



IW Russia-Ukraine War_Democrat

Survey Results

Prepared by Independent Women

The Russia-Ukraine War Survey was conducted by online interview among a nationwide random sample of 1,000 registered voters from May 18–19, 2026. Results are weighted and reported at a 95% confidence level with a margin of error of ± 3.1 percentage points. Some percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

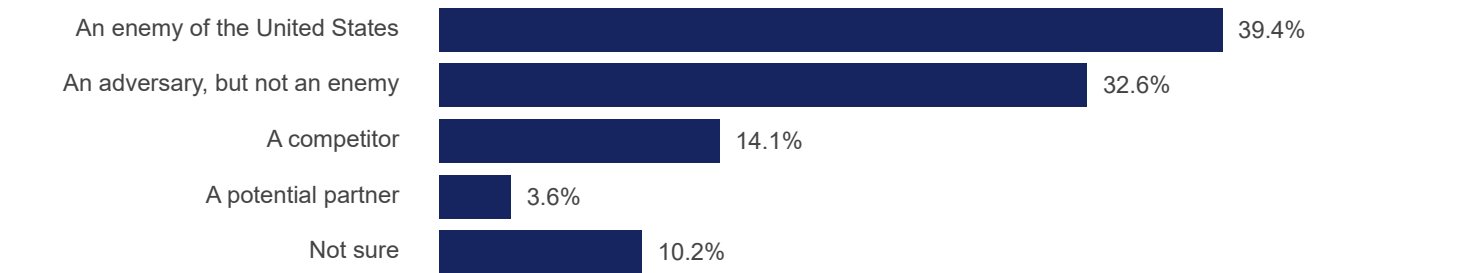
IW Russia-Ukraine War_Democrat

Survey Results

Q1 : View of Russia

Which best describes your current view of Russia?

Sample Size: 344

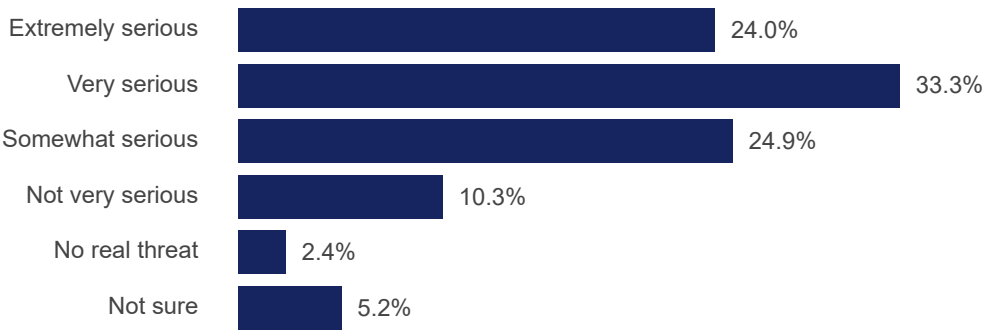


Value	Frequency	Percent
An enemy of the United States	136	39.4%
An adversary, but not an enemy	112	32.6%
A competitor	48	14.1%
A potential partner	12	3.6%
Not sure	35	10.2%
Total	344	100%

Q2 : Russia Threat Level

How serious of a threat do you believe Russia poses to the United States and its allies today?

Sample Size: 344

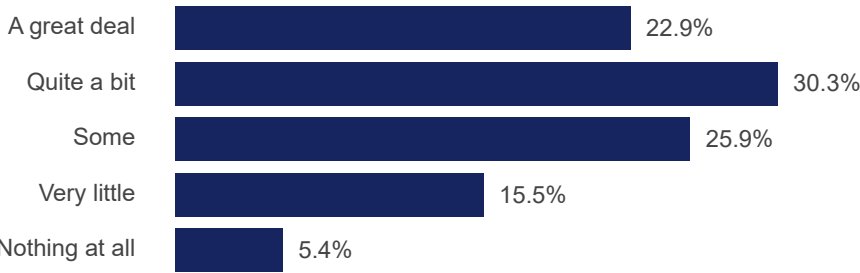


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious	83	24.0%
Very serious	115	33.3%
Somewhat serious	86	24.9%
Not very serious	35	10.3%
No real threat	8	2.4%
Not sure	18	5.2%
Total	344	100%

Q3 : Awareness of Russia's Actions

How much would you say you've heard recently about Russia’s actions against Ukraine and the United States?

