

Commentary

American Isolationism: Is it a Myth or a Reality?

Journalists, policymakers, and pundits are once again debating whether Americans have turned away from the world. Officials from both sides of the aisle warn about an “isolationism dictated by the past.”

Contrary to this conventional view, new survey results from The Chicago Council on Global Affairs show most still want the US to play an active role in the world.

As global troubles brew in Iraq, Syria and Ukraine, what kind of foreign policy do Americans want? What do they see as the most effective ways to achieve US foreign policy goals?