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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.

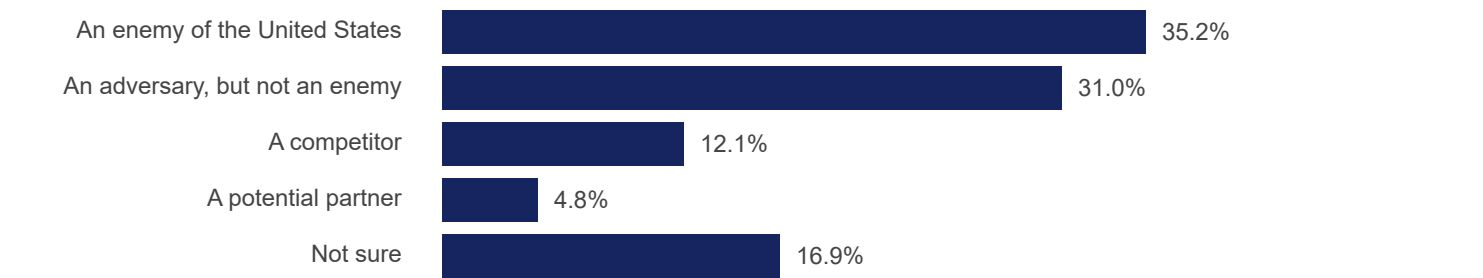
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Survey Results

Q1 : View of Russia

Which best describes your current view of Russia?

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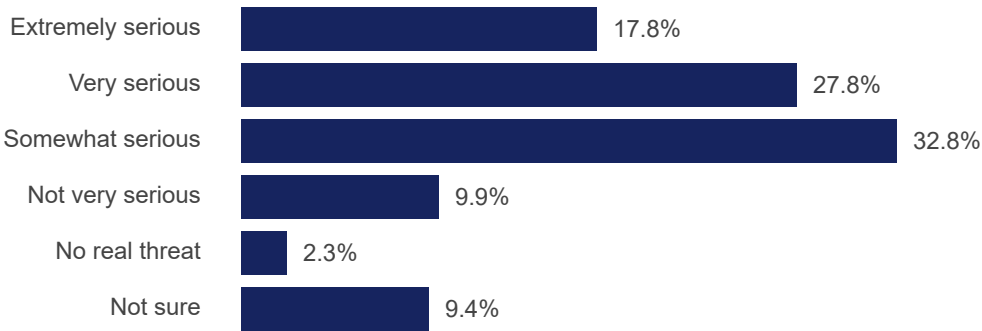


Value	Frequency	Percent
An enemy of the United States	185	35.2%
An adversary, but not an enemy	164	31.0%
A competitor	64	12.1%
A potential partner	25	4.8%
Not sure	89	16.9%
Total	527	100%

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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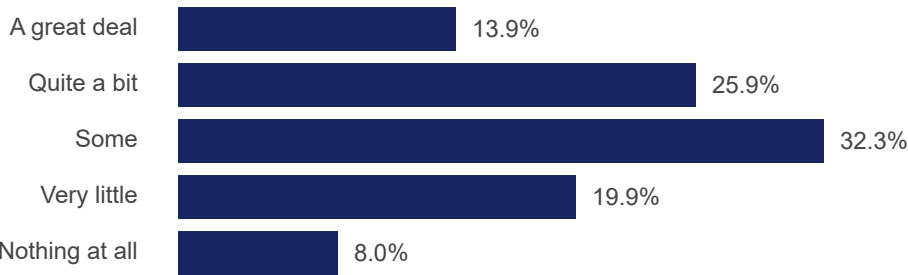


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious	94	17.8%
Very serious	146	27.8%
Somewhat serious	173	32.8%
Not very serious	52	9.9%
No real threat	12	2.3%
Not sure	49	9.4%
Total	527	100%

