National Survey Results

Q1 For the next several questions I'm going to show you two statements and ask you which one you agree with more, or if you agree with some of both. Here's the first two statements:

Statement A: Some people say we have to hunt and kill terrorists over there before they get to the United States and strike our homeland.

Statement B: Others say that America should stop trying to police the world and invest, instead, in rebuilding America, including its crumbling infrastructure and social services.

Which do you agree with more?

Statement A	14%
Statement B	44%
Some of both	38%
Not sure	4%

Q2 Which statement do you agree with more?

Statement A: Some people say that keeping America safe is our number one priority and we should rebuild our military, no matter what the cost.

Statement B: Others say that America's strength doesn't just come from how many bombs we buy but from how strong we are at home, which requires investments that grow our economy, rebuild our infrastructure, and protect the most vulnerable amongst us.

Statement A	23%
Statement B	40%
Some of both	33%
Not sure	3%

Q3 When you add up the defense budget, special appropriations for wars, the cost of nuclear weapons, and costs created by past wars, such as the Veterans Administration and the debt payment for past wars, the federal government spends more than $1 trillion per year on defense costs. Just to put this in perspective the federal government spends $108 billion on education and $41 billion on homeland security. Having heard this, do you think spending more than a trillion dollars on defense is too much, not enough, about right or you don't know?

Too much	41%
Not enough	15%
About the right amount	29%
Not sure	15%

Q4 Since President George W. Bush announced the War on Terror, the number of terrorists has increased more than 5,000% and more dangerous groups of terrorists, like ISIS, have emerged. Do you think the War on Terror has been successful, unsuccessful, or some of both?

Successful	10%
Unsuccessful	40%
Some of both	45%
Not sure	5%

Q5 Which statement do you agree with more?

Statement A: Some say that America should hunt and kill terrorists wherever we find them. If others won't deal with terrorists in their own countries, we should police the world to keep America safe.

Statement B: Others say that more than 16 years of the war on terror have been a near-complete failure. Instead of trying to bomb our way to peace, we should work to address the root causes of terrorism and limit the civilian deaths that have fueled anti-American sentiment in the Middle East and increased terrorism.

Statement A 19%

Statement B 43%

Some of both 29%

Not sure 9%

Q6 Which statement do you agree with more?

Statement A: Some people say that America should expand our foreign arms sales. American-made weapons provide jobs here at home and help our allies defend their countries, ultimately keeping us safe.

Statement B: Others say that we have to stop flooding the world with American made weapons. While arms sales are profitable for defense contractors, they are making the world and America less safe.

Statement A 23%

Statement B 48%

Some of both 19%

Not sure 10%

Q7 Which statement do you agree with more?

Statement A. Some people say that the world has grown increasingly dangerous and America should expand its nuclear arsenal to counter these threats. Nuclear weapons save lives and prevent wars by convincing enemies that they cannot attack us without suffering catastrophic consequences. We need to build new nuclear weapons that are more usable and can be used in combat, even against non-nuclear threats.

Statement B. Some people say that we have to stop the nuclear arms race, that nuclear weapons are our ultimate threat, not our ultimate security. We already have more nuclear weapons than we need and we should be leading the way to gradually reducing nuclear arsenals with verifiable agreements among nations.

Statement A 23%

Statement B 47%

Some of both 22%

Not sure 8%

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Q8 Which statement do you agree with more?

Statement A: Some people say that we have to spend whatever it takes to make sure that the U.S. nuclear arsenal is the best in the world. Nuclear weapons only take up a small percentage of the Pentagon budget. They are affordable and necessary.

Statement B: Others say that spending on nuclear weapons takes money away from the conventional military programs that we actually use, like ships, planes, tanks and troops. Current plans call for us to spend $1.7 trillion over the next thirty years on new nuclear weapons. We can't afford this. We should scale back and buy only the weapons we truly need.

Statement A	19%
Statement B	43%
Some of both	27%
Not sure	10%

Q9 Only Congress is authorized by the Constitution of the United States to declare war, fund war and regulate war. Congress hasn't used this constitutional power to formally issue a war declaration since World War II, some 75 years ago, yet the United States has fought in countless wars and military conflicts during that time, including most recently in Iraq and Afghanistan. Congressional leadership from both political parties won't even allow Congress to debate our involvement in foreign war conflicts, despite the fact that tens of thousands of American soldiers have been killed and wounded in these conflicts. Do you approve or disapprove of this behavior by both political parties?

