



IW Russia-Ukraine War_Independent+Other

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.

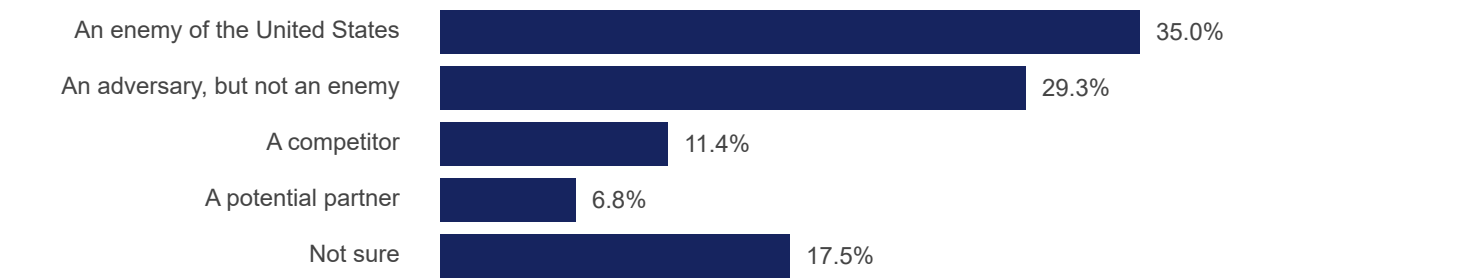
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Q1 : View of Russia

Which best describes your current view of Russia?

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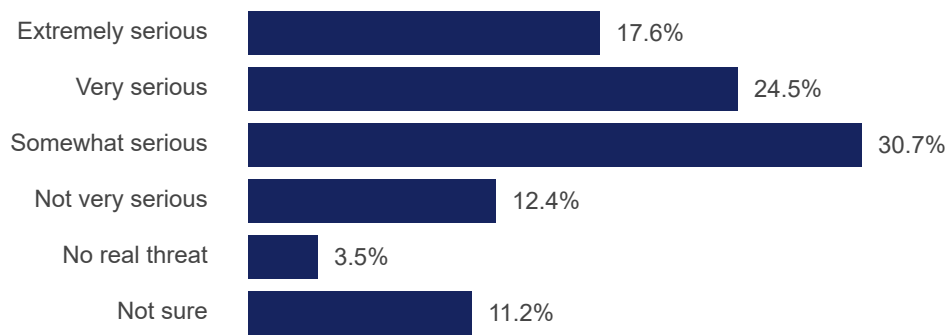


Value	Frequency	Percent
An enemy of the United States	105	35.0%
An adversary, but not an enemy	88	29.3%
A competitor	34	11.4%
A potential partner	20	6.8%
Not sure	52	17.5%
Total	300	100%

Q2 : Russia Threat Level

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

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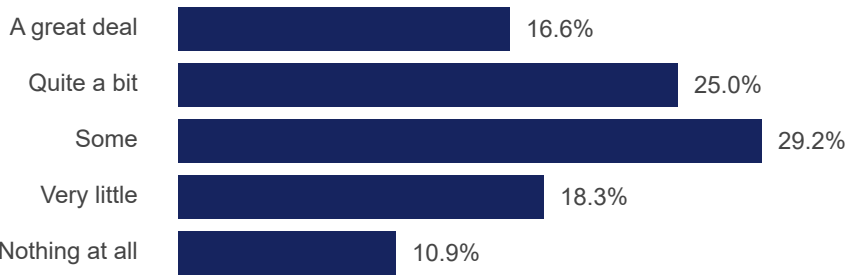


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious	53	17.6%
Very serious	74	24.5%
Somewhat serious	92	30.7%
Not very serious	37	12.4%
No real threat	10	3.5%
Not sure	34	11.2%
Total	300	100%

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?