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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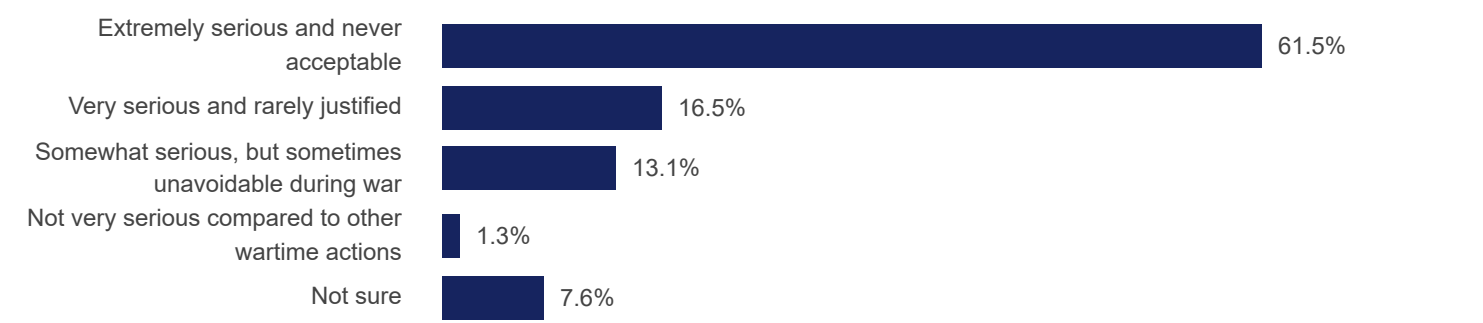


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	73	13.9%
Quite a bit	137	25.9%
Some	170	32.3%
Very little	105	19.9%
Nothing at all	42	8.0%
Total	527	100%

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: 527



Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious and never acceptable	324	61.5%
Very serious and rarely justified	87	16.5%
Somewhat serious, but sometimes unavoidable during war	69	13.1%
Not very serious compared to other wartime actions	7	1.3%
Not sure	40	7.6%
Total	527	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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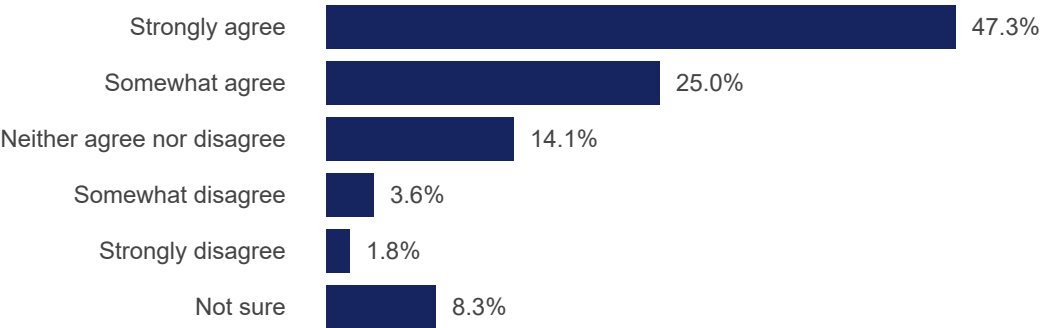


Value	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	443	84.1%
Sometimes unavoidable in war	50	9.5%
Not sure	34	6.4%
Total	527	100%

