



## Nearly 80% of Americans Support Military Right to Repair Provisions June 2026

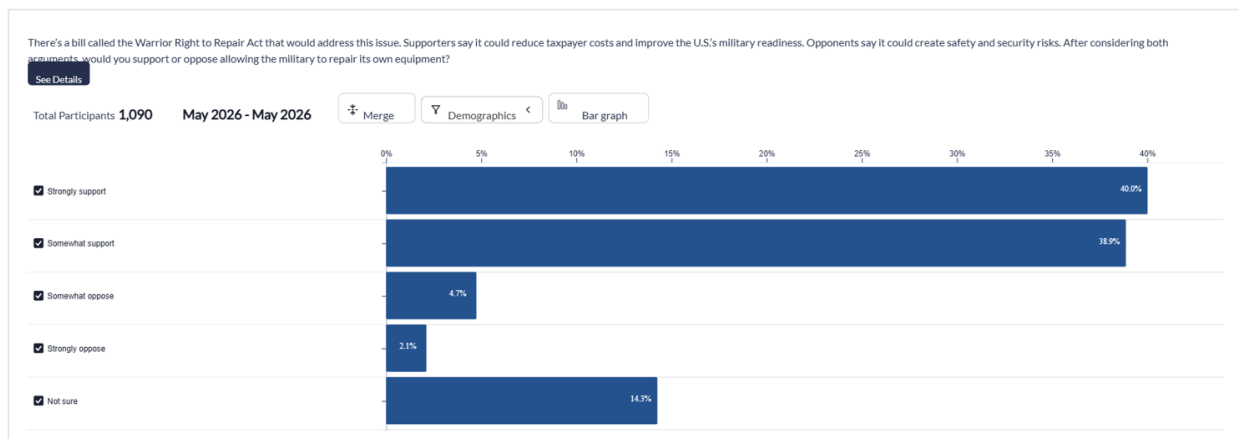
*New national polling shows Americans strongly believe the military should have the ability to repair their own equipment, highlights ongoing concerns over how defense decisions are made and impacts on military readiness.*

### Overview

As policymakers consider adding Military Right to Repair provisions into the upcoming NDAA, the Specialty Equipment Market Association conducted a national survey of 1,090 voters. The data reveals an overwhelming, unambiguous public mandate: Americans strongly believe the U.S. military should have the right to repair its own equipment. While baseline awareness of current contractor restrictions is low, voters express deep concern over both taxpayer costs and defense contractor lobbying, along with impacts on military readiness once informed. Furthermore, there is robust support for Congress to pass the Military Right to Repair Act, and for opening repair contracts to qualified small businesses, including those in the automotive aftermarket.

### Low Initial Awareness, High Support Post-Education

The restrictions placed on the U.S. military represents a “silent issue” for most Americans, but one that quickly builds intense support upon explanation. Before the survey, 76.5% of voters were unaware that contract rules restrict military units from repairing their own equipment. After learning about contract limits and solutions like the Warrior Right to Repair Act, 78.9% of voters supported the military’s ability to repair their own equipment.



### Significant Bipartisan Support

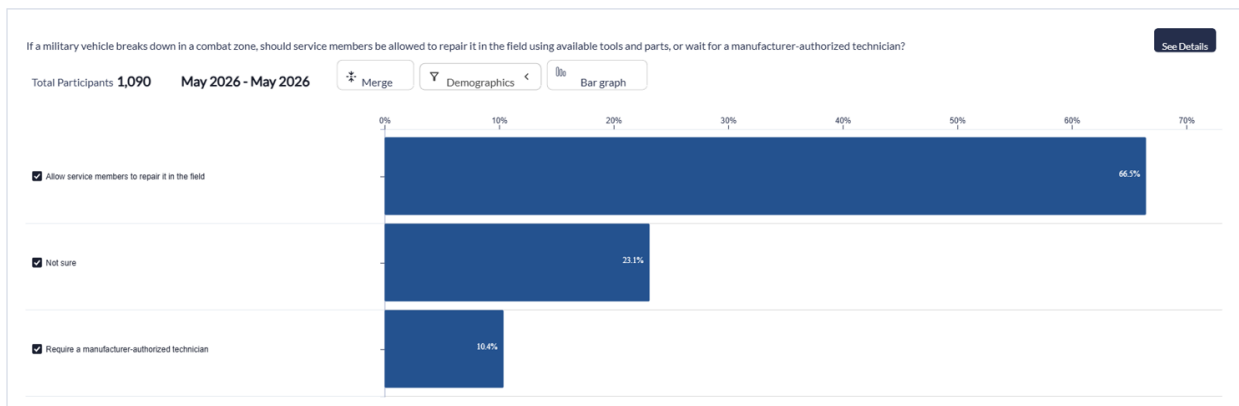
In an era of deep political polarization, Military Right to Repair serves as a unifying issue that transcends party lines. Results show robust support across the political spectrum,