Approve	17%
Disapprove	61%
Not sure	23%
Not sure	0%

Q10 Many people fear that President Trump exhibits erratic behavior and is not trustworthy with nuclear weapons. Do you fear that, without control by Congress, President Trump could start a nuclear war in some place like North Korea or Iran?

Yes	53%
No	36%
Not sure	11%

Q11 Would you be more or less 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, or would it not make a difference?

More likely	48%
Less likely	24%
Wouldn't make a difference	18%
Not sure	10%

Q12 In the 2016 election for President, did you vote for Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton?

Donald Trump	39%
Hillary Clinton	41%
Someone else / Did not vote	20%

Q13 What is your gender?

Woman	53%
Man	47%

Q14 What is your ethnicity?

Hispanic / Latino	9%
White	73%
African-American	12%
Other	6%

Q15 What is your age range?

18 to 29	12%
30 to 45	23%
46 to 65	39%
Older than 65	26%

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		2016 Vote		
	Base	**Donald Trump**	**Hillary Clinton**	**Someone else / Did not vote**
Statements: Hunt Terrorists / Invest in America				
Statement A	**14%**	26%	5%	7%
Statement B	**44%**	26%	58%	50%
Some of both	**38%**	46%	33%	32%
Not sure	**4%**	2%	3%	11%

		2016 Vote		
	Base	**Donald Trump**	**Hillary Clinton**	**Someone else / Did not vote**
Statements: Rebuild Military / Build Strength at Home				
Statement A	**23%**	42%	11%	13%
Statement B	**40%**	18%	60%	40%
Some of both	**33%**	39%	26%	36%
Not sure	**3%**	1%	2%	11%

		2016 Vote		
	Base	**Donald Trump**	**Hillary Clinton**	**Someone else / Did not vote**
Trillion Dollars on Defense Too Much / Not Enough				
Too much	**41%**	19%	58%	49%
Not enough	**15%**	23%	10%	12%
About the right amount	**29%**	45%	21%	16%
Not sure	**15%**	13%	11%	24%

		2016 Vote		
	Base	**Donald Trump**	**Hillary Clinton**	**Someone else / Did not vote**
War on Terror Successful / Unsuccessful				
Successful	**10%**	17%	8%	2%
Unsuccessful	**40%**	29%	46%	46%
Some of both	**45%**	51%	42%	39%
Not sure	**5%**	2%	4%	13%

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	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Statements: Police the World / War on Terror Failure				
Statement A	**19%**	37%	7%	10%
Statement B	**43%**	25%	59%	47%
Some of both	**29%**	32%	27%	25%
Not sure	**9%**	6%	8%	17%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Statements: Expand / Stop Foreign Arms Sales				
Statement A	**23%**	35%	14%	16%
Statement B	**48%**	40%	58%	42%
Some of both	**19%**	17%	18%	27%
Not sure	**10%**	8%	9%	16%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Statements: Expand Nuclear Arsenal / Stop Arms Race				
Statement A	**23%**	36%	14%	18%
Statement B	**47%**	32%	63%	42%
Some of both	**22%**	26%	17%	24%
Not sure	**8%**	6%	5%	15%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Statements: Spend Whatever for Nuclear Arsenal / Scale Back				
Statement A	**19%**	36%	8%	10%
Statement B	**43%**	26%	59%	44%
Some of both	**27%**	33%	20%	29%
Not sure	**10%**	5%	12%	16%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Political Party Behavior Approve / Disapprove				
Approve	**17%**	23%	15%	8%
Disapprove	**61%**	57%	67%	54%
Not sure	**23%**	20%	18%	38%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Fear Trump Could Start Nuclear War Yes / No				
Yes	**53%**	19%	81%	64%
No	**36%**	72%	11%	18%
Not sure	**11%**	10%	8%	18%

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	2016 Vote			
	Base	**Donald Trump**	**Hillary Clinton**	**Someone else / Did not vote**
Candidate Place Restrictions on Starting War More/Less Likely Support				
More likely	48%	15%	78%	51%
Less likely	24%	50%	5%	11%
Wouldn't make a difference	18%	24%	11%	21%
Not sure	10%	11%	6%	18%

	Gender		
	Base	**Woman**	**Man**
Statements: Hunt Terrorists / Invest in America			
Statement A	14%	12%	16%
Statement B	44%	46%	41%
Some of both	38%	37%	39%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%