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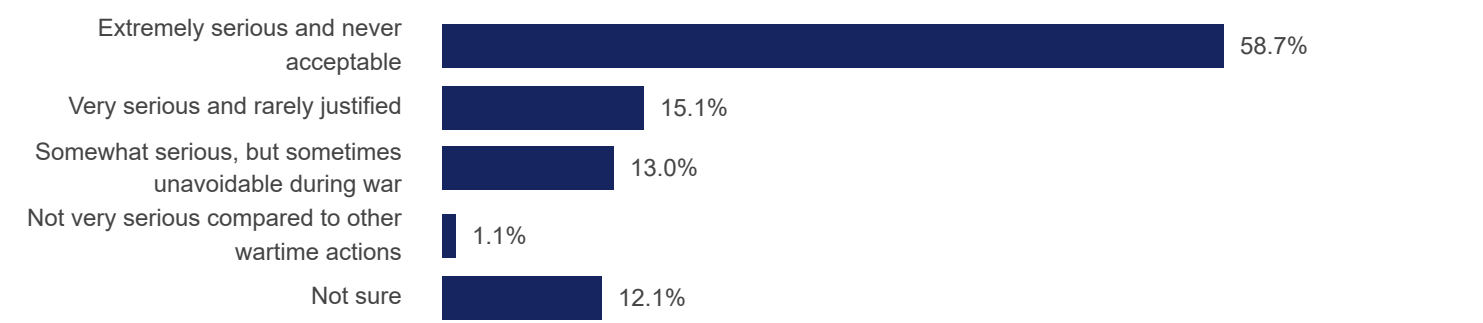


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	50	16.6%
Quite a bit	75	25.0%
Some	88	29.2%
Very little	55	18.3%
Nothing at all	33	10.9%
Total	300	100%

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: 300



Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious and never acceptable	176	58.7%
Very serious and rarely justified	45	15.1%
Somewhat serious, but sometimes unavoidable during war	39	13.0%
Not very serious compared to other wartime actions	3	1.1%
Not sure	36	12.1%
Total	300	100%

Q5 : Rape as Weapon Acceptability

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

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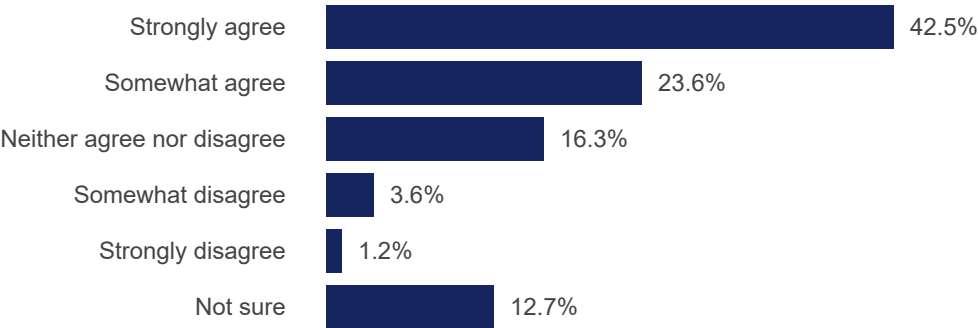


Value	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	243	81.1%
Sometimes unavoidable in war	29	9.7%
Not sure	28	9.3%
Total	300	100%

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.

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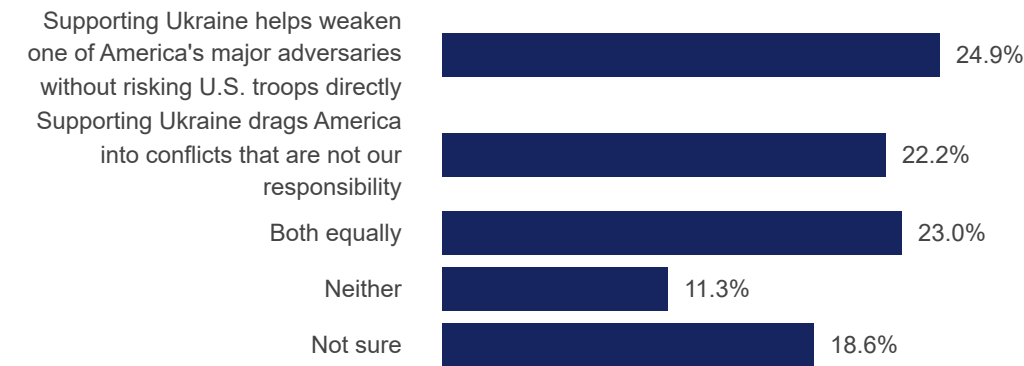


