



American Familiarity and Support of Middle East Policies

Ipsos Poll on Behalf of the Middle East Institute

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1. How familiar are you, if at all, with the following:
 - a. The conflict between Sunni and Shia Muslims

	US (n = 1,006)
Very familiar	11%
Somewhat familiar	35%
Not very familiar	24%
Heard of, but know little	18%
Never heard of before	13%
<i>Familiar (Net)</i>	<i>46%</i>
<i>Unfamiliar (Net)</i>	<i>30%</i>

- b. The Israeli – Palestinian conflict

	US (n = 1,006)
Very familiar	19%
Somewhat familiar	41%
Not very familiar	18%
Heard of, but know little	15%
Never heard of before	6%
<i>Familiar (Net)</i>	<i>60%</i>
<i>Unfamiliar (Net)</i>	<i>22%</i>

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c. The fight with ISIS in Iraq and Syria

	US (n = 1,006)
Very familiar	25%
Somewhat familiar	47%
Not very familiar	13%
Heard of, but know little	14%
Never heard of before	2%
<i>Familiar (Net)</i>	<i>72%</i>
<i>Unfamiliar (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>

d. The Syrian civil war

	US (n = 1,006)
Very familiar	14%
Somewhat familiar	40%
Not very familiar	20%
Heard of, but know little	20%
Never heard of before	6%
<i>Familiar (Net)</i>	<i>54%</i>
<i>Unfamiliar (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>

2. Do you support or oppose the following:

a. Donald Trump's position towards the Muslim world

	US (n = 1,006)
Strongly support	18%
Somewhat support	27%
Somewhat oppose	22%
Strongly oppose	33%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>55%</i>

b. America's military backing of Israel

	US (n = 1,006)
Strongly support	27%
Somewhat support	46%
Somewhat oppose	21%
Strongly oppose	6%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>73%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>27%</i>



c. The deal with Iran to limit their development of nuclear weapons

	US Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Under \$50K	\$50K+
<i>Sample Size</i>	1006	452	554	299	334	373	409	597
Strongly support	30%	34%	25%	24%	31%	33%	28%	31%
Somewhat support	45%	37%	53%	50%	47%	40%	45%	46%
Somewhat oppose	14%	13%	15%	20%	9%	14%	16%	13%
Strongly oppose	11%	15%	6%	6%	13%	13%	11%	11%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>76%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>24%</i>

	US Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	No college degree	College degree
<i>Sample Size</i>	1006	212	208	380	206	532	474
Strongly support	30%	28%	30%	29%	30%	32%	27%
Somewhat support	45%	45%	45%	44%	49%	41%	50%
Somewhat oppose	14%	17%	14%	15%	12%	17%	12%
Strongly oppose	11%	10%	10%	12%	9%	11%	11%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>78%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>22%</i>

	US Total	Employed Full Time	Employed Part Time	Not Emp.	Retired	White	Other
<i>Sample Size</i>	1006	483	85	227	211	860	146
Strongly support	30%	30%	35%	23%	34%	32%	23%
Somewhat support	45%	47%	38%	51%	40%	45%	47%
Somewhat oppose	14%	14%	18%	15%	12%	13%	18%
Strongly oppose	11%	9%	10%	11%	15%	10%	12%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>70%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>30%</i>

d. The U.S. involvement in the fight to defeat ISIS

	US (n = 1,006)
Strongly support	39%
Somewhat support	44%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	4%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>82%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>18%</i>

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3. Based on everything you know, which of the following is closer to your opinion.

