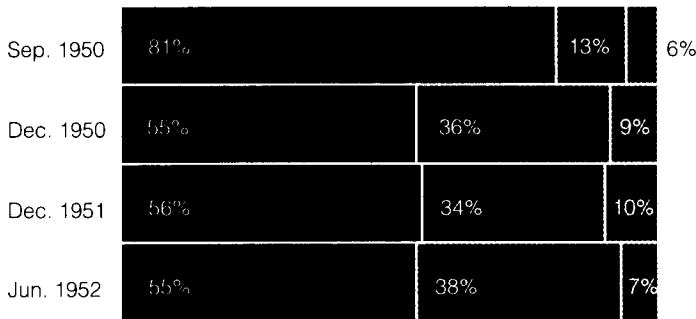


Korea, Containing Communism

During the Korean War, more Americans believed that the United States was right to send troops to stop the communist invasion than believed it was wrong. In general, containing communism had strong support.

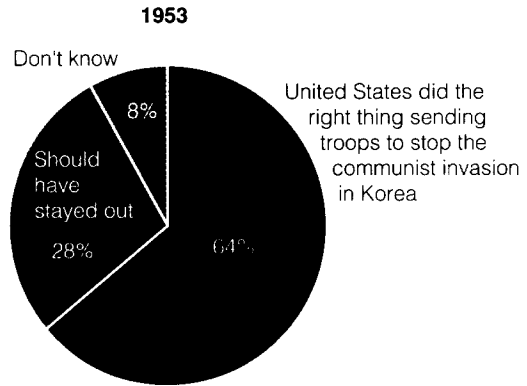
Question: **As things stand now, do you think the United States was right or wrong in deciding to send American troops to stop the communist invasion in Korea?**

The United States was right to send troops to stop the communist invasion in Korea
 Wrong
 Don't know



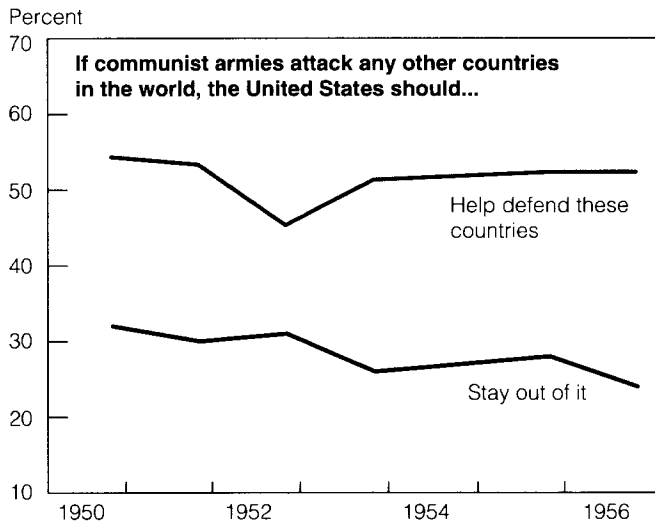
Source: Surveys by the National Opinion Research Center.

Question: **As you look back on the Korean war, do you think the United States did the right thing in sending troops to stop the communist invasion, or should we have stayed out of it entirely?**



Source: Survey by the National Opinion Research Center, September 1953.

Question: **If communist armies attack any other countries in the world, do you think the United States should stay out of it, or should we help defend these countries, like we did in Korea?**



Source: Surveys by the National Opinion Research Center.

Question: **Do you think it makes much difference to our country whether China goes communist or not?**

1948
Yes, makes much difference to our country whether China goes communist



Question: **Do you think the United States should send military supplies to help those countries in Asia that are threatened by communism?**

