

Most back Obama call for force on ISIL: Your Say Interactive

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The best of reader comments from the Web.



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In a resolution sent to Congress on Wednesday, President Obama called for the authorization of limited military force — which includes air operations — for three years in his bid to defeat the Islamic State. And while most Americans back the request (54% want their representative to vote for the measure), the country is split over whether the president will get bipartisan support (see graphics below for more details).

That same sentiment was reflected among USA TODAY's readers (</story/opinion/2015/02/12/islamic-state-congress-authorization-tellusatoday-your-say/23319361/>). We asked what they thought of the president's request. Many supported action (with some pushing for a draft), but questioned Obama's strategy.

On this page, Twitter responses to our #tellusatoday question on President Obama's resolution and the president's strategy for defeating the Islamic State. Take a look at what our readers had to say. View the national conversation in the graphics below (if you're on mobile, visit the full site to see the interactives). Then make your voice heard. What do you think of Obama's strategy? Too limited? Should we not get more involved? Vote in our informal polls.

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Some question Obama, strategy

Across the country, overall satisfaction with security from terrorism has dropped. Just under two-thirds of Americans (59%) are either very or somewhat satisfied with the nation's security from terrorism, according to a Gallup Poll in January. That's down 10 percentage points from last year.

Despite the drop in overall satisfaction, most Americans (66%) still think that the U.S. and its allies are capable of defeating the Islamic State (see graphic below for more details). But when it comes to confidence in the president's strategy, the country is split. About one-third of Americans say they have "a good amount" of confidence in Obama's approach. Nearly the same amount (27%) don't believe in the president's strategy.

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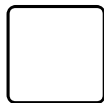
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Are you confident in President Obama's strategy to defeat the Islamic State?

What strategy?

Yes. It's best option.

Not completely.

Not sure. Need more info.



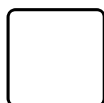
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Should Congress approve President Obama's resolution?

Yes. Action needed.

No. We're too involved.



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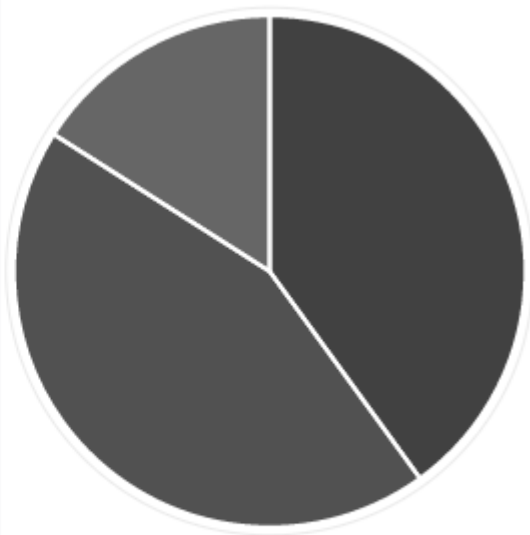
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BIPARTISAN SUPPORT?

The country is split on whether the proposal will get bipartisan support in Congress.

- WILL
- WILL NOT
- UNSURE



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WILL WE BEAT ISIL?

President Obama expressed absolute confidence in the ability of the U.S. and our allies to take down the Islamic State. Most Americans agree:

- WILL
- WILL NOT
- UNSURE



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