

Please note: IPSOS has shared concerns with Avaaz about the methodology they chose to conduct this poll. They are currently evaluating the strength of their approach and making recommendations. Avaaz is committed to ensuring that the voices of Syrians are accurately represented, and we are prepared to rerun this poll with improved methodology to verify its results, if necessary.

Ipsos Poll of 1000 Syrian Refugees for Avaaz

Ipsos opinion poll methodology

The survey was carried out in the Bekaa valley, Lebanon. Syrian refugees are residing mostly in Zahle, Baalbek and West Bekaa, according to numbers provided by the UNHCR's most recent database as well as those of other NGO's. The survey selected a representative sample of:

Zahle: 470 people

Baalbek: 320 people

West Bekaa: 210 people

The survey was carried out in the form of face-to-face interviews conducted by specialist interviewers chosen and trained by Ipsos. The respondents were interviewed in refugee camps in the Bekaa, Zahle, Baalbek and West Bekaa. Fieldwork started January 15th and ended January 19th, 2014.

	Total
Sample	1000
S1. Area	
Zahle	47%
Baalbeck	32%
West Bekaa	21%
TOTAL	100%

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	Total
Sample	1000
S2 - Age Group	
18-24 (21)	21%

25-34	(29.5)	32%
35-44	(39.5)	24%
45-54	(49.5)	14%
55-64	(59.5)	6%
65+	(69.5)	3%
TOTAL		100%
Average		35.93
Standard Deviation		12.64

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	Total
Sample	1000
Q1. Do you think the end to the fighting and your chances of going home depend on a militarily solution or that the conflict must be resolved through a politically negotiated solution?	
I strongly believe it requires a negotiated solution	48%
I believe it requires a negotiated solution	37%
I believe it requires a military solution	7%
I strongly believe it requires a military solution	5%
Don't know/ No opinion/ Not sure/ Don't want to tell	3%
TOTAL	100%

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	Total	
Sample	1000	μ

Q2. I will read to you a list of measures that could be agreed in the Geneva summit. Of these measures, please select 3 that are your top 3 priorities?

Unconditional ceasefire	78%
Humanitarian aid access to all areas in Syria and in camps	64%
Release of political prisoners	22%
UN Peacekeeping forces deployed to protect civilians	22%
Commitment to withdraw foreign fighters from Syrian soil	39%
Iran and Saudi agree to stop financing the war and sending	16%
Agreement to hold all forces that have committed crimes	44%
A political transition plan to democracy	11%
Agreement for Al Assad to step down from transitional pla	4%
TOTAL	300%

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Total

Sample 1000

Q3. Do you support or oppose the presence of Al Qaeda and similar extremist armed groups in the Syrian war?

Strongly support (4)	4%
Support (3)	4%
Oppose (2)	25%
Strongly oppose (1)	62%
Don't know/No opinion/ Not sure/ Don't want to tell	5%

TOTAL 100%

Average 1.47

Standard Deviation 0.76

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	Total
Sample	1000
Q4. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Syria is now the battlefield for a regional conflict driven by proxy interests and this war can only be solved if the key outside actors-Iran and Saudi-agree to stop fuelling the conflict	
Strongly agree (4)	30%
Somewhat agree (3)	46%
Somewhat disagree (2)	11%
Strongly disagree (1)	7%
Don't know/No opinion/ Not sure/ Don't want to tell	7%
TOTAL	100%
Average	3.07
Standard Deviation	0.85

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	Total
Sample	1000
Q5. Considering the above, would you support or oppose a call for the US to mediate between Saudi Arabia and Iran with an aim to de-escalating the conflict in Syria?	
Strongly support (4)	26%
Support (3)	49%
Oppose (2)	12%
Strongly oppose (1)	7%
Don't know/No opinion/ Not sure/ Don't want to tell	6%
TOTAL	100%
Average	2.99
Standard Deviation	0.85

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	Total
Sample	1000
D1. Gender	
Male	65%
Female	36%
TOTAL	100%

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	Total
Sample	1000
D2. Marital status	
Single	20%
Married	78%
Widowed	2%
Divorced	0%
TOTAL	100%