



To: Interested Parties

From: Global Strategy Group and G<sup>2</sup> Public Strategies

Re: Privacy Research, Iowa

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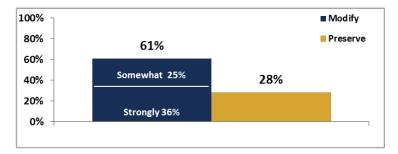
In April 2015, a bipartisan team of Global Strategy Group and G<sup>2</sup> Public Strategies fielded a statewide survey of 408 likely voters in Iowa. The research was conducted April 24-28, 2015, and yielded a margin of error of 4.9% at the 95% confidence level. Below are some key findings from that research.

## **Key Findings**

By over a 2:1 margin (61% modify, 28% preserve), lowans believe the Patriot Act should not be reauthorized in its current form. With broad, bipartisan support across all ages, ideologies and political parties, voters are rejecting the argument that the Patriot Act should be preserved with no changes because of potential terrorist threats. Millennials (66% modify) and Independent men (72% modify), in particular, are driving the push for modification to limit government surveillance.

Which of the following statements about reauthorizing the Patriot Act do you agree with more?

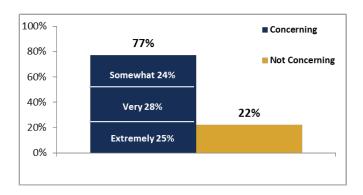
- Some people say Congress should modify the Patriot Act to limit government surveillance and protect Americans' privacy.
- Other people say Congress should preserve the Patriot Act and make no changes because it has been effective in keeping America safe from terrorists and other threats to national security like ISIS or Al Qaeda.



	0 11	Party			Independent		Very	Very	Age			Gender	
	Overall	Dem	Indy	GOP	Men	Women	Liberal	Cons.	18-39	<45	45+	М	F
Modify	61	57	64	63	72	57	57	56	66	66	57	68	55
Preserve	28	35	18	27	19	27	28	31	23	24	32	24	32
Net Modify	+33	+22	+46	+36	+53	+30	+29	+25	+43	+42	+25	+44	+23

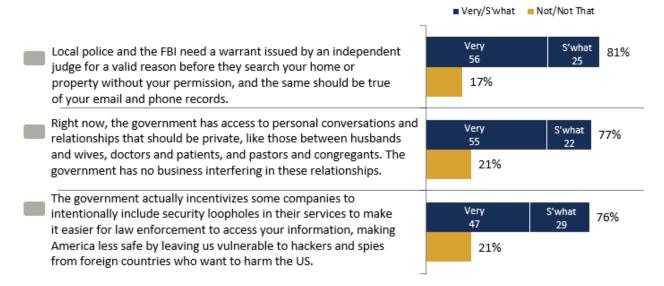
 Over three quarters of voters find it concerning that the United States government is collecting and storing the personal information of Americans, including over half who find it extremely (25%) or very (28%) concerning.

Do you find it concerning that the U.S. government is collecting and storing your personal information like your phone records, emails, bank statements, and other communications?



Specific arguments made in favor of adding more protections for Americans around privacy, also proved to be convincing to voters. 81% of voters said it was a convincing argument that local police and the FBI should have a warrant to search phone and email records, further confirming that lowans believe that individual privacy rights should be more strongly protected. Additionally, 77% of voters were convinced more protections were needed to protect the private conversations of Americans, like those between husbands and wives and doctors and patients.

I'm now going to read you reasons to add more protections for Americans around privacy and government surveillance. For each, tell me how convincing you find that statement as a reason to add more protections for Americans around privacy and government surveillance.



## **About**

Survey respondents consisted of likely voters in Iowa. Voters were screened based on their propensity to vote, and only likely voters continued the interviews. 30% of respondents were affiliated with the Republican Party, 31% Democratic Party, and 39% were independent. Party identification was self-reported by respondents. Interviews were conducted via both landline and cellular phone (30% of interviews).

The poll was commissioned by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), a group with more than a million members, activists and supporters that for nearly 100 years, has been our nation's guardian of liberty, working in courts, legislatures, and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties that the Constitution and the laws of the United States guarantee everyone in this country.

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