The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences welcomes you to the public launch of the CRITICAL ISSUES POLL with Nielsen Scarborough. American Politics, Race, and Foreign Policy. To Tweet about this event, please use #CriticalIssuesPoll.
Survey Methodology

The survey was conducted October 5-14, 2016 with a panel consisting of a probability-based representative sample. The panel was recruited by Nielsen Scarborough from its larger probability-based national panel, which was recruited by mail and telephone using a random sample of households. A national sample of 1528 panelists completed the survey. Responses were weighted by age, gender, income, education, race, and geographic region using benchmarks from the US Census. The survey was also weighted by partisan identification. The margin of error is 2.5%

Note: These questions were fielded as part of a larger poll on foreign and domestic issues. Participants in this study were provided by Nielsen from Nielsen's sample of respondents.
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Principal Investigators

A survey sponsored by
University of Maryland Critical Issues Poll
fielded by Nielsen Scarborough
Foreign Policy
Please name a national or world leader you admire most
[Open-Ended Question]
Please name a national or world leader you admire most

- Ronald Reagan: 18%
- Benjamin Netanyahu: 11%
- Pope Francis: 5%
- George W. Bush: 4%
- Barack Obama: 50%
- Angela Merkel: 5%
- Justin Trudeau: 4%
- Bernie Sanders: 3%
Please name a national or world leader you dislike most.
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**REP**

- Barack Obama: 29%
- Hillary Clinton: 23%
- Kim Jong Un/Kim Jong Il: 9%
- Vladimir Putin: 8%

**DEM**

- Vladimir Putin: 30%
- Donald Trump: 18%
- Kim Jong Un/Kim Jong Il: 12%
- George W Bush: 4%
Which of the following issues should be America’s top global priorities? (Please Select Two)
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- The War on ISIS: 53%
- U.S. Immigration Policy: 38%
- Trade Deficit: 22%
- North Korea: 15%
- The Assertiveness of Russia: 14%
- The Rise of China: 11%
- The War on al-Qaeda: 6%
- Iran: 4%
- The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: 4%
- U.S. Relations with Egypt and Saudi Arabia: 2%
- The Civil War in Libya: 1%
- The Civil War in Yemen: <1%
- Other: 18%
What is your attitude about each of the following?

The Muslim People
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**The Muslim People**

- **Very/Somewhat Favorable**
  - Nov. 2015: 53%
  - May 2016 (Pre-Orlando): 58%
  - June 2016 (Post-Orlando): 62%
  - Oct. 2016: 70%

- **Very/Somewhat Unfavorable**
  - Nov. 2015: 46%
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ISIS and Syria
What’s your impression of the current level of U.S. military involvement in Syria?
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- It's at the right level
  - Republicans: 11%
  - Democrats: 32%
  - Independents: 21%
  - Total: 22%

- It's less than I would like to see
  - Republicans: 31%
  - Democrats: 30%
  - Independents: 30%
  - Total: 42%

- It's more than I would like to see
  - Republicans: 30%
  - Democrats: 35%
  - Independents: 45%
  - Total: 45%

What's your impression of the current level of U.S. military involvement in Syria?

- **It's at the right level**
  - Trump Supporters: 10%
  - Hillary Supporters: 36%

- **It's less than I would like to see**
  - Trump Supporters: 61%
  - Hillary Supporters: 31%

- **It's more than I would like to see**
  - Trump Supporters: 28%
  - Hillary Supporters: 31%

What should be the primary objective of U.S. military involvement in Syria?
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- **Defeating ISIS and its allies**
  - Republicans: 46%
  - Democrats: 39%
  - Independents: 46%
  - Total: 52%

- **Removing the government of Syria under president Bashar Assad**
  - Republicans: 1%
  - Democrats: 3%
  - Independents: 4%
  - Total: 2%

- **Both equally**
  - Republicans: 32%
  - Democrats: 39%
  - Independents: 27%
  - Total: 35%

- **Neither**
  - Republicans: 7%
  - Democrats: 10%
  - Independents: 20%
  - Total: 10%

What should be the primary objective of U.S. military involvement in Syria?

