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Question 5

Q5: Below is a list of possible threats to the vital interests of the United States in the next 10 years. For each one, please select whether you see this as a critical threat, an important but not critical threat, or not an important threat at all:

| Q5/45. China's territorial ambitions | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| Critical threat | 52 | 62 | 50 | 48 |
| Important but not critical threat | 41 | 34 | 45 | 42 |
| Not an important threat at all | 6 | 4 | 5 | 9 |

Question 7D

Q7D: For each of these statements about international affairs and US foreign policy, tell me whether you tend to agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly.

| Q7D/18. We have to learn to live with countries like North Korea and Iran possessing nuclear weapons, just as we do with China and Russia. | | | | |
|--|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| Agree strongly (%) | | | | |
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 2020 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| 2022 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 13 |
| Agree somewhat (%) | | | | |
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 2020 | 35 | 29 | 41 | 34 |
| 2022 | 40 | 34 | 43 | 41 |
| Disagree somewhat (%) | | | | |
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 2020 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 32 |
| 2022 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 27 |
| Disagree strongly (%) | | | | |
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 2020 | 23 | 31 | 17 | 23 |
| 2022 | 19 | 26 | 15 | 18 |

| Q7D/18b. We have to learn to live with countries like China and Russia having strong influence in their regions, even if this displaces US influence | | | | |
|--|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| Agree strongly | 12 | 9 | 11 | 15 |
| Agree somewhat | 48 | 46 | 48 | 48 |
| Disagree somewhat | 28 | 29 | 31 | 26 |
| Disagree strongly | 11 | 14 | 9 | 10 |

| Q7D/20. How China handles the treatment of ethnic or religious minority groups is a matter of internal Chinese politics and none of our business | | | | |
|--|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| Agree strongly | 11 | 12 | 9 | 12 |
| Agree somewhat | 31 | 36 | 28 | 31 |

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|-------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Disagree somewhat | 37 | 35 | 39 | 37 |
| Disagree strongly | 19 | 16 | 22 | 19 |

Question 808

Q808. Should the United States play a leading role, a supporting role, or no role in the following international efforts:

| Q808/7. Coordinating an international response to China's rise | | | | |
|--|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| Play a leading role | 35 | 42 | 33 | 32 |
| Play a supporting role | 53 | 45 | 57 | 54 |
| Play no role | 12 | 13 | 9 | 14 |

Question 40

Q40. Do you think the United States should or should not have long-term military bases in the following places? (% should have)

| 40/1. Japan | | | | |
|-------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 2002 | 63 | 67 | 60 | 63 |
| 2004 | 52 | 56 | 52 | 50 |
| 2006 | 57 | 66 | 52 | 57 |
| 2008 | 58 | 67 | 50 | 57 |
| 2010 | 49 | 56 | 46 | 47 |
| 2012 | 51 | 57 | 49 | 51 |
| 2014 | 55 | 59 | 50 | 56 |
| 2016 | 60 | 69 | 57 | 56 |
| 2018 | 65 | 72 | 65 | 61 |
| March 2021 | 59 | 65 | 54 | 59 |
| 2022 | 67 | 72 | 64 | 66 |

| 40/3. South Korea | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 2002 | 67 | 74 | 66 | 64 |
| 2004 | 62 | 71 | 62 | 56 |
| 2006 | 62 | 73 | 57 | 61 |
| 2008 | 63 | 72 | 59 | 59 |
| 2010 | 60 | 68 | 58 | 58 |
| 2012 | 60 | 68 | 57 | 58 |
| 2014 | 64 | 70 | 61 | 64 |
| 2016 | 70 | 76 | 70 | 64 |
| 2018 | 74 | 79 | 73 | 71 |
| January 2020 | 69 | 80 | 65 | 65 |
| March 2021 | 66 | 70 | 65 | 65 |
| 2022 | 72 | 77 | 72 | 69 |

| 40/8. Australia | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 2012 | 40 | 44 | 38 | 39 |

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|------------|----|----|----|----|
| 2014 | 42 | 44 | 38 | 43 |
| 2016 | 46 | 53 | 42 | 45 |
| March 2021 | 54 | 56 | 49 | 56 |
| 2022 | 56 | 64 | 51 | 55 |

