



TO: Interested Parties
FROM: America Safe
SUBJECT: Strong Support for U.S. Missile Defense and Confidence in Trusted Defense Contractors
DATE: September 4th, 2025

TOPLINE SUMMARY

Americans Largely Support U.S. Investment in Missile Defense Systems and President Trump’s Golden Dome Vision.

New survey data from three recent polls, among general election voters nationwide, likely Republican primary voters, and Washington-area policy influencers, show overwhelming and consistent support for U.S. investment in missile defense systems and President Trump’s vision for the Golden Dome missile defense shield. Voters across party lines and policy professionals agree: keeping America safe means investing in advanced defense technologies and relying on partners with a track record of delivering on critical national security projects.

President Trump has made the Golden Dome (also known as the Iron Dome for America) a cornerstone of his national security agenda, with the One Big Beautiful Bill including a \$25 billion investment in the project. In early August, the Pentagon **announced** that the first major test for the Golden Dome missile defense system will take place in 2028. It’s clear from three separate surveys of voters across a wide ideological and regional spectrum that there is strong support for President Trump’s national security agenda broadly and for the Golden Dome project specifically.

Our research shows that **voters strongly believe** that:

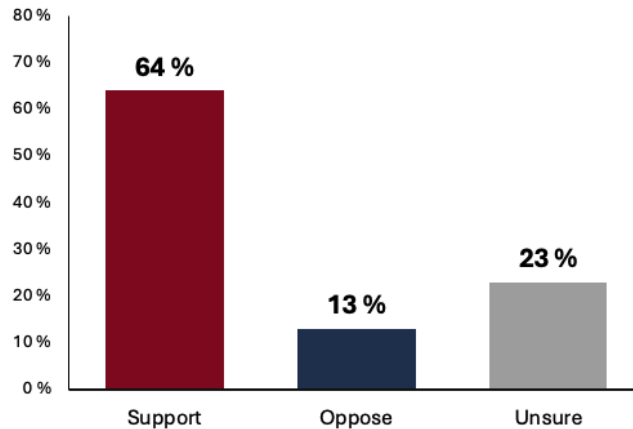
1. The Golden Dome project is an important step to support American national security,
2. This project is a sound use of taxpayer money and is worth significant investment, and
3. A project this important requires trusted and proven partners to get it done.

KEY FINDINGS

Widespread Support for Missile Defense Systems

- **83%** of general election voters support U.S. investment in advanced missile defense systems.
- Among Republican primary voters, **64% support the Golden Dome missile defense proposal**, with support holding firm even when potential costs are presented.
- **81%** of policy influencers say missile defense should be a top national security priority.

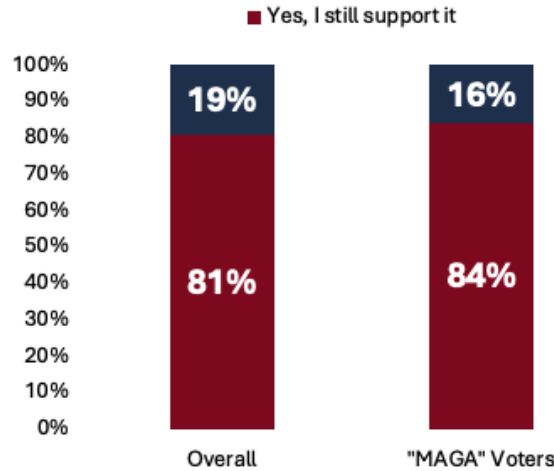
Question: Based on what you know or believe, do you support or oppose major U.S. spending on missile defense systems like the Golden Dome?



Golden Dome Proposal Commands Broad Backing

- **70%** of general election voters have heard of the Golden Dome initiative, with high levels of awareness among cable news and national media audiences.
- A majority believes it should be a **top national security priority** for the U.S. government.
- Among Republican primary voters who initially support the Golden Dome, **over 80%** say they would continue to support it even at a projected cost of \$175 billion.

