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**7 OUT OF 10 VOTERS DO NOT WANT THE U.S. TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION
AGAINST IRAN FOR KILLING OF PROTESTERS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
70% SAY PRESIDENTS SHOULD SEEK CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL BEFORE
TAKING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ANOTHER COUNTRY**

In the wake of U.S. threats of military action against Iran if protesters there are killed while demonstrating against the Iranian government, 70 percent of voters think the U.S. should not get involved, while 18 percent think the U.S. should take military action against Iran, and 12 percent did not offer an opinion, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of registered voters released today.

Independents (80 – 11 percent), Democrats (79 – 7 percent), and Republicans (53 – 35 percent) think the U.S. should not get involved if protesters in Iran are killed while demonstrating against the Iranian government.

MILITARY ACTION & CONGRESS

Voters 70 – 24 percent think that, in general, if a president decides to take military action against another country, they should first receive approval from Congress.

There are differences along political party lines.

Democrats (95 – 2 percent) and independents (78 – 18 percent) think a president should first receive approval from Congress, while Republicans (54 – 35 percent) think a president should not.

“Talk of the U.S. military potentially intervening in Iran’s internal chaos gets a vigorous thumbs down, while voters signal Congressional approval should be a backstop against military involvement in any foreign crisis,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

VENEZUELA

Voters are divided on the Trump administration’s decision to capture Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his wife and bring them to the United States to face drug trafficking charges, as 47 percent support the decision, while 45 percent oppose it.

Republicans (85 – 7 percent) support the decision, while Democrats (79 – 11 percent) oppose it. Independents are divided, with 45 percent supporting it and 47 percent opposing it.

Voters 53 – 41 percent do not think the Trump administration is providing a clear explanation of the reasons behind the United States’ actions against Venezuela.

Voters 57 – 35 percent oppose the United States running Venezuela until it is satisfied that the government there will operate the way the U.S. wants it to.

Voters 73 – 21 percent oppose the United States sending ground troops into Venezuela in order to control the country.

Voters 55 – 38 percent oppose the U.S. taking over Venezuela’s oil sales.

Voters are split on whether they think the U.S. actions in Venezuela will improve the lives of everyday Venezuelans, as 45 percent think they will improve their lives, 44 percent do not think so, and 11 percent did not offer an opinion.

“Voters are divided on the merits of overthrowing Maduro. And while split on whether in the long run, the people of Venezuela will be better off, they strongly disapprove of America’s temporary domain over Venezuela and are heartily against putting U.S. troops on the ground,” added Malloy.

GREENLAND

In the wake of discussions about the United States trying to either buy Greenland or use military force to take control of it, voters say:

- 86 – 9 percent they would oppose the United States trying to take Greenland by military force;
- 55 – 37 percent they would oppose the United States trying to buy Greenland.

MEXICO & COLOMBIA

Voters 57 – 37 percent would oppose the United States taking military action to attack suspected illegal drug facilities in Mexico, if this meant acting without the permission of the Mexican government.

Voters 55 – 36 percent would oppose the United States taking military action to attack suspected illegal drug facilities in Colombia, if this meant acting without the permission of the Colombian government.

TRUMP JOB APPROVALS

Forty percent of voters approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 54 percent disapprove, unchanged from Quinnipiac University’s December 17, 2025 and October 22, 2025 polls.

Voters were asked about Trump’s handling of:

- his job as Commander in Chief of the U.S. military: 43 percent approve, while 53 percent disapprove;
- the economy: 42 percent approve, while 53 percent disapprove;
- U.S. policy toward Venezuela: 41 percent approve, while 52 percent disapprove;
- foreign policy: 41 percent approve, while 56 percent disapprove.

U.S. IN THE WORLD

Half of voters (50 percent) think, under Donald Trump, America’s moral authority in the world has gotten weaker, 34 percent think it has gotten stronger, and 13 percent think it has remained about the same.

Forty-six percent of voters think, under Donald Trump, America’s leadership in the world has gotten weaker, 42 percent think it has gotten stronger, and 10 percent think it has remained about the same.

Voters 52 – 38 percent do not think it's in the national interest of the United States to expand its power in the western hemisphere, with 10 percent not offering an opinion.