- Defeating ISIS and its allies: 61% (Trump: 43%, Hillary: 43%)
- Removing the government of Syria under president Bashar Assad: 1% (Trump: 1%, Hillary: 3%)
- Both equally: 32% (Trump: 32%, Hillary: 44%)
- Neither: 5% (Trump: 5%, Hillary: 9%)
Rebels fighting the Syrian regime include many Islamists groups. Tell me how much you agree/disagree with following statements:

The U.S. should support Syrian rebels even if some of our aid goes to some of the Islamist rebels, as long as the aid doesn’t go to ISIS and al-Qaeda specifically. We need to rely on proxy forces to counter not only the Syrian regime but its external backers like Iran and Hezbollah.
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Rebels fighting the Syrian regime include many Islamists groups. Tell me how much you agree/disagree with the following statements:

The U.S. should not support Syrian rebels if they include Islamists as this could come back to haunt us; there is no way to ensure aid wouldn’t reach ISIS and al-Qaeda, or that the Islamist groups we back won’t eventually turn against us
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The U.S. should not support Syrian rebels if they include Islamists as this could come back to haunt us; there is no way to ensure aid wouldn’t reach ISIS and al-Qaeda, or that the Islamist groups we back won’t eventually turn against us.
As you may know, Russia supports the Syrian government while the United States supports Syrian rebels trying to overthrow this government. But both Russia and the U.S. are opposed to ISIS. What in your opinion is the best American path to fighting ISIS?
What in your opinion is the best American path to fighting ISIS?

- **Trying to do it with allies only, and avoid full military cooperation with Russia**
  - Republicans: 30%
  - Democrats: 44%
  - Independents: 28%
  - Total: 36%

- **Put aside our differences with Russia on the Syrian regime and join forces to fight ISIS**
  - Republicans: 67%
  - Democrats: 53%
  - Independents: 67%
  - Total: 60%

What in your opinion is the best American path to fighting ISIS?

- Trying to do it with allies only, and avoid full military cooperation with Russia: 27% (Trump), 49% (Hillary)
- Put aside our differences with Russia on the Syrian regime and join forces to fight ISIS: 70% (Trump), 50% (Hillary)

Overall, how would you describe the degree of Russian-American cooperation over the Syrian conflict so far?
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- **It has been at the right level**
  - Republicans: 10%
  - Democrats: 18%
  - Independents: 9%
  - Total: 14%

- **It has been more than I would like to see**
  - Republicans: 13%
  - Democrats: 14%
  - Independents: 23%
  - Total: 15%

- **It has been less than I would like to see**
  - Republicans: 72%
  - Democrats: 65%
  - Independents: 60%
  - Total: 67%

Overall, how would you describe the degree of Russian-American cooperation over the Syrian conflict so far?

- **It has been at the right level**
  - Trump Supporters: 9%
  - Hillary Supporters: 19%

- **It has been more than I would like to see**
  - Trump Supporters: 11%
  - Hillary Supporters: 17%

- **It has been less than I would like to see**
  - Trump Supporters: 75%
  - Hillary Supporters: 62%

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- **Strongly/Somewhat Disagree**
  - Trump Supporters: 67%
  - Hillary Supporters: 33%

- **Strongly/Somewhat Agree**
  - Trump Supporters: 29%
  - Hillary Supporters: 67%

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Strongly/Somewhat Disagree

- Republicans: 14%
- Democrats: 34%
- Independents: 25%
- Total: 25%

Strongly/Somewhat Agree

- Republicans: 83%
- Democrats: 64%
- Independents: 72%
- Total: 73%
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- **Strongly/Somewhat Disagree**: 9% (Trump) vs. 33% (Hillary)
- **Strongly/Somewhat Agree**: 89% (Trump) vs. 66% (Hillary)

A large American ground force to fight ISIS in Syria and Iraq is risky, costly, and unlikely to achieve the desired objectives. There are also always unintended consequences. Even the significant intervention in the 2003 Iraq war failed to bring the right outcome for American interests or prevent the rise of groups like ISIS. Conflicts in these countries are messy and complicated with multiple parties. Sending more forces would be costly, extended, and make more enemies than friends. Even if we defeat ISIS, groups like it would emerge as soon as we withdraw our forces. Besides, ISIS is a threat to a host of other nations even more than it is.
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Trump Supporters | Hillary Supporters

