

Only 23% of American Voters Can Identify Iran on the World Map

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Only 23% of registered American voters were able to correctly identify Iran on an unlabeled world map, according to [a poll from Morning Consult and Politico](#).

Why it matters: Voters' inability to pick out Iran on the map highlights their relative unfamiliarity with foreign countries — even after decades of conflicts and tensions with the U.S. in the region.

- Things didn't get much better on a smaller scale as just 28% of voters were able to place Iran on an unlabeled map of the Middle East.
- 8% of voters thought Iraq was Iran on the regional map.

The state of play: On [Morning Consult's global map](#), voters' responses were spread across the globe. While the Middle East saw definite clustering, some respondents believed — among dozens of wild responses — that Iran was located in:

- The U.S.
- Canada
- Spain
- Russia
- Brazil
- Australia
- The middle of the Atlantic Ocean

The big picture: The death of Iran's top general [Qasem Soleimani](#) in a U.S. airstrike has refreshed focus and attention on the region as tensions between the two countries remain high.

- 47% of voters surveyed supported Trump's decision to strike Soleimani, compared to 40% who did not — a result that broke largely along party lines.
- Morning Consult noted that there were no statistical differences in support for the strike among those who could or could not identify Iran on a map.

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