# Public Uncertain, Divided Over America's Place in the World <br> Growing support for increased defense spending 

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## Public Uncertain, Divided Over America's Place in the World

## Growing support for increased defense spending

The public views America's role in the world with considerable apprehension and concern. In fact, most Americans say it would be better if the U.S. just dealt with its own problems and let other countries deal with their own problems as best they can.

With the United States facing an array of global threats, public support for increased defense spending has climbed to its highest level since a month after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, when 50\% favored more defense spending.

Currently, $35 \%$ say the U.S. should increase spending on national defense, $24 \%$ say it should be cut back and $40 \%$ say it should be kept about the same as today. The share favoring more defense spending has increased 12 percentage points (from 23\%) since 2013.

Most of the increase has come among Republicans. Fully $61 \%$ of Republicans favor higher defense spending, up 24 percentage points from 2013. Support for more defense spending has increased much more modestly among other partisan groups. And the gap in

## Sharp rise in support for increased defense spending

\% saying the U.S. should __ spending on national defense


Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER support for higher military spending between Republicans and Democrats, which was 25 percentage points three years ago, now stands at 41 points.

This shift underscores the deep partisan and ideological divisions in attitudes about U.S.
foreign policy - differences that extend to how to deal with terrorism, the nature of global threats, views of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and how deeply involved the United States should be in the world.

Amid a presidential campaign that has highlighted conflicting visions about America's global role, many of these differences are reflected in the attitudes of the candidates' supporters in the primary campaigns. Note: This survey was conducted before Ted Cruz and John Kasich suspended their presidential campaigns earlier this week.

## Majority of Republicans say defense spending should be increased <br> \% saying the U.S. should increase spending on national defense



Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q42. PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Among GOP voters, majorities of Donald Trump (66\%) and Ted Cruz (64\%) supporters want to boost U.S. defense spending, compared with $52 \%$ of John Kasich supporters. Among Democratic voters, Bernie Sanders supporters are far more likely than those who support Hillary Clinton to favor cutting back U.S. defense spending ( $43 \%$ vs. $25 \%$ ).

These are among the main findings of America's Place in the World, a survey of foreign policy attitudes conducted periodically by Pew Research Center. In June, Pew Research Center will also publish a report exploring European public opinion on key foreign policy issues, including perceptions of major international threats and views about international engagement. The report will compare European and American views on many of these topics.

The new survey, conducted April 12 to 19 among 2,008 U.S. adults, finds the public remains wary of global involvement, although on some measures, support for U.S. internationalism has increased modestly from the historically low levels found in the 2013 study.

Still, $57 \%$ of Americans want the U.S. to deal with its own problems, while letting other countries get along as best they can. Just $37 \%$ say the U.S. should help other countries deal with their problems. And more Americans say the U.S. does too much (41\%), rather than too little (27\%), to solve world problems, with $28 \%$ saying it is doing about the right amount.

The public's wariness toward global engagement extends to U.S. participation in the global economy. Nearly half of Americans (49\%) say U.S. involvement in the global economy is a bad thing because it lowers wages and costs jobs; fewer ( $44 \%$ ) see this as a good thing because it provides the U.S. with new markets and opportunities for growth.

On each of these measures, Republicans express greater skepticism about U.S. international engagement than do Democrats. Roughly six-in-ten Republicans (62\%) say the United States should deal with its own problems and let other countries deal with their problems as best they can, compared with $47 \%$ of Democrats. And $55 \%$ of Republicans view global economic engagement negatively, compared with $44 \%$ of Democrats.

## Americans wary of global involvement



Source: Survey conducted April 12-19,
2016. Q31, Q29, Q40.

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Trump's primary campaign supporters stand out for their negative assessments of U.S. involvement in the global economy. Fully $65 \%$ of Republican registered voters who prefer Trump for the Republican presidential nomination say U.S. involvement in the global economy is a bad thing, compared with only about half of those who prefer Cruz (49\%) or Kasich (46\%).

Differences among Democratic voters are less pronounced, but Clinton supporters view U.S. global engagement positively, $55 \%$ to $37 \%$, while Sanders supporters are divided ( $47 \%$ good, $48 \%$ bad).

The skepticism of Trump supporters toward U.S. global economic ties extends to increasing the level of imports from developing countries. Among Trump backers, just 32\% support importing more goods from developing countries, while $67 \%$ are opposed. By comparison, $52 \%$ of those who prefer Kasich and Cruz, along with majorities of backers of both Democratic candidates, support an increase in imports from these nations.

While Americans remain skeptical of U.S. international involvement, many also view the United States as a less powerful and important world leader than it was a decade ago. Nearly half (46\%) say the United States is a less powerful and important world leader than it was 10 years ago, while $21 \%$ say it is more powerful, and $31 \%$ say it is about as powerful as it was then.

The share saying the U.S. has become less powerful has declined since 2013, from $53 \%$ to $46 \%$, but is among the highest numbers expressing this view in the past four decades. These attitudes also are divided along partisan lines: Republicans (67\%) remain more likely than independents (48\%) or Democrats (26\%) to say that the U.S. has become less powerful and important.

However, although many Americans believe the U.S. has become less powerful than it was in the past, the predominant view among the public is that the United States is the world's leading economic and military power.

In a separate Pew Research Center survey conducted April 4 to 24 among 1,003 U.S. adults, a majority of Americans (54\%) say the United States is the world's leading economic power, with China a distant second at $34 \%$. This is the first time, in surveys dating back to 2008, that more than half of the public has named the United States as the leading economic power.

The gap between the United States and other nations in perceptions of military power is even greater: $72 \%$ say the U.S. is the leading military power, while $12 \%$ say it is China and $10 \%$ Russia. The share saying the U.S. is the top military power has grown from 64\% in 2013.

## Perceptions of global threats

In the view of the public, the top global threat facing the United States is ISIS - a concern that was not on the radar when the prior America's Place in the World study was conducted three years ago. Currently, 80\% say the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria known as ISIS is a major threat to the well-being of the United States, while $72 \%$ view cyberattacks from other countries as a major threat and $67 \%$ say the same about global economic instability.

Public attitudes about most global threats have held steady in recent years, including some, such as China's emergence as a global power, that have received attention in the current presidential campaign. The share of Americans who say China's emergence as a power is a major threat to the U.S., currently $50 \%$, has not changed substantially in surveys dating back more than a decade.

## U.S. seen as leading economic, military power

 $\%$ saying __ is world's leading...


Source: Survey conducted April 4-24, 2016. Q23USa-b.
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There are partisan differences over a number of global concerns, but the widest gap, by far, is over the threat to the United States from global climate change. Nearly eight-in-ten Democrats (77\%) view global climate change as a major threat to the U.S., compared with just $26 \%$ of Republicans.

Climate change ranks as the top global threat for Democrats, along with ISIS ( $76 \%$ say the group is a major threat). Among Republicans, climate change is the lowest of the eight threats included in the survey.

Republicans and Democrats also differ sharply over the seriousness of the threat posed by large numbers of refugees leaving countries such as Iraq and Syria. Nearly three-quarters of Republicans ( $74 \%$ ) view the refugee exodus as a major threat to the well-being of the United States, compared with just 40\% of Democrats.

For those who back Trump in the primary campaign, the large number of refugees leaving Iraq and Syria is especially worrisome. More than eight-inten GOP voters who support Trump (85\%) say the refugees are a major threat to the U.S., compared with $74 \%$ of those who prefer Cruz and $59 \%$ who prefer


Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q34a-h. PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Kasich. Among Trump supporters, only the threat from ISIS (93\% major threat) ranks higher than refugees, among the eight issues included. Among Democratic voters, just 40\% of Clinton supporters and $34 \%$ of Sanders supporters view the refugee migration as a major threat.

## Campaign issues: Israel, ISIS, NATO

On other international issues that have emerged in the 2016 campaign - including views of Israel and the Palestinians and policies to address the threat from ISIS - there also are differences between partisans and candidates' supporters.

As has been the case for nearly four decades, more Americans say they sympathize more with Israel (54\%) than the Palestinians (19\%). About one-in-ten (13\%) volunteer that they side with neither Israel nor the Palestinians in their dispute, while $3 \%$ sympathize with both sides.

Since July 2014, there has been a modest rise in the share of the public saying they sympathize more with the Palestinians, from $14 \%$ then to $19 \%$ today. Virtually all of this increase has come among Democrats, especially liberal Democrats. The number of liberal Democrats sympathizing more with the Palestinians has nearly doubled over the past two years, from $21 \%$ to $40 \%$.

The Democrats' differences over Israel and the Palestinians are reflected in the way Sanders and Clinton supporters view the situation. Far more Clinton supporters sympathize with Israel (47\%) than the Palestinians (27\%). Sanders backers are statistically divided, with

## Wide gap between Clinton, Sanders supporters in views of Israel



Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters. Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q52.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER $39 \%$ sympathizing more with the Palestinians and $33 \%$ more with Israel. Overwhelming shares of GOP voters side with Israel, regardless of which candidate they support.

Public support for the U.S. military campaign against ISIS has changed little since 2014. Currently, $62 \%$ approve of the military campaign, while $33 \%$ disapprove. While there is broad and continuing support for the military campaign, there are sharp partisan differences over whether the greater concern is that the U.S. will go too far, or not far enough, in pursuing military action against ISIS.

Most Republicans (74\%) say their bigger concern is the U.S. will not go far enough in stopping Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria, while just 23\% are more concerned that the U.S. will go too far in getting involved in the situation. Most Democrats (57\%), by contrast, are more concerned that the U.S. will go too far militarily.

Among Democratic voters, about two-thirds of Sanders supporters (68\%) are more worried that the U.S. will go too far in Iraq and Syria, compared with about half (53\%) of Clinton supporters.
Most GOP voters, regardless of enough in stopping ISIS.

While Trump recently called into question the value of U.S. participation in NATO, Americans overwhelmingly view NATO membership as beneficial for the United States. About three-quarters of Americans ( $77 \%$ ) say being a member of NATO is a good thing for the United States, while just $16 \%$ see this as a bad thing. Large majorities in both parties say NATO membership is good for the U.S. But $30 \%$ of those who prefer Trump in the GOP primary contest say being a member of NATO is a bad thing for the U.S., higher than among other GOP voters or supporters of the Democratic presidential candidates.

## Other major findings

GOP leads on terrorism, foreign policy. As has been the case for more than a decade, more people say the Republican Party can do a better job than the Democratic Party in dealing with the terrorist threat at home ( $46 \%$ vs. $37 \%$ ). The Republicans also lead the Democrats on foreign policy ( $46 \%$ to $38 \%$ ) and trade ( $48 \%$ to $37 \%$ ), while the Democrats hold a sizable advantage on global climate change (51\% to $30 \%$ ).

Little change in Obama job rating on foreign policy. Currently, $40 \%$ approve of the way Barack Obama is handling the nation's foreign policy, while $53 \%$ disapprove. About four-in-ten (41\%) think the Obama administration takes into account the interests of other nations too much, while $18 \%$ say it takes other nations' interests into account too little; $36 \%$ say the administration gives about the right amount of attention to the interests of other countries.

Little change in concerns over China, Russia. Only about a quarter of Americans (23\%) view China as an "adversary" of the United States, while an identical percentage (23\%) says the same about Russia. Pluralities describe both countries as serious problems but not adversaries (44\% each). These opinions have changed little in recent years.

## Sanders supporters stand out for civil liberties

concerns. Half of Americans say their bigger concern about government anti-terrorism policies is that they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country; $35 \%$ are more concerned that they have gone too far in restricting civil liberties.

Large majorities of Republican voters, regardless of their primary preference, say their bigger concern is that anti-terror policies have not gone far enough to protect the country. On the Democratic side, supporters of the two candidates differ in their views. Among Sanders supporters, 51\% say their
bigger concern is that U.S. policies have gone too far in restricting civil liberties, while $33 \%$ say they have not gone far enough in protecting the U.S. Opinion among Clinton supporters is reversed ( $51 \%$ not gone far enough, $35 \%$ too far).

## 1. America's global role, U.S. superpower status

The public remains wary of U.S. international involvement, although on some measures opposition to an active U.S. global role has declined since the last America's Place in the World study in 2013. While more Americans say the U.S. does too much (41\%) than say it does too little ( $27 \%$ ) to solve world problems, the share saying the United States does too much globally is 10 percentage points lower than three years ago (51\%).

The number of Americans who say the U.S. should "mind its own business internationally" which in 2013 surpassed $50 \%$ for the time in a half-century (52\%) - has declined to $43 \%$ in the current survey.

However, just $37 \%$ say the U.S. "should help other countries deal with their problems," while a majority (57\%) say the nation should "deal with its own problems and let other countries deal with their problems the best they can."

## Views of U.S. efforts to solve global problems

Republicans' views of U.S. efforts to address global problems have fluctuated in recent years. In 2013, nearly three times as many Republicans said the U.S. did too much (52\%) as said it did too little (18\%) in helping to solve global problems ( $26 \%$ said it did about the right amount).

In 2014, as ISIS first emerged as a major concern, slightly more Republicans said the U.S. did too little internationally ( $46 \%$ vs. $37 \%$ who said it did too much), with $14 \%$ saying the U.S. was doing about right amount internationally. In the current survey, GOP opinion has shifted again: $44 \%$ think the U.S. does too much internationally, $33 \%$ too little and $17 \%$ about the right amount.

## Shifting partisan opinions on U.S. efforts to solve global problems

\% saying the U.S. does $\qquad$ in helping solve world problems ...

|  | Nov <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | Aug <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | Apr <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | 14-16 <br> Change |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ |  |
| Too much | 51 | 39 | 41 | +2 |
| Too little | 17 | 31 | 27 | -4 |
| Right amount | 28 | 24 | 28 | +4 |

## Republican

| Too much | 52 | 37 | 44 | +7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Too little | 18 | 46 | 33 | -13 |
| Right amount | 26 | 14 | 17 | +3 |

## Democrat

| Too much | 46 | 36 | 36 | - |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Too little | 15 | 24 | 19 | -5 |
| Right amount | 36 | 35 | 42 | +7 |
| Independent |  |  |  |  |
| Too much | 55 | 45 | 43 | -2 |
| Too little | 18 | 28 | 30 | +2 |
| Right amount | 24 | 23 | 23 | - |

Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q29.
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Currently, $36 \%$ of Democrats say the U.S. does too much internationally, $19 \%$ say it does too little, and $42 \%$ say it does about the right amount. These views are little changed since 2014, but in 2013 more Democrats (46\%) said the U.S. did too much. Among independents, $43 \%$ say the U.S. does too much internationally, $30 \%$ say it does too little and $23 \%$ say it does about the right amount. Independents' views, like those of Democrats, have changed little since 2014, but three years ago a majority of independents (55\%) thought the U.S. did too much globally.

Among Democratic voters, $45 \%$ of those who support Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination say the U.S. does the right amount to help solve world problems; fewer (30\%) Bernie Sanders supporters say this ( $42 \%$ say it does too much). Among GOP voters, a slim majority of those who support Trump (54\%) say the U.S. does too much to help solve world

## Slim majority of Trump supporters say U.S. does 'too much' globally

\% saying the U.S. does ____ in helping solve world problems...

Too much Right amount Too little


Primary preference among Rep/Lean Rep...


Primary preference among Dem/Lean Dem...


Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters
Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q29.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER problems. This is little different than views among those who prefer Cruz (48\%), though fewer Kasich backers (30\%) say this.

## Most want U.S. 'to deal with its own problems'

Nearly six-in-ten Americans (57\%) want the United States "to deal with its own problems and let other countries deal with their own problems the best they can." Far fewer (37\%) favor the U.S. helping other countries address problems.

There are substantial ideological and educational differences in these opinions. Liberal Democrats stand out for their support for helping other nations. Six-in-ten (60\%) liberal Democrats say the U.S. should help other nations, while $37 \%$ say it should deal with its own problems.

Among other partisan and ideological groups - including conservative and moderate Democrats (57\%) - majorities say the U.S. should deal with its own problems and let other nations cope with their own problems.

Across educational groups, most favor the U.S. dealing with its own problems, with the exception of those with postgraduate degrees. Postgrads are the only group in which more say the U.S. should help other countries (56\%) than say it should deal with its own problems and let other countries deal with their

## Most want U.S. to let other countries deal with their own problems

Which comes closer to your view? Should the U.S. ... (\%)


Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q31.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER problems (39\%). Majorities of those with less education favor the U.S. dealing with its own problems and letting other countries deal with their own problems the best they can.

## Long-term attitudes about U.S. global involvement

In the 2013 America's Place in the World study, more Americans agreed (52\%) than disagreed (38\%) that the U.S. "should mind its own business internationally" for the first time in nearly 50 years of opinion surveys. In the current survey, $43 \%$ agree that the U.S. should mind its own business internationally, while 50\% disagree. That is similar to opinion on this question in 2011 (46\% agreed, $50 \%$ disagreed).

While most Americans agree the U.S. "should concentrate more on our own national problems" and have done so since the 1960s - fewer concur with this sentiment than did so in 2013 ( $69 \%$ now, $80 \%$ then). And since 2009, there has been an 11-point decline in the share of Americans who agree that "we should go our own way in international matters" without worrying too much about other countries (from $44 \%$ then to $33 \%$ now).

## Fewer say the U.S. should 'mind its own business internationally' than in 2013

Since the U.S. is the most powerful nation in the world, we should go our own way in international matters, not worrying too much about whether other countries agree with us or not


The U.S. should mind its own business internationally and let other countries get along the best they can on their own

We should not think so much in international terms but concentrate more on our own national problems and building up our own strengths and prosperity here at home


Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 7-10, 2016. PEW2c-e.
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Partisan differences on these measures are relatively modest. Identical shares of Republicans and Democrats ( $39 \%$ each) - as well as $47 \%$ of independents - say the U.S. should mind its own business internationally. Republicans ( $73 \%$ ) and independents ( $75 \%$ ) are more likely than Democrats (64\%) to say the U.S. should focus more on national problems and less on international terms. And more Republicans (40\%) than Democrats (30\%) or independents (31\%) say the U.S. should go its own way when it comes to international matters.

## Public to next president: Focus more on domestic than foreign policy

Looking ahead, 70\% of Americans say it is more important for the next president to focus on domestic policy than foreign policy. Just $17 \%$ say the next president's main focus should be on foreign policy while $11 \%$ volunteer that both should be priorities.

This sentiment is not new. In September 2008, 60\% said the next president should focus on domestic policy more than foreign policy. In the past, when asked whether the current president should focus more on foreign or domestic policy, large majorities also have prioritized domestic policy, with few exceptions.

