



# NEW POLL: Americans want troops home from Afghanistan, Iraq; opposed to more military engagement

ARLINGTON, VA, January 23, 2020 — A new YouGov poll shows Americans are strongly supportive of bringing our troops home from Afghanistan and Iraq, oppose war with Iran, and generally want the United States to be less militarily engaged around the world.

Though there seems to be some uncertainty about the implications of open-ended military presences in Iraq and Afghanistan, respondents were much more certain about whether or not our troops should be in the country, with 68 and 69 percent in support of bringing our troops home from Iraq and Afghanistan, respectively.

More generally, the poll shows a majority (52 percent) of the public wants the United States to be less military engaged in conflicts around the world. Even more strongly, 60 percent of the American public oppose the United States going to war with Iran.

The poll also asked respondents about their feelings on Iran and the possibility of war with the country.

## ABOUT YUGOV AND SURVEY METHODOLOGY

YouGov is an international research, data, and analytics group headquartered in London with a proprietary web-based panel of over 8 million people globally.

YouGov interviewed 1053 respondents from January 10-13. These results were then matched down to a sample of 1000 to produce the final dataset.

The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education using the full 2016 American Community Survey, weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores.

The resulting weights were then post-stratified on 2016 Presidential vote choice, and a 4-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

## FULL TOPLINE RESULTS

### Do you support or oppose bringing U.S. troops home from Iraq?

- 37% Strongly support
- 31% Somewhat support
- 13% Somewhat oppose
- 4% Strongly oppose
- 16% Don't know

### Do you support or oppose bringing U.S. troops home from Afghanistan?

- 38% Strongly support
- 31% Somewhat support
- 10% Somewhat oppose
- 4% Strongly oppose
- 17% Don't know

### Would you support or oppose the United States going to war with Iran?

- 11% Strongly support
- 14% Somewhat support
- 17% Somewhat oppose
- 43% Strongly oppose
- 15% Don't know

### Do you believe the United States should be more or less militarily engaged in conflicts around the world?

- 7% More engaged
- 27% About the same level of engagement
- 52% Less engaged
- 13% Don't know