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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted February 2-16, 2026, with a random sample of –1,001— 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.

For results based on the sample of –502—national adults in Form A and the sample of –499- national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is ±6 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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. 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, party identification, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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10. On the whole, would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the position of the United States in the world today?

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion
2026 Feb 2-16	38	61	1
2025 Feb 3-16	39	59	2
2024 Feb 1-20	33	65	2
2023 Feb 1-23	37	62	1
2022 Feb 1-17	37	63	*
2021 Feb 3-18	37	62	1
2020 Feb 3-16	53	47	*
2019 Feb 1-10	45	53	2
2018 Feb 1-10	45	54	1
2017 Feb 1-5	32	67	1
2016 Feb 3-7	36	63	1
2015 Feb 8-11	37	61	1
2014 Feb 6-9	37	61	2
2013 Feb 7-10	40	58	2
2012 Feb 2-5	36	64	1
2011 Feb 2-5	35	63	2
2010 Feb 1-3	35	63	2
2009 Feb 9-12	32	66	3
2008 Feb 11-14	30	68	2
2007 Feb 1-4	37	61	2
2006 Feb 6-9	43	54	3
2005 Feb 7-10	48	51	1
2004 Oct 9-10	42	56	2
2004 Feb 9-12	47	51	2
2003 Apr 14-16	67	30	3
2003 Mar 22-23	69	29	2
2003 Feb 17-19	48	50	2
2003 Feb 3-6	55	43	2
2002 Feb 4-6	71	27	2
2001 Feb 1-4	67	30	3
2000 May 18-21	65	33	2
1966 Sep 8-13	44	46	10
1965 Aug 5-10	43	48	8
1962 Jul 18-23	44	45	12

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11. In general, how do you think the United States rates in the eyes of the world -- very favorably, somewhat favorably, somewhat unfavorably, or very unfavorably?

	Very favorably	Somewhat favorably	Somewhat un-favorably	Very un-favorably	No opinion	*Total Favorably*	*Total unfavor-ably*
2026 Feb 2-16	12	28	30	29	2	*40*	*59*
2025 Feb 3-16	8	37	36	18	2	*45*	*54*
2024 Feb 1-20	6	36	36	21	1	*42*	*57*
2023 Feb 1-23	7	42	34	17	*	*49*	*51*
2022 Feb 1-17	7	41	35	16	*	*48*	*51*
2021 Feb 3-18	7	42	36	14	1	*49*	*50*
2020 Feb 3-16	16	44	27	12	1	*60*	*39*
2019 Feb 1-10	13	45	31	10	2	*58*	*41*
2018 Feb 1-10	12	43	31	14	*	*55*	*45*
2017 Feb 1-5	7	35	38	19	1	*42*	*57*
2016 Feb 3-7	10	44	32	13	1	*54*	*45*
2015 Feb 8-11	8	44	33	14	1	*52*	*47*
2014 Feb 6-9	5	46	37	10	1	*51*	*47*
2013 Feb 7-10	9	46	34	10	1	*55*	*44*
2012 Feb 2-5	9	44	34	12	*	*53*	*46*
2011 Feb 2-5	6	44	37	12	1	*50*	*49*
2010 Feb 1-3	7	44	38	9	2	*51*	*47*
2009 Feb 9-12	4	41	40	13	2	*45*	*53*
2008 Feb 11-14	6	37	41	14	2	*43*	*55*
2007 Jun 1-3	6	34	33	25	2	*40*	*58*
2007 Feb 1-4	5	40	38	16	1	*45*	*54*
2006 Feb 6-9	7	41	37	13	2	*48*	*50*
2005 Feb 7-10	7	41	39	12	1	*48*	*51*
2004 Feb 9-12	10	44	34	11	1	*54*	*45*
2003 Apr 14-16	12	49	28	9	2	*61*	*37*
2003 Feb 17-19	7	47	34	11	1	*54*	*45*
2003 Feb 3-6	11	46	34	7	2	*57*	*41*
2002 Mar 8-9 ^	20	46	26	5	3	*66*	*31*
2002 Feb 4-6	20	59	17	3	1	*79*	*20*
2001 Feb 1-4	18	57	20	4	1	*75*	*24*
2000 May 18-21	20	53	22	4	1	*73*	*26*

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Q12-12A SPLIT SAMPLED

12. ***(Asked of a half sample)*** Next we would like you to think about the role the U.S. should play in trying to solve international problems. Do you think the U.S. should -- [ROTATED: take the leading role in world affairs, take a major role, but not the leading role, take a minor role, (or) take no role at all in world affairs]?

