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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.

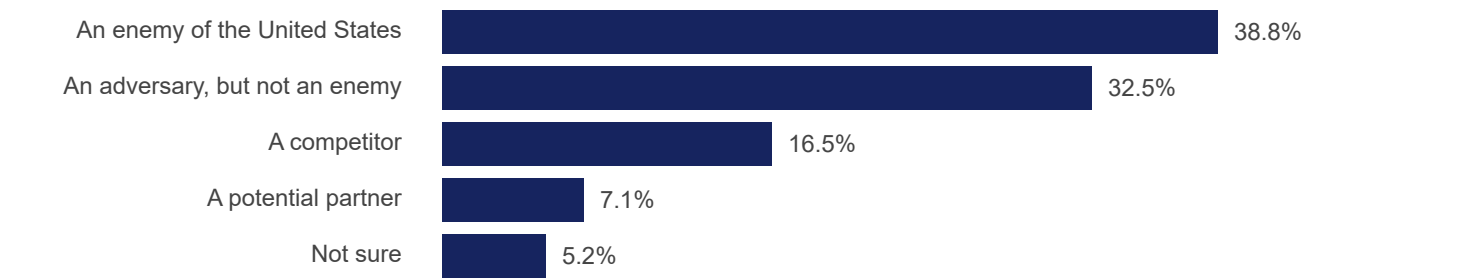
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Q1 : View of Russia

Which best describes your current view of Russia?

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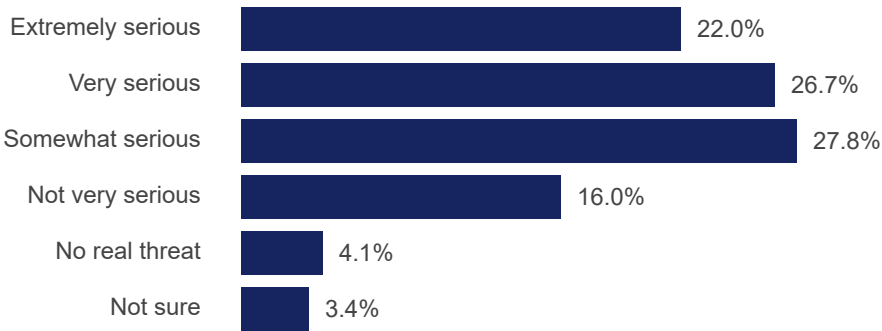


Value	Frequency	Percent
An enemy of the United States	183	38.8%
An adversary, but not an enemy	154	32.5%
A competitor	78	16.5%
A potential partner	34	7.1%
Not sure	24	5.2%
Total	473	100%

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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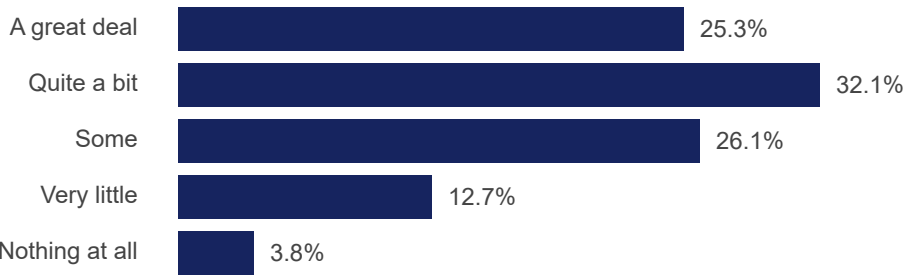


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious	104	22.0%
Very serious	126	26.7%
Somewhat serious	132	27.8%
Not very serious	76	16.0%
No real threat	19	4.1%
Not sure	16	3.4%
Total	473	100%