Nearly 9 out of 10 voters (88 percent) think, in general, the United States should work with other nations to solve problems, while 7 percent think the United States should work alone to solve problems.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION APPROVALS

Job approval ratings for six Trump administration officials:

- Secretary of State Marco Rubio: 42 percent approve, 45 percent disapprove, with 13 percent not offering an opinion;
- Vice President J.D. Vance: 41 percent approve, 49 percent disapprove, with 9 percent not offering an opinion;
- Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth: 40 percent approve, 49 percent disapprove, with 11 percent not offering an opinion;
- Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr.: 39 percent approve, 50 percent disapprove, with 10 percent not offering an opinion;
- White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles: 35 percent approve, 40 percent disapprove, with 25 percent not offering an opinion;
- White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller: 34 percent approve, 44 percent disapprove, with 23 percent not offering an opinion.

1,133 self-identified registered voters nationwide were surveyed from January 8th – 12th with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve	40%	88%	3%	33%	49%	33%	49%
Disapprove	54	8	94	59	45	61	44
DK/NA	6	4	3	8	7	6	7

1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?
COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove q1) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve strongly	31%	72%	2%	21%	36%	26%	39%
Approve smwht	9	15	1	11	11	7	10
Disapprove smwht	4	3	1	8	6	3	5
Disapprove strongly	48	5	93	50	37	57	39
DK/NA	8	4	3	10	9	7	7

2. Do you think things in the United States are generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Right direction	38%	79%	5%	33%	44%	32%	47%
Wrong direction	56	16	93	60	49	63	43
DK/NA	6	5	2	7	7	5	10

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Marco Rubio is handling his job as Secretary of State?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve	42%	83%	7%	37%	52%	33%	50%
Disapprove	45	8	81	48	37	52	41
DK/NA	13	10	12	15	11	15	9

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way J.D. Vance is handling his job as vice president?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve	41%	88%	3%	35%	49%	35%	53%
Disapprove	49	7	87	54	41	56	40
DK/NA	9	5	9	12	10	9	7

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Stephen Miller is handling his job as White House Deputy Chief of Staff?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve	34%	73%	5%	26%	38%	30%	40%
Disapprove	44	8	77	48	41	46	37
DK/NA	23	19	18	25	20	24	23

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Susie Wiles is handling her job as White House Chief of Staff?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve	35%	70%	8%	29%	41%	31%	41%
Disapprove	40	8	74	39	34	45	35
DK/NA	25	22	18	31	26	24	24

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is handling his job as Secretary of Health and Human Services?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve	39%	80%	4%	34%	46%	33%	48%
Disapprove	50	12	86	54	43	57	44
DK/NA	10	7	10	11	10	10	8

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Pete Hegseth is handling his job as Secretary of Defense?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve	40%	82%	7%	34%	48%	33%	46%
Disapprove	49	9	84	54	43	53	41
DK/NA	11	9	8	12	9	14	13

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - the economy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve	42%	89%	3%	38%	52%	35%	49%
Disapprove	53	9	95	55	42	61	44
DK/NA	5	2	2	7	6	4	7

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - foreign policy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve	41%	87%	3%	34%	50%	33%	50%
Disapprove	56	9	94	62	47	63	46
DK/NA	3	4	2	3	3	4	4

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - U.S. policy toward Venezuela?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve	41%	83%	4%	38%	52%	33%	53%
Disapprove	52	10	89	57	42	60	44
DK/NA	6	7	7	5	6	7	3

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as Commander in Chief of the U.S. military?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Approve	43%	89%	4%	38%	53%	35%	53%
Disapprove	53	9	95	58	43	62	42
DK/NA	3	3	2	4	3	4	6

14. Under Donald Trump, do you think America's leadership in the world has gotten stronger, gotten weaker, or remained about the same?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Stronger	42%	83%	4%	39%	52%	34%	53%
Weaker	46	8	83	50	36	55	40
The same	10	8	11	10	11	10	6
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	1	1	-

