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President Obama's plan for a military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria is drawing public support. And, in a rare display of bipartisanship, majorities of both Republicans (64%) and Democrats (60%) approve of the president's plan.

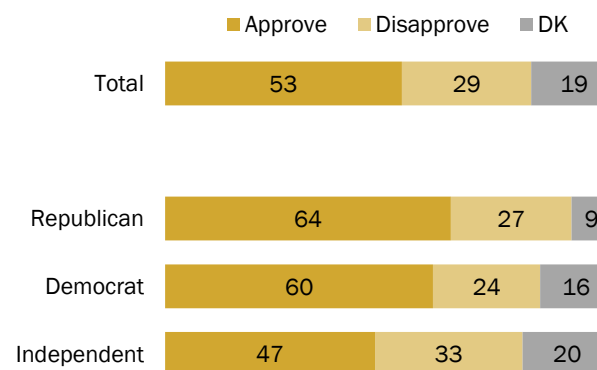
The new national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted Sept. 11-14 among 1,003 adults, finds that overall, 53% approve of Obama's plan, while 29% disapprove; 19% do not offer an opinion.

However, as many say their greater concern is that the U.S. will go too far in getting involved in the situation in Iraq and Syria as that it will not go far enough in stopping Islamic militants (41% each). That represents a shift in opinion since mid-August, when by 51% to 32%, more said their bigger concern was that the U.S. would get too involved in the situation in Iraq.

Despite bipartisan support for Obama's military campaign against ISIS, Republicans and Democrats differ in their concerns for U.S. military action: Most Republicans worry it will not go far enough (66%); by contrast, 54% of Democrats say their bigger concern is that it will go too far.

## Majorities in Both Parties Back Obama's Plan for Military Action

*Obama's plan for military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria (%) ...*

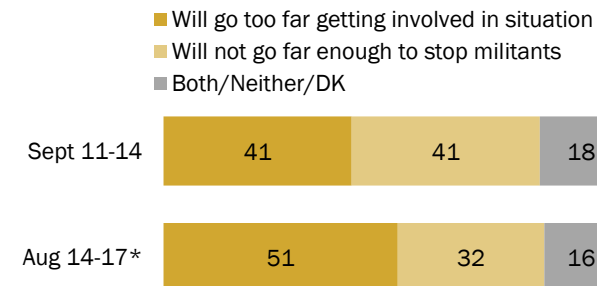


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## Greater Concern over U.S. Military Action in Iraq and Syria ...



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\* Aug. 14-17 survey asked about "military action in Iraq."

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The survey finds that relatively few Americans believe that the military campaign against Islamic militants will make the United States safer from a terrorist attack. Just 18% think it will decrease the chances of a terrorist attack in this country, while nearly twice as many (34%) say it will increase the chances of an attack; 41% say it won't make much difference.

## Age, Gender Differences in Views of Obama's ISIS Plan

While support for military action in Iraq and Syria crosses party lines, there are significant difference in opinion across demographic groups.

Men approve of the military campaign against Islamic militants by a wide 62%-25% margin. By contrast, women are much more closely divided: 44% approve of the plan, while 33% disapprove.

Across age groups, young people offer the least support for military action. Just 43% of those under 30 approve of Obama's plan, while 37% disapprove. Among older age groups, half or more approve of the plan, including 61% of those 65 and older.

Those with a college degree (60%) are more likely to approve of the military campaign in Iraq and Syria than are those with no more than a high school diploma (48%).

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### Young People, Women Less Supportive of U.S. Military Action in Iraq and Syria

*Obama's plan for military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria ...*

	Approve %	Disapprove %	DK %
Total	53	29	19=100
Men	62	25	14=100
Women	44	33	24=100
18-29	43	37	20=100
30-49	52	30	18=100
50-64	58	26	17=100
65+	61	18	21=100
College grad+	60	25	15=100
Some college	53	26	21=100
H.S. or less	48	33	19=100
Republican	64	27	9=100
Conservative	61	28	11=100
Independent	47	33	20=100
Democrat	60	24	16=100
Liberal	63	27	11=100

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## Concerns about U.S. Involvement

While Democrats generally support Obama's plan for a military campaign against ISIS, they continue to express concern that the U.S. will become too deeply involved in Iraq and Syria.

