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### [Foreign Policy Experts Agree With Ron Paul](#)

A growing number of foreign policy experts are agreeing with Texas congressman Ron Paul's controversial views on American foreign policy, which have alienated Republicans who otherwise agree with the presidential hopeful.

[Christopher Preble](#), vice president for defense and foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute, [told ABC News](#) that Paul is right when he says the United States does not need a massive military presence across the globe. Outside of terrorist threats, America is safe due to its geography and huge stockpile of nuclear weapons, he said.

Preble added that the US military is being used in conflicts that have little to no national interest, such as the Iraq war, and credits Paul with being an outspoken critic of the invasion back in 2003.

In addition to being against the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Middle East, Paul has [condemned](#) the killing of Al Qaeda terrorist leader Anwar Al-Awlaki as unconstitutional, [blasted the United Nations](#) as undermining national sovereignty, and [advocated free trade over sanctions](#) with nations like Iran and Cuba.

During a *CBS/NJ GOP* debate on Saturday night, Paul said it was not worth going to war against Iran to prevent the Islamic republic from obtaining a nuclear weapon; torture, including waterboarding, is immoral and illegal; and covert operations to destabilize and overthrow the Syrian government would be a "mistake."

Paul has also [condemned](#) US President Barack Obama as "irrational" for calling on "our close friend" Israel to move back to its pre-1967 borders.

While many conservative and Republican pundits, such as talk radio hosts [Rush Limbaugh](#) and [Sean Hannity](#), openly embrace Paul's fiscal policies, they roundly condemn the conservative-libertarian for his views on American foreign policy.

[Harvey Sapolsky](#), emeritus professor of public policy and organization at MIT, believes Paul's views on foreign policy are not popular among Republicans because "he's attacking our rich lazy friends."

The hundreds of US military bases across the globe are "not in America's interest," said Sapolsky, who added that despite the drumbeat in the media over the fear of terrorism, America is the safest it has ever been in its history.

Sapolsky added that Paul is “easily dismissed as a crank” because he not as articulate a speaker on these issues as he should be.