

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From May 11 to 16, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,133 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ± 3 percentage points.

N=1,133 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

		D	I	R
[1] Based on what you know, do you think the U.S. government is spending too little, about the right amount, or too much money on the military?	Too much 24%	32%	30%	11%
	About the right amount 37	46	35	30
	Too little 32	14	27	53
	Don't know 8	9	9	6

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[2] Currently, lawmakers in Washington are making decisions about how much money the Department of Defense, the military, and other security agencies should receive next year.	Not at all concerned 17%	18%	13%	18%
	Only a little concerned 29	32	34	23
	Somewhat concerned 36	34	33	39
	Very concerned 19	16	20	20

The Biden Administration has requested \$813 billion in defense spending for next year.

Thinking now of this number, how concerned are you about military spending in the United States?

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[3] Currently, lawmakers in Washington are making decisions about how much money the Department of Defense, the military, and other security agencies should receive next year.	Too much 32%	39%	38%	20%
	About the right amount 36	44	32	31
	Too little 22	8	20	37
	Don't know 10	9	10	12

The Biden Administration has requested \$813 billion in defense spending for next year. In comparison, under the same proposal, the Department of State would receive \$68 billion and the Department of Health and Human Services would receive \$138 billion.

Knowing what you do know, do you think the U.S. government is spending too little, about the right amount, or too much money on the military?

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[4] Recently, some lawmakers have proposed increasing the military budget for the upcoming year to nearly one trillion dollars, a significant increase from last year and more than President Biden and the Department of Defense requested.	Congress should keep the military's budget at the level that President Biden and the Department of Defense requested 63%	80%	67%	42%
	Congress should give the military billions of dollars in additional funding, even though it was not requested 22	10	16	40
	Don't know 15	10	17	18

Which of these statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

[5] Recently, some lawmakers have proposed increasing the military budget for the upcoming year to nearly one trillion dollars, a significant increase from last year and more than President Biden and the Department of Defense requested.

Those who support the budget increase say we need to match military spending with the rate of inflation and ensure we have a strong military to stand up against Russia's aggression in Ukraine.

Opponents of the budget increase say that the military doesn't experience inflation in the same way that American households do and that Congress can continue sending aid to Ukraine without increasing the entire military budget.

Knowing what you do now, which of these statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	D	I	R
Congress should keep the military's budget at the level that President Biden and the Department of Defense requested	75%	65%	41%
Congress should give the military billions of dollars in additional funding, even though it was not requested	27	15	23
Don't know	13	11	12