Twice as many Democrats say their greater concern is that the U.S. will go too far in getting involved in this situation as not go far enough in stopping Islamic militants (54% vs. 27%). That is changed modestly from mid-August, when 62% of Democrats expressed similar concern ([the question in that survey](#) asked only about U.S. military action in Iraq).

Republicans continue to say their greater concern is that the U.S. will not go far enough in stopping Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria (66% now, 57% in mid-August).

Independents have become less concerned about U.S. involvement in the situation going too far. In mid-August, 56% of independents said their greater concern was the U.S. getting too involved in the situation compared with 28% who were more concerned the U.S. would not go far enough to stop militants. In the current survey, about as many say they are more concerned the U.S. will not go far enough to stop the militants (40%) as go too far getting involved in the situation (42%).

The gender and age differences in views of Obama's plan are evident in concerns over U.S. military action: more women (46%) than men (35%) say their greater concern is that the U.S. will go too far in getting involved in the situation in Iraq and Syria. Young people are more likely than older adults to express concern over getting too involved in this situation.

### More Express Concern over 'Not Going Far Enough' than in Mid-August

*What concerns you more about U.S. military action?*

	Aug* 14-17		Sept 11-14	
	Go too far %	Not go far enough %	Go too far %	Not go far enough %
Total	51	32	41	41
Men	46	38	37	46
Women	56	27	46	35
18-29	68	21	56	30
30-49	52	32	40	44
50-64	46	38	40	42
65+	41	39	26	49
Republican	34	57	27	66
Conservative	23	68	21	71
Independent	56	28	42	40
Democrat	62	25	54	27
Liberal	66	23	58	22

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## Few Say Campaign Will ‘Decrease’ Chances of Terror Attack in U.S.

The U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria is not seen as reducing the chances of a terrorist attack in the U.S. In fact, somewhat more say the campaign against the militants will increase the chances of a terrorist attack in the U.S. (34%) than decrease them (18%); a 41%-plurality says U.S. military actions in Iraq and Syria won't make much difference on the chances of a terrorist attack in the U.S.

Nearly four-in-ten Democrats (38%) say the chances of a terrorist attack in the U.S. will increase as a result of the military campaign in Iraq and Syria, compared with 15% who say they will decrease. Among Republicans, roughly as many think the chances of a terrorist attack in the U.S. will increase (28%) as decrease (23%).

### Impact of Military Action on Terrorism Risk in the U.S.

*U.S. military campaign in Iraq and Syria will \_\_\_ chances of terrorist attack in U.S. ...*

	Increase	Decrease	Not make much difference	DK
	%	%	%	%
Total	34	18	41	7=100
Men	28	22	43	6=100
Women	39	14	39	8=100
18-29	38	15	40	7=100
30-49	36	17	42	6=100
50-64	32	21	41	5=100
65+	27	20	44	10=100
College grad+	32	19	44	5=100
Some college	36	19	39	6=100
H.S. or less	33	17	41	9=100
Republican	28	23	40	8=100
Conservative	24	24	42	10=100
Independent	34	19	42	5=100
Democrat	38	15	42	5=100
Liberal	35	11	45	9=100

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## The Week's News

The public most closely followed news about ISIS last week, as 37% say they tracked reports “very closely.” By comparison, 23% closely followed news in mid-August about airstrikes in Iraq. Last week, Republicans were 15 points more likely than Democrats to closely follow ISIS news (52% vs. 37%).

Two other stories received modest attention from the public. Nearly one-in-four (23%) closely followed the situation involving Russia and Ukraine, similar to early August (24%). And 21% paid close attention to news about the NFL’s suspension of Ray Rice after a video showed him punching his then-fiancée.