15. Under Donald Trump, do you think America's moral authority in the world has gotten stronger, gotten weaker, or remained about the same?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Stronger	34%	71%	3%	27%	43%	26%	41%
Weaker	50	11	86	54	40	58	44
The same	13	16	8	16	13	13	13
DK/NA	3	3	4	3	4	3	2

16. How closely have you been following news about U.S. actions in Venezuela; very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Very closely	49%	56%	40%	51%	53%	45%	58%
Somewhat closely	38	31	45	36	36	39	33
Not too closely	13	13	15	13	10	16	9
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	1	-	-

17. Do you support or oppose the Trump administration's decision to capture Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his wife and bring them to the United States to face drug trafficking charges?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Support	47%	85%	11%	45%	58%	38%	55%
Oppose	45	7	79	47	35	52	39
DK/NA	8	7	11	7	7	10	6

18. Do you support or oppose the United States running Venezuela until it is satisfied that the government there will operate the way the U.S. wants it to?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Support	35%	69%	4%	34%	46%	26%	42%
Oppose	57	19	88	60	48	64	49
DK/NA	8	11	7	6	6	10	9

19. Do you think the Trump administration is providing a clear explanation of the reasons behind the United States' actions against Venezuela, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Yes/Clear	41%	76%	11%	35%	50%	34%	47%
No	53	17	82	60	45	60	48
DK/NA	6	7	6	5	5	6	5

20. Do you support or oppose the U.S. taking over Venezuela's oil sales?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Support	38%	76%	7%	31%	47%	30%	46%
Oppose	55	13	90	62	47	62	49
DK/NA	7	10	4	7	6	7	6

21. Do you think the U.S. actions in Venezuela will improve the lives of everyday Venezuelans, or don't you think so?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Yes/Improve	45%	86%	7%	40%	55%	36%	55%
No	44	7	81	46	33	54	39
DK/NA	11	6	13	14	11	10	6

22. Would you support or oppose the United States sending ground troops into Venezuela in order to control the country?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Support	21%	47%	3%	16%	27%	17%	22%
Oppose	73	45	92	80	67	77	71
DK/NA	6	7	5	4	7	6	7

23. Would you support or oppose the United States taking military action to attack suspected illegal drug facilities in Mexico, if this meant acting without the permission of the Mexican government?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Support	37%	74%	11%	30%	48%	29%	38%
Oppose	57	20	85	66	47	65	54
DK/NA	5	5	4	5	5	5	8

24. Would you support or oppose the United States taking military action to attack suspected illegal drug facilities in Colombia, if this meant acting without the permission of the Colombian government?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Support	36%	72%	8%	31%	48%	27%	39%
Oppose	55	17	87	62	46	63	52
DK/NA	9	11	5	7	7	10	9

25. Would you support or oppose the United States trying to buy Greenland?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Support	37%	67%	9%	36%	50%	26%	40%
Oppose	55	22	85	58	42	66	51
DK/NA	8	12	5	6	8	8	9

26. Would you support or oppose the United States trying to take Greenland by military force?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Support	9%	23%	1%	3%	11%	7%	11%
Oppose	86	68	95	94	84	87	83
DK/NA	6	9	4	3	5	7	6

27. If protesters in Iran are killed while demonstrating against the Iranian government, do you think the United States should take military action against Iran, or should the U.S. not get involved?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Should	18%	35%	7%	11%	23%	14%	20%
Should not	70	53	79	80	66	73	70
DK/NA	12	12	14	9	11	13	10

28. In general, if a president decides to take military action against another country, do you think they should first receive approval from Congress, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Yes/Should	70%	35%	95%	78%	63%	75%	66%
No	24	54	2	18	28	22	30
DK/NA	6	10	3	4	9	3	4

29. In general, do you think the United States should: work with other nations to solve problems or work alone to solve problems?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Work with others	88%	81%	96%	89%	82%	92%	90%
Work alone	7	13	3	6	12	3	4
DK/NA	5	6	2	5	6	4	6

30. Do you think it's in the national interest of the United States to expand its power in the western hemisphere, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Mltry Hshld
Yes/Natl interest	38%	67%	14%	34%	53%	25%	43%
No	52	24	76	58	38	64	48
DK/NA	10	9	11	8	9	11	9