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Majority of North Carolinians View Iran as a Threat to U.S. National Security.

Raleigh, N.C. – In a new poll conducted by Public Policy Polling 65% of North Carolinians see Iran as a threat to U.S. national security. 46% believe it is very likely that Iran would use a nuclear weapon to destroy U.S. interests at home and abroad, while 25% believe it is somewhat likely.

47% of respondents believe the U.S. has an obligation to prevent Iran from developing nuclear capability “at all costs” and 55% do not believe the U.S. and the international community should allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon to be used exclusively for civilian purposes.

A majority of respondents do not believe the U.S. should go to war with Iran in an effort to prevent the country from developing a nuclear weapon. However, 17% believe it is very likely the U.S. will go to war with Iran over the issue and 42% believe it is somewhat likely.

With respect to recent tensions between Israel and Iran, 51% of North Carolinians believe the U.S. has an obligation to protect Israel “at all costs” against Iranian threats to the country’s national security. 58% believe it is very likely that Iran would use a nuclear weapon against the State of Israel and 20% believe it is somewhat likely.

Regarding U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, 58% of respondents believe that the U.S. should continue to play an active political role in the Middle East.

John D. Willingham, summer fellow with PPP, noted “according to the poll, it appears that a good number of North Carolinians perceive Iran to be a serious threat to the national security of the U.S. and Israel. Despite U.S. involvement in Iraq, these numbers suggest there are many people within North Carolina who believe the U.S. has an obligation to prevent Iran from developing nuclear capability, even if the program is for civilian purposes. Moreover, these numbers show support within NC for the U.S. to continue to play an active role within the Middle East.”

PPP surveyed 697 likely voters on June 27 and 28. The survey’s margin of error is +/- 3.7%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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Iran and U.S. Foreign Policy Survey Results

Q1 What is your religious affiliation? If Christian, press 1. If Jewish, press 2. If Muslim, press 3. If other, press 4.

Christian.....86% *Muslim* 1%
Jewish..... 1% *Other*.....13%

Q2 Do you have a very unfavorable, unfavorable, neutral, favorable, or very favorable opinion of Iran's government? Press 1, if you have a very unfavorable opinion of Iran. Press 2, if unfavorable. Press 3, if neutral. Press 4, if favorable. Press 5, if very favorable.

Very unfavorable....56% *Favorable*..... 3%
Unfavorable23% *Very Favorable* 1%
Neutral.....16%

Q3 Do you see Iran as a threat to U.S. national security? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you are unsure or don't know, press 3.

Yes..... 65% *Don't know* 15%
No 20%

Q4 Do you believe that the U.S. and the international community should allow Iran to develop a nuclear program used exclusively for civilian purposes? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you are unsure or don't know, press 3.

Yes..... 25% *Don't Know*..... 20%
No 55%

Q5 Do you believe it is likely that Iran would use a nuclear weapon to destroy U.S. interests at home and abroad? Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, very unlikely or are you unsure? If you think it is very likely, press 1. If you think it is somewhat likely, press 2. If you think it is somewhat unlikely, press 3. If you think it is very unlikely, press 4. If you are unsure or don't know, press 5.

Very likely46% *Very unlikely* 7%
Somewhat likely.....25% *Don't know* 5%
Somewhat unlikely..17%

Q6 If Iran were to develop a nuclear weapon, how likely do you think it is that Iran would use this weapon against Israel? Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, very unlikely or are you unsure? If you think it is very likely, press 1. If you think it is somewhat likely, press 2. If you think it is somewhat unlikely, press 3. If you think it is very unlikely, press 4. If you are unsure or don't know, press 5.

Very likely58% *Very unlikely* 7%
Somewhat likely.....20% *Don't know* 5%
Somewhat unlikely..10%

Q7 Do you believe the U.S. has an obligation to prevent Iran from developing any type of nuclear capability at all costs? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you are unsure or don't know, press 3.

Yes47% *Don't know*22%
No.....31%





Q8 Do you believe the U.S. should go to war with Iran in order to prevent the country from developing a nuclear weapon? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you are unsure or don't know, press 3.

