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Why More War?

The U.S., the “Islamic State,” and Popular Support for Military Intervention

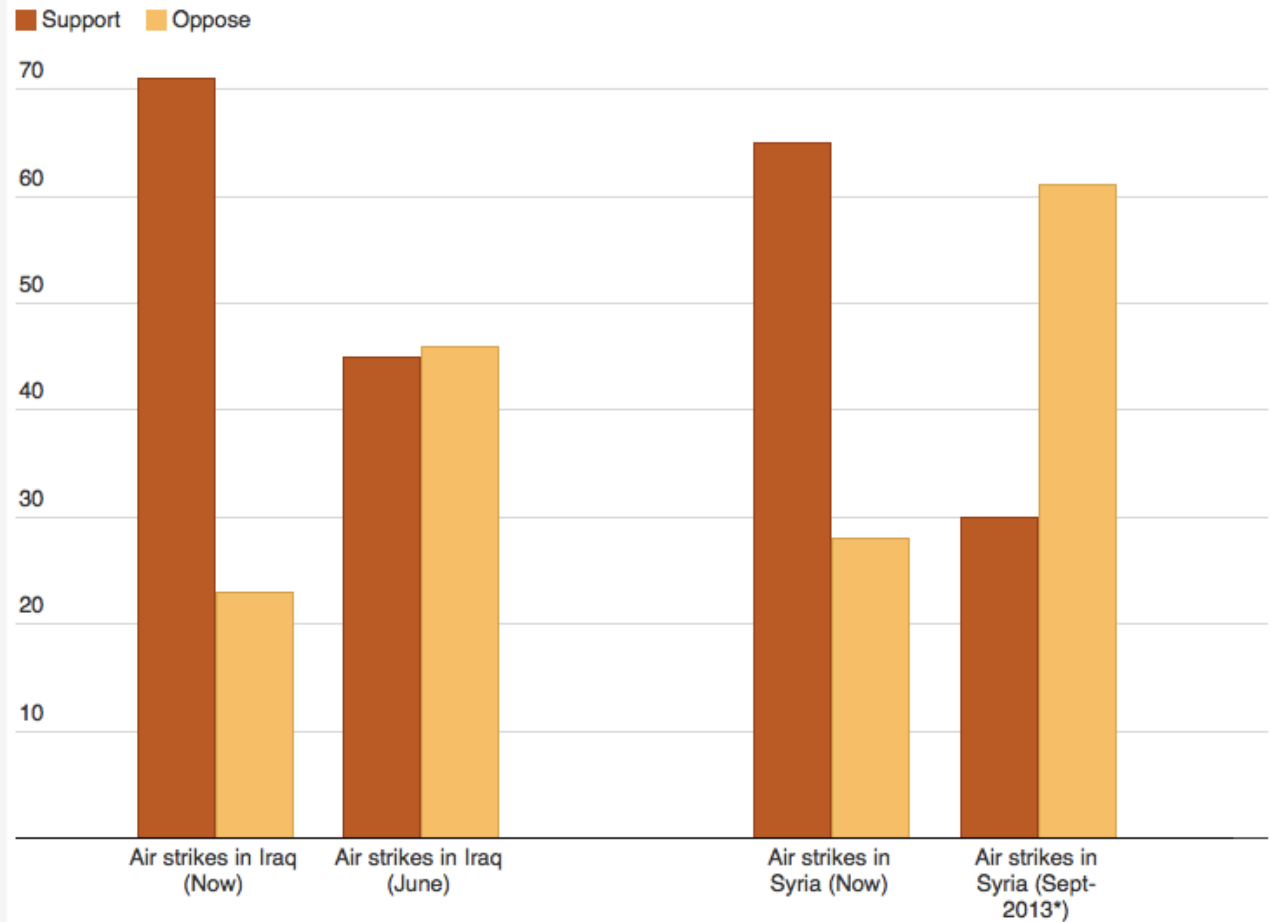
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Broad support for air strikes in Iraq and Syria

Q: Do you support or oppose U.S. air strikes against the Sunni insurgents in Iraq/Syria?



Source: [Washington Post-ABC News polls](#)