1952
U.S. should send military supplies to help Asian countries threatened by communism

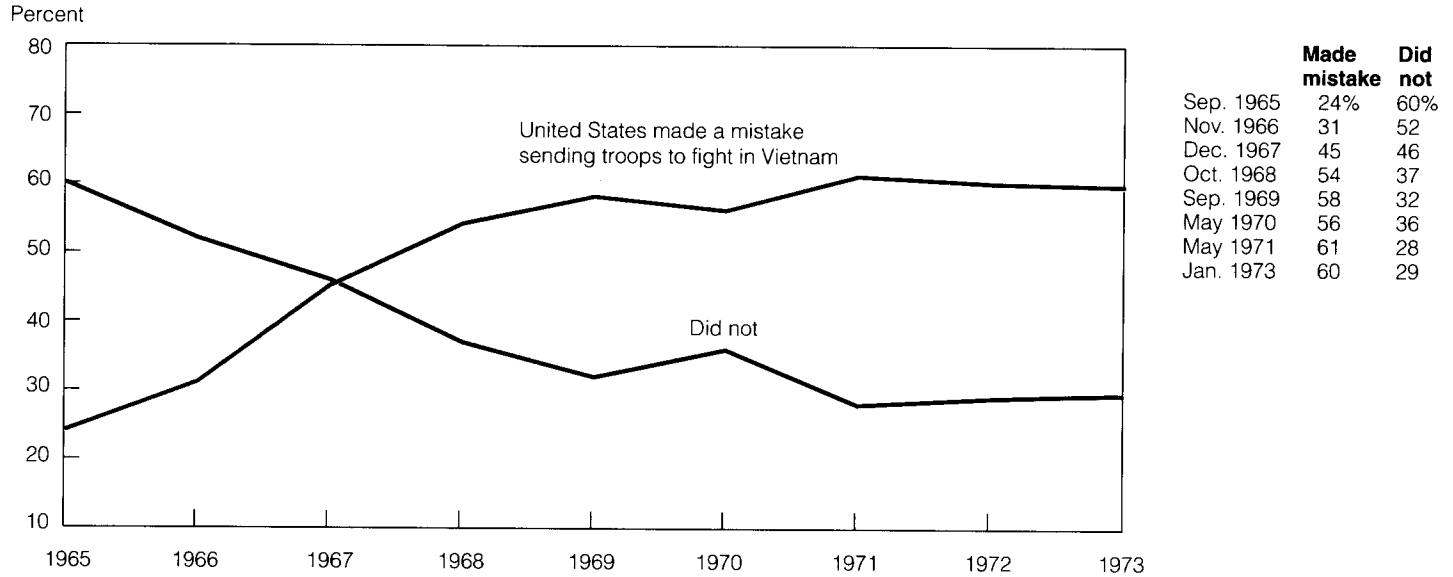


Source: Survey by the National Opinion Research Center, latest that of June 1952.

Vietnam

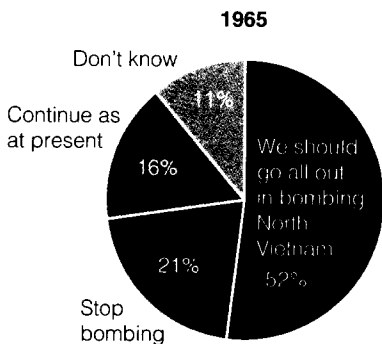
The view that we made a mistake sending troops to fight in Vietnam took hold after 1965. Still, Americans wanted to keep the pressure up on the North, including bombing, and saw themselves more as hawks than doves.

Question: **In view of the developments since we entered the fighting in Vietnam, do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Vietnam?**



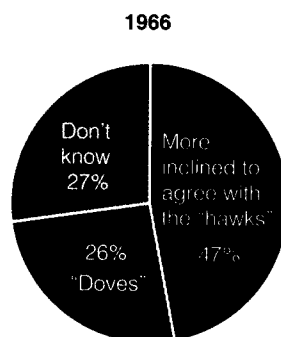
Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of January 12-15, 1973.

Question: **Some people have said we should go all out in bombing North Vietnam until the communists are ready to negotiate. Others say we should stop bombing North Vietnam right now and call upon the communists to negotiate. What is your opinion, should we go all out or stop bombing in North Vietnam?**



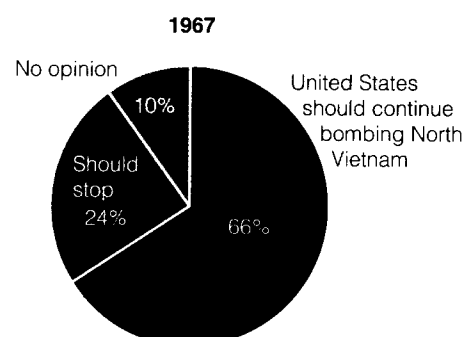
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, December 11-16, 1965.

Question: **Are you more inclined to agree with the "hawks" or the "doves" on the issue of fighting in Vietnam?**



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, March 24-29, 1966.

Question: **In your opinion, should the United States continue the bombing of North Vietnam, or should we stop the bombing?**

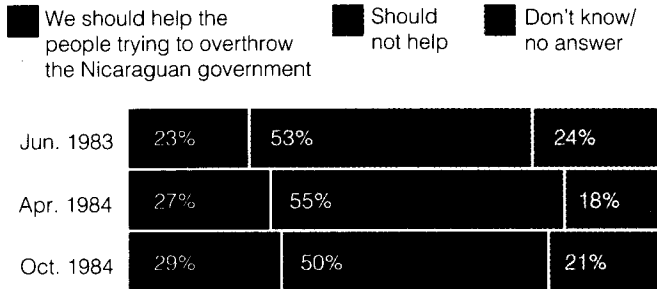


Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, February 16-21, 1967.