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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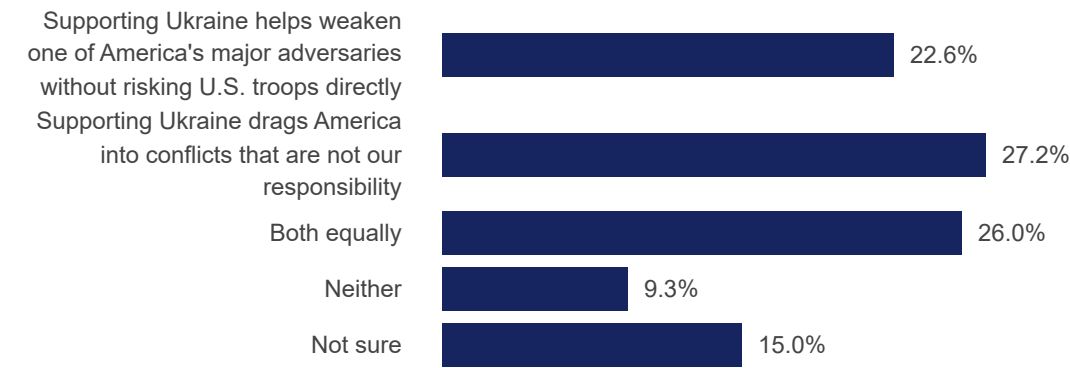


Value	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	249	47.3%
Somewhat agree	132	25.0%
Neither agree nor disagree	74	14.1%
Somewhat disagree	19	3.6%
Strongly disagree	9	1.8%
Not sure	44	8.3%
Total	527	100%

Q7 : View of U.S. Support for Ukraine

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

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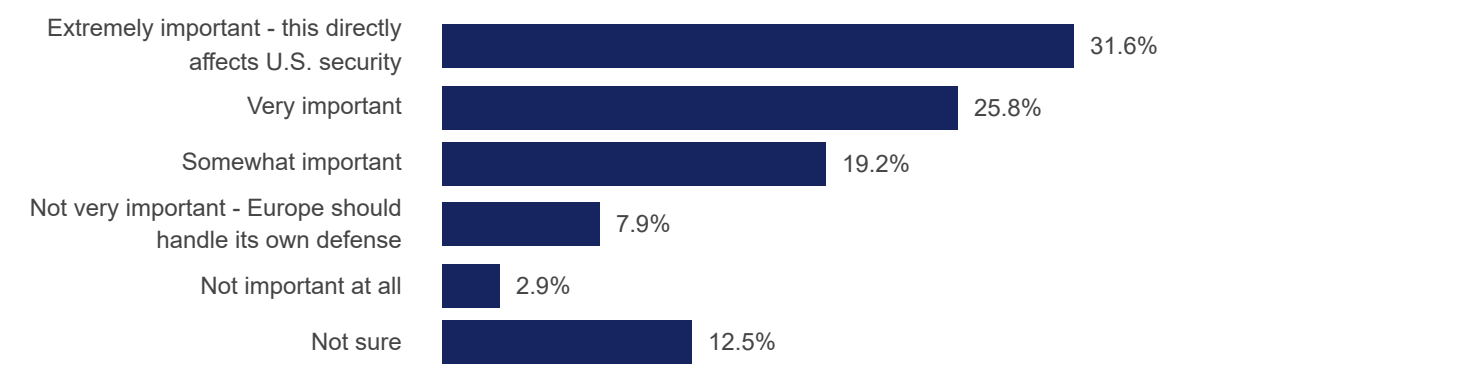


Value	Frequency	Percent
Supporting Ukraine helps weaken one of America's major adversaries without risking U.S. troops directly	119	22.6%
Supporting Ukraine drags America into conflicts that are not our responsibility	143	27.2%
Both equally	137	26.0%
Neither	49	9.3%
Not sure	79	15.0%
Total	527	100%

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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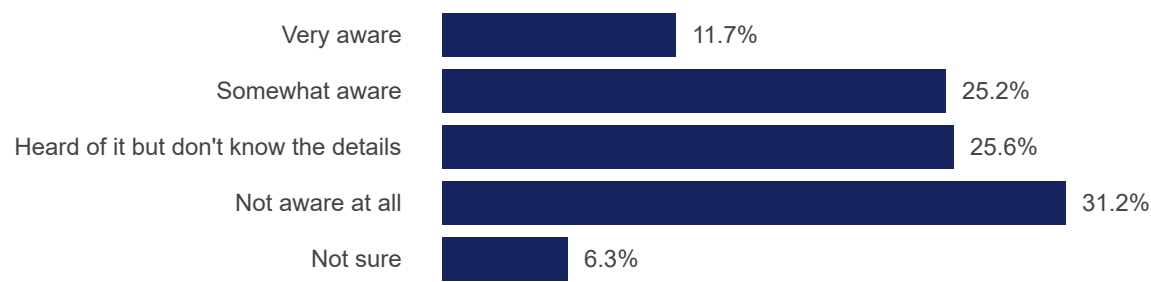