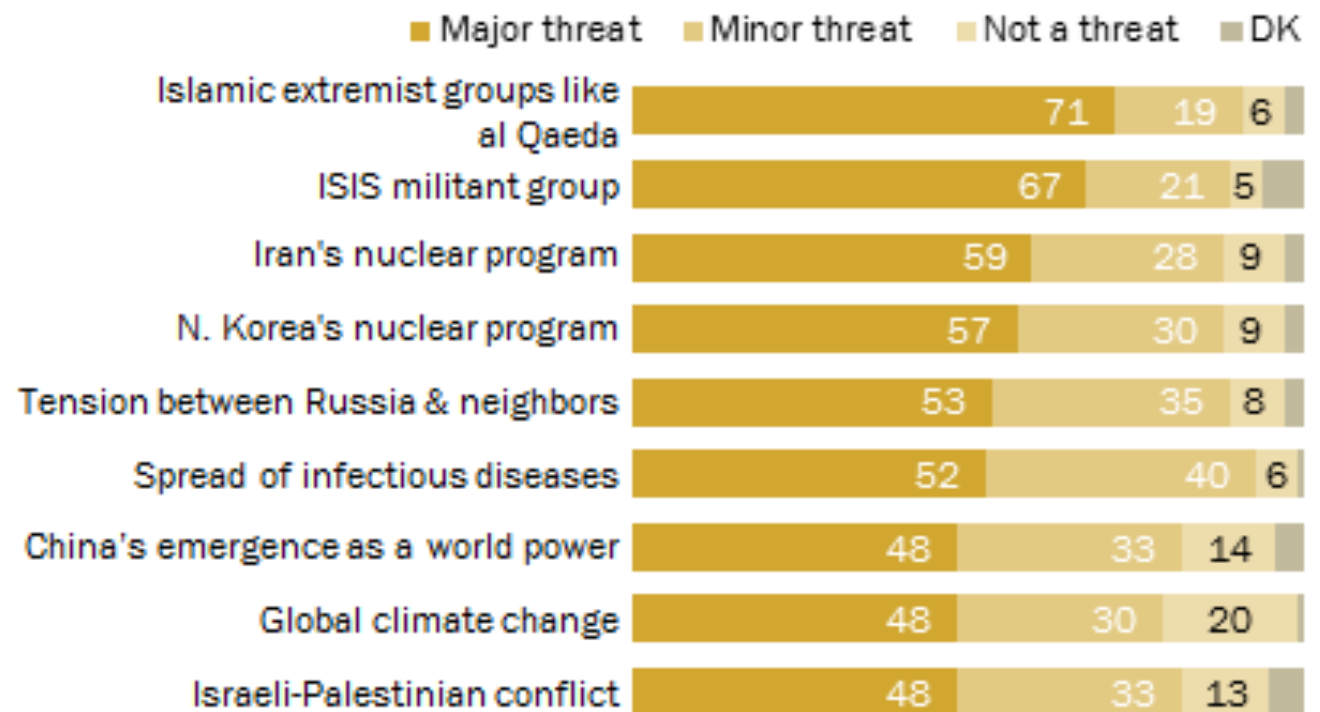
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Public's Views of Global Threats Facing the U.S.

% saying each is a ...



Survey conducted August 20-24, 2014. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

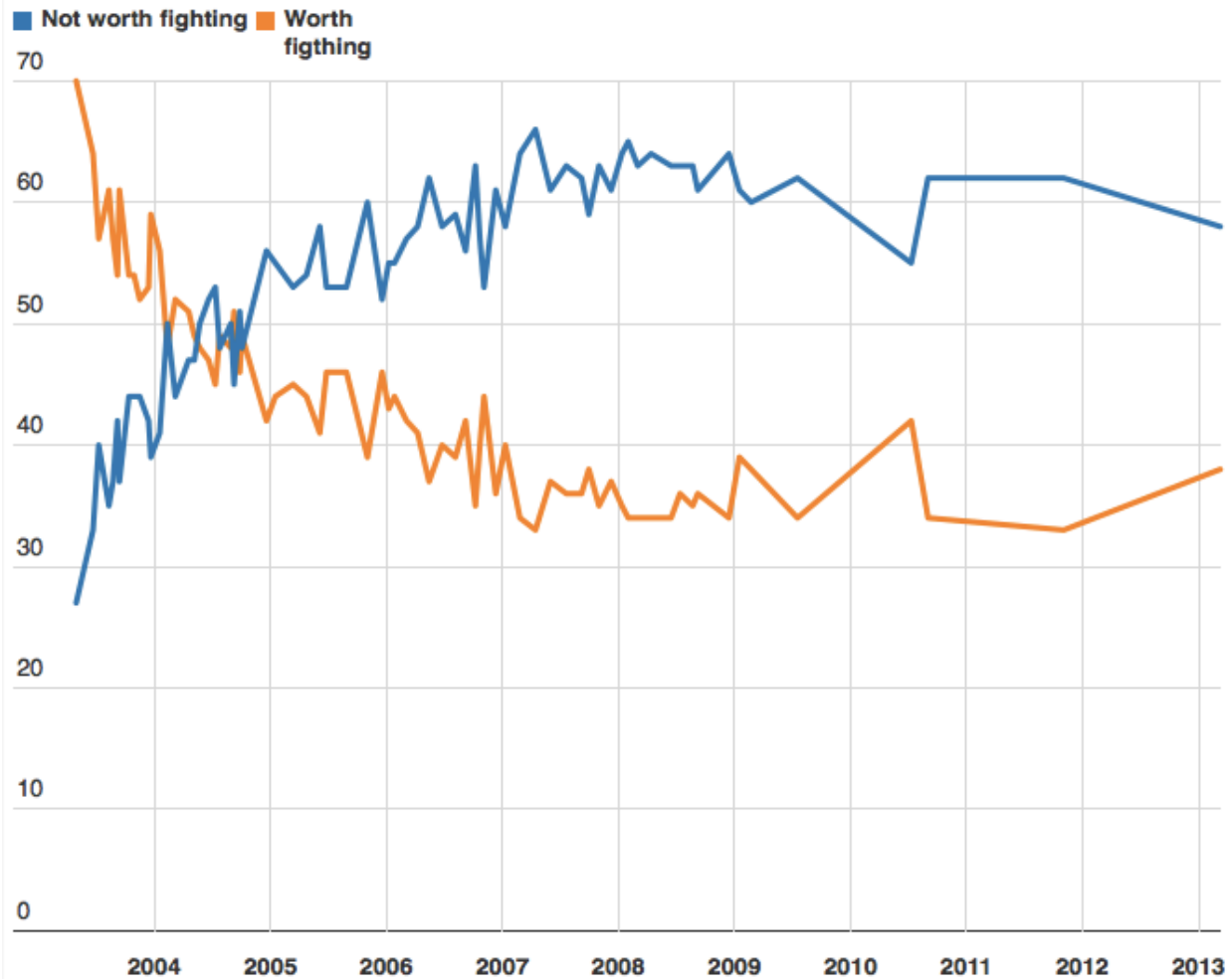
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Majorities say Iraq war not worth costs

