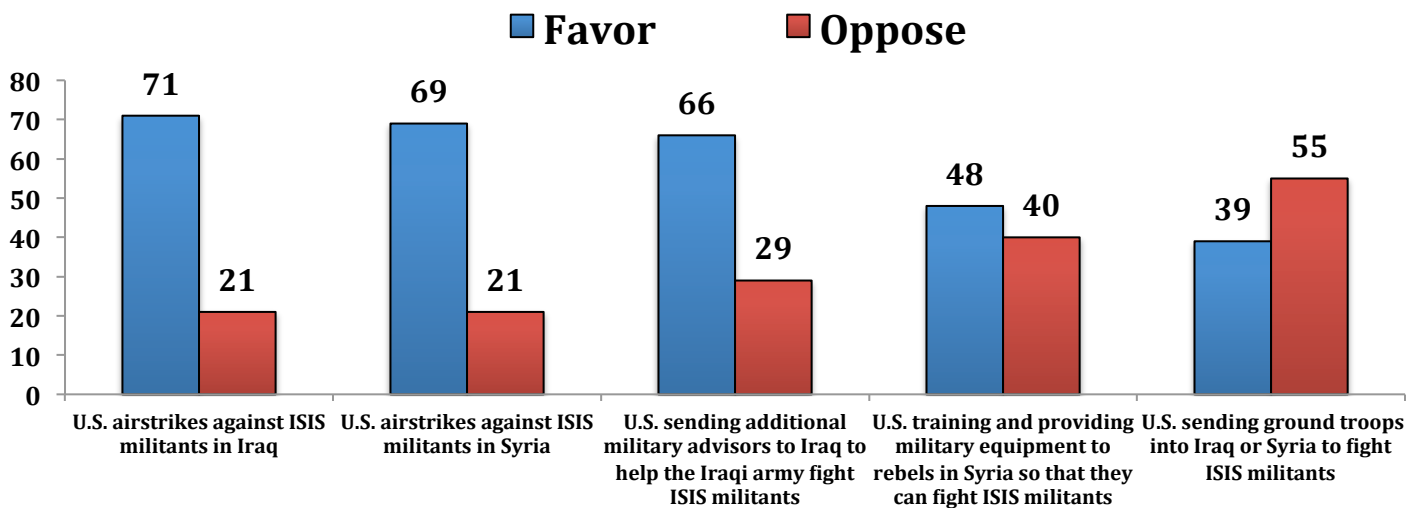


## Polling News & Notes

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**High Support For Action Against ISIS; Low Approval For Obama’s Handling:** Americans overwhelmingly support U.S. action against ISIS. Seventy-one percent favor U.S. airstrikes against ISIS militants in Iraq; 69% favor U.S. airstrikes against ISIS militants in Syria; 66% support U.S. sending additional military advisors to Iraq to help the Iraqi army fight ISIS militants; and 48% support U.S. training and providing military equipment to rebels in Syria so that they can fight ISIS militants. They have doubts about sending ground troops into Iraq or Syria to fight ISIS militants (39% favor, 55% oppose), but support for this has increased since the summer (in the June 30 Quinnipiac poll, it was 29% support/63% oppose).



While they support action against ISIS, Americans are skeptical of President Barack Obama’s handling of the crisis. Many second-guess his past decisions on the region’s conflicts. A September 15 CBS News/*New York Times* poll asked Americans if they thought the “U.S. should have removed all U.S. troops from Iraq in 2011, or should the U.S. have left some troops here?” Forty-six percent said the U.S. should have removed all, while 47% said the U.S. should have left some. This is much different than the June 22 CBS News/*New York Times* survey when 50% said the U.S. should have removed all troops and just 42% said the U.S. should have left some. Americans are not more confident about Mr. Obama’s actions today. Fifty-five percent said he does not have a clear plan for handling ISIS, while only 35% said he does. Fifty-seven percent said he is not being tough enough, just 31% said he is acting about right. As Americans’ anxieties grow, their confidence in the president will continue falling unless he shows he can lead.

"Do you think the U.S. should have removed all U.S. troops from Iraq in 2011, or should the U.S. have left some troops there?"		
	Should Have Removed All	Should Have Left Some
September 15, 2014	46	47
June 22, 2014	50	42