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely important - this directly affects U.S. security	167	31.6%
Very important	136	25.8%
Somewhat important	101	19.2%
Not very important - Europe should handle its own defense	42	7.9%
Not important at all	15	2.9%
Not sure	66	12.5%
Total	527	100%

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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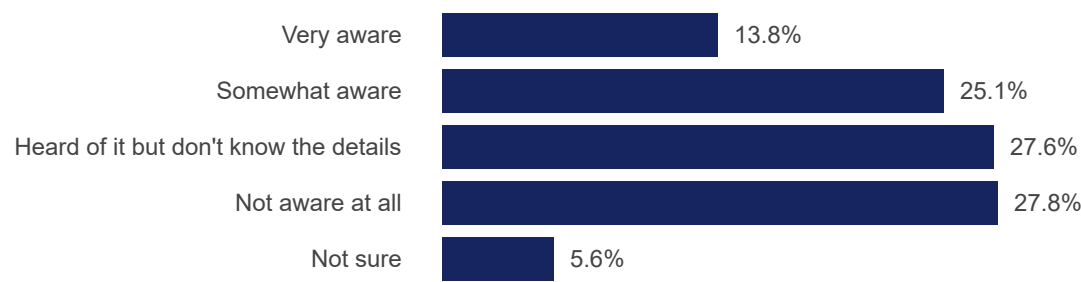


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	61	11.7%
Somewhat aware	133	25.2%
Heard of it but don't know the details	135	25.6%
Not aware at all	164	31.2%
Not sure	33	6.3%
Total	527	100%

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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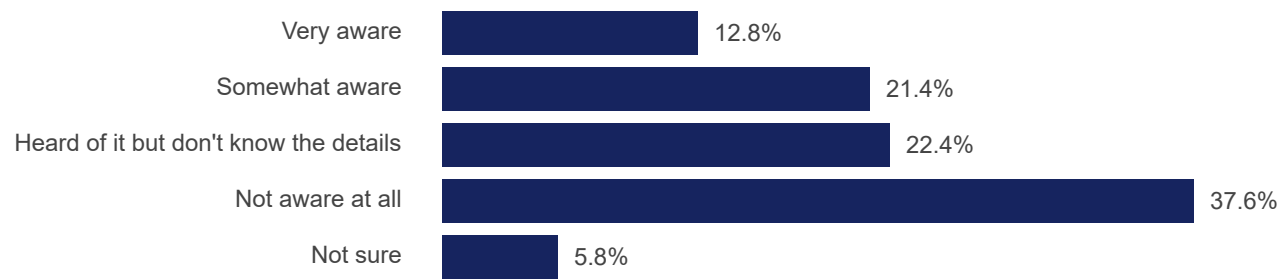


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	73	13.8%
Somewhat aware	133	25.1%
Heard of it but don't know the details	145	27.6%
Not aware at all	147	27.8%
Not sure	30	5.6%
Total	527	100%

