

1. Following news

How closely are you following news about the group known as the Islamic State, ISIS or ISIL that has been operating in Syria and Iraq?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very closely	27%	37%	18%	14%	20%	32%	46%	21%	30%	34%
Somewhat closely	41%	45%	38%	43%	40%	40%	43%	44%	39%	42%
Not very closely	19%	12%	24%	26%	23%	17%	6%	22%	17%	17%
Not closely at all	13%	6%	19%	17%	17%	11%	5%	13%	15%	8%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (485)	100% (513)	100% (178)	100% (277)	100% (380)	100% (163)	100% (339)	100% (436)	100% (223)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very closely	27%	30%	25%	15%	21%	26%	39%	29%	23%	30%	27%
Somewhat closely	41%	42%	39%	36%	39%	43%	46%	39%	48%	38%	41%
Not very closely	19%	15%	20%	34%	21%	23%	9%	20%	17%	21%	16%
Not closely at all	13%	12%	16%	14%	19%	8%	5%	12%	12%	11%	17%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (756)	100% (115)	100% (127)	100% (380)	100% (268)	100% (194)	100% (199)	100% (224)	100% (358)	100% (217)

	Following news				
	Total	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Very closely	27%	100%	—	—	—
Somewhat closely	41%	—	100%	—	—
Not very closely	19%	—	—	100%	—
Not closely at all	13%	—	—	—	100%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (311)	100% (414)	100% (163)	100% (110)

	Primary news source											
	Total	Local TV News	National TV News	Cable news	Newspapers	Radio	Magazines	The internet	Social Media	None	Other	Not sure
Very closely	27%	12%	23%	46%	21%	36%	19%	31%	15%	—	18%	6%
Somewhat closely	41%	48%	52%	38%	52%	52%	17%	48%	40%	4%	6%	5%
Not very closely	19%	25%	15%	11%	27%	11%	64%	16%	41%	22%	52%	26%
Not closely at all	13%	15%	10%	5%	—	—	—	5%	4%	74%	24%	63%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(156)	(106)	(251)	(40)	(63)	(7)	(247)	(27)	(31)	(17)	(53)

2. Support for air strikes in Syria

Would you support or oppose the United States conducting air strikes against Islamic State militants in Syria?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly support	37%	45%	30%	21%	32%	40%	59%	30%	37%	48%
Somewhat support	29%	27%	30%	28%	31%	28%	27%	32%	24%	32%
Somewhat oppose	8%	7%	9%	14%	5%	10%	1%	12%	7%	3%
Strongly oppose	7%	8%	6%	11%	6%	7%	4%	9%	7%	3%
Not sure	19%	13%	25%	26%	27%	15%	9%	17%	24%	13%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (484)	100% (513)	100% (178)	100% (277)	100% (379)	100% (163)	100% (340)	100% (433)	100% (224)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	37%	40%	35%	20%	32%	39%	45%	42%	34%	37%	37%
Somewhat support	29%	27%	22%	44%	28%	36%	30%	25%	33%	27%	31%
Somewhat oppose	8%	8%	6%	9%	9%	6%	12%	8%	9%	8%	6%
Strongly oppose	7%	8%	7%	3%	7%	5%	6%	6%	4%	8%	9%
Not sure	19%	17%	30%	24%	24%	13%	7%	20%	20%	20%	17%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (756)	100% (115)	100% (126)	100% (379)	100% (269)	100% (193)	100% (199)	100% (223)	100% (357)	100% (218)

	Following news				
	Total	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Strongly support	37%	68%	37%	8%	10%
Somewhat support	29%	16%	35%	42%	16%
Somewhat oppose	8%	4%	10%	12%	3%
Strongly oppose	7%	8%	5%	5%	12%
Not sure	19%	3%	12%	33%	59%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (311)	100% (413)	100% (161)	100% (110)

	Primary news source											
	Total	Local TV News	National TV News	Cable news	Newspapers	Radio	Magazines	The internet	Social Media	None	Other	Not sure
Strongly support	37%	31%	32%	58%	19%	46%	26%	38%	24%	4%	26%	4%
Somewhat support	29%	34%	34%	20%	43%	26%	27%	36%	36%	19%	45%	6%
Somewhat oppose	8%	10%	9%	6%	15%	14%	17%	7%	16%	5%	7%	2%
Strongly oppose	7%	3%	9%	2%	16%	6%	30%	11%	13%	17%	7%	3%
Not sure	19%	23%	16%	14%	8%	8%	—	8%	11%	55%	15%	84%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(997)	(155)	(106)	(251)	(40)	(64)	(7)	(246)	(27)	(31)	(17)	(53)

