

How the Survey was Conducted

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

This survey of 507 adults was conducted May 12th through May 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. 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 ± 4.4 percentage points. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

| | | National Adults |
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| National Adults | | 100% |
| National Registered Voters | | 86% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 37% |
| | Republican | 27% |
| | Independent | 34% |
| | Other | 1% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal | 9% |
| | Liberal | 21% |
| | Moderate | 36% |
| | Conservative | 26% |
| | Very conservative | 8% |
| Gender | Men | 49% |
| | Women | 51% |
| Age | Under 45 | 47% |
| | 45 or older | 53% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 25% |
| | 30 to 44 | 22% |
| | 45 to 59 | 26% |
| | 60 or older | 26% |
| Generation | Millennials (18-34) | 35% |
| | Gen X (35-50) | 21% |
| | Baby Boomers (51-69) | 31% |
| | Silent-Greatest (Over 69) | 13% |
| Race | White | 62% |
| | African American | 11% |
| | Latino | 15% |
| | Other | 11% |
| Region | Northeast | 18% |
| | Midwest | 22% |
| | South | 37% |
| | West | 23% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 49% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 51% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 56% |
| | College graduate | 44% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 41% |
| | Cell phone | 59% |

Exclusive Point Taken-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted May 12th through May 14th, 2016, n=507 MOE +/- 4.4 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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| | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | (F) | (G) | (H) | (I) | (J) | (K) | (L) |
| Total Answering | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Doing more harm | 49% | 56% | 42% | 52% | * | 50% | 42% | 57% | 52% | 57% | 48% | 49% |
| Doing more good | 27% | 22% ^c | 26% | 28% | * | 28% | 35% ^h | 23% | 27% | 25% | 32% | 28% |
| Unsure | 25% | 22% | 33% | 20% | * | 22% | 23% | 20% | 22% | 17% | 21% | 24% |
| Chi-Square Significance | | | 11.433 ^d | | | | 6.889 | | | 3.577 | | |
| | | | | 92% | | | 86% | | | 53% | | |

Comparison Groups: BCDE/GHI/JKL

T-Test for Means, Z-Test for Percentages

Uppercase letters indicate significance at the 95% level.

Lowercase letters indicate significance at the 90% level.

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| Total Answering | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Increase its military presence | 23% | 13% | 29% | 26% | * | 24% | 16% | 40% | 21% | 8% | 25% | 38% |
| | | | B | B | | | | GI | | | J | JK |
| Keep its military presence at current levels | 23% | 27% | 18% | 25% | * | 23% | 30% | 14% | 26% | 25% | 27% | 20% |
| | | | | | | | H | | h | | | |
| Decrease its military presence | 24% | 33% | 24% | 22% | * | 26% | 27% | 19% | 31% | 38% | 26% | 15% |
| | | d | | | | | | | h | kL | L | |
| Completely withdraw its military presence from the Middle East | 15% | 15% | 12% | 17% | * | 14% | 16% | 15% | 10% | 21% | 12% | 11% |
| | | | | | | | | | | l | | |
| Unsure | 14% | 11% | 17% | 11% | * | 12% | 11% | 12% | 13% | 8% | 10% | 15% |
| Chi-Square Significance | | | <-----35.713-----> | | | | <-----28.384-----> | | | <-----45.646-----> | | |
| | | | 1 | 00% | | | 100% | | | 100% | | |

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| Total Answering | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| The Middle East | 53% | 49% | 52% | 57% | * | 55% | 53% | 58% | 55% | 62% | 49% | 60% |
| Asia | 24% | 29% | 30% | 23% | * | 25% | 27% | 29% | 22% | 25% | 35% | 13% |
| Unsure | 23% | 22% | 18% | 20% | * | 21% | 20% | 13% | 24% | 13% | 17% | 27% |
| Chi-Square Significance | 11.635 93% | | | | | 5.536 76% | | | 23.262 100% | | | JK |

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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?

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| Total Answering | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| The United States' commitment to Israel | 18% | 17% | 17% | 19% | * | 18% | 19% | 23% | 15% | 21% | 17% | 17% |
| The importance of the Middle East as a source of oil | 9% | 12% | 16% | 4% | * | 8% | 6% | 10% | 5% | 13% | 7% | 4% |
| The need to defeat ISIS | 64% | 62% | 58% | 71% | * | 67% | 67% | 63% | 72% | 61% | 70% | 73% |
| Unsure | 9% | 10% | 9% | 5% | * | 7% | 7% | 4% | 8% | 5% | 6% | 7% |
| Chi-Square Significance | | | 1 | 6.57 | | | 6.978 | | | 9.757 | | |
| | | | | 94% | | | 68% | | | 86% | | |

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