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U.S. Use Of Force Opposed

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A majority of the American people oppose sending U.S. troops to aid friendly countries under attack, according to a public opinion survey by Louis Harris and Associates.

The survey, conducted in December for the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations and released this month, showed that only 23 per cent of the 1500 Americans polled would send troops as well as military and economic aid if friendly countries were attacked, according to a report released by the council.

The survey also sampled opinion among 330 people designated national leaders. Thirty-four per cent of them were willing to commit troops.

The only situation in which a majority of the American public would support sending U.S. troops to aid another country is in the event Canada is invaded, in which case 77 per cent would approve and only 12 per cent would disapprove, the report said. The rest were not sure.

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