Sample Size: 344

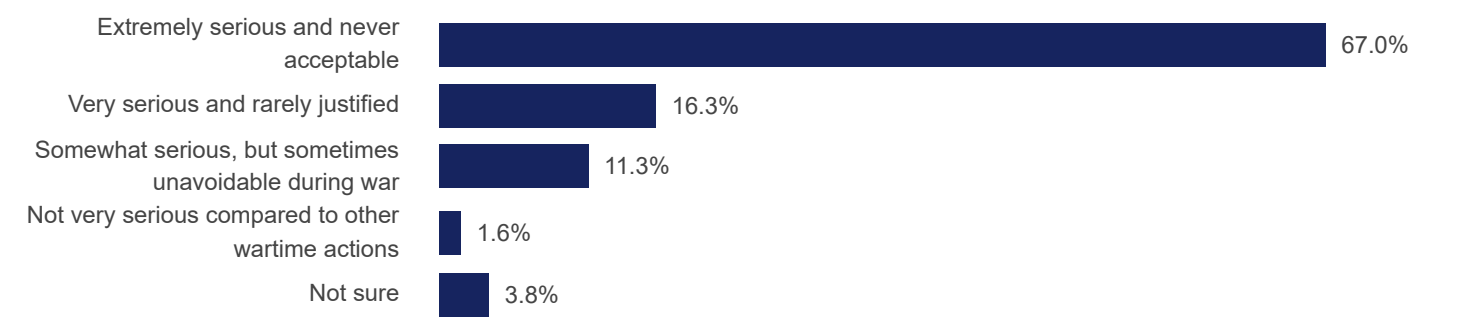


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	79	22.9%
Quite a bit	104	30.3%
Some	89	25.9%
Very little	53	15.5%
Nothing at all	19	5.4%
Total	344	100%

Q4 : Civilian Targeting Seriousness

In general, when countries deliberately attack civilians during wartime — targeting children, the elderly, hospitals, and residential neighborhoods — how serious do you consider that to be?

Sample Size: 344



Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious and never acceptable	230	67.0%
Very serious and rarely justified	56	16.3%
Somewhat serious, but sometimes unavoidable during war	39	11.3%
Not very serious compared to other wartime actions	6	1.6%
Not sure	13	3.8%
Total	344	100%

Q5 : Rape as Weapon Acceptability

Do you believe the use of rape and sexual violence as a weapon of war is:

Sample Size: 344

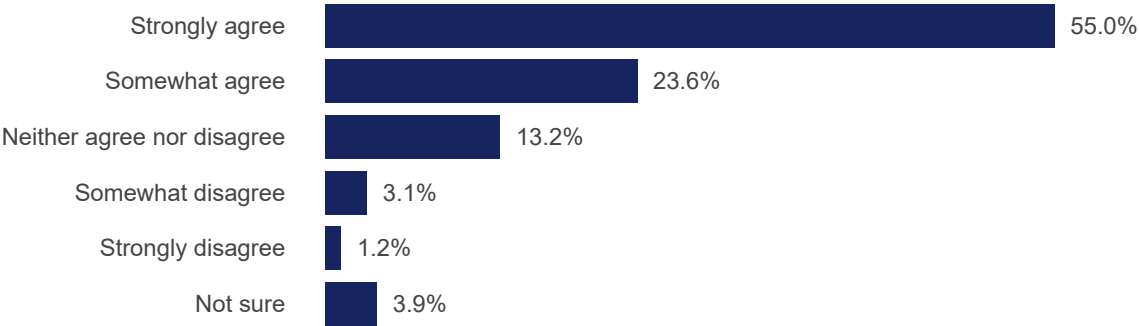


Value	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	291	84.6%
Sometimes unavoidable in war	39	11.3%
Not sure	14	4.1%
Total	344	100%

Q6 : Agree: Cyberattacks Are Serious Threat

Russian-linked cyberattacks on American hospitals, power grids, and financial institutions are a serious threat to the United States.

