



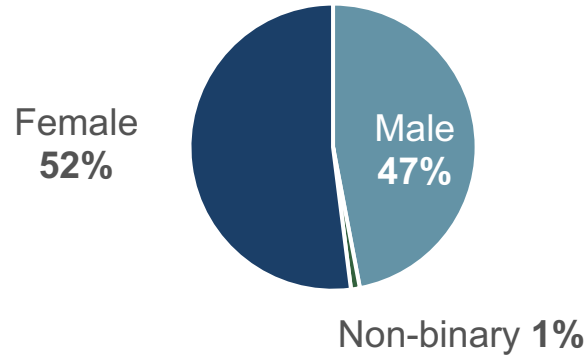
Where Americans Stand on Supporting Ukraine and Stopping Putin's Aggression

Results from a national survey of 1,205 registered voters
Conducted June 21 to 26, 2023

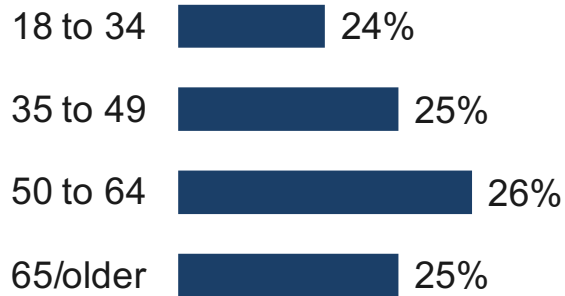


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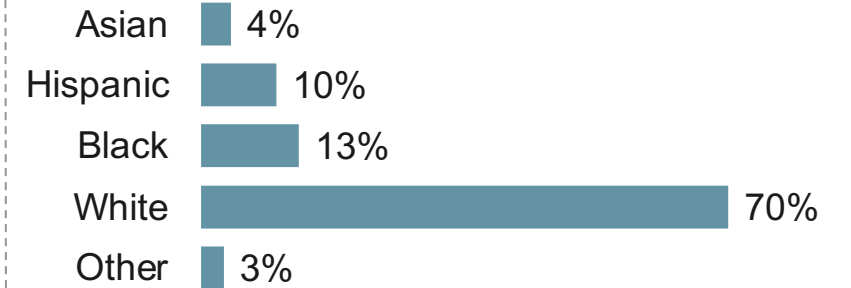
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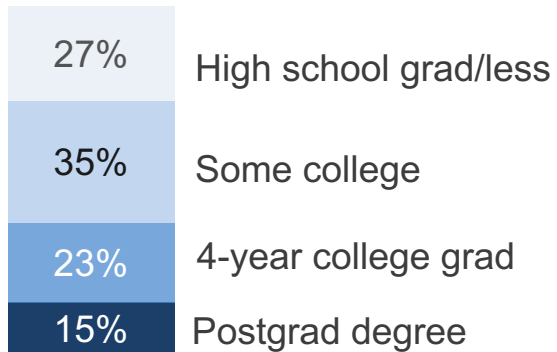
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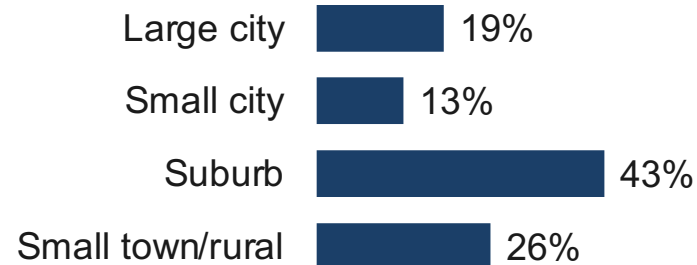
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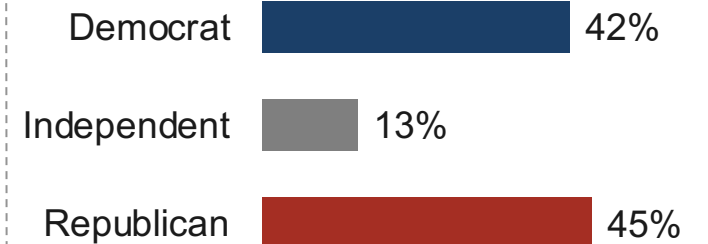
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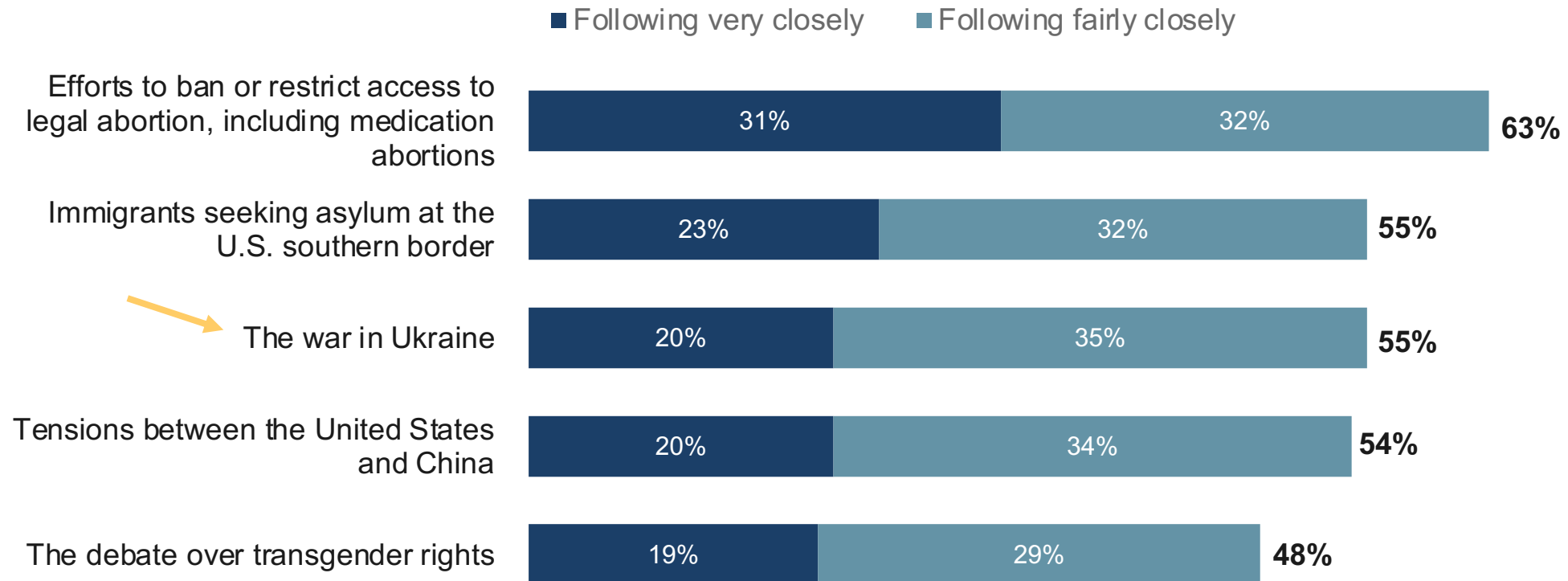
54% of Republicans say they are MAGA supporters

Overview of Key Findings

- By overwhelming margins, Americans continue to side with Ukraine in its war with Russia.
- Support for Ukraine is animated by primarily by opposition to Putin and by a belief that Putin must be stopped from winning permanent control of Ukrainian territory. A large majority of Americans oppose forcing Ukraine to negotiate a peace with Russia that involves territorial concessions and reject policy alternatives that would reward Putin for his acts of brutality.
- There is broad support for continued U.S. military and economic backing of Ukraine, but support varies with partisanship and except for liberal Democrats does not always run deep.
- Reservations among Republican voters about U.S. support for Ukraine are often framed around the issue of spending. Other voters respond to geopolitical concerns (the risk of involving the U.S. in a war with Russia, the risk of creating a Russia-China alliance against the U.S.).
- The most compelling rationale for continued U.S. support for Ukraine is that Vladimir Putin and Russia will be encouraged to carry out more acts of aggression against other countries if they are allowed to succeed in their invasion of Ukraine.

