



[AP-NORC Poll Finds That a Majority Believe President Trump Has Gone Too Far in Using the U.S. Military to Intervene Abroad](#)

A recent poll conducted by AP-NORC has revealed that a majority of Americans contend that President Trump has gone too far in using the U.S. military to intervene abroad, in addition to other notable findings regarding his foreign policy decisions. The survey sheds light on an American public that has become increasingly wary of U.S. global military entanglements. It also aligns with a growing preference for the prioritization of paramount domestic concerns over foreign policy overextension – with the latter being more frequently criticized in recent years for taking vital resources and attention away from addressing the former. The AP-NORC poll's findings are particularly relevant in the current political climate given the series of aggressive foreign policy moves undertaken since the beginning of Trump's second term in office and suggest a considerable degree of public unease towards them.

One of the major findings from the poll was the belief shared by a majority of Americans that Trump has gone too far in his use of the U.S. military to intervene in other countries. Overall, 56% of total respondents expressed this viewpoint, including a sizable 86% of Democrats and 63% of Independents. This falls in line with the increasing number of voices that have become critical of Trump's foreign policy approaches due to the fact that he vehemently campaigned on a non-interventionist platform – one that many see as contradictory with his actual actions and policies. On top of the host of instances of direct U.S. military interventions and strikes, the Trump administration has also threatened military action regarding the status of Greenland, protests in Iran, and other recent occurrences.

The poll also uncovered a significant uptick in the percentage of Americans who think that the United States should take a less active role in solving global issues. Back in September of last year, 33% of respondents felt this way compared to 27% who conversely felt that the U.S. should take a more active role. Now, merely four months later, the gap between these two figures has widened substantially – with 45% favoring a less active role as opposed to only 17% supporting a more active one. The change can likely be attributed to several key factors such as the backlash against recent military interventions (i.e. U.S. operation to capture Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro), a desire for increased focus on domestic priorities, and fatigue regarding aggressive and interventionist foreign policy. These findings are consistent with other recent polls which have revealed that much of the American public's focus has shifted away

from international issues and towards urgent domestic concerns like affordability, high living costs, the state of the economy, and healthcare.

While Trump's overall approval ratings have stayed relatively the same compared to recent months (about 4 in 10 approving vs. 6 in 10 disapproving), it is noteworthy that his numbers are the lowest (37% each) when it comes to both the economy and foreign policy. Trump of course campaigned largely on his promise to – above all – alleviate economic conditions and it is therefore telling that perception of his handling of this “core” issue is even less favorable than what are already consistently low overall approval ratings during his second term in office thus far. Additionally, with Trump focusing a great deal of his attention on foreign policy-related issues, the poll findings demonstrate that this has in no way translated into most Americans approving of his approaches to these areas. Thus, some have speculated that continued increased negative attention towards Trump's foreign policy is likely to only become even more of a liability moving forward due to its sharp contrast with the “America First” narrative and platform that he ran on and Americans' growing concerns with issues at home.