Value	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	128	42.5%
Somewhat agree	71	23.6%
Neither agree nor disagree	49	16.3%
Somewhat disagree	11	3.6%
Strongly disagree	4	1.2%
Not sure	38	12.7%
Total	300	100%

Q7 : View of U.S. Support for Ukraine

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

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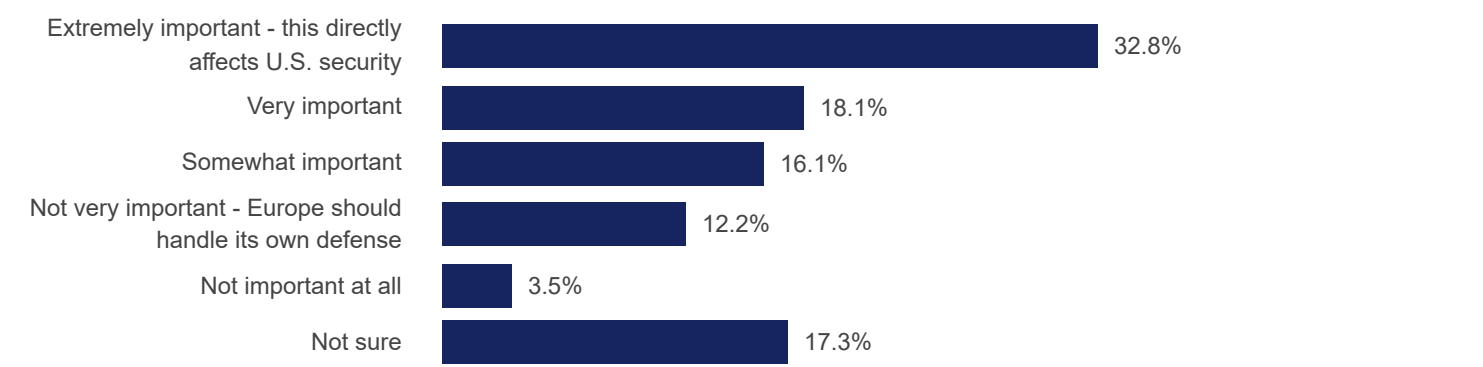


Value	Frequency	Percent
Supporting Ukraine helps weaken one of America's major adversaries without risking U.S. troops directly	75	24.9%
Supporting Ukraine drags America into conflicts that are not our responsibility	67	22.2%
Both equally	69	23.0%
Neither	34	11.3%
Not sure	56	18.6%
Total	300	100%

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?

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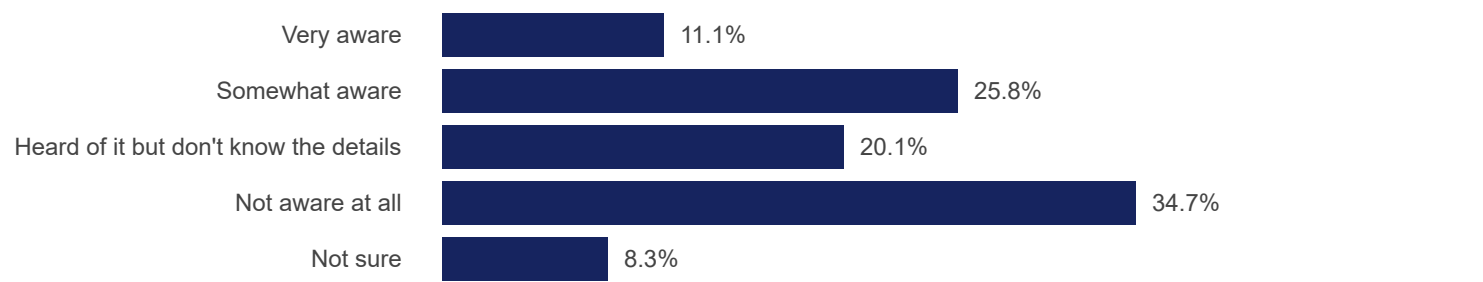


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely important - this directly affects U.S. security	98	32.8%
Very important	54	18.1%
Somewhat important	48	16.1%
Not very important - Europe should handle its own defense	37	12.2%
Not important at all	11	3.5%
Not sure	52	17.3%
Total	300	100%

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.

