% | 20\% | $\begin{array}{r} 28 \% \\ b \end{array}$ | 25\% | 25\% | 29\% | 21\% | 24\% | 25\% | 24\% | 26\% |
| 15\% | 13\% | 16\% | 14\% | 17\% | 14\% | 16\% | 15\% | 13\% | $19 \%$ k | 11\% |
| 14\% | 14\% | 14\% | 10\% | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \% \\ \mathrm{~d} \end{array}$ | 14\% | 14\% | 16\% | 10\% | 14\% | 9\% |
|  | <-------11 | $\begin{array}{r} .354------> \\ 8 \% \end{array}$ | <------8.8. | $\begin{array}{r} 805------\gg \\ 3 \% \end{array}$ | <-------11 | $\begin{array}{r} .163-----> \\ 8 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} <-------4 . \\ 6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 022------\gg \\ 0 \% \end{array}$ | <-------10 | $\begin{array}{r} .177-----> \\ 6 \% \end{array}$ |

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If you had to choose, would you prefer the United States focus its diplomatic and military resources on: The Middle
East or Asia?

|  | Gender |  |  | Race |  | Age |  | Education |  | Household Income |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | National Adults | Men | Women | White | Non-white | Under 45 | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \text { or } \\ & \text { older } \end{aligned}$ | Not college graduate | College graduate | Less than $\$ 50,000$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 50,000 \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | (F) | (G) | (H) | (I) | (J) | (K) |
| Total Answering | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| The Middle East | 53\% | 49\% | 56\% | 55\% | 53\% | 49\% | 56\% | 46\% | 63\% | 49\% | 57\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | H |  |  |
| Asia | 24\% | 28\% | 21\% | 23\% | 27\% | 30\% | 20\% | 24\% | 24\% | 21\% | 30\% |
|  |  | c |  |  |  | g |  |  |  |  | j |
| Unsure | 23\% | 23\% | 23\% | 22\% | 20\% | 21\% | 24\% | 30\% | 13\% | 30\% | 12\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | K |  |
| Chi-Square |  | <------4. | 395-------> | <------1. | 255-------> | <------6. | 319------> | <-------20 | .649------> | <------20 | .108------> |
| Significance |  | 8 | 9\% | 4 | 7\% | 9 | 6\% | 1 | 00\% | 1 | 00\% |

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Regardless of whether or not you think the U.S. should have a military role in the Middle East, which one of the following do you think is the best reason for staying involved in the region: The United States' commitment to Israel, The importance of the Middle East as a source of oil, or The need to defeat ISIS?

|  | National Adults | Gender |  | Race |  | Age |  | Education |  | Household Income |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Men | Women | White | Non-white | Under 45 | $45 \text { or }$ older | Not college graduate | College graduate | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less than } \\ & \$ 50,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 50,000 \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | (F) | (G) | (H) | (1) | (J) | (K) |
| Total Answering | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| The United States' commitment to Israel | 18\% | 18\% | 17\% | 17\% | 19\% | 15\% | 20\% | 18\% | 18\% | 20\% | 16\% |
| The importance of the Middle East as a source of oil | 9\% | 10\% | 8\% | 6\% | $\begin{array}{r} 15 \% \\ \text { D } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13 \% \\ 9 \end{array}$ | 6\% | 11\% | 6\% | 11\% | 7\% |
| The need to defeat ISIS | 64\% | 64\% | 64\% | 70\% | 55\% | 62\% | 65\% | 63\% | 67\% | 60\% | 69\% |
| Unsure | 9\% | 8\% | 11\% | 7\% | 11\% | 10\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 7\% |
| Chi-Square |  | <-------1. | 922-------> | <------15 | .467------> | <-------7. | 289------> | <------3. | 257------> | <-------4 | .06-------> |
| Significance |  | 4 | 1\% | 1 | 00\% | 9 | 4\% | 6 | 5\% | 7 | 4\% |

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