Yes25% Don't know23%
No52%

Q9 Do you believe it is likely the U.S. will go to war with Iran over the issue of Iran's nuclear program? Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, very unlikely or are you unsure? If you believe it is very likely, press 1. If you believe it is somewhat likely, press 2. If you believe it is somewhat unlikely, press 3. If you believe it is very unlikely, press 4. If you are unsure or don't know, press 5.

Very likely17% Very unlikely 6%
Somewhat likely42% Don't know12%
Somewhat unlikely .22%

Q10 Do you believe the U.S. has an obligation to support Israel at all costs against Iranian threats to the country's national security? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you are unsure or don't know, press 3.

Yes51% Don't know18%
No31%

Q11 Do you believe the U.S. should continue to play an active political role in the Middle East? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you are unsure or don't know, press 3.

Yes58% Don't know15%
No27%

Q12 Do you believe the U.S. should attempt to counter Iranian influence in the Middle East? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you are unsure or don't know, press 3.

Yes54% Don't know22%
No23%

Q13 Do you believe Iran should be the next front in the War on Terror? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you are unsure or don't know, press 3.

Yes32% Don't know34%
No34%

Q14 Do you believe the Iranian government has links with Al-Qaeda? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you are unsure or don't know, press 3.

Yes63% Don't know21%
No16%

Q15 If elected, who do you believe is the best candidate for dealing with potential national security threats from Iran, Barack Obama or John McCain? If Obama, press 1. If McCain, press 2. If neither, press 3. If you are unsure or don't know, press 4.

Obama32% Neither10%
McCain54% Don't know 4%

Q16 If you're a woman, press 1. If you're a man, press 2.

Female 53%
Male 47%

Q17 If you're a Democrat, press 1. If you're a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat 49%
Republican 35%
Other 16%

Q18 If you are White, press 1. If you are Black, press 2. If Other, press 3.

White77% Other 3%
Black20%

Q19 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18-2911% 46-6543%
30-4521% Older than 6525%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
Religion I.D.			
Christian	86%	85%	86%
Jewish	1%	1%	1%
Muslim	1%	1%	0%
Other	13%	13%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
Iran Attitudes			
Very unfavorable	56%	59%	54%
Unfavorable	23%	23%	23%
Neutral	16%	14%	19%
Favorable	3%	3%	2%
Very Favorable	1%	1%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
National Security Threat			
Yes	65%	64%	67%
No	20%	19%	21%
Don't know	15%	17%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
International Comm. Iran Nukes			
Yes	25%	23%	27%
No	55%	57%	53%
Don't Know	20%	20%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
Nukes against U.S. Interests			
Very likely	46%	47%	45%
Somewhat likely	25%	24%	26%
Somewhat unlikely	17%	17%	16%
Very unlikely	7%	7%	8%
Don't know	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
Nukes against Israel			
Very likely	58%	57%	59%
Somewhat likely	20%	22%	18%
Somewhat unlikely	10%	11%	10%
Very unlikely	7%	5%	8%
Don't know	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
Prevent nuclear capability			
Yes	47%	49%	46%
No	31%	28%	33%
Don't know	22%	23%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
War with Iran			
Yes	25%	27%	23%
No	52%	52%	52%
Don't know	23%	22%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
Likelihood of war with Iran			
Very likely	17%	18%	16%
Somewhat likely	42%	43%	42%
Somewhat unlikely	22%	22%	22%
Very unlikely	6%	7%	6%
Don't know	12%	10%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
Support of Israel			
Yes	51%	51%	51%
No	31%	31%	31%
Don't know	18%	18%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
U.S. role in the ME			
Yes	58%	58%	57%
No	27%	27%	27%
Don't know	15%	15%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
Iranian influence			
Yes	54%	55%	53%
No	23%	24%	22%
Don't know	22%	20%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
War on Terror-Iran			
Yes	32%	32%	33%
No	34%	34%	34%
Don't know	34%	35%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
Al-Qaeda-Iran			
Yes	63%	64%	63%
No	16%	16%	15%
Don't know	21%	20%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
Best Candidate			
Obama	32%	34%	30%
McCain	54%	51%	57%
Neither	10%	11%	9%
Don't know	4%	4%	4%