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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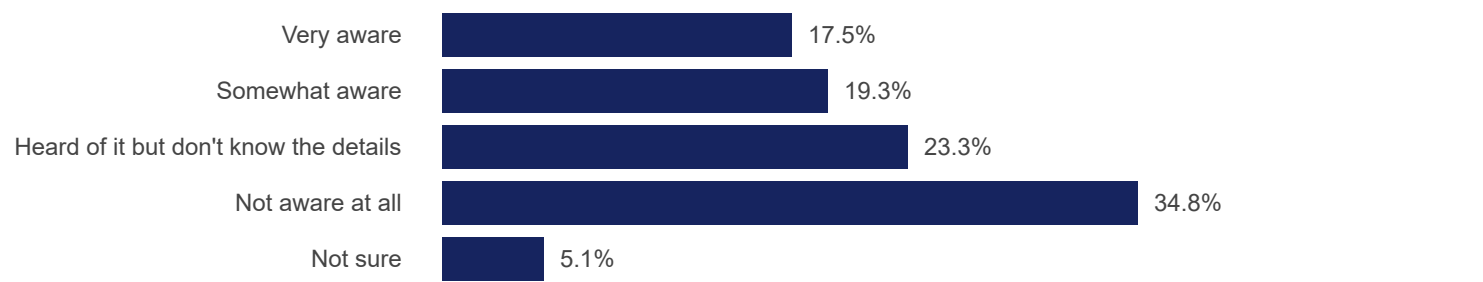


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	67	12.8%
Somewhat aware	113	21.4%
Heard of it but don't know the details	118	22.4%
Not aware at all	198	37.6%
Not sure	31	5.8%
Total	527	100%

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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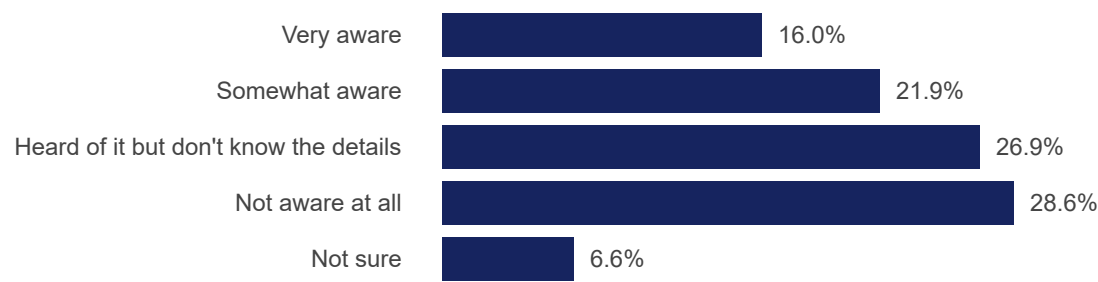


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	92	17.5%
Somewhat aware	102	19.3%
Heard of it but don't know the details	123	23.3%
Not aware at all	183	34.8%
Not sure	27	5.1%
Total	527	100%

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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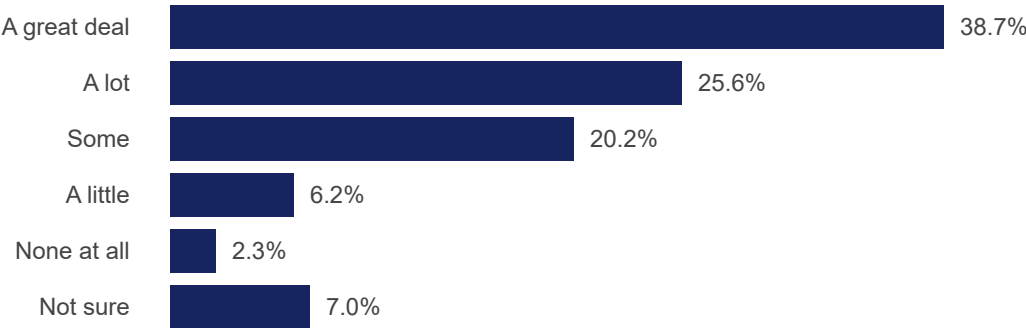


Value	Frequency	Percent
Very aware	84	16.0%
Somewhat aware	115	21.9%
Heard of it but don't know the details	142	26.9%
Not aware at all	151	28.6%
Not sure	35	6.6%
Total	527	100%

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.