In recent years, there has been only one occasion when the public was divided over whether it was more important for the president to focus domestically or internationally. In January 2007, after President George W. Bush announced he was sending additional U.S. troops to Iraq, 40\% said Bush should focus on more foreign policy, while $39 \%$ said he should focus more on domestic policy.

In the current survey, large majorities of Democrats (73\%), independents ( $73 \%$ ) and Republicans ( $65 \%$ ) say it is more important for the next president to focus on domestic policy rather than foreign policy.

## Most want next president to focus domestically

\% saying it is more important for the next president to focus on


Note: Figures may not add to 100\% because of rounding.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q21.

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## Majority favors keeping U.S. as sole military superpower

Despite the public's ambivalence about U.S. global involvement, a majority of Americans (55\%) support policies maintaining America's status as the only military superpower. Only about a third (36\%) say it would be acceptable if another country became as militarily powerful as the U.S.

Overall views are similar to those found in a November 2013 survey; the question in that survey asked if it would be acceptable if "China, another country or the EU became as militarily powerful as the U.S." In that survey, $56 \%$ wanted the U.S. to remain the sole superpower and $32 \%$ said they would be OK with China, another country, or the EU becoming as powerful.

As in the past, there are partisan differences in opinions about whether the U.S. should try to maintain its status as the world's sole superpower. Two-thirds of Republicans (67\%) say U.S. policies should be aimed at keeping the U.S. as the sole superpower, compared with about half of Democrats (50\%) and independents (52\%).

Democrats are divided ideologically over whether the U.S. should attempt to keep its superpower status. Nearly two-thirds of conservative and moderate Democrats (64\%) say U.S. policies should try to keep the U.S. as the sole superpower, compared with just $35 \%$

Young people less likely to support policies aimed at keeping U.S. as sole military superpower
In the future ... (\%)


Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q28.
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of liberal Democrats who say the same.
Among Republicans, majorities of both conservatives (70\%) and moderates and liberals (60\%) say the U.S. should try to maintain its superpower status.

Young people are far less likely than older adults to say U.S. policies should try to ensure its sole superpower status. Just $43 \%$ of those under age 30 support this goal, while $51 \%$ say it would be acceptable if another nation became as militarily powerful as the U.S. Among older adults, half or more - including $68 \%$ of those 65 and older - say policies should try to keep the U.S. as the only superpower.

## Little change in views of U.S. global leadership, broadly defined

Going back more than two decades, the public generally has preferred that the United States play a shared leadership role. Currently, $73 \%$ say the U.S. should play a shared leadership role. Just $15 \%$ want the U.S. to be the single world leader, and even fewer (9\%) want the U.S. to have no leadership role.

When those who favor a shared leadership role are asked if the U.S. should be the most active of leading nations, or about as active as others, a majority of this group (comprising $48 \%$ of the public) wants the U.S. to be about as active as other leading nations; $23 \%$ say the U.S. should be most active.

These attitudes have changed little since the early 1990 . After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, a third said the U.S.
should be most active of
leading nations, the highest level during this period. But the public's fundamental preference for a shared leadership role was little changed.

Majorities of Democrats (78\%), Republicans (67\%) and independents (74\%) say the U.S. should have a shared leadership role. About twice as many Republicans (23\%) as Democrats and independents ( $12 \%$ each) say the U.S. should be the single world leader.

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## 2. Views of impact of global economic involvement, policies toward developing countries

The public is wary about U.S. involvement in the global economy. And when it comes to dealing with developing countries, no more than about half support increasing foreign aid or imports, or increasing investments by U.S. companies in developing countries.

## Is being part of a global economy good or bad for the U.S.?

Roughly half of the public (49\%) say global economic engagement is "a bad thing because it lowers wages and costs jobs in the U.S." Slightly fewer (44\%) view it as "a good thing because it provides the U.S. with new markets and opportunities for growth."

There are partisan differences in views of U.S. involvement in the global economy. A majority of Republicans ( $55 \%$ ) view global involvement as a bad thing ( $37 \%$ say it is a good thing). Democrats and independents are divided; roughly equal shares say it is a good thing ( $49 \%$ and $46 \%$, respectively) as say it is a bad thing ( $44 \%$ and $48 \%$ ).


Within both parties, views among registered voters vary considerably by primary preferences. Republican and Republican-leaning voters who back Donald Trump are the most skeptical of U.S. involvement in the global economy: By a roughly two-to-one margin ( $65 \%$ to $31 \%$ ) more say it is a bad thing. By contrast, only around half of those who prefer Cruz (49\%) or Kasich (46\%) say global engagement is a bad thing.

On the Democratic side, a majority of Clinton supporters (55\%) view U.S. global economic involvement as a good thing while fewer (37\%) say it is a bad thing. Roughly equal shares of Sanders supporters say it is good for the U.S. to be involved globally (47\%) as say it is bad (48\%).

There are also substantial age and education gaps on attitudes about the United States' involvement in the global economy. About half of adults under 30 ( $53 \%$ ) believe that U.S. global economic engagement is a good thing, while $43 \%$ say it is a bad thing. Older adults are more skeptical; $52 \%$ of those ages 65 and older say U.S. involvement in the global economy is a bad thing.

More-highly educated Americans are more likely to view global economic engagement positively. Majorities of those with a postgraduate degree (60\%) and a college degree (54\%) say that, on balance, U.S. global engagement is a good thing. Only $36 \%$ of those with no more than a high school degree and $44 \%$ of those with some college experience say the same.

Views of U.S. participation in a global economy also vary by family income. Nearly six-in-ten (58\%) of those with family incomes of $\$ 150,000$ or more have positive views of U.S. global economic involvement. Among those in the lowest income category - \$30,000 or less - just $40 \%$ say involvement in the global economy is a good thing for the United States.

## Age, education and party differences in views of U.S. role in global economy

U.S. involvement in the global economy is ...
Good thing,
creates new
markets, growth

$\%$ | Bad thing, <br> lowers wages, <br> costs jobs <br> $\%$ |
| :---: | | DK |
| :---: |
| $\%$ |

Note: Figures may not add to 100\% because of rounding.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q40.
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## How to deal with developing countries

Narrow majorities of the public support importing more goods from developing countries (52\%) and increasing U.S. companies' investment in developing countries (also 52\%). More than four-in-ten say they would oppose each of these measures.

Opinion is divided over whether the U.S. should increase foreign aid to developing countries. Half of the country (50\%) is opposed while a roughly equal share (48\%) would support increasing foreign aid.

Views on these items vary widely by age and education level. About six-in-ten of those under 30 express support for all three of these issues, while no more than four-in-ten of those 65 and older say the same.

More-highly educated adults also tend to be more supportive of increased engagement with developing nations than those with less education.

There are wide partisan differences in views of how the U.S. should deal with developing countries. On all three issues, Republicans express far less support than Democrats, while independents fall in the middle.

Roughly four-in-ten Republicans say they would support importing more goods from developing nations (42\%) and increasing investment from U.S. companies (44\%). Fewer

## Mixed views of U.S. policies toward developing countries

\% who ...


Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q41.
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## Wide partisan gap on U.S. foreign aid to developing nations

\% who support ..


Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q41.
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say they would be in favor of increasing foreign aid (32\%).

About six-in-ten Democrats and around half of independents say they would be in favor of each of these policies.

On all three questions, Trump supporters are more likely than backers of Cruz or Kasich to oppose engagement with developing nations. Nearly eight-in-ten Trump supporters oppose increasing foreign aid to developing nations (78\%); two-thirds are against importing more goods from these nations (67\%); and about six-in ten disapprove of increasing U.S. companies' investment abroad (63\%).

On the Democratic side, there are no significant differences between the views of Clinton and Sanders supporters on these issues.

Trump backers broadly oppose proposals aimed at helping developing countries

| \% who... |  |  | $\square$ Oppose $\quad$ Support |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Importing more goods from developing countries |  | Increasing U.S. companies' investment in developing countries |  | Increasing foreign aid to developing countries |  |  |
| Primary preference among Rep/Lean Rep... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trump | 67 | 32 | 63 | 36 | 78 |  | 22 |
| Cruz | 46 | 52 | 51 | 44 | 67 |  | 31 |
| Kasich | 45 | 52 | 46 | 53 | 62 |  | 33 |
| Primary preference among Dem/Lean Dem... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clinton | 41 | 57 | 39 | 57 |  | 36 | 61 |
| Sanders | 40 | 58 | 39 | 57 |  | 39 | 60 |

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## 3. International threats, defense spending

The Islamic militant group known as ISIS remains the American public's top international concern. Overall, $80 \%$ say ISIS is a major threat to the well-being of the United States, while $16 \%$ say it is a minor threat and $3 \%$ say it is not a threat; views are little changed from December.

Cyberattacks from other countries rank second on the public's list of global threats: $72 \%$ say they are a major threat, while about two-thirds (67\%) view global economic instability as a major threat.

ISIS, cyberattacks seen as greatest concerns to U.S.
$\%$ saying each is a ...


Note: Figures may not add to 100\% because of rounding.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q34a-h.
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Six-in-ten Americans (60\%)
view the rapid spread of infectious diseases from country to country as a major threat, up somewhat from 52\% in August 2014 (in the midst of the Ebola crisis).

The large number of refugees leaving countries such as Iraq and Syria is seen as a major threat by $55 \%$ of Americans. About the same share ( $53 \%$ ) say global climate change is a major threat, little changed from December. China's emergence as a world power is viewed by half of Americans ( $50 \%$ ) as a major threat, while $42 \%$ say tensions with Russia present a major threat to the country; perceptions of both China and Russia's threat to the U.S. are on par with public opinion in December.

There continue to be wide partisan and ideological differences in views of the top global concerns for the U.S. Overall, Democrats - particularly liberal Democrats - are less likely than Republicans to see many of these issues as a major threat to the country's well-being. Climate change is the only one of these issues that is seen as a major threat by a greater share of Democrats than Republicans.

ISIS is viewed as a major threat by overwhelming majorities of conservative Republicans (93\%), moderate and liberal Republicans (88\%), and conservative and moderate Democrats (87\%). Though ISIS tops the list of threats for independents as well, somewhat fewer ( $76 \%$ ) say it is a major threat to the well-being of the U.S. And among liberal Democrats a sigificantly smaller majority (64\%) say it is a major threat.

By contrast, global climate change tops the list of major threats among liberal
Democrats: Fully 81\% in this group view it as a major threat to the U.S., a far greater share than say this about any other threat asked about on the survey. Nearly as many conservative and moderate Democrats consider climate change to be a major threat to the well-being of the U.S. (75\%), though it ranks alongside other threats and behind ISIS among this group. Far fewer independents (52\%)

## Ideologically polarized views of threats posed by refugees, climate change

\% saying each is a major threat to the well-being of the United States


Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q34a-h. PEW RESEARCH CENTER
and moderate and liberal Republicans (41\%) see global climate change as a major threat to the country; and conservative Republicans are particularly unlikely to see climate change as a threat just $18 \%$ say that it is. This gap in partisan and ideological views of global climate change as a major threat is unchanged from last December.

There are also wide partisan gaps over whether the large number of refugees leaving countries like Iraq and Syria poses a major threat to the U.S.: Eight-in-ten conservative Republicans (80\%) view this as a major threat, compared with $61 \%$ of moderate and liberal Republicans and roughly half of both independents (55\%) and conservative and moderate Democrats (49\%). Just 30\% of liberal Democrats see these refugees as a major threat to the well-being of the U.S.

Liberal Democrats are also the least likely to view China's emergence as a world power, tensions with Russia and global economic instability as major threats to the U.S. There are more-modest partisan and ideological differences in perceptions of the threat of cyberattacks from other countries, global economic instability or the rapid spread of infectious diseases from country to country.

Though a majority of Republican and
Republican-leaning registered voters view the large number of refugees leaving countries as a major threat to the nation, this view is more widespread among those who prefer Donald Trump in the contest for the GOP nomination. Fully $85 \%$ of Trump supporters say the large number of these refugees is a major threat. That compares with $74 \%$ of those who back Cruz and $59 \%$ of Kasich supporters.

Among Democratic and Democratic-leaning registered voters, Clinton and Sanders supporters are about equally likely to consider large numbers of refugees leaving Iraq and Syria as a major threat: Just 40\% of Clinton supporters and $34 \%$ of Sanders supporters say this.

## Trump supporters most likely to view refugee crisis as major threat to U.S.

\% of ___ registered voters who prefer each candidate saying the large number of refugees is a major threat



Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q34f.
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## China and Russia seen as problems, but few say they are U.S. adversaries

There is no sign of growing public concern about either China or Russia. Roughly a quarter of the public (23\%) views each as an adversary, while $44 \%$ say each is a serious problem but not an adversary. About three-inten say neither China nor Russia pose much of a problem for the U.S.

Over the past two years, there has been no rise in the share of the public that sees Russia as an adversary. More now say Russia is not much of a problem than did so in 2014, shortly after the country's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea region (30\% today, $15 \%$ then).

Views of China are little changed over the last several years.

There are minor partisan differences in views for both countries. Though only about a quarter of Republicans (27\%) say China is an adversary, they are somewhat more likely than Democrats (20\%) to say this.


Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q68a \& Q68b.
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Similarly, while 29\% of Republicans view Russia as an adversary, 20\% of Democrats and $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ of independents say the same.

## Growing share say defense spending should increase

For the first time in more than a decade a greater share of Americans say spending on national defense should be increased (35\%) than say it should be cut back (24\%). A plurality (40\%) say that spending should be kept roughly the same.

In November 2013, the last time this question was asked, more Americans said we should reduce our spending than increase it ( $28 \%$ cut back vs. $23 \%$ increase).

Support for increasing defense spending is particularly pronounced among Republicans especially conservative Republicans. Today, two-thirds of conservative Republicans (67\%) favor increasing the defense budget, up 28 percentage points from when the question was last asked. The share of other partisan groups saying defense spending should increase has also risen, although somewhat more modestly.

Rising support for defense spending

$20042006 \quad 2008 \quad 2010 \quad 2012 \quad 2014 \quad 2016$

Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q42.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER

## Two-thirds of conservative Reps say defense spending should be increased

\% saying we should increase spending on defense


Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q42.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER

There are wide partisan and ideological differences when it comes to national defense spending. Though most conservative Republicans ( $67 \%$ ) think defense spending should be increased, moderate and liberal Republicans are more divided: $45 \%$ say the national defense budget should increase, $39 \%$ say it should stay the same, and $14 \%$ think it should be reduced.

Only 20\% of Democrats say there should be more spending on defense; $30 \%$ say the defense budget should be cut back, while roughly half (49\%) say it should remain near current levels.

Conservative and moderate Democrats are about equally likely to say defense spending should go up (26\%) as to say it should be cut back (22\%), though roughly half (51\%) say it should remain about the same. Liberal Democrats, in contrast, are about three times as likely to say defense spending should be cut as to say it should be increased ( $39 \%$ vs. 12\%); $48 \%$ say it should be kept the same.

Among Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters, those who support Donald Trump (66\%) and Ted Cruz (64\%) in the primary contest are somewhat more supportive of increasing the defense budget than are backers of John Kasich (52\%).

Among Democratic voters, roughly as many Clinton supporters say defense spending should be increased (21\%) as say it should be decreased ( $25 \%$ ), while $52 \%$ say it should be kept at about the same level as current

## Sanders supporters more supportive of defense cuts than Clinton backers

\% saying we should ____ spending on defense
■Increase $■$ Keep same $\quad$ Cut back $■$ DK


Primary preference among Rep/Lean Rep...


Primary preference among Dem/Lean Dem...


Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters. Figures may not add to $100 \%$ because of rounding. Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q42. PEW RESEARCH CENTER spending. Bernie Sanders supporters are more likely to say spending should be cut back: $43 \%$ say this, while nearly as many ( $39 \%$ ) say spending should be kept about the same; just $16 \%$ say it should be increased.

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## 4. U.S. military action against ISIS, policy toward terrorism

A majority of the public (62\%) continues to approve of the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria; fewer (33\%) say they disapprove. Support for U.S. military action in Iraq and Syria has held steady over the course of the past year.

Comparable majorities of Republicans (66\%) and Democrats (65\%) support the U.S. military campaign against ISIS. Independents are slightly less likely than partisans to approve of the campaign: $57 \%$ say this, while $38 \%$ say they disapprove.

Support for the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria extends across those with different preferences for the 2016 Democratic and Republican presidential nominations. Among Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters, about two-thirds of Donald Trump (66\%), Ted Cruz (64\%) and John Kasich (67\%) supporters say they approve of the military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria.

## Widespread support for U.S. military campaign against ISIS

$\%$ who ___ of the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria


Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters.
Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q73.
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On the Democratic side, 69\% of Democratic and Democratic-leaning registered voters who support Clinton approve of the U.S. military action. A narrower majority of Democratic voters who support Sanders (56\%) say they approve of the military campaign.

While majorities approve of the U.S. military campaign, most do not think the effort against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria is going well at present. About six-in-ten (58\%) say the campaign is going not too or not at all well, compared with just $38 \%$ who say it is going very or fairly well.

Assessments of the campaign are particularly negative among Republicans. Nearly seven-inten (68\%) say the U.S. effort is not going well. Majorities of Cruz (75\%), Kasich (67\%) and Trump (66\%) supporters have negative impressions of the current state of the campaign.

By contrast, Democratic views of the current state of U.S. efforts against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria are mixed. About as many say the campaign is going very or fairly well (48\%) as say it is going not too or not at all well (46\%). But there are key differences within the Democratic voters by candidate preference on

## Clinton supporters stand out in saying U.S. campaign vs. ISIS is going well

$\%$ who say the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria is going ...


Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters. Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q74.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER this question. Among Clinton supporters more say the effort is going well than not well by a $57 \%-$ $38 \%$ margin. By contrast, most Sanders supporters (62\%) say things are going not too or not at all well, while just $33 \%$ say things are going very or fairly well.

When it comes to the public's greater concern about U.S. military action in Iraq and Syria, somewhat more continue to say their greater concern is that the U.S will not go far enough to stop the militants (50\%) than say their greater concern is that the U.S. will go too far getting involved in the situation (43\%).

Republicans are much more concerned that the U.S. will not go far enough to stop the militants (74\%) than that it will get too involved in the situation (23\%). The balance of opinion among Democrats is the reverse: $57 \%$ say their bigger concern about military action in Iraq and Syria is that the U.S. will go too far getting involved in the situation, compared with just $35 \%$ who are more concerned the U.S. won't do enough to stop the militants. Independents overall are split (47\% worry the U.S. will not go far enough, while $46 \%$ worry it will go too far), but those who lean toward a party express views similar to those of straight partisans.

