



## TRIP Snap Poll 23 Report

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## Introduction

We are pleased to share the results of the 21th Teaching, Research and International Policy (TRIP) Snap Poll, fielded with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Our polls provide real-time data in the wake of significant policy proposals, during international crises, and on emerging foreign policy debates. In this survey, we cover the Iran-Israel Conflict and potential U.S. involvement.

## Methodology

We attempted to contact all international relations (IR) scholars in the United States. We define IR scholars as individuals who are employed at a college or university in a political science department or professional school and who teach or conduct research on issues that cross international borders. Of the 5292 scholars across the United States that we contacted, 753 responded to at least one question. The resulting response rate is approximately 14.23 percent. The poll was open from June 18 to June 22 of 2025.

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## Sample vs. Population Comparison

Table 1: Sample vs. Population Comparison: Gender

Gender	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
Female	192	26.27	1651	31.88
Male	539	73.73	3527	68.12

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=35.58, p-value<0

Table 2: Sample vs. Population Comparison: Academic Rank

Academic Rank	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
Adjunct	11	1.46	260	4.92
Assistant Professor	73	9.69	662	12.54
Associate Professor	213	28.29	1324	25.07
Emeritus	38	5.05	389	7.37
Full Professor	343	45.55	2042	38.67
Lecturer or Senior Lecturer	25	3.32	189	3.58
Other	36	4.78	317	6.00
Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor	14	1.86	98	1.86

Chi-squared test results: X-squared= 39.35, p-value<0

Table 3: Sample vs. Population Comparison: University Type

University Type	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
National Liberal Arts College	97	13.47	571	11.46
National Research University	491	68.19	3313	66.49
Regional Liberal Arts College	15	2.08	153	3.07
Regional Research University	117	16.25	946	18.98

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=7.93, p-value=0.54

## Results

We would like you to put your personal political views aside and use your expert knowledge of politics, foreign policy, or international relations as you reflect on these questions.

Table 4: Do you think Iran was actively pursuing nuclear weapons before Israel initiated air strikes on June 13 against Iranian targets?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Yes	409	54.39%
No	165	21.94%
Do not know	178	23.67%
Total	752	100.00%

Table 5: Compared to a world in which diplomatic solutions were pursued but there was no attack, do you think the Israeli attack will delay or accelerate Iranian acquisition of nuclear weapons?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Substantially delay	133	17.85%
Modestly delay	265	35.57%
Neither delay nor accelerate	67	8.99%
Modestly accelerate	153	20.54%
Substantially accelerate	127	17.05%
Total	745	100.00%

Table 6: If Iran were to acquire nuclear weapons, how would it affect the security of each of the following? Would they become more secure, less secure, or neither more nor less secure?

Response option	More secure	Less secure	Neither more nor less secure	Total
Europe	7 (1.61%)	199 (45.85%)	228 (52.53%)	434 (100.00%)
Iran	277 (63.82%)	113 (26.04%)	44 (10.14%)	434 (100.00%)
Israel	6 (1.38%)	363 (83.64%)	65 (14.98%)	434 (100.00%)
The Middle East	34 (7.82%)	322 (74.02%)	79 (18.16%)	435 (100.00%)
The world as a whole	17 (3.92%)	283 (65.21%)	134 (30.88%)	434 (100.00%)
United States	5 (1.15%)	236 (54.38%)	193 (44.47%)	434 (100.00%)

Table 7: Do you think the Israeli attacks on Iran have made the United States more secure, less secure, or neither more nor less secure?

Response option	Count	Percentage
More secure	69	9.19%
Less secure	496	66.05%
Neither more nor less secure than it was before the attacks	186	24.77%
Total	751	100.00%

Table 8: If the United States used direct military force against Iran would that make the United States more secure, less secure, or neither more nor less secure?