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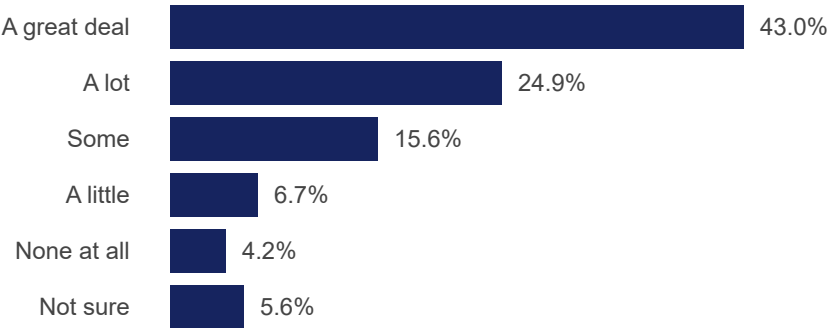


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	204	38.7%
A lot	135	25.6%
Some	106	20.2%
A little	32	6.2%
None at all	12	2.3%
Not sure	37	7.0%
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Q15 : Outrage: Drone Attacks on Civilians

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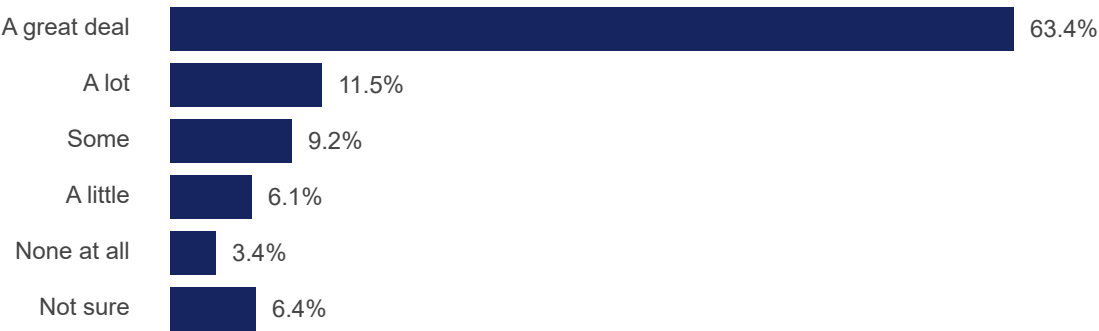


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	227	43.0%
A lot	131	24.9%
Some	82	15.6%
A little	35	6.7%
None at all	22	4.2%
Not sure	29	5.6%
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Q16 : Outrage: Rape as Weapon of War

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

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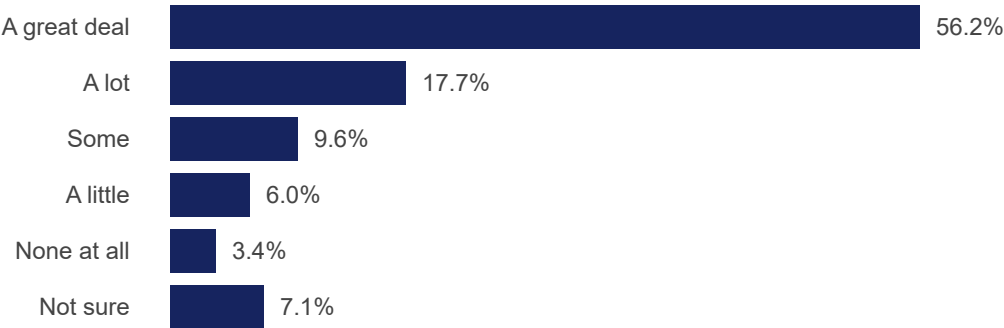


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	334	63.4%
A lot	60	11.5%
Some	48	9.2%
A little	32	6.1%
None at all	18	3.4%
Not sure	34	6.4%
Total	527	100%

