

American public Opinion and US military engagements.

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Public opinion and U.S. use of force abroad. :

Countries, Dates	Polls	General Approval (percent)	General Disapproval (percent)	Outcome
The war against Japan, 1941	December 1941; NORC	82	12	War
Military reinforcements to assist Chinese nationalists 1945	July 1950; Gallup	85	15	Military intervention on Japanese
Berlin Airlift 1948	July 1948; Gallup	96	4	Berlin Wall collapse and unification of Berlin
The Korean War 1950	December 1950; NORC	55	36	War
The Korean War July 1953	June 1953; NORC	38	51	End of the war
Evacuation of Americans during Suez Crisis 1956	September 1956; Gallup	37	13	Egypt maintains canal
Lebanon occupation 1958	July 1958; Gallup	54	27	Communists threat prevented
Established embargo preventing Soviet shipments to Cuba 1962	September 1962; Gallup	12	88	Soviet missiles removed
Military intervention in Laos 1962 1975	April 1973; Gallup	30	56	Strikes
Military intervention Dominican Republic 1965	May 1965; Gallup	11	29	Invasion
The Vietnam War 1967	August 1967; Gallup	60	32	War
The Vietnam War 1972	June 1972; Gallup	35	64	End of the war
Mayaguez incident 1975	1975; AIA news article	51	49	Military intervention
Military involvement in Angola, 1976	January 1976; Yankelovich, Skelly & White,	21	59	No ground troops
Military actions in Ethiopia, 1978	April 1978; Harris	13	71	No ground troops
Iran Hostage Crisis 1980	November 1979; Gallup	14	86	Military Action Fails
Military intervention in Sinai 1982	September 1975; Gallup	44	41	Peace keeping organization (MFO)
Military occupation in Lebanon 1982	October 1982; Chilton	13	36	The withdrawal of Palestine Liberation Force
Military intervention in Grenada, 1983	October 1983; ABC/WP	71	22	Occupation
Air strikes against Libya, 1986	May 1986; ABC/WP	75	23	Strikes
Military operations escorting Kuwaiti oil tankers in Persian Gulf 1987	August 1990; Gallup	54	16	Military invasion
Andean Initiative in War on Drugs 1989	November 1989; Invamer	41	19	Military occupation
Air strikes against Syrian troops in Lebanon, 1989	December 1983; Gallup	64	28	Strikes
Invasion and arrest of president of Panama, 1990	January 1990; HTRC	72	18	Invasion
Military Intervention in Iraq 1991	January 1991; Gallup	80	15	Removal of Iraq from Kuwait
Military intervention in Somalia 1992	December 1992 Chilton	82	18	Military relief

Military intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina 1993	May 1993; Chilton	52	32	Negotiations ending war
Military occupation in Macedonia 1993	1999; Yankelovich Partners	53	39	Military occupation
Military involvement in Rwanda in 1994	June 1994; CBS	28	61	Non-involvement
Air strikes against Iraq, 1998	December 1998; ABC/WP	78	17	Strikes
Air strikes against Sudan and Afghanistan, 1998	August 1998; LA Times	75	16	Strikes
Air strikes against Yugoslavia, 1999 (U.S. and NATO)	April 1999; CBS	59	29	Strikes
Military actions against terrorist groups in Afghanistan, 2001	October 2001; Gallup	89	5	War
Military actions against Iraq Spring 2003	Spring 2003; various polls	60-70	20-25	War
Participation in an international military action in Darfur 2007	October 2007; CNN/ORC	61	32	No US direct military action
Military Actions against Libya Spring 2011	March 27, 2011; Gallup	47	37	Strikes

Abbreviations in the second column indicate the polling organizations that provided the data.