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McClatchy-Marist Poll*

**Americans Support Military Action against ISIS...
Many Support Ground Presence**

*** Complete Tables for Poll Appended ***

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

More than six in ten Americans, 62%, would like their member of Congress to vote for President Barack Obama's proposal to use military force against ISIS. On the much debated issue of deploying ground troops in the fight against the Islamic State, nearly two-thirds of Americans, 65%, think at least some ground presence is necessary. This includes 24% of residents who say a large number of ground troops should be used.

But, voters' views of the president's handling of the situation has become increasingly negative. A majority of voters, 56%, disapproves of how President Obama is handling ISIS compared with a divided electorate last fall. A majority of voters also continue to assess the job Mr. Obama is doing on foreign policy negatively.

Yet, views of Mr. Obama's approach to the economy, and his overall job performance have somewhat improved.

While the job approval ratings of congressional Democrats, 30%, and Republicans, 33%, remain low, attitudes toward Congress have gotten better. Although a majority still has a bleak outlook about the country's direction, Americans are the most optimistic they have been in nearly two years.

"Voters are more dismayed over President Obama's handling of ISIS and they want action," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion.

"Although Republicans are, overall, more hawkish on ground troops than Democrats, Tea

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Party Republicans are the most likely to want to send large numbers of troops to battle ISIS.”

Poll points:

- More than six in ten adults, 62%, **want their member of Congress to vote for President Obama’s proposal to use military force against ISIS**. 25% would like their representative to vote against it, and more than one in ten, 13%, is unsure.
- 70% of Republicans and 62% of Democrats are in favor of authorizing military force against ISIS. 59% of independents agree.
- 65% of Americans think **ground troops should be used in the fight against ISIS**. This includes 24% of residents who believe a large number of ground troops should be deployed, and 41% who support sending a limited number. More than one in four, 27%, opposes sending any ground troops, and 7% are unsure.
- Republicans, 40%, are more than twice as likely as Democrats, 17%, to support the use of a large number of ground troops in the war against the Islamic State. 23% of independents also say a large number of boots on the ground is needed.
- Only 35% of registered voters though approve of **how President Barack Obama is handling ISIS**, and a majority, 56%, disapproves. Nine percent are unsure.
- The president has lost support on the issue of ISIS. When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in October, voters divided. 48% approved of how Mr. Obama was handling ISIS, and 46% disapproved. Republicans and independents account for this change. Among Republicans, 10% approve of the president’s approach to ISIS now compared with 27% in the fall. 28% of independents, compared with 45% previously, have this view.
- When looking at **President Obama’s overall handling of foreign policy**, a majority of voters are not satisfied. Only 38% approve of how the president is doing in the realm of foreign policy while 56% disapprove. In December, 38% approved and 52% disapproved (**Trend**).

Obama’s Rating on Economy Best in Three Years... Uptick in Overall Approval Score

- While 50% of voters disapprove of **how President Obama is handling the economy**, there has been an improvement in the proportion of those who approve, 45%. Three months ago, 41% gave the president high marks on the economy, and 55% thought he fell short in this policy area. In fact, Obama has reached his highest rating on his economic management since March 2012 when 46% approved of how he approached the economy. 51%, at that time, disapproved (**Trend**).
- **President Obama’s overall job approval rating** is at 46% among registered voters. 50% disapprove. The president’s approval rating has improved from December. At that time 43% had a positive view of the president’s performance, and 52% thought it was lacking (**Trend**).
- While views of the president’s job performance have gotten slightly better, Mr. **Obama’s favorable rating** is still upside down. 52% of voters have an unfavorable opinion of the president while 45% have a favorable one. Similar proportions of

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voters had these views three months ago when 54% had a negative impression of the president, and 44% had a positive one **(Trend)**.