	Gender		
	Base	**Woman**	**Man**
Statements: Rebuild Military / Build Strength at Home			
Statement A	23%	17%	31%
Statement B	40%	42%	38%
Some of both	33%	37%	29%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%

	Gender		
	Base	**Woman**	**Man**
Trillion Dollars on Defense Too Much / Not Enough			
Too much	41%	42%	39%
Not enough	15%	10%	22%
About the right amount	29%	28%	31%
Not sure	15%	20%	8%

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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
War on Terror Successful / Unsuccessful			
Successful	10%	7%	14%
Unsuccessful	40%	40%	39%
Some of both	45%	45%	44%
Not sure	5%	8%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Statements: Police the World / War on Terror Failure			
Statement A	19%	13%	26%
Statement B	43%	50%	36%
Some of both	29%	27%	30%
Not sure	9%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Statements: Expand / Stop Foreign Arms Sales			
Statement A	23%	21%	25%
Statement B	48%	43%	52%
Some of both	19%	23%	15%
Not sure	10%	13%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Statements: Expand Nuclear Arsenal / Stop Arms Race			
Statement A	23%	17%	30%
Statement B	47%	48%	46%
Some of both	22%	24%	20%
Not sure	8%	12%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Statements: Spend Whatever for Nuclear Arsenal / Scale Back			
Statement A	19%	15%	24%
Statement B	43%	43%	43%
Some of both	27%	31%	23%
Not sure	10%	11%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Political Party Behavior Approve / Disapprove			
Approve	17%	13%	21%
Disapprove	61%	57%	65%
Not sure	23%	30%	14%

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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Fear Trump Could Start Nuclear War Yes / No			
Yes	**53%**	55%	51%
No	**36%**	32%	41%
Not sure	**11%**	13%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Candidate Place Restrictions on Starting War More/Less Likely Support			
More likely	**48%**	49%	47%
Less likely	**24%**	22%	26%
Wouldn't make a difference	**18%**	15%	21%
Not sure	**10%**	14%	5%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic / Latino	White	African-American	Other
Statements: Hunt Terrorists / Invest in America					
Statement A	**14%**	17%	15%	8%	3%
Statement B	**44%**	56%	41%	56%	40%
Some of both	**38%**	17%	41%	33%	42%
Not sure	**4%**	10%	3%	3%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic / Latino	White	African-American	Other
Statements: Rebuild Military / Build Strength at Home					
Statement A	**23%**	22%	25%	13%	26%
Statement B	**40%**	49%	38%	42%	45%
Some of both	**33%**	26%	35%	38%	11%
Not sure	**3%**	4%	1%	8%	18%

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		Race			
	Base	**Hispanic / Latino**	**White**	**African-American**	**Other**
Trillion Dollars on Defense Too Much / Not Enough					
Too much	**41%**	48%	39%	42%	57%
Not enough	**15%**	14%	15%	15%	18%
About the right amount	**29%**	21%	33%	20%	4%
Not sure	**15%**	16%	13%	23%	21%

		Race			
	Base	**Hispanic / Latino**	**White**	**African-American**	**Other**
War on Terror Successful / Unsuccessful					
Successful	**10%**	9%	10%	10%	14%
Unsuccessful	**40%**	52%	39%	38%	35%
Some of both	**45%**	31%	48%	44%	33%
Not sure	**5%**	8%	3%	8%	18%

		Race			
	Base	**Hispanic / Latino**	**White**	**African-American**	**Other**
Statements: Police the World / War on Terror Failure					
Statement A	**19%**	20%	21%	12%	7%
Statement B	**43%**	46%	41%	52%	43%
Some of both	**29%**	13%	30%	28%	32%
Not sure	**9%**	21%	7%	7%	18%

		Race			
	Base	**Hispanic / Latino**	**White**	**African-American**	**Other**
Statements: Expand / Stop Foreign Arms Sales					
Statement A	**23%**	26%	24%	19%	14%
Statement B	**48%**	49%	50%	42%	33%
Some of both	**19%**	4%	19%	20%	41%
Not sure	**10%**	21%	7%	18%	11%

		Race			
	Base	**Hispanic / Latino**	**White**	**African-American**	**Other**
Statements: Expand Nuclear Arsenal / Stop Arms Race					
Statement A	**23%**	21%	24%	24%	12%
Statement B	**47%**	48%	47%	44%	51%
Some of both	**22%**	18%	22%	19%	28%
Not sure	**8%**	12%	6%	13%	9%