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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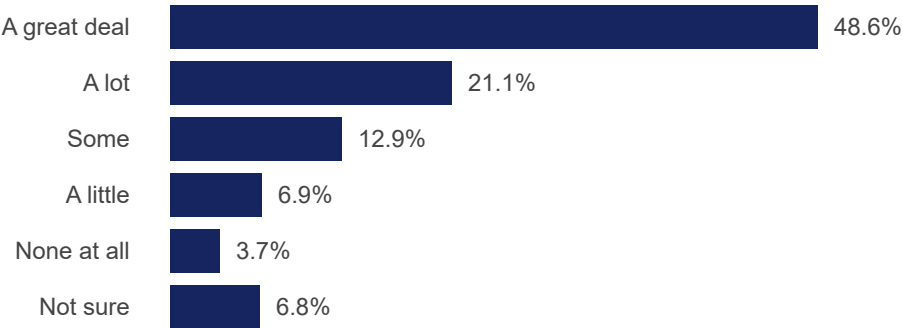


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	296	56.2%
A lot	93	17.7%
Some	51	9.6%
A little	31	6.0%
None at all	18	3.4%
Not sure	37	7.1%
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Q18 : Outrage: Cyberattacks on U.S.

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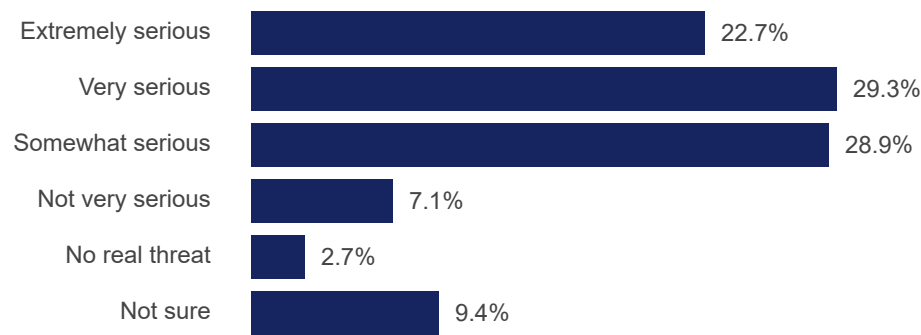


Value	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	256	48.6%
A lot	111	21.1%
Some	68	12.9%
A little	36	6.9%
None at all	20	3.7%
Not sure	36	6.8%
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Q19 : Russia Threat Level (Post)

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

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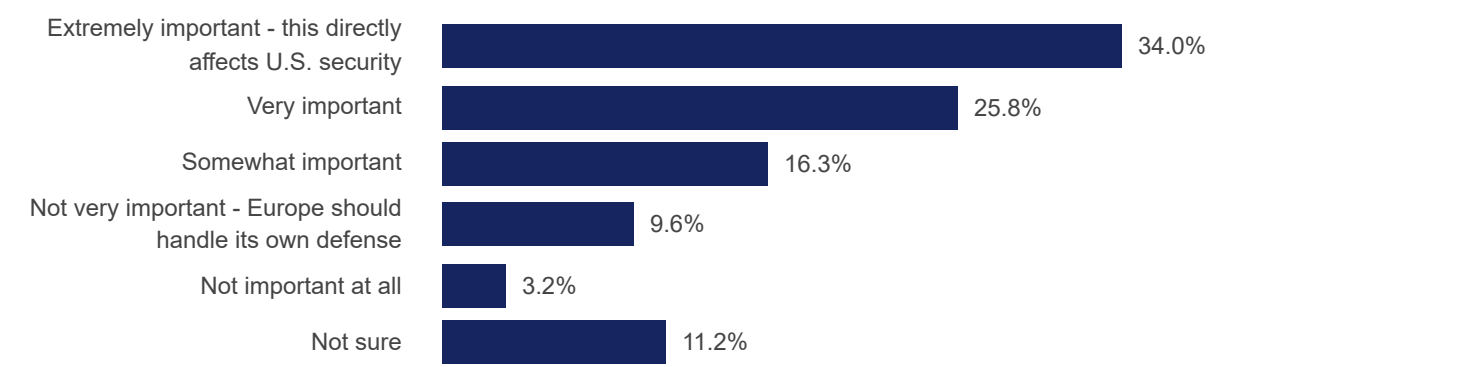