Nicaragua, Grenada, Libya, Iraq

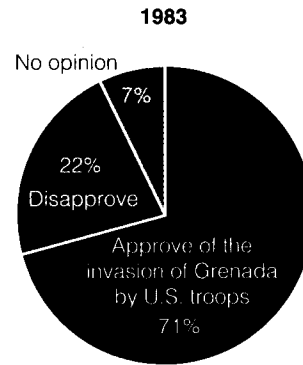
The quick strategic actions in Grenada and Libya had wide public support, and solid majorities believed, and continue to believe, that the war to defeat Iraq was worth its costs to us. Americans were consistently skeptical, however, of U.S. involvement in Nicaragua.

Question: **Ronald Reagan says the United States should help the people in Nicaragua who are trying to overthrow the pro-Soviet government there. Other people say that even if our country does not like the government in Nicaragua, we should not help overthrow it. Do you think we should help the people trying to overthrow the government of Nicaragua, or should we not help them?**



Source: Surveys by CBS News/*New York Times*, May 29-June 2, 1985.

Question: **Now I want to ask you a few questions about the events in the Caribbean island of Grenada. First, would you say you approve or disapprove of the invasion of Grenada by U.S. troops?**



Source: Surveys by ABC News/*Washington Post*, November 3-7, 1983.

Question: **Do you approve or disapprove of United States jets bombing Libya last night (April 14, 1986)? (CBS/NYT)**

Question: **Do you approve or disapprove of the United States having launched the military air strike against Libya on April 14, 1986? (ABC/WP)**

1986

Approve of U.S. jets bombing Libya last night



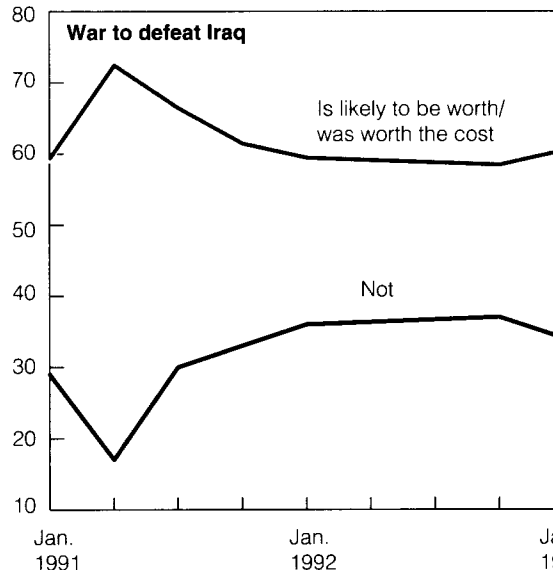
Approve of United States having launched the military air strike against Libya on April 14, 1986



Source: Surveys by CBS News/*New York Times* and ABC News/*Washington Post*, latest that of May 15-19, 1986.

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 is likely to be worth the cost (Jan.-Feb.). Given the loss of life and other costs of war in the Persian Gulf, do you think the war to defeat Iraq was worth the cost, or not?**

Percent



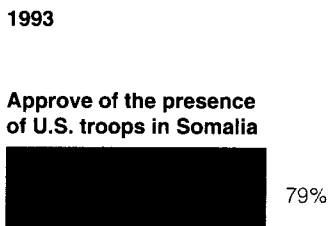
	Worth it	Not
Jan. 1991	59%	29%
Feb. 1991	72%	17%
Jun. 1991	66%	30%
Oct. 1991	61%	33%
Jan. 1992	59%	36%
Dec. 1992	58%	37%
Jan. 1993	60%	34%

Note: For months when more than one survey was conducted, the latest asking is shown. Source: Survey by CBS News/*New York Times*, latest that of January 12-14, 1993.

Somalia, Former Yugoslavia

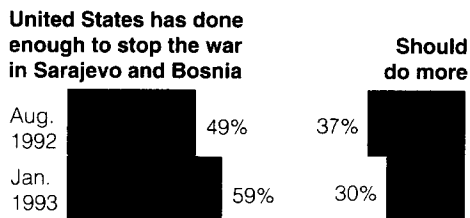
Americans support U.S. humanitarian efforts in Somalia, though we worry about an open-ended commitment. We are opposed to U.S. military involvement in the former Yugoslavia, but supportive of U.N. efforts there.