- Although still low, the **approval rating of congressional Republicans** has gotten better. One in three voters, 33%, approves of the job they are doing, up from 28% in December. 61% currently disapprove of their performance, down from 66% three months ago **(Trend)**. Attitudes toward Republicans in Congress have improved most among members of their own party. 60% of Republicans think well of how members of the congressional GOP are doing in office, up from 51% previously.
- 30% of voters **approve of how congressional Democrats are doing their job**, and 64% disapprove. In McClatchy-Marist's December survey, 27% approved of the performance of the Democrats in Congress, and 65% disapproved. **(Trend)**.
- Looking at the **direction of the nation**, 59% of Americans think the country is moving in the wrong direction while 36% believe it is moving in the right one. Americans are slightly more optimistic about the course of the nation than at the end of 2014. At that time, 31% had a positive view of the nation's direction while 64% had a more pessimistic one **(Trend)**. Democrats are more upbeat in their opinion. 60% of Democrats think the country is on the right track while 50% felt that way in December.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist Poll of 1,253 National Adults

This survey of 1,253 adults was conducted March 1st through March 4th, 2015 by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with the McClatchy News Service. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were 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 selected by asking for the youngest male. To increase coverage, this landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 Census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 2.8 percentage points. There are 1,036 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.0 percentage points. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

		National Adults	National Registered Voters
		Col %	Col %
National Adults		100%	
National Registered Voters		83%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	32%
	Republican	n/a	29%
	Independent	n/a	38%
	Other	n/a	1%
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	18%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	14%
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	14%
	Just Independents	n/a	11%
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	14%
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	11%
	Strong Republicans	n/a	18%
	Other	n/a	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal	n/a	5%
	Liberal	n/a	20%
	Moderate	n/a	34%
	Conservative	n/a	30%
	Very conservative	n/a	11%
Tea Party Supporters		n/a	23%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	n/a	38%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	n/a	62%
Gender	Men	49%	47%
	Women	51%	53%
Age	Under 45	46%	40%
	45 or older	54%	60%
Age	18 to 29	23%	19%
	30 to 44	23%	21%
	45 to 59	26%	28%
	60 or older	28%	32%
Race	White	67%	70%
	African American	11%	11%
	Latino	14%	14%
	Other	7%	6%
Region	Northeast	18%	18%
	Midwest	22%	22%
	South	37%	38%
	West	23%	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	48%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	52%
Education	Not college graduate	59%	57%
	College graduate	41%	43%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	53%
	Cell phone	50%	47%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 1st through March 4th, 2015, n=1253 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points. National Registered Voters: n=1036 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		46%	50%	4%
Party Identification	Democrat	83%	14%	3%
	Republican	8%	90%	2%
	Independent	44%	51%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	91%	7%	1%
	Soft Democrats	71%	24%	6%
	Just Independents	44%	49%	7%
	Soft Republicans	15%	81%	3%
	Strong Republicans	5%	94%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		15%	82%	2%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	4%	93%	3%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	15%	83%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	74%	23%	4%
	Moderate	52%	41%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	21%	78%	2%
Region	Northeast	41%	54%	5%
	Midwest	45%	51%	4%
	South	45%	52%	3%
	West	52%	45%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	47%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	56%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	51%	4%
	College graduate	45%	51%	3%
Race	White	35%	61%	4%
	African American	94%	3%	3%
	Latino	65%	33%	3%
Age	18 to 29	62%	34%	5%
	30 to 44	43%	53%	4%
	45 to 59	41%	55%	4%
	60 or older	42%	54%	4%
Age	Under 45	52%	44%	4%
	45 or older	42%	54%	4%
Gender	Men	43%	54%	4%
	Women	48%	48%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	41%	55%	4%
	Cell phone	51%	45%	4%