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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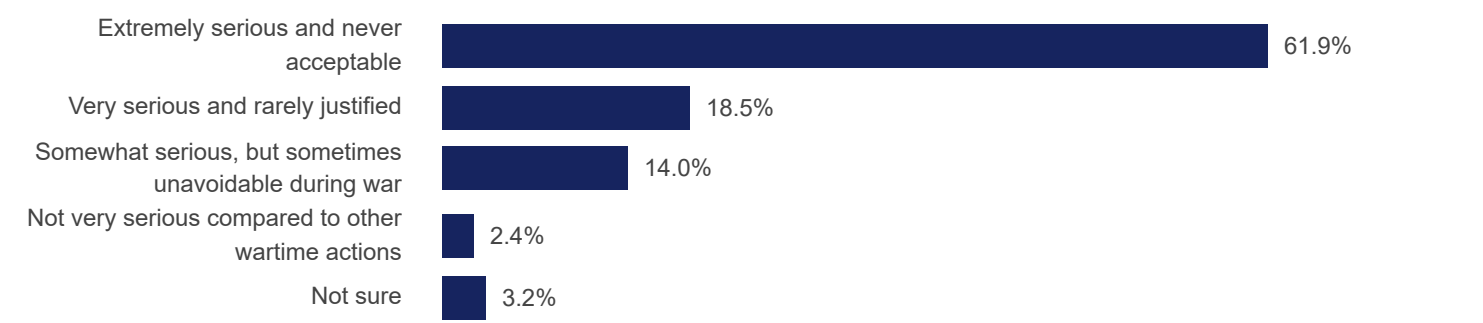


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	120	25.3%
Quite a bit	152	32.1%
Some	123	26.1%
Very little	60	12.7%
Nothing at all	18	3.8%
Total	473	100%

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?

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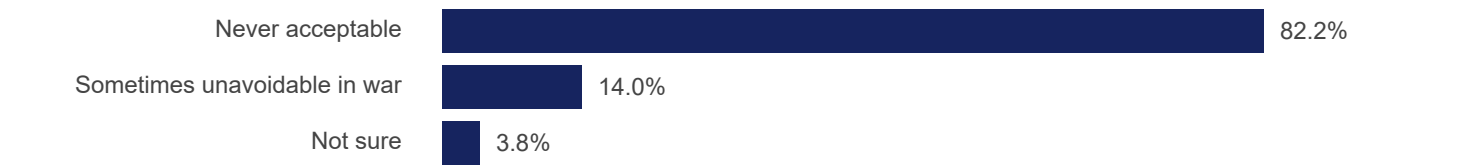


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious and never acceptable	293	61.9%
Very serious and rarely justified	88	18.5%
Somewhat serious, but sometimes unavoidable during war	66	14.0%
Not very serious compared to other wartime actions	11	2.4%
Not sure	15	3.2%
Total	473	100%

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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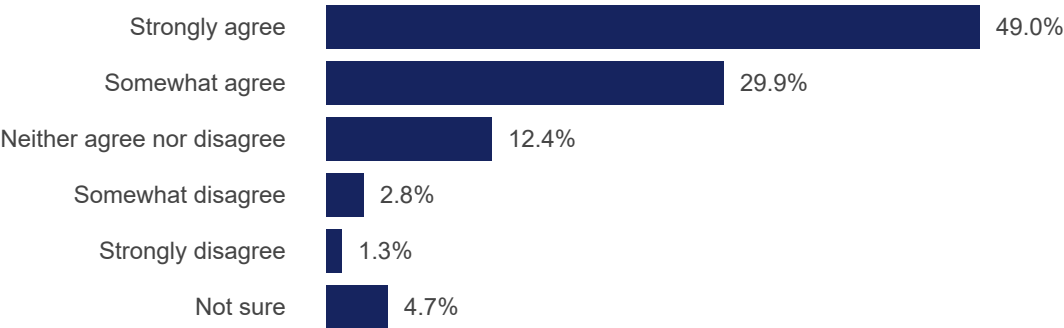