By a wide 68\%-28\% margin, Democratic supporters of Sanders are more concerned the U.S. will go too far in getting involved in the situation in Iraq and Syria than that it will not go far enough to stop the militants. Clinton supporters also express more concern about the U.S. getting too involved in the situation, but by a less one-sided $53 \%-40 \%$ margin.

Among Republican voters, similar majorities of Cruz ( $77 \%$ ), Kasich ( $73 \%$ ) and Trump ( $71 \%$ ) supporters say their greater concern about military action in Iraq and Syria is that the U.S. will not go far enough to stop Islamic militants there.

## Partisan, age gaps on concerns about military action in Iraq and Syria

$\%$ who say their bigger concern about military action in Iraq and Syria is that the U.S. ...


Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters.
Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q75.
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In addition to wide partisan divides, there are large differences on this question across age groups, with younger adults more likely to express concern about the U.S. getting too involved in Iraq and Syria and older adults more likely to express concern about the U.S. not going far enough to stop Islamic militants. For example, by a $57 \%-38 \%$ margin, adults ages $18-29$ say their greater concern is the U.S. getting too involved in the situation; by contrast, adults ages 65 and older are more concerned the U.S. will not go far enough to stop the militants ( $61 \%-33 \%$ ).

The public is divided over whether the U.S. should send ground troops to fight Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria: $46 \%$ favor this, while $50 \%$ are opposed. Views are little changed over the course of the past year.

Nearly seven-in-ten Republicans (68\%) favor sending ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria; $72 \%$ of conservative Republicans say this, compared with somewhat fewer (58\%) moderate and liberal Republicans.

By a $65 \%-31 \%$ margin, Democrats are broadly opposed to sending U.S. ground troops to fight in Iraq and Syria. Liberal Democrats oppose using U.S. ground troops by a wide $75 \%-21 \%$ margin. Among conservative and moderate Democrats, opposition outweighs support by 57\%-41\%.

A 60\% majority of young adults (those 18-29) oppose sending U.S. ground troops to Iraq and Syria. Older groups are more divided: For example, among those 65 and older, $48 \%$ favor sending U.S. ground troops to fight Islamic militants, while $44 \%$ are opposed.

Those with higher levels of education are less likely to support ground troops than those with less education. More adults with postgraduate degrees oppose than favor sending troops ( $59 \%$ vs. $37 \%$ ). By contrast, those with no more than a high school degree are more split (50\% favor, $46 \%$ oppose).

Views on U.S. ground troops to fight Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria
\% who say they would ___ the U.S. sending group troops to fight Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria


Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters. Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q76.
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## Republicans' ratings of government efforts against terrorism plummet

Currently, $54 \%$ say the U.S. government is doing very or fairly well reducing the threat of terrorism, compared with $45 \%$ who say it is doing not too or not at all well. The share giving the government positive ratings is up eight points from December, when assessments of the government's job performance hit a post-9/11 low in the wake of the Paris and San Bernardino terrorist attacks.

Just 29\% of Republicans say the government is doing very or fairly well reducing the threat of terrorism, compared with $75 \%$ of Democrats. The current 46-point gap between the views of Republicans and Democrats is wider than it was at in early 2015 (22 points), when overall ratings of the government's performance reducing the terror threat were more positive.

Independents' views of the job the government is doing reducing the terror threat are mixed: $51 \%$ say it is doing very or fairly well, while $47 \%$ say it is doing not too or not at all well.

## Job ratings of U.S. government efforts to reduce the threat of terrorism

\% who say the U.S. government is doing___ reducing the threat of terrorism ...

\% who say the U.S. government is doing very/fairly well reducing the threat of terrorism ...


Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q36.
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## Views about anti-terrorism policies and civil liberties

By a $50 \%-35 \%$ margin, more say their greater concern about the government's anti-terror policies is that they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country than say they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties. Since December, shortly after terrorist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, the share expressing greater concern that government policies do not go far enough has declined six points, while the share saying they are more concerned about civil liberty restrictions has increased seven points.

A majority of Republicans (64\%) say they are more concerned that government policies have not gone far enough to protect the country; just $23 \%$ are more concerned about civilliberties restrictions. Democrats and independents hold more mixed views: $46 \%$ of Democrats and $47 \%$ of independents say their greater concern is that government policies have not gone far enough to adequately project the country, while about four-in-ten of both groups ( $40 \%$ of Democrats, $39 \%$ of independents) say they are more concerned that government policies have gone too far restricting the average person's civil liberties.

Government anti-terrorism policies and concern over security and civil liberties
Bigger concern about govt anti-terrorism policies? (\%)
Gone too far restricting civil liberties
Not gone far enough to protect country

$\begin{array}{llllllllll}04 & 05 & 06 & 07 & 08 & 09 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 \\ 14 & 15 & 16\end{array}$
\% who say govt anti-terrorism policies have not gone far enough to protect country ...
$\longrightarrow$ Republican Democrat Independent

$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}04 & 05 & 06 & 07 & 08 & 09 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 15 & 16\end{array}$
Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q37.
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Supporters of Clinton are somewhat more likely to say government anti-terror polices have not gone far enough to protect the country (51\%), than say they have gone too far restricting the average person's civil liberties (35\%). Among Sanders supporters, the balance of opinion is reversed: $51 \%$ say policies have gone too far in restricting civil liberties, while $33 \%$ are more concerned that policies have not gone far enough to protect the country.

Within the GOP, there are no significant differences in these views by primary candidate preference.
About half of Sanders supporters say anti-terror policies 'have gone too far'
Bigger concern about govt anti-terrorism policies? (\%)

|  | Gone too far restricting civil liberties | Not gone far enough to protect country |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Primary preference among Rep/Lean Rep... |  |  |
| Trump | 20 | 66 |
| Cruz | 26 | 61 |
| Kasich | 23 | 64 |
| Primary preference among Dem/Lean Dem... |  |  |
| Clinton | 35 | 51 |
| Sanders | 51 | 33 |
| Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters. <br> Don't know responses not shown. <br> Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q37. |  |  |
| PEW RESEARCH CENTER |  |  |

When it comes to the best approach for dealing with global terrorism, as many say that using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism around the world (47\%) as say that relying too much on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more terrorism (47\%).

These views have changed little over the course of the past year. However, in 2014 before ISIS registered widely as a security threat with the public - more said relying too much on military force created hatred and more terrorism than said that it is was the best way to defeat terrorism around the world.

## Views of use of 'overwhelming' military force against global terrorism



Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q64a.
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There continue to be wide partisan gaps over the use of overwhelming force to confront terrorism.

Fully 70\% of Republicans say military force is the best approach to defeating global terrorism, compared with just $24 \%$ who say it does more to create hatred and lead to further terrorism. Conservative Republicans (77\%) are more likely than liberal and moderate Republicans (56\%) to take this view.

By contrast, $65 \%$ of Democrats say relying too much on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more terrorism, while only $31 \%$ see it as the best way to defeat terrorism around the world. Liberal Democrats take this view by a much more onesided margin ( $77 \%-19 \%$ ) than conservative and moderate Democrats ( $56 \%-41 \%$ ).

## Deep partisan divide on best approach to defeating global terrorism

\% who say ...


Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters. Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q64a.
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## 5. Views of Israel and Palestinians

As has been the case for decades, the American public expresses more sympathy toward Israel than the Palestinians. Just over half of Americans (54\%) say that in the dispute between the two they sympathize more with Israel, while $19 \%$ sympathize more with the Palestinians; $13 \%$ volunteer that they sympathize with neither side and $3 \%$ sympathize with both.

These views are only modestly changed from July


Note: 1978-1990 data from the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q52.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER 2014. The share sympathizing more with Israel is little changed, while the share sympathizing more with the Palestinians has ticked up from $14 \%$ then to $19 \%$ today.

The partisan gap remains wide. Three-quarters of Republicans (75\%) say they sympathize more with Israel (just 7\% say they sympathize more with the Palestinians). And though a larger share of Democrats sympathize more with Israel than with the Palestinians, that margin is much narrower ( $43 \%$ vs. $29 \%$ ). By $52 \%$ to $19 \%$, independents express more sympathy for Israel than the Palestinians.

While independents are more likely to express sympathy toward Israel by a $52 \%$ to $19 \%$ margin, there is a large difference between those who lean toward the Democratic Party and those who lean toward the GOP. Republican leaners sympathize more with Israel by an overwhelming margin ( $72 \%$ vs.9\%), in line with the views of Republican identifiers. The sympathies of Democratic leaners, however, are divided: $34 \%$ say they sympathize more with Israel and $33 \%$ say the Palestinians, while another third either volunteer that they sympathize with both (3\%) or neither (16\%), or do not offer an opinion (13\%). Democratic leaners are less likely than Democratic identifiers to sympathize with Israel.

There is also a wide ideological difference within the Democratic Party. By more than two-to-one (53\% vs. 19\%) conservative and moderate Democrats sympathize more with Israel. Liberal Democrats, on the other hand, are statistically divided in their views: $33 \%$ sympathize more with Israel and 40\% sympathize more with the Palestinians.

Among Republicans, an overwhelming majority of conservative Republicans (79\%) sympathize more with Israel, as do a slightly narrower majority of moderate and liberal Republicans (65\%).

Notably, there are no differences in views by candidate support among GOP voters. By

Liberals, Sanders supporters divided in Mideast sympathies
\% saying they sympathize more with ...

|  | Israel | Palestinians | (VOL.) <br> Neither | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (VOL.) } \\ & \text { Both } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { (VOL.) } \\ \text { DK } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| Total | 54 | 19 | 13 | 3 | $10=100$ |
| 18-29 | 43 | 31 | 13 | 3 | $10=100$ |
| 30-49 | 51 | 18 | 17 | 3 | 11=100 |
| 50-64 | 57 | 15 | 12 | 5 | $10=100$ |
| 65+ | 68 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 8=100 |
| Postgrad | 51 | 26 | 9 | 6 | $8=100$ |
| College degree | 52 | 22 | 11 | 6 | $9=100$ |
| Some college | 53 | 18 | 16 | 3 | $10=100$ |
| HS or less | 56 | 17 | 13 | 2 | $12=100$ |
| Republican | 75 | 7 | 9 | 2 | $7=100$ |
| Conserv | 79 | 4 | 7 | 2 | $7=100$ |
| Mod/Lib | 65 | 13 | 13 | 3 | 6=100 |
| Democrat | 43 | 29 | 11 | 5 | $12=100$ |
| Conserv/Mod | 53 | 19 | 12 | 4 | $12=100$ |
| Liberal | 33 | 40 | 10 | 7 | $10=100$ |
| Independent | 52 | 19 | 16 | 3 | $9=100$ |
| Lean Rep | 72 | 9 | 11 | 2 | $6=100$ |
| Lean Dem | 34 | 33 | 16 | 3 | $13=100$ |
| Primary preference among Rep/Lean Rep... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trump | 77 | 7 | 9 | 1 | $5=100$ |
| Cruz | 80 | 6 | 5 | 2 | $7=100$ |
| Kasich | 76 | 5 | 9 | 2 | $8=100$ |
| Primary preference among Dem/Lean Dem... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clinton | 47 | 27 | 10 | 5 | $10=100$ |
| Sanders | 33 | 39 | 14 | 5 | $9=100$ |

Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters.
Figures may not add to $100 \%$ because of rounding.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q52.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER
contrast, while Clinton supporters, on balance, are more likely to sympathize with Israel ( $47 \%$ vs. 27\%), Sanders supporters are divided (33\% sympathize more with Israel, $39 \%$ sympathize more with Palestinians).

Over the past decade, the share of Americans saying they sympathize more with Israel has grown among most ideological groups - with the exception of liberal Democrats.

Today 33\% of liberal Democrats say they sympathize more with Israel, a share that is little changed over the last 10 years. At the same time, the share of liberal Democrats who say they sympathize more with the Palestinians is now higher than it has been at any

## Growing share of liberal Democrats sympathize more with the Palestinians than with Israel



Note: Volunteered "neither," "both" and don’t know responses not shown. Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q52.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER point in the last 15 years ( $40 \%$ ), due in part to somewhat fewer liberal Democrats volunteering that they sympathize equally with both sides, or neither side, or that they do not know.

Conservative and moderate Democrats, by contrast, express more sympathy toward Israel (53\%) than the Palestinians (19\%) today. And the balance of opinion among conservative and moderate Democrats is little changed over the last decade.

Both moderate and liberal Republicans and conservatives in the party have become more sympathetic to Israel over the last 10 years.

There also are generational differences in sympathies in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Older generations tend to be more sympathetic toward Israel than younger generations.

Currently, $43 \%$ of Millennials report sympathizing more with Israel, while $27 \%$ are more sympathetic to the Palestinians. The share sympathizing with the Palestinians has risen significantly in recent years, from 9\% in 2006 to $20 \%$ in July 2014 to $27 \%$ today. The share sympathizing with Israel is little changed over this period.

Among older generations, the balance of opinion is little changed over the course of the decade. Baby Boomers and those in the Silent generation sympathize more with Israel by about four-to-

## Millennials more likely than older generations to sympathize with the Palestinians



Note: Volunteered "neither," "both" and don't know responses not shown. Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q52.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER one. Generation Xers are somewhat less sympathetic toward Israel than older generations; still, by roughly three-to-one ( $54 \%$ vs. $17 \%$ ), they say they sympathize more with Israel than the Palestinians.

## Can Israel and an independent Palestinian state peacefully coexist?

By a $50 \%$ to $42 \%$ margin, more Americans say that there is a way for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully than say that there is not. More now say a two-state solution is possible than said this in August 2014 (43\%) shortly after the end of weeks of hostilities between Israel and Hamas.

Younger adults are the most likely to say a peaceful two-state solution is possible: $60 \%$ of those under 30 say this. Older adults are more skeptical than younger people; nearly half of those ages 65 and older (49\%) say a two-state solution is not possible.

There also are partisan differences on this issue. Conservative Republicans are the most doubtful about the viability of an independent Palestinian state peacefully coexisting with Israel; $60 \%$ say it is not possible to find such a solution. On the other end of the ideological spectrum, two-thirds of liberal Democrats ( $67 \%$ ) say a peaceful two-state solution is possible.

There are modest educational and racial differences. More-educated Americans are more likely to say the two states could coexist peacefully, while less-educated Americans are divided. And white Americans are divided while majorities of blacks and Hispanics say an independent Palestinian state could peacefully exist alongside Israel. Overall, more now say a two state solution is possible than said this in 2014.

## Conservative Republicans are skeptical of a peaceful, two-state solution

Can a way be found for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully, or not?

|  | Yes <br> $\%$ | No <br> $\%$ | Depends/ <br> DK |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 50 | 42 | $8=100$ |
| White | 46 | 45 | $9=100$ |
| Black | 61 | 31 | $8=100$ |
| Hispanic | 57 | 35 | $8=100$ |
| 18-29 | 60 | 31 | $9=100$ |
| 30-49 | 51 | 41 | $8=100$ |
| 50-64 | 47 | 45 | $8=100$ |
| 65+ | 41 | 49 | $9=100$ |
| Postgrad | 58 | 34 | $8=100$ |
| College degree | 54 | 38 | $7=100$ |
| Some college | 50 | 41 | $9=100$ |
| HS or less | 45 | 46 | $9=100$ |
| Republican | 38 | 55 | $7=100$ |
| Conservative | 33 | 60 | $7=100$ |
| Moderate/Liberal | 50 | 45 | $6=100$ |
| Independent | 51 | 41 | $8=100$ |
| Democrat | 61 | 29 | $10=100$ |
| Conservative/Moderate | 57 | 35 | $8=100$ |
| Liberal | 67 | 22 | $10=100$ |

Note: Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race.
Figures may not add to $100 \%$ because of rounding. Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q53.
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Democrats, in particular, are more likely now to say that a way can be found for two states to coexist than they were two years ago: Today $61 \%$ say there is a way for an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully with Israel, up from 49\% in August 2014.

But Republican views are little changed from two years ago: $38 \%$ now say Israel and an independent Palestinian state could peacefully coexist, identical to the share saying this in 2014.

About half of independents (51\%) see a twostate solution as possible, up from $43 \%$ in August 2014, but little different than in April 2014.

More Democrats say a peaceful,
two-state solution is possible
$\%$ saying a way can be found for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully ...

|  | April <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | August <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | April <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | Aug 14- <br> Apr 16 <br> change |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ |  |
| Total | 46 | 43 | 50 | +7 |
| Republican | 34 | 38 | 38 | 0 |
| Democrat | 52 | 49 | 61 | +12 |
| Independent | 50 | 43 | 51 | +8 |
| Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q53. |  |  |  |  |

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## 6. NATO, U.S. allies, the EU and UN

By large margins, the American public has positive views of NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Fully $77 \%$ say being a member is good for the U.S., and by about a two-to onemargin, more say they have a favorable view of NATO than an unfavorable one ( $53 \%$ vs. $25 \%$ ). Yet the U.S. public is about equally likely to say the alliance is more important to its non-U.S. members ( $37 \%$ ) as to say it is about as important to the U.S. as it is to other member nations ( $41 \%$ ). Few ( $15 \%$ ) consider the NATO alliance to be of more import to the U.S. than it is to other member countries.

Though U.S. allies are largely viewed positively, a sizeable minority of the public expresses some reserve over the broader question of how much allies' interests should be taken into account in U.S. foreign policy: While roughly half ( $51 \%$ ) say the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making compromises with them, a sizeable minority (42\%) says the U.S. should follow its own interests, even when allies strongly disagree.

Views of the United Nations and the European Union remain substantially more positive than negative. And Americans continue to say the country's ties to European nations are more important to the U.S. than ties to Asian nations (52\% to 32\%).

## Most say NATO benefits the U.S.

About three-quarters of Americans (77\%) say that, on balance, being a member of NATO is a good thing for the U.S. Just $16 \%$ say it is bad for the country.

Although Americans are largely in agreement that the alliance is good for the country, there is less consensus about whether the U.S. and


[^1]its NATO allies benefit equally from the alliance: $41 \%$ say the NATO alliance is about equally important to the U.S. and other NATO member countries, while nearly as many (37\%) say the alliance matters more for other countries than for the U.S. Only $15 \%$ say the alliance is more important for the U.S. than it is for its NATO allies.

Overall impressions of NATO are little changed in recent years: About half (53\%) have a favorable opinion of NATO, while a quarter (25\%) hold an unfavorable view of the alliance ( $21 \%$ do not offer an opinion). There are no significant partisan differences in ratings of NATO.

There also is broad partisan agreement that the NATO alliance is good for the U.S.: Threequarters or more of Republicans ( $75 \%$ ), Democrats ( $81 \%$ ) and independents ( $78 \%$ ) say the country's membership in NATO is a good thing.