Response option	Count	Percentage
More secure	60	8.01%
Less secure	622	83.04%
Neither more nor less secure than it was before the attacks	67	8.95%
Total	749	100.00%

51 percent of respondents were asked a question about which actions they would support the United States taking in the next 30 days, and 49 percent were asked if Iran refuses to comply with the U.S. ultimatum, which, if any, of the following U.S. actions would they support.

Table 9: Respondents by Treatment

Response option	Count	Percentage
Next 30 days	384	51.00%
If Iran refuses	369	49.00%
Total	753	100.00%

Table 10: Which of the following actions would you support the United States taking in the next 30 days?

Response	Count	Percentage
Imposing additional economic sanctions on the Iranian government and/or its leaders	125	32.8%
Intercepting Iranian missiles, drones, and other airborne weapons bound for Israel and/or other targets outside Iran	189	49.6%
Providing logistical support (e.g., refueling) to Israeli forces attacking Iran	76	19.9%
Providing intelligence to Israel that could be used to select targets in Iran	136	35.7%
Launching cyber attacks against Iran	89	23.4%
Adopt a policy of regime change in Iran	16	4.2%
Conducting targeted airstrikes against Iranian nuclear facilities	53	13.9%
Conducting broader airstrikes targeting Iranian research centers, state media, military chain of command, infrastructure, and other targets that help the state maintain control of society	16	4.2%
Replenishing Israeli's stock of missiles and bombs	100	26.2%
Inserting U.S. ground forces on the territory of Iran	0	0%
Other	53	13.9%
None of the above	104	27.3%
Total	957	-

Table 11: On June 18, President Donald Trump issued what he called 'the ultimate ultimatum' to Iran. Press reports suggest that the ultimatum demands that Iran dismantle its nuclear program entirely. Do you think Iran will comply with President Trump's ultimatum?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Yes	3	0.40%
No	680	90.43%
Do not know	69	9.18%
Total	752	100.00%

Table 12: If Iran does not comply with President Trump's ultimatum, do you believe the United States will use military force against Iran?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Yes	242	32.18%
No	147	19.55%
Do not know	363	48.27%
Total	752	100.00%

Table 13: If Iran does not comply with President Trump's ultimatum, do you believe the United States should use military force against Iran?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Yes	92	12.25%
No	626	83.36%
Do not know	33	4.39%
Total	751	100.00%

Table 14: If Iran refuses to comply with the U.S. ultimatum, which, if any, of the following U.S. actions would you support?

Response	Count	Percentage
Imposing additional economic sanctions on the Iranian government and/or its leaders	197	53.5%
Shooting down Iranian missiles bound for Israel	171	46.5%
Providing refueling or logistical support to Israeli forces attacking Iran	71	19.3%
Launching cyber attacks against Iran	131	35.6%
Conducting targeted airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities only	64	17.4%
Conducting broader airstrikes targeting Iranian research centers, state media, military chain of command, infrastructure, and other targets that help the state maintain control of society	18	4.9%
Inserting U.S. ground forces on the territory of Iran	2	0.5%
Other	52	14.1%
None of the above	83	22.6%
Total	789	-

Table 15: What is the likelihood that U.S. military forces will become directly engaged in the Iran-Israel Conflict within the next year? Please use the 0 to 100 scale, with 100 indicating the United States military force will definitely become directly engaged and 0 indicating that it will definitely not.

Metric	Value
Mean Response	54.2

Table 16: What is the likelihood that the United States will use ground forces in Iran within the next year? Please use the 0 to 100 scale, with 100 indicating that it will definitely lead to U.S. ground forces in Iran and 0 indicating that it definitely will not.

Metric	Value
Mean Response	18.11

Table 17: What is the likelihood that Israel will use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against Iran within in the next year? Please use the 0 to 100 scale, with 100 indicating that Israel definitely will use or threaten to use nuclear weapons and 0 indicating that it definitely will not.

Statements	Mean Response
Threaten to use nuclear weapons	32.64
Use nuclear weapons	11.37

Table 18: If the U.S. does use military force against Iran in the coming days, what, if any, impact will this have on President Donald Trump’s public approval rating one week after the attack?

