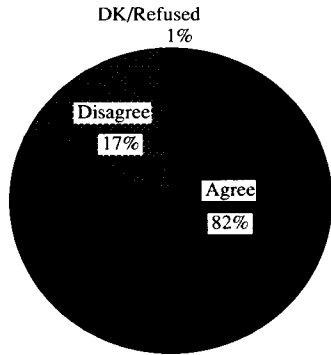


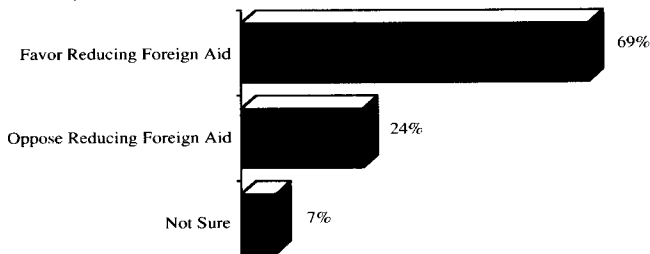
# AMERICA IN THE WORLD

## Some Survey Data Give a Superficial Impression of Growing Isolationism



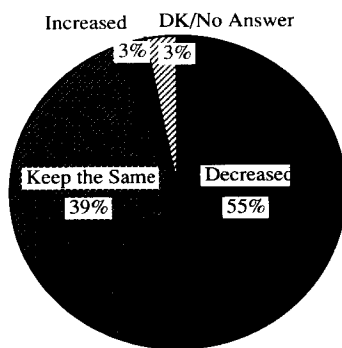
**Question:** Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements...We shouldn't think so much in international terms but concentrate more on our own national problems and building up our strength and prosperity here at home.

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization/CNN/USA Today, January 6-9, 1992.



**Question:** ...Do you favor or oppose reducing the amount of aid the US provides to foreign countries?

**Source:** Survey by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, September 20-24, 1991.

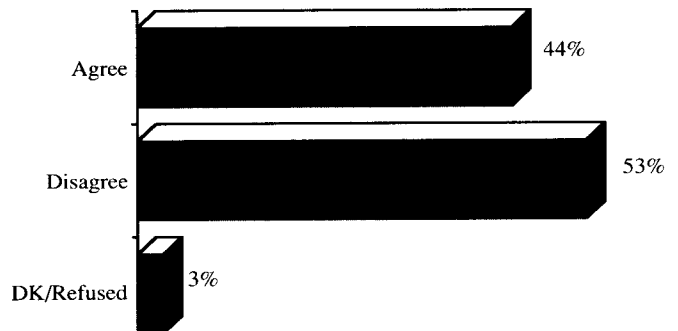


**Question:** Should federal spending on foreign aid be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

**Source:** Survey by CBS News/New York Times, October 5-7, 1991.

**Editor's Note:** As Richard J. Cattani points out in the preceding article, for all the talk this election season of Americans turning inward, polls continue to show a public which is keenly aware of the country's inescapable needs, interests and responsibilities internationally. Even in the area of foreign aid, where the public's first response has been, throughout the post-World War II years, "We're doing quite enough already, thank you," there is substantial support for assistance—including assistance to the republics of the former Soviet Union.

## But Does the Public Really Want to Withdraw From International Affairs?

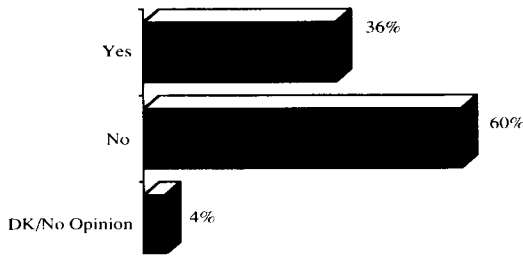


**Question:** Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements...The US should mind its own business internationally and let other countries get along as best they can on their own.

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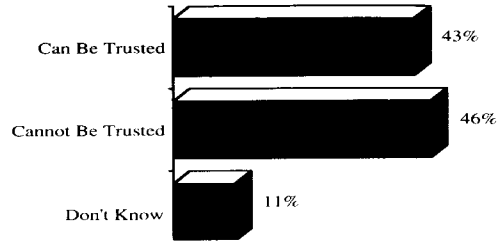
# NO TO ISOLATIONISM: THE PUBLIC STILL SEES MILITARY PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

## Many Americans Distrust Soviet or Republic Leaders on Nuclear Arms



**Question:** Do you think the Soviet Union can be trusted to cut back its nuclear weapons without a formal treaty, or not?