3. Support for ground troops

Would you support or oppose the United States sending ground troops to fight Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly support	13%	15%	11%	9%	11%	15%	16%	8%	13%	18%
Somewhat support	25%	25%	24%	25%	26%	26%	20%	21%	21%	38%
Somewhat oppose	18%	17%	20%	16%	16%	18%	27%	24%	16%	14%
Strongly oppose	25%	29%	21%	24%	20%	27%	26%	32%	25%	11%
Not sure	20%	15%	24%	26%	27%	14%	11%	14%	24%	18%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (483)	100% (512)	100% (178)	100% (277)	100% (378)	100% (162)	100% (338)	100% (433)	100% (224)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	13%	13%	12%	10%	13%	13%	15%	11%	12%	15%	11%
Somewhat support	25%	25%	19%	28%	25%	28%	24%	20%	28%	23%	28%
Somewhat oppose	18%	17%	22%	25%	17%	22%	20%	18%	21%	18%	16%
Strongly oppose	25%	27%	21%	18%	22%	20%	30%	29%	19%	25%	26%
Not sure	20%	19%	27%	19%	22%	16%	10%	21%	21%	19%	19%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (753)	100% (115)	100% (127)	100% (378)	100% (268)	100% (193)	100% (199)	100% (222)	100% (357)	100% (217)

	Following news				
	Total	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Strongly support	13%	27%	9%	2%	7%
Somewhat support	25%	23%	27%	28%	14%
Somewhat oppose	18%	14%	23%	22%	8%
Strongly oppose	25%	29%	25%	22%	19%
Not sure	20%	7%	15%	26%	53%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (308)	100% (413)	100% (162)	100% (110)

	Primary news source											
	Total	Local TV News	National TV News	Cable news	Newspapers	Radio	Magazines	The internet	Social Media	None	Other	Not sure
Strongly support	13%	9%	8%	16%	7%	20%	38%	16%	11%	4%	5%	3%
Somewhat support	25%	32%	27%	29%	21%	30%	27%	23%	20%	11%	16%	2%
Somewhat oppose	18%	22%	19%	18%	27%	24%	18%	18%	4%	17%	14%	9%
Strongly oppose	25%	22%	33%	18%	36%	19%	17%	32%	50%	13%	20%	4%
Not sure	20%	15%	13%	19%	9%	6%	—	10%	15%	54%	45%	83%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(995)	(156)	(105)	(249)	(40)	(64)	(7)	(247)	(26)	(31)	(17)	(53)

4. Primary news source

Where have you been getting most of your news about the group known as the Islamic State, ISIS or ISIL that has been operating in Syria and Iraq?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Local television news	17%	13%	21%	11%	20%	20%	14%	23%	14%	15%
A nightly news show on broadcast television	10%	7%	13%	7%	9%	12%	11%	11%	9%	11%
Cable news	25%	29%	21%	14%	18%	28%	43%	22%	25%	30%
Newspapers	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	4%	5%	2%	4%
Radio	5%	7%	2%	4%	5%	6%	3%	5%	4%	6%
Magazines	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	—
The internet	25%	31%	20%	34%	26%	22%	20%	20%	30%	26%
Social media like										
Facebook and Twitter	3%	2%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%
None of these	3%	1%	5%	6%	5%	1%	0%	3%	4%	2%
Other	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Not sure	6%	5%	8%	11%	9%	4%	2%	7%	7%	4%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (485)	100% (515)	100% (179)	100% (278)	100% (380)	100% (163)	100% (340)	100% (436)	100% (224)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Local television news	17%	15%	17%	25%	25%	17%	9%	19%	16%	17%	15%
A nightly news show on broadcast television	10%	10%	10%	9%	11%	11%	8%	9%	12%	7%	13%
Cable news	25%	24%	37%	19%	23%	26%	26%	24%	28%	26%	20%
Newspapers	4%	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	3%
Radio	5%	6%	2%	2%	4%	7%	4%	6%	6%	4%	3%
Magazines	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	—	0%	0%	1%
The internet	25%	27%	13%	28%	17%	25%	42%	25%	21%	26%	29%
Social media like											
Facebook and Twitter	3%	2%	1%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	2%	4%	3%
None of these	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%	5%	2%
Other	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Not sure	6%	6%	10%	5%	7%	1%	2%	8%	5%	5%	9%

