

Sponsor: International Rescue Committee
Sample: N=1,351 U.S. Registered Voters
Interviewing Period: June 29 – July 5, 2017
Mode: Online (Web, Tablet, Phone)
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Introduction: Thank you for participating in this important survey on American attitudes related to current events in the news. Your honest and candid opinions are valuable and very much appreciated. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete, and all your answers are confidential.

1. Are you...?
Male 47%
Female 53%

2. What is your age?
18-24 13%
25-34 18%
35-44 17%
45-54 19%
55-64 15%
65+ 18%

3. Are you registered to vote?
Yes 100%
No 0%

4. In which state do you live?
Northeast 17%
Midwest 21%
South 38%
West 24%

5. When it comes to voting, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?
Democratic party 35%
Republican party 29%
Independent/Unaffiliated 36%

6. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as a...?
Liberal 19%
Moderate, leaning Liberal 15%
Moderate 34%
Moderate, leaning Conservative 13%
Conservative 20%

7. Do you consider yourself to be politically engaged or politically active?

Yes..... 46%
 No 54%

8. Thinking about national issues for a moment, which issue concerns you most?

Health care 23%
 Economy – General/Jobs 16%
 Terrorism 9%
 President Trump/Ineffective leadership .. 9%
 Immigration/Refugee Issues 6%
 National Security 5%
 Budget/Government spending 3%
 Government aid programs 3%
 Taxes 2%
 War/Military 2%
 Environment (General) 2%
 Global Warming 2%
 Education 2%
 Equality/Equal rights 2%
 Foreign Affairs - General 1%
 Other Foreign Policy 1%
 Racial issues..... 1%
 Abortion 1%
 Government/Political corruption 1%
 Moral issues 1%
 Political partisanship 1%
 Too much government control 1%
 Money issues/Financial stability 1%
 Economic equality/Inequality <1%
 Election <1%
 Loss of constitutional rights <1%
 Gun control/Second amendment rights .. <1%
 Violence <1%
 Other issues..... 3%
 Don't know/No answer..... 4%

9. Now, thinking only about global issues for a moment, can you please list the top issues that concern you most?

	<u>Most</u>	<u>2nd Most</u>	<u>3rd Most</u>	<u>Net: Top 3</u>
Economy - General	4%	7%	7%	19%
Money issues/Financial stability	1%	2%	2%	4%
Jobs	<1%	1%	1%	2%
Terrorism	25%	11%	5%	41%
War/Military	6%	5%	7%	18%
North Korea	6%	4%	3%	13%
Trade/Alliances	1%	3%	3%	7%
Security / Safety	3%	2%	2%	7%
Russia	2%	2%	3%	7%
Middle East	1%	2%	3%	5%
Foreign Affairs - General	1%	1%	1%	3%
World Peace	1%	1%	<1%	2%
China	<1%	1%	1%	1%
Global Warming	14%	7%	4%	25%
Environment (General)	6%	5%	5%	17%
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Immigration/Refugee issues	4%	6%	5%	15%
Poverty/Hunger/Famine	4%	6%	4%	14%
Health care	3%	4%	3%	10%
Trump	2%	2%	2%	7%
Equality/Equal rights	1%	2%	2%	5%
Education	1%	1%	2%	3%
Clean Water	1%	1%	1%	3%
Moral issues	1%	<1%	<1%	2%
Government/Political Corruption	1%	<1%	1%	2%
Globalization	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
Violence	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
Other Issues	2%	7%	8%	17%
Don't know/No Answer	8%	16%	24%	49%

10. For many years, there has been an ongoing debate about the role that the U.S. government should play in assisting developing nations around the world.

Some people say that we should cut back on the use of foreign aid unless it is tied directly to national security because we have too many challenges at home that need attention;

Other people say that as the world's remaining superpower we have a moral obligation to assist other people in need wherever they are, and this assistance makes the world and America a safer and more stable place.