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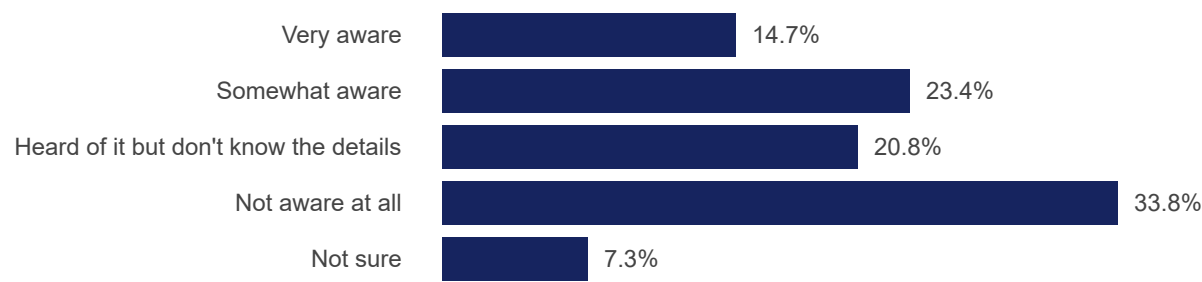


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	33	11.1%
Somewhat aware	77	25.8%
Heard of it but don't know the details	60	20.1%
Not aware at all	104	34.7%
Not sure	25	8.3%
Total	300	100%

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.

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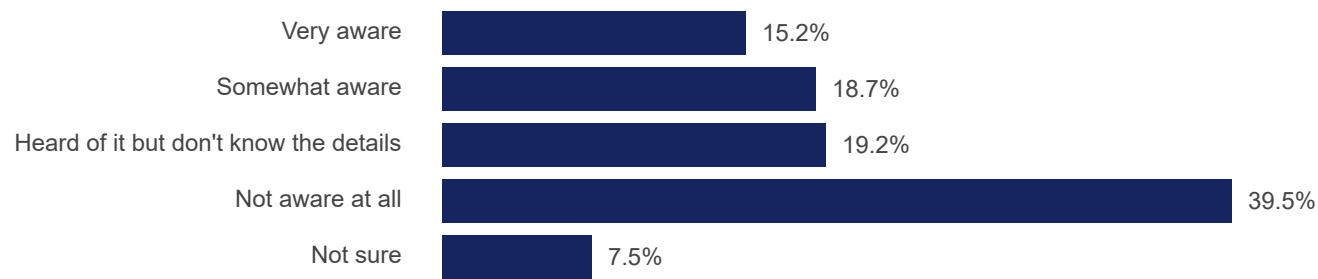


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	44	14.7%
Somewhat aware	70	23.4%
Heard of it but don't know the details	62	20.8%
Not aware at all	101	33.8%
Not sure	22	7.3%
Total	300	100%

Q11 : Aware: Rape as Weapon of War

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

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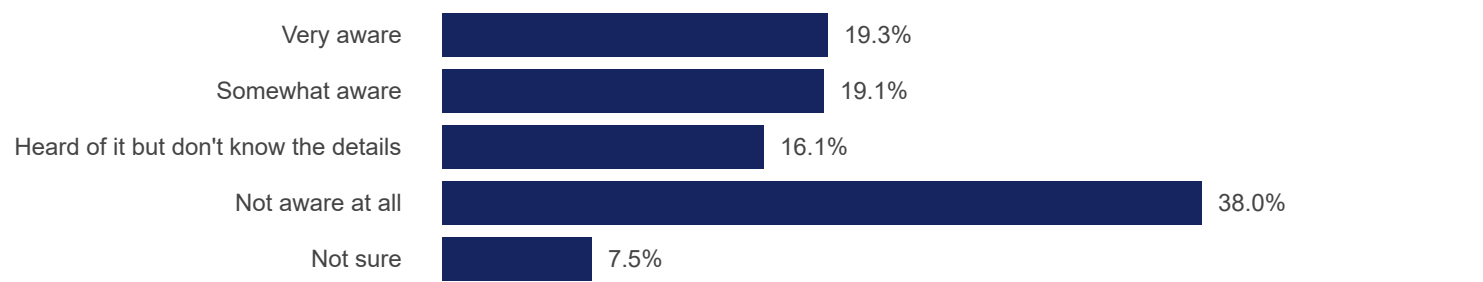