	US Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Under \$50K	\$50K+
<i>Sample Size</i>	1006	452	554	299	334	373	409	597
The U.S. and allies are winning the war with ISIS	26%	32%	21%	28%	27%	25%	24%	28%
The war with ISIS is basically a draw	47%	46%	48%	49%	41%	52%	49%	46%
The U.S. and allies are losing the war with ISIS	26%	22%	30%	24%	32%	23%	27%	26%

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The war with ISIS is basically a draw	47%	42%	47%	48%	49%	47%	47%
The U.S. and allies are losing the war with ISIS	26%	32%	23%	25%	27%	24%	29%

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The war with ISIS is basically a draw	47%	44%	44%	54%	49%	48%	44%
The U.S. and allies are losing the war with ISIS	26%	28%	25%	25%	24%	26%	29%

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4. Based on everything you know, which of the following is closer to your opinion.

	US Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Under \$50K	\$50K+
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The U.S. has a responsibility to try to limit or end the conflicts in the Middle East	25%	28%	21%	24%	24%	26%	24%	25%
The U.S. should stay engaged in the Middle East, but let them resolve their own conflicts	50%	49%	52%	45%	49%	56%	47%	53%
The U.S. should get out of the Middle East	25%	23%	27%	31%	27%	18%	29%	23%

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The U.S. has a responsibility to try to limit or end the conflicts in the Middle East	25%	20%	20%	26%	29%	25%	24%
The U.S. should stay engaged in the Middle East, but let them resolve their own conflicts	50%	57%	52%	45%	53%	50%	51%
The U.S. should get out of the Middle East	25%	23%	28%	29%	17%	25%	25%

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The U.S. should stay engaged in the Middle East, but let them resolve their own conflicts	50%	49%	40%	50%	58%	54%	41%
The U.S. should get out of the Middle East	25%	27%	33%	30%	11%	25%	26%

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5. Do you agree or disagree with the following.

a. Respecting the Muslim-American community in the U.S. is vital to prevent future terror attacks

	US (n = 1,006)
Strongly agree	31%
Somewhat agree	37%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don't know	8%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	68%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	24%

b. Countries of the Muslim world are allies in the fight against terrorism

	US (n = 1,006)
Strongly agree	17%
Somewhat agree	42%
Somewhat disagree	20%
Strongly disagree	12%
Don't know	10%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	58%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	32%

c. The United States should open diplomatic channels with Iran

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Somewhat agree	39%	38%	40%	41%	36%	41%	40%	39%
Somewhat disagree	22%	21%	23%	19%	22%	24%	22%	22%
Strongly disagree	10%	12%	9%	7%	11%	13%	10%	10%
Don't know	14%	7%	20%	16%	15%	11%	18%	11%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	54%	60%	48%	59%	52%	52%	50%	56%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	32%	33%	32%	25%	33%	37%	32%	32%

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Somewhat disagree	22%	23%	23%	25%	15%	24%	20%
Strongly disagree	10%	13%	10%	9%	11%	12%	9%
Don't know	14%	14%	17%	16%	7%	16%	12%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	54%	50%	49%	50%	67%	49%	59%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	32%	35%	33%	34%	26%	36%	29%

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Somewhat disagree	22%	21%	23%	23%	22%	22%	20%
Strongly disagree	10%	8%	10%	11%	16%	10%	10%
Don't know	14%	13%	13%	17%	12%	13%	18%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	54%	58%	54%	49%	51%	55%	52%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	32%	29%	33%	34%	37%	33%	30%

d. The United States should accept more refugees from conflicts in the Middle East

	US (n = 1,006)
Strongly agree	14%
Somewhat agree	30%
Somewhat disagree	21%
Strongly disagree	28%
Don't know	8%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	43%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	48%

e. The United States should push Israel to make concessions to the Palestinians for peace

	US (n = 1,006)
Strongly agree	17%
Somewhat agree	38%
Somewhat disagree	18%
Strongly disagree	14%
Don't know	14%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	54%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	32%

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About the Study

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of the Middle East Institute. For the US survey, a sample of roughly 1,006 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii was interviewed online in English on June 21-22, 2017.

The sample for the US study was randomly drawn from Ipsos's online panel (see link below for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see link below for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2013 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Post-hoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

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