## The Chart Page

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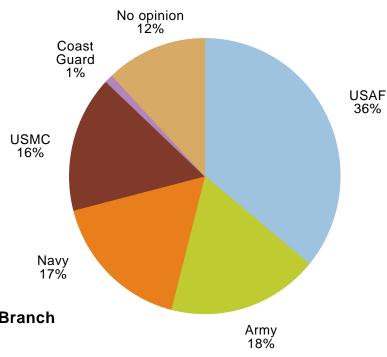
## **Americans Rate the Military Branches**

The Gallup News Service reported May 23 that more than one-third of Americans view the Air Force as the service that is most important to national defense. No other service came close, according to the Gallup poll.

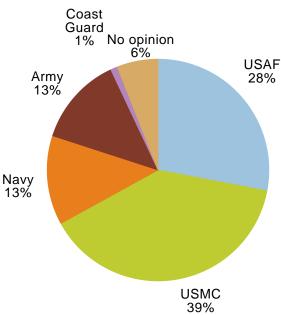
For prestige, though, Americans put the Marine Corps at the top. USAF was second. Both the Marine Corps and the Air Force far surpassed the Army and Navy.

Age made a difference. Those age 30 or older placed the Air Force far ahead of the other services in level of importance, according to the poll.

## **Most Important Military Branch**



Most Prestigious Military Branch



Source: Gallup News Service