

Syrian Intervention

Poll

27/11/2015

Prepared on behalf of the Daily Mirror

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

26th – 27th November 2015

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via online panel. Invitations to complete surveys were sent out to members of the panel. Differential response rates from different demographic groups were taken into account.

Population Sampled

All residents aged 18+ in the UK

Sample Size

1,026

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all UK adults aged 18+ Data were weighted by age, sex, region and past vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office for National Statistics data and the results of the 2015 General Election.

As this was a snap poll, live sequential weighting was used on the data set, rather than post-fieldwork rim weighting. As such weighted data will approximate demographic targets but may not match exactly to the nearest percentage point.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 1,026 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3.1% from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from crossbreaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

Question presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Survation (Director of Research – Patrick Briône).

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The Prime Minister, David Cameron wants to take military action against IS (Islamic State) in Syria as part of a "comprehensive" strategy alongside key allies to "defeat the group" as he believes targeting so-called Islamic State would make Britain safer. Others say extending the current British air strikes occurring in Iraq to Syria will not counter the ISIS terror campaign, risks spreading their threat, and will not make Britain safer.

Table 1

Q1. Normal weightings

Q1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - The UK should join with US, French and any other forces and begin airstrikes against IS in Syria now

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Age			Gender		Region				2015 Past Vote				
		18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	South	Midlands & Wales	North & Scotland	Northern Ireland	LAB	CON	LD	UKIP	Did Not Vote
Unweighted total	1026	302	395	328	455	570	402	231	370	22	275	278	81	117	155
Weighted total	1026	293	366	369	505	521	453	216	334	23	245	316	69	103	186
Agree	495	109	172	214	297	197	213	116	156	11	107	216	32	52	57
	48.3%	37.2%	47.0%	58.0%	58.8%	37.9%	47.0%	53.7%	46.7%	47.8%	43.7%	68.4%	46.4%	50.5%	30.7%
Disagree	311	93	111	106	145	166	133	64	108	5	85	55	22	35	66
	30.3%	31.7%	30.3%	28.7%	28.7%	31.9%	29.4%	29.6%	32.3%	21.7%	34.7%	17.4%	31.9%	34.0%	35.5%
Don't Know	219	90	81	49	62	157	106	36	70	7	55	44	16	17	64
	21.4%	30.7%	22.1%	13.3%	12.3%	30.2%	23.4%	16.7%	21.0%	30.4%	22.5%	13.9%	23.2%	16.5%	34.4%
Total	1026	293	366	369	505	521	453	216	334	23	245	316	69	103	186
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 2
Q2. Normal weightings
Q2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - The UK should pursue every diplomatic, non-military route possible to combat IS in Syria before any other action
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Age			Gender		Region				2015 Past Vote				
		18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	South	Midlands & Wales	North & Scotland	Northern Ireland	LAB	CON	LD	UKIP	Did Not Vote
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Agree	499	136	180	184	236	264	231	92	170	8	137	129	40	45	75
	48.7%	46.4%	49.2%	49.9%	46.7%	50.8%	51.0%	42.6%	50.9%	34.8%	55.9%	40.8%	58.0%	43.7%	40.3%
Disagree	296	61	111	125	194	102	114	72	102	9	57	130	15	41	38
	28.9%	20.8%	30.3%	33.9%	38.4%	19.6%	25.2%	33.3%	30.5%	39.1%	23.3%	41.1%	21.7%	39.8%	20.4%
Don't Know	231	96	75	60	74	155	108	52	64	6	52	55	13	17	74
	22.5%	32.8%	20.5%	16.3%	14.7%	29.8%	23.8%	24.1%	19.2%	26.1%	21.2%	17.4%	18.8%	16.5%	39.8%
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Q3. Normal weightings

Q3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - In addition to airstrikes, British ground troops should be sent to fight IS in Syria if necessary at some point in the future

