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Global Issues: Americans' Foreign Policy Priorities

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Interview dates: June 25, 2015 – July 7, 2015

Interviews: 1,167 adults

Margin of error: +/- 4.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

Q1/Q2/Q3 COMBINED. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the U.S. role in world affairs?

IF NEITHER OR DID NOT ANSWER/REFUSED: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward disapproving or approving of the way Barack Obama is handling the U.S. role in world affairs?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Approve NET | 48 |
| Approve | 32 |
| Lean approve | 15 |
| Do not lean | 1 |
| Disapprove NET | 51 |
| Lean disapprove | 15 |
| Disapprove | 36 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | 1 |

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Q4. Do you think the United States should take a more or less active role solving the world's problems, or is its current role about right?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A more active role | 27 |
| Its current role is about right | 33 |
| A less active role | 38 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | 2 |

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Q5. Thinking about the foreign policy problems facing the United States today, which issues do you think will be the most important ones facing the next President of the United States?

[Open-ended question coded. Respondents were able to list up to 5 problems. Reported proportions are among the 75 percent of Americans who provided at least one valid response to the questions. Respondents who did not answer or who provided only domestic issues are not included.]

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| AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 | |
| Terrorism (N=525) | 52 |
| Specific countries/regions (N=449) | 43 |
| Immigration (N=208) | 24 |
| War/Iraq/Afghanistan/military issues (N=139) | 17 |
| Other (N=133) | 17 |
| Environmental issues (N=131) | 15 |
| Humanitarian issues (N=107) | 12 |
| World economy (N=122) | 12 |
| Foreign trade (N=117) | 10 |
| Foreign policy/U.S. involvement (N=81) | 9 |
| National security/defense/general military (N=70) | 8 |
| Conflicts/aggression (N=71) | 6 |
| Nuclear/WMD proliferation (N=43) | 5 |
| Oil-related mentions (N=39) | 5 |
| Cyberattacks on American computer systems (N=39) | 3 |
| International aid (N=29) | 3 |
| The U.S. government's surveillance programs (N=6) | 1 |

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| AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 | |
| Terrorism | |
| ISIS (N=289) | 31 |
| Other terrorism/general terrorism mentions (N=237) | 22 |
| General mentions about radical Islam/Muslims (N=36) | 3 |
| Specific countries/regions | |
| Russia (N=182) | 17 |
| Middle East, general (N=120) | 10 |
| Iran – nuclear issues (N=67) | 8 |
| General Iran mentions (N=83) | 8 |
| General China mentions (N=102) | 8 |
| Israel (N=50) | 6 |
| General North Korea mentions (N=49) | 5 |
| Other/general country or region mentions (N=43) | 4 |
| China – economy/trade issues (N=16) | 2 |
| Chinese expansionism (N=21) | 2 |
| General Cuba mentions (N=23) | 2 |
| Syria (N=16) | 2 |
| Multiple countries in one mention (N=23) | 2 |
| North Korea – nuclear issues (N=6) | 1 |

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| EU economy/trade issues (N=12) | 1 |
| Greece economy issues (N=14) | 1 |
| General Greece mentions (N=10) | 1 |
| Mexico (N=13) | 1 |
| Immigration | |
| Other immigration/general immigration (N=145) | 17 |
| Problems with illegal immigration/border (N=50) | 6 |
| Immigration reform (N=18) | 2 |
| War/Iraq/Afghanistan/military issues | |
| Other war/general war mentions (N=121) | 16 |
| End war/bring troops home (N=18) | 1 |
| Environmental issues | |
| Climate change (N=71) | 7 |
| Other/general environmental mentions (N=50) | 6 |
| Water (N=16) | 3 |
| Energy (N=15) | 2 |
| Humanitarian issues | |
| World hunger/poverty (N=45) | 4 |
| Other/general humanitarian issues mentions (N=26) | 3 |
| Human rights issues (N=18) | 2 |
| World health issues (N=22) | 2 |
| World peace/peace in a particular region (N=13) | 2 |
| World economy (N=122) | 12 |
| Foreign trade (N=117) | 10 |
| Foreign policy/U.S. involvement | |
| Other/general foreign policy or involvement (N=50) | 6 |
| Diplomacy/respect for allies/less military (N=27) | 3 |
| National security/defense/general military (N=70) | 8 |
| Conflicts/aggression | |
| Israel/Palestine (N=33) | 3 |
| Russia/Ukraine (N=28) | 2 |
| Nuclear/WMD proliferation (N=43) | 5 |
| Oil-related mentions (N=39) | 5 |
| Cyberattacks on American computer systems (N=39) | 3 |
| International aid | |
| Other international aid/general international aid mentions (N=23) | 3 |
| Decrease international aid (N=6) | 1 |
| The U.S. government's surveillance programs (N=6) | 1 |
| Other (N=133) | 17 |