Question: **Now I'd like to turn to the issue of American troops in Somalia. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the presence of U.S. troops in Somalia?**



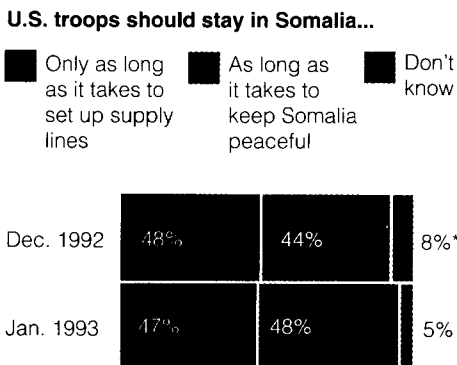
Source: Surveys by Yankelovich Partners, Inc., for *Time* and CNN, January 13-14, 1993.

Question: **As you may know, violence has erupted in the city of Sarajevo and the surrounding area called Bosnia, one of the new republics that used to be part of Yugoslavia. Should the United States do more to stop the war in Sarajevo and Bosnia, or has the United States already done enough?**



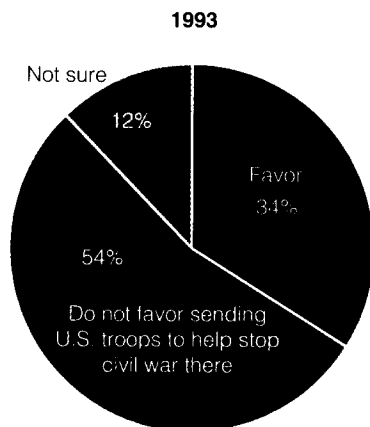
Source: Surveys by Yankelovich Partners, Inc., for *Time* and CNN, January 13-14, 1993.

Question: **Do you think U.S. troops should stay in Somalia only as long as it takes to set up supply lines to make sure people don't starve, or do you think they should stay there as long as it takes to make sure Somalia will remain peaceful?**



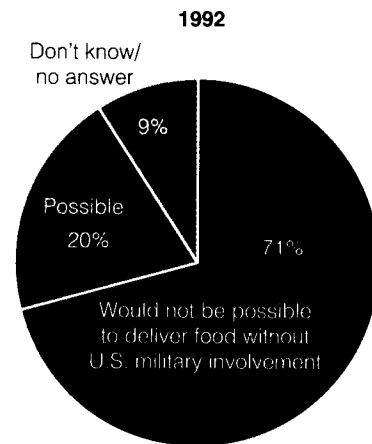
Note: *Includes 3% who volunteered the response "shouldn't be there."
Source: Survey by CBS News/*New York Times*, January 12-14, 1993.

Question: **Do you favor or oppose the United States sending troops to the former Yugoslavia to try to help stop the civil war there?**



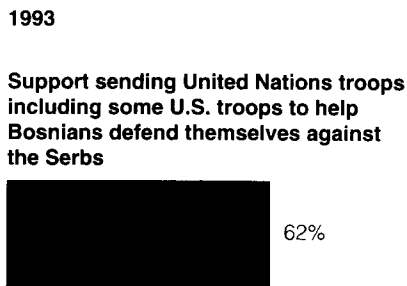
Note: In an August 1992 NBC News/*Wall Street Journal* survey, 33% favored sending troops and 54% opposed this measure.
Source: Surveys by NBC News/*Wall Street Journal*, January 23-26, 1993.

Question: **Do you think it would be possible to make sure that food gets to the people in Somalia without U.S. military involvement, or do you think this could not be done without the U.S. military?**



Source: Survey by CBS News, December 6, 1992.

Question: **Please tell me if you support or oppose the following policies in Yugoslavia, Bosnia, and Iraq.**

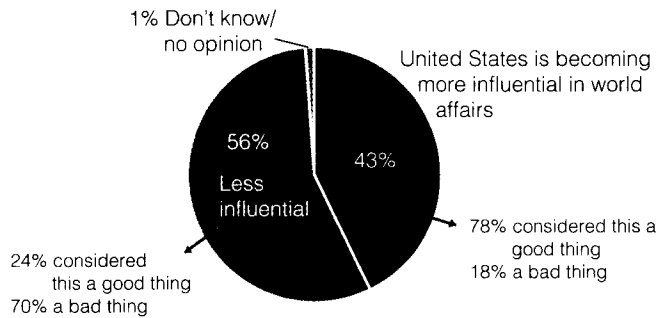


Source: Survey by Louis Harris and Associates, January 22-26, 1993.

