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American Sentiments on Conflict in Ukraine



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Introduction

On February 24th, the world's attention turned to the second largest country in Europe (in terms of size), when Russia's military crossed the Ukrainian border in a military offensive. Given the considerable geopolitical ramifications of this crisis, Angus Reid sought the opinions of the American public for their reactions.

Methodology

Angus Reid surveyed a representative sample of 1000 adults who are members of the Angus Reid Forum USA. The sample frame was balanced and weighted on age, gender and region according to the latest census data. For comparison purposes only, a probability sample of the gamer sample would yield a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.



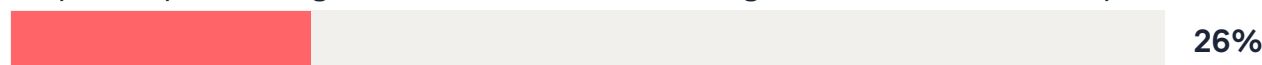
With a keen focus on the crisis, three-quarters of the population believe their country should support Ukraine.

- Republicans are twice as likely as Democrats to believe the U.S. should not support one country or the other (19% vs. 10% respectively)
- There is a correlation between those are following the crisis closely and support for Ukraine. 82% of those who are following the situation closely (or very closely) support Ukraine

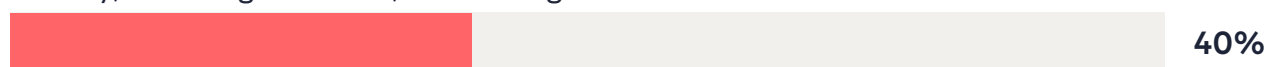
QUESTION 1.0

How closely have you been following this conflict between Russia and Ukraine?

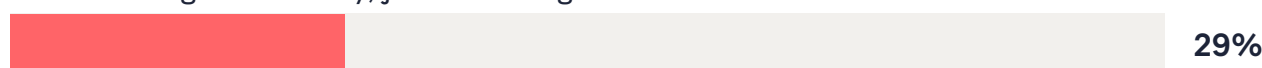
Very closely – Reading a lot of stories and discussing it with friends and family



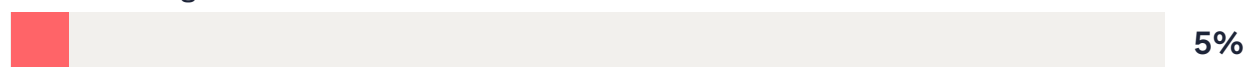
Closely, following the issue, and having the odd conversation about it



Not following that closely, just scanning the headlines



Not following it at all



QUESTION 2.0

Who do you believe the U.S. should be supporting in this conflict?



73%
Ukraine



1%
Russia



15%
The U.S. should express no
support for one country or
the other



11%
Don't know/not sure

24%

Say that Russia has some
legitimate grievances
with Western countries
(including the U.S.)

13%

Say that Russia has some
legitimate grievances with
Ukraine



American support

85% of Americans want to see the U.S. provide support across many categories, but only 12% are in favor of sending troops to fight alongside the Ukrainian forces.

QUESTION 3.0

From the list below, please select all the things you think the U.S. should do:

Send humanitarian aid to Ukraine

medicine, food aid, medical personnel etc.



Use targeted economic sanctions

Russian individuals (including Putin or the oligarchy) can't do business or access their money in the U.S.



Apply broad economic sanctions

no imports or exports between the U.S. and Russia



Provide intelligence and cybersecurity support



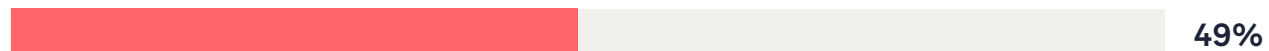
Provide defensive weapons and gear

night goggles, helmets, armour, radios, etc.

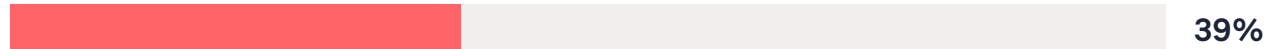


Send military equipment to Ukraine

guns, tanks, ammunition etc.