Response option	Count	Percentage
His approval rating will be higher a week after the attack	314	41.76%
His approval rating will be lower a week after the attack	284	37.77%
His approval rating will likely not change as a result of the attack	154	20.48%
Total	752	100.00%

Table 19: If the U.S. does use military force against Iran in the coming days, what, if any, impact will this have on President Donald Trump’s public approval rating one year after the attack?

Response option	Count	Percentage
His approval rating will be higher a year after the attack	26	3.47%
His approval rating will be lower a year after the attack	512	68.36%
His approval rating will likely not change as a result of the attack	211	28.17%
Total	749	100.00%

Table 20: If the United States does use military force against Iran in the coming days, what is the likelihood that Iran will escalate the conflict by. Please use the 0 to 100 scale with 100 indicating that Iran will definitely escalate the conflict and 0 indicating that Iran will not.

Statements	Mean Response
Targeting other countries in the region that are currently not engaged in the conflict?	35.42
Disrupting maritime traffic in the Strait of Hormuz?	65.80
Launching attacks against U.S. military forces stationed in the region?	62.90
Launching terrorist attacks against U.S. civilians around the world?	50.16
Conducting cyberattacks against the United States?	68.30

Table 21: One year from today, how likely do you think it is that the current Iranian regime will still be in power? Please use the 0 to 100 scale, with 100 indicating that the current Iranian regime will definitely still be in power and 0 indicating that it will definitely not.

Metric	Value
Mean Response	67.3



Table 22: If the United States conducts military strikes against Iran, what actions is Russia likely to take:

Response	Count	Percentage
Impose additional economic sanctions on the United States	114	16.4%
Increase military aid to Iran	437	62.7%
Initiate cyberattacks against the United States	360	51.6%
Initiate military operations against U.S. forces in the region	12	1.7%
Increase humanitarian assistance to Iran	286	41%
Other	169	24.2%
Total	1378	-

Table 23: If the United States conducts military strikes against Iran, what actions is China likely to take:

Response	Count	Percentage
Impose additional economic sanctions on the United States	82	13%
Increase military aid to Iran	306	48.4%
Initiate cyberattacks against the United States	221	35%
Initiate military operations against U.S. forces in the region	5	0.8%
Increase humanitarian assistance to Iran	338	53.5%
Other	172	27.2%
Total	1124	-

Table 24: Should Iran be allowed to possess nuclear weapons?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Yes	77	18.03%
No	253	59.25%
Do not know	97	22.72%
Total	427	100.00%

## Demographics

Now, we would like to ask you a couple questions about your personal political views.

Table 25: With which of the following gender identities do you most identify?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Female	193	25.63%
Male	542	71.98%
Non-binary	1	0.13%
Other	0	0.00%
Prefer not to answer	17	2.26%
Total	753	100.00%

Table 26: What is your age? Please enter numeric values only.

Response Option	Count	Percentage
25-34	16	2.16
35-44	117	15.81
45-54	209	28.24
55-64	213	28.78
65-74	118	15.95
75-84	59	7.97
85-94	7	0.95
95+	1	0.14

Table 27: What is your current status within your home department?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Chaired Full Professor	68	9.35%
Full Professor	274	37.69%
Associate Professor	213	29.30%
Assistant Professor	73	10.04%
Lecturer or Senior Lecturer	19	2.61%
Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor	14	1.93%
Adjunct	11	1.51%
Emeritus	38	5.23%
Other	17	2.34%
Total	727	100.00%

Table 28: What is your race/ethnicity? Please select all that apply.