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	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (758)	100% (115)	100% (127)	100% (381)	100% (269)	100% (194)	100% (200)	100% (224)	100% (358)	100% (218)

	Following news				
	Total	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Local television news	17%	7%	20%	23%	20%
A nightly news show on broadcast television	10%	8%	13%	8%	8%
Cable news	25%	42%	23%	15%	9%
Newspapers	4%	3%	5%	5%	—
Radio	5%	6%	6%	3%	—
Magazines	0%	0%	0%	2%	—
The internet	25%	29%	30%	22%	10%
Social media like Facebook and Twitter	3%	1%	3%	6%	1%
None of these	3%	—	0%	4%	19%
Other	1%	1%	0%	4%	3%
Not sure	6%	1%	1%	9%	31%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (311)	100% (414)	100% (163)	100% (110)

	Primary news source											
	Total	Local TV News	National TV News	Cable news	Newspapers	Radio	Magazines	The internet	Social Media	None	Other	Not sure
Local television news	17%	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A nightly news show on broadcast television	10%	—	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cable news	25%	—	—	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Newspapers	4%	—	—	—	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Radio	5%	—	—	—	—	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Magazines	0%	—	—	—	—	—	100%	—	—	—	—	—
The internet	25%	—	—	—	—	—	—	100%	—	—	—	—
Social media like Facebook and Twitter	3%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100%	—	—	—
None of these	3%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100%	—	—
Other	1%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100%	—
Not sure	6%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (156)	100% (106)	100% (252)	100% (40)	100% (64)	100% (7)	100% (247)	100% (27)	100% (31)	100% (17)	100% (53)

5. Most trusted news source

Which of the following do you trust most for news about the group known as the Islamic State, ISIS or ISIL that has been operating in Syria and Iraq?

	Total	Gender		Age				Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Local television news	14%	11%	16%	12%	16%	15%	12%	21%	10%	11%
A nightly news show on broadcast television	11%	9%	12%	8%	10%	12%	13%	13%	9%	12%
Cable news	21%	20%	23%	12%	15%	24%	37%	17%	20%	31%
Newspapers	6%	7%	4%	7%	7%	4%	5%	7%	3%	8%
Radio	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	5%	1%	3%	3%	4%
Magazines	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
The internet	20%	25%	16%	26%	19%	20%	18%	19%	24%	16%
Social media like										
Facebook and Twitter	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
None of these	9%	8%	9%	9%	10%	9%	6%	6%	13%	5%
Other	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Not sure	13%	11%	15%	19%	16%	11%	6%	11%	15%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(986)	(481)	(505)	(175)	(276)	(373)	(162)	(335)	(429)	(222)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Local television news	14%	12%	16%	24%	19%	15%	5%	12%	15%	13%	16%
A nightly news show on broadcast television	11%	11%	17%	6%	14%	10%	8%	7%	10%	13%	12%
Cable news	21%	22%	22%	16%	18%	29%	21%	23%	20%	23%	19%
Newspapers	6%	6%	4%	7%	5%	6%	7%	6%	5%	6%	5%
Radio	3%	4%	2%	1%	2%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Magazines	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	—
The internet	20%	22%	10%	20%	13%	20%	34%	21%	17%	21%	23%
Social media like											
Facebook and Twitter	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
None of these	9%	9%	13%	7%	11%	5%	12%	7%	14%	7%	9%
Other	1%	2%	—	2%	2%	1%	—	1%	3%	1%	1%
Not sure	13%	13%	14%	15%	15%	8%	7%	18%	12%	12%	12%

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	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (986)	100% (750)	100% (114)	100% (122)	100% (376)	100% (265)	100% (191)	100% (197)	100% (221)	100% (353)	100% (215)

