

YouGov Survey: Hawk-Dove Experiment

March 6 - 9, 2026 - 1,107 U.S. adult citizens



1. Would you describe yourself more as a hawk — someone who believes that military force should be used frequently to promote U.S. policy? Or would you describe yourself as more of a dove — someone who believes the U.S. should rarely or never use military force?

Asked of the half of respondents assigned to the hawk-dove wording

Completely as a hawk	6%
More as a hawk	14%
About in the middle	43%
More as a dove	27%
Completely as a dove	11%

2. Would you describe yourself more as someone who believes that military force should be used frequently to promote U.S. policy, or more as someone who believes the U.S. should rarely or never use military force?

Asked of the half of respondents assigned to the non-hawk-dove wording

Completely as someone who believes military force should be used frequently	5%
More as someone who believes military force should be used frequently	10%
About in the middle	41%
More as someone who believes military force should be used rarely	25%
Completely as someone who believes military force should be used rarely	21%

3. Would you say that you see yourself as...

Completely masculine	22%
Mostly masculine	17%
Slightly masculine	5%
Equally masculine and feminine	10%
Slightly feminine	4%
Mostly feminine	17%
Completely feminine	24%

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Number of respondents	1,107
Margin of error	± 3.9 points (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	125 questions not reported.

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1. Military Force Stance (Hawk-Dove)

Would you describe yourself more as a hawk — someone who believes that military force should be used frequently to promote U.S. policy? Or would you describe yourself as more of a dove — someone who believes the U.S. should rarely or never use military force?

Asked of the half of respondents assigned to the hawk-dove wording

	Total	Gender		Age				Race			Education	
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Completely as a hawk	6%	7%	5%	2%	7%	7%	6%	6%	*	*	7%	3%
More as a hawk	14%	18%	11%	8%	17%	11%	22%	15%	*	*	15%	14%
About in the middle	43%	39%	46%	47%	37%	48%	36%	44%	*	*	45%	38%
More as a dove	27%	28%	26%	28%	27%	23%	31%	27%	*	*	22%	35%
Completely as a dove	11%	8%	13%	15%	11%	11%	5%	7%	*	*	11%	10%
Totals	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	*	*	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(556)	(256)	(300)	(131)	(151)	(163)	(111)	(358)	(77)	(78)	(334)	(222)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Completely as a hawk	6%	1%	3%	13%	2%	10%	6%	7%	6%	3%	4%	8%	6%
More as a hawk	14%	5%	9%	31%	2%	29%	15%	11%	19%	22%	9%	10%	20%
About in the middle	43%	27%	52%	47%	31%	49%	46%	43%	34%	34%	51%	50%	30%
More as a dove	27%	53%	21%	8%	48%	10%	20%	30%	35%	25%	22%	25%	37%
Completely as a dove	11%	14%	16%	1%	18%	2%	14%	8%	7%	16%	14%	8%	7%
Totals	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(556)	(191)	(222)	(143)	(228)	(172)	(200)	(156)	(137)	(100)	(120)	(205)	(131)

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2. Military Force Stance (Non-Hawk-Dove)

Would you describe yourself more as someone who believes that military force should be used frequently to promote U.S. policy, or more as someone who believes the U.S. should rarely or never use military force?

Asked of the half of respondents assigned to the non-hawk-dove wording

	Gender		Age				Race			Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Completely as someone who believes military force should be used frequently	5%	3%	6%	9%	2%	3%	6%	6%	*	*	5%	3%
More as someone who believes military force should be used frequently	10%	9%	10%	4%	17%	11%	5%	10%	*	*	9%	10%
About in the middle	41%	41%	40%	33%	37%	45%	46%	42%	*	*	45%	30%
More as someone who believes military force should be used rarely	25%	26%	23%	27%	24%	23%	25%	25%	*	*	24%	26%
Completely as someone who believes military force should be used rarely	21%	20%	21%	26%	20%	18%	19%	17%	*	*	16%	31%
Totals	102%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	*	*	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(547)	(249)	(298)	(132)	(143)	(160)	(112)	(369)	(54)	(86)	(364)	(183)

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Completely as someone who believes military force should be used frequently	5%	2%	1%	13%	1%	8%	7%	4%	2%	*	3%	8%	3%
More as someone who believes military force should be used frequently	10%	3%	14%	9%	2%	12%	7%	19%	8%	*	5%	10%	14%
About in the middle	41%	27%	37%	60%	18%	52%	44%	32%	40%	*	50%	33%	36%
More as someone who believes military force should be used rarely	25%	31%	27%	15%	37%	18%	23%	27%	22%	*	27%	26%	24%
Completely as someone who believes military force should be used rarely	21%	38%	21%	4%	42%	9%	20%	18%	28%	*	15%	22%	23%
Totals	102%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	*	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(547)	(176)	(227)	(144)	(207)	(191)	(193)	(156)	(135)	(81)	(109)	(222)	(135)

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3. Masculinity Femininity View

Would you say that you see yourself as...

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Completely masculine	22%	44%	2%	17%	22%	22%	26%	21%	30%	21%	23%	21%
Mostly masculine	17%	35%	1%	17%	18%	19%	13%	16%	8%	21%	15%	22%
Slightly masculine	5%	9%	1%	9%	8%	2%	1%	5%	5%	6%	6%	3%
Equally masculine and feminine	10%	9%	12%	18%	11%	10%	3%	9%	17%	12%	12%	7%
Slightly feminine	4%	1%	8%	4%	5%	5%	4%	6%	1%	1%	3%	6%
Mostly feminine	17%	1%	32%	20%	19%	16%	14%	18%	14%	15%	16%	18%
Completely feminine	24%	2%	45%	16%	17%	26%	38%	26%	25%	26%	25%	23%
Totals	99%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	102%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,103)	(505)	(598)	(264)	(295)	(321)	(223)	(727)	(133)	(163)	(699)	(404)

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Mostly masculine	17%	14%	21%	14%	16%	15%	16%	16%	21%	18%	16%	14%	23%
Slightly masculine	5%	7%	4%	3%	6%	4%	4%	4%	7%	6%	5%	3%	7%
Equally masculine and feminine	10%	11%	14%	4%	11%	4%	14%	7%	8%	12%	10%	12%	7%
Slightly feminine	4%	6%	4%	3%	8%	4%	4%	6%	5%	3%	7%	3%	6%
Mostly feminine	17%	18%	20%	13%	21%	12%	16%	19%	15%	18%	18%	19%	11%
Completely feminine	24%	27%	17%	31%	23%	29%	26%	28%	18%	18%	22%	30%	21%
Totals	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,103)	(366)	(451)	(286)	(434)	(362)	(394)	(312)	(271)	(181)	(229)	(427)	(266)

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