Value	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	389	82.2%
Sometimes unavoidable in war	66	14.0%
Not sure	18	3.8%
Total	473	100%

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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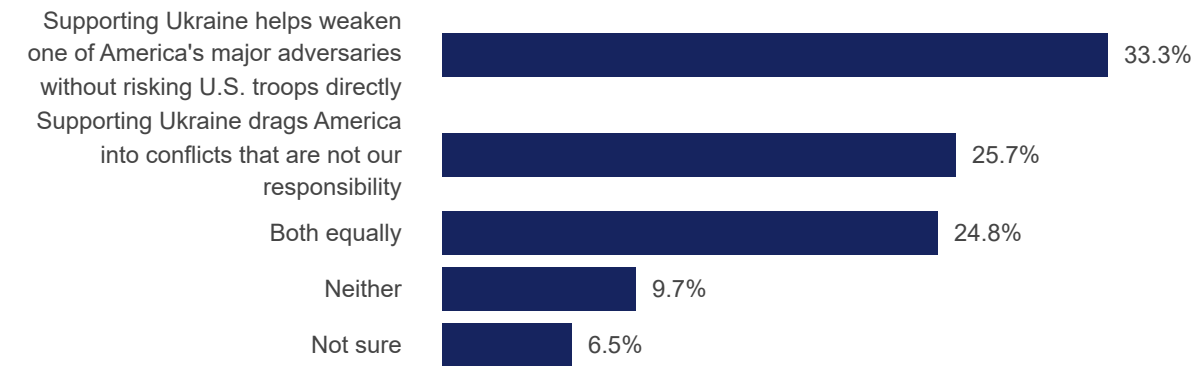


Value	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	232	49.0%
Somewhat agree	141	29.9%
Neither agree nor disagree	59	12.4%
Somewhat disagree	13	2.8%
Strongly disagree	6	1.3%
Not sure	22	4.7%
Total	473	100%

Q7 : View of U.S. Support for Ukraine

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

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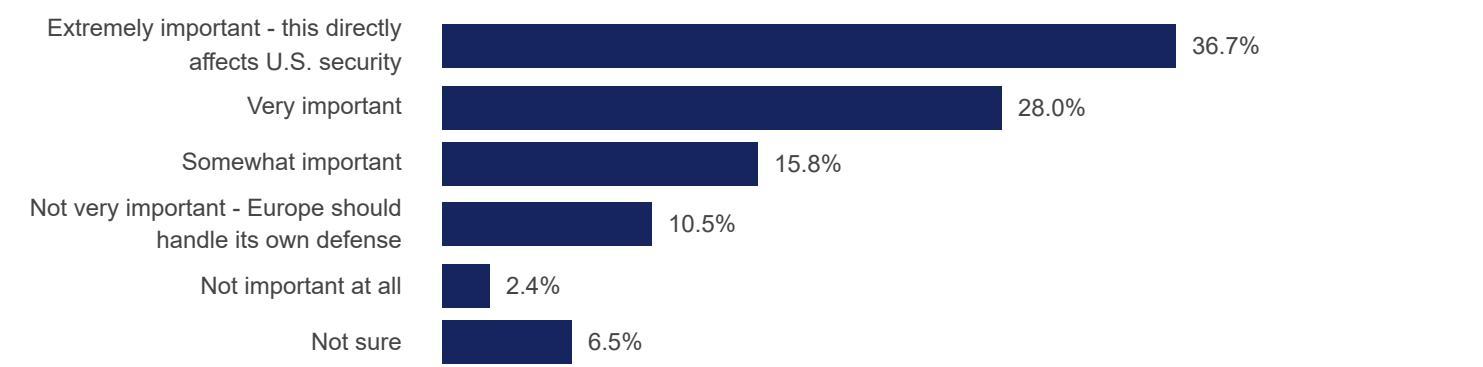