Offense and Defense

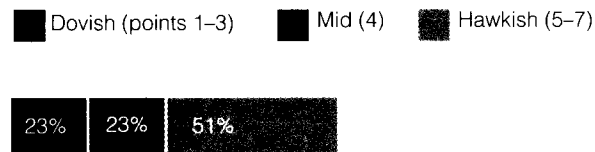
Americans who think we are losing influence in the world see it as a bad thing; those who see us gaining see it as a plus. In terms of our general involvement abroad, we prefer U.N. or allied actions but recognize that there will be times when we must act alone. We want a defensive posture that is neither too weak nor unnecessarily costly.

Question: **Generally speaking, is the United States becoming more influential or less influential in world affairs?**



Source: Survey by ABC News/Washington Post, May 17-21, 1990.

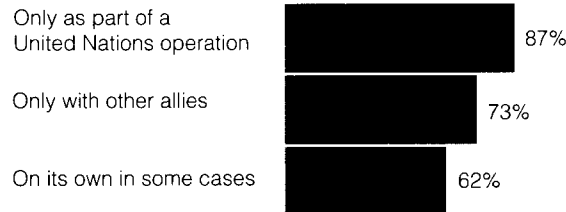
Question: **When it comes to foreign policy and defense issues, some people think of themselves as hawks—or people who believe the United States should be ready and willing to use military force around the world. Others see themselves as doves—or people who are very reluctant to use military force. How about you, on a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is dovish and 7 is very hawkish, where are you on this scale of 1 to 7?**



Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, March 9-11, 1991.

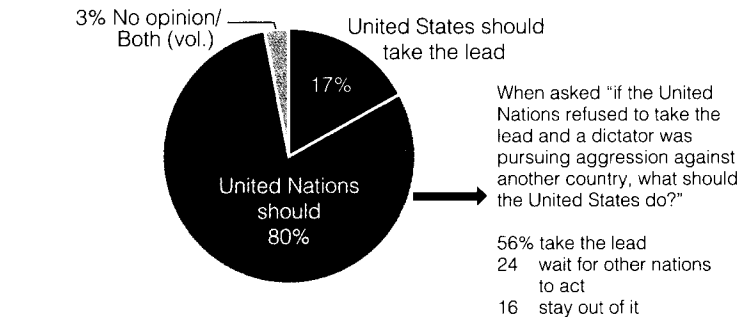
Question: **Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

United States should commit its troops...



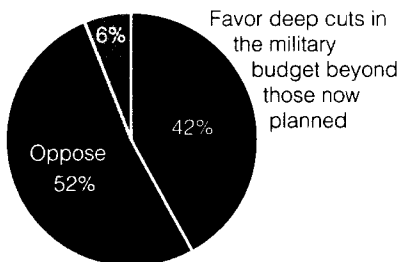
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for Newsweek, December 3-4, 1992.

Question: **Thinking about the United States and the United Nations, when faced with future problems involving aggression, who should take the lead?**



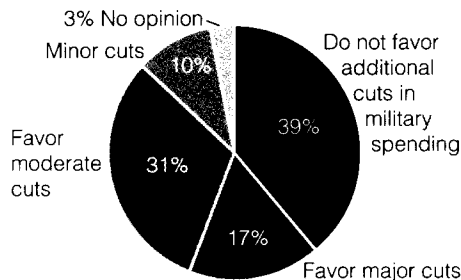
Source: Surveys by Market Strategies and Greenberg-Lake: The Analysis Group, June 23-July 1, 1991.

Question: **I'm going to read you some proposals that are now being discussed nationally. As I read each, tell me if you generally favor or oppose it.**



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for USA Today and CNN, June 12-14, 1992.

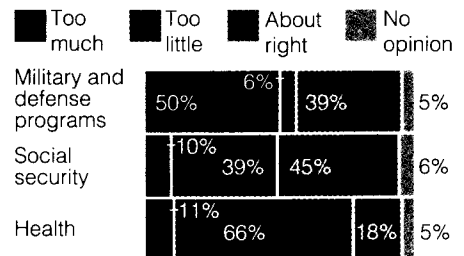
Question: **Considering the state of the world today, do you favor or oppose additional cuts in U.S. military spending? If "yes": Would you favor major cuts, moderate cuts, or only minor cuts?**



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for Life, March 30-April 5, 1992.

Question: **Do you think the share of tax dollars spent by the federal government on...is too much, too little, or about right?**

Share of tax dollars spent on...is



Source: Survey by the CBS/New York Times, February 9-11, 1993.