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	46	15.2%
Somewhat aware	56	18.7%
Heard of it but don't know the details	58	19.2%
Not aware at all	118	39.5%
Not sure	22	7.5%
Total	300	100%

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.

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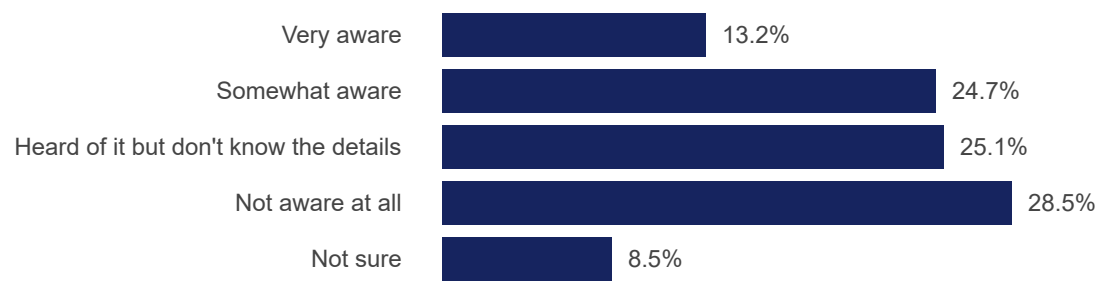


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	58	19.3%
Somewhat aware	57	19.1%
Heard of it but don't know the details	48	16.1%
Not aware at all	114	38.0%
Not sure	23	7.5%
Total	300	100%

Q13 : Aware: Cyberattacks on U.S.

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

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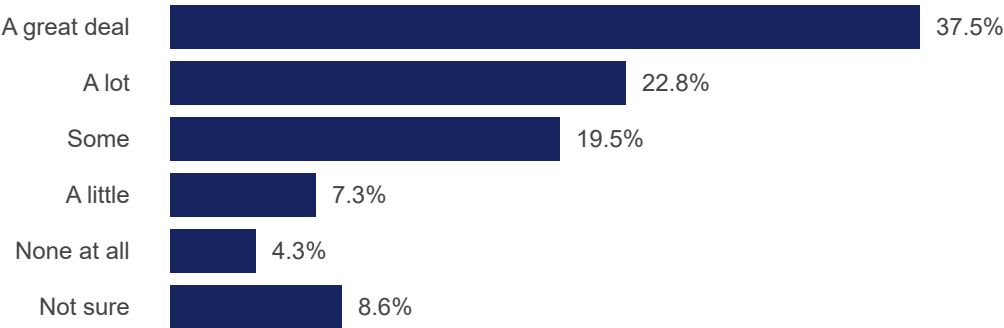


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	40	13.2%
Somewhat aware	74	24.7%
Heard of it but don't know the details	75	25.1%
Not aware at all	85	28.5%
Not sure	26	8.5%
Total	300	100%

Q14 : Outrage: Civilian Casualties Rising

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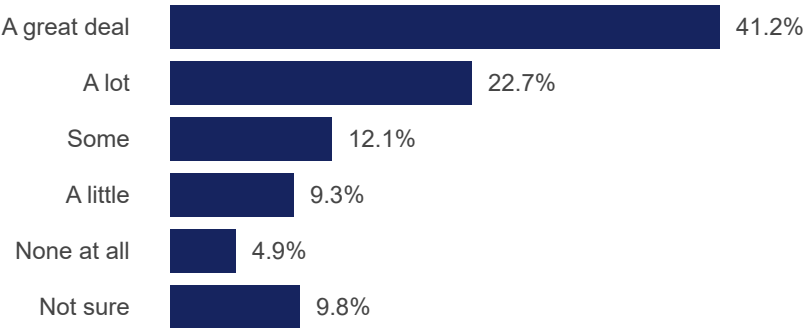