But supporters of Donald Trump in the GOP primary contest are more likely than other GOP voters to express skepticism about NATO's benefits to the U.S. Nearly two-thirds (64\%) of Republican and Republican-leaning voters who back Trump say being a member of NATO is good for the U.S., compared with $80 \%$ of Cruz and $84 \%$ of Kasich supporters.

NATO favorability, 2009-2016
Overall opinion of NATO is ... (\%)

Favorable



20092010201120122013201420152016

Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 4-24, 2016. Q10e. PEW RESEARCH CENTER

## Partisan agreement on value of NATO, some skepticism among Trump backers

\% who say being a member of NATO is ...


Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters.
Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q47.
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Although there are few differences by party in views about whether NATO membership has been good for the country, Republicans (43\%) and independents ( $41 \%$ ) are more likely than Democrats (28\%) to say the alliance is more important to other NATO member nations than it is to the U.S. But no more than two-inten among any partisan group say the alliance is of greater import to the U.S. than it is to other NATO member countries.

Reps, Inds more likely to say NATO
alliance is more important to allies alliance is more important to allies
$\%$ who say the NATO alliance is ...


Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q48.
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## Wide ideological divide over whether to compromise with allies

The public is divided along age and ideological lines when it comes to opinions on cooperating with allies. Overall, $51 \%$ say the U.S. should take into account allies' interests even if it means making compromises, while $42 \%$ say the United States should follow its national interests even when the allies strongly disagree.

Roughly half of Republicans (52\%), including nearly identical shares of the party's conservatives and moderates and liberals, say the U.S. should pursue its own interests even if allies strongly object. Democrats are more divided along ideological lines: $45 \%$ of conservative and moderate Democrats say the U.S. should follow its national interests even if the allies disagree, but just 20\% of liberal Democrats share this view.

Among people younger than 50, $55 \%$ say the U.S. should take into account allies' interests even if it means making compromises; $39 \%$ want the U.S. to follow its own interests even when allies disagree. Older adults are evenly divided (46\% say the U.S. should take allies' interests into account, $46 \%$ say the U.S. should follow its own interests).

There also are educational differences in these

# Liberal Democrats, college grads <br> support compromising with allies 



Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q64b.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER attitudes. A majority of those with at least a college degree (63\%) say the U.S. should heed allies' interests even if it means making compromises. Among those with less education, opinion is more evenly divided.

## Views of the United Nations and the European Union

A majority of Americans have a favorable view of the United Nations (64\%); roughly three-inten have an unfavorable view (29\%).

Opinions of the UN have grown slightly more positive since 2013, the last time this question was asked, when $58 \%$ expressed a positive view.

Views of the European Union also more positive than negative ( $53 \%$ favorable, $27 \%$ unfavorable), although the share of the public with a favorable view of the European Union is down slightly from $58 \%$ in 2014 to $53 \%$ today.

There are wide partisan differences in views of both institutions. Large majorities of Democrats hold a positive view of the UN ( $80 \%$ ) and the EU (64\%). By contrast, only about four-in-ten Republicans (43\%) report having a favorable opinion of either institution. Two-thirds of independents (64\%) have a favorable view of the UN, and $54 \%$ say the same of the EU.

United Nations favorability, 2004-2016
\% saying they have a $\qquad$ view of the $U N$...

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Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 4-24, 2016. Q10d.
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## European Union favorability, 2002-2016

\% saying they have a $\qquad$ view of the $E U$...


Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 4-24, 2016. Q10c.
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## Are ties to European nations or to Asian nations more important?

When it comes to the relationships the United States has with European and Asian nations, about half of the public ( $53 \%$ ) views ties with Europe as most important, while $32 \%$ say relationships with Asia are most important. One-in-ten volunteer that both are equally important to the U.S.

These views are little changed from 2013 and over much of the last two decades. One exception was in 2011, shortly before a state visit from Chinese President Hu Jintao, when more ( $47 \%$ ) thought Asian nations were most important (37\% said European nations were most important).

Young adults are divided: $46 \%$ of those ages 18 to 29 say Europe is more important, while roughly as many say Asia is more important (41\%). Among older adults, particularly those ages 50 and older, clear majorities say European ties are more important.

## European ties viewed as more important than Asian ties

$\%$ saying ties to the nations of ___ are most important to the U.S. ...


A $57 \%$ majority of those with no college experience say ties to European nations are more important than ties to Asian nations,

Note: Volunteered "both" and don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q30.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER while $29 \%$ say Asian ties are more important.
By comparison, $46 \%$ of those with college degrees say European ties are more important, while $36 \%$ say Asian ties are more important.

There are only modest differences in views among partisans: Roughly equal majorities of Republicans ( $60 \%$ ) and Democrats ( $55 \%$ ) say Europe is more important to the U.S than Asia. Roughly half of independents (48\%) say European ties are more important, though they are somewhat more likely (38\%) than either Democrats (29\%) or Republicans (27\%) to say Asian ties are of more import.

## Age, educational differences over importance of European vs. Asian ties

\% saying ties to the nations of ____ are most important to the U.S. ..


Note: Volunteered "both" and don't know responses not shown. Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q30.
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## 7. Foreign policy, the parties and Obama

The GOP continues to have an advantage over the Democratic Party as the party the public says is best able to handle several foreign policy issues, while the Democratic Party holds an advantage when it comes to handling global climate change.
More say the Republican Party could do a better
job making wise decisions about foreign policy
than say the Democratic Party could do a better
job ( $46 \%$ vs. $38 \%$ ), with $16 \%$ declining to
choose one party over the other. The
Republican Party's ability to handle foreign
policy is seen more positively now than it was in
July 2015, when about equal shares said the
Republican Party (38\%) and Democratic Party
(41\%) would do a better job on foreign policy.

In part, the Democrats' lower rating for handling foreign policy comes from the relatively critical marks the party receives from Democratic-leaning independents. Just $53 \%$ of Democratic-leaning independents favor the Democrats on foreign policy. By comparison, $76 \%$ of Republican leaners prefer the GOP.

This partly arises from dissatisfaction with the party among Sanders supporters, many of whom lean toward the Democratic Party but do not identify as Democrats. Among Democratic and Democratic-leaning registered voters, 81\% who support Clinton for the party's nomination say the Democratic Party is better able to make wise decisions about foreign policy, compared with $59 \%$ of Sanders supporters.

Republican Party seen as better able to handle foreign policy, terrorism
\% saying each party could do a better job dealing with ...

|  | Rep Party | Dem Party | Both/ Neither/ DK | Diff |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trade agreements | \% | \% | \% |  |
| April 2016 | 48 | 37 | 15=100 | R+11 |
| Terrorist threat at home |  |  |  |  |
| April 2016 | 46 | 37 | $17=100$ | $\mathrm{R}+9$ |
| December 2015 | 46 | 34 | $20=100$ | $R+12$ |
| July 2015 | 44 | 34 | 22=100 | R+10 |
| February 2015 | 51 | 31 | 18=100 | $R+20$ |
| October 2014 | 46 | 30 | 25=100 | R+16 |
| Foreign policy |  |  |  |  |
| April 2016 | 46 | 38 | 16=100 | R+8 |
| July 2015 | 38 | 41 | 21=100 | D+3 |
| February 2015 | 48 | 35 | 17=100 | $\mathrm{R}+13$ |
| October 2014 | 40 | 39 | $21=100$ | R+1 |
| Economy |  |  |  |  |
| April 2016 | 45 | 41 | $14=100$ | $\mathrm{R}+4$ |
| December 2015 | 42 | 37 | $20=100$ | R+5 |
| July 2015 | 41 | 44 | 16=100 | D+3 |
| February 2015 | 44 | 41 | 15=100 | $\mathrm{R}+3$ |
| October 2014 | 41 | 39 | $20=100$ | $\mathrm{R}+2$ |
| Immigration |  |  |  |  |
| April 2016 | 42 | 44 | 14=100 | D+2 |
| December 2015 | 42 | 40 | 18=100 | R+2 |
| July 2015 | 40 | 42 | 19=100 | D+2 |
| February 2015 | 43 | 45 | 12=100 | D+2 |
| October 2014 | 41 | 40 | 19=100 | R+1 |
| Climate change |  |  |  |  |
| April 2016 | 30 | 51 | 20=100 | D+21 |
| December 2015 | 32 | 46 | 22=100 | D+14 |

Note: Figures may not add to $100 \%$ because of rounding Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q45.

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As has been the case since 2002, Republicans also have a sizable advantage over Democrats on the issue of terrorism. In the current survey, $46 \%$ say the Republican Party could do a better job dealing with the terrorist threat at home, while $37 \%$ say the Democratic Party could do the better job.

The GOP holds a similar (11-point) lead over the Democratic Party when it comes to dealing with trade agreements with other countries. As with views of which party can better handle foreign policy, Clinton supporters give the Democratic Party higher marks than do Sanders supporters ( $77 \%$ vs. $65 \%$ ).

The Democratic Party is preferred to the Republican Party by a wide margin when it comes to the issue of climate change. About half ( $51 \%$ ) say the Democratic Party could do a better job dealing with climate change, while $30 \%$ say the Republicans could do a better job.

## Obama and foreign policy

About as many approve of the job Barack Obama is doing as president (48\%) as disapprove (47\%). Last month, $51 \%$ said they approved of the president's performance and $44 \%$ disapproved.

More disapprove of Obama's handling of the nation's foreign policy than approve ( $53 \%$ vs. 40\%). Similar shares say they disapprove of the president's job dealing with the threat of terrorism (51\%), and Iran (52\%).

Obama's handling of immigration also is viewed more negatively than positively: Just $38 \%$ approve, while $55 \%$ disapprove.

On balance, evaluations of Obama's performance on the issue of global climate

## More disapprove than approve of Obama on foreign policy, immigration and Iran

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling ... (\%)


Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q6.
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When it comes to Obama's approach to foreign policy, $41 \%$ say the Obama administration is taking the interests of other countries into account too much, $36 \%$ say the administration considers other countries' interests about the right amount and just $18 \%$ say the president takes into account the interests of other countries too little.

Nearly six-in-ten Republicans (58\%) think the Obama administration takes into account the interests of other countries too much, while $25 \%$ say it pays too little attention to other countries' interests; just $12 \%$ say it strikes the right balance.

The view that the Obama administration takes other countries into account too much also is held by $47 \%$ of independents; $31 \%$ think the administration's approach is about right and $19 \%$ say it accounts for other countries' interests too little.

A majority of Democrats (63\%) say the Obama administration's approach to foreign policy is about right when it comes to accounting for the interests of other countries; just $22 \%$ of Democrats say the administration is too concerned about the interests of other countries, and only $11 \%$ say it is concerned too little with other countries.


Note: Figures may not add to $100 \%$ because of rounding. Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q7.
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## 8. Perceptions of U.S. global power and respect

The public continues to view the U.S. as less powerful globally - and less respected by other nations - than it was in the past. But Americans also say the United States is the world's leading economic and military power.

Nearly half of Americans (46\%) say the U.S. plays a less important and powerful role as a world leader than it did a decade ago. Just 21\% say it plays a more important and powerful role, while $31 \%$ say it is as important as it was 10 years ago. These views have changed only modestly since 2013, when $53 \%$ said the U.S. was less powerful than it had been 10 years previously. But in 2004, just 20\% said the U.S. was less powerful.

A majority of the public (61\%) also says the U.S. is less respected by other countries, although this is lower than the share that said this in 2013 (70\%).

## Nearly half say U.S. plays a less powerful global leadership role than it did 10 years ago

$\%$ saying U.S. role as a world leader is $\qquad$


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\begin{array}{llllllll}
1974 & 1980 & 1986 & 1992 & 1998 & 2004 & 2010 & 2016
\end{array}
$$

Note: Other/don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q25.
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Yet when asked which nation is the world's leading economic power, $54 \%$ point to the U.S., with China a distant second at $34 \%$. And even more ( $72 \%$ ) view the U.S as the world's leading military power.

## Views of U.S. power and importance

Opinions about U.S. global power have long been divided along partisan lines. In 2004, during George W. Bush's administration, 63\% of Republicans said the U.S. was more important and powerful as a world leader than it had been 10 years earlier, while just $8 \%$ said it was less important ( $27 \%$ said the U.S. was about as powerful).

In 2009, Barack Obama's first year in office, the balance of opinion among Republicans shifted. Half (50\%) said the U.S. was a less powerful and important world leader, compared with just $17 \%$ who said it had become more important. Since then, the share of Republicans saying the U.S. is less powerful has increased, reaching $74 \%$ in 2013, before slipping to $64 \%$ a year later. Currently, $67 \%$ say the U.S. is less powerful and important than it was 10 years ago.

Democrats' views of U.S. global power and importance have shown far less change over the course of the past two administrations.

## Most Republicans think U.S. importance as world leader has declined

Compared with 10 years ago, the U.S. is...

|  | July <br> $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | Nov | Nov | Aug | Apr | '13-‘16 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ |  |
| Total | $\%$ | $\%$ | 2014 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | change |  |
| More important | 45 | 25 | 17 | 15 | 21 | +4 |
| Less important | 20 | 41 | 53 | 48 | 46 | -7 |
| As important | 31 | 30 | 27 | 34 | 31 | +4 |

## Republican

| More important | 63 | 17 | 5 | 11 | 14 | +9 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less important | 8 | 50 | 74 | 64 | 67 | -7 |
| As important | 27 | 31 | 19 | 24 | 17 | -2 |


| Democrat |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| More important | 32 | 36 | 26 | 22 | 29 | +3 |
| Less important | 27 | 29 | 33 | 30 | 26 | -7 |
| As important | 37 | 30 | 38 | 46 | 42 | +4 |
| Independent |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| More important | 44 | 21 | 17 | 14 | 20 | +3 |
| Less important | 24 | 45 | 55 | 53 | 48 | -7 |
| As important | 30 | 30 | 25 | 32 | 31 | +6 |

Note: Other/don't know responses not shown.
Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q25.
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Currently, 29\% say the U.S. is more important and powerful than it was a decade ago, $26 \%$ say it is less important and $42 \%$ say it is about the same. Democratic opinions were similar in 2004 ( $32 \%$ more important, $27 \%$ less, $37 \%$ about the same).

Independents' views tend to be similar to the public's overall. In the current survey, $48 \%$ say the U.S. is less important than it was 10 years ago, $20 \%$ say it is more important and $31 \%$ say it is about the same.

There also are age differences in opinions about U.S. global power. Currently, $52 \%$ of those ages 50 and older think the U.S. now plays a less important role, as do $45 \%$ of those ages 30 to 49 . Just $33 \%$ of those younger than 30 say the U.S. plays a less important role than it did in the past.

## Views of global respect for the U.S.

As has been the case since the Bush administration, most Americans (61\%) say the United States is less respected by other countries than it was in the past. Just $14 \%$ say it is more respected, while $22 \%$ say it is about as respected. Nonetheless, the share who says the U.S. is less respected has declined from 70\% in 2013.

Among those who say the United States is less respected internationally than in the past, most say it is a major problem: $38 \%$ of the public overall view this as a major problem. Fewer say that the U.S. is less respected but regard this as a minor problem ( $18 \%$ of the public) or not a problem at all (4\% of the public).

## Public continues to say the U.S. is less respected globally than it was in the past

\% saying U.S. is $\qquad$ by other countries than in the past


Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 7-10, 2016. PEW3.
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Although majorities of all partisan groups currently say the U.S. is less respected globally than it was in the past, Republicans ( $71 \%$ ) are more likely than Democrats (59\%) and independents (58\%) to say this. Both Republicans' and independents' views have become less downbeat about America's image since 2013.

In 2008, during the Bush administration, majorities of all partisan groups also said the U.S. was less respected internationally than it had been in the past. At that time, however, a larger share of Democrats (81\%) than independents (72\%) and Republicans (60\%) said this.

## Majorities in both parties continue to say U.S. is less respected globally

| \% saying the U.S. is $\qquad$ than in the past ... | Total <br> \% | Rep \% | Dem \% | Ind <br> \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April 2016 |  |  |  |  |
| More respected | 14 | 11 | 14 | 16 |
| Less respected | 61 | 71 | 59 | 58 |
| Is less respect a ... |  |  |  |  |
| Major problem | 38 | 49 | 34 | 34 |
| Minor/Not a problem | 22 | 21 | 24 | 22 |
| As respected | 22 | 15 | 25 | 23 |
| November 2013 |  |  |  |  |
| More respected | 7 | 6 | 13 | 4 |
| Less respected | 70 | 80 | 56 | 74 |
| Is less respect a ... |  |  |  |  |
| Major problem | 46 | 59 | 32 | 49 |
| Minor/Not a problem | 23 | 21 | 24 | 24 |
| As respected | 19 | 13 | 28 | 18 |
| May 2008 |  |  |  |  |
| More respected | 7 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| Less respected | 71 | 60 | 81 | 72 |
| Is less respect a ... |  |  |  |  |
| Major problem | 56 | 43 | 67 | 57 |
| Minor/Not a problem | 14 | 15 | 13 | 15 |
| As respected | 18 | 26 | 10 | 18 |

Note: Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted April 7-10, 2016. PEW3 \& PEW4.
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## Leading economic and military superpower

Almost three-quarters of Americans (72\%) say the U.S. is the predominant military force in the world, and $54 \%$ say it is the leading economic power. About one-third (34\%) say China is the world's leading economic power, while 6\% name Japan and $2 \%$ say it is the countries of the European Union. Meanwhile, $12 \%$ say China is the world's leading military power, $10 \%$ say it is Russia and $2 \%$ say the EU.

In annual surveys dating back to 2008, this is the first time that more than half of Americans have said the U.S. is the world's leading economic power. This share is up eight percentage points since June of 2015 (from $46 \%$ then to $54 \%$ now).

The share saying the U.S. is the world's military leader also increased eight percentage points, from 64\% in November 2013 to $72 \%$ today. Over that time span, the share calling China the world's military power fell from $19 \%$ to $12 \%$, while the proportion saying Russia was the world's military leader doubled from $5 \%$ to $10 \%$.

Clear majorities of Democrats (73\%), Republicans (66\%) and independents (76\%) say the U.S. is the world's leading military power. And there are no partisan differences in the shares who say the U.S. is the world's leading economic power ( $56 \%$ of Republicans, $55 \%$ of Democrats and $50 \%$ of independents say this).

## U.S. seen as leading economic, military power

 $\%$ saying ___ is world's leading...

Note: Figures may not add to 100\% because of rounding.
Source: Survey conducted April 4-24, 2016. Q23a-b.