Q: All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in Iraq was worth fighting, or not?



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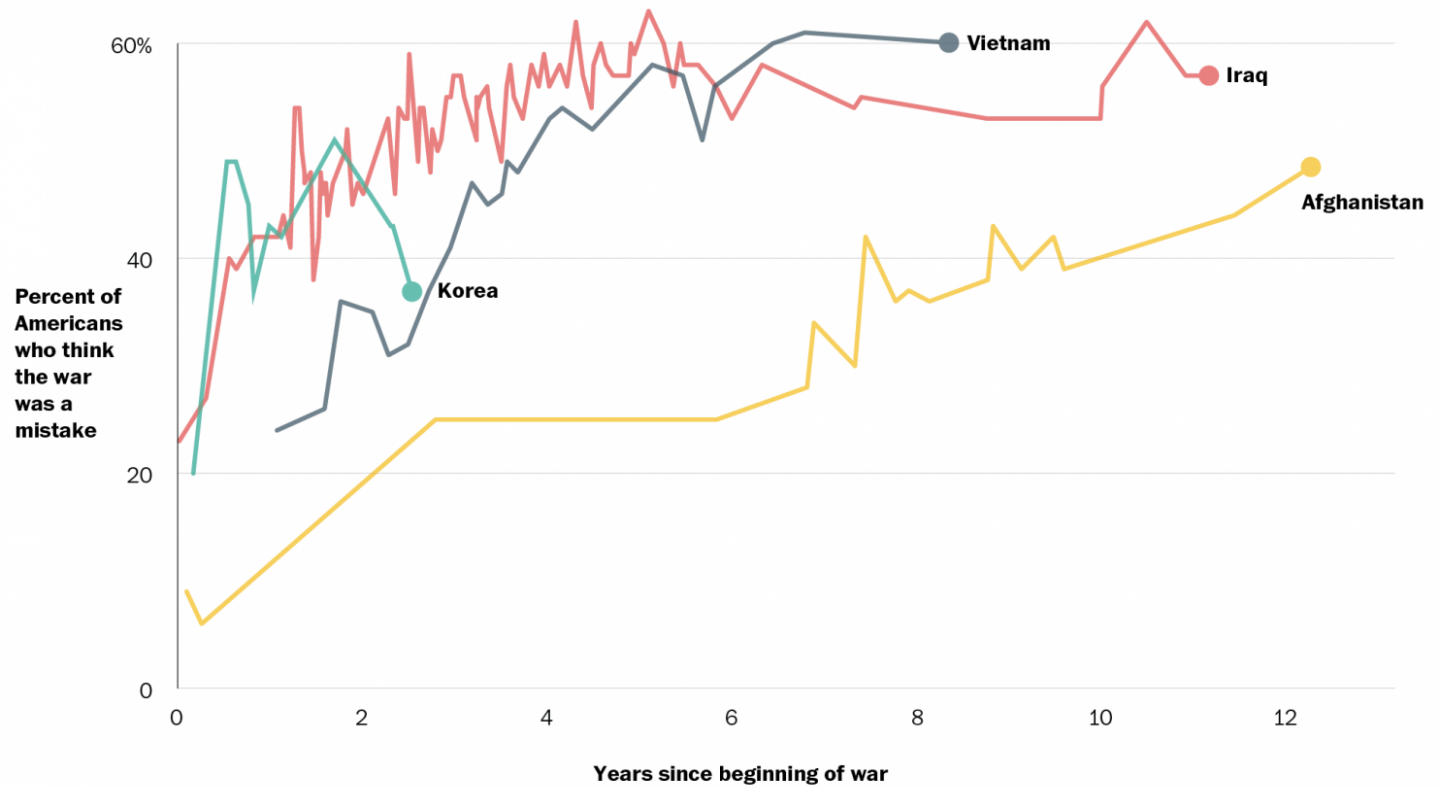
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Views of U.S. involvement in wars rarely improve over time

Q: Do you think the United States made a mistake in sending military forces to...



SOURCE: Gallup polls

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