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Religion I.D.				
Christian	86%	85%	88%	84%
Jewish	1%	0%	2%	2%
Muslim	1%	0%	1%	2%
Other	13%	15%	10%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Iran Attitudes				
Very unfavorable	56%	57%	58%	51%
Unfavorable	23%	24%	21%	24%
Neutral	16%	16%	17%	16%
Favorable	3%	2%	2%	6%
Very Favorable	1%	1%	2%	2%

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
National Security Threat				
Yes	65%	61%	68%	71%
No	20%	22%	15%	22%
Don't know	15%	16%	17%	7%

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
International Comm. Iran Nukes				
Yes	25%	25%	24%	30%
No	55%	53%	58%	56%
Don't Know	20%	23%	18%	14%

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Nukes against U.S. Interests				
Very likely	46%	44%	46%	52%
Somewhat likely	25%	27%	26%	20%
Somewhat unlikely	17%	16%	17%	17%
Very unlikely	7%	8%	6%	6%
Don't know	5%	5%	5%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Nukes against Israel				
Very likely	58%	54%	60%	66%
Somewhat likely	20%	23%	19%	16%
Somewhat unlikely	10%	10%	12%	10%
Very unlikely	7%	8%	4%	6%
Don't know	5%	5%	5%	3%

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Prevent nuclear capability				
Yes	47%	48%	45%	52%
No	31%	31%	30%	29%
Don't know	22%	21%	25%	19%

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
War with Iran				
Yes	25%	22%	28%	30%
No	52%	55%	50%	47%
Don't know	23%	24%	23%	24%

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Likelihood of war with Iran				
Very likely	17%	16%	18%	21%
Somewhat likely	42%	39%	44%	48%
Somewhat unlikely	22%	23%	23%	16%
Very unlikely	6%	8%	4%	6%
Don't know	12%	14%	11%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Support of Israel				
Yes	51%	48%	54%	53%
No	31%	34%	28%	26%
Don't know	18%	18%	18%	21%

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
U.S. role in the ME				
Yes	58%	55%	60%	60%
No	27%	32%	22%	23%
Don't know	15%	13%	18%	18%

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Iranian influence				
Yes	54%	51%	57%	59%
No	23%	28%	17%	22%
Don't know	22%	20%	26%	19%

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
War on Terror-Iran				
Yes	32%	31%	35%	29%
No	34%	36%	32%	31%
Don't know	34%	33%	33%	39%





Crosstabs

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Al-Qaeda-Iran				
Yes	63%	63%	64%	62%
No	16%	19%	12%	13%
Don't know	21%	18%	24%	25%

	Base	PID		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Best Candidate				
Obama	32%	33%	30%	33%
McCain	54%	50%	58%	54%
Neither	10%	12%	9%	9%
Don't know	4%	5%	3%	3%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Religion I.D.				
Christian	86%	85%	88%	81%
Jewish	1%	1%	-	-
Muslim	1%	1%	-	-
Other	13%	13%	12%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Iran Attitudes				
Very unfavorable	56%	56%	58%	63%
Unfavorable	23%	24%	21%	15%
Neutral	16%	16%	16%	22%
Favorable	3%	2%	4%	-
Very Favorable	1%	1%	2%	-