BASED ON --502—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

	Leading role	Major role	Minor role	No role	No opinion
2026 Feb 2-16 ^	21	43	26	6	3
2025 Feb 3-16	19	47	28	3	2
2023 Feb 1-23	20	45	27	7	1
2019 Feb 1-10	23	46	25	5	2
2017 Feb 1-5	23	49	23	4	1
2012 Feb 2-5	19	52	24	3	1
2011 Feb 2-5	16	50	25	7	1
2010 Feb 1-3	19	52	22	6	*
2009 Feb 9-12	23	52	17	6	2
2008 Feb 11-14	19	56	19	5	1
2007 Feb 1-4	15	58	21	4	2
2006 Feb 6-9	19	55	20	4	1
2005 Feb 7-10	19	53	21	5	2
2004 Feb 9-12	21	53	21	4	1
2003 Feb 3-6	26	53	16	3	2
2002 Feb 4-6	26	52	16	4	2
2001 Feb 1-4	16	57	21	4	2

^ Asked of a half sample

12A. ***(Asked of a half sample)*** In general, in responding to international crises, do you think the United States should or should not take action alone, if it does not have the support of its allies?

BASED ON --499—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

	Take action alone	Not take action	No opinion
2026 Feb 2-16 ^	27	65	8
1998 Oct 15-Nov 10 †	21	72	7

^ Asked of a half sample
† Chicago Council on Foreign Relations/Gallup

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Thinking about something else,

101. Do you think the United States is number one in the world economically, or that it is only one of several leading economic powers?

	U.S. is number one	U.S. is one of several	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
2026 Feb 2-16	25	72	1	2
2025 Feb 3-16	26	72	*	1
2022 Feb 1-17	16	82	1	1
2017 Feb 1-5	20	80	*	*
2015 Feb 8-11	17	80	2	2
2010 Jan 8-10	17	82	1	1
2007 Feb 1-4	25	73	1	1
2000 May 18-21	39	60	*	1
1999 May 7-9	40	56	1	3
1993 Mar 29-31	21	76	*	3

102. Do you feel that it's important for the United States to be number one in the world economically, or that being number one is not that important, as long as the U.S. is among the leading economic powers?

	Important	Not that important	No opinion
2026 Feb 2-16	49	49	2
2025 Feb 3-16	49	49	2
2022 Feb 1-17	50	49	1
2017 Feb 1-5	46	53	1
2015 Feb 8-11	50	49	2
2007 Feb 1-4	39	60	1
2000 May 18-21	43	56	1
1999 May 7-9	41	56	3
1993 Mar 29-31	46	53	1

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103. 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 one	U.S. is one of several	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
2026 Feb 2-16	59	39	*	2
2025 Feb 3-16	56	43	*	1
2022 Feb 1-17	51	47	*	2
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

104. 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?

	Important	Not that important	No opinion
2026 Feb 2-16	64	34	1
2025 Feb 3-16	66	32	2
2022 Feb 1-17	68	32	1
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

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On a different topic,

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?

	Stronger than needs to be	Not strong enough	About right	No opinion
2026 Feb 2-16	17	31	50	3
2025 Feb 3-16	14	43	40	3
2024 Feb 1-20 ^	16	44	37	2
2023 Feb 1-23	11	44	44	*
2022 Feb 1-17	12	42	44	1
2021 Feb 3-18	14	35	50	1
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

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QN10: Satisfied U.S. Position in World BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
Satisfied	38%	45%	30%	41%	32%	32%	41%	40%	35%	41%	37%	80%	36%	7%	36%	41%	38%
Dissatisfied	61%	54%	68%	58%	67%	67%	57%	60%	64%	58%	63%	20%	62%	92%	63%	59%	62%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%