Value	Frequency	Percent
Supporting Ukraine helps weaken one of America's major adversaries without risking U.S. troops directly	157	33.3%
Supporting Ukraine drags America into conflicts that are not our responsibility	122	25.7%
Both equally	117	24.8%
Neither	46	9.7%
Not sure	31	6.5%
Total	473	100%

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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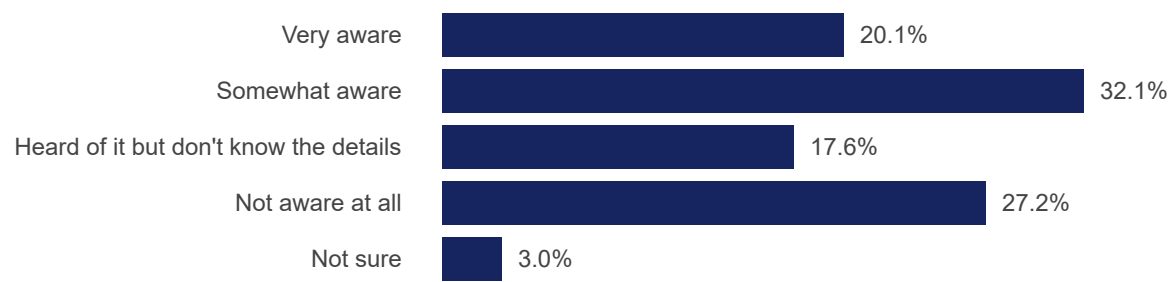


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely important - this directly affects U.S. security	174	36.7%
Very important	133	28.0%
Somewhat important	75	15.8%
Not very important - Europe should handle its own defense	49	10.5%
Not important at all	11	2.4%
Not sure	31	6.5%
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Q9 : 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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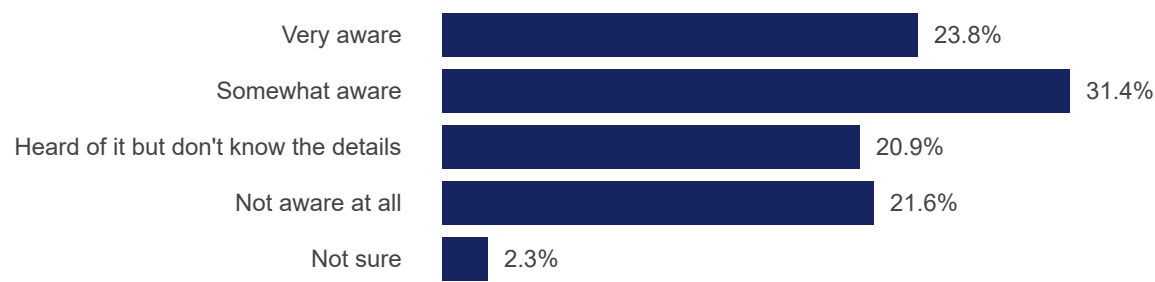


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	95	20.1%
Somewhat aware	152	32.1%
Heard of it but don't know the details	83	17.6%
Not aware at all	129	27.2%
Not sure	14	3.0%
Total	473	100%

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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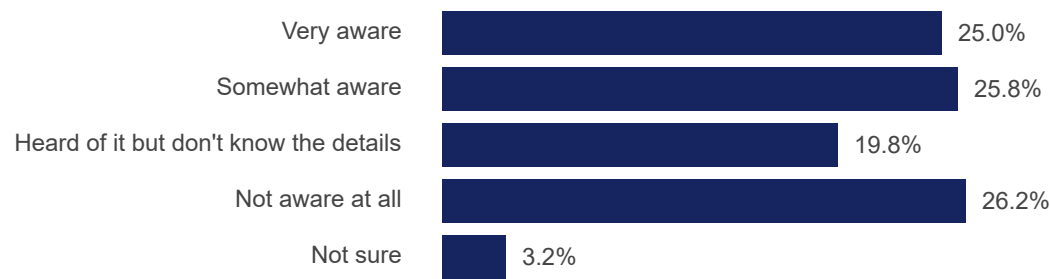


