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NPR/Ipsos Foreign Policy Attitudes Survey

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
Interview dates: December 5-7, 2025
Number of interviews: 1,021

Margin of error: +/- 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents
Margin of error: +/- 6.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Republicans
Margin of error: +/- 5.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Democrats
Margin of error: +/- 5.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all Independents

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

*NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents, N/A = not applicable*





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Annotated Questionnaire

1_1. How closely, if at all, do you follow... U.S. politics and current events

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Very closely	22%	20%	26%	25%
Fairly closely	39%	42%	42%	38%
Not very closely	27%	29%	24%	25%
Not at all	12%	9%	8%	11%
Skipped	1%	-	0%	0%

1_2. How closely, if at all, do you follow... International affairs

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Very closely	10%	10%	10%	14%
Fairly closely	33%	34%	35%	34%
Not very closely	38%	40%	38%	37%
Not at all	18%	16%	16%	14%
Skipped	1%	-	0%	0%

2_1. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? The United States should be the moral leader of the world

	Total (N=1,021)	Total 2017 (N=504)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Strongly agree	31%	39%	38%	34%	29%
Somewhat agree	30%	31%	35%	27%	34%
Somewhat disagree	13%	14%	13%	14%	14%
Strongly disagree	9%	7%	4%	11%	8%
Don't know	16%	10%	11%	13%	15%
Skipped	1%	-	0%	1%	-
Agree (Net)	61%	69%	72%	61%	63%
Disagree (Net)	21%	21%	16%	24%	22%





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2_2. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? The United States is the moral leader of the world

	Total (N=1,021)	Total 2017 (N=504)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Strongly agree	14%	25%	27%	7%	12%
Somewhat agree	25%	35%	38%	18%	23%
Somewhat disagree	23%	18%	17%	24%	30%
Strongly disagree	22%	15%	6%	40%	21%
Don't know	15%	8%	12%	10%	13%
Skipped	2%	-	1%	1%	0%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	39%	60%	64%	24%	35%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	45%	32%	23%	64%	52%

2_3. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? American diplomacy should prioritize supporting democratic nations

	Total (N=1,021)	Total 2017 (N=505)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Strongly agree	22%	29%	15%	33%	23%
Somewhat agree	37%	40%	42%	34%	39%
Somewhat disagree	9%	13%	11%	9%	10%
Strongly disagree	6%	4%	9%	4%	5%
Don't know	24%	14%	23%	20%	21%
Skipped	2%	-	1%	1%	1%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	58%	70%	56%	67%	62%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	16%	17%	20%	12%	15%

2_4. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? International trade should be used as a tool of American diplomacy

	Total (N=1,021)	Total 2017 (N=1,009)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Strongly agree	20%	31%	29%	14%	21%
Somewhat agree	36%	43%	42%	31%	40%
Somewhat disagree	12%	9%	7%	19%	14%
Strongly disagree	5%	3%	2%	9%	7%
Don't know	24%	14%	20%	27%	18%
Skipped	1%	-	0%	1%	0%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	56%	74%	71%	45%	60%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	18%	12%	9%	28%	21%



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2_5. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? The United States should not hesitate to use its military power

	Total (N=1,021)	Total 2017 (N=1,009)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Strongly agree	13%	20%	25%	4%	11%
Somewhat agree	26%	29%	42%	14%	22%
Somewhat disagree	28%	28%	17%	36%	36%
Strongly disagree	19%	16%	5%	34%	21%
Don't know	13%	7%	10%	10%	10%
Skipped	2%	-	0%	1%	0%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	39%	49%	67%	19%	32%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	47%	44%	23%	70%	57%

2_6. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? America should provide humanitarian aid to foreign countries

	Total (N=1,021)	Total 2017 (N=1,009)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Strongly agree	23%	29%	7%	43%	24%
Somewhat agree	38%	41%	39%	40%	41%
Somewhat disagree	18%	17%	33%	5%	17%
Strongly disagree	7%	5%	11%	3%	7%
Don't know	12%	7%	9%	9%	11%
Skipped	2%	-	1%	1%	0%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	61%	70%	46%	83%	65%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	25%	22%	44%	8%	24%





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3. Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion?

	Total (N=1,021)	Total 2017 (N=1,009)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
American foreign policy should focus on enriching America and Americans	46%	41%	67%	29%	45%
American foreign policy should prioritize promoting democracy and human rights in other countries	32%	42%	16%	52%	36%
Don't know	22%	17%	16%	19%	19%
Skipped	1%	-	1%	0%	0%

4. Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion?

	Total (N=1,021)	Total 2017 (N=1,009)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
America should stay out of the affairs of other countries	48%	51%	56%	37%	52%
America should actively intervene in foreign conflicts to try to bring peace	28%	29%	27%	38%	29%
Don't know	23%	20%	17%	25%	19%
Skipped	1%	-	0%	0%	0%

5_1. Over the last five years, do you think each of the following countries has been gaining influence or losing influence around the world? United States

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Gaining influence	21%	41%	11%	16%
Losing influence	50%	26%	72%	56%
Holding about the same level of influence	24%	29%	13%	27%
Skipped	5%	4%	3%	1%



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5_2. Over the last five years, do you think each of the following countries has been gaining influence or losing influence around the world? United Kingdom (UK)

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Gaining influence	11%	8%	18%	10%
Losing influence	35%	41%	30%	38%
Holding about the same level of influence	48%	49%	49%	49%
Skipped	5%	3%	3%	3%

5_3. Over the last five years, do you think each of the following countries has been gaining influence or losing influence around the world? Russia