Just 14% are closely following the midterm congressional elections, which will take place in seven weeks. This is less interest than at a similar point in 2010 (22%), but similar to 2006 (16%) and 2002 (17%). Today, Republicans are twice as likely as Democrats (23% vs. 11%) to be closely following news about the midterms.

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### Most Interest in ISIS News; Reps Following Midterms Closer than Dems

*% following each story very closely...*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	R-D diff
	%	%	%	%	
Reports about ISIS	37	52	37	34	+15
Russia-Ukraine situation	23	27	24	22	+3
Ray Rice suspension	21	25	28	16	-3
Congressional elections	14	23	11	13	+12

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## About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted September 11-14, 2014 among a national sample of 1,003 adults 18 years of age or older living in the continental United States (502 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 501 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 282 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source, MKTG and SSI under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see: <http://people-press.org/methodology/>.

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and region to parameters from the 2012 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status, based on extrapolations from the 2013 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

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<b>Group</b>	<b>Unweighted sample size</b>	<b>Plus or minus ...</b>
Total sample	1,003	3.6 percentage points
Republican	220	7.8 percentage points
Democrat	293	6.7 percentage points
Independent	362	6.1 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.



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**September 11-14, 2014 OMNIBUS**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**N=1,003**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.1 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
a. Reports about the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS					
September 11-14, 2014	37	30	16	17	*
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
August 14-17, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against an Islamic militant group in Iraq</i>	23	29	21	26	1
June 26-29, 2014: Growing violence and political instability in Iraq	25	29	18	27	1
December 15-18, 2011: The complete withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq	34	32	18	14	2
October 21-23, 2011: President Obama announcing a complete withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq by the end of 2011	30	30	19	20	1
December 16-19, 2010: The current situation and events in Iraq	19	30	27	24	*
September 2-6, 2010: The withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq	36	37	15	11	*
August 26-29, 2010: The current situation and events in Iraq	25	36	24	15	1
August 19-22, 2010: The withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq	31	33	19	17	1
August 5-8, 2010: The current situation and events in Iraq	23	35	22	18	1
May 13-16, 2010	31	34	21	13	2
March 12-15, 2010	22	36	28	14	*
March 5-8, 2010	26	34	20	20	*
January 29-February 1, 2010	23	33	27	17	*
January 15-18, 2010	20	35	28	17	*
October 16-19, 2009	23	30	24	23	*
September 11-14, 2009	21	33	30	16	*
August 21-24, 2009	25	35	22	18	1
August 14-17, 2009	19	38	23	18	*
July 2-5, 2009: U.S. troops withdrawing from Iraqi cities	25	34	20	21	0
April 24-27, 2009: The current situation and events in Iraq	21	35	25	19	*
March 20-23, 2009	25	37	21	17	*
February 27-March 2, 2009: Barack Obama's plan to withdraw most U.S. troops from Iraq by August 2010	40	37	13	9	1
December 12-15, 2008: <i>The current situation and events in Iraq</i>	24	35	25	16	*
November 21-24, 2008	32	31	24	13	0
November 14-17, 2008	24	33	27	16	*
October 31-November 3, 2008	30	35	22	12	1
October 24-27, 2008	29	35	25	11	*
October 10-13, 2008	23	34	30	13	*
October 3-6, 2008	29	33	28	10	*
September 5-8, 2008	24	37	26	13	*