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## Methodology

## Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016

Most of the analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted April 12-19, 2016 among a national sample of 2,008 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia ( 505 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,503 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 914 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted under the direction of Abt SRBI. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see http://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2014 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2015 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. The margins of error reported and statistical tests of significance are adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, a measure of how much efficiency is lost from the weighting procedures.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the $95 \%$ level of confidence for different groups in the survey:
\(\left.\begin{array}{lcc}Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016 <br>
Unweighted <br>
sample size <br>

2,008\end{array}\right) ~\)| Plus or minus ... |
| :---: |
| Goup |

Primary preference among
Republican/Rep-leaning registered voters ...

| Donald Trump | 303 | 6.4 percentage points |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ted Cruz | 195 | 8.0 percentage points |
| John Kasich | 161 | 8.8 percentage points |

Primary preference among
Democratic/Dem-leaning registered voters ......

| Hillary Clinton | 406 | 5.5 percentage points |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bernie Sanders | 298 | 6.5 percentage points |

## Survey conducted April 7-10, 2016

Some of the analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted April 7-10, 2016 among a national sample of 1,000 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in the continental United States ( 500 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 500 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 318 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see
http://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and region to parameters from the 2014 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2015 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. The margins of error reported and statistical tests of significance are adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, a measure of how much efficiency is lost from the weighting procedures.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the $95 \%$ level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

| Survey conducted April 7-10, 2016 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Group | Unweighted <br> sample size <br> 1,000 | Plus or minus ... |
| Total sample |  | 3.7 percentage points |
|  | 255 | 7.3 percentage points |
| Republican | 318 | 6.5 percentage points |
| Democrat | 327 | 6.4 percentage points |
| Independent |  |  |

## Survey conducted April 4-24, 2016

Additionally, some of the analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted April 4-24, 2016 among a national sample of 1,003 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (250 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 753 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 447 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see http://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2014 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2015 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. The margins of error reported and statistical tests of significance are adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, a measure of how much efficiency is lost from the weighting procedures.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the $95 \%$ level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

| Survey conducted April 4-24, 2016 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Group | Unweighted <br> sample size <br> 1,003 | Plus or minus ... |
| Total sample |  | 3.5 percentage points |
|  | 270 | 6.8 percentage points |
| Republican | 320 | 6.2 percentage points |
| Democrat | 330 | 6.1 percentage points |
| Independent |  |  |

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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## APRIL 2016 POLITICS AND FOREIGN POLICY SURVEY

FINAL TOPLINE
APRIL 12-19, 2016
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## RANDOMIZE Q. 1 AND Q. 2

ASK ALL:
Q. 1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? [IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

|  |  | Dis- | (VOL.) |  |  | Dis- | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Approve | approve | DK/Ref |  | Approve | approve | DK/Ref |
| Apr 12-19, 2016 | 48 | 47 | 5 | Dec 7-11, 2011 | 46 | 43 | 11 |
| Mar 17-26, 2016 | 51 | 44 | 6 | Nov 9-14, 2011 | 46 | 46 | 8 |
| Jan 7-14, 2016 | 46 | 48 | 6 | Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 43 | 48 | 9 |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 46 | 49 | 4 | Aug 17-21, 2011 | 43 | 49 | 7 |
| Sep 22-27, 2015 | 46 | 48 | 5 | Jul 20-24, 2011 | 44 | 48 | 8 |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 48 | 45 | 7 | Jun 15-19, 2011 | 46 | 45 | 8 |
| May 12-18, 2015 | 46 | 48 | 6 | May 25-30, 2011 | 52 | 39 | 10 |
| Mar 25-29, 2015 | 46 | 47 | 7 | May 5-8, 2011 | 50 | 39 | 11 |
| Feb 18-22, 2015 | 48 | 46 | 5 | May 2, 2011 (WP) | 56 | 38 | 6 |
| Jan 7-11, 2015 | 47 | 48 | 5 | Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| Dec 3-7, 2014 (U) | 42 | 51 | 6 | Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 51 | 39 | 10 |
| Nov 6-9, 2014 | 43 | 52 | 5 | Feb 2-7, 2011 | 49 | 42 | 9 |
| Oct 15-20, 2014 | 43 | 51 | 6 | Jan 5-9, 2011 | 46 | 44 | 10 |
| Sep 2-9, 2014 | 42 | 50 | 8 | Dec 1-5, 2010 | 45 | 43 | 13 |
| Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 42 | 50 | 8 | Nov 4-7, 2010 | 44 | 44 | 12 |
| Jul 8-14, 2014 | 44 | 49 | 6 | Oct 13-18, 2010 | 46 | 45 | 9 |
| Apr 23-27, 2014 (U) | 44 | 50 | 7 | Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 47 | 44 | 9 |
| Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014 | 44 | 49 | 7 | Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 47 | 41 | 12 |
| Feb 14-23, 2014 | 44 | 48 | 8 | Jun 8-28, 2010 | 48 | 41 | 11 |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 43 | 49 | 8 | Jun 16-20, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Dec 3-8, 2013 (U) | 45 | 49 | 6 | May 6-9, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 41 | 53 | 6 | Apr 21-26, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Oct 9-13, 2013 | 43 | 51 | 6 | Apr 8-11, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) | 44 | 49 | 8 | Mar 10-14, 2010 | 46 | 43 | 12 |
| Jul 17-21, 2013 | 46 | 46 | 7 | Feb 3-9, 2010 | 49 | 39 | 12 |
| Jun 12-16, 2013 | 49 | 43 | 7 | Jan 6-10, 2010 | 49 | 42 | 10 |
| May 1-5, 2013 | 51 | 43 | 6 | Dec 9-13, 2009 | 49 | 40 | 11 |
| Mar 13-17, 2013 | 47 | 46 | 8 | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 51 | 36 | 13 |
| Feb 13-18, 2013 (U) | 51 | 41 | 7 | Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 52 | 36 | 12 |
| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 52 | 40 | 7 | Sep 10-15, 2009 | 55 | 33 | 13 |
| Dec 5-9, 2012 | 55 | 39 | 6 | Aug 20-27, 2009 | 52 | 37 | 12 |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 | 50 | 43 | 7 | Aug 11-17, 2009 | 51 | 37 | 11 |
| Jun 7-17, 2012 | 47 | 45 | 8 | Jul 22-26, 2009 | 54 | 34 | 12 |
| May 9-Jun 3, 2012 | 46 | 42 | 11 | Jun 10-14, 2009 | 61 | 30 | 9 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 46 | 45 | 9 | Apr 14-21, 2009 | 63 | 26 | 11 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 50 | 41 | 9 | Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 | 61 | 26 | 13 |
| Feb 8-12, 2012 | 47 | 43 | 10 | Mar 9-12, 2009 | 59 | 26 | 15 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 44 | 48 | 8 | Feb 4-8, 2009 | 64 | 17 | 19 |

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## RANDOMIZE Q. 1 AND Q. 2 <br> ASK ALL:

Q. 2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

Apr 12-19, 2016
Mar 17-26, 2016
Jan 7-14, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015
Sep 22-27, 2015
Jul 14-20, 2015
May 12-18, 2015
Mar 25-29, 2015
Feb 18-22, 2015
Jan 7-11, 2015
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)
Nov 6-9, 2014
Oct 15-20, 2014
Sep 2-9, 2014
Aug 20-24, 2014
Jul 8-14, 2014
Apr 23-27, 2014
Feb 12-26, 2014
Jan 15-19, 2014
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013
Oct 9-13, 2013
Jul 17-21, 2013
May 1-5, 2013
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)
Jan 9-13, 2013
Dec 17-19, 2012
Dec 5-9, 2012
Oct 18-21, 2012
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012
Jun 7-17, 2012
May 9-Jun 3, 2012
Apr 4-15, 2012
Feb 8-12, 2012
Jan 11-16, 2012
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011
Aug 17-21, 2011
Jul 20-24, 2011
Jun 15-19, 2011
May 5-8, 2011
May 2, 2011
Mar 8-14, 2011
Feb 2-7, 2011
Jan 5-9, 2011
Dec 1-5, 2010
Nov 4-7, 2010
Sep 23-26, 2010
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010
Jun 24-27, 2010
May 13-16, 2010
Apr 21-26, 2010
Apr 1-5, 2010
Mar 11-21, 2010
Mar 10-14, 2010
Feb 3-9, 2010
Jan 6-10, 2010

| Satisfied | Dissatisfied | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26 | 70 | 3 |
| 31 | 65 | 4 |
| 25 | 70 | 5 |
| 25 | 72 | 3 |
| 27 | 67 | 5 |
| 27 | 69 | 4 |
| 31 | 64 | 4 |
| 29 | 67 | 4 |
| 31 | 64 | 5 |
| 33 | 62 | 5 |
| 31 | 66 | 4 |
| 26 | 71 | 3 |
| 27 | 68 | 4 |
| 29 | 65 | 6 |
| 25 | 71 | 4 |
| 24 | 72 | 4 |
| 29 | 68 | 4 |
| 29 | 65 | 6 |
| 28 | 66 | 6 |
| 26 | 69 | 5 |
| 21 | 75 | 3 |
| 14 | 81 | 5 |
| 27 | 67 | 6 |
| 30 | 65 | 5 |
| 31 | 64 | 5 |
| 30 | 66 | 4 |
| 25 | 68 | 7 |
| 33 | 62 | 5 |
| 32 | 61 | 8 |
| 31 | 64 | 5 |
| 28 | 68 | 5 |
| 29 | 64 | 7 |
| 24 | 69 | 6 |
| 28 | 66 | 6 |
| 21 | 75 | 4 |
| 17 | 78 | 5 |
| 17 | 79 | 4 |
| 17 | 79 | 4 |
| 23 | 73 | 4 |
| 30 | 62 | 8 |
| 32 | 60 | 8 |
| 22 | 73 | 5 |
| 26 | 68 | 5 |
| 23 | 71 | 6 |
| 21 | 72 | 7 |
| 23 | 69 | 8 |
| 30 | 63 | 7 |
| 25 | 71 | 5 |
| 27 | 64 | 9 |
| 28 | 64 | 7 |
| 29 | 66 | 5 |
| 31 | 63 | 6 |
| 25 | 69 | 5 |
| 23 | 71 | 7 |
| 23 | 71 | 6 |
| 27 | 69 | 4 |


|  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 25 | 67 | 7 |
| Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 25 | 67 | 7 |
| Sep 10-15, $2009{ }^{1}$ | 30 | 64 | 7 |
| Aug 20-27, 2009 | 28 | 65 | 7 |
| Aug 11-17, 2009 | 28 | 65 | 7 |
| Jul 22-26, 2009 | 28 | 66 | 6 |
| Jun 10-14, 2009 | 30 | 64 | 5 |
| Apr 28-May 12, 2009 | 34 | 58 | 8 |
| Apr 14-21, 2009 | 23 | 70 | 7 |
| Jan 7-11, 2009 | 20 | 73 | 7 |
| December, 2008 | 13 | 83 | 4 |
| Early October, 2008 | 11 | 86 | 3 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 25 | 69 | 6 |
| August, 2008 | 21 | 74 | 5 |
| July, 2008 | 19 | 74 | 7 |
| June, 2008 | 19 | 76 | 5 |
| Late May, 2008 | 18 | 76 | 6 |
| March, 2008 | 22 | 72 | 6 |
| Early February, 2008 | 24 | 70 | 6 |
| Late December, 2007 | 27 | 66 | 7 |
| October, 2007 | 28 | 66 | 6 |
| February, 2007 | 30 | 61 | 9 |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 32 | 61 | 7 |
| Early January, 2007 | 30 | 63 | 7 |
| December, 2006 | 28 | 65 | 7 |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 28 | 64 | 8 |
| Early October, 2006 | 30 | 63 | 7 |
| July, 2006 | 30 | 65 | 5 |
| May, 2006* | 29 | 65 | 6 |
| March, 2006 | 32 | 63 | 5 |
| January, 2006 | 34 | 61 | 5 |
| Late November, 2005 | 34 | 59 | 7 |
| Early October, 2005 | 29 | 65 | 6 |
| July, 2005 | 35 | 58 | 7 |
| Late May, 2005* | 39 | 57 | 4 |
| February, 2005 | 38 | 56 | 6 |
| January, 2005 | 40 | 54 | 6 |
| December, 2004 | 39 | 54 | 7 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 36 | 58 | 6 |
| July, 2004 | 38 | 55 | 7 |
| May, 2004 | 33 | 61 | 6 |
| Late February, 2004* | 39 | 55 | 6 |
| Early January, 2004 | 45 | 48 | 7 |
| December, 2003 | 44 | 47 | 9 |
| October, 2003 | 38 | 56 | 6 |
| August, 2003 | 40 | 53 | 7 |
| April 8, 2003 | 50 | 41 | 9 |
| January, 2003 | 44 | 50 | 6 |
| November, 2002 | 41 | 48 | 11 |
| September, 2002 | 41 | 55 | 4 |
| Late August, 2002 | 47 | 44 | 9 |
| May, 2002 | 44 | 44 | 12 |

[^3]
## Q. 2 CONTINUED...

| Q20, | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March, 2002 | 50 | 40 | 10 | August, 1997 | 49 | 46 | 5 |
| Late September, 2001 | 57 | 34 | 9 | January, 1997 | 38 | 58 | 4 |
| Early September, 2001 | 41 | 53 | 6 | July, 1996 | 29 | 67 | 4 |
| June, 2001 | 43 | 52 | 5 | March, 1996 | 28 | 70 | 2 |
| March, 2001 | 47 | 45 | 8 | October, 1995 | 23 | 73 | 4 |
| February, 2001 | 46 | 43 | 11 | June, 1995 | 25 | 73 | 2 |
| January, 2001 | 55 | 41 | 4 | April, 1995 | 23 | 74 | 3 |
| October, 2000 (RVs) | 54 | 39 | 7 | July, 1994 | 24 | 73 | 3 |
| September, 2000 | 51 | 41 | 8 | March, 1994 | 24 | 71 | 5 |
| June, 2000 | 47 | 45 | 8 | October, 1993 | 22 | 73 | 5 |
| April, 2000 | 48 | 43 | 9 | September, 1993 | 20 | 75 | 5 |
| August, 1999 | 56 | 39 | 5 | May, 1993 | 22 | 71 | 7 |
| January, 1999 | 53 | 41 | 6 | January, 1993 | 39 | 50 | 11 |
| November, 1998 | 46 | 44 | 10 | January, 1992 | 28 | 68 | 4 |
| Early September, 1998 | 54 | 42 | 4 | November, 1991 | 34 | 61 | 5 |
| Late August, 1998 | 55 | 41 | 4 | Gallup: Late Feb, 1991 | 66 | 31 | 3 |
| Early August, 1998 | 50 | 44 | 6 | August, 1990 | 47 | 48 | 5 |
| February, 1998 | 59 | 37 | 4 | May, 1990 | 41 | 54 | 5 |
| January, 1998 | 46 | 50 | 4 | January, 1989 | 45 | 50 | 5 |
| September, 1997 | 45 | 49 | 6 | September, 1988 (RVs) | 50 | 45 | 5 |

## NO QUESTIONS 3-5

## ASK ALL:

Thinking about some issues ...
Q. 6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]


[^4]
## Q. 6 CONTINUED...

|  |  | Approve | Disapprove | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| c.F1 | Dealing with Iran |  |  |  |
|  | Apr 12-19, 2016 | 37 | 52 | 11 |
|  | May 12-18, 2015 | 36 | 50 | 15 |
|  | Dec 3-8, 2013 (U) | 39 | 44 | 17 |
|  | Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 37 | 53 | 10 |
|  | Jun 12-16, 2013 | 45 | 41 | 13 |
|  | Mar 7-11, 2012 | 47 | 40 | 14 |
|  | Jan 11-16, 2012 | 48 | 41 | 11 |
|  | Jan 6-9, 2011 | 42 | 39 | 19 |
|  | Apr 21-26, 2010 | 38 | 43 | 19 |
|  | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 43 | 40 | 17 |
| ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1,008$ ]: |  |  |  |  |
| d.F2 | The economy |  |  |  |
|  | Apr 12-19, 2016 | 45 | 51 | 4 |
|  | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 43 | 51 | 5 |
|  | Jul 14-20, 2015 | 45 | 51 | 4 |
|  | May 12-18, 2015 | 43 | 52 | 4 |
|  | Dec 3-7, 2014 | 45 | 51 | 4 |
|  | Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 39 | 55 | 6 |
|  | Jul 8-14, 2014 | 40 | 56 | 4 |
|  | Dec 3-8, 2013 (U) | 42 | 53 | 5 |
|  | Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 31 | 65 | 3 |
|  | Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) | 43 | 52 | 5 |
|  | Jun 12-16, 2013 | 44 | 50 | 5 |
|  | Feb 13-18, 2013 (U) | 40 | 56 | 4 |
|  | Mar 7-11, 2012 | 43 | 53 | 4 |
|  | Jan 11-16, 2012 | 38 | 59 | 4 |
|  | Nov 9-14, 2011 | 35 | 58 | 6 |
|  | Aug 17-21, 2011 | 34 | 60 | 6 |
|  | May 2, 2011 | 40 | 55 | 4 |
|  | Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 | 39 | 56 | 6 |
|  | Jan 6-9, 2011 | 42 | 51 | 7 |
|  | Jun 16-20, 2010 | 43 | 51 | 5 |
|  | May 6-9, 2010 | 41 | 51 | 8 |
|  | Apr 21-26, 2010 | 38 | 54 | 8 |
|  | Mar 10-14, 2010 | 41 | 52 | 7 |
|  | Jan 6-10, 2010 | 42 | 51 | 7 |
|  | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 42 | 52 | 5 |
|  | Jul 22-26, 2009 | 38 | 53 | 9 |
|  | Jun 10-14, 2009 | 52 | 40 | 8 |
|  | Apr 14-21, 2009 | 60 | 33 | 7 |
|  | Feb 4-8, 2009 | 56 | 24 | 20 |
| e.F2 | The nation's foreign policy |  |  |  |
|  | Apr 12-19, 2016 | 40 | 53 | 7 |
|  | Jul 14-20, 2015 | 38 | 52 | 10 |
|  | May 12-18, 2015 | 37 | 53 | 10 |
|  | Dec 3-7, 2014 | 37 | 54 | 9 |
|  | Jul 8-14, 2014 | 36 | 55 | 9 |
|  | Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 34 | 56 | 10 |
|  | Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) | 33 | 57 | 11 |
|  | Jan 11-16, 2012 | 46 | 45 | 10 |
|  | Nov 9-14, 2011 | 46 | 40 | 13 |
|  | Jun 16-20, 2010 | 45 | 40 | 15 |
|  | Mar 10-14, 2010 | 42 | 40 | 18 |
|  | Jan 6-10, 2010 | 44 | 40 | 16 |
|  | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 44 | 38 | 18 |

## Q. 6 CONTINUED...

July 22-26, 2009 June 10-14, 2009 April 14-21, 2009 Feb 4-8, 2009

|  |  | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Approve | Disapprove | DK/Ref |
| 47 | 32 | 21 |
| 57 | 31 | 12 |
| 61 | 22 | 17 |
| 52 | 17 | 31 |

f.F2 The nation's immigration policy

| Apr 12-19, 2016 | 38 | 55 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 37 | 56 | 7 |


| May 12-18,2015 | 37 | 56 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Dec 3-7, $2014 \quad 38 \quad 56$

| Aug 20-24, $2014(\mathrm{U})$ | 31 | 61 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 32 | 60 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Jun 12-16, $2013 \quad 43 \quad 47 \quad 11$
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U) 44 43 13

| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 32 | 49 | 20 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Jan 6-9, 2011 $35 \quad 50$

| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 33 | 54 | 12 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

May 6-9, 201025
Apr 21-26, 2010
Jan 6-10, 2010
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009
29
$54 \quad 21$

31
$47 \quad 24$
$50 \quad 21$

## ASK ALL:

Q. 7 When it comes to U.S. foreign policy, is the Obama administration taking into account the interests of other countries [READ]?