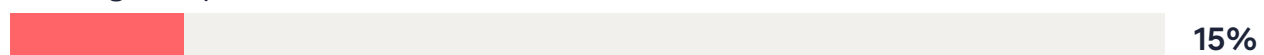
Provide more loans or aid to Ukraine to fund its defense



Send U.S. troops into Ukraine to fight alongside Ukrainian forces



Nothing – stay out of it



Assessing the U.S. response

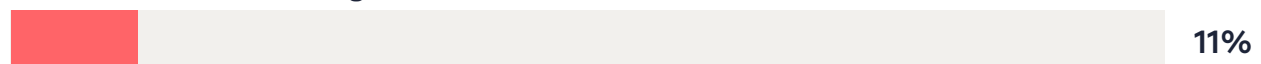
As of March 1st, the U.S. has done the following in response to the conflict:

- Provided an additional \$350 million USD in defence equipment to Ukraine, including ammunition and other “lethal aid” to support Ukrainian forces
- Deployed an additional 7,000 troops to Germany and other NATO allies in Europe
- Imposed multiple sanctions including removal of Russian banks from SWIFT, freezing assets of Russian businesses/individuals, travel bans, technology restrictions and other financial institution bans

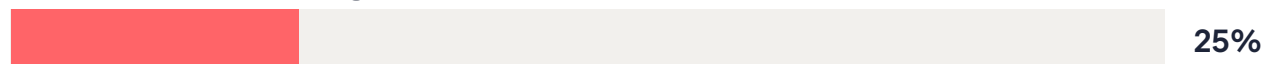
QUESTION 4.0

Which of the following best reflects your point of view?

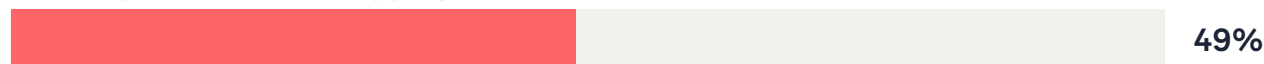
The U.S. should be doing much more



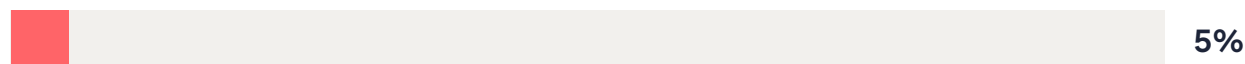
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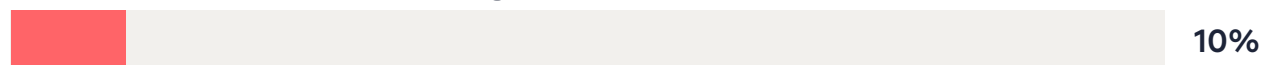
This response has been appropriate



The U.S. should have done less



The U.S. should have done nothing



**NET:
More 36%**

**NET:
Less 15%**

Half of Americans believe the U.S. response has been appropriate, but another third say that more needs to be done (with the exception of direct combat)

63%

agree that It is in the U.S.'s best interests to avoid sending military personnel to join Ukraine's forces

27%

agree that Sanctions directed at Russia are unlikely to have any effect

Fear of a Catastrophic Future

Worried Americans are pondering a plurality of scenarios including nuclear war.

- 83% Of Americans are concerned that the situation could escalate to become a major conflict between Russia and the US
- Americans report that the following are very likely/somewhat likely to occur as a result of the crisis

QUESTION 5.0

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Other countries will join Ukraine to fight alongside their forces



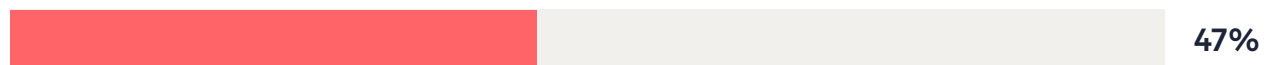
This conflict will lead to global recession



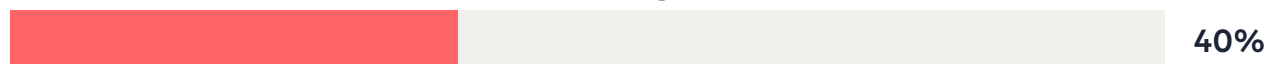
The fighting will spread beyond Ukraine's borders to other countries



This conflict will lead to World War III



This conflict will lead to nuclear missiles being fired



Feeling the effects at home

Americans see this crisis affecting their lives in a variety of ways.

QUESTION 6.0

The crisis will have a negative impact on:

The price of gas



The U.S. economy



The price of your energy bill



Your household's cost of living



Supply chain issues within your community



“This data clearly demonstrates the anxieties that many Americans are feeling at this moment. They clearly want to support Ukraine as much as possible but have drawn the line at sending troops into combat. With many concerned about a possible WWII or a nuclear event, the consequences are seen as too high.”



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