

Polls: Americans Are Sick of the War On Terror, War On Drugs ... And All of the Other Failed U.S. Wars

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The American people are now [overwhelmingly opposed](#) to more war in Ukraine, Syria, Iran and elsewhere.

A new [Wall Street Journal/NBC poll](#) shows:

Americans in large numbers want the U.S. to reduce its role in world affairs even as a showdown with Russia over Ukraine preoccupies Washington

In a marked change from past decades, nearly half of those surveyed want the U.S. to be less active on the global stage, with fewer than one-fifth calling for more active engagement—an anti-interventionist current that sweeps across party lines.

A [Pew poll](#) from December found a majority of Americans – [more than ever before in Pew's 50-year history of polling](#) this question – think the U.S. “should mind its own business internationally and let other countries get along as best they can on their own.”

A [Pew/USA Today poll](#) conducted over the weekend found that Americans oppose – by a 2-1 margin – any U.S. military aid to Ukraine.

A [YouGov poll](#) conducted last month found that only 14 percent of Americans said the U.S. has “any responsibility” to get involved in Ukraine, and only 18 percent think the U.S. “has any responsibility to protect Ukraine if Russia were to invade.”

Huffington Post [reports](#):

Americans are more likely than not to say that the United States has no responsibility to get involved in Ukraine even under extreme circumstances, the new survey shows

Pluralities of Democrats, Republicans and independents agreed that the U.S. does not have a responsibility to protect Ukraine.

Support even for the Afghanistan war has collapsed. For example, only [35%](#) of all Americans support the Afghanistan war, according to a 2011 CNN poll.

A new [Pew poll](#) also shows that the American people are sick of the war on drugs, noting that a broad majority of Americans are ready to significantly reduce the role of the criminal

justice system in dealing with people who use drugs. Pew found:

- 63% of Americans think that we should stop mandatory prison terms for drug law violations
- 54% are in favor of marijuana legalization
- 67% say the government should focus more on providing treatment for people who use drugs like cocaine and heroin, and only 26% think the focus should be more on prosecuting people who use such drugs

Of course, the war on drugs is a [total boondoggle](#). And [stopping](#) government [support](#) for [drug dealers](#) and [producers](#) might be a good place to start (even though it is [making American banks rich](#)).

Of course, neither mainstream political party represents the interests of the people [as revealed by polls](#).

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