Apr 12-19
$\underline{2016}$
41 Too much
18 Too little
36 About the right amount
5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
NO QUESTIONS 8-9, 12-15
QUESTION 10 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
QUESTION 11 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:
THOUGHT
How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election . . . Quite a lot or only a little?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,579]:

| 2016 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Apr 12-19, 2016 | 79 | 4 | 14 | 1 | 1 |
| Mar 17-26, 2016 | 85 | 3 | 12 | 1 | * |
| 2012 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 | 81 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| Oct 24-28, 2012 | 78 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 1 |
| Oct 4-7, 2012 | 73 | 3 | 21 | 2 | 1 |
| Sep 12-16, 2012 | 70 | 4 | 23 | 2 | 1 |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 | 61 | 5 | 28 | 6 | 1 |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 | 65 | 3 | 29 | 3 | * |
| Jun 7-17, 2012 | 67 | 1 | 30 | 2 | 1 |
| May 9-Jun 3, 2012 | 61 | 2 | 33 | 3 | 1 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 64 | 2 | 30 | 4 | 1 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 66 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 1 |
| 2008 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 2008 | 81 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| Late October, 2008 | 81 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-October, 2008 | 81 | 3 | 13 | 3 | * |
| Early October, 2008 | 81 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| Late September, 2008 | 80 | 3 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 78 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 1 |
| August, 2008 | 74 | 6 | 17 | 2 | 1 |
| July, 2008 | 74 | 2 | 20 | 3 | 1 |
| June, 2008 | 72 | 2 | 23 | 2 | 1 |
| Late May, 2008 | 75 | 4 | 17 | 3 | 1 |
| April, 2008 | 77 | 7 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| March, 2008 | 78 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 1 |
| Late February, 2008 | 74 | 3 | 19 | 2 | 2 |
| 2004 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 2004 | 82 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 76 | 5 | 15 | 3 | 1 |
| Early October, 2004 | 74 | 4 | 19 | 2 | 1 |
| September, 2004 | 71 | 3 | 22 | 3 | 1 |
| August, 2004 | 69 | 2 | 26 | 2 | 1 |
| July, 2004 | 67 | 2 | 28 | 2 | 1 |
| June, 2004 | 58 | 3 | 36 | 2 | 1 |
| May, 2004 | 59 | 6 | 30 | 4 | 1 |
| Late March, 2004 | 60 | 4 | 31 | 4 | 1 |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 65 | 2 | 31 | 2 | * |
| 2000 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 2000 | 72 | 6 | 19 | 2 | 1 |
| Late October, 2000 | 66 | 6 | 24 | 4 | * |
| Mid-October, 2000 | 67 | 9 | 19 | 4 | 1 |
| Early October, 2000 | 60 | 8 | 27 | 4 | 1 |
| September, 2000 | 59 | 8 | 29 | 3 | 1 |
| July, 2000 | 46 | 6 | 45 | 3 | * |
| June, 2000 | 46 | 6 | 43 | 5 | * |
| May, 2000 | 48 | 4 | 42 | 5 | 1 |
| April, 2000 | 45 | 7 | 41 | 7 | * |
| 1996 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 1996 | 67 | 8 | 22 | 3 | * |
| October, 1996 | 65 | 7 | 26 | 1 | 1 |
| Late September, 1996 | 61 | 7 | 29 | 2 | 1 |

## THOUGHT CONTINUED...

Early September, 1996
July, 1996

| Quite | (VOL.) | Only a | (VOL.) | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a lot | Some | little | None | DK/Ref |
| 56 | 3 | 36 | 4 | 1 |
| 55 | 3 | 41 | 1 | * |
| 50 | 5 | 41 | 3 | 1 |
| 77 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 1 |
| 69 | 3 | 26 | 1 | 1 |
| 72 | 4 | 23 | 1 | * |
| 63 | 6 | 29 | 1 | 1 |
| 73 | 8 | 17 | 2 | 0 |
| 69 | 9 | 20 | 2 | 0 |
| 57 | 18 | 23 | 2 | 0 |
| 61 | 10 | 27 | 2 | 0 |

RANDOMIZE Q. 16 AND Q. 17

## ASK ALL:

Q. 16 As I name some Republican candidates for president in 2016, please tell me which one, if any, you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]
[PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]

## BASED ON REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=740]:

Apr $12-19$
$\frac{2016}{44}$
25
20
1
7
2
2

|  | Mar 17-26 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Donald Trump | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 6}}$ |
| Ted Cruz | 31 |
| John Kasich | 20 |
| Other (VOL.) | 4 |
| None (VOL.) | 4 |
| Too early to tell (VOL.) | 1 |
| Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 1 |

## RANDOMIZE Q. 16 AND Q. 17

## ASK ALL:

Q. 17 As I name some Democratic candidates for president in 2016, please tell me which one, if any, you would most like to see nominated as the Democratic Party's candidate? [READ AND RANDOMIZE] [PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]

BASED ON DEMOCRATIC/DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=738]:

| Apr 12-19 |  | Mar 17-26 |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\frac{2016}{54}$ | Hillary Clinton | $\frac{2016}{49}$ |
| 42 | Bernie Sanders | 43 |
| $*$ | Other (VOL.) | $*$ |
| 2 | None (VOL.) | 4 |
| 1 | Too early to tell (VOL.) | 2 |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 2 |

NO QUESTIONS 18-20

## ASK ALL:

Next,
Q. 21 Which is more important for the next president to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

|  | Domestic <br> policy | Foreign <br> policy | (VOL.) <br> Neither | (VOL.) <br> (VOL.) | Both <br> DK/ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Apefused |  |  |  |  |  |

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Right now, which is more important for President $\qquad$ to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

|  | Domestic policy | Foreign policy | (VOL.) <br> Neither | (VOL.) <br> Both | (VOL.) <br> DK/ <br> Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Obama |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 12-18, 2015 | 66 | 19 | 1 | 10 | 4 |
| Jan 7-11, 2015 | 67 | 20 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| Apr 23-27, 2014 (U) | 72 | 13 | 1 | 9 | 5 |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 | 78 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 82 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 83 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 81 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| May 25-30, 2011 | 77 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 5 |
| Jan 5-9, 2011 | 78 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 3 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 73 | 12 | 1 | 10 | 3 |
| January 7-11, $2009{ }^{4}$ | 71 | 11 | * | 14 | 4 |
| Bush |  |  |  |  |  |
| January, 2008 | 56 | 31 | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| January, 2007 | 39 | 40 | 1 | 15 | 5 |
| August, 2006 | 50 | 32 | 1 | 12 | 5 |
| January, 2006 | 57 | 25 | 1 | 13 | 4 |
| October, 2005 | 64 | 20 | 1 | 12 | 3 |
| Early January, 2005 | 53 | 27 | 1 | 16 | 3 |
| January, 2002 | 52 | 34 | * | 11 | 3 |
| Clinton |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early September, 1998 | - 56 | 30 | 0 | 11 | 3 |
| January, 1997 | 86 | 7 | * | 5 | 2 |
| December, 1994 | 85 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| October, 1993 | 76 | 13 | * | 7 | 4 |

## NO QUESTIONS 22-24

[^5]
## ASK ALL:

Q. 25 Do you think the United States plays a more important and powerful role as a world leader today compared to 10 years ago, a less important role, or about as important a role as a world leader as it did 10 years ago?

Apr 12-19, 2016
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009
July, 2004
Early September, 2001
September, 1997
December, 1994
October, 1993

| More <br> important | Less <br> important | As <br> important | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21 | 46 | 31 | $\frac{3}{3}$ |
| 15 | 48 | 34 | 2 |
| 17 | 53 | 27 | 3 |
| 25 | 41 | 30 | 4 |
| 45 | 20 | 31 | 4 |
| 33 | 26 | 38 | 3 |
| 35 | 23 | 40 | 2 |
| 40 | 27 | 29 | 4 |
| 37 | 26 | 33 | 4 |
| 37 | 30 | 31 | 2 |
| 37 | 35 | 24 | 4 |
| 41 | 26 | 29 | 4 |
| 27 | 25 | 44 | 5 |
| 29 | 41 | 24 | 6 |
| 28 | 39 | 27 | 6 |

ASK ALL:
Q. 26 What kind of leadership role should the United States play in the world? Should it be the SINGLE world leader, or should it play a SHARED leadership role, or should it not play any leadership role?

## IF "SHARED LEADERSHIP ROLE" IN Q. 26 (Q.26=2), ASK:

Q. 27 Should the United States be the most active of the leading nations, or should it be about as active as other leading nations?

|  | ----- If shared leadership ----- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Single | Shared | Most | About | (VOL.) | No | (VOL.) |
|  | leader | leadership | active | as active | DK/Ref | leadership | DK/Ref |
| Apr 12-19, 2016 | 15 | 73 | 23 | 48 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 12 | 72 | 20 | 51 | 1 | 12 | 4 |
| May, $2012{ }^{6}$ (C) | 9 | 74 | 25 | 46 | 3 | 11 | 5 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 14 | 70 | 19 | 48 | 2 | 11 | 6 |
| Late October, 2005 | 12 | 74 | 25 | 47 | 2 | 10 | 4 |
| July, 2004 | 11 | 74 | 27 | 44 | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| June, 2003 | 13 | 76 | 30 | 44 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| Mid October, 2001 | 12 | 79 | 33 | 45 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Early September, 2001 | 113 | 75 | 25 | 49 | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| September, 1997 | 12 | 73 | 22 | 50 | 1 | 11 | 4 |
| June, 1995 | 13 | 74 | 25 | 47 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| October, 1993 | 9 | 78 | 23 | 53 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| September, 1993 | 10 | 81 | 27 | 52 | 2 | 7 | 2 |

[^6]
## ASK ALL:

Q. 28 In the future, should U.S. policies try to keep it so America is the only military superpower, OR would it be acceptable if another country became as militarily powerful as the U.S.?

```
Apr 12-19
    2016
    55 U.S. policies should keep U.S. as the only superpower
    36 OK if another country became as powerful
    D Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
```


## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In the future, should U.S. policies try to keep it so America is the only military superpower, $O R$ would it be acceptable if China, another country or the European Union became as militarily powerful as the U.S.?

|  | U.S. policies should <br> keep U.S. as <br> the only superpower | OK if China, <br> another country, <br> or the EU became <br> as powerful | (VOL.) <br> Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 <br> Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009$\quad 56$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Late October, 2005 | 57 | 32 | 11 |
| Dofused |  |  |  |

ASK ALL:
Q. 29 In terms of solving world problems, does the United States do too much, too little, or the right amount in helping solve world problems?

| Apr 12-19 |  | (U) |  | (GA) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Aug 20-24 | Oct 30-Nov 6 | Summer |
| $\underline{2016}$ |  | $\underline{2014}$ | $\underline{2013}$ | $\underline{2002}$ |
| 41 | Does too much | 39 | 51 | 47 |
| 27 | Does too little | 31 | 17 | 17 |
| 28 | Does right amount | 24 | 28 | 31 |
| 1 | United States does nothing (VOL.) | * | 1 | * |
| 3 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 5 | 3 | 5 |

ASK ALL:
Q. 30 The United States has had strong political, economic and military ties with the nations of [INSERT, RANDOMIZE] on the one hand and the nations of [NEXT ITEM] on the other hand. Which area do you think is most important to the United States [READ IN ORDER OF ABOVE]

| Apr 12-19 |  | Oct 30- |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nov 6 | Jan 5-9 | Sep | Sep | Sep |  |  |
| $\frac{2016}{52}$ | Europe | $\underline{2013}$ | $\frac{2011}{37}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $\frac{1997}{74}$ | $\frac{1993}{50}$ |
| 32 | Asia | 35 | 47 | 34 | 31 | 31 |
| 10 | Equally important (VOL.) | 7 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| 6 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 8 | 9 | 13 | 14 | 10 |

[^7]
## ASK ALL:

Q. 31 Which statement comes closer to your view? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

| Apr 12-19 <br> $\underline{2016}$ |  | (GA) <br> March | (GA) <br> Spring | (GA) <br> Spring |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 57 |  | The U.S. should deal with its own problems and let other <br> 2015 | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2010}$ |
| 37 | countries deal with their own problems as best they can [OR] | 50 | 52 | 46 |
| 3 | The U.S. should help other countries deal with their problems | 39 | 39 | 45 |
| 2 | Neither/Both (VOL.) | 8 | 5 | 5 |
|  | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 3 | 4 | 3 |

## NO QUESTIONS 32-33

## ASK ALL:

Q. 34 Now, I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that
[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well being of the United States? What about [INSERT ITEM]? [AS NECESSARY READ THE ANSWER
CHOICES AFTER THE FIRST TIME AND READ: "... to the well being of the United States?"]
a.

China's emergence as a world power
Apr 12-19, 2016
Minor Not a (VOL.)

Dec 8-13, 2015
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013
May, 2012 (C)
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009
Jun 10-14, 2009
Jan 7-11, 2009
September, 2008
Late May, 2008
February, 2006
Late October, 2005
May, 2001
July, 1999

| 50 | 34 | 12 | 3 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 49 | 34 | 13 | 4 |
| 48 | 33 | 14 | 5 |
| 54 | 31 | 11 | 4 |
| 52 | 35 | 9 | 5 |
| 53 | 30 | 10 | 7 |
| 52 | 31 | 11 | 6 |
| 46 | 36 | 13 | 5 |
| 48 | 35 | 11 | 6 |
| 50 | 31 | 10 | 9 |
| 47 | 34 | 12 | 7 |
| 52 | 31 | 10 | 7 |
| 51 | 30 | 10 | 9 |
| 53 | 33 | 10 | 4 |

b. Tensions with Russia

Apr 12-19, 2016

| 42 | 45 | 9 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

| Growing authoritarianism in Russia |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 42 | 40 | 9 | 8 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 32 | 41 | 13 | 14 |
| Late May, 2008 | 24 | 46 | 12 | 18 |
| February, 2006 | 22 | 45 | 16 | 17 |
| Late October, 2005 | 23 | 44 | 13 | 20 |
| Growing tension between Russia and its neighbors |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 53 | 35 | 8 | 5 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 38 | 44 | 9 | 9 |
| Jan 7-11, 2009 | 37 | 48 | 8 | 7 |
| September, 2008 | 44 | 41 | 10 | 5 |
| Political and economic instability in Russia |  |  |  |  |
| May, 2001 | 27 | 46 | 12 | 15 |
| July, 1999 | 40 | 42 | 14 | 4 |

c. Global climate change

Apr 12-19, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013

| 53 | 30 | 15 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 49 | 30 | 17 | 4 |
| 48 | 30 | 20 | 3 |
| 45 | 30 | 20 | 4 |

## Q. 34 CONTINUED...

May, 2012 (C)
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009
TREND FOR COMPARISON:
Global environmental problems
May, 2001

| Major | Minor | Not a | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| threat | threat | threat | DK/Ref |
| 45 | 32 | 19 | 3 |
| 44 | 36 | 15 | 5 |

d. The Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS

Apr 12-19, 2016

| 80 | 16 | 3 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 83 | 13 | 3 | 2 |
| 67 | 21 | 5 | 6 |

Dec 8-13, 2015
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)

| 53 | 32 | 6 | 9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Islamic extremist groups like al Qaeda
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013

| 71 | 19 | 6 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 75 | 18 | 4 | 3 |
| 70 | 21 | 4 | 5 |
| 76 | 18 | 2 | 3 |
| 78 | 14 | 4 | 4 |
| 77 | 15 | 4 | 4 |
| 72 | 21 | 3 | 4 |
| 72 | 18 | 4 | 6 |

e. Cyberattacks from other countries

Apr 12-19, 2016

| 72 | 22 | 3 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013

| 70 | 23 | 4 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

f. A large number of refugees leaving countries such as Iraq and Syria

Apr 12-19, 2016
$\begin{array}{llll}55 & 28 & 15 & 2\end{array}$
g. Global economic instability

Apr 12-19, 2016

| 67 | 25 | 6 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

h. The rapid spread of infectious diseases from country to country

| Apr 12-19, 2016 | 60 | 34 | 5 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aug 20-24, $2014(U)$ | 52 | 40 | 6 | 2 |

## NO QUESTION 35

## ASK ALL:

Next,
Q. 36 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism? [READ]

Apr 12-19, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
Jan 7-11, 2015
Sep 2-9, 2014
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013
Jul 17-21, 2013
Aug 17-21, 2011
Oct 13-18, 2010
Jan 6-10, 2010
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009
Feb 4-8, 2009
Late February, 2008

| Very <br> well | Fairly <br> well | Not <br> too well | Not at <br> all well | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13 | 40 | 27 | 18 | 2 |
| 9 | 36 | 27 | 25 | 2 |
| 22 | 50 | 17 | 9 | 2 |
| 17 | 39 | 22 | 19 | 2 |
| 26 | 47 | 18 | 8 | 2 |
| 20 | 47 | 21 | 9 | 3 |
| 27 | 49 | 16 | 6 | 2 |
| 15 | 54 | 17 | 10 | 4 |
| 15 | 50 | 21 | 12 | 2 |
| 20 | 53 | 14 | 8 | 4 |
| 19 | 56 | 15 | 5 | 5 |
| 22 | 49 | 16 | 6 | 7 |
| 21 | 45 | 19 | 12 | 3 |

