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# AMERICA'S POINT OF VIEW SURVEY™

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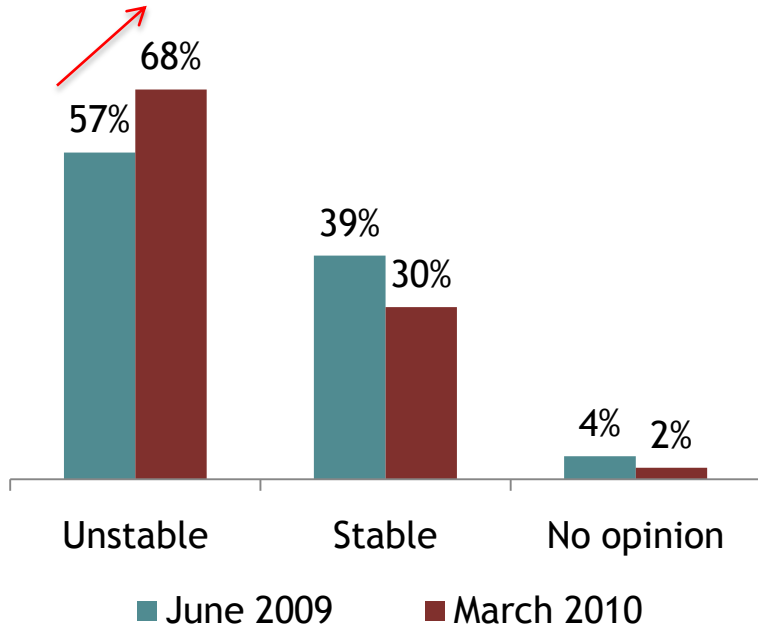
## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In the view of most Americans, global security is becoming increasingly unstable. In just the past nine months, a significant segment of Americans have re-evaluated their sense of global security to where two-in-three (68%) currently rate it as unstable. This represents an increase of 11-points since last June.
- At the root of the increasing perceptions of unstable global security is the heightened threat being posed by Iran. As they continue to make progress in their nuclear efforts, Iran is the nation that a plurality (40%) of Americans identifies as posing the greatest threat to global security (and another 15% select Iran as their second choice).
- In line with the news of the day, June 2009 represented the height of North Korea's long-range missile tests. Subsequently, at that time, a plurality (44%) of Americans identified it as the nation posing the greatest threat compared with only 22% who selected Iran. In this current survey, the two nations switch places as the ones posing the greatest and next greatest threat to global security.
- Finally, Americans express an explicit concern about the threats posed to the U.S. by Islamic extremists. Fully seven-in-ten say they are very concerned by the threat from Islamic extremists and a similar percentage believe it is likely Islamic extremists will successfully carry out an attack in the U.S. over the next year. At the same time, more Americans disapprove (48%) of the job President Obama is doing handling Islamic extremism than approve (39%).

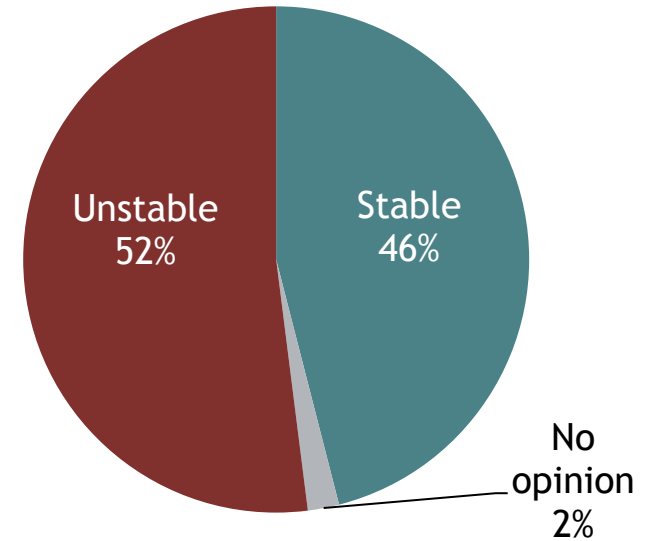
## RESEARCH METHOD

	<b>SPRING 2010 EDITION</b>	<b>SUMMER 2009 EDITION</b>
<b>Sampling universe:</b>	U.S. Adults 18+	U.S. Adults 18+
<b>Sample size:</b>	513	813
<b>Sample type:</b>	RDD Probability	RDD Probability
<b>Margin of error:</b>	±4.5%	±3.5%
<b>Data collection:</b>	Telephone	Telephone
<b>Interview length:</b>	13 minutes	11 minutes
<b>Field dates:</b>	March 20-22, 2010	June 3-6, 2009

