



TO: Interested Parties
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RE: Key Findings on National Poll Results

Morning Consult conducted a national survey of 1,970 registered voters from May 16 -18, 2017. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of $\pm 2\%$.

Plurality of Voters Prefer Active Role for U.S. in World Affairs

A plurality of voters (46%) say it would be best for the future of the country if the United States takes an active part in world affairs, compared to 38% who say the U.S. should stay out of world affairs. While voters prefer the U.S. have an active role, three in four say the U.S. needs to do a better job promoting our own interests and policies that serve the American people. Similarly, a strong majority (63%) say the U.S. often gets taken advantage of on the international stage.

International Organizations Viewed Favorably, But Voters Want More U.S. Influence to Protect Our Interests

A majority of voters (52%) have a favorable impression of international organizations like the United Nations. Three in five voters (59%) say such institutions play a necessary role in the world. Only two in 10 (20%) say international organizations like the U.N. are unnecessary. However, voters are not satisfied with what international organizations are doing. Half of voters say the organizations are doing a 'just fair' or 'poor' job in solving global issues, compared to 33% who classify it as 'good' or 'excellent.'

Three in four voters (74%) say the U.S. must keep its seat at the table to make sure they are on the right track and to push back against activities that harm U.S. interests. And, given the U.S. is a major supporter of global institutions, a majority of voters (61%) say that monetary support should lead to greater influence overall. But, an overwhelming majority of voters (71%) also say the U.S. must do a better job promoting policies that benefits the country directly.

Voters Seek Accountability-Related Reforms at the United Nations

When it comes to policy, voters say the UN should prioritize reducing global conflict and improving global security (59%), as well as prompting and upholding international law and justice (55%). Structurally, three in four voters believe changes are needed at this organization, with 27% seeking major changes and 17% seeking a complete overhaul. Regarding specific reforms, voters overwhelmingly support the following:

- Greater transparency in global institution processes and decision-making to member states and stakeholders (67%)
- Increased focus on internal accountability, including more regular evaluations of international organization activities, staff performance, and adherence to core missions (66%)
- Greater accountability for activities from the United Nations and other global institutions to ensure that these activities do not harm manufacturing jobs in the United States (65%)
- Refocusing the United Nations and other international organizations on their core mandates, not on other areas that distract from those missions (64%)

Voters say the U.S. has too little influence on the UN and its agencies, especially when it comes to promoting domestic interests. A plurality (44%) say Congress and the administration should exert more influence and oversight over UN mandates that may harm manufacturing jobs in the United States, and a plurality (39%) would also be more likely to vote for an elected representative who held the UN accountable for doing so.