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Age			Gender		Region				2015 Past Vote				
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Agree	422	125	148	150	238	184	188	87	139	9	99	164	21	42	56
	41.2%	42.7%	40.4%	40.7%	47.1%	35.4%	41.5%	40.3%	41.6%	39.1%	40.4%	51.9%	30.4%	40.8%	30.1%
Disagree	368	83	127	158	187	181	153	86	122	8	94	92	33	36	66
	35.9%	28.3%	34.7%	42.8%	37.0%	34.8%	33.8%	39.8%	36.5%	34.8%	38.4%	29.1%	47.8%	35.0%	35.5%
Don't Know	235	84	90	60	79	156	112	43	74	6	52	58	15	25	64
	22.9%	28.7%	24.6%	16.3%	15.6%	30.0%	24.7%	19.9%	22.2%	26.1%	21.2%	18.4%	21.7%	24.3%	34.4%
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Q4. Normal weightings

Q4. Do you agree or disagree to the following statements? - The UK should pull out of any military involvement in the Middle East completely

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	Total	Age			Gender		Region				2015 Past Vote				
		18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	South	Midlands & Wales	North & Scotland	Northern Ireland	LAB	CON	LD	UKIP	Did Not Vote
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Weighted total	1026	293	366	369	505	521	453	216	334	23	245	316	69	103	186
Agree	275	81	108	87	134	141	130	56	86	3	67	59	13	39	57
	26.8%	27.7%	29.5%	23.6%	26.5%	27.1%	28.7%	25.9%	25.8%	13.0%	27.4%	18.7%	18.8%	37.9%	30.7%
Disagree	486	111	160	216	289	196	205	104	166	10	113	199	39	45	55
	47.4%	37.9%	43.7%	58.5%	57.2%	37.7%	45.3%	48.2%	49.7%	43.5%	46.1%	63.0%	56.5%	43.7%	29.6%
Don't Know	264	101	96	66	81	183	117	56	82	10	64	57	16	20	74
	25.8%	34.5%	26.2%	17.9%	16.0%	35.2%	25.8%	25.9%	24.6%	43.5%	26.1%	18.0%	23.2%	19.4%	39.8%
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	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q5. Normal weightings

Q5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - The UK should bomb IS in Syria and send British troops in, on the ground, now

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	Total	Age			Gender		Region				2015 Past Vote				
		18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	South	Midlands & Wales	North & Scotland	Northern Ireland	LAB	CON	LD	UKIP	Did Not Vote
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Agree	261	59	102	99	161	100	112	54	91	4	61	112	14	28	26
	25.5%	20.1%	27.9%	26.8%	31.9%	19.2%	24.7%	25.0%	27.3%	17.4%	24.9%	35.4%	20.3%	27.2%	14.0%
Disagree	511	144	167	199	266	246	227	114	162	9	127	133	41	56	90
	49.9%	49.2%	45.6%	53.9%	52.7%	47.3%	50.1%	52.8%	48.5%	39.1%	51.8%	42.1%	59.4%	54.4%	48.4%
Don't Know	254	89	95	70	79	175	114	48	81	11	56	70	15	20	70
	24.8%	30.4%	26.0%	19.0%	15.6%	33.7%	25.2%	22.2%	24.3%	47.8%	22.9%	22.2%	21.7%	19.4%	37.6%
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Q6. Normal weightings

Q6. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - British air strikes against IS in Syria will increase the risk of a terror attack here in the UK

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Agree	602	179	213	209	279	322	263	119	207	13	158	160	41	65	104
	58.6%	61.1%	58.2%	56.6%	55.3%	61.9%	58.1%	55.1%	62.0%	56.5%	64.5%	50.6%	59.4%	63.1%	55.9%
Disagree	190	38	63	89	127	65	84	45	57	4	44	78	15	22	21
	18.5%	13.0%	17.2%	24.1%	25.2%	12.5%	18.5%	20.8%	17.1%	17.4%	18.0%	24.7%	21.7%	21.4%	11.3%
Don't Know	232	74	89	70	98	133	105	51	71	6	45	77	13	17	61
	22.6%	25.3%	24.3%	19.0%	19.4%	25.6%	23.2%	23.6%	21.3%	26.1%	18.4%	24.4%	18.8%	16.5%	32.8%
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