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

Cut back	46%
We have obligation.....	36%
Not sure.....	18%

11. For the next set of issues, please indicate your overall level of awareness about each one. Would you say that you know nothing, not much, some or a lot about this issue? *[Rank-ordered by mean score]*

	<u>Nothing</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>A lot</u>
President Trump signing an executive order restricting travel and immigration from Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.	5%	9%	38%	48%
President Trump announcing that the United States will withdraw from the Paris Agreement on climate change.	8%	11%	34%	46%
North Korea prompting international condemnation by test firing a ballistic missile across the Sea of Japan.	8%	15%	38%	39%
The United Nations Refugee Agency reporting that a record 65 million people, half of which are children, have been displaced from their homes, mostly by war.	15%	25%	42%	17%
The United Nations warning that the world is facing the biggest humanitarian crisis since World War II, with up to 20 million people at risk of starvation and famine in Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and Nigeria.	18%	28%	39%	15%
Several Arab countries – Bahrain, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, and the Maldives -- cutting diplomatic ties with Qatar and accusing it of destabilizing the region.	24%	28%	33%	15%

12. Next, for the same series of issues, please indicate your overall level of concern about each one. Does this issue concern you not at all, not much, a little or a lot? *[Rank-ordered by mean score]*

	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>A lot</u>
North Korea prompting international condemnation by test firing a ballistic missile across the Sea of Japan.	6%	12%	33%	49%
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13. Thinking now about Africa and Yemen, and the 20 million people currently at risk of starvation, if a trusted friend or family member asked you to engage on this issue through the following activities, how likely

would you be using a scale from 0 (not at all likely) to 10 (extremely likely).
[Rank-ordered by mean score]

	<u>0-2</u>	<u>8-10</u>	<u>Mean</u>
Discuss with friends and family.	30%	35%	5.18
Sign a petition to raise awareness.	36%	31%	4.73
Donate to a non-profit or NGO.	43%	20%	3.93
Post or share information on social media	52%	22%	3.54
Contact your representative in Washington, DC.	50%	18%	3.43
Attend an event, rally or demonstration.	57%	12%	2.87

14. Independent analysts, as well as both Republican and Democratic policymakers in Washington, have reported that unlike African famines in the past, today’s crisis in African and Yemen is a man-made problem created by bad governance and terrorism -- then made worse through climate change.

Based on this information, are you more likely to engage on this issue, less likely to engage – or does this information make no difference in your view?

More likely 24%
 Less likely 12%
 No difference 64%

15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *[Rank-ordered by mean score]*

	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Strongly agree</u>
With 65 million people displaced and 20 million facing famine, foreign aid from wealthy nations like the U.S. is needed more than ever.	10%	22%	44%	24%
By investing in foreign aid, the U.S. is helping to prevent disasters that would end up costing more if neglected -- the Ebola health emergency is one example, Zika is another.	10%	22%	44%	24%
The U.S. has an opportunity to lead the reform of foreign aid by ensuring that every dollar spent is based on evidence and seeking long-term solutions like employment for refugees.	9%	23%	47%	22%
The U.S. has a moral obligation to help the world's most vulnerable, the same help we would hope for if we were facing such dire consequences as the people of Africa and Yemen.	13%	24%	40%	24%
Foreign aid helps make America safer by preventing conflict and the flow of migrants and refugees around the world.	13%	28%	41%	19%
The potential reduction of foreign aid makes America less safe because it reduces the valuable resources necessary to address the causes and symptoms of instability throughout the world.	14%	33%	37%	16%

16. What is the highest level of education you've completed?

Some high school or less.....	5%
High school or equivalent	27%
Some college, but no degree	16%
Associate's degree / Trade school.....	15%
Bachelor's degree	24%
Graduate degree.....	9%
Doctorate degree	4%

17. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Employed full-time	38%
Employed part-time.....	11%
Self-employed.....	6%
Student	5%
Retired	22%
Not employed / Homemaker	18%

18. Which of the following best describes your annual household income, before taxes?

Less than \$15,000	11%
\$15,000 to \$24,999.....	8%
\$25,000 to \$34,999.....	11%
\$35,000 to \$49,999.....	13%
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	17%
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	11%
\$100,000 to \$124,999.....	9%
\$125,000 to \$149,999.....	6%
\$150,000 or more	8%
I prefer not to answer.....	5%

19. Which of the following best describes your marital status?

Married.....	47%
Living with partner/significant other	8%
Single, never married.....	34%
Separated or divorced	9%
Widowed	3%

20. Which of the following best describes your race and ethnicity?

White, Non-Hispanic	68%
Black, Non-Hispanic	12%
Hispanic	11%
Asian.....	5%
Other, Non-Hispanic	1%
Two or more races, Non-Hispanic	2%
Two or more races, Hispanic	2%
Refused	1%

Methodology:

Respondents for this survey were selected from among those who have registered to participate in Lightspeed online research panels. The data have been weighted (education level, gender, region) to reflect the demographic composition of registered voters in the United States based on the U.S. Census May 2017 Voting and Registration Supplement to the Current Population Survey. Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation in the panel rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error.