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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted February 1-10, 2019 with a random sample of **-1,016-** adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2018 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact [galluphelp@gallup.com](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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13. 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>
2019 Feb 1-10	25	43	29	3
2018 Feb 1-10 ^	33	31	34	2
2017 Feb 1-5	37	28	31	3
2016 Feb 3-7	37	27	32	5
2015 Feb 8-11	34	29	32	5
2014 Feb 6-9	28	32	37	3
2013 Feb 7-10	26	36	35	3
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

^ Asked of a half sample

14. 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>
2019 Feb 1-10	12	31	55	1
2018 Feb 1-10	13	39	46	2
2017 Feb 1-5	11	45	43	1
2016 Feb 3-7	13	45	41	2
2015 Feb 8-11	13	44	42	1
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.

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**QN13: Amount spend on national defense BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1016	561	455	762	237	182	269	550	469	310	227	338	360	293	420	322	242
	Weighted n	1016	499	517	676	327	265	337	398	332	292	386	319	370	304	410	334	236
Too little		251	107	144	188	61	39	95	110	57	78	115	126	77	42	146	68	29
		25%	21%	28%	28%	19%	15%	28%	28%	17%	27%	30%	40%	21%	14%	36%	21%	12%
About right		438	224	215	301	132	107	134	191	151	129	156	157	153	122	186	160	84
		43%	45%	42%	45%	40%	40%	40%	48%	46%	44%	40%	49%	41%	40%	45%	48%	36%
Too much		300	153	147	172	124	115	98	85	117	78	102	29	135	130	71	99	120
		29%	31%	28%	25%	38%	44%	29%	21%	35%	27%	26%	9%	36%	43%	17%	30%	51%
Don't know/Refused		27	16	11	15	11	4	11	12	6	7	13	6	5	10	8	7	3
		3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%

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**QN14: Strength of national defense BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1016	561	455	762	237	182	269	550	469	310	227	338	360	293	420	322	242
	Weighted n	1016	499	517	676	327	265	337	398	332	292	386	319	370	304	410	334	236
Stronger than it needs to be		126	69	57	82	42	57	35	33	52	39	34	15	55	54	19	44	58
		12%	14%	11%	12%	13%	21%	10%	8%	16%	13%	9%	5%	15%	18%	5%	13%	24%
Not strong enough		314	153	161	217	94	47	115	143	88	89	133	145	89	76	171	88	46
		31%	31%	31%	32%	29%	18%	34%	36%	27%	30%	34%	45%	24%	25%	42%	26%	20%
About right		562	271	292	369	185	159	184	214	187	160	214	157	224	168	216	196	131
		55%	54%	56%	55%	57%	60%	55%	54%	56%	55%	55%	49%	60%	55%	53%	59%	56%
Don't know/Refused		14	7	7	8	6	2	3	9	4	4	6	2	2	6	4	6	1
		1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%