Q6. For each issue that you mentioned, how important to you is it that you know what the next president's plan will be for dealing with it?

| AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 | Total impt. | Extr. Impt. | Very impt. | Mod. Impt. | Total not impt. | Not too impt. | Not at all impt. | DK/SKIP/REF |
|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| End war/bring troops home (N=18) | 66 | 55 | 11 | 20 | 14 | 10 | 5 | - |
| Other war/general war mentions (N=121) | 76 | 45 | 31 | 12 | 12 | 4 | 8 | - |
| ISIS (N=289) | 74 | 52 | 22 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 10 | - |
| General mentions about radical Islam/Muslims (N=36) | 86 | 42 | 44 | 8 | 6 | - | 6 | - |
| Other terrorism/general terrorism mentions (N=237) | 78 | 52 | 26 | 8 | 13 | 9 | 4 | * |
| Problems with illegal immigration/border (N=50) | 72 | 50 | 22 | 24 | 4 | - | 4 | - |
| Immigration reform (N=18) | 70 | 52 | 18 | 30 | - | - | - | - |
| Other immigration/general immigration (N=145) | 73 | 37 | 36 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 3 | - |
| Diplomacy/respect for allies/less military (N=27) | 75 | 54 | 21 | 6 | 19 | 5 | 14 | - |
| Other/general foreign policy or involvement (N=50) | 52 | 30 | 22 | 17 | 31 | 15 | 16 | - |
| National security/defense/general military (N=70) | 79 | 47 | 31 | 6 | 16 | 4 | 12 | - |
| Other international aid/general international aid mentions (N=23) | 61 | 35 | 26 | 38 | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Nuclear/WMD proliferation (N=43) | 72 | 46 | 26 | 18 | 9 | 6 | 4 | - |
| Foreign trade (N=117) | 64 | 19 | 46 | 27 | 8 | 4 | 5 | * |
| Cyberattacks on American computer systems (N=39) | 77 | 41 | 35 | 9 | 15 | 15 | - | - |
| Russia/Ukraine (N=28) | 75 | 39 | 36 | 15 | 10 | 10 | - | - |
| Israel/Palestine (N=33) | 72 | 30 | 43 | 25 | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| Climate change (N=71) | 85 | 60 | 25 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 2 | - |
| Energy (N=15) | 94 | 88 | 6 | - | 6 | - | 6 | - |
| Water (N=16) | 73 | 65 | 8 | 14 | 13 | - | 13 | - |
| Other/general environmental mentions | 80 | 47 | 33 | 6 | 14 | * | 14 | - |