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	113	23.8%
Somewhat aware	149	31.4%
Heard of it but don't know the details	99	20.9%
Not aware at all	102	21.6%
Not sure	11	2.3%
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Q11 : Aware: Rape as Weapon of War

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

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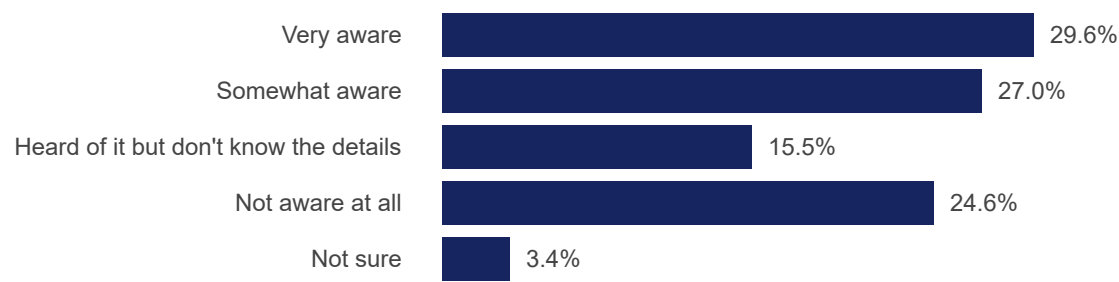


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	118	25.0%
Somewhat aware	122	25.8%
Heard of it but don't know the details	94	19.8%
Not aware at all	124	26.2%
Not sure	15	3.2%
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Q12 : Aware: Children Forcibly Relocated

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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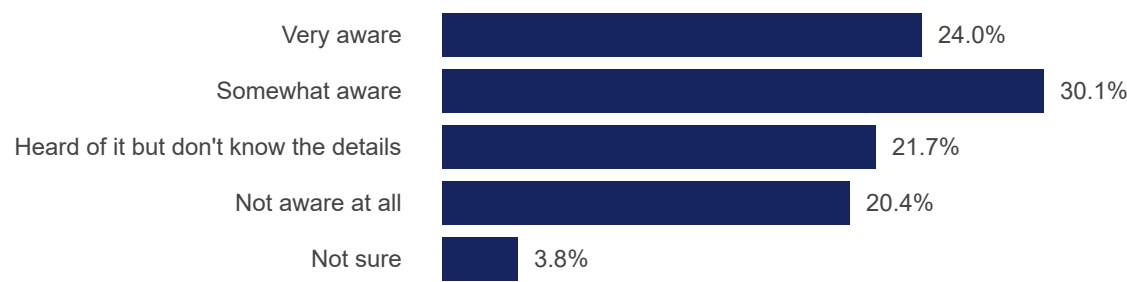


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	140	29.6%
Somewhat aware	128	27.0%
Heard of it but don't know the details	73	15.5%
Not aware at all	116	24.6%
Not sure	16	3.4%
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Q13 : Aware: Cyberattacks on U.S.

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

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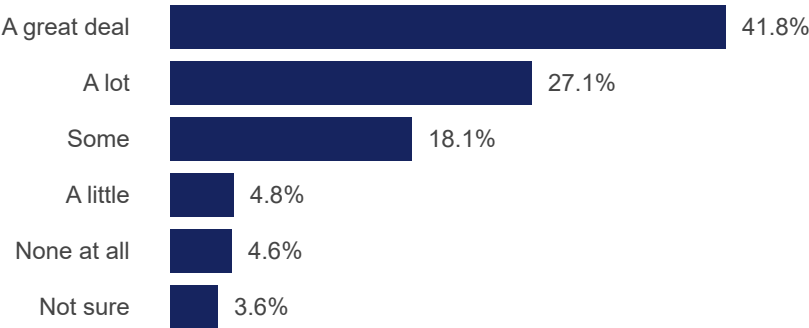


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	114	24.0%
Somewhat aware	143	30.1%
Heard of it but don't know the details	102	21.7%
Not aware at all	96	20.4%
Not sure	18	3.8%
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Q14 : Outrage: Civilian Casualties Rising

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.

