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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted February 3-16, 2020 with a random sample of ~~1,028~~—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 ± 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 Dynata. 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.

Thinking about something else,

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>
2020 Feb 3-16	58	41	*	1
2018 Feb 1-10	52	47	*	1
2017 Feb 1-5	57	42	*	1
2016 Feb 3-7	49	49	1	2
2015 Feb 8-11	59	38	*	3
2014 Feb 6-9	53	44	1	2
2013 Feb 7-10	50	47	*	3
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. Do you feel that it's important for the United States to be number one in the world militarily, or that being number one is not that important, as long as the U.S. is among the leading military powers?

	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 Feb 3-16	63	36	1
2017 Feb 1-5	68	31	1
2016 Feb 3-7	67	32	1
2015 Feb 8-11	68	31	1
2013 Feb 7-10	62	37	1
2007 Feb 1-4	61	38	1
2000 May 18-21	70	29	1
1999 May 7-9	59	39	2
1993 Mar 29-31	61	37	2

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>
2020 Feb 3-16	17	50	31	2
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>
2020 Feb 3-16	12	25	62	1
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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QN11: US Number one militarily 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	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1028	551	477	766	234	187	266	556	463	344	208	368	366	269	431	350	218
	Weighted n	1028	512	516	680	332	292	313	405	351	296	375	337	403	262	423	344	232
U.S. is number one		595	353	241	425	161	143	181	261	209	168	213	254	209	121	293	177	111
		58%	69%	47%	62%	49%	49%	58%	64%	60%	57%	57%	75%	52%	46%	69%	52%	48%
U.S. is only one of several leading powers		425	155	269	252	166	144	130	142	139	128	155	83	187	140	125	163	120
		41%	30%	52%	37%	50%	49%	42%	35%	40%	43%	41%	25%	46%	53%	30%	47%	52%
Neither (vol.)		2	2	1	1	2		1	2	1		2		1	2		2	1
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	0%		0%		0%	1%		0%	0%
Don't know/Refused		6	2	4	2	3	5	1	0	2		5		6	0	5	2	
		1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%		1%		1%	0%	1%	0%	

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QN12: Impt for US to be #1 militarily 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	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1028	551	477	766	234	187	266	556	463	344	208	368	366	269	431	350	218
	Weighted n	1028	512	516	680	332	292	313	405	351	296	375	337	403	262	423	344	232
Is important		651	349	302	441	199	148	204	286	206	195	245	290	227	119	342	212	80
		63%	68%	59%	65%	60%	51%	65%	71%	59%	66%	65%	86%	56%	45%	81%	62%	34%
Is not that important		371	163	208	234	132	141	108	118	141	101	127	47	173	140	80	132	147
		36%	32%	40%	34%	40%	48%	34%	29%	40%	34%	34%	14%	43%	54%	19%	38%	63%
Don't know/Refused		6	0	6	5	1	3	1	1	3		3	1	2	3	1	0	5
		1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%		1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%

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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	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1028	551	477	766	234	187	266	556	463	344	208	368	366	269	431	350	218
	Weighted n	1028	512	516	680	332	292	313	405	351	296	375	337	403	262	423	344	232
Too little		177	79	97	125	50	41	52	81	48	54	72	74	65	35	101	49	19
		17%	15%	19%	18%	15%	14%	17%	20%	14%	18%	19%	22%	16%	13%	24%	14%	8%
About right		514	265	249	366	142	123	170	214	166	155	189	242	170	93	277	169	58
		50%	52%	48%	54%	43%	42%	55%	53%	47%	52%	50%	72%	42%	36%	66%	49%	25%
Too much		321	159	162	182	135	127	86	100	128	83	110	17	158	133	40	119	151
		31%	31%	31%	27%	41%	44%	28%	25%	36%	28%	29%	5%	39%	51%	10%	35%	65%
Don't know/Refused		16	8	8	7	6	1	4	9	9	4	4	3	10	1	5	7	3
		2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	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	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1028	551	477	766	234	187	266	556	463	344	208	368	366	269	431	350	218
	Weighted n	1028	512	516	680	332	292	313	405	351	296	375	337	403	262	423	344	232
Stronger than it needs to be		128	70	58	80	47	55	21	51	56	32	40	9	55	63	18	32	76
		12%	14%	11%	12%	14%	19%	7%	13%	16%	11%	11%	3%	14%	24%	4%	9%	33%
Not strong enough		252	110	142	168	77	54	85	110	83	84	82	102	86	59	121	85	37
		25%	21%	28%	25%	23%	18%	27%	27%	24%	28%	22%	30%	21%	22%	29%	25%	16%
About right		639	329	310	426	205	178	207	242	209	180	247	225	258	136	281	226	113
		62%	64%	60%	63%	62%	61%	66%	60%	60%	61%	66%	67%	64%	52%	66%	66%	49%
Don't know/Refused		9	3	6	6	2	5	-	3	3	0	6	1	3	5	3	1	6
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%