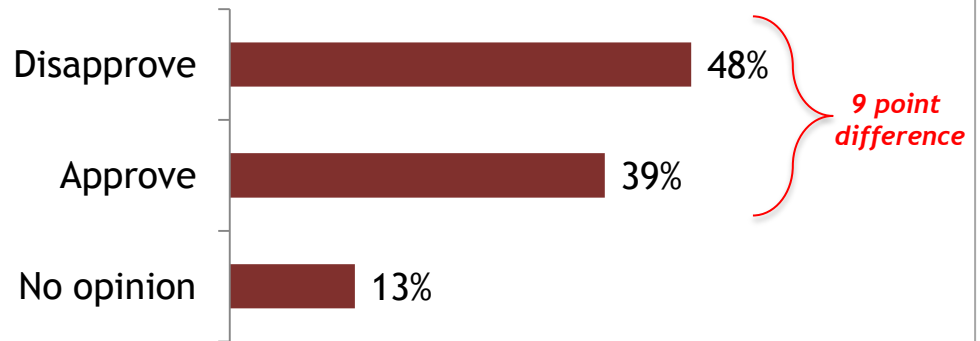
**Q:** How stable or unstable do you think global security is right now?



**Q:** How stable or unstable do you think U.S. security is right now?

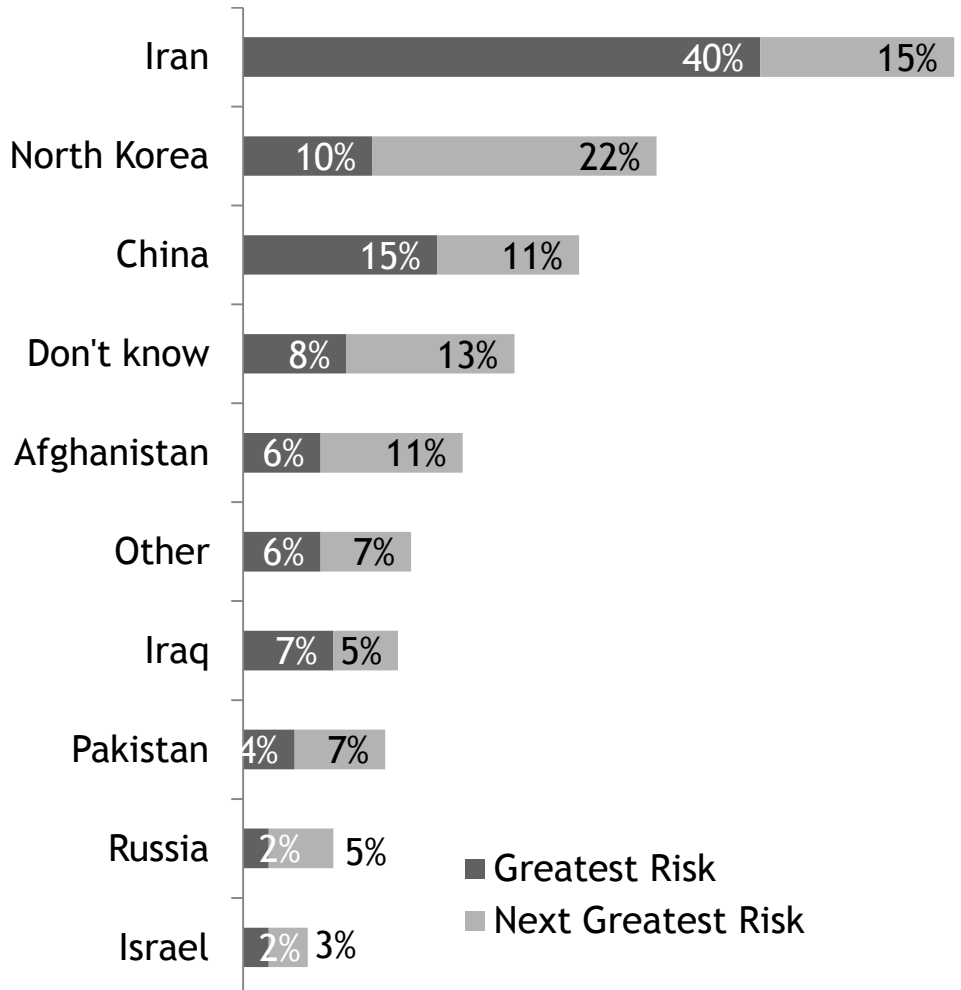


**Q:** Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Obama is doing in handling Islamic extremism?

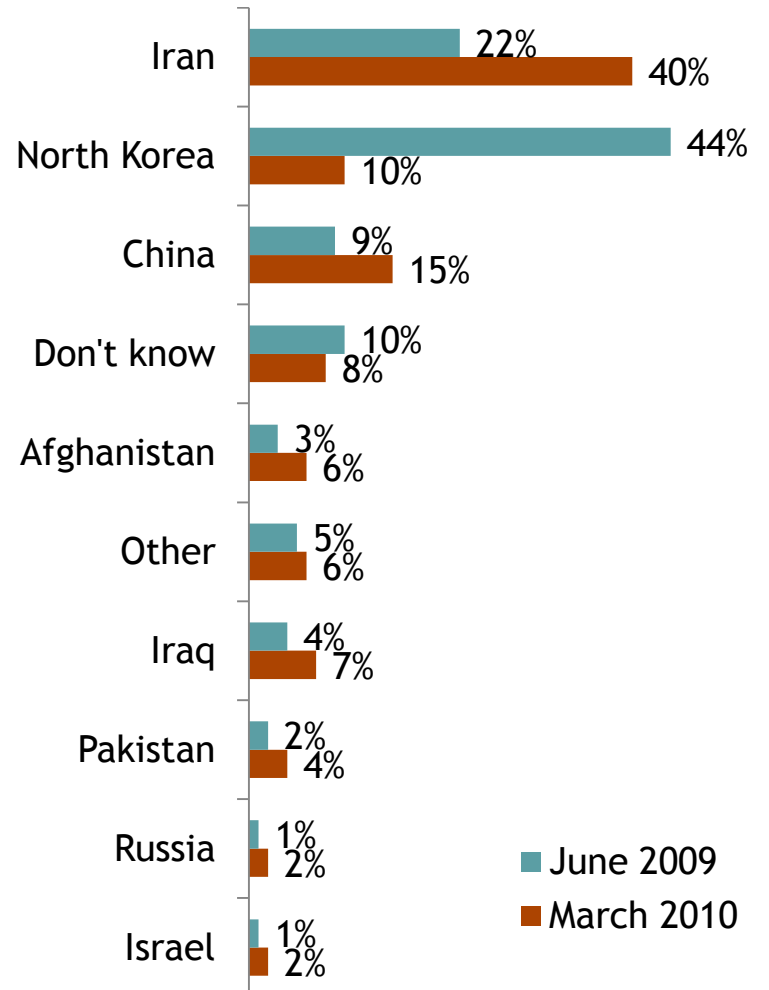


**Q:** When you look at the situation around the world, which country do you think poses the greatest threat to global security?

NOTE: OPEN-ENDED QUESTION - RESPONSES ARE UNAIDED]



*Difference in the "greatest risk" response since June*



**Q:** For each one, please tell me whether you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned about the current situations in these countries.