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely serious	120	22.7%
Very serious	154	29.3%
Somewhat serious	152	28.9%
Not very serious	37	7.1%
No real threat	14	2.7%
Not sure	50	9.4%
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Q20 : Importance of NATO Deterrence in Europe (Post)

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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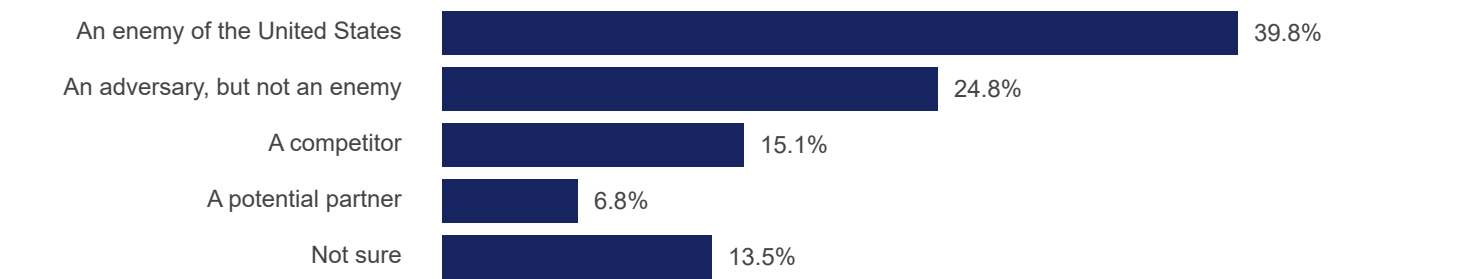


Value	Frequency	Percent
Extremely important - this directly affects U.S. security	179	34.0%
Very important	136	25.8%
Somewhat important	86	16.3%
Not very important - Europe should handle its own defense	50	9.6%
Not important at all	17	3.2%
Not sure	59	11.2%
Total	527	100%

Q21 : View of Russia (Post)

Which best describes your current view of Russia?

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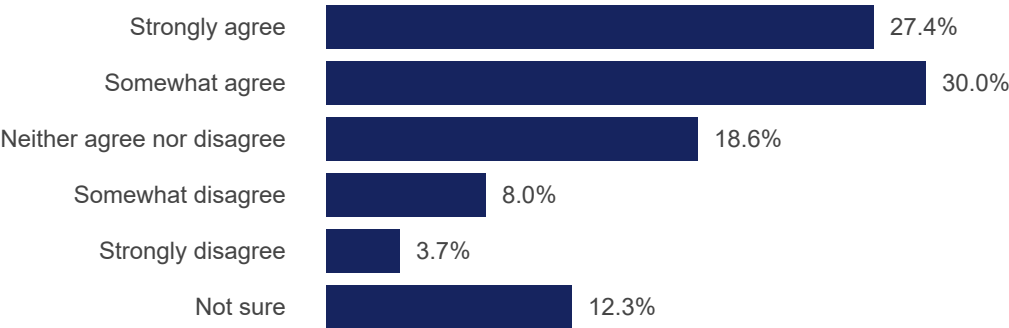


Value	Frequency	Percent
An enemy of the United States	210	39.8%
An adversary, but not an enemy	131	24.8%
A competitor	80	15.1%
A potential partner	36	6.8%
Not sure	71	13.5%
Total	527	100%

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.

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Value	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	144	27.4%
Somewhat agree	158	30.0%
Neither agree nor disagree	98	18.6%
Somewhat disagree	42	8.0%
Strongly disagree	20	3.7%
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Survey Demographics

Sample composition of survey respondents

