

>> America's Role in the World

What Does National Security Mean in the 21st Century?

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NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD the chance to participate in this forum, we'd like to know what you think. Your opinions, along with those of others who participated in these forums, will be reflected in a summary report that will be available to all citizens, including those who took part in these forums, as well as officeholders and members of the news media.

1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements below?	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a. Global threats with no respect for national borders, such as pollution, the spread of nuclear weapons, and climate change, should be a much higher priority for our nation's leaders.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. The most serious threat to US national security is from al-Qaeda and other radical terrorist groups.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. The country's ability to maintain its global leadership is absolutely dependent on its short- and long-term economic strength.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. Russia poses a major threat to the security of the United States.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. Our growing trade deficit with other countries, such as China, greatly weakens our position in the world.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f. Global warming is an urgent problem that we must address in collaboration with other nations.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure
a. The United States should aggressively combat terrorists wherever they pose a threat to US interests, EVEN IF this leads to diplomatic problems with other nations.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. The United States should cut back on military spending to help balance its budget, EVEN IF this leaves us less able to respond to military threats, such as possible build-ups by China or Russia.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. We should promote free-trade agreements with other nations to stimulate economic growth in this country, EVEN IF such agreements do not include provisions to protect American workers or the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. The United States should take a strong leadership role in a worldwide effort to combat environmental threats, EVEN IF international agreements to address these threats may slow down economic growth.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. We should deal assertively with nuclear threats posed by Iran and North Korea, EVEN IF such actions goad these countries to take actions that may seriously endanger us or their neighbors.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
f. The United States should cooperate more closely with other nations to monitor travelers to deter the spread of infectious diseases, EVEN IF that means American citizens could be detained by any other nation on suspicion of illness.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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- | | Strongly Favor | Somewhat Favor | Somewhat Oppose | Strongly Oppose | Not Sure |
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| 2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions? (continued) | | | | | |
| g. We should reduce our military and financial aid to other countries, EVEN IF this removes a stabilizing presence in many parts of the world. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. We should build up our forces and missile defense capabilities to counter possible threats from China or Russia, EVEN IF this leads to another costly arms race. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. The United States should work with other nations to reduce the number of nuclear weapons worldwide, EVEN IF cutting our nuclear arsenal may lessen our ability to address military threats. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. When it comes to the US role in the world, which of these is your greatest concern? (MARK ONE)

- a. National security, including threats from al-Qaeda, Iran, and North Korea.
- b. Making sure the economy is strong enough so the United States can continue to play a leading role in the world in the 21st century.
- c. Global or international problems that affect all humanity, including nuclear annihilation, environmental degradation, and pandemics, among others.

4. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum? Yes No

If yes, how? _____

5. In your forum, did you talk about aspects of the issues you hadn't considered before? Yes No

6. What, if anything, might citizens in your community do differently as a result of this forum?

7. Not including this forum, how many National Issues Forums have you attended?

- 0 1-3 4-6 7 or more Not sure

8. Are you male or female? Male Female

9. How old are you?

- 17 or younger 18-30 31-45 46-64 65 or older

10. Are you: African American Asian American Hispanic or Latino Native American
 White/Caucasian Other (please specify) _____

11. Where do you live? Rural Small Town Large City Suburban

12. What is your ZIP code? _____ What state do you live in? _____

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