

Most Americans Don't See Need to Increase U.S. Military



Washington, March 6 (RHC-Xinhua) -- Fifty-nine percent of Americans believe that the U.S. currently is spending either the right amount or too much on national defense, found a latest Gallup poll.

The poll conducted between February 1st and 5th, showed that 28 percent of Americans say the U.S. is spending the right amount on national defense, while 31 percent say it is spending too much.

The poll comes as newly-elected U.S. President Donald Trump vows to increase military spending in his first budget. Reports said that Trump is planning to increase the military spending by 54 billion U.S. dollars in his budget.

There is a wide partisan gap in the views on the U.S. military spending, as 62 percent of Republicans believe that the country spends too little on defense, compared to only 15 percent of Democrats who hold this view.

Trump may face some resistance to increase military spending from those wary of the continuing war in Afghanistan and the recent war in Iraq, Gallup said.



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