Sample Size: 344

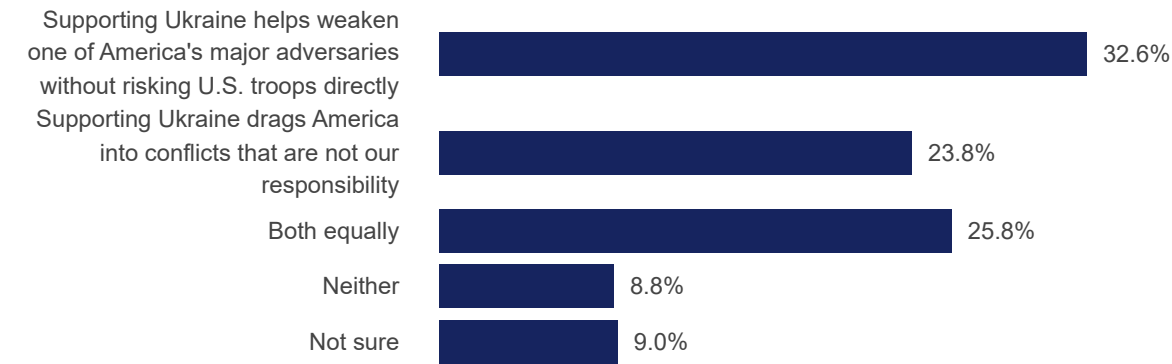


Value	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	189	55.0%
Somewhat agree	81	23.6%
Neither agree nor disagree	45	13.2%
Somewhat disagree	11	3.1%
Strongly disagree	4	1.2%
Not sure	13	3.9%
Total	344	100%

Q7 : View of U.S. Support for Ukraine

Which comes closer to your view on U.S. support for Ukraine?

Sample Size: 344

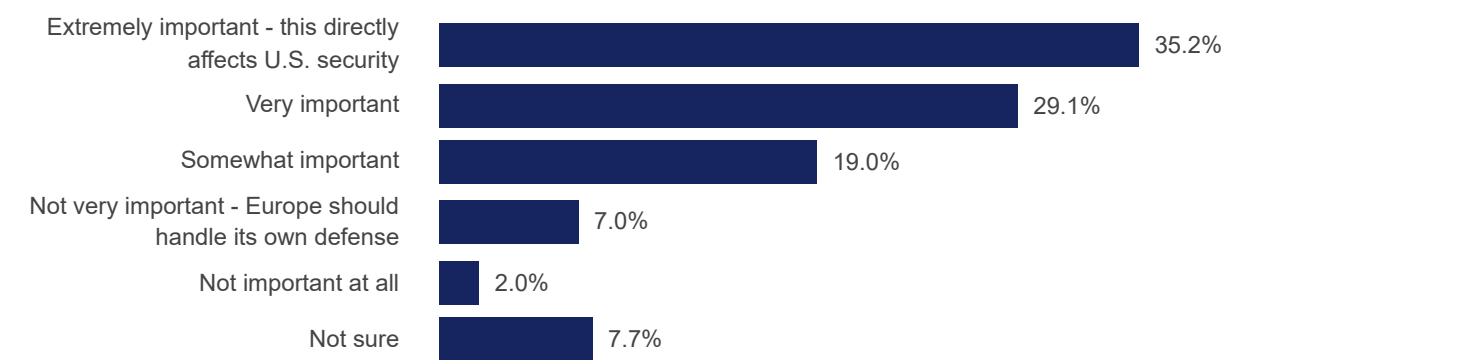


Value	Frequency	Percent
Supporting Ukraine helps weaken one of America’s major adversaries without risking U.S. troops directly	112	32.6%
Supporting Ukraine drags America into conflicts that are not our responsibility	82	23.8%
Both equally	89	25.8%
Neither	30	8.8%
Not sure	31	9.0%
Total	344	100%

Q8 : Importance of NATO Deterrence in Europe

How important is it to you that the United States maintains a strong military deterrent posture in Europe to prevent Russia from expanding its aggression beyond Ukraine?