with 84.1% of Republicans, 78.2% of Democrats and 76.2% of Independents in support of allowing the military to repair its own equipment.

	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	48.9%	36.6%	34.1%
Somewhat support	35.2%	41.6%	42.1%
Somewhat oppose	3.5%	5.4%	5.9%
Strongly oppose	1.3%	3.6%	1.9%
Not sure	11.2%	12.8%	15.9%

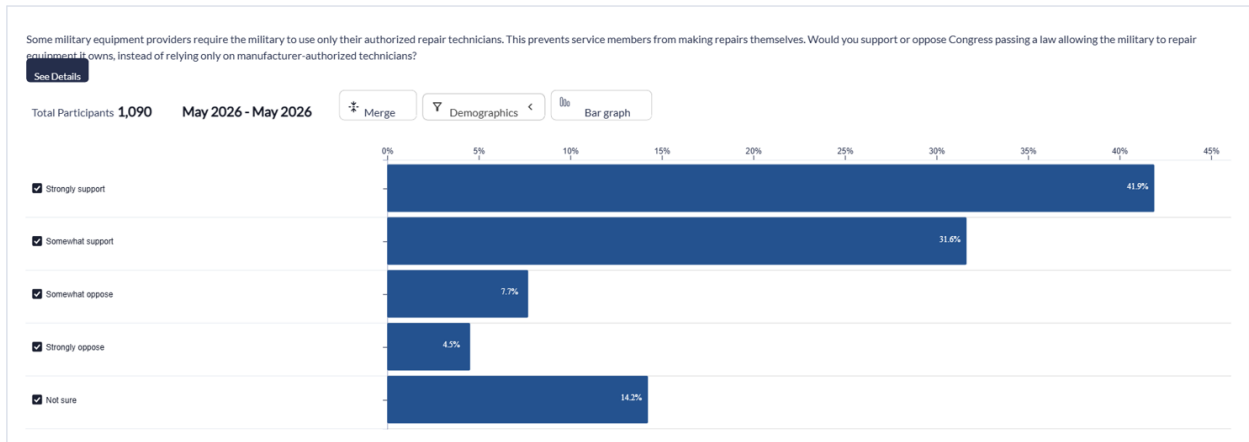
### Common Sense in the Combat Zone

When presented with a realistic operational scenario, the public overwhelmingly favors operational readiness over manufacturer or contractual procedures. 66.5% believe if a military vehicle breaks down in a combat zone, service members should be allowed to repair it in the field. Only 10% believe they should have to wait for manufacturer-authorized technicians.



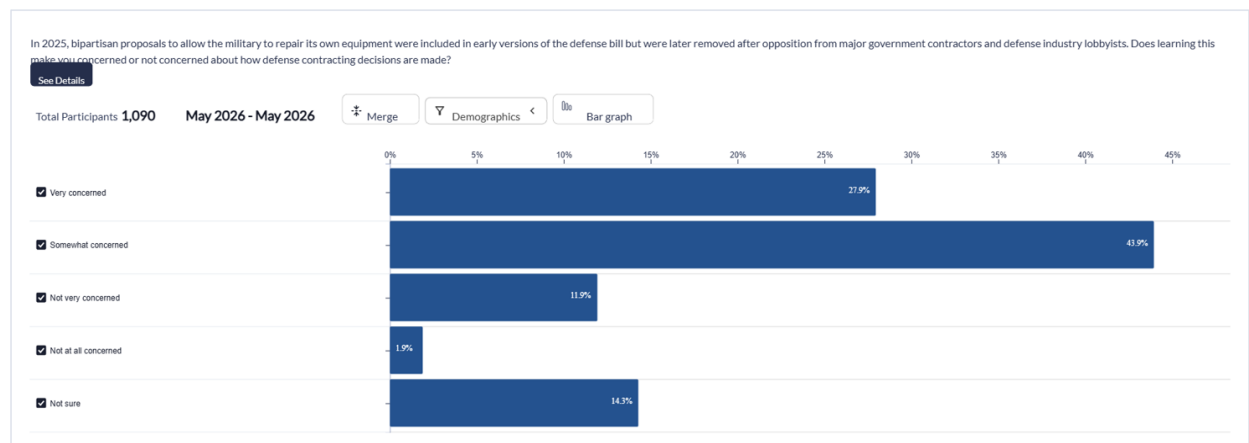
### Overwhelming Support for Legislative Intervention