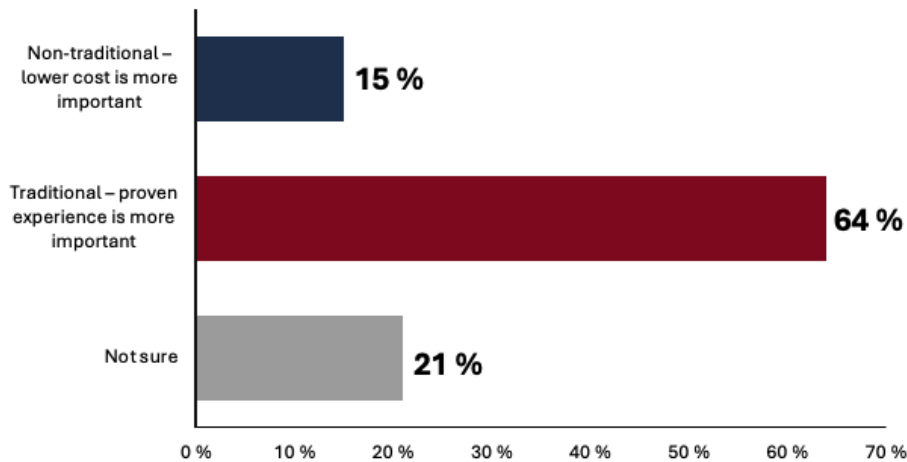
Question: Would you still support the Golden Dome project if the total cost to taxpayers could ultimately reach as high as \$175 billion over the next three years?



Confidence Lies with Traditional Defense Partners

- When asked to choose between a lower-cost newcomer and an experienced defense firm, **voters overwhelmingly favor experience and reliability:**
 - **GOP voters:** 64% prefer traditional contractors.
 - **General voters:** 59% trust established defense contractors to lead missile defense projects.
 - **Policy influencers:** 82% prefer traditional defense firms with a proven track record.

GOP Voters: Proven Track Record vs. Lower Cost



Defense-Focused Identity Builds Trust

- Across all audiences, the label “**defense contractor**” served as the most important credential, inspiring confidence in the ability to actually deliver on such a complex project.
- Voters and influencers are more likely to trust companies focused **on defense and military missions.**

Heightened Concerns About China and Foreign Adversaries

- Overall, **77%** of general election voters express concern about China’s military capabilities and global ambitions, including **40%** who are “very concerned.”
- Perception of national security threats diverge sharply along partisan lines:
 - A majority of Republicans identify China as the greatest threat, and
 - A majority of Democrats cite Russia.

CONCLUSION

Whether among voters or policy experts, the sentiment is clear: the United States must continue investing in missile defense and rely on trusted, proven partners to deliver, especially in the face of growing threats from foreign adversaries like China. The Golden Dome proposal has captured national attention and is backed by a strong bipartisan majority. Experience, credibility, and a defense-first mission continue to define public confidence in the companies entrusted with America’s security.

METHODOLOGY

Likely General Election Voters Survey – Nationwide (n=1,000)

n=1,000 likely GOP Primary voters between June 12th – 13th, 2025 via internet panel.

Respondents were selected through random sampling methods designed to ensure that every individual in the target population had a known, non-zero chance of selection. The panel was recruited and administered online. The data were weighted using iterative raking techniques to align with the latest U.S. Census benchmarks for age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, and region. These weights adjust for any differences between the sample and the national population to ensure representativeness.

The survey has a margin of error of ± 3.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. This margin accounts for the expected range of sampling error in survey estimates based on a sample size of n=1,000.

Likely GOP Primary Voters Survey – Nationwide (n=800)

n=800 likely GOP Primary voters between July 28th – 29th, 2025 via internet panel.

Respondents were selected through random sampling methods designed to ensure that every individual in the target population had a known, non-zero chance of selection. The panel was recruited and administered online. The data were weighted using iterative raking techniques to align with the latest U.S. Census benchmarks for age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, and region. These weights adjust for any differences between the sample and the national population to ensure representativeness.

The survey has a margin of error of ± 3.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. This margin accounts for the expected range of sampling error in survey estimates based on a sample size of $n=800$.

Policy Influencer Survey (n=161)

Audience: Public policy influencers in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including professionals working in public policy, government affairs, lobbying, communications, and legislative research. Participants were required to confirm that they are involved in influencing, advising on, or shaping public policy at the federal, state, or local level.

Sample Size: N = 161 respondents

Field Dates: August 3–5, 2025

Geographic Distribution: 49% Virginia; 40% Maryland; 11% Washington, D.C.

Recruitment: Respondents were recruited through a national, double-opt-in online panel with verified professional backgrounds. Screening criteria ensured active engagement in policy-related roles and excluded general public or non-influencer respondents. Email invitations and digital outreach were used to target professionals meeting occupational and geographic criteria.