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Americans are divided over the US operation in Iran; they do not want to send ground troops



Americans are divided along party lines on U.S. military action against Iran, according to polls conducted since the war began, with most polls showing opposition is higher than support.

Polls suggest that many Americans are worried the military action is making the U.S. “less safe,” even as they see Iran as a threat to U.S. security.

There are also warning signs for Trump as he confronts the possibility of a prolonged conflict that could come with significant **economic turmoil**.

Trump gave **conflicting messages** on Monday about the war’s timeline, suggesting it could be **near its end** while also threatening additional force against Iran if the country disrupted the global flow of oil.

Fluctuating oil prices may already be alarming voters. A poll conducted over the weekend found about 7 in 10 registered voters are “very” or “somewhat” concerned that the war will cause oil and gasoline prices to rise, and the vast majority expect the U.S. action against Iran will last at least “months,” if not longer.

Republicans are largely behind the president, the polls show, but there are indications that they are wary of any response that would lead to U.S. troops on the ground in Iran.

And after Trump **campaign**ed on the pledge of putting “America first” and ending U.S. involvement in “**forever wars**,” the Iran conflict could become a particular point of friction.

More oppose than support the US military action

About half of registered voters — 53% — oppose U.S. military action against Iran, according to a new **Quinnipiac Poll** conducted over the weekend. Only 4 in 10 support it, and about 1 in 10 are uncertain.

That's similar to the results of text message

snap polls from **The Washington Post** and **CNN**, both conducted shortly after the joint U.S.-Israel attacks began, which also indicated that more Americans rejected the military action than embraced it.

A recent **Fox News poll** found opinions more evenly divided: Half of registered voters approved of the U.S. military action, while half disapproved.

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Several of the recent polls show a majority of Americans believe the Trump administration has not provided a clear explanation of the reasons behind the military strikes, and there are some divisions about whether Iran truly posed an “imminent and direct threat” to the United States, as the White House has said.

Most voters in the Quinnipiac poll — 55% — said they did not believe Iran posed an “imminent military threat” to the U.S. before the current military action.

On the other hand, about 6 in 10 registered voters in the Fox News poll said Iran poses a “real national security threat,” and a recent **AP-NORC poll** found about half of U.S. adults were highly concerned that Iran’s nuclear program posed a direct threat to the U.S.

Voters are worried about gas prices

As oil prices oscillate, the vast majority of voters are “very” or “somewhat” concerned about **oil and gasoline prices** rising in the U.S., according to the Quinnipiac poll.

Only about one-quarter of voters are “not so concerned” or “not concerned at all.”

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The highest levels of concern are driven by Democrats and independents, but about half of Republicans are also at least somewhat concerned about the war increasing gas prices.

On Monday, Trump said the U.S. would take further action against Iran if they made any attempt to stop the **global oil supply**.

About half worry about US safety, doubt Trump's judgment

As the Iran war spreads into the Middle East, many Americans also worry Trump's military decisions have made the U.S. less safe.

About half of voters in both the Quinnipiac and Fox News polls said the U.S. military action in Iran makes the U.S. "less safe," while only about 3 in 10 in each poll said it made the country safer.

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The CNN poll found about half of U.S. adults thought the strikes would make Iran "more of a threat" to the U.S., while only about 3 in 10 thought it would lessen the danger.

About 6 in 10 U.S. adults said they trusted Trump "not much" or "not at all" to make the right decisions about the U.S. use of force in Iran, according to the CNN poll. Republicans expressed more trust than Democrats or independents.

An **AP-NORC poll** conducted before the strikes

similarly found that 56% of U.S. adults trusted Trump "only a little" or "not at all" to make the right decisions about the use of military force abroad.

Concerns about deploying troops

Most voters are concerned about a possible expansion in the war's scope.



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About three-quarters of voters oppose the idea of sending ground troops into Iran, according to the Quinnipiac poll that was conducted after the deaths of six U.S. service members were announced.

The death of a **seventh service member** was reported Wednesday.

The Trump administration has acknowledged the likelihood of American casualties, and has not ruled out sending American soldiers to Iran.

Defense Secretary **Pete Hegseth** said last week that it was "foolishness" to expect U.S. officials to say publicly "here's exactly how far we'll go."

Only about 2 in 10 in the Quinnipiac poll supported sending troops to Iran. Even among Republican voters, the poll found more oppose than support sending ground troops, 52% to 37%.