Strongly/Somewhat Disagree

- Trump: 39%
- Hillary: 16%

Strongly/Somewhat Agree

- Trump: 55%
- Hillary: 81%
A large American ground force is essential to fight ISIS in Syria and Iraq and we cannot allow the risk to stop us. ISIS presents a major threat to us, causes regional and global instability, and generates refugee crises that pose both moral and security dilemmas. Deploying ground forces is the only way to defeat it and is worth the investment, even if it means our forces would have to remain there for a sustained period of time. We cannot allow our experience in Iraq to hold us back. Besides, the task may be achievable even without having to leave our forces in the region for a long period of time.
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- **Strongly/Somewhat Disagree**
  - Republicans: 21%
  - Democrats: 13%
  - Independents: 16%
  - Total: 17%

- **Strongly/Somewhat Agree**
  - Republicans: 76%
  - Democrats: 86%
  - Independents: 80%
  - Total: 81%

Tell me how much you agree/disagree with the following statements: Even if we defeat ISIS by deploying a large force on the ground, it, or groups like it, will reemerge as soon as we withdraw our forces.

Strongly/Somewhat Disagree
- Trump Supporters: 24%
- Hillary Supporters: 14%

Strongly/Somewhat Agree
- Trump Supporters: 73%
- Hillary Supporters: 85%

Now, tell me if you support or oppose the deployment of a large American ground force in Syria and Iraq to fight ISIS
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If the elections were held today, which of the following presidential candidates would you be most likely to vote for?
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If the elections were held today, which of the following presidential candidates would you be most likely to vote for?

- **Donald Trump**: 38% (Men), 30% (Women)
- **Hillary Clinton**: 39% (Men), 47% (Women)
- **Gary Johnson**: 6% (Men), 5% (Women)
- **Jill Stein**: 2% (Men), 1% (Women)
- **None appeal to me**: 13% (Men), 17% (Women)

Now, which of these is the most important reason for your vote?
Now, which of these is the most important reason for your vote?

- Party Loyalty
- Impact on the makeup of the Supreme Court
- I genuinely agree with my preferred candidate's proposed policies
- A vote against another candidate(s)
- I have trust in my candidate
- My candidate cares about people like me

[Bar chart showing percentages for each category by party affiliation and total.]

Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:

There are Americans who will vote for Donald Trump in the presidential election even though they are not prepared to state that openly.
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Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:

There are Americans who will vote for Hillary Clinton in the presidential election even though they are not prepared to state that openly
Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: There are Americans who will vote for Hillary Clinton in the presidential election even though they are not prepared to state that openly.

- Strongly/Somewhat Disagree:
  - Republicans: 54%
  - Democrats: 27%
  - Independents: 34%
  - Total: 40%

- Strongly/Somewhat Agree:
  - Republicans: 45%
  - Democrats: 72%
  - Independents: 63%
  - Total: 60%

How much do you want significant change to the American political system?
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- **Very much**:
  - Republicans: 74%
  - Democrats: 68%
  - Independents: 76%
  - Total: 72%

- **Somewhat**:
  - Republicans: 21%
  - Democrats: 29%
  - Independents: 22%
  - Total: 25%

- **Not at all**:
  - Republicans: 4%
  - Democrats: 2%
  - Independents: 3%
  - Total: 3%

How much do you want significant change to the American economic system?

- **Very much**
  - Men: 67%
  - Women: 76%

- **Somewhat**
  - Men: 29%
  - Women: 21%

- **Not at all**
  - Men: 4%
  - Women: 2%

Which candidate is more likely to bring significant political change to the American system?
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- Donald Trump: 82%
  - Republicans: 52%
  - Democrats: 28%
  - Independents: 38%
  - Total: 82%
- Hillary Clinton: 56%
  - Republicans: 31%
  - Democrats: 28%
  - Independents: 5%
  - Total: 56%
- Gary Johnson: 9%
  - Republicans: 7%
  - Democrats: 11%
  - Independents: 8%
  - Total: 9%
- Jill Stein: 6%
  - Republicans: 8%
  - Democrats: 3%
  - Independents: 16%
  - Total: 6%

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- Men: 55%
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- Women: 5%

Jill Stein
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- Women: 6%

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- Donald Trump: 81% (Republicans 50%, Democrats 22%, Independents 53%, Total 53%)
- Hillary Clinton: 64% (Republicans 6%, Democrats 34%, Independents 17%, Total 17%)
- Gary Johnson: 5% (Republicans 8%, Democrats 5%, Independents 11%, Total 7%)
- Jill Stein: 5% (Republicans 3%, Democrats 5%, Independents 14%, Total 5%)

Which candidate is more likely to bring significant economic change to the American system?