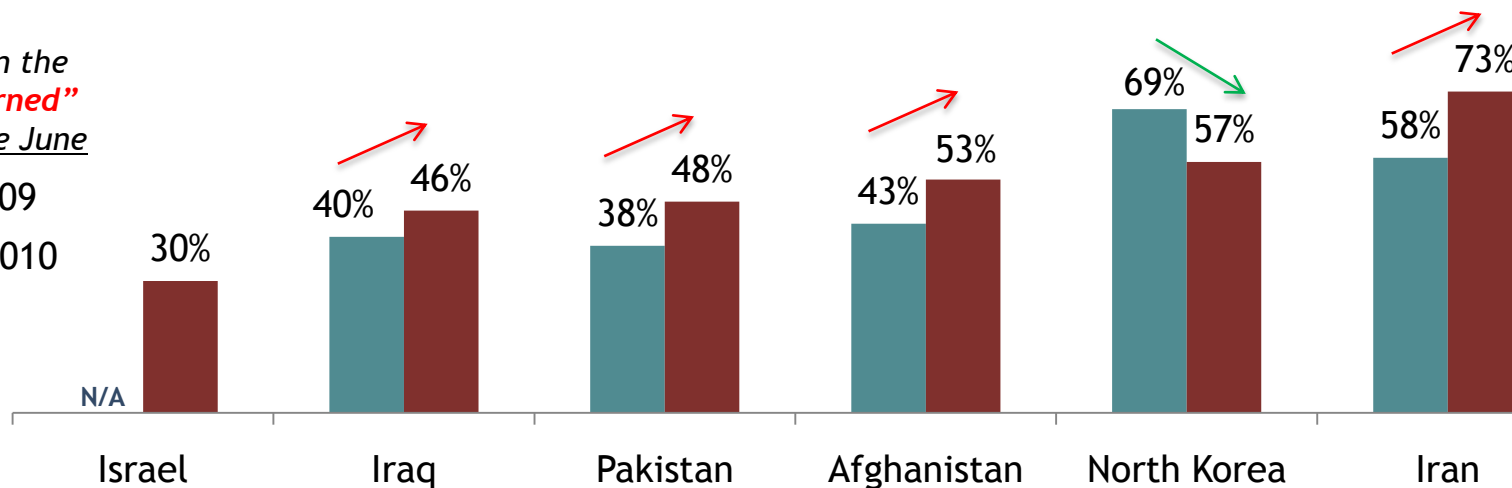
	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Concerned	Unsure / No Opinion
Iran	73%	21%	6%	1%
North Korea	57%	32%	10%	1%
Afghanistan	53%	41%	5%	2%
Pakistan	48%	41%	8%	3%
Iraq	46%	42%	10%	2%
Israel	30%	40%	28%	2%

**IRAN**  
increase in  
"very concern"  
response by subgroup

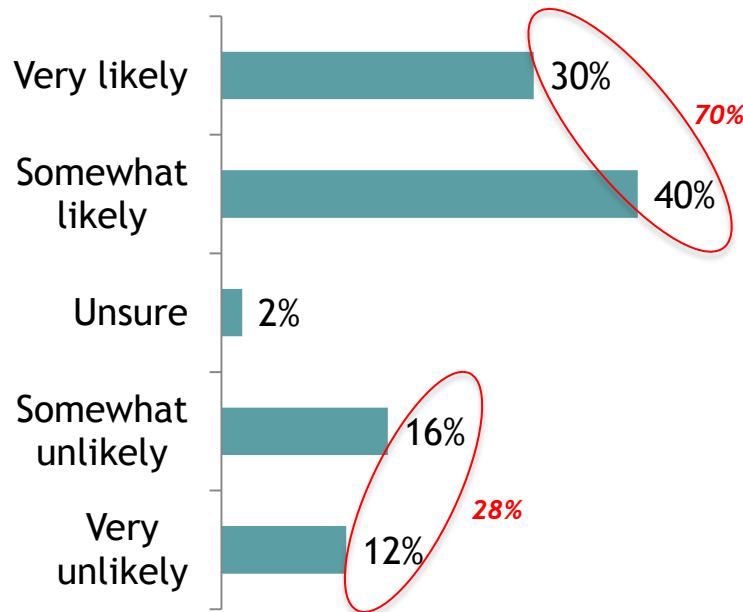
TOTAL	+15
Male	+20
Female	+10
Under 50	+20
50 & over	+12
Democrat	+17
Ticketsplitter	+11
Republican	+15

Difference in the "very concerned" response since June

■ June 2009  
■ March 2010



**Q:** Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely that Islamic extremists will successfully carry out a major terrorist attack within the United States during the next 12 months?



**Q:** Last year, voters in Switzerland enacted a new law that would ban the construction of minarets in that country. As you may or may not know, minarets are distinctive architectural features of Islamic mosques; they are generally tall spires with onion-shaped crowns. Would you favor or oppose similar legislation here in the United States to ban the construction of minarets?

**Q:** And what about Islamic extremists - how concerned are you about the threat Islamic extremists pose to the United States?