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October 2014	46%	51%	3%
August 2014	40%	52%	8%
July 2014	40%	49%	11%
April 2014	45%	52%	3%
February 2014	42%	52%	5%
December 2013	43%	53%	4%
September 2013	44%	47%	9%
July 2013	41%	48%	11%
April 2013	50%	46%	4%
March 2013	45%	48%	7%
December 2012	50%	44%	6%
November 2012	50%	46%	4%
July 2012	47%	47%	6%
March 2012	48%	47%	5%
November 2011	43%	50%	7%
September 2011	39%	52%	9%
August 2011	44%	46%	10%
June 2011	45%	47%	8%
April 2011	44%	49%	6%
January 2011	48%	43%	9%
December 2010	42%	50%	8%
November 23, 2010	45%	48%	7%
October 28, 2010	48%	43%	9%
October 8, 2010	43%	50%	7%
September 22, 2010	45%	50%	5%
June 30, 2010	44%	45%	11%
March 31, 2010	46%	43%	11%
February 8, 2010	44%	47%	9%
December 8, 2009	46%	44%	10%
October 14, 2009	53%	41%	6%
August 12, 2009	55%	35%	10%
June 8, 2009	56%	32%	12%
April 27, 2009	55%	31%	14%
April 8, 2009	56%	30%	14%
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		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		33%	61%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	12%	84%	4%
	Republican	60%	35%	5%
	Independent	28%	65%	7%
Tea Party Supporters		49%	47%	4%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	59%	36%	5%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	53%	43%	5%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	13%	84%	3%
	Moderate	28%	63%	10%
	Conservative-Very conservative	48%	50%	2%
Region	Northeast	35%	63%	2%
	Midwest	29%	66%	5%
	South	32%	63%	5%
	West	36%	53%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	37%	55%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	33%	63%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	36%	57%	8%
	College graduate	29%	68%	3%
Race	White	33%	62%	5%
	Non-white	33%	61%	6%
Age	18 to 29	29%	62%	9%
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	Women	38%	57%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	32%	63%	5%
	Cell phone	34%	60%	6%

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October 2014	24%	71%	5%
August 2014	22%	68%	10%
April 2014	26%	69%	5%
February 2014	22%	72%	6%
December 2013	22%	74%	4%
July 2013	22%	66%	12%
April 2013	24%	71%	6%
March 2013	26%	68%	7%
December 2012	26%	67%	7%
March 2012	31%	62%	8%
November 2011	23%	70%	7%
September 2011	26%	67%	8%
August 2011	27%	62%	11%
June 2011	27%	63%	10%
April 2011	30%	63%	7%
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		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
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National Registered Voters		30%	64%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	57%	39%	4%
	Republican	5%	88%	7%
	Independent	30%	62%	7%
Tea Party Supporters		15%	78%	6%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	5%	87%	8%
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October 2014	33%	61%	6%
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April 2014	32%	63%	5%
February 2014	33%	60%	7%
December 2013	33%	64%	3%
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April 2011	46%	48%	6%
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	Strong Republicans	7%	92%	0%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	83%	0%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	7%	93%	0%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	15%	83%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	75%	22%	3%
	Moderate	51%	46%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	20%	79%	1%
Region	Northeast	40%	58%	2%
	Midwest	45%	52%	3%
	South	45%	53%	2%
	West	50%	47%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	46%	51%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	55%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	43%	54%	3%
	College graduate	46%	52%	2%
Race	White	36%	62%	2%
	African American	82%	17%	1%
	Latino	63%	35%	3%
Age	18 to 29	57%	40%	2%
	30 to 44	43%	54%	3%
	45 to 59	43%	56%	2%
	60 or older	42%	55%	3%
Age	Under 45	50%	48%	3%
	45 or older	42%	55%	2%
Gender	Men	44%	54%	2%
	Women	46%	51%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	41%	56%	3%
	Cell phone	50%	48%	2%