Sample Size: 344

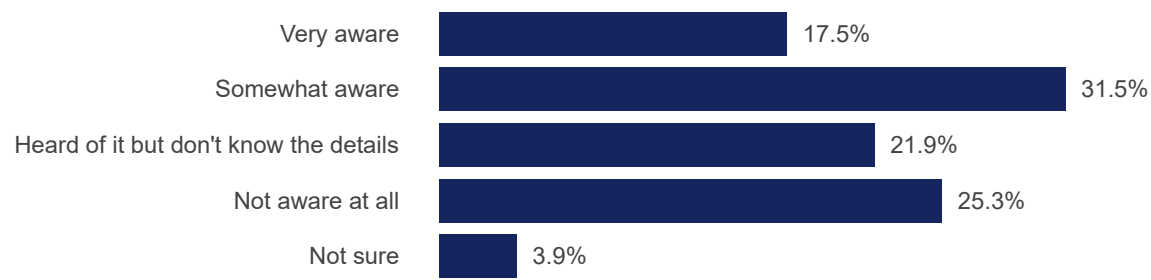


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely important - this directly affects U.S. security	121	35.2%
Very important	100	29.1%
Somewhat important	65	19.0%
Not very important - Europe should handle its own defense	24	7.0%
Not important at all	7	2.0%
Not sure	27	7.7%
Total	344	100%

Q9 : Aware: Civilian Casualties Rising

The United Nations confirmed that 2025 was the deadliest year for Ukrainian civilians since Russia's invasion began — with over 2,500 civilians killed and more than 12,000 injured, representing a 31% increase over 2024 and 70% higher than 2023.

Sample Size: 344

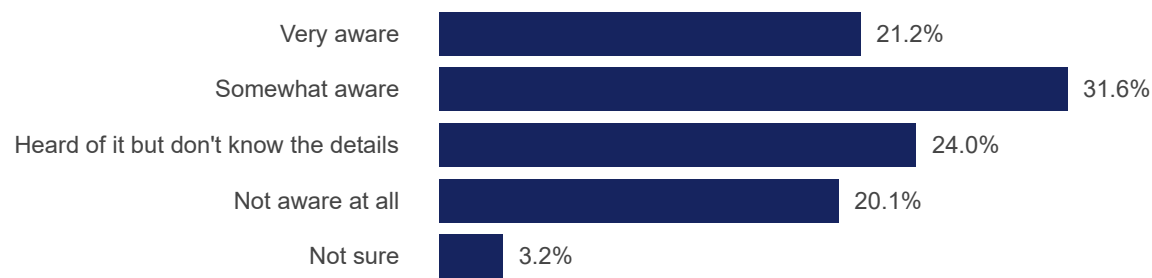


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	60	17.5%
Somewhat aware	108	31.5%
Heard of it but don't know the details	75	21.9%
Not aware at all	87	25.3%
Not sure	13	3.9%
Total	344	100%

Q10 : Aware: Drone Attacks on Civilians

Russian drone attacks on Ukrainian civilians increased by 120% in 2025 alone, deliberately targeting neighborhoods, evacuation volunteers, and residential areas far from the front lines.

Sample Size: 344

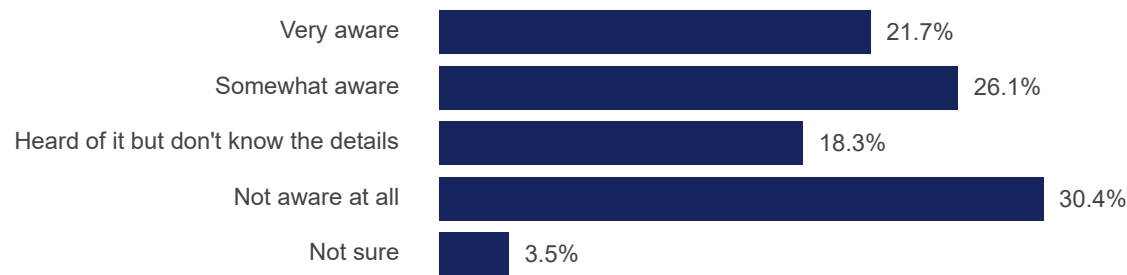


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	73	21.2%
Somewhat aware	109	31.6%
Heard of it but don't know the details	83	24.0%
Not aware at all	69	20.1%
Not sure	11	3.2%
Total	344	100%

Q11 : Aware: Rape as Weapon of War

Russia uses rape and sexual violence as a systematic weapon of war against Ukrainian women and girls.

