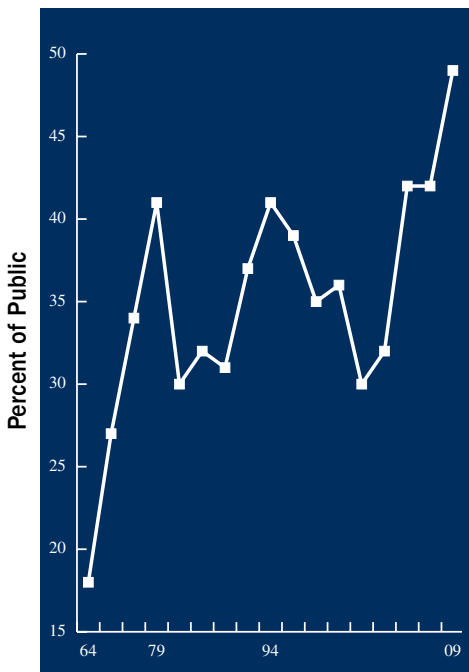


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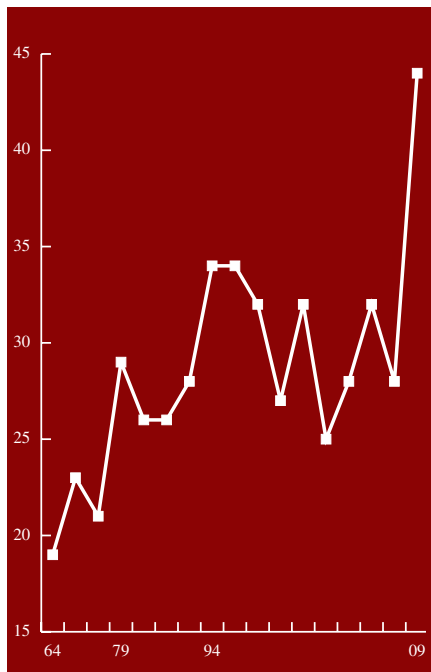
Americans are in a cranky mood, apprehensive about their role in global affairs. They have turned inward and become impatient with world engagement. So concludes “America’s Place in the World,” a quadrennial survey by the Pew Research Center in conjunction with the Council on Foreign Relations. For the first time in 45 years, a plurality (49 percent) said the US should “mind its own business”

(Figure 1). At the same time, 44 percent—a record—said we should “go our own way” in the world (Figure 2), while 76 percent said we should “concentrate more on our own national problems” (Figure 3). “There has been a sharp rise in isolationist sentiment among the public,” said the survey, but it noted that Americans, by a wide majority (57 percent), want America to remain the world’s superpower.

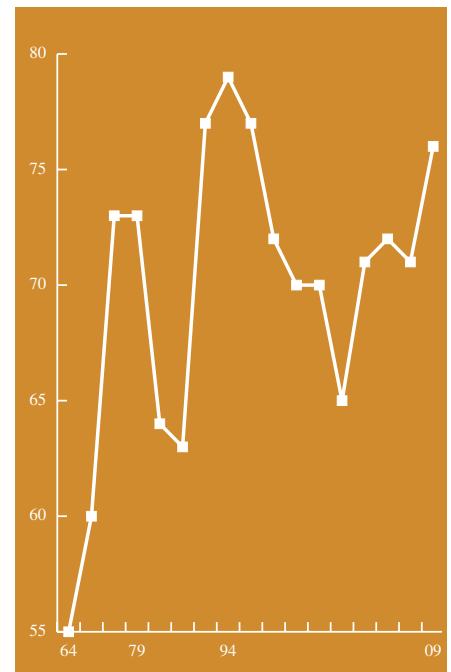
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Source: “America’s Place in the World 2009,” Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, in association with the Council on Foreign Relations, December 2009.