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	113	37.5%
A lot	68	22.8%
Some	58	19.5%
A little	22	7.3%
None at all	13	4.3%
Not sure	26	8.6%
Total	300	100%

Q15 : Outrage: Drone Attacks on Civilians

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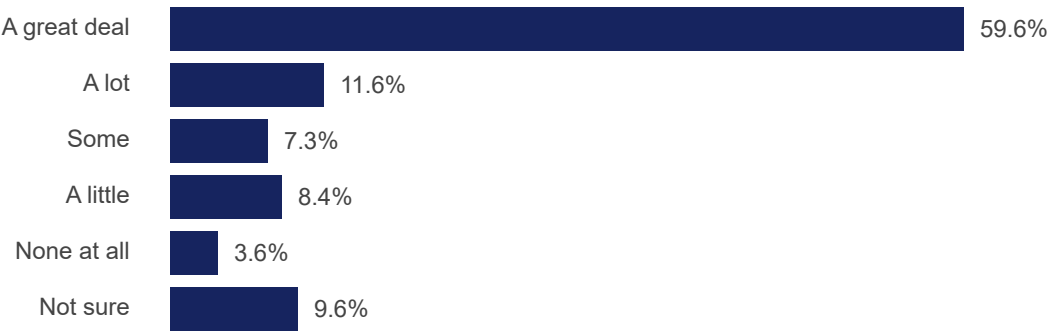


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	124	41.2%
A lot	68	22.7%
Some	36	12.1%
A little	28	9.3%
None at all	15	4.9%
Not sure	29	9.8%
Total	300	100%

Q16 : Outrage: Rape as Weapon of War

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

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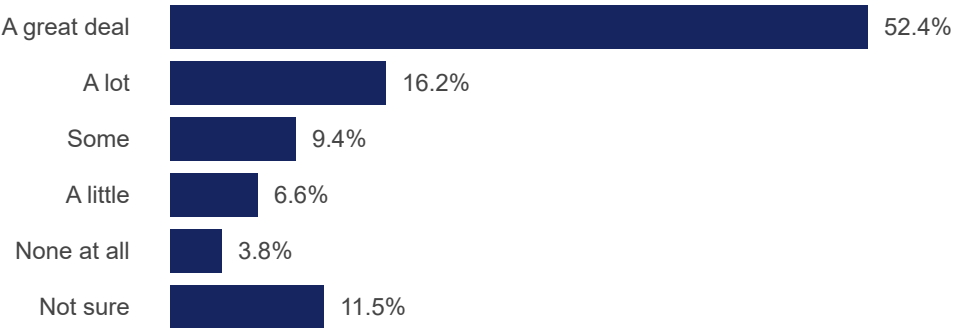


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	179	59.6%
A lot	35	11.6%
Some	22	7.3%
A little	25	8.4%
None at all	11	3.6%
Not sure	29	9.6%
Total	300	100%

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.

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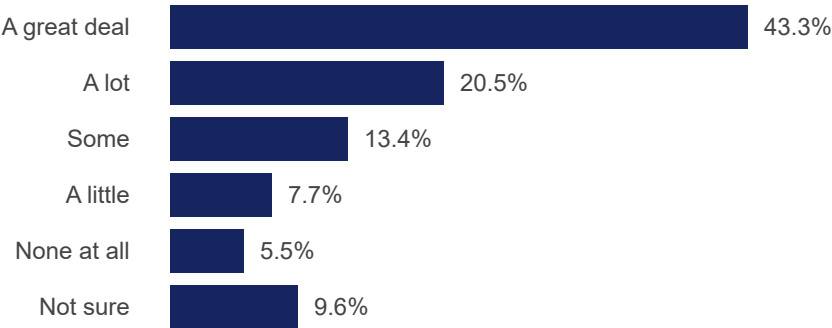


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	157	52.4%
A lot	49	16.2%
Some	28	9.4%
A little	20	6.6%
None at all	12	3.8%
Not sure	35	11.5%
Total	300	100%

Q18 : Outrage: Cyberattacks on U.S.