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|---|-----------|----|----|-----------|-----------|----|----|---|
| (N=50) | | | | | | | | |
| World hunger/poverty (N=45) | 89 | 64 | 24 | 7 | 5 | * | 4 | - |
| Human rights issues (N=18) | 83 | 77 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 7 | 4 | - |
| World health issues (N=22) | 79 | 40 | 39 | 19 | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| World peace/peace in a particular region (N=13) | 15 | 14 | 1 | 34 | 51 | 33 | 18 | - |
| Other/general humanitarian issues mentions (N=26) | 92 | 64 | 28 | - | 8 | 2 | 7 | - |
| World economy (N=122) | 69 | 33 | 35 | 12 | 18 | 7 | 11 | * |
| Oil-related mentions (N=39) | 55 | 24 | 31 | 28 | 16 | 4 | 12 | - |
| Middle East, general (N=120) | 73 | 35 | 38 | 15 | 12 | 6 | 6 | - |
| Iran – nuclear issues (N=67) | 66 | 36 | 30 | 17 | 17 | 7 | 10 | - |
| General Iran mentions (N=83) | 66 | 39 | 27 | 8 | 26 | 18 | 8 | - |
| Israel (N=50) | 60 | 36 | 24 | 22 | 16 | 5 | 12 | 2 |
| China – economy/trade issues (N=16) | 49 | 21 | 28 | 26 | 25 | 22 | 3 | - |
| Chinese expansionism (N=21) | 74 | 28 | 45 | 18 | 8 | 6 | 3 | - |
| General China mentions (N=102) | 66 | 37 | 29 | 25 | 8 | 5 | 3 | - |
| Russia (N=182) | 70 | 33 | 37 | 19 | 11 | 6 | 5 | - |
| General Cuba mentions (N=23) | 27 | 7 | 20 | 47 | 26 | 19 | 7 | - |
| General North Korea mentions (N=49) | 74 | 37 | 37 | 22 | 4 | 4 | - | - |
| EU economy/trade issues (N=12) | 54 | 17 | 37 | 5 | 41 | 41 | - | - |
| Greece economy issues (N=14) | 47 | - | 47 | 25 | 28 | 28 | - | - |
| General Greece mentions (N=10) | 76 | 6 | 70 | 11 | 14 | - | 14 | - |
| Syria (N=16) | 35 | 20 | 15 | 62 | 3 | 3 | - | - |
| Mexico (N=13) | 79 | 68 | 11 | 14 | 6 | 6 | - | - |
| Multiple countries in one mention (N=23) | 57 | 31 | 25 | 36 | 7 | - | 7 | - |
| Other/general country or region mentions (N=43) | 52 | 39 | 13 | 29 | 19 | 7 | 13 | - |
| Other (N=133) | 71 | 44 | 27 | 17 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 1 |

Q7. Do you think the United States should or should not use military action to address each of the following issues?

Randomize order

| AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 | Should | Should not | DK/SKIP/REF |
|--|--------|------------|-------------|
| Promoting democracy in other countries | 24 | 73 | 3 |
| Protecting and advancing U.S. economic interests | 40 | 57 | 3 |
| Promoting and defending human rights in other countries | 42 | 56 | 2 |
| Protecting the United States from terrorist attack at home or abroad | 90 | 8 | 2 |
| Protecting U.S. allies from attack | 79 | 20 | 2 |
| Preventing the spread of nuclear weapons | 72 | 27 | 2 |

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Q8. Do you think the United States should or should not use economic pressure to address each of the following issues?

Randomize order

| AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 | Should | Should not | DK/SKIP/REF |
|--|--------|------------|-------------|
| Promoting democracy in other countries | 48 | 50 | 2 |
| Protecting and advancing U.S. economic interests | 77 | 21 | 3 |
| Promoting and defending human rights in other countries | 67 | 31 | 2 |
| Protecting the United States from terrorist attack at home or abroad | 83 | 15 | 2 |
| Protecting U.S. allies from attack | 76 | 22 | 2 |
| Preventing the spread of nuclear weapons | 82 | 16 | 3 |

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Q9. Do you think the United States should or should not use diplomacy to address each of the following issues?

Randomize order

| AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 | Should | Should not | DK/SKIP/REF |
|--|--------|------------|-------------|
| Promoting democracy in other countries | 69 | 29 | 2 |
| Protecting and advancing U.S. economic interests | 88 | 10 | 3 |
| Promoting and defending human rights in other countries | 79 | 19 | 2 |
| Protecting the United States from terrorist attack at home or abroad | 86 | 13 | 1 |
| Protecting U.S. allies from attack | 84 | 13 | 2 |
| Preventing the spread of nuclear weapons | 86 | 12 | 2 |

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Q10. Here is a list of foreign policy issues that some people have mentioned as ones that will be important for the next president of the United States. How important is it to you that you know what the next president's plan will be for dealing with each of the following?

Randomize order of Q10A-Q10J, but Q10A always before Q10B.

| AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 | Total impt. | Extr. Impt. | Very impt. | Mod. Impt. | Total not impt. | Not too impt. | Not at all impt. | DK /SKIP /REF |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| a. Terrorist and religious extremist groups targeting the United States at home or abroad | 87 | 63 | 24 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| b. The Islamic State Group, often referred to as the Islamic militant group ISIS | 86 | 60 | 26 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| c. Trade with other countries | 62 | 23 | 39 | 31 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| d. Iran's nuclear program | 73 | 41 | 32 | 18 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| e. China | 64 | 30 | 34 | 25 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| f. Russia | 60 | 28 | 32 | 27 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| g. Cuba | 34 | 12 | 21 | 38 | 27 | 19 | 8 | 1 |
| h. Israel and Palestine | 59 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 11 | 9 | 3 | 1 |
| i. The U.S. government's surveillance programs | 64 | 32 | 32 | 26 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| j. Cyberattacks on American computer systems at home and abroad by foreign countries or terrorist groups | 87 | 50 | 36 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

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On another topic...