Voters strongly back congressional action to dismantle manufacturer-imposed repair monopolies. When asked about the Warrior Right to Repair Act, 73.5% of voters said they would support the legislation. Only 12.2% said they would oppose Congress passing military repair provisions.



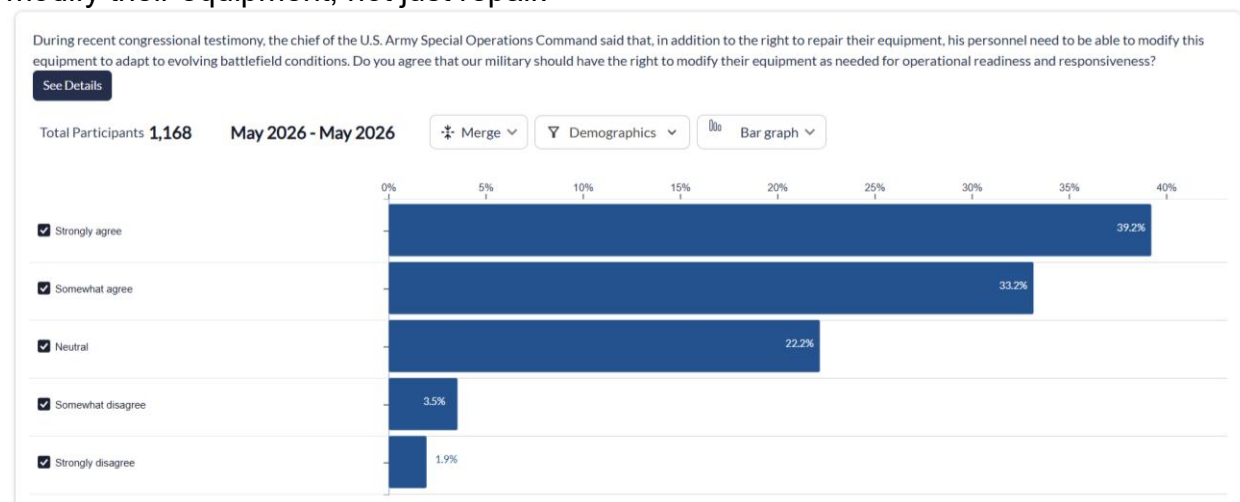
## Opposition to Defense Industry Efforts

Respondents were informed that bipartisan 2025 military repair proposals were stripped from the defense bill following defense industry lobbying. In response, 71.8% expressed concern over how defense contracting decisions are made.



## Support For Modifications on the Battlefield

When presented with the necessity of adapting equipment to evolving battlefield conditions, **72.4%** of voters agree that military personnel should have the authority to modify their equipment, not just repair.



## Key Takeaways

The data demonstrates that Military Right to Repair is a highly potent, widely supported issue among Democrats and Republicans alike. The narrative is straightforward and commands immediate public sympathy: supporting the troops by letting them fix their own equipment, protecting taxpayer dollars and cutting through insider defense lobbying.

Supporters of the Warrior Right to Repair Act possess a clear mandate to press their issue legislatively. The opposition's talking points regarding safety and security fail to overcome the public's foundational belief in military self-reliance and basic fiscal responsibility.

## Methodology

- The survey was commissioned by the Specialty Equipment Market Association from May 14-17, with a +/- 2.9% margin of error. The survey sample was 1,090, with the exception of the question on modification, for which the sample size was 1,168.
- This survey was conducted online by *occam*<sup>™</sup> by AlphaROC, All Rights Reserved.
- The survey was powered by AlphaROC, which is the data science company behind *occam*, a machine learning-powered market research platform. The proprietary *occam*<sup>™</sup> research platform uses advanced AI algorithms to ensure limited sampling bias (<1%), reaching over 1,000 respondents per day.

## About SEMA

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