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August 29-31, 2008	22	32	29	16	1
August 22-25, 2008	26	31	27	15	1
August 1-4, 2008	27	40	23	10	*
July 25-28, 2008	28	33	22	17	*
July 18-21, 2008	33	35	20	12	*
July 11-14, 2008	24	35	24	16	1
July 3-7, 2008	25	35	25	15	*
June 20-23, 2008	25	36	24	15	*
May 9-12, 2008	29	35	21	14	1
May 2-5, 2008	26	35	25	13	1
April 25-28, 2008	29	35	23	12	1
April 18-21, 2008	29	39	20	11	1
April 11-14, 2008	25	39	20	15	1
April 4-7, 2008	25	37	23	15	*
March 28-31, 2008	29	40	19	11	1
March 20-24, 2008	30	38	19	13	*
March 14-17, 2008	29	38	23	10	*
March 7-10, 2008	28	39	18	15	*
February 29-March 3, 2008	28	40	19	13	*
February 8-11, 2008	24	35	25	16	*
February 1-4, 2008	28	39	22	11	*
January 25-28, 2008	23	35	26	16	*
January 18-21, 2008	31	33	20	15	1
January 11-14, 2008	25	38	21	16	*
January 4-7, 2008	27	38	20	15	*
December 14-17, 2007	26	32	24	18	*
December 7-10, 2007	28	37	21	14	*
November 23-26, 2007	25	37	21	16	1
November 16-19, 2007	31	37	19	12	1
November 9-12, 2007	29	38	19	13	1
November 2-5, 2007	31	35	18	15	1
October 26-29, 2007	28	37	21	13	1
October 19-22, 2007	28	37	20	15	*
October 12-15, 2007	26	36	18	19	1
October 5-8, 2007	29	33	22	16	*
September 28 - October 1, 2007	30	41	18	11	*
September 21-24, 2007	32	38	17	13	*
September 14-17, 2007	31	36	18	15	0
September 7-10, 2007	32	34	20	14	*
August 30 - September 2, 2007	31	34	18	16	1
August 24-27, 2007	34	36	18	12	*
August 17-20, 2007	33	34	18	15	*
August 10-13, 2007	36	37	14	13	*
August 3-6, 2007	29	40	19	12	*
July 27-30, 2007	28	36	19	16	1
July 20-23, 2007	28	34	21	16	1
July 13-16, 2007	25	41	17	16	1
July 6-9, 2007	36	34	18	12	*
June 29-July 2, 2007	32	35	19	13	1
June 22-25, 2007	30	36	18	15	1
June 15-18, 2007	30	37	20	13	*
June 8-11, 2007	32	38	15	14	1
June 1-4, 2007	30	36	20	13	1
May 24-27, 2007	33	36	18	12	1
May 18-21, 2007	36	34	15	14	1
May 11-14, 2007	30	34	18	17	1
May 4-7, 2007	38	37	15	10	*
April 27-30, 2007	27	35	21	16	1
April 20-23, 2007	28	35	22	15	*

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April 12-16, 2007	34	33	20	13	*
April 5-9, 2007	33	39	16	11	1
March 30-April 2, 2007	34	37	16	13	*
March 23-March 26, 2007: <i>News about the current situation in Iraq</i>	31	38	18	12	1
March 16-19, 2007	34	34	17	15	*
March 9-12, 2007	34	37	16	13	*
March 2-5, 2007	37	37	16	9	1
February 23-26, 2007	36	36	15	13	*
February 16-19, 2007	30	36	19	14	1
February 9-12, 2007	37	34	18	11	*
February 2-5, 2007	38	38	17	7	*
January 26-29, 2007	36	38	15	11	*
January 19-22, 2007	37	34	18	10	1
January 12-15, 2007	38	36	17	8	1
January, 2007	46	40	8	5	1
January 5-8, 2007	40	32	16	12	0
December, 2006	42	39	12	7	*
November 30-December 3, 2006	40	36	13	11	*
Mid-November, 2006	44	38	12	6	*
September, 2006	33	43	14	8	2
August, 2006	41	39	12	7	1
June, 2006	37	43	13	6	1
May, 2006	42	35	15	7	1
April, 2006	43	36	13	7	1
March, 2006	43	38	12	6	1
February, 2006	39	42	12	6	1
January, 2006	40	40	12	7	1
December, 2005	45	38	11	5	1
Early November, 2005	41	40	13	6	*
Early October, 2005	43	36	15	6	*
Early September, 2005	32	40	20	7	1
July, 2005	43	37	13	6	1
Mid-May, 2005	42	42	11	5	*
Mid-March, 2005	40	39	14	5	2
February, 2005	38	45	13	4	*
January, 2005	48	37	11	4	*
December, 2004	34	44	15	6	1
Mid-October, 2004	42	38	11	8	1
Early September, 2004	47	37	9	6	1
August, 2004	39	42	12	6	1
July, 2004	43	40	11	6	*
June, 2004	39	42	12	6	1
April, 2004	54	33	8	5	*
Mid-March, 2004	47	36	12	4	1
Early February, 2004	47	38	10	4	1
Mid-January, 2004	48	39	9	4	*
December, 2003	44	38	11	6	1
November, 2003	52	33	9	5	1
September, 2003	50	33	10	6	1
Mid-August, 2003	45	39	10	5	1
Early July, 2003	37	41	13	8	1
June, 2003	46	35	13	6	*
May, 2003	63	29	6	2	*
April 11-16, 2003: <i>News about the war in Iraq</i>	47	40	10	2	1
April 2-7, 2003	54	34	9	2	1
March 20-24, 2003	57	33	7	2	1