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
National Security Threat				
Yes	65%	65%	67%	70%
No	20%	21%	16%	11%
Don't know	15%	14%	18%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
International Comm. Iran Nukes				
Yes	25%	24%	28%	33%
No	55%	56%	51%	48%
Don't Know	20%	19%	21%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Nukes against U.S. Interests				
Very likely	46%	44%	53%	56%
Somewhat likely	25%	27%	21%	15%
Somewhat unlikely	17%	17%	14%	19%
Very unlikely	7%	7%	9%	4%
Don't know	5%	5%	4%	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Nukes against Israel				
Very likely	58%	57%	61%	63%
Somewhat likely	20%	22%	14%	15%
Somewhat unlikely	10%	10%	11%	19%
Very unlikely	7%	6%	9%	-
Don't know	5%	5%	5%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Prevent nuclear capability				
Yes	47%	48%	46%	52%
No	31%	31%	28%	26%
Don't know	22%	21%	26%	22%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
War with Iran				
Yes	25%	25%	25%	37%
No	52%	53%	49%	44%
Don't know	23%	23%	26%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Likelihood of war with Iran				
Very likely	17%	17%	19%	19%
Somewhat likely	42%	43%	39%	59%
Somewhat unlikely	22%	23%	19%	11%
Very unlikely	6%	5%	11%	4%
Don't know	12%	12%	12%	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Support of Israel				
Yes	51%	50%	56%	44%
No	31%	31%	32%	30%
Don't know	18%	19%	12%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
U.S. role in the ME				
Yes	58%	57%	61%	59%
No	27%	26%	32%	19%
Don't know	15%	17%	7%	22%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Iranian influence				
Yes	54%	53%	60%	58%
No	23%	24%	23%	19%
Don't know	22%	24%	18%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
War on Terror-Iran				
Yes	32%	30%	37%	52%
No	34%	35%	30%	28%
Don't know	34%	34%	33%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Al-Qaeda-Iran				
Yes	63%	63%	63%	68%
No	16%	14%	21%	12%
Don't know	21%	23%	16%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Best Candidate				
Obama	32%	33%	27%	33%
McCain	54%	52%	58%	54%
Neither	10%	10%	13%	8%
Don't know	4%	5%	2%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Religion I.D.					
Christian	86%	85%	86%	84%	89%
Jewish	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Muslim	1%	-	1%	1%	1%
Other	13%	14%	13%	14%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Iran Attitudes					
Very unfavorable	56%	49%	55%	56%	62%
Unfavorable	23%	27%	20%	27%	18%
Neutral	16%	22%	18%	13%	19%
Favorable	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%
Very Favorable	1%	-	3%	1%	-

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
National Security Threat					
Yes	65%	60%	62%	66%	70%
No	20%	13%	23%	21%	18%
Don't know	15%	27%	16%	13%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
International Comm. Iran Nukes					
Yes	25%	33%	21%	26%	24%
No	55%	49%	59%	52%	59%
Don't Know	20%	17%	20%	22%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Nukes against U.S. Interests					
Very likely	46%	47%	47%	45%	47%
Somewhat likely	25%	21%	22%	28%	25%
Somewhat unlikely	17%	18%	18%	16%	15%
Very unlikely	7%	7%	8%	8%	6%
Don't know	5%	6%	6%	3%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Nukes against Israel					
Very likely	58%	66%	59%	54%	60%
Somewhat likely	20%	14%	20%	23%	18%
Somewhat unlikely	10%	14%	8%	11%	10%
Very unlikely	7%	6%	7%	7%	6%
Don't know	5%	-	6%	6%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Prevent nuclear capability					
Yes	47%	44%	47%	45%	54%
No	31%	37%	32%	31%	26%
Don't know	22%	19%	22%	24%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
War with Iran					
Yes	25%	22%	24%	23%	30%
No	52%	64%	51%	51%	48%
Don't know	23%	15%	24%	26%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Likelihood of war with Iran					
Very likely	17%	18%	19%	17%	17%
Somewhat likely	42%	45%	44%	40%	43%
Somewhat unlikely	22%	26%	20%	23%	20%
Very unlikely	6%	3%	8%	7%	6%
Don't know	12%	8%	9%	14%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Support of Israel					
Yes	51%	51%	50%	49%	55%
No	31%	32%	31%	31%	29%
Don't know	18%	16%	19%	20%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
U.S. role in the ME					
Yes	58%	66%	53%	59%	56%
No	27%	21%	30%	27%	28%
Don't know	15%	13%	17%	14%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Iranian influence					
Yes	54%	50%	53%	57%	53%
No	23%	20%	23%	23%	25%
Don't know	22%	30%	24%	20%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
War on Terror-Iran					
Yes	32%	32%	29%	31%	38%
No	34%	33%	32%	36%	33%
Don't know	34%	35%	39%	34%	29%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Al-Qaeda-Iran					
Yes	63%	54%	64%	63%	68%
No	16%	23%	15%	17%	11%
Don't know	21%	23%	21%	21%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Best Candidate					
Obama	32%	28%	32%	34%	29%
McCain	54%	64%	53%	50%	55%
Neither	10%	7%	10%	12%	10%
Don't know	4%	1%	5%	4%	5%