Sample Size: 344

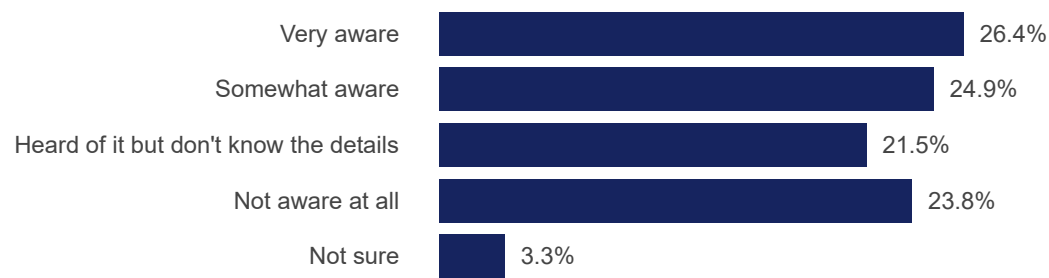


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	75	21.7%
Somewhat aware	90	26.1%
Heard of it but don't know the details	63	18.3%
Not aware at all	105	30.4%
Not sure	12	3.5%
Total	344	100%

Q12 : Aware: Children Forcibly Relocated

Russia has forcibly taken and relocated hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian children to Russia, removing them from their families and homeland.

Sample Size: 344

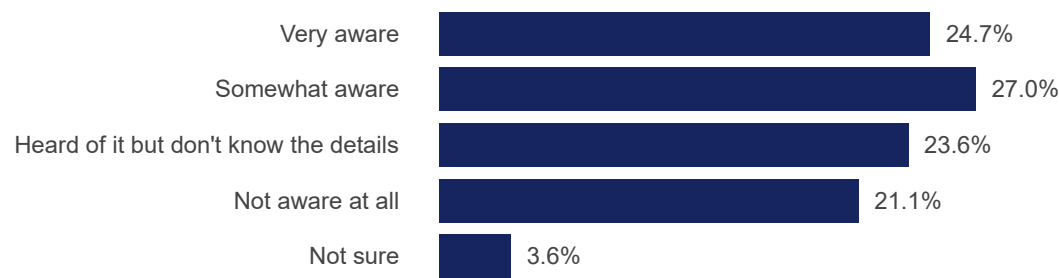


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	91	26.4%
Somewhat aware	86	24.9%
Heard of it but don't know the details	74	21.5%
Not aware at all	82	23.8%
Not sure	11	3.3%
Total	344	100%

Q13 : Aware: Cyberattacks on U.S.

Russian-linked hackers have conducted cyberattacks against American power grids, hospitals, water systems, and financial institutions.

Sample Size: 344

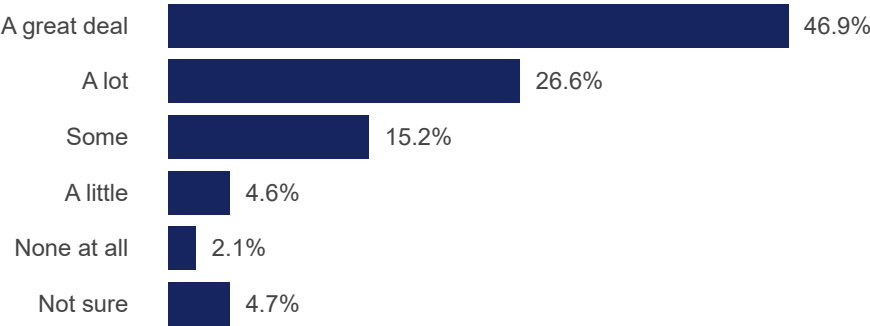


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	85	24.7%
Somewhat aware	93	27.0%
Heard of it but don't know the details	81	23.6%
Not aware at all	72	21.1%
Not sure	12	3.6%
Total	344	100%

Q14 : Outrage: Civilian Casualties Rising

The United Nations confirmed that 2025 was the deadliest year for Ukrainian civilians since Russia's invasion began — with over 2,500 civilians killed and more than 12,000 injured, representing a 31% increase over 2024 and 70% higher than 2023.