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March 13-16, 2003: <i>Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq</i>	62	27	6	4	1
February, 2003	62	25	8	4	1
January, 2003	55	29	10	4	2
December, 2002	51	32	10	6	1
Late October, 2002	53	33	8	5	1
Early October, 2002	60	28	6	5	1
Early September, 2002: <i>Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will invade Iraq</i>	48	29	15	6	2
b. The situation involving Russia and Ukraine					
September 11-14, 2014	23	30	20	26	1
July 31-August 3, 2014	24	31	20	23	2
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
July 24-27, 2014: <i>The investigation into the downing of a Malaysia Airlines plane in Ukraine</i>	33	35	17	14	1
April 3-6, 2014: <i>The situation involving Russia and Ukraine</i>	26	31	18	23	2
March 20-23, 2014: <i>Russia taking control of Ukraine's Crimea region</i>	30	33	14	21	1
March 6-9, 2014: <i>Russia sending troops into Ukraine's Crimea region in response to a new Ukrainian government</i>	28	31	17	23	1
February 27-March 2, 2014: <i>Political violence and a new government in Ukraine</i>	19	28	21	31	1
August 29-31, 2008: <i>The ongoing hostilities between Russia and the Republic of Georgia</i>	22	31	26	20	1
August 22-25, 2008	27	39	22	12	*
August 15-18, 2008	35	35	15	15	*
August 8-11, 2008: <i>Russia sending troops into the Republic of Georgia</i>	17	22	23	37	1
c. News about this year's congressional elections					
September 11-14, 2014	14	23	26	36	1
July 24-27, 2014	14	19	29	38	*
June 26-29, 2014	16	23	20	41	1
June 5-8, 2014	14	23	23	38	1
May 15-18, 2014	13	24	25	38	1
March 20-23, 2014	15	22	22	39	1
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
October 28-November 1, 2010	29	30	17	23	1
October 27-30, 2010: <i>News about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district</i>	27	35	17	20	1
October 21-24, 2010: <i>News about this year's congressional elections</i>	30	28	18	23	1
October 13-18, 2010: <i>News about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district</i>	24	34	22	19	1
October 14-17, 2010: <i>News about this year's congressional elections</i>	33	25	19	23	*
October 7-10, 2010	23	27	19	30	1
September 30-October 3, 2010	25	34	19	21	1
September 23-26, 2010	25	33	23	18	1
September 16-19, 2010	23	26	23	27	1