	Following news				
	Total	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Local television news	14%	7%	14%	22%	17%
A nightly news show on broadcast television	11%	9%	15%	7%	8%
Cable news	21%	37%	19%	10%	11%
Newspapers	6%	5%	8%	6%	1%
Radio	3%	4%	4%	2%	—
Magazines	0%	—	1%	1%	—
The internet	20%	25%	21%	20%	10%
Social media like Facebook and Twitter	1%	2%	1%	1%	—
None of these	9%	4%	8%	13%	16%
Other	1%	3%	2%	0%	—
Not sure	13%	4%	10%	18%	37%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (986)	100% (309)	100% (407)	100% (162)	100% (107)

	Primary news source											
	Total	Local TV News	National TV News	Cable news	Newspapers	Radio	Magazines	The internet	Social Media	None	Other	Not sure
Local television news	14%	64%	1%	5%	—	—	30%	5%	5%	4%	—	1%
A nightly news show on broadcast television	11%	9%	56%	4%	2%	8%	24%	3%	6%	16%	10%	3%
Cable news	21%	9%	7%	68%	—	6%	10%	5%	9%	8%	8%	—
Newspapers	6%	3%	2%	3%	75%	8%	18%	2%	—	10%	—	—
Radio	3%	—	—	1%	—	58%	—	1%	—	—	—	3%
Magazines	0%	0%	1%	0%	—	—	18%	0%	3%	—	—	—
The internet	20%	2%	7%	4%	5%	10%	—	65%	36%	1%	6%	—
Social media like Facebook and Twitter	1%	—	0%	1%	3%	—	—	0%	20%	—	—	—
None of these	9%	3%	9%	8%	13%	7%	—	8%	10%	42%	38%	5%
Other	1%	—	2%	1%	—	—	—	2%	5%	—	20%	—
Not sure	13%	9%	15%	5%	3%	3%	—	8%	6%	18%	18%	89%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (986)	100% (154)	100% (105)	100% (246)	100% (40)	100% (63)	100% (7)	100% (245)	100% (27)	100% (31)	100% (17)	100% (51)

6. News media role

Do you think the news media has overplaying or underplaying the threat posed by Islamic State militants?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Overplaying threat	12%	18%	7%	14%	12%	11%	11%	16%	13%	4%
Coverage of the threat has been about right	37%	37%	36%	27%	35%	39%	44%	48%	30%	33%
Underplaying the threat	23%	24%	22%	16%	20%	24%	35%	9%	27%	38%
Not sure	28%	22%	35%	43%	33%	26%	10%	28%	31%	24%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (485)	100% (513)	100% (178)	100% (277)	100% (380)	100% (163)	100% (339)	100% (435)	100% (224)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Overplaying threat	12%	14%	6%	9%	12%	10%	16%	8%	11%	14%	13%
Coverage of the threat has been about right	37%	34%	48%	41%	40%	39%	35%	39%	36%	39%	31%
Underplaying the threat	23%	25%	14%	18%	18%	27%	29%	24%	27%	21%	21%
Not sure	28%	27%	32%	33%	31%	24%	20%	28%	26%	26%	35%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (757)	100% (115)	100% (126)	100% (380)	100% (268)	100% (194)	100% (199)	100% (224)	100% (357)	100% (218)

	Following news				
	Total	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Overplaying threat	12%	16%	11%	12%	8%
Coverage of the threat has been about right	37%	39%	42%	35%	16%
Underplaying the threat	23%	39%	24%	9%	5%
Not sure	28%	6%	24%	43%	70%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (311)	100% (414)	100% (162)	100% (109)

	Primary news source											
	Total	Local TV News	National TV News	Cable news	Newspapers	Radio	Magazines	The internet	Social Media	None	Other	Not sure
Overplaying threat Coverage of the threat has been about right	12%	8%	15%	8%	15%	20%	39%	17%	21%	2%	19%	6%
Underplaying the threat	37%	60%	44%	41%	49%	29%	42%	29%	27%	4%	11%	1%
Not sure	23%	7%	17%	35%	15%	39%	19%	30%	28%	9%	15%	2%
	28%	25%	25%	16%	21%	12%	—	25%	24%	84%	55%	92%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (155)	100% (106)	100% (252)	100% (40)	100% (64)	100% (7)	100% (247)	100% (27)	100% (31)	100% (17)	100% (52)