Response	Count	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	0.4%
Asian Indian	17	2.3%
Black/African-American	9	1.2%
Chinese	9	1.2%
Filipino	0	0%
Hispanic and/or Latino	27	3.7%
Japanese	3	0.4%
Korean	4	0.5%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0%
Vietnamese	1	0.1%
White, not of Hispanic origin	603	81.7%
Other	26	3.5%
Prefer not to say	54	7.3%
Total	756	-

Table 29: Which of the following best describes your approach to the study of IR?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Constructivism	113	15.13%
Realism	122	16.33%
English school	15	2.01%
Liberalism	100	13.39%
Feminism	10	1.34%
Marxism	16	2.14%
Other	57	7.63%
Do not use	314	42.03%
Total	747	100.00%

Table 30: What is your main area of research within IR?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Comparative Foreign Policy	26	3.54%
Development Studies	28	3.81%
European Studies/European Integration	21	2.86%
Gender in IR	8	1.09%
Global Civil Society	5	0.68%
Human Security	10	1.36%
Human Rights	26	3.54%
History of the international relations discipline	1	0.14%
International/Global Security	204	27.76%
International/Global Political Economy	81	11.02%
International Law	22	2.99%
International/Global Ethics	8	1.09%
International/Global Health	3	0.41%
International/Global Environmental Politics	21	2.86%
International Organization(s)	32	4.35%
International/Global History	14	1.90%
International Relations of a particular region/country	38	5.17%
International Relations Theory	23	3.13%
Religion in IR	4	0.54%
U.S. Foreign Policy	74	10.07%
Other	59	8.03%
I am not an IR scholar	27	3.67%
Total	735	100.00%

Table 31: What are your secondary areas of research within IR? Please select all that apply.

Response	Count	Percentage
Comparative Foreign Policy	21	10.8%
Development Studies	16	8.2%
European Studies/European Integration	3	1.5%
Gender in IR	6	3.1%
Global Civil Society	2	1%
Human Security	7	3.6%
Human Rights	18	9.3%
History of the international relations discipline	3	1.5%
International/Global Security	39	20.1%
International/Global Political Economy	13	6.7%
International Law	11	5.7%
International/Global Ethics	3	1.5%
International/Global Health	3	1.5%
International/Global Environmental Politics	8	4.1%
International Organization(s)	17	8.8%
International/Global History	12	6.2%
International Relations of a particular region/country	15	7.7%
International Relations Theory	27	13.9%
Religion in IR	8	4.1%
U.S. Foreign Policy	38	19.6%
I am not an IR scholar	4	2.1%
Other	25	12.9%
Total	299	-

Table 32: In your research, what is the main region of the world that you study, if any?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Arctic	0	0.00%
Antarctic	0	0.00%
Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states)	23	3.12%
Central Asia (not including Afghanistan)	1	0.14%
East Asia (including China)	67	9.08%
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)	49	6.64%
Middle East and North Africa (including Turkey)	73	9.89%
North America (not including Mexico)	60	8.13%
Oceania	1	0.14%
Russia/Formal Soviet Union (excluding Baltic states)	36	4.88%
South Asia (including Afghanistan)	19	2.57%
Southeast Asia	11	1.49%
Sub-Saharan Africa	36	4.88%
Western Europe	72	9.76%
Global/Use cross-regional data	142	19.24%
Transnational Actors/International Organizations/International NGOs	59	7.99%
None	89	12.06%
Total	738	100.00%

Table 33: In your research, what other regions of the world do you study, if any?

Response	Count	Percentage
Arctic	10	2.2%
Antarctic	2	0.4%
Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states)	63	14.2%
Central Asia (not including Afghanistan)	21	4.7%
East Asia (including China)	68	15.3%
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)	43	9.7%
Middle East and North Africa (including Turkey)	87	19.6%
North America (not including Mexico)	72	16.2%
Oceania	9	2%
Russia/Formal Soviet Union (excluding Baltic states)	54	12.1%
South Asia (including Afghanistan)	50	11.2%
Southeast Asia	37	8.3%
Sub-Saharan Africa	43	9.7%
Western Europe	98	22%
Global/Use cross	0	0%
Transnational Actors/International Organizations/International NGOs	81	18.2%
None	56	12.6%
Total	794	-

Table 34: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Republican	29	3.95%
Democrat	463	63.08%
Independent	209	28.47%
Other	33	4.50%
Total	734	100.00%