Sample Size: 344

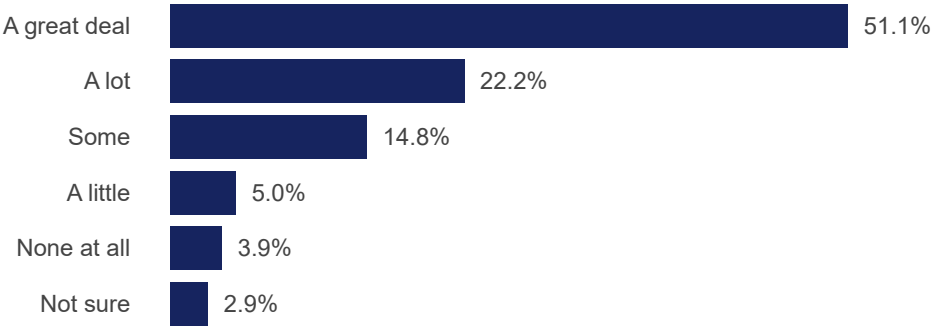


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	161	46.9%
A lot	91	26.6%
Some	52	15.2%
A little	16	4.6%
None at all	7	2.1%
Not sure	16	4.7%
Total	344	100%

Q15 : Outrage: Drone Attacks on Civilians

Russian drone attacks on Ukrainian civilians increased by 120% in 2025 alone, deliberately targeting neighborhoods, evacuation volunteers, and residential areas far from the front lines.

Sample Size: 344

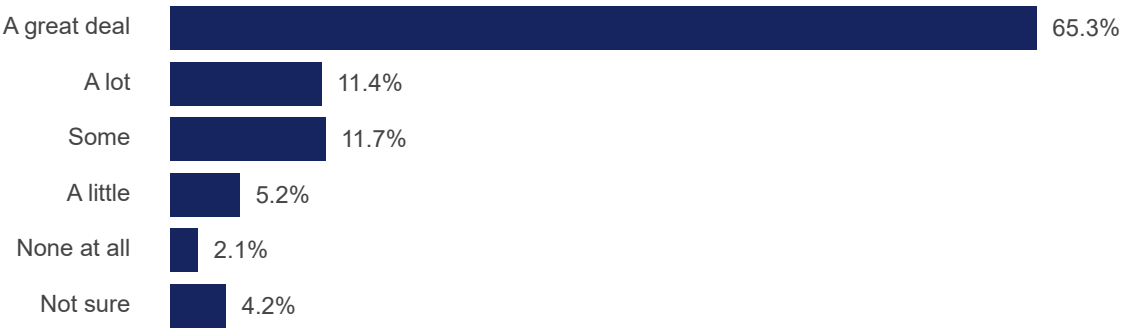


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	176	51.1%
A lot	76	22.2%
Some	51	14.8%
A little	17	5.0%
None at all	14	3.9%
Not sure	10	2.9%
Total	344	100%

Q16 : Outrage: Rape as Weapon of War

Russia uses rape and sexual violence as a systematic weapon of war against Ukrainian women and girls.

Sample Size: 344

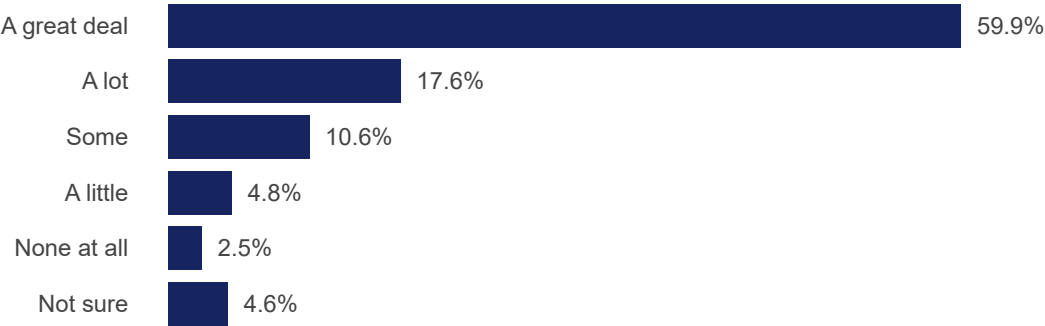


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	225	65.3%
A lot	39	11.4%
Some	40	11.7%
A little	18	5.2%
None at all	7	2.1%
Not sure	15	4.2%
Total	344	100%

Q17 : Outrage: Children Forcibly Relocated

Russia has forcibly taken and relocated hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian children to Russia, removing them from their families and homeland.