		Race			
	Base	**Hispanic / Latino**	**White**	**African-American**	**Other**
Statements: Spend Whatever for Nuclear Arsenal / Scale Back					
Statement A	**19%**	12%	22%	10%	14%
Statement B	**43%**	54%	42%	44%	46%
Some of both	**27%**	13%	29%	28%	22%
Not sure	**10%**	21%	7%	17%	18%

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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic / Latino	White	African-American	Other
Political Party Behavior Approve / Disapprove					
Approve	**17%**	25%	14%	20%	26%
Disapprove	**61%**	56%	66%	42%	41%
Not sure	**23%**	20%	20%	37%	33%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic / Latino	White	African-American	Other
Fear Trump Could Start Nuclear War Yes / No					
Yes	**53%**	66%	46%	86%	62%
No	**36%**	28%	43%	5%	22%
Not sure	**11%**	6%	11%	9%	16%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic / Latino	White	African-American	Other
Candidate Place Restrictions on Starting War More/Less Likely Support					
More likely	**48%**	54%	45%	64%	46%
Less likely	**24%**	16%	27%	10%	20%
Wouldn't make a difference	**18%**	16%	20%	8%	23%
Not sure	**10%**	15%	8%	18%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Statements: Hunt Terrorists / Invest in America					
Statement A	**14%**	17%	17%	10%	15%
Statement B	**44%**	55%	45%	44%	38%
Some of both	**38%**	18%	35%	41%	45%
Not sure	**4%**	9%	4%	4%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Statements: Rebuild Military / Build Strength at Home					
Statement A	**23%**	22%	20%	23%	29%
Statement B	**40%**	49%	43%	41%	31%
Some of both	**33%**	20%	33%	34%	39%
Not sure	**3%**	9%	5%	3%	1%

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	Base	Age 18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trillion Dollars on Defense Too Much / Not Enough					
Too much	**41%**	53%	50%	41%	29%
Not enough	**15%**	20%	17%	11%	18%
About the right amount	**29%**	15%	21%	28%	44%
Not sure	**15%**	13%	12%	20%	9%

	Base	Age 18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
War on Terror Successful / Unsuccessful					
Successful	**10%**	10%	14%	7%	13%
Unsuccessful	**40%**	53%	46%	36%	33%
Some of both	**45%**	27%	34%	52%	51%
Not sure	**5%**	10%	6%	5%	3%

	Base	Age 18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Statements: Police the World / War on Terror Failure					
Statement A	**19%**	17%	20%	18%	22%
Statement B	**43%**	54%	48%	38%	42%
Some of both	**29%**	14%	23%	35%	31%
Not sure	**9%**	15%	9%	10%	5%

	Base	Age 18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Statements: Expand / Stop Foreign Arms Sales					
Statement A	**23%**	28%	28%	19%	21%
Statement B	**48%**	40%	43%	51%	52%
Some of both	**19%**	16%	18%	23%	18%
Not sure	**10%**	16%	12%	8%	9%

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Statement A	23%	22%	18%	18%	37%
Statement B	47%	50%	51%	48%	41%
Some of both	22%	17%	20%	27%	18%
Not sure	8%	11%	11%	8%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Statements: Spend Whatever for Nuclear Arsenal / Scale Back					
Statement A	19%	15%	19%	13%	32%
Statement B	43%	49%	48%	47%	32%
Some of both	27%	19%	22%	30%	31%
Not sure	10%	18%	11%	11%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Political Party Behavior Approve / Disapprove					
Approve	17%	28%	19%	18%	8%
Disapprove	61%	40%	57%	56%	79%
Not sure	23%	31%	24%	26%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Fear Trump Could Start Nuclear War Yes / No					
Yes	53%	58%	57%	51%	50%
No	36%	26%	31%	35%	47%
Not sure	11%	16%	12%	14%	2%

		Age			
	Base	**18 to 29**	**30 to 45**	**46 to 65**	**Older than 65**
Candidate Place Restrictions on Starting War More/Less Likely Support					
More likely	**48%**	50%	47%	50%	45%
Less likely	**24%**	24%	18%	23%	30%
Wouldn't make a difference	**18%**	7%	21%	18%	20%
Not sure	**10%**	19%	14%	8%	5%

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