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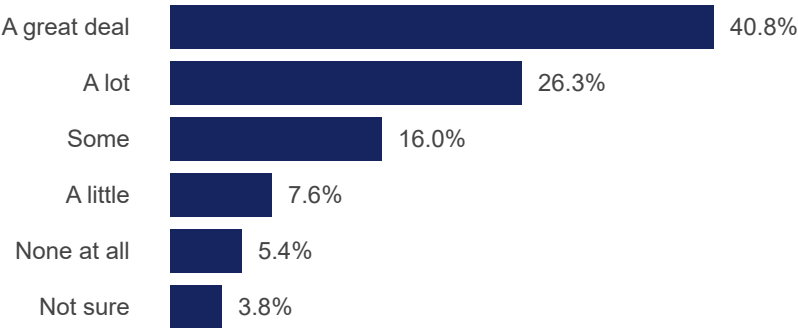


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	198	41.8%
A lot	128	27.1%
Some	86	18.1%
A little	23	4.8%
None at all	22	4.6%
Not sure	17	3.6%
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Q15 : Outrage: Drone Attacks on Civilians

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.

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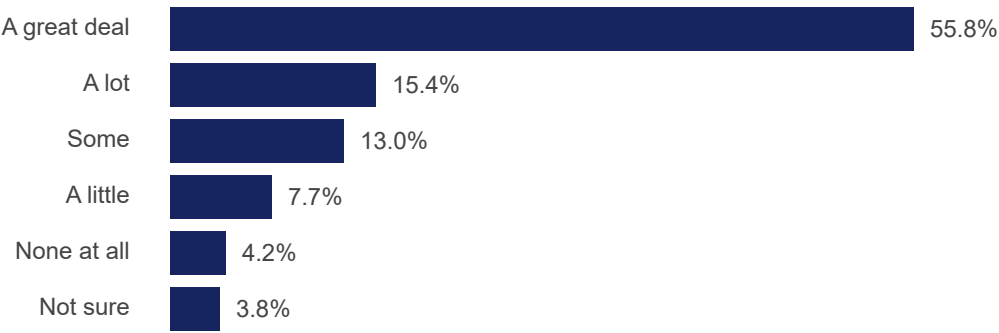


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	193	40.8%
A lot	125	26.3%
Some	76	16.0%
A little	36	7.6%
None at all	25	5.4%
Not sure	18	3.8%
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Q16 : Outrage: Rape as Weapon of War

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

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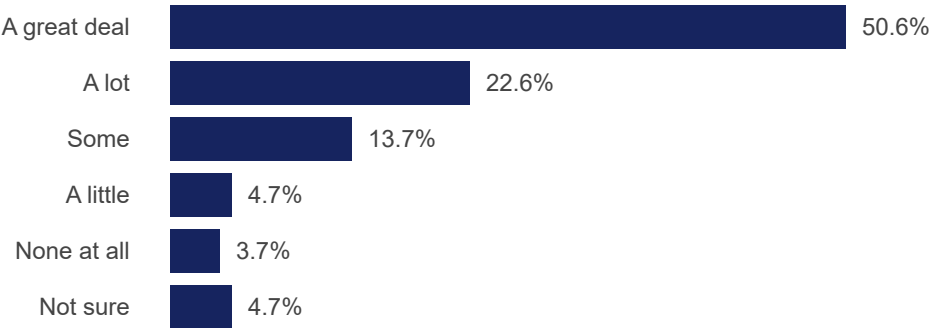