Sample Size: 344

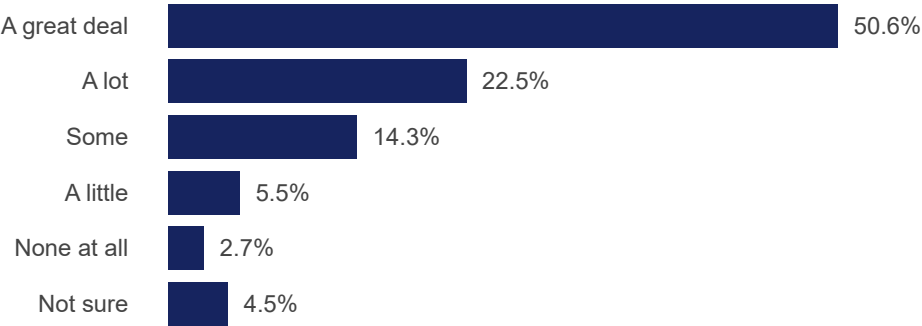


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	206	59.9%
A lot	60	17.6%
Some	37	10.6%
A little	17	4.8%
None at all	9	2.5%
Not sure	16	4.6%
Total	344	100%

Q18 : Outrage: Cyberattacks on U.S.

Russian-linked hackers have conducted cyberattacks against American power grids, hospitals, water systems, and financial institutions.

Sample Size: 344

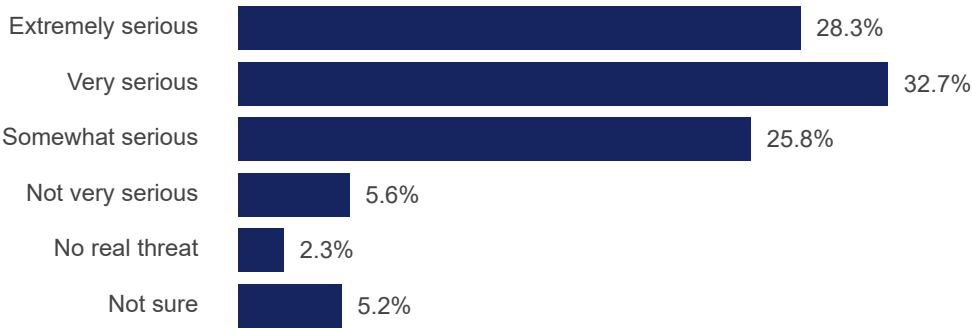


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	174	50.6%
A lot	77	22.5%
Some	49	14.3%
A little	19	5.5%
None at all	9	2.7%
Not sure	15	4.5%
Total	344	100%

Q19 : Russia Threat Level (Post)

How serious of a threat do you believe Russia poses to the United States and its allies today?

Sample Size: 344

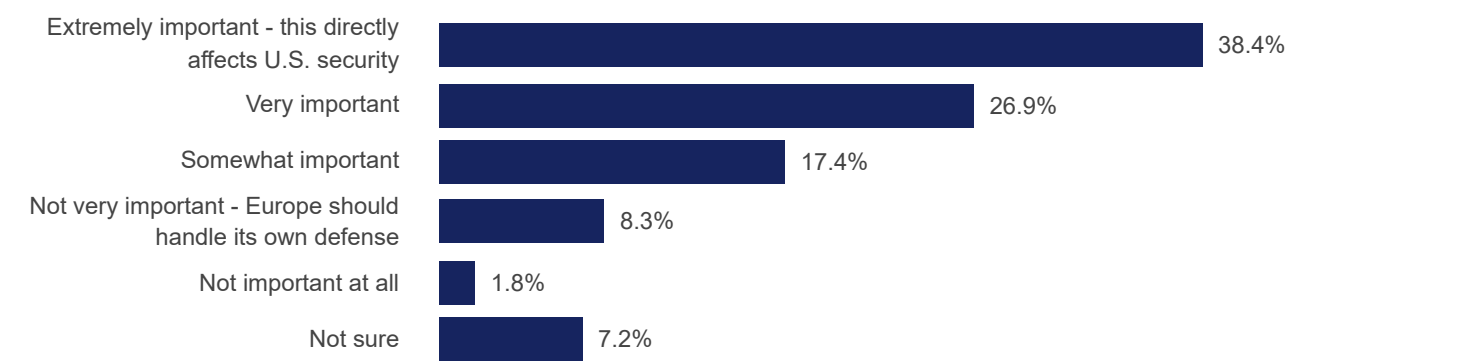


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious	97	28.3%
Very serious	113	32.7%
Somewhat serious	89	25.8%
Not very serious	19	5.6%
No real threat	8	2.3%
Not sure	18	5.2%
Total	344	100%

Q20 : Importance of NATO Deterrence in Europe (Post)

How important is it to you that the United States maintains a strong military deterrent posture in Europe to prevent Russia from expanding its aggression beyond Ukraine?