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Gaining influence	27%	24%	33%	30%
Losing influence	40%	43%	39%	40%
Holding about the same level of influence	27%	29%	24%	27%
Skipped	6%	5%	3%	3%

5_4. Over the last five years, do you think each of the following countries has been gaining influence or losing influence around the world? Germany

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Gaining influence	14%	13%	19%	13%
Losing influence	24%	26%	22%	26%
Holding about the same level of influence	56%	58%	55%	57%
Skipped	6%	3%	3%	4%

5_5. Over the last five years, do you think each of the following countries has been gaining influence or losing influence around the world? China

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Gaining influence	57%	52%	65%	63%
Losing influence	14%	20%	11%	12%
Holding about the same level of influence	23%	25%	21%	23%
Skipped	5%	3%	3%	2%

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5_6. Over the last five years, do you think each of the following countries has been gaining influence or losing influence around the world? Japan

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Gaining influence	26%	28%	30%	20%
Losing influence	15%	16%	14%	17%
Holding about the same level of influence	53%	52%	52%	59%
Skipped	6%	3%	3%	3%

5_7. Over the last five years, do you think each of the following countries has been gaining influence or losing influence around the world? India

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Gaining influence	26%	23%	29%	30%
Losing influence	18%	19%	19%	17%
Holding about the same level of influence	51%	55%	49%	50%
Skipped	5%	3%	3%	2%

5_8. Over the last five years, do you think each of the following countries has been gaining influence or losing influence around the world? Saudi Arabia

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Gaining influence	38%	37%	42%	42%
Losing influence	15%	16%	14%	15%
Holding about the same level of influence	42%	43%	41%	40%
Skipped	5%	4%	3%	3%

6_1. Which one of the following do you think is...? The leading economic power in the world today

	Total (N=1,021)	Total 2017 (N=1,009)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
United States	41%	40%	55%	29%	46%
China	29%	38%	22%	39%	31%
Japan	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%
European Union	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%
India	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Russia	0%	1%	-	1%	1%
Don't know	21%	13%	18%	23%	15%
Skipped	3%	-	1%	2%	1%

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6_2. Which one of the following do you think is...? The leading military power in the world today

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
United States	64%	75%	60%	66%
China	9%	7%	7%	11%
Russia	5%	4%	9%	4%
European Union	1%	0%	0%	1%
Japan	0%	-	-	0%
India	-	-	-	-
Don't know	19%	13%	20%	17%
Skipped	3%	1%	3%	1%

6_3. Which one of the following do you think is...? The leader in diplomacy in the world today

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
United States	38%	63%	22%	36%
European Union	18%	5%	28%	26%
China	4%	2%	4%	5%
Japan	2%	2%	3%	1%
Russia	1%	0%	1%	1%
India	0%	0%	0%	0%
Don't know	33%	25%	39%	31%
Skipped	4%	2%	3%	1%

6_4. Which one of the following do you think is...? The leader in technology development in the world today

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
China	40%	37%	47%	41%
United States	23%	30%	17%	27%
Japan	14%	13%	16%	14%
India	2%	1%	2%	2%
European Union	1%	1%	2%	1%
Russia	0%	0%	0%	-
Don't know	17%	16%	14%	15%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	1%

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6_5. Which one of the following do you think is...? The #1 superpower in the world today

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
United States	50%	67%	40%	53%
China	12%	7%	16%	13%
Russia	2%	2%	1%	2%
European Union	1%	0%	3%	2%
Japan	1%	0%	1%	1%
India	-	-	-	-
Don't know	30%	22%	36%	28%
Skipped	4%	1%	3%	1%

7_1. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, do you think the U.S. is giving too much support, too little support, or about the right amount of support to each of the following? Russia

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Too much support	47%	32%	62%	55%
Not enough support	3%	4%	2%	3%
About right amount of support	19%	30%	10%	17%
Don't know	30%	33%	24%	26%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	0%

7_2. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, do you think the U.S. is giving too much support, too little support, or about the right amount of support to each of the following? Ukraine

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
Too much support	19%	31%	6%	19%
Not enough support	37%	17%	60%	43%
About right amount of support	23%	35%	14%	22%
Don't know	20%	18%	18%	15%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%



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8. Thinking about the situation between China and Taiwan, if China were to use military force in Taiwan, do you think...

	Total (N=1,021)	Republican (N=268)	Democrat (N=324)	Independent (N=327)
The U.S. would have a responsibility to defend Taiwan, including sending troops	36%	37%	43%	35%
The U.S. would NOT have a responsibility to defend Taiwan or send troops	22%	26%	16%	26%
Don't know	41%	36%	41%	40%
Skipped	1%	0%	0%	-





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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between December 5-7, 2025, on behalf of National Public Radio. For this survey, a sample of 1,021 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. This sample includes 324 Democrats, 268 Republicans, and 327 Independents.

The survey was conducted using KnowledgePanel, the largest and most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult U.S. population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the U.S. Households invited to join the panel are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in the sampled households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Those selected who do not already have internet access are provided a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methodologies, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population.

The data for the total sample were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, and household income. Party ID benchmarks are from the 2025 National Public Opinion Reference Survey (NPORS). The demographic benchmarks came from the 2025 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS).

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45-59 and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other, Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor or higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- Party ID (Republican, Leans Republican, Independent/Other, Democrat, Leans Democrat)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.09. For Republicans, the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 6.2 percentage points, and the design effect is 1.07. For Democrats, the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 5.6 percentage points, and the design effect is 1.07. For independents, the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 5.8 percentage points, and the design effect is 1.19.

The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple





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responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

This topline is trended with data from a previous NPR/Ipsos poll:

- The 2017 poll was fielded May 15-16, 2017. For this survey, a sample of 1,009 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English.

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