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September 9-12, 2010	22	23	21	34	1
September 2-6, 2010	26	24	23	26	1
August 26-29, 2010	20	27	23	28	1
August 19-22, 2010	19	23	24	33	1
August 12-15, 2010	20	22	19	38	1
July 29-August 1, 2010	29	34	22	14	*
July 15-18, 2010	17	23	26	33	1
June 16-20, 2010: <i>News about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district</i>	15	33	31	20	*
June 10-13, 2010: <i>News about this year's congressional elections</i>	20	29	24	27	1
Early October, 2006	21	38	25	15	1
Early September, 2006	16	32	28	23	1
August, 2006	20	29	28	22	1
June, 2006	18	30	29	21	2
May, 2006	18	28	30	23	1
Early November, 2002 (RVs)	27	46	18	9	*
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	28	34	24	13	1
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	21	46	22	10	1
Early September, 2002	17	29	29	24	1
Late October, 1998 (RVs)	26	45	20	9	*
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	21	43	24	11	1
Early September, 1998	17	32	28	23	*
Early August, 1998	13	30	28	23	1
June, 1998	9	27	33	30	1
April, 1998 <sup>1</sup>	16	33	24	27	*
November, 1994	18	42	25	15	*
Late October, 1994	14	38	31	16	1
Early October, 1994	23	34	23	19	1
September, 1994	19	34	29	18	*
November, 1990	38	34	17	11	*
October, 1990	18	32	28	22	*
d. News about the NFL suspending football player Ray Rice for punching his fiancée September 11-14, 2014	21	29	25	26	*
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
May 15-18, 2014: <i>Racially insensitive comments made by Los Angeles Clippers basketball owner Donald Sterling</i>	21	28	24	26	1
August 24-27, 2007: <i>NFL quarterback Michael Vick agreeing to plead guilty to federal dog fighting charges</i>	26	30	21	22	1
July 27-30, 2007: <i>Allegations that NFL quarterback Michael Vick was involved with illegal dog fighting.</i>	21	27	22	29	1
August, 2003: <i>Basketball star Kobe Bryant being accused of sexual assault</i>	17	30	28	24	1
February, 1992: <i>Mike Tyson's rape trial</i>	32	37	21	10	*

<sup>1</sup> In April 1998, September 1994 and October 1990, story was listed as "Candidates and election campaigns in your state."  
In November 1990, story was listed as "Candidates and elections in your state."

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.2 As you may know, Barack Obama has announced a plan for a military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria, involving U.S. airstrikes and U.S. military training for opposition groups. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of this plan?

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53	Approve
29	Disapprove
19	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
August 14-17, 2014: U.S. airstrikes against militants in Iraq in response to violence against civilians (U)	54	31	15
June, 1999 <sup>2</sup> : NATO forces, including the U.S., conducting air strikes against the Serbs in Kosovo	62	32	6
May, 1999	53	38	9
April, 1999	62	29	9
March, 1999	60	29	11
March, 1999: U.S. and British air strikes against Iraq	68	25	7
December, 1998: U.S. military strikes against Iraq	75	20	5
August, 1998: U.S. military strikes against sites linked to terrorists in Afghanistan and Sudan	79	11	10

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.3 What concerns you more about the U.S. military action in Iraq and Syria? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

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41	That the U.S. will go too far in getting involved in the situation
41	That the U.S. will not go far enough in stopping the Islamic militants
3	Both <b>(VOL.)</b>
6	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	<u>Will go too far</u>	<u>Will not go far enough</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Both</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Neither</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
August 14-17, 2014: U.S. military action in Iraq (U)	51	32	2	5	9

<sup>2</sup> In June, 1999, the first night of the survey asked "Do you approve or disapprove" of the airstrikes and on the remaining nights, the survey asked "Did you approve or disapprove" of the airstrikes.

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.4 Do you think the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria will **[RANDOMIZE: increase/decrease]** the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., **[RANDOMIZE: decrease/increase]** the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., or not make much difference?

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- 34 Increase chances of terrorist attacks in U.S.
- 18 Decrease chances of terrorist attacks in U.S.
- 41 Not make much difference
- 7 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

				<b>(VOL.)</b>	<b>(VOL.)</b>			
				No	Other	<b>(VOL.)</b>	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
September 11-14, 2014	20	29	37	9	1	5	13	15

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**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

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