## Q. 36 CONTINUED...

January, 2007
December, 2006
August, 2006
February, 2006
January, 2006
Late October, 2005
July, 2005
July, 2004
August, 2003
Early November, 2002 (RVs)
June, 2002
Early November, 2001
October 15-21, 2001

| Very | Fairly | Not | Not at | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{17}{17}$ | $\frac{37}{}$ | - 27 | ¢ 17 | $\frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{2}$ |
| 17 | 48 | 21 | 11 | 3 |
| 22 | 52 | 16 | 8 | 2 |
| 16 | 52 | 20 | 10 | 2 |
| 16 | 50 | 20 | 9 | 5 |
| 17 | 50 | 22 | 9 | 2 |
| 17 | 53 | 19 | 8 | 3 |
| 18 | 53 | 17 | 8 | 4 |
| 19 | 56 | 16 | 7 | 2 |
| 15 | 54 | 19 | 8 | 4 |
| 16 | 60 | 16 | 4 | 4 |
| 35 | 46 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| 38 | 46 | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| 48 | 40 | 6 | 2 | 4 |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 37 What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies? [READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]
(VOL.)
They have gone too far in
restricting the average
person's civil liberties
Apr 12-19, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
35
28
37
35
44
47
32
27
36
36
36
26
33
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34
31
29

NO QUESTIONS 38-39

[^8]
## ASK ALL:

Next,
Q. 40 Which statement comes closer to your view about U.S. involvement in the global economy even if neither is exactly right? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

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Apr 12-19
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    \(\underline{2016}\)
    It is a good thing because it provides the U.S. with new markets and opportunities for 44 growth [OR]
49 It is a bad thing because it lowers wages and costs jobs in the U.S.
2 Neither (VOL.)
5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
ASK ALL:
Q. 41 I'm going to read you a list of things that the U.S. might do in dealing with developing countries. As I read each one, please tell me if you would support or oppose it. [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]. Would you support or oppose this? And what about [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Would you support or oppose [ITEM]?]

| a. | Would you suppr or oppose [ITEM]?] | Support | Oppose | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Increasing foreign aid to developing countries |  |  |  |
|  | Apr 12-19, 2016 | 48 | 50 | 2 |
| b. | Importing more goods from developing countries Apr 12-19, 2016 | 52 | 45 | 3 |
| c. | Increasing U.S. companies' investment in developing countries Apr 12-19, 2016 | 52 | 44 | 3 |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 42 Do you think that we should increase our spending on national defense, keep it about the same, or cut it back?

| Apr 12-19, 2016 | Increase | Keep <br> same | Cut <br> back | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 35 |  | 40 | 24 |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 23 | 47 | 28 | 2 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 13 | 53 | 30 | 4 |
| December, 2004 | 26 | 46 | 23 | 5 |
| July, 2004 | 20 | 54 | 19 | 7 |
| Mid-October, 2001 | 25 | 53 | 18 | 4 |
| Early September, 2001 | 50 | 41 | 7 | 2 |
| September, 2000 (RVs) | 32 | 44 | 20 | 4 |
| August, 1999 | 34 | 48 | 14 | 4 |
| June, 1999 | 27 | 54 | 16 | 3 |
| September, 1997 | 31 | 47 | 19 | 3 |
| February, 1995 | 17 | 57 | 24 | 2 |
| Chicago CFR: October, 1994 | 19 | 56 | 24 | 1 |
| September, 1993 | 18 | 53 | 26 | 3 |
| Chicago CFR: November, 1990 | 10 | 52 | 36 | 2 |
| Chicago CFR: November, 1986 | 12 | 53 | 32 | 3 |
| Chicago CFR: November, 1982 | 21 | 55 | 23 | 3 |
| Chicago CFR: November, 1978 | 22 | 52 | 24 | 3 |
| Chicago CFR: December, 1974 | 32 | 45 | 16 | 7 |

[^9]
## NO QUESTIONS 43-44

## ASK ALL:

Thinking about the political parties ...
Q. 45 Which party could do a better job of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]?
[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?] [IF NECESSARY READ
CATEGORIES: The Republican Party or the Democratic Party]


10 In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous."

## Q. 45 CONTINUED...

Oct 13-18, 2010
May 20-23, 2010
Apr 21-26, 2010
Aug 27-30, 2009
February, 2008
October, 2006
September, 2006
April, 2006
February, 2006

| Republican | (VOL.) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Democratic | Both | (VOL.) | (VOL.) |
| Party | Party | equally | Neither | DK/Ref |
| 35 | 28 | 9 | 12 | 16 |
| 35 | 27 | 10 | 14 | 14 |
| 36 | 35 | 7 | 11 | 12 |
| 31 | 36 | 6 | 13 | 13 |
| 38 | 43 | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| 35 | 33 | 6 | 8 | 18 |
| 32 | 37 | 5 | 10 | 16 |
| 27 | 43 | 6 | 11 | 13 |
| 34 | 38 | 8 | 9 | 11 |

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1,000$ ]:
C.F1 Dealing with the terrorist threat at home

Apr 12-19, 2016

| 46 | 37 | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 46 | 34 | 4 | 9 | 7 |
| 44 | 34 | 8 | 9 | 5 |
| 51 | 31 | 10 | 5 | 3 |
| 46 | 30 | 9 | 7 | 9 |
| 38 | 26 | 13 | 9 | 14 |
| 38 | 27 | 12 | 10 | 13 |
| 46 | 29 | 10 | 5 | 10 |
| 38 | 32 | 10 | 9 | 12 |
| 45 | 38 | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| 39 | 33 | 7 | 6 | 15 |
| 41 | 32 | 7 | 6 | 14 |
| 46 | 30 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
| 45 | 34 | 7 | 6 | 8 |
| 45 | 30 | 6 | 6 | 13 |
| 44 | 27 | 11 | 6 | 12 |
| 44 | 28 | 7 | 5 | 16 |
| 44 | 22 | 14 | 6 | 14 |
| 48 | 18 | -- | 6 | 28 |

d.F1 Dealing with global climate change

Apr 12-19, 2016
30
51
46
4
2
10
5

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1,008$ ]:
e.F2 Making wise decisions about foreign policy
Apr 12-19, 2016

Jul 14-20, 2015
Feb 18-22, 2015
Oct 15-20, 2014
Jul 8-14, 2014
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011
Apr 21-26, 2010
August 27-30, 2009
February, 2008
July, 2004
Early September, 2002
May, 2001
June, 1999
March, 1999
Early September, 1998
March, 1998
38

| 4 | 8 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 8 | 8 |
| 6 | 6 | 5 |
| 6 | 9 | 7 |
| 5 | 7 | 6 |
| 10 | 4 | 7 |
| 8 | 8 | 11 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 4 | 4 | 7 |
| 4 | 4 | 14 |
| 10 | 6 | 14 |
| 11 | 3 | 13 |
| 7 | 6 | 14 |
| 6 | 4 | 11 |
| 11 | 5 | 13 |
| 12 | 4 | 10 |
| 7 | 5 | 11 |

## Q. 45 CONTINUED...

July, $1994^{11}$
December, 1993
May, 1990

| Republican | Democratic | (VOL.) <br> Both | (VOL.) | (VOL.) <br> Party <br> 51 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{\text { Party }}{31}$ | $\frac{\text { equally }}{4}$ | $\frac{\text { Neither }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{8}$ |  |
| 49 | 23 | -- | 10 | 18 |
| 39 | 28 | -- | 17 | 16 |

f.F2 Dealing with trade agreements between the U.S and other countries $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Apr 12-19, } 2016 & 48 & 37 & 3 & 5 & 6\end{array}$

## NO QUESTION 46

## ASK ALL:

Q. 47 As you may know, NATO [PRONOUNCED: NAY-toe], or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, is a military alliance between the U.S., Canada, and many European countries. All in all, would you say being a member of NATO is [READ]

Apr 12-19
$\underline{2016}$
77 Good for the U.S. [OR]
16 Bad for the U.S.
7 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## ASK ALL:

Q. 48 Would you say the NATO alliance is [READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST; REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE: OPTION 3 ALWAYS FIRST, FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

## Apr 12-19

$\underline{2016}$
15 More important to the U.S. [OR]
37 More important to other NATO member countries [OR]
41 About as important to the U.S. as other NATO member countries
7 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## NO QUESTIONS 49-51

ASK ALL:
Next,
Q. 52 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more, Israel or the Palestinians?

Apr 12-19, 2016
Jul 8-14, 2014

|  |  | (VOL.) | (VOL.) | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Israel | Palestinians | Both | Neither | DK/Ref |
| 54 | 19 | 3 | 13 | 10 |
| 51 | 14 | 3 | 15 | 18 |
| 53 | 11 | 3 | 16 | 17 |
| 49 | 12 | 3 | 12 | 24 |
| 50 | 10 | 4 | 13 | 23 |
| 48 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 21 |
| 49 | 16 | 4 | 12 | 19 |
| 51 | 12 | 4 | 14 | 19 |
| 49 | 11 | 5 | 15 | 20 |
| 49 | 11 | 5 | 17 | 18 |
| 52 | 11 | 5 | 15 | 17 |
| 44 | 9 | 5 | 20 | 22 |
| 48 | 13 | 4 | 14 | 20 |

[^10]
## Q. 52 CONTINUED...

Late October, 2005

|  |  | (VOL.) | (VOL.) | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Israel | Palestinians | Both | Neither | DK/Ref |
| 43 | 17 | 5 | 16 | 19 |
| 37 | 12 | 5 | 19 | 27 |
| 40 | 13 | 7 | 18 | 22 |
| 46 | 12 | 8 | 15 | 19 |
| 41 | 13 | 8 | 18 | 20 |
| 46 | 12 | 6 | 19 | 17 |
| 41 | 13 | 6 | 21 | 19 |
| 47 | 10 | 8 | 18 | 17 |
| 40 | 17 | 6 | 23 | 14 |
| 48 | 13 | 5 | 16 | 18 |
| 45 | 21 | 3 | 18 | 12 |
| 34 | 14 | 7 | 26 | 20 |
| 40 | 17 | 8 | 19 | 16 |
| 45 | 14 | 9 | 18 | 15 |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 53 Do you think a way can be found for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully with each other, or not?

| Apr 12-19 |  |  |  | (GA) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Aug 20-24 | Apr 23-27 | Spring |
| $\underline{2016}$ |  | $\underline{2014}$ | $\underline{2014}$ | $\underline{2013}$ |
| 50 | Yes | 43 | 46 | 50 |
| 42 | No | 48 | 44 | 41 |
| 3 | It depends (VOL.) | 2 | 1 | * |
| 6 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 7 | 9 | 9 |

QUESTIONS 54-58 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 59-63

[^11]
## ASK ALL:

Q. 64 Which comes closer to your view - even if neither is exactly right. [READ AND RANDOMIZE

ITEMS; RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]. Next, [NEXT
PAIR] [IF NECESSARY: "Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?"]
a.

Apr 12-19, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
Feb 18-22, 2015
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011
December, 2004
b.

Apr 12-19, 2016
Feb 22-Mar 1, $2011^{13}$
December, 2004
Using overwhelming
military force is the best
way to defeat terrorism
around the world
47
45
47
37
38
39

| In foreign policy, the U.S. <br> should take into account <br> the interests of its allies <br> even if it means making <br> compromises with them | In foreign policy, the U.S. <br> should follow its OWN <br> national interests even <br> when its allies <br> strongly disagree | (VOL.) <br> Both/Neither/ <br> 51 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 53 | 42 | $\frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{7}$ |
| 53 | 36 | 11 |
|  | 37 | 10 |


| Homosexuality should be <br> accepted by society | Homosexuality should be <br> discouraged by society | Both/Neither/ <br> $\underline{\text { DK/Ref }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 63 | 28 | 10 |
| 60 | 30 | 9 |
| 63 | 30 | 6 |
| 62 | 31 | 7 |
| 60 | 31 | 8 |
| 57 | 36 | 7 |
| 56 | 32 | 12 |
| 58 | 33 | 8 |
| 51 | 38 | 11 |
| 49 | 44 | 7 |
| 47 | 45 | 8 |
| 50 | 41 | 9 |
| 49 | 44 | 7 |
| 46 | 48 | 6 |
| 45 | 50 | 5 |
| 44 | 49 | 7 |
| 44 | 49 | 7 |
| 45 | 50 | 5 |
| 47 | 48 | 5 |
| 46 | 48 | 6 |
| 46 | 49 | 5 |

[^12]Q. 64 CONTINUED...
d.

Apr 12-19, 2016
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014

It's not the government's Sometimes laws to protect job to protect people from
themselves
35
34
people from themselves are necessary

61
62
(VOL.)
Both/Neither/ DK/Ref 4
4

## NO QUESTIONS 65-67

## ASK ALL:

Q. 68 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] today... Do you think [ITEM] is [READ IN ORDER]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think [ITEM] is READ IN ORDER]

|  |  | An adversary | A serious problem but not an adversary | Not much of a problem | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | China |  |  |  |  |
|  | Apr 12-19, 2016 | 23 | 44 | 29 | 3 |
|  | March 20-23, 2014 | 22 | 35 | 32 | 10 |
|  | Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 23 | 43 | 28 | 6 |
|  | Jan 5-9, 2011 | 22 | 43 | 27 | 9 |
|  | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 19 | 41 | 30 | 9 |
|  | Mid-September, 2008 | 19 | 49 | 26 | 6 |
|  | October, 2005 | 16 | 45 | 30 | 9 |
|  | July, 2004 | 14 | 40 | 36 | 10 |
|  | February, 2002 | 17 | 39 | 33 | 11 |
|  | Early September, 2001 | 23 | 48 | 23 | 6 |
|  | May, 2001 | 19 | 51 | 22 | 8 |
|  | March, 2000 | 17 | 44 | 26 | 13 |
|  | June, 1999 | 18 | 53 | 22 | 7 |
|  | March, 1999 | 20 | 48 | 25 | 7 |
|  | September, 1997 | 14 | 46 | 32 | 8 |
| b. | Russia |  |  |  |  |
|  | Apr 12-19, 2016 | 23 | 44 | 30 | 4 |
|  | July 24-27, 2014 | 26 | 49 | 15 | 9 |
|  | March 20-23, 2014 | 26 | 43 | 22 | 10 |
|  | Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 18 | 36 | 40 | 6 |
|  | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 15 | 32 | 42 | 11 |
|  | Mid-September, 2008 | 18 | 48 | 28 | 6 |

## NO QUESTIONS 69-72

## ASK ALL:

Q. 73 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

Apr 12-19, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015

| Approve | Disapprove | (VOL.) <br> 62 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DK/Ref |  |  |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

| Sep 11-14, $2014^{15}$ | 53 | 29 | 19 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aug 14-17, $2014^{16}(\mathrm{U})$ | 54 | 31 | 15 |

[^13]
## ASK ALL:

Q. 74 How well do you think the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria is going [READ IN ORDER]?

| Apr 12-19 <br> $\underline{2016}$ <br> 7 | Very well | Dec $8-13$ <br> $\underline{2015^{17}}$ | Jul 14-20 | Feb 18-22 | Oct 15-20 |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 | Fairly well | 7 | $\underline{2015}$ | $\underline{2014}$ |  |
| 40 | Not too well | 28 | 23 | 7 | 5 |
| 18 | Not at all well | 39 | 42 | 30 | 29 |
| 4 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 19 | 20 | 20 | 38 |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 75 What concerns you more about the U.S. military action in Iraq and Syria [READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]?

Apr 12-19, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
Jul 14-20, 2015
Feb 18-22, 2015
Oct 15-20, 2014
Sep 11-14, 2014

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

What concerns you more
about the U.S. military
action in Iraq?
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Aug 14-17, } 2014 & 51 & 32 & 2 & 5 & 9\end{array}$

ASK ALL:
Q. 76 Would you favor or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops to fight Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

| Apr 12-19 <br> $\frac{2016}{46}$ | Favor | Dec 8-13 | Jul 14-20 | Feb 18-22 | Oct 15-20 |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 50 | Oppose | $\underline{2015}$ | $\frac{2015}{47}$ | $\underline{2015}$ | $\frac{2014}{39}$ |
| 5 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 47 | 44 | 47 | 55 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 49 | 6 |  |

## NO QUESTIONS 77-78

## ASK ALL

Q. 79 Do you currently have a valid United States passport, or not?

| Apr 12-19 |  | Jan 4-8 | Apr 7-10 | CBS/NYT: November | CBS/NYT: May | $\begin{gathered} \text { CBS/NYT: } \\ \text { May } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2016 |  | 2012 | $2011{ }^{18}$ | 2004 | 1993 | 1989 |
| 49 | Yes | 45 | 42 | 36 | 20 | 23 |
| 50 | No | 54 | 57 | 64 | 79 | 77 |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 1 | * | - | 1 | 1 |

