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Sample Online sample of 1,380 registered voters fielded 8/15/19-8/17/19

Margin of Error $\pm 3.1\%$

1. Some members of Congress are considering ending weapons sales to Saudi Arabia due to the war in Yemen. Supporters of ending the arms sales say Saudi Arabia is an authoritarian regime guilty of human rights abuses and that the war in Yemen is leading to the deaths of thousands of civilians. Opponents say Saudi Arabia is a key ally in the war on terror and helps counter Iran, and we need to support our allies. Given what you've just read, would you [support or oppose] ending sales of arms to Saudi Arabia?

Strongly support	33%
Somewhat support	19%
Neither support nor oppose	16%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	10%
Not sure	11%
Totals	100%
Unweighted N	1,380

2. In 2001, Congress passed a law giving the President power to "use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons" behind the September 11th attacks. Since then, the law has been used to justify military action in other areas. Supporters of the law say that getting Congressional authorization to fight terrorists is too difficult and the law should stay in place. Opponents say that the original perpetrators of 9/11 have been defeated, and the law has made going to war in new countries too easy. Given what you've just read, do you think the current law should stay in place, or should the law change?

The law should stay in place	33%
The law should be changed	49%
Not sure	18%
Totals	100%
Unweighted N	1,380

3. In the past, the US has cut military aid to foreign governments accused of human rights violations. Supporters of the cuts say the US shouldn't be involved in human rights abuses and it's a waste of taxpayer money. Opponents say that even if some governments have imperfect records, we need to do what is necessary to fight terrorism and to counter foreign powers like Russia and China. Do you [support or oppose] the US government reducing foreign and military aid to governments engaged in human rights abuses?

Strongly support	33%
Somewhat support	28%
Neither support nor oppose	16%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	
Not sure	11%
Totals	100%

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This survey is based on 1,380 interviews conducted by YouGov on the internet of self-identified voters. The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, and Census region based on registered voters in the November 2016 Current Population Survey, conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Respondents were selected from YouGov's panel to be representative of registered voters. The weights range from 0.11 to 6 with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.82.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately 3.1%. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{1 + CV^2 n}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.