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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted February 2-5, 2012 with a random sample of –1,029— adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

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

11. Do you think the United States is number one in the world militarily, or that it is only one of several leading military powers?

	U.S. is number <u>one</u>	U.S. is one <u>of several</u>	Neither <u>(vol.)</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	54	45	*	1
2010 Jan 8-10	64	34	*	1
2007 Feb 1-4	60	39	*	1
2000 May 18-21	56	41	*	3
1999 May 7-9	51	46	1	2
1993 Mar 29-31	63	34	1	2

12. There is much discussion as to the amount of money the government in Washington should spend for national defense and military purposes. How do you feel about this? Do you think we are spending too little, about the right amount, or too much?

	<u>Too little</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>Too much</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	24	32	41	3
2011 Feb 2-5	22	35	39	3
2010 Feb 1-3	27	36	34	2
2009 Feb 9-12	24	41	31	4
2008 Feb 11-14	22	30	44	3
2007 Feb 1-4	20	35	43	2
2006 Feb 6-9	25	40	32	3
2005 Feb 7-10	30	38	30	2
2004 Feb 9-12	22	45	31	2
2003 Feb 3-6	25	44	27	4
2002 Feb 4-6	33	48	17	2
2001 Feb 1-4	41	38	19	2
2000 Aug 24-27	40	34	20	6
2000 May 18-21	31	44	22	3
1999 May 7-9	28	35	32	5
1998 Nov 20-22	26	45	22	7
1993 Mar 29-31	17	38	42	3
1990 Jan 4-7	9	36	50	5
1987 Apr 10-13	14	36	44	6
1986 Mar 4-10	13	36	47	4
1985 Jan 25-28	11	36	46	7
1983 Sep 9-12	21	36	37	6
1982 Nov 5-8	16	31	41	12
1981 Jan 27	51	22	15	12
1976 Jan 23-26	22	32	36	10
1973 Sep 21-24	13	30	46	11
1971 Mar 11-14	11	31	50	8
1969 Nov 12-17	8	31	52	9

13. Do you, yourself, feel that our national defense is stronger now than it needs to be, not strong enough, or about right at the present time?

	<u>Stronger than needs to be</u>	<u>Not strong enough</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	13	32	54	1
2011 Feb 2-5	11	37	50	2
2010 Feb 1-3	7	45	46	1
2009 Feb 9-12	6	37	54	3
2008 Feb 11-14	10	47	41	2
2007 Feb 1-4	8	46	43	2
2006 Feb 6-9	7	43	47	3
2005 Feb 7-10	9	40	49	2
2004 Feb 9-12	10	34	54	2
2003 Feb 3-6 ^	13	34	52	1
2002 Feb 4-6	6	43	50	1
2001 Feb 1-4	7	44	48	1
2000 May 18-21	6	38	55	1
2000 Jan 13-16	6	39	52	3
1999 May 7-9	7	42	48	3
1990 Jan 4-7	16	17	64	3
1984 †	15	36	46	3

^ Asked of a half sample.

† Gallup/Newsweek.