Sample Size: 344

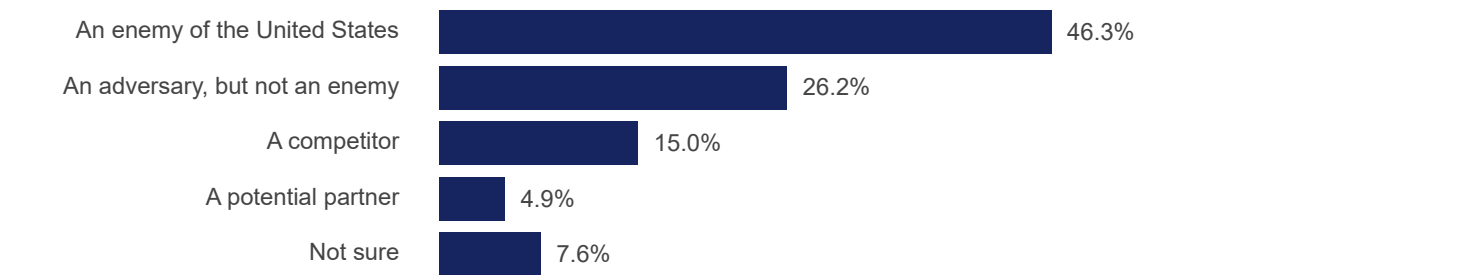


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely important - this directly affects U.S. security	132	38.4%
Very important	93	26.9%
Somewhat important	60	17.4%
Not very important - Europe should handle its own defense	28	8.3%
Not important at all	6	1.8%
Not sure	25	7.2%
Total	344	100%

Q21 : View of Russia (Post)

Which best describes your current view of Russia?

Sample Size: 344

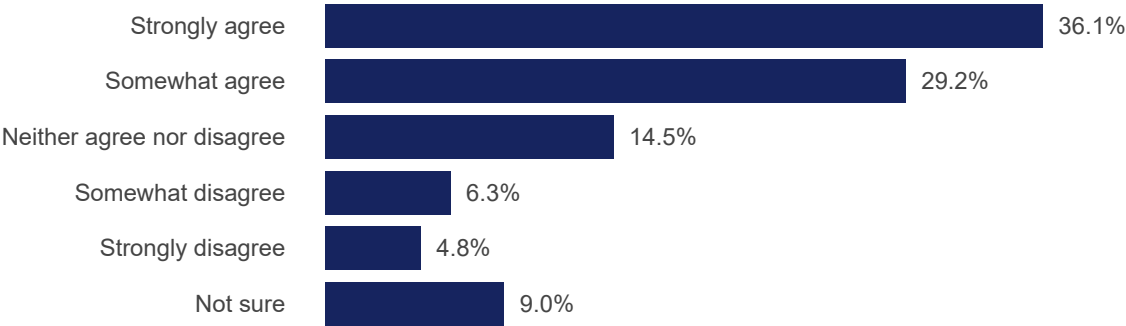


Value	Frequency	Percent
An enemy of the United States	159	46.3%
An adversary, but not an enemy	90	26.2%
A competitor	52	15.0%
A potential partner	17	4.9%
Not sure	26	7.6%
Total	344	100%

Q22 : Agree: Tough Stance = America First

Taking a tougher stance on Russia is consistent with an America-First foreign policy because it projects strength and deters adversaries.

Sample Size: 344



Value	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	124	36.1%
Somewhat agree	100	29.2%
Neither agree nor disagree	50	14.5%
Somewhat disagree	22	6.3%
Strongly disagree	17	4.8%
Not sure	31	9.0%
Total	344	100%

Survey Demographics

Sample composition of survey respondents

