

NBC News | SurveyMonkey National Security Poll Results
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The NBC News | SurveyMonkey poll was conducted online from Monday, June 9 through Sunday, June 15, 2018. Results are among a national sample of 5,314 adults aged 18 and over. The error estimate for all adults is plus or minus 1.8 percentage points.

Complete error estimates can be found in the methodology section below.

TOPLINE RESULTS

Which one of the following issues matters MOST to you right now?

	<u>Foreign policy</u>	<u>The environment</u>	<u>Terrorism</u>	<u>Immigration</u>	<u>Health care</u>	<u>Jobs and the economy</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	4	9	5	18	20	26	8	9	2
6/27—7/1/2018	4	8	4	19	18	26	9	11	2
5/28—6/4/2018	5	9	6	12	20	24	11	11	2
5/14—5/21/2018	5	10	7	12	20	24	13	9	1
4/20—4/27/2018	5	10	7	12	19	25	12	9	1
3/12—3/25/2018	5	9	7	11	20	25	12	10	1
2/26—2/28/2018	4	9	7	11	20	23	11	15	1
1/30—2/1/2018	4	9	7	13	20	28	9	9	1
1/20—1/22/2018	5	9	6	14	18	29	8	10	1

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	28	18	12	41	2
6/27—7/1/2018	29	19	10	40	2
5/28—6/4/2018	26	19	12	40	2
5/14—5/21/2018	26	19	13	40	2
4/20—4/27/2018	25	20	12	41	2
3/12—3/25/2018	24	19	12	43	2
2/26—2/28/2018	26	18	10	45	1
1/30—2/1/2018	28	17	10	43	2
1/20—1/22/2018	23	18	11	47	1

As you may know, NATO, or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, is a military alliance between the U.S., Canada and many European countries. Would you say being a member of NATO is good or bad for the U.S.?

	<u>Good for the U.S.</u>	<u>Bad for the U.S.</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	81	15	5
10/13—10/27/2017	79	16	5
7/10—7/14/2017	82	13	5
2/13—2/19/2017	80	15	5

Compared to the past, do you think the United States is more respected for its global leadership role, less respected, or as respected as in the past?

	<u>More respected</u>	<u>Less respected</u>	<u>As respected as in the past</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	24	61	13	3

All in all, how worried are you that the United States will become engaged in a major war in the next four years? Would you say you are:

	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	26	33	27	12	2
10/13—10/27/2017	38	34	20	6	1
7/10—7/14/2017	37	39	17	6	2
2/13—2/19/2017	36	30	25	8	2

In your opinion, which type of attack poses the greatest immediate threat to the United States?

	<u>Conventional military attack</u>	<u>Nuclear attacks</u>	<u>Cyberattacks</u>	<u>Terrorist attacks</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	2	19	45	31	3
10/13—10/27/2017	2	32	31	34	2
7/10—7/14/2017	2	25	34	36	3

In your opinion, which of the following poses the greatest immediate threat to the United States?

	<u>North Korea</u>	<u>ISIS</u>	<u>Russia</u>	<u>China</u>	<u>Iran</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	21	23	27	17	8	4
10/13—10/27/2017	54	19	14	6	4	3
7/10—7/14/2017	41	28	18	6	2	4

Thinking about Russia, do you consider Russia an ally of the United States, friendly but not an ally, unfriendly, or an enemy of the United States?

	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	5	23	43	25	4
10/13—10/27/2017	5	24	45	23	3
7/10—7/14/2017	7	29	40	19	5
2/13—2/19/2017	7	28	43	18	4

Thinking about North Korea, do you consider North Korea an ally of the United States, friendly but not an ally, unfriendly, or an enemy of the United States?

	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	2	11	45	38	4
10/13—10/27/2017	2	3	24	69	3

Thinking about Iran, do you consider Iran an ally of the United States, friendly but not an ally, unfriendly, or an enemy of the United States?

	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	3	11	46	36	4
10/13—10/27/2017	3	12	48	33	4

Thinking about China, do you consider China an ally of the United States, friendly but not an ally, unfriendly, or an enemy of the United States?

	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	7	41	40	9	4
10/13—10/27/2017	10	47	33	7	3
2/13—2/19/2017	7	45	37	8	4

Compared to one year ago, do you feel more safe from the threat of North Korea, less safe, or about as safe as you felt one year ago?

	<u>More safe</u>	<u>Less safe</u>	<u>About as safe</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	30	32	36	3
7/10—7/14/2017	10	59	28	4

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling international trade?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	23	22	15	36	4

Do you think President Trump's decision to impose tariffs on products imported from other countries will:

	<u>Help the U.S. economy</u>	<u>Hurt the U.S. economy</u>	<u>Make no difference</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	35	50	12	4

How confident are you that the federal government is doing enough to prevent foreign countries from influencing future United States elections?

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not very confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	11	26	31	28	3
1/30—2/1/2018	11	32	31	24	2

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)?

	<u>Strongly favorable</u>	<u>Somewhat favorable</u>	<u>Somewhat unfavorable</u>	<u>Strongly unfavorable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	18	39	25	14	4

Do you agree or disagree with President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Iran nuclear agreement?

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	29	19	19	27	6

Do you support or oppose building a wall along the border with Mexico?

	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	43	53	3

Should most undocumented immigrants working in the United States be:

	<u>Offered a chance to apply for legal status</u>	<u>Deported to the country they came from</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/9—7/15/2018	70	26	4
3/12—3/25/2018	70	26	3
8/24—8/29/2017	71	26	3

METHODOLOGY

The NBC News|SurveyMonkey poll was conducted online among a national sample of 5,314 adults aged 18 and over from July 9 through July 15, 2018. Respondents for this survey were selected from the nearly three million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week has been weighted for age, race, sex, education and region using the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States.

Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. All surveys may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error.

To assess the variability in the estimates and account for design effects, we create a bootstrap confidence interval to produce an error estimate. The bootstrap confidence interval for this survey is plus or minus 1.8 percentage points.

To calculate the bootstrap confidence interval, we use the weighted data to generate 10,000 independent samples and calculate the 95% confidence intervals for the weighted average. When analyzing the survey results and their accuracy, this error estimate should be taken into consideration in much the same way that analysis of probability polls takes into account the margin of sampling error.

Group	Unweighted N	Plus or minus
Total	5,314	1.8
Republican	2,110	2.8
Democrat	2,264	2.8
Independent	818	4.4
Male	2,801	2.3
Female	2,513	2.5
18-24	341	6.1
25-34	663	4.8
35-44	734	4.6
45-54	1,026	3.9
55-64	1,238	3.6
65+	1,312	3.7
White	4,051	2.1
Black	428	5.0
Hispanic	307	5.8
Asian	159	8.3
Other	369	5.3