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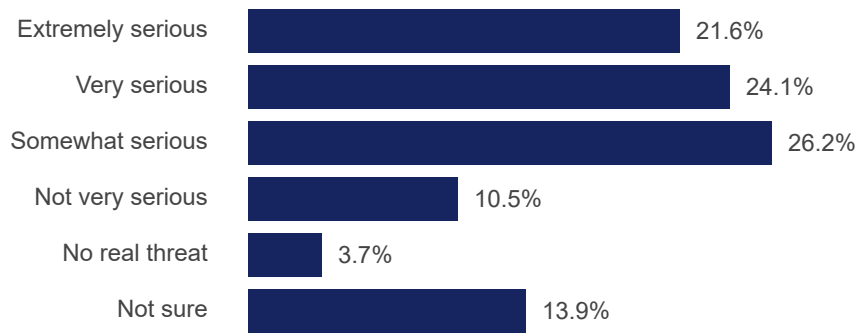


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	130	43.3%
A lot	62	20.5%
Some	40	13.4%
A little	23	7.7%
None at all	16	5.5%
Not sure	29	9.6%
Total	300	100%

Q19 : Russia Threat Level (Post)

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

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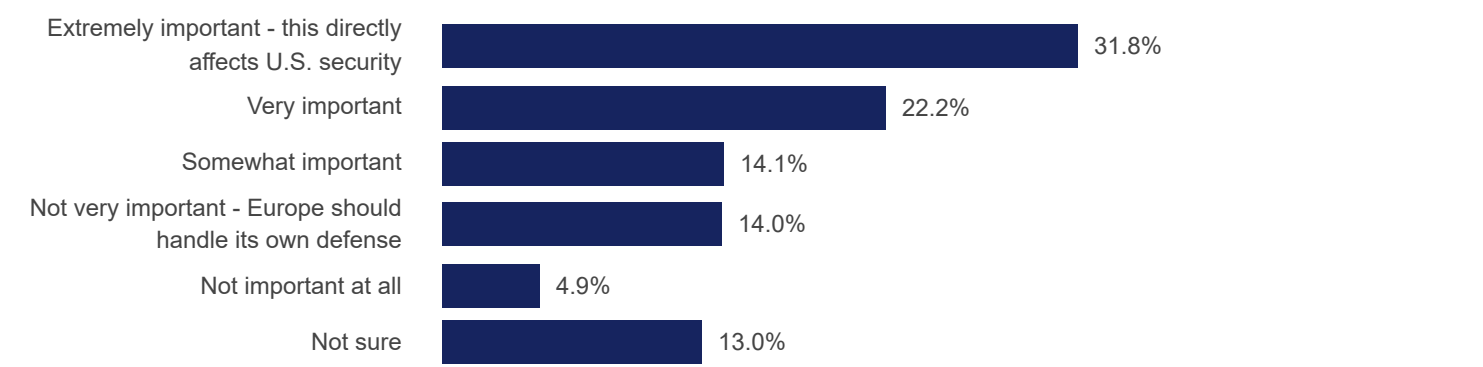


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious	65	21.6%
Very serious	72	24.1%
Somewhat serious	78	26.2%
Not very serious	32	10.5%
No real threat	11	3.7%
Not sure	42	13.9%
Total	300	100%

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?