S1. Are you currently registered to vote at your address, or not?

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Yes | 84 |
| No | 16 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | * |

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TP4. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the tea party movement, or are you not a supporter of the tea party movement?

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Supporter | 22 |
| Not a supporter | 75 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | 3 |

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TP4/TP4a. IF SUPPORTER: Do you support the tea party movement strongly or somewhat?

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Supporter NET | 22 |
| Support strongly | 7 |
| Support somewhat | 15 |
| Not a supporter | 75 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | 3 |

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PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or none of these?

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Democrat | 30 |
| Republican | 19 |
| Independent | 34 |
| None of these | 16 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | * |

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PIDI. IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," DK, OR REFUSED, ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Democrat NET | 47 |
| Democrat | 30 |
| Ind/None/DK/Ref. - Lean Democrat | 17 |
| Ind/None/DK/Ref. - DO NOT LEAN | 21 |
| Republican NET | 31 |
| Ind/None/DK/Ref. - Lean Republican | 12 |
| Republican | 19 |
| None/Other/DK/Refused | 1 |

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Asked of those who said "yes" in S1. Not asked of those living in North Dakota.

LV5. In which party's 2016 presidential primary or caucuses are you most likely to vote, or are you not likely to vote in a 2016 presidential primary or caucus at all?

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Democratic | 39 |
| Republican | 30 |
| Neither | 13 |
| Not likely to vote | 13 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | 5 |

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G11B. Generally speaking do you consider yourself a...?

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Liberal | 22 |
| Conservative | 30 |
| Moderate | 47 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | 2 |

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DM5. Which of the following best describes where you live?

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Urban area | 30 |
| Suburban area | 43 |
| Rural area | 26 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | 1 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,167</i> |

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Yes, born-again/evangelical | 34 |
| No, not born-again/evangelical | 64 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | 2 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,167</i> |

DM13. What is your religious preference?

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|--|--------------------------|
| Protestant | 19 |
| Catholic | 24 |
| Mormon | 1 |
| Jewish | 2 |
| Muslim | * |
| Other religion | 22 |
| Don't belong to any religious denomination | 32 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | 1 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,167</i> |

Ask if "other religion" or DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED in DM13.

DM14. Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Yes, a Christian | 83 |
| No, not a Christian | 15 |
| DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED | 2 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>260</i> |

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AGE

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| 18-24 | 12 |
| 25-34 | 18 |
| 35-44 | 14 |
| 45-54 | 19 |
| 55-64 | 17 |
| 65-74 | 11 |
| 75+ | 8 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,167</i> |

GENDER

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Male | 48 |
| Female | 52 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,167</i> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| White | 65 |
| Black or African American | 12 |
| Hispanic | 16 |
| Other | 8 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,167</i> |

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MARITAL STATUS

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Married | 46 |
| Widowed | 5 |
| Divorced | 12 |
| Separated | 2 |
| Never married | 25 |
| Living with partner | 9 |

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INCOME

| | AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Under \$10,000 | 6 |
| \$10,000 to under \$20,000 | 14 |
| \$20,000 to under \$30,000 | 13 |
| \$30,000 to under \$40,000 | 10 |
| \$40,000 to under \$50,000 | 10 |
| \$50,000 to under \$75,000 | 16 |
| \$75,000 to under \$100,000 | 13 |
| \$100,000 to under \$150,000 | 12 |
| \$150,000 or more | 6 |

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Study Methodology

This survey was conducted by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and with funding from NORC at the University of Chicago. Data were collected using AmeriSpeak®, which is a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected US households are sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame, and then contacted by US mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face to face).

Interviews for this survey were conducted between June 25 and July 7, 2015, with adults age 18 and over from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak®, and 1,167 completed the survey—966 via the web and 201 via telephone. The final stage completion rate is 31.2 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 7.8 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 99.8 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.4 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.5 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Results from the open-ended most important foreign policy issue question are reported among the 75 percent of respondents who provided a valid response to at least one of the five open-ends (n=936).

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data has been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any non-coverage or under- and oversampling resulting from the study-specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and household phone status. The weighted data, which reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over, were used for all analyses.

A complete study report is available on the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research website: www.apnorc.org.

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