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	Registered Voters		
	Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
	Row %	Row %	Row %
March 2015	45%	52%	3%
December 2014	44%	54%	3%
October 2014	48%	49%	3%
August 2014	43%	51%	6%
April 2014	49%	49%	2%
February 2014	47%	50%	3%
January 2014	41%	48%	11%
December 2013	46%	52%	3%
July 2013	47%	46%	7%
April 2013	53%	45%	2%
March 2013	48%	48%	4%
December 2012	53%	44%	3%
July 2012	49%	46%	3%
March 2012	50%	46%	3%
November 2011	47%	49%	4%
September 2011	46%	48%	5%
August 2011	52%	41%	8%
June 2011	50%	44%	6%
April 2011	48%	48%	5%
January 2011	53%	40%	8%
November 23, 2010	47%	49%	4%
October 28, 2010	54%	41%	5%
October 8, 2010	50%	47%	3%
September 22, 2010	49%	48%	3%
June 30, 2010	50%	43%	7%
March 31, 2010	53%	41%	6%
February 8, 2010	50%	44%	6%
December 8, 2009	55%	41%	4%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

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		National Adults		
		In general, thinking about the way things are going in the country, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?		
		Right Direction	Wrong Direction	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		36%	59%	4%
National Registered Voters		33%	63%	4%
Party Identification^	Democrat	60%	35%	5%
	Republican	8%	90%	2%
	Independent	29%	67%	4%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	68%	25%	6%
	Soft Democrats	48%	48%	4%
	Just Independents	20%	71%	9%
	Soft Republicans	15%	82%	3%
	Strong Republicans	6%	94%	0%
Tea Party Supporters^		12%	86%	2%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	3%	95%	2%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	17%	82%	1%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	49%	44%	6%
	Moderate	41%	56%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	15%	82%	2%
Region	Northeast	35%	63%	2%
	Midwest	37%	58%	5%
	South	34%	61%	6%
	West	42%	55%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	38%	58%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	36%	59%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	34%	63%	4%
	College graduate	38%	57%	5%
Race	White	27%	69%	4%
	African American	60%	31%	9%
	Latino	52%	48%	1%
Age	18 to 29	46%	50%	4%
	30 to 44	41%	55%	4%
	45 to 59	32%	64%	3%
	60 or older	30%	65%	5%
Age	Under 45	43%	52%	4%
	45 or older	31%	65%	4%
Gender	Men	37%	59%	4%
	Women	36%	60%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	30%	65%	5%
	Cell phone	43%	53%	4%

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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

	National Adults		
	In general, thinking about the way things are going in the country, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
March 2015	36%	59%	4%
December 2014	31%	64%	6%
October 2014	35%	61%	4%
August 2014	28%	64%	8%
April 2014	32%	64%	3%
February 13, 2014	33%	64%	3%
February 5, 2014	30%	63%	8%
December 2013	30%	66%	4%
July 2013	30%	60%	11%
April 2013	38%	58%	4%
March 2013	35%	60%	5%
December 2012	40%	55%	5%
March 2012	43%	53%	4%
November 2011	25%	70%	4%
September 2011	22%	73%	5%
August 2011	21%	70%	10%
June 2011	32%	59%	9%
April 2011	31%	64%	5%
January 2011	41%	47%	12%
December 2010	34%	58%	8%
November 23, 2010	41%	53%	6%
October 28, 2010	38%	52%	10%
September 22, 2010	41%	56%	3%
July 6, 2010	37%	56%	7%
March 31, 2010	43%	53%	4%
February 8, 2010	38%	54%	8%
December 8, 2009	46%	46%	8%
October 14, 2009	47%	47%	6%
August 12, 2009	50%	42%	8%
June 8, 2009	50%	40%	10%
April 27, 2009	44%	44%	12%
April 15, 2009	49%	40%	11%
November 2007	23%	67%	10%
May 2007	26%	65%	9%
February 2007	29%	63%	8%
December 2006	31%	60%	9%
October 2006	33%	58%	9%
February 2006	34%	61%	5%
October 2005	31%	62%	7%
May 2005	38%	56%	6%
February 2005	47%	48%	5%
October 21, 2004	42%	55%	3%
October 07, 2004	39%	53%	8%
September 2004	38%	52%	10%
August 2004	40%	48%	12%
July 2004	37%	52%	11%
April 2004	43%	51%	6%
March 2004	43%	52%	5%
November 2003	45%	48%	7%
April 2003	55%	34%	11%
January 2003	42%	48%	10%
October 2002	45%	46%	9%
April 2002	60%	32%	8%
January 2002	60%	30%	10%
March 2001	41%	44%	15%
January 2001	56%	32%	12%

