

“Knowing about the changes in the international security situation, do you believe America is more or less secure than we were one year ago?”

American voters understand that the threat to our security is increasing – and awareness of the situation is reinforcing the belief that the US is less secure than it was one year ago.

There is support for **INCREASED FUNDING** to respond to the current threat level

“Given the evolving and increased threats to America’s security, do you believe the U.S. government should increase spending on America’s national security, relative to the current caps set over three years ago?”

69% of registered voters would **increase spending** on America’s national security.

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| 83% | 63% | 60% |
| Republicans | Independents | Democrats |

“Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate for public office who supports increased spending on America’s national security?”

69% of voters say they would be more likely to support a candidate for public office who **supports increased spending on national security**.

“Do you believe threats to American security raised by increased terrorist activity from ISIS/ISL, al Qaeda and other groups in Syria and Iraq are increasing or decreasing?”

Threats to American security are increasing. Nearly four-out-of-five voters, **78%**, say they believe threats to American security are increasing due to increased activity from ISIS/ISIL, al Qaeda and other groups in Syria and Iraq.

Majorities believe the threat is increasing.

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| 90% | 75% | 69% |
| Republicans | Independents | Democrats |

“For the following statement, please tell me if it makes you think America is becoming more or less secure:

The military had planned budgets for the Department of Defense that have now been cut by nearly \$1 trillion over the 2012-2021 timeframe. In the past three years, America's total defense budget was reduced 10%.”

Knowing that the military budgets have been cut by nearly \$1 trillion since 2012, **73%** believe the US is less secure due to cuts in budgets for the military.

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| 90% | 71% | 55% |
| Republicans | Independents | Democrats |

“For the following statement, please tell me if it makes you think America is becoming more or less secure:

A wide range of top military officials have said publicly that they will be unable to fulfill their missions and protect the country unless these spending caps are raised.”

69% say they believe the US is less secure **because military officials said they will be unable to fulfill their missions and protect the country unless these spending caps are raised.**

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| 82% | 65% | 58% |
| Republicans | Independents | Democrats |

And the impact (U.S. seems less secure) seems real to most voters.

* The study was conducted November 13 – 16th, 2014 by telephone by Harris Poll on behalf of AIA among 818 registered voters Nationally, with a sampling error of +/-3.6%. A full methodology is available upon request. Results are weighted to be representative of voters demographically and geographically across the United States.