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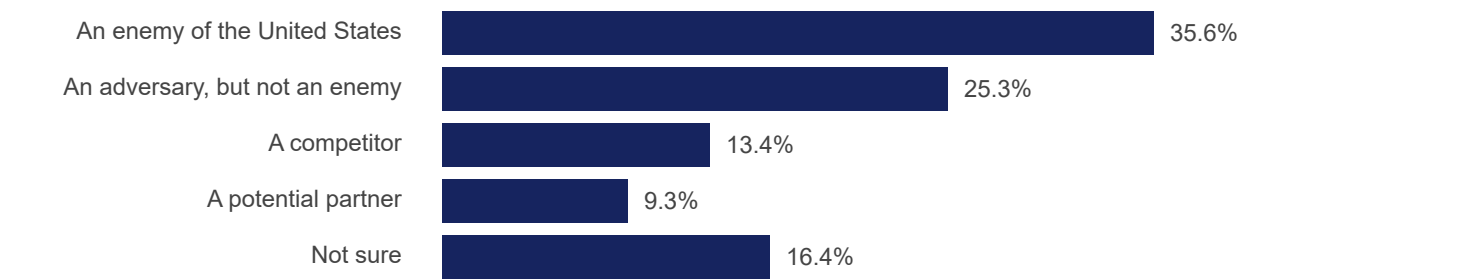


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely important - this directly affects U.S. security	95	31.8%
Very important	67	22.2%
Somewhat important	42	14.1%
Not very important - Europe should handle its own defense	42	14.0%
Not important at all	15	4.9%
Not sure	39	13.0%
Total	300	100%

Q21 : View of Russia (Post)

Which best describes your current view of Russia?

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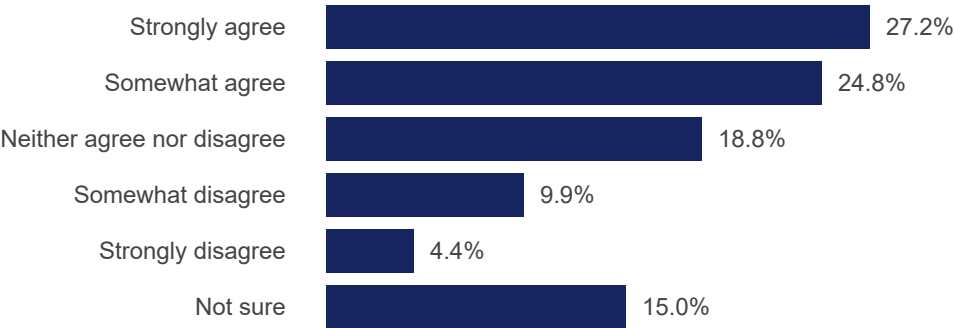


Value	Frequency	Percent
An enemy of the United States	107	35.6%
An adversary, but not an enemy	76	25.3%
A competitor	40	13.4%
A potential partner	28	9.3%
Not sure	49	16.4%
Total	300	100%

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: 300



Value	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	82	27.2%
Somewhat agree	75	24.8%
Neither agree nor disagree	56	18.8%
Somewhat disagree	30	9.9%
Strongly disagree	13	4.4%
Not sure	45	15.0%
Total	300	100%

Survey Demographics

Sample composition of survey respondents

SEX

Female	49.6%
Male	50.4%

RACE

White, non-Hispanic	70.1%
Black, non-Hispanic	13.9%
Hispanic or Latino	6.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	6.1%
Other	3.7%

PARTY ID

Very conservative	5.3%
Somewhat conservative	13.8%
Moderate	64.9%
Somewhat liberal	10.7%
Very liberal	5.3%

AGE

18-24	11.7%
25-34	12.2%
35-44	19.9%
45-54	18.2%
55-64	17.4%
65+	20.6%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Less than \$50,000	36.9%
\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	27.0%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	21.2%
\$150,000 to less than \$250,000	8.7%
\$250,000 - \$350,000	1.3%
\$350,000 - \$500,000	1.3%
More than \$500,000	0.9%
Don't know	2.6%

EDUCATION

Some College or Less	46.5%
4-year degree	37.7%
Postgraduate	15.8%

POLITICAL IDENTITY

Republican	0.0%
Democrat	0.0%
Independent	86.7%
Other	13.3%

2024 PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

Donald Trump (Republican)	27.8%
Kamala Harris (Democrat)	31.5%
Someone else / Third-party candidate	6.3%
I did not vote in 2024	34.4%

AREA TYPE

City	22.3%
Rural or country area	18.4%
Small town not near a city	20.9%
Suburb near a city	38.4%