Donald Trump: 54% Men, 46% Women

Hillary Clinton: 27% Men, 41% Women

Gary Johnson: 11% Men, 3% Women

Jill Stein: 6% Men, 4% Women

Which of the following is closest to your view of the impact on our political system, were Donald Trump to become president?
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  - Democrats: 38%
  - Independents: 36%
  - Total: 35%

- She would bring profound change for the worse to our political system
  - Republicans: 4%
  - Democrats: 27%
  - Independents: 27%
  - Total: 30%

- She would bring profound change for the better to our political system
  - Republicans: 2%
  - Democrats: 14%
  - Independents: 14%
  - Total: 21%

- She would bring profound change, but it's not clear if it's for better or worse to our political system
  - Republicans: 5%
  - Democrats: 18%
  - Independents: 18%
  - Total: 21%

Which of the following is closest to your view of the impact on our political system, were Hillary Clinton to become president

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  - Men: 15%
  - Women: 27%

- She would bring profound change, but it's not clear if it's for better or worse to our political system
  - Men: 10%
  - Women: 16%

Which of the following is closest to your view:
I am generally comfortable with our political system

I think our political system needs change, but it should be gradual

I think our political system needs revolutionary change

Which of the following is closest to your view:

Republicans  Democrats  Independents  Total

I am generally comfortable with our political system

I think our political system needs change, but it should be gradual

I think our political system needs revolutionary change

Which of the following is closest to your view:
How much do you agree with this statement:

“Our system is rigged against people like me”?
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- Strongly/Somewhat Disagree:
  - Republicans: 23%
  - Democrats: 47%
  - Independents: 25%
  - Total: 35%

- Strongly/Somewhat Agree:
  - Republicans: 77%
  - Democrats: 52%
  - Independents: 73%
  - Total: 65%

How much do you agree with this statement: "Our system is rigged against people like me"?

- **Non-College Educated**
  - Strongly/Somewhat Disagree: 26%
  - Strongly/Somewhat Agree: 74%

- **At least some college education**
  - Strongly/Somewhat Disagree: 41%
  - Strongly/Somewhat Agree: 59%

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- **Very/Somewhat Good**
  - Republicans: 34%
  - Democrats: 31%
  - Independents: 36%
  - Total: 33%

- **Very/Somewhat Bad**
  - Republicans: 64%
  - Democrats: 69%
  - Independents: 62%
  - Total: 66%

Regardless of your vote for president, please rate the candidates on the scale below on how confident you are that they would advance the interests of African Americans if elected.
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Vote Support by Partisanship

- **Trump**
- **Clinton**

Partisanship Levels:
- Strong Oppo
- Weak Oppo
- Lean Oppo
- Independent
- Lean Copartisan
- Weak Copartisan
- Strong Copartisan
How has the release of the tape of Donald Trump talking about women in 2005 influenced your choice for president?
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- **It has not changed my mind about whom I was planning to vote for**
  - Republicans: 90%
  - Democrats: 94%
  - Independents: 78%
  - Total: 91%

- **I was undecided, but now plan to vote for Trump**
  - Republicans: 1%
  - Democrats: 1%
  - Independents: 0%
  - Total: 1%

- **I was undecided, but now plan to vote for someone else who isn't Trump**
  - Republicans: 1%
  - Democrats: 5%
  - Independents: 10%
  - Total: 4%

- **I was planning to vote for Trump, but I am now undecided**
  - Republicans: <1%
  - Democrats: 3%
  - Independents: 2%
  - Total: 2%

- **I was planning to vote for Trump, but now plan to vote for another candidate**
  - Republicans: 1%
  - Democrats: <1%
  - Independents: 1%
  - Total: 1%

- **I was planning to vote for Trump, but now plan not to vote**
  - Republicans: 0%
  - Democrats: 1%
  - Independents: 3%
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- **Increased**:
  - Republicans: 16%
  - Democrats: 47%
  - Independents: 14%
  - Total: 30%

- **Decreased**:
  - Republicans: 2%
  - Democrats: 3%
  - Independents: 0%
  - Total: 3%

- **Stayed the same**:
  - Republicans: 72%
  - Democrats: 58%
  - Independents: 65%
  - Total: 65%

As a result of the tape, would you say that the strength of your support for your preferred candidate?

- Increased
  - Men: 29%
  - Women: 32%

- Decreased
  - Men: 4%
  - Women: 2%

- Stayed the same
  - Men: 59%
  - Women: 57%

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