Question 45

Q45. Please rate your feelings toward some countries, with one hundred meaning a very warm, favorable feeling, zero meaning a very cold, unfavorable feeling, and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that country. (mean)

| Q45/6. China | | | | |
|---------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 1978 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 |
| 1982 | 48 | 51 | 46 | 49 |
| 1986 | 53 | 53 | 51 | 55 |
| 1990 | 45 | 47 | 42 | 46 |
| 1994 | 46 | -- | -- | -- |
| 1998 | 47 | 44 | 50 | 47 |
| 2002 | 48 | 46 | 47 | 49 |
| 2004 | 44 | 40 | 47 | 44 |
| 2006 | 40 | 39 | 41 | 42 |
| 2008 | 41 | 38 | 44 | 40 |
| 2010 | 45 | 41 | 48 | 45 |
| April 2013 | 40 | 35 | 44 | 39 |
| 2014 | 44 | 40 | 47 | 45 |
| 2016 | 44 | 40 | 46 | 43 |
| December 2016 | 41 | 35 | 45 | 40 |
| December 2017 | 40 | 38 | 43 | 40 |
| February 2018 | 45 | 43 | 46 | 46 |
| 2020 | 32 | 25 | 37 | 33 |
| 2022 | 32 | 24 | 36 | 33 |

| Q45/11. Japan | | | | |
|---------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 1978 | 54 | 55 | 54 | 56 |
| 1982 | 55 | 57 | 53 | 57 |
| 1986 | 61 | 65 | 58 | 63 |
| 1990 | 52 | 53 | 53 | 50 |
| 1994 | 52 | -- | -- | -- |
| 1998 | 53 | 55 | 52 | 53 |
| 2002 | 60 | 63 | 58 | 60 |
| 2006 | 58 | 62 | 55 | 57 |
| 2008 | 59 | 60 | 60 | 57 |
| 2010 | 61 | 61 | 60 | 62 |
| 2014 | 62 | 61 | 60 | 64 |
| 2016 | 63 | 62 | 62 | 64 |
| December 2016 | 60 | 58 | 62 | 61 |
| February 2018 | 62 | 62 | 61 | 63 |
| 2020 | 65 | 64 | 64 | 67 |
| March 2021 | 65 | 63 | 64 | 64 |
| 2022 | 66 | 64 | 66 | 67 |

| Q45/20. South Korea | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 1978 | 47 | 50 | 48 | 46 |
| 1982 | 45 | 48 | 42 | 48 |
| 1986 | 50 | 53 | 48 | 50 |
| 1990 | 47 | 49 | 47 | 46 |
| 1994 | 47 | -- | -- | -- |
| 2002 | 46 | 47 | 46 | 46 |
| 2004 | 47 | 52 | 47 | 49 |
| 2006 | 44 | 49 | 42 | 43 |
| 2010 | 52 | 53 | 51 | 53 |
| 2014 | 55 | 54 | 55 | 58 |
| 2016 | 55 | 56 | 53 | 57 |
| December 2016 | 53 | 51 | 52 | 55 |
| February 2018 | 56 | 59 | 55 | 56 |
| 2020 | 60 | 60 | 58 | 61 |
| 2022 | 61 | 59 | 64 | 61 |

| Q45/24. Taiwan | | | | |
|----------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 1978 | 51 | 54 | 49 | 50 |
| 1982 | 50 | 53 | 49 | 50 |
| 1986 | 52 | 52 | 51 | 52 |
| 1990 | 48 | 49 | 47 | 49 |
| 1994 | 48 | -- | -- | -- |
| 1998 | 51 | 50 | 51 | 53 |
| 2002 | 50 | 52 | 50 | 49 |
| 2014 | 52 | 51 | 53 | 52 |
| 2022 | 60 | 59 | 59 | 60 |

| Q45/28. India | | | | |
|---------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | Overall | Republican | Democrat | Independent |
| 1978 | 49 | 47 | 48 | 51 |
| 1982 | 49 | 50 | 49 | 49 |
| 1986 | 48 | 48 | 47 | 47 |
| 1990 | 48 | 49 | 47 | 49 |
| 1994 | 48 | -- | -- | -- |
| 1998 | 47 | 48 | 47 | 47 |
| 2002 | 46 | 47 | 47 | 46 |
| 2006 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 |
| 2008 | 47 | 48 | 47 | 47 |
| 2010 | 53 | 51 | 55 | 54 |
| 2014 | 53 | 53 | 52 | 55 |
| 2016 | 55 | 53 | 57 | 54 |
| 2018 | 53 | 52 | 53 | 53 |
| 2020 | 55 | 52 | 57 | 56 |
| 2022 | 54 | 52 | 55 | 55 |

Methodology

This analysis is based on data from the 2022 Chicago Council Survey of the American public on foreign policy, a project of the Lester Crown Center on US Foreign Policy. The 2022 Chicago Council Survey was conducted July 15–August 1, 2022 by Ipsos using its large-scale nationwide online research panel, KnowledgePanel, in both English and Spanish among a weighted national sample of 3,106 adults aged 18 or older living in all 50 US states and the District of Columbia. The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 1.8 percentage points. The margin of error is higher for partisan subgroups or for partial-sample items.

Partisan identification is based on how respondents answered a standard partisan self-identification question: “Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?”

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