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QN11: How U.S. Rates in Eyes of World BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
Very favorably	12%	14%	9%	12%	11%	11%	11%	13%	8%	12%	14%	24%	13%	1%	12%	13%	9%
Somewhat favorably	28%	30%	26%	33%	18%	19%	28%	33%	26%	31%	27%	55%	23%	11%	29%	29%	28%
Somewhat unfavorably	30%	30%	30%	28%	34%	45%	26%	25%	32%	26%	32%	15%	33%	37%	26%	29%	32%
Very unfavorably	29%	24%	33%	26%	34%	23%	32%	29%	33%	29%	25%	4%	28%	50%	30%	28%	30%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	1%

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QN12: US Role in world affairs BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
Take the leading role in world affairs	21%	31%	10%	22%	18%	13%	19%	27%	21%	24%	19%	30%	21%	14%	20%	24%	19%
Take a major role, but not the leading role	43%	41%	47%	49%	33%	50%	41%	42%	46%	42%	42%	43%	37%	53%	48%	38%	50%
Take a minor role	26%	23%	31%	22%	34%	29%	28%	24%	23%	30%	28%	20%	30%	26%	24%	26%	25%
Take no role at all in world affairs	6%	2%	10%	5%	9%	6%	11%	4%	8%	3%	6%	4%	8%	6%	5%	11%	4%
(DK)/(Refused)	3%	3%	2%	1%	6%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	0%	1%

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QN12A: In general, in responding to international crises, do you think the United States should or should not take action alone, if it does not have the support of its allies? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
Should take action	27%	32%	23%	28%	25%	30%	21%	29%	27%	24%	29%	48%	27%	8%	23%	31%	26%
Should not take action	65%	62%	69%	62%	72%	66%	69%	63%	68%	68%	61%	43%	63%	88%	63%	64%	71%
(DK)/(Refused)	8%	6%	8%	9%	4%	4%	10%	8%	5%	7%	10%	9%	10%	4%	15%	6%	3%

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QN101: US rank in world econcomy BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
U.S. is number one	25%	33%	18%	28%	21%	24%	23%	28%	25%	20%	29%	49%	24%	9%	20%	30%	27%
U.S. is only one of several leading powers	72%	65%	80%	71%	75%	74%	75%	70%	73%	78%	67%	49%	72%	90%	76%	69%	72%
NEITHER (VOL)	1%	0%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	2%	-	1%	0%	1%
(DK)/(Refused)	2%	2%	2%	0%	4%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	3%	0%	0%

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QN102: Importance US number one economically BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
Is important	49%	58%	39%	45%	56%	46%	46%	54%	44%	45%	57%	73%	48%	31%	52%	47%	46%
Is not that important	49%	40%	58%	52%	43%	54%	51%	44%	55%	52%	41%	25%	50%	67%	44%	52%	53%
(DK)/(Refused)	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	0%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%	1%

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QN103: US rank in world military BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
U.S. is number one	59%	68%	51%	63%	52%	62%	62%	55%	66%	60%	52%	81%	56%	45%	50%	61%	65%
U.S. is only one of several leading powers	39%	30%	47%	35%	46%	37%	36%	43%	32%	37%	46%	18%	40%	54%	47%	38%	33%
NEITHER (VOL)	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
(DK)/(Refused)	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	4%	0%	3%	1%	1%

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QN104: Impt for US to be #1 militarily BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
Is important	64%	70%	59%	65%	64%	55%	68%	67%	60%	66%	68%	92%	64%	43%	63%	61%	68%
Is not that important	34%	29%	40%	34%	34%	44%	32%	32%	38%	34%	31%	8%	34%	56%	36%	38%	31%
(DK)/(Refused)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%

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

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
Stronger than it needs to be	17%	15%	18%	17%	15%	23%	22%	10%	19%	19%	12%	10%	18%	20%	17%	16%	18%
Not strong enough	31%	30%	31%	28%	36%	25%	33%	33%	26%	36%	32%	34%	33%	26%	34%	33%	30%
About right	50%	52%	48%	52%	46%	51%	43%	54%	52%	43%	53%	53%	47%	52%	47%	49%	50%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%

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