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		National Adults		
		Do you want your member of Congress to vote for or against President Obama's proposal to use U.S. military force against ISIS, the Islamic State group?		
		For	Against	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		62%	25%	13%
National Registered Voters		62%	24%	13%
Party Identification^	Democrat	62%	24%	14%
	Republican	70%	18%	12%
	Independent	59%	28%	12%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	65%	20%	15%
	Soft Democrats	57%	30%	14%
	Just Independents	58%	25%	17%
	Soft Republicans	64%	26%	11%
	Strong Republicans	75%	15%	11%
Tea Party Supporters^		69%	23%	8%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	72%	19%	10%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	66%	23%	11%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	54%	31%	15%
	Moderate	66%	21%	13%
	Conservative-Very conservative	67%	22%	11%
Region	Northeast	60%	25%	16%
	Midwest	57%	27%	16%
	South	63%	26%	10%
	West	66%	22%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	62%	28%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	64%	24%	12%
Education	Not college graduate	61%	27%	12%
	College graduate	63%	22%	15%
Race	White	62%	25%	12%
	African American	68%	18%	14%
	Latino	58%	31%	11%
Age	18 to 29	57%	32%	11%
	30 to 44	66%	22%	12%
	45 to 59	64%	25%	10%
	60 or older	61%	22%	17%
Age	Under 45	62%	27%	11%
	45 or older	63%	24%	14%
Gender	Men	68%	22%	10%
	Women	56%	28%	16%
Interview Type	Landline	60%	25%	16%
	Cell phone	64%	26%	10%

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		National Adults			
		When it comes to combating ISIS, the Islamic State group, do you support the United States:			
		Sending a large number of U.S. ground forces	Sending a limited number of U.S. ground forces	Not sending U.S. ground forces at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		24%	41%	27%	7%
National Registered Voters		26%	40%	27%	7%
Party Identification^	Democrat	17%	43%	33%	8%
	Republican	40%	40%	15%	5%
	Independent	23%	40%	31%	6%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	16%	46%	30%	8%
	Soft Democrats	16%	40%	36%	8%
	Just Independents	22%	31%	38%	8%
	Soft Republicans	31%	45%	20%	5%
	Strong Republicans	46%	37%	12%	5%
Tea Party Supporters^		47%	33%	18%	2%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	50%	34%	13%	3%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	30%	46%	19%	6%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	17%	40%	33%	10%
	Moderate	20%	46%	29%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	36%	38%	20%	6%
Region	Northeast	24%	39%	26%	11%
	Midwest	21%	46%	27%	6%
	South	28%	37%	28%	6%
	West	21%	45%	28%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	24%	40%	29%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	27%	41%	26%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	25%	40%	30%	6%
	College graduate	24%	44%	24%	8%
Race	White	26%	42%	26%	6%
	African American	19%	47%	27%	7%
	Latino	25%	36%	32%	8%
Age	18 to 29	15%	51%	28%	6%
	30 to 44	30%	39%	24%	7%
	45 to 59	28%	40%	25%	7%
	60 or older	25%	35%	32%	8%
Age	Under 45	23%	45%	26%	7%
	45 or older	26%	38%	29%	7%
Gender	Men	30%	40%	24%	6%
	Women	19%	42%	30%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	24%	39%	28%	8%
	Cell phone	25%	43%	26%	7%

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