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	264	55.8%
A lot	73	15.4%
Some	62	13.0%
A little	36	7.7%
None at all	20	4.2%
Not sure	18	3.8%
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Q17 : Outrage: Children Forcibly Relocated

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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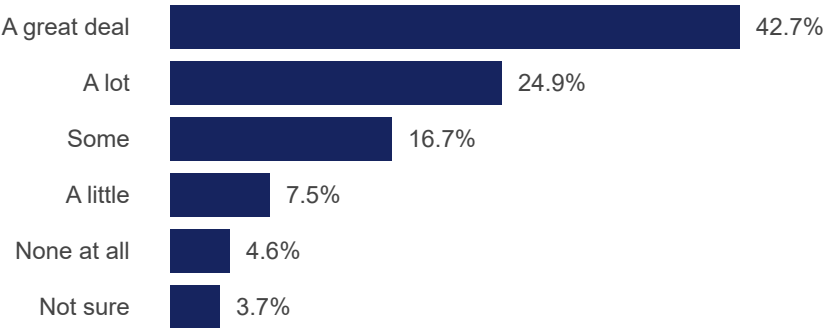


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	240	50.6%
A lot	107	22.6%
Some	65	13.7%
A little	22	4.7%
None at all	18	3.7%
Not sure	22	4.7%
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Q18 : Outrage: Cyberattacks on U.S.

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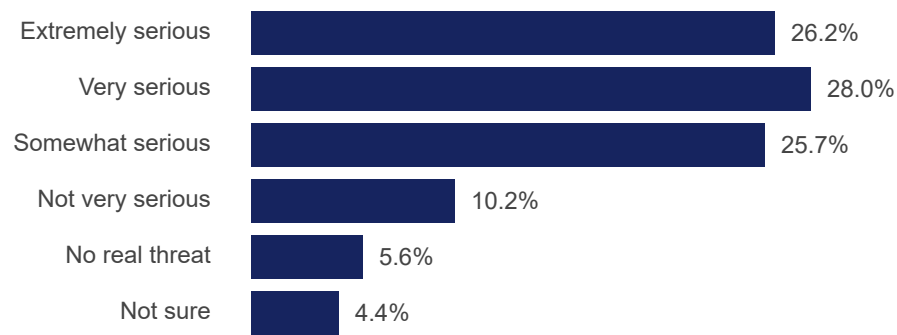


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	202	42.7%
A lot	118	24.9%
Some	79	16.7%
A little	35	7.5%
None at all	22	4.6%
Not sure	18	3.7%
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Q19 : Russia Threat Level (Post)

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

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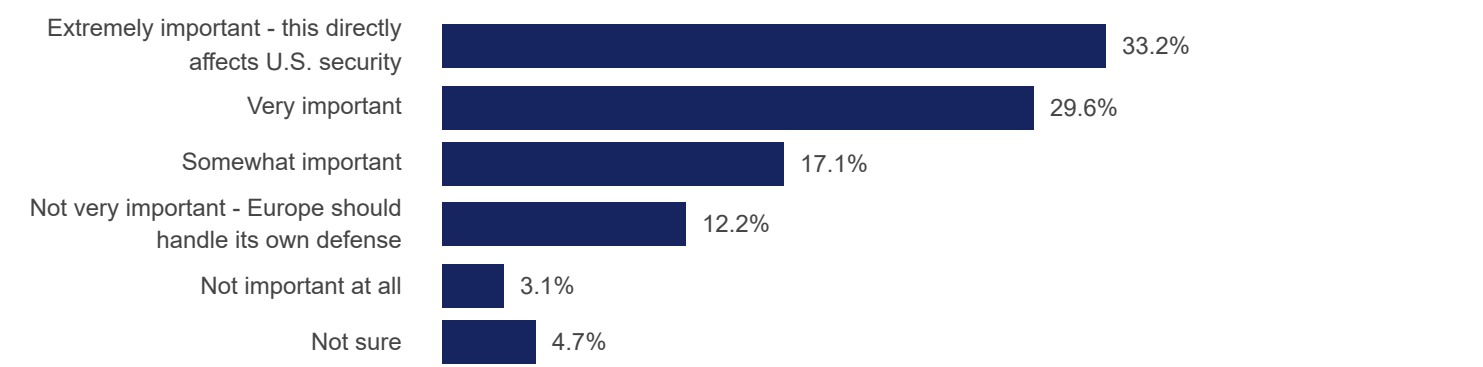