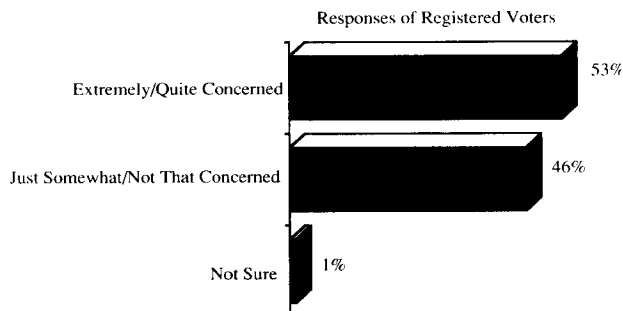
**Source:** Survey by ABC News/Washington Post, October 16-21, 1991.



**Question:** In reaching agreements on nuclear arms reductions, do you think the emerging republics of the Soviet Union can be trusted to keep their part of the bargain or not?

**Source:** Survey by Market Strategies & Greenberg-Lake, November 25-December 2, 1991.

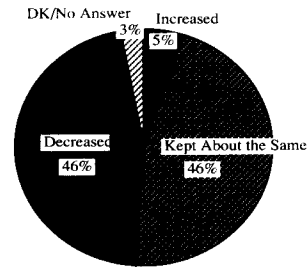
## Concern Remains About Control of Nuclear Weapons



**Question:** How concerned are you that the nuclear weapons of the former Soviet Union are no longer controlled by the leaders of one central government...?

**Source:** Survey by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, January 17-21, 1992.

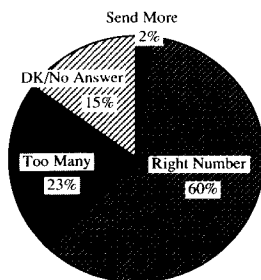
## The Public Is Split on Reducing the CIA Budget



**Question:** During the cold war the CIA spent about \$30 billion a year, mostly to spy on the Soviet Union. In today's world, do you think federal spending on intelligence agencies like the CIA should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

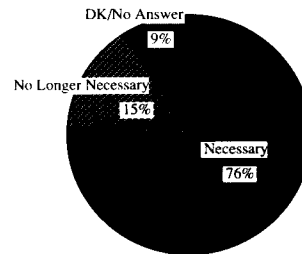
**Source:** Survey by CBS News/New York Times, October 5-7, 1991.

## Don't Let Down Our Guard in Europe



**Question:** How do you feel about the number of American troops stationed in Europe? In general, do you feel we have too many troops there now, about the right number, or should we send more?

**Source:** Survey by CBS News/New York Times, October 5-7, 1991.

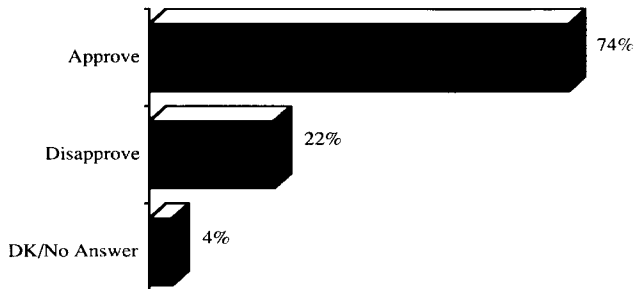


**Question:** In today's world, is it still necessary for the US to maintain NATO—its military alliance with countries in Western Europe—or is this military alliance no longer necessary?

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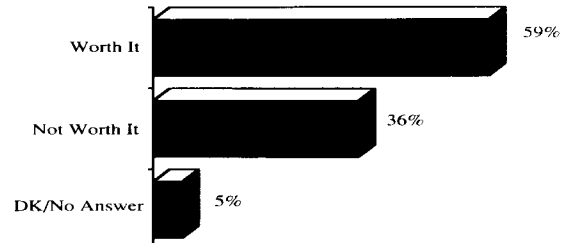
# NO TO ISOLATIONISM: THE PUBLIC SEES OTHER REASONS FOR MILITARY ENGAGEMENT

## The Persian Gulf War Was Worth the Cost



**Question:** Do you approve or disapprove of the US having sent troops to fight in the Persian Gulf?

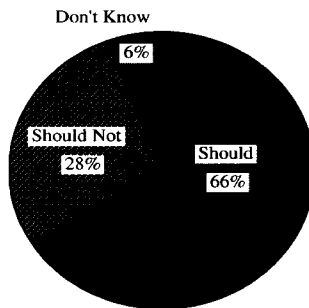
**Source:** Survey by CBS News/New York Times, November 18-22, 1991.



**Question:** Given the loss of life and the other costs of the war in the Persian Gulf, do you think the war to defeat Iraq was worth the cost, or not?

**Source:** Survey by CBS News/New York Times, January 22-25, 1992.

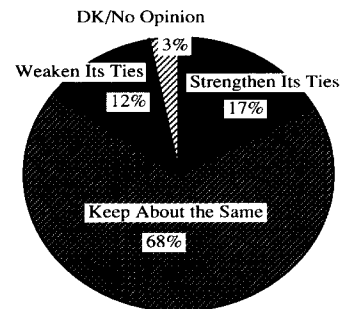
## We Need to Keep a Military Presence in the Middle East...