[^14]ASK ALL:
PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?
ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):
PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

|  | Republican | Democrat | Independent | (VOL.) <br> No preference | (VOL.) Other party | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref | Lean <br> Rep | Lean Dem |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Apr 12-19, 2016 | 25 | 32 | 37 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 17 |
| Mar 17-26, 2016 | 25 | 31 | 38 | 3 | * | 2 | 15 | 20 |
| Jan 7-14, 2016 | 24 | 30 | 38 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 17 |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 26 | 31 | 37 | 4 | * | 2 | 16 | 15 |
| Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015 | 24 | 29 | 41 | 4 | * | 2 | 17 | 17 |
| Sep 22-27, 2015 | 26 | 30 | 40 | 2 | * | 2 | 15 | 16 |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 22 | 32 | 41 | 4 | * | 1 | 15 | 19 |
| May 12-18, 2015 | 24 | 32 | 38 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 18 |
| Yearly Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2015 | 23.7 | 30.4 | 40.1 | 3.6 | . 4 | 1.8 | 16.4 | 17.3 |
| 2014 | 23.2 | 31.5 | 39.5 | 3.1 | . 7 | 2.0 | 16.2 | 16.5 |
| 2013 | 23.9 | 32.1 | 38.3 | 2.9 | . 5 | 2.2 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 2012 | 24.7 | 32.6 | 36.4 | 3.1 | . 5 | 2.7 | 14.4 | 16.1 |
| 2011 | 24.3 | 32.3 | 37.4 | 3.1 | . 4 | 2.5 | 15.7 | 15.6 |
| 2010 | 25.2 | 32.7 | 35.2 | 3.6 | . 4 | 2.8 | 14.5 | 14.1 |
| 2009 | 23.9 | 34.4 | 35.1 | 3.4 | . 4 | 2.8 | 13.1 | 15.7 |
| 2008 | 25.7 | 36.0 | 31.5 | 3.6 | . 3 | 3.0 | 10.6 | 15.2 |
| 2007 | 25.3 | 32.9 | 34.1 | 4.3 | . 4 | 2.9 | 10.9 | 17.0 |
| 2006 | 27.8 | 33.1 | 30.9 | 4.4 | . 3 | 3.4 | 10.5 | 15.1 |
| 2005 | 29.3 | 32.8 | 30.2 | 4.5 | . 3 | 2.8 | 10.3 | 14.9 |
| 2004 | 30.0 | 33.5 | 29.5 | 3.8 | . 4 | 3.0 | 11.7 | 13.4 |
| 2003 | 30.3 | 31.5 | 30.5 | 4.8 | . 5 | 2.5 | 12.0 | 12.6 |
| 2002 | 30.4 | 31.4 | 29.8 | 5.0 | . 7 | 2.7 | 12.4 | 11.6 |
| 2001 | 29.0 | 33.2 | 29.5 | 5.2 | . 6 | 2.6 | 11.9 | 11.6 |
| 2001 Post-Sept 11 | 30.9 | 31.8 | 27.9 | 5.2 | . 6 | 3.6 | 11.7 | 9.4 |
| 2001 Pre-Sept 11 | 27.3 | 34.4 | 30.9 | 5.1 | . 6 | 1.7 | 12.1 | 13.5 |
| 2000 | 28.0 | 33.4 | 29.1 | 5.5 | . 5 | 3.6 | 11.6 | 11.7 |
| 1999 | 26.6 | 33.5 | 33.7 | 3.9 | . 5 | 1.9 | 13.0 | 14.5 |
| 1998 | 27.9 | 33.7 | 31.1 | 4.6 | . 4 | 2.3 | 11.6 | 13.1 |
| 1997 | 28.0 | 33.4 | 32.0 | 4.0 | . 4 | 2.3 | 12.2 | 14.1 |
| 1996 | 28.9 | 33.9 | 31.8 | 3.0 | . 4 | 2.0 | 12.1 | 14.9 |
| 1995 | 31.6 | 30.0 | 33.7 | 2.4 | . 6 | 1.3 | 15.1 | 13.5 |
| 1994 | 30.1 | 31.5 | 33.5 | 1.3 | -- | 3.6 | 13.7 | 12.2 |
| 1993 | 27.4 | 33.6 | 34.2 | 4.4 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 11.5 | 14.9 |
| 1992 | 27.6 | 33.7 | 34.7 | 1.5 | 0 | 2.5 | 12.6 | 16.5 |
| 1991 | 30.9 | 31.4 | 33.2 | 0 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 14.7 | 10.8 |
| 1990 | 30.9 | 33.2 | 29.3 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 12.4 | 11.3 |
| 1989 | 33 | 33 | 34 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1987 | 26 | 35 | 39 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

| (U) | Pew Research Center/USA Today polls |
| :--- | :--- |
| (C) | Pew Research Global Attitudes/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace |
| (GA) | Pew Research Center Global Attitudes Project |
| (WP) | Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls |

## PEW RESEARCH CENTER April 7-10, 2016 OMNIBUS FINAL TOPLINE $\mathbf{N = 1 , 0 0 0}$

## ASK ALL:

PEW. 1 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]

b. News about candidates for the 2016 presidential election

| April 7-10, 2016 | 38 | 31 | 15 | 15 | $*$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| September 3-7, 2015 | 27 | 32 | 21 | 19 | 1 |
| August 20-23, 2015 | 27 | 27 | 23 | 22 | 1 |
| April 30-May 3, 2015 | 16 | 25 | 23 | 34 | 1 |

c. News about the Panama Papers, leaked documents that show how some high-profile people from around the world avoided paying taxes
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { April 7-10, } 2016 & 12 & 25 & 20 & 42 & 1\end{array}$
d. The debate involving law enforcement agencies and technology companies over the encryption of users' information in criminal investigations
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { April 7-10, } 2016 & 19 & 28 & 20 & 32 & 1\end{array}$

## ASK ALL:

Now a few questions about America's place in the world...
PEW. 2 Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements [INSERT ITEM;
RANDOMIZE]. How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you agree or disagree?]

|  | Agree | Disagree | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. The United States should cooperate fully with the United Nations |  |  |  |
| April 7-10, 2016 | 60 | 33 | 7 |
| October 31-November 3, 2013 | 56 | 34 | 10 |
| May 26-29, 2011 | 58 | 36 | 6 |
| November 12-15, 2009 | 51 | 38 | 11 |
| December, 2006 | 57 | 35 | 8 |
| October, 2005 | 54 | 39 | 7 |
| August, 2004 | 60 | 30 | 10 |
| December, 2002 | 67 | 28 | 5 |
| Early September, 2001 | 58 | 31 | 11 |
| March, 1999 | 65 | 26 | 9 |
| September, 1997 | 59 | 30 | 11 |
| June, 1995 | 62 | 30 | 8 |
| February, 1995 | 65 | 29 | 6 |
| October, 1993 | 64 | 28 | 8 |
| April, 1993 | 71 | 22 | 7 |
| Gallup: $1991{ }^{19}$ | 77 | 17 | 6 |
| Gallup: 1985 | 56 | 35 | 9 |
| Gallup: 1980 | 59 | 28 | 13 |
| Gallup: 1976 | 47 | 40 | 13 |
| Gallup: 1972 | 63 | 28 | 9 |
| Gallup: 1968 | 72 | 21 | 7 |
| Gallup: 1964 | 73 | 16 | 11 |
| b. In deciding on its foreign policies, the U.S. should take into account the views of its major allies |  |  |  |
| April 7-10, 2016 | 75 | 18 | 7 |
| October 31-November 3, 2013 | 77 | 15 | 8 |
| May 26-29, 2011 | 79 | 16 | 5 |
| Nov 12-15, 2009 | 78 | 14 | 8 |
| December, 2006 | 82 | 12 | 6 |
| October, 2005 | 79 | 16 | 5 |
| August, 2004 | 76 | 14 | 10 |
| December, 2002 | 85 | 10 | 5 |
| Early September, 2001 | 80 | 11 | 9 |
| March, 1999 | 82 | 12 | 6 |
| September, 1997 | 72 | 18 | 10 |
| June, 1995 | 74 | 18 | 8 |
| April, 1993 | 80 | 13 | 7 |
| Gallup: 1991 | 86 | 10 | 4 |
| Gallup: 1985 | 82 | 12 | 6 |
| Gallup: 1980 | 79 | 13 | 8 |
| Gallup: 1976 | 71 | 18 | 11 |
| Gallup: 1972 | 80 | 12 | 8 |
| Gallup: 1968 | 84 | 9 | 7 |
| Gallup: 1964 | 81 | 8 | 11 |

[^15]
## PEW. 2 CONTINUED...

(VOL.)
c. Since the U.S. is the most powerful nation in the world, we should go our own way in international matters, not worrying too much about whether other countries agree with us or not

| April 7-10, 2016 | 33 | 62 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| October 31-November 3, 2013 | 38 | 56 | 6 |
| May 26-29, 2011 2009 | 35 | 62 | 3 |
| November 12-15, 200 |  |  |  |
| December, 2006 | 44 | 51 | 5 |
| October, 2005 | 28 | 68 | 4 |
| August, 2004 | 32 | 63 | 5 |
| December, 2002 | 28 | 65 | 7 |
| Early September, 2001 | 25 | 72 | 3 |
| March, 1999 | 32 | 62 | 6 |
| September, 1997 | 26 | 69 | 5 |
| June, 1995 | 32 | 62 | 6 |
| April, 1993 | 34 | 60 | 6 |
| Gallup: 1991 | 34 | 63 | 3 |
| Gallup: 1985 | 29 | 66 | 5 |
| Gallup: 1980 | 26 | 70 | 4 |
| Gallup: 1976 | 26 | 66 | 8 |
| Gallup: 1972 | 30 | 61 | 9 |
| Gallup: 1968 | 22 | 72 | 6 |
| Gallup: 1964 | 23 | 72 | 5 |

d. The U.S. should mind its own business internationally and let other countries get along the best they can on their own

| April 7-10, 2016 | 43 | 50 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| October 31-November 3, 2013 | 52 | 38 | 10 |
| May 26-29, 2011 2009 | 46 | 50 | 4 |
| November 12-15, 2009 | 49 | 44 | 7 |
| December, 2006 | 42 | 53 | 5 |
| October, 2005 | 42 | 51 | 7 |
| August, 2004 | 42 | 5 |  |
| December, 2002 | 34 | 59 | 5 |
| Early September, 2001 | 30 | 65 | 5 |
| March, 1999 | 37 | 55 | 8 |
| September, 1997 | 35 | 57 | 8 |
| June, 1995 | 39 | 54 | 7 |
| April, 1993 | 41 | 51 | 8 |
| Gallup: 1991 | 37 | 58 | 5 |
| Gallup: 1985 | 33 | 60 | 7 |
| Gallup: 1980 | 34 | 59 | 7 |
| Gallup: 1976 | 30 | 61 | 9 |
| Gallup: 1972 | 43 | 47 | 10 |
| Gallup: 1968 | 35 | 56 | 9 |
| Gallup: 1964 | 27 | 66 | 7 |

e. We should not think so much in international terms but concentrate more on our own national problems and building up our strength and prosperity here at home

April 7-10, 2016
October 31-November 3, 2013
May 26-29, 2011
November 12-15, 2009
December, 2006
October, 2005

| 69 | 26 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 80 | 16 | 4 |
| 76 | 21 | 3 |
| 76 | 19 | 4 |
| 69 | 26 | 5 |
| 71 | 23 | 6 |

## PEW. 2 CONTINUED...

August, 2004
December, 2002
Early September, 2001
March, 1999
September, 1997
June, 1995
April, 1993
Gallup: 1991
Gallup: 1985
Gallup: 1980
Gallup: 1976
Gallup: 1972
Gallup: 1968
Gallup: 1964

| Agree | Disagree | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 69 | 25 | 6 |
| 65 | 31 | 4 |
| 68 | 25 | 7 |
| 68 | 27 | 5 |
| 72 | 24 | 4 |
| 78 | 18 | 4 |
| 79 | 18 | 3 |
| 78 | 16 | 6 |
| 60 | 34 | 6 |
| 61 | 30 | 9 |
| 73 | 22 | 5 |
| 73 | 20 | 7 |
| 60 | 31 | 9 |
| 54 | 32 | 13 |

ASK ALL:
PEW. 3 Compared with the past, would you say the U.S. is MORE respected by other countries these days, LESS respected by other countries, or AS respected as it has been in the past?
ASK IF LESS RESPECTED (PEW.3=2):
PEW. 4 Do you think less respect for America is a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all?
(VOL.) As (VOL.)

|  | More | Less | Major | Minor | Not a | DK/ | respected | DK/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | respected | respected | problem | problem | problem | Ref | as in past | Ref |
| April 7-10, 2016 | 14 | 61 | 38 | 18 | 4 | 1 | 22 | 3 |
| October 31-November 3, 2013 | 37 | 70 | 46 | 20 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 3 |
| January 11-16, 2012 | 13 | 56 | 40 | 12 | 4 | * | 27 | 3 |
| November 12-15, 2009 | 21 | 56 | 38 | 14 | 4 | * | 20 | 3 |
| Mid-September, 2008 (RV) | 5 | 70 | 48 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 3 |
| May, 2008 | 7 | 71 | 56 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 4 |
| August, 2006 | 7 | 65 | 48 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 5 |
| Late October, 2005 | 9 | 66 | 43 | 18 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 4 |
| July, 2004 | 10 | 67 | 43 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 3 |
| May, $1987^{20}$ | 19 | 55 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 23 | 3 |
| Newsweek: January, 1984 | 27 | 36 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 29 | 8 |

ASK ALL:
PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?
ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):
PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

|  |  |  |  | (VOL.) | (VOL.) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | No | Other | (VOL.) | Lean | Lean |
|  | Republican | Democrat | Independent | preference | party | DK/Ref | Rep | Dem |
| April 7-10, 2016 | 24 | 33 | 35 | 3 |  | 5 | 11 | 14 |

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## SPRING 2016 GLOBAL ATTITUDES SURVEY <br> FINAL TOPLINE <br> $\mathrm{N}=1,003$

|  |  | Q10c. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of $\qquad$ . c. the European Union |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | Spring, 2016 | 11 | 42 | 18 | 9 | 20 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2014 | 11 | 47 | 17 | 9 | 16 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2013 | 10 | 40 | 19 | 7 | 24 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2012 | 9 | 41 | 16 | 5 | 29 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2011 | 15 | 40 | 16 | 6 | 23 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2010 | 13 | 44 | 14 | 6 | 23 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2009 | 14 | 42 | 15 | 8 | 22 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2007 | 9 | 38 | 15 | 7 | 30 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2004 | 7 | 32 | 17 | 9 | 35 | 100 |
|  | Summer, 2002 | 13 | 40 | 10 | 4 | 33 | 100 |


|  |  | Q10d. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of $\qquad$ . d. the United Nations |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | Spring, 2016 | 19 | 45 | 18 | 11 | 7 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2013 | 13 | 45 | 17 | 14 | 10 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2012 | 16 | 42 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2011 | 19 | 42 | 16 | 12 | 11 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2009 | 18 | 43 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2007 | 9 | 39 | 23 | 16 | 13 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2006 | 15 | 36 | 19 | 19 | 11 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2004 | 14 | 41 | 20 | 15 | 11 | 100 |


|  |  | Q10e. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of $\qquad$ . e. NATO, that is, North Atlantic Treaty Organization |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | Spring, 2016 | 12 | 41 | 18 | 7 | 21 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2015 | 9 | 40 | 20 | 11 | 20 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2013 | 9 | 40 | 17 | 10 | 24 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2012 | 12 | 39 | 15 | 7 | 26 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2011 | 14 | 40 | 17 | 7 | 22 | 100 |
|  | Spring, 2010 | 13 | 41 | 15 | 6 | 25 | 100 |
|  | Fall, 2009 | 11 | 42 | 14 | 10 | 23 | 100 |


|  |  | Q23USa. ASK SPLIT A ONLY: Today, which ONE of the following do you think is the world's leading economic power? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | The United States | China | Japan | The countries of the European Union |  | None / There is no leading economic power (VOL) | DK/ Refused | Total | $\mathbf{N}=$ |
| United States | Spring, 2016 | 54 | 34 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 100 | 492 |
|  | Spring, 2015 | 46 | 36 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 100 | 1003 |
|  | Spring, 2014 | 40 | 41 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 100 | 1002 |
|  | November, 2013 | 32 | 48 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 100 | 501 |
|  | Spring, 2013 | 39 | 44 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 100 | 1002 |
|  | Spring, 2012 | 40 | 41 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 100 | 1011 |
|  | Spring, 2011 | 38 | 43 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 100 | 1001 |
|  | January, 2011 | 36 | 45 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 100 | 515 |
|  | Spring, 2010 | 38 | 41 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 100 | 1002 |
|  | Spring, 2009 | 48 | 33 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 100 | 1000 |
|  | Spring, 2008 | 46 | 26 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 100 | 1000 |
|  | February, 2008 | 41 | 30 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 100 | 1502 |


|  |  | Q23USb. ASK SPLIT B ONLY: Today, which ONE of the following do you think is the world's leading military power? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | The United States | China | Russia | The countries of the European Union | Other <br> (VOL) | None / There is no leading military power (VOL) | DK/ Refused | Total | $\mathrm{N}=$ |
| United States | Spring, 2016 | 72 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 100 | 511 |
|  | November, 2013 | 64 | 19 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 100 | 501 |
|  | January, 2011 | 62 | 18 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 100 | 503 |


[^0]:    Note: Candidate supporters based on registered voters. Don't know responses not shown.
    Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q41.
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[^1]:    Note: Figures may not add to $100 \%$ because of rounding. Source: Survey conducted April 12-19, 2016. Q47 \& Q48. PEW RESEARCH CENTER

[^2]:    See past presidents' approval trends: George W. Bush, Bill Clinton

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

[^4]:    2 In May 6-9, 2010, Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009, April, 2007 and earlier, the item was worded "terrorist threats."

[^5]:    3 The April 23-27, 2014 survey randomized response options by form. January 7-11, 2009 survey asked about "president-elect Obama."

[^6]:    5 Surveys conducted December 1974 through November 1990 by the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.
    6 In May 2012, the version of Q. 27 asked read "Should the United States be the most assertive of the leading nations, or should it be about as assertive as other leading nations?"

[^7]:    7 In Sept. 2001 and before the question read "... with the nations of Europe on the one hand, and with Japan and the Pacific rim nations of Asia, on the other hand," and the answer choices were not randomized. In Sept. 1993 Europe was described as "... friendly nations of Europe."

[^8]:    8 In February 4-8, 2009, the question asked whether the policies "go too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties" or "do not go far enough to adequately protect the country."

[^9]:    9 In 1995 and previous years, the question was worded: "Do you think that we should expand our spending on national defense, keep it about the same or cut it back?"

[^10]:    11 In July 1994 and May 1990, the item was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."

[^11]:    12
    In the 1978 Chicago Council on Foreign Relations survey conducted by the Gallup Organization, results are based on respondents who said they had "heard or read about the situation in the Middle East," which represented $87 \%$ of the public. As a context note, in both the 1978 and 1982 CCFR/Gallup surveys, this question followed a broader question: "In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with Israel or more with the Arab nations?" and in 1982, a question regarding "U.S. military aid and arms sales to Israel."

[^12]:    ${ }^{13}$ In Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 and before, item was asked as part of a list with follow-up asking whether respondents felt strongly or not strongly about their position.
    In October, 2006 and earlier, both answer choices began: "Homosexuality is a way of life that should be..."

[^13]:    15 In the September 11-14, 2014 survey, respondents were asked: "As you may know, Barack Obama has announced a plan for a military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria, involving U.S. airstrikes and U.S. military training for opposition groups. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of this plan?"
    16 In the August 14-17, 2014 survey, respondents were asked: "Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. airstrikes against militants in Iraq in response to violence against civilians?"

[^14]:    In Dec 8-13, 2015 and before, question read "How well is the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria going?"
    In April 2011 item was asked as part of a list. May 1993 survey asked whether respondents had a "valid passport."

[^15]:    19 Trends for this series in 1991 and earlier are from public opinion surveys conducted by Potomac Associates, The Gallup Organization and the Institute for International Social Research.

[^16]:    20
    In May 1987 the question asked, "Compared to five years ago, would you say the U.S. is more respected by other countries, less respected by other countries, or as respected as it was five years ago by other countries?" In January 1984, the Newsweek question asked, "Compared to four years ago..."

