National Defense Poll

February 2 – 4, 2018
Survey of 587 registered voters nationwide
MOE +/- 4%

Conducted by:
Poll Composition by 2016 Vote

- Trump: 39%
- Clinton: 41%
- Other / Did not vote: 20%
American voters strongly believe that we should stop trying to police the world and invest, instead, in rebuilding America, including its crumbling infrastructure and social services.

Q1: Should we hunt and kill terrorists or stop trying to police the world?
The federal government spends more than $1 trillion per year on defense costs and a plurality of voters believe this to be too much.

Q3: Do you think spending more than a trillion dollars is too much, not enough, about right, or are you not sure?
Since the War on Terror began, the number of terrorists has increased more than 5,000% and more dangerous groups of terrorists, like ISIS, have emerged, and very few Americans consider it a full success.

Q4: Has the War on Terror been a success?

- Yes: 10%
- No: 40%
- Some of both: 45%
- Not sure: 5%
A large portion of voters agree that we have to stop flooding the world with American made weapons because while arms sales are profitable for contractors, they are making the world and America less safe.

Q6: Should we expand foreign arms sales or scale back?
A plurality of Americans agree that we have to stop the nuclear arms race, that nuclear weapons are our ultimate threat, not our ultimate security.

Q7: Should we build more nuclear weapons or stop the arms race?
Americans believe we spend too much on the military and they also agree that spending on nuclear weapons takes money away from the conventional military programs that we actually use, and that we should scale back and only buy the weapons we truly need.

**Q8: Should we spend more on nuclear weapons or scale back?**

- **Scale Back**: 43%
- **Spend More**: 19%
- **Some of both**: 27%
- **Not sure**: 10%
Congressional leadership from both political parties won’t allow Congress to debate our involvement in foreign war conflicts, and a large majority of Americans disapprove of this behavior by both political parties.

Q9: Should Congress debate involvement in foreign wars?

- Yes: 61%
- No: 17%
- Not sure: 23%
A majority of American voters fear that President Trump exhibits erratic behavior and is not trustworthy with nuclear weapons, and without control by Congress, could start a nuclear war in some place like North Korea or Iran.

**Q10: Do you fear Trump would start a war in North Korea or Iran?**

- **Yes** 53%
- **No** 36%
- **Not sure** 11%
Voters say they would be more likely to support a candidate for Congress who promised to place restrictions on President Trump’s ability to start a war without consent of Congress.

**Q11: Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate who restricted Trump’s ability to start a war without Congressional consent?**

- More likely: 48%
- Less likely: 24%
- No difference: 18%
- Not sure: 10%