**Question:** Do you think we should or should not keep a military presence in the Middle East, like we did in Germany and Korea?

**Source:** Survey by Market Strategies & Greenberg-Lake, November 25-December 2, 1991.

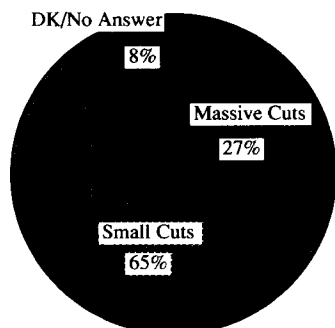
## And Maintain Ties With Israel



**Question:** Do you think the US should strengthen its ties to Israel, weaken its ties, or keep its ties to Israel about the same as they are now?

**Source:** Survey by ABC News, September 13-15, 1991.

## The War Cautions Many Against Making Massive Defense Cuts

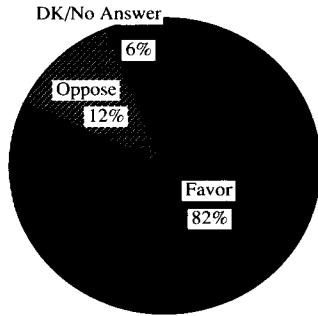


**Question:** Which is closest to your opinion? The collapse of the Soviet Union means the US can make massive cuts in defense spending in the next year or so, or continued threats from countries like Iran and Iraq mean that we can only afford to make small, gradual cuts in defense spending?

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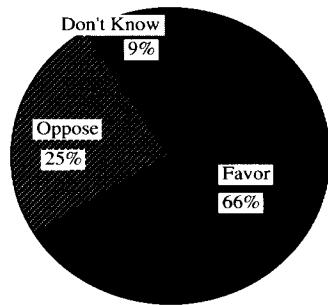
# NO TO ISOLATIONISM: EVEN IN THE AREA OF FOREIGN AID, THE PUBLIC SEES MANY NEEDS

## In the Former Soviet Union



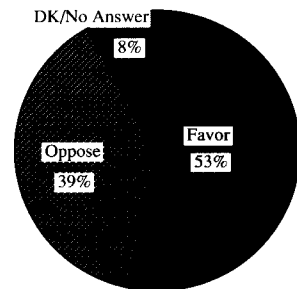
**Question:** Would you favor or oppose the US giving economic aid to the Soviet Union in order to help the Soviet Union to prevent a possible famine this winter?

**Source:** Survey by CBS News/New York Times, November 18-22, 1991.



**Question:** Would you favor or oppose the US giving the Soviet Union economic aid, if that's necessary to prevent it from sliding back into dictatorship and once again becoming a threat to the US?

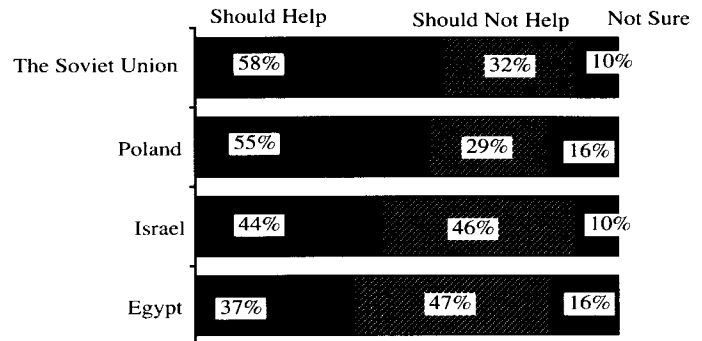
**Source:** Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates, October 3-6, 1991.



**Question:** Would you favor or oppose the US giving economic aid to the Soviet Union in order to help the Soviet Union reform its economy?

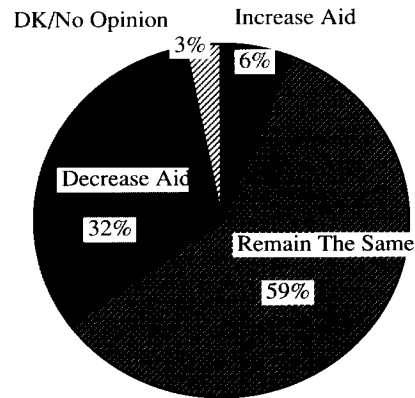
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## And Elsewhere



**Question:** Here is a list of some countries. For each one, please tell me whether you think we should or should not help that country with economic aid.

**Source:** Survey by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, September 20-24, 1991.



**Question:** Do you think the US should increase or decrease the amount of military and economic aid it gives to Israel, or do you think it should remain about the same?

**Source:** Survey by ABC News, September 13-15, 1991.