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious	124	26.2%
Very serious	132	28.0%
Somewhat serious	122	25.7%
Not very serious	48	10.2%
No real threat	26	5.6%
Not sure	21	4.4%
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Q20 : Importance of NATO Deterrence in Europe (Post)

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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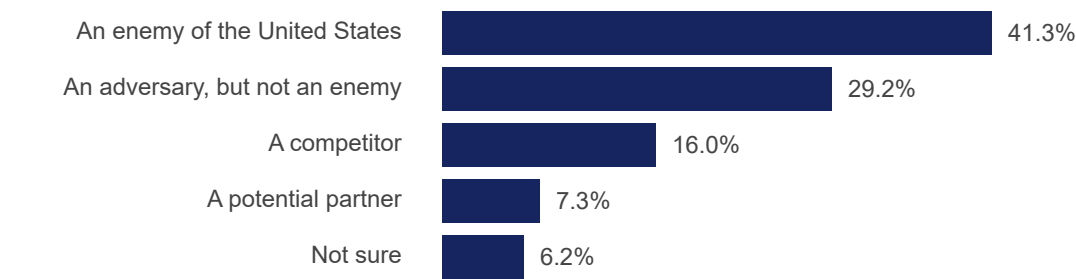


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely important - this directly affects U.S. security	157	33.2%
Very important	140	29.6%
Somewhat important	81	17.1%
Not very important - Europe should handle its own defense	58	12.2%
Not important at all	15	3.1%
Not sure	22	4.7%
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Q21 : View of Russia (Post)

Which best describes your current view of Russia?

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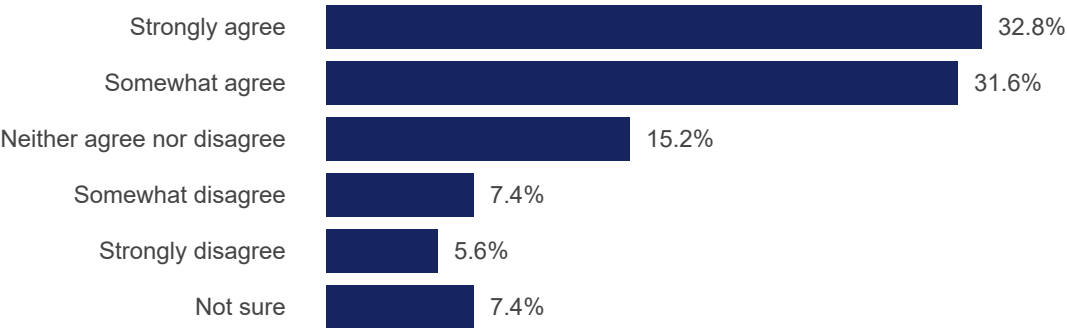


Value	Frequency	Percent
An enemy of the United States	195	41.3%
An adversary, but not an enemy	138	29.2%
A competitor	76	16.0%
A potential partner	34	7.3%
Not sure	29	6.2%
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Q22 : Agree: Tough Stance = America First

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

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Value	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	155	32.8%
Somewhat agree	150	31.6%
Neither agree nor disagree	72	15.2%
Somewhat disagree	35	7.4%
Strongly disagree	26	5.6%
Not sure	35	7.4%
Total	473	100%

Survey Demographics

Sample composition of survey respondents

