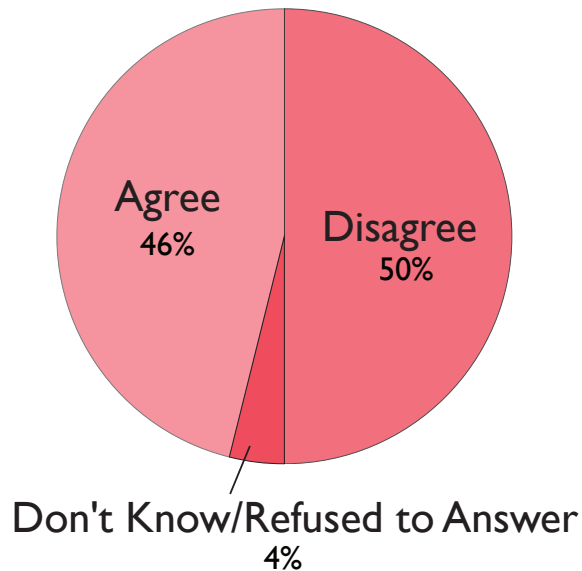


# isolationism

Consider the pie chart below, which shows the results of a question from a May 2011 poll about America's place in the world. Respondents were asked whether they agree that the U.S. should “mind its own business internationally and let other countries get along the best they can on their own.” Then read the quote that follows from George Washington.



Adapted from Pew Research Center. (2011). *Pew Research Center for the people and the press poll Q.04D*. Retrieved from <http://www.people-press.org/question-search/?qid=1787448&pid=51&ccid=51>

“I am for free commerce with all nations, political connection with none, and little or no **dip-lomatic** establishment.” — George Washington

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The chart and the quote reflect views on **isolationism** from two points in history. Given Washington's quote, how do you think he would respond to the poll question? Why?