A majority of voters say they are closely following news about the war in Ukraine, including 20% who say they are following it very closely

How closely have you been following each of these issues?

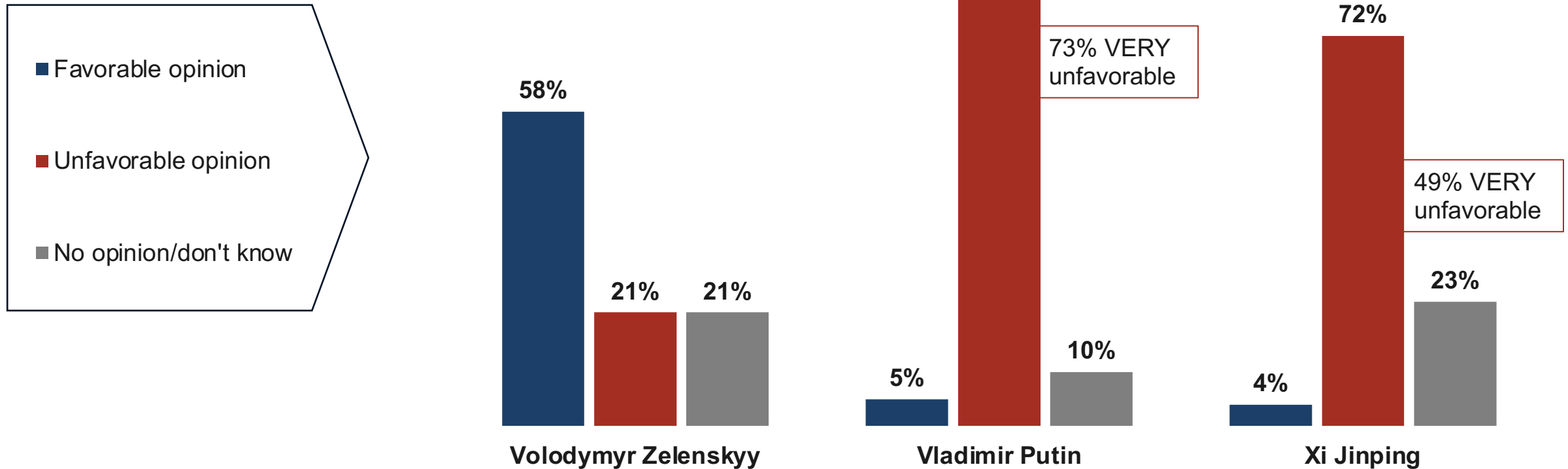


Interest in news about the war in Ukraine is highest among liberal Democrats, college-educated men, and men age 50+



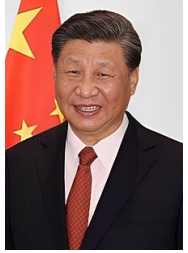
<i>Following very/fairly closely:</i>	Abortion %	Immigrants %	Ukraine %	U.S. – China %	Transgender %
Liberal Democrats	85	48	65	52	68
Other Democrats	67	48	52	50	44
Independents	59	47	44	47	44
Non-MAGA Republicans	43	54	48	49	35
MAGA Republicans	59	74	59	68	45
Men age 18 to 49	60	56	59	60	51
Men age 50/older	65	71	73	71	49
Women age 18 to 49	65	38	38	33	46
Women age 50/older	62	58	52	54	46
White men non-college grads	54	60	61	61	41
White men college grads	69	68	76	73	61
White women non-college grads	56	53	46	44	42
White women college grads	75	50	53	50	57
Black voters	72	51	49	47	50
Hispanic voters	64	52	51	52	44

Most Americans are favorable to President Zelenskyy, while a large majority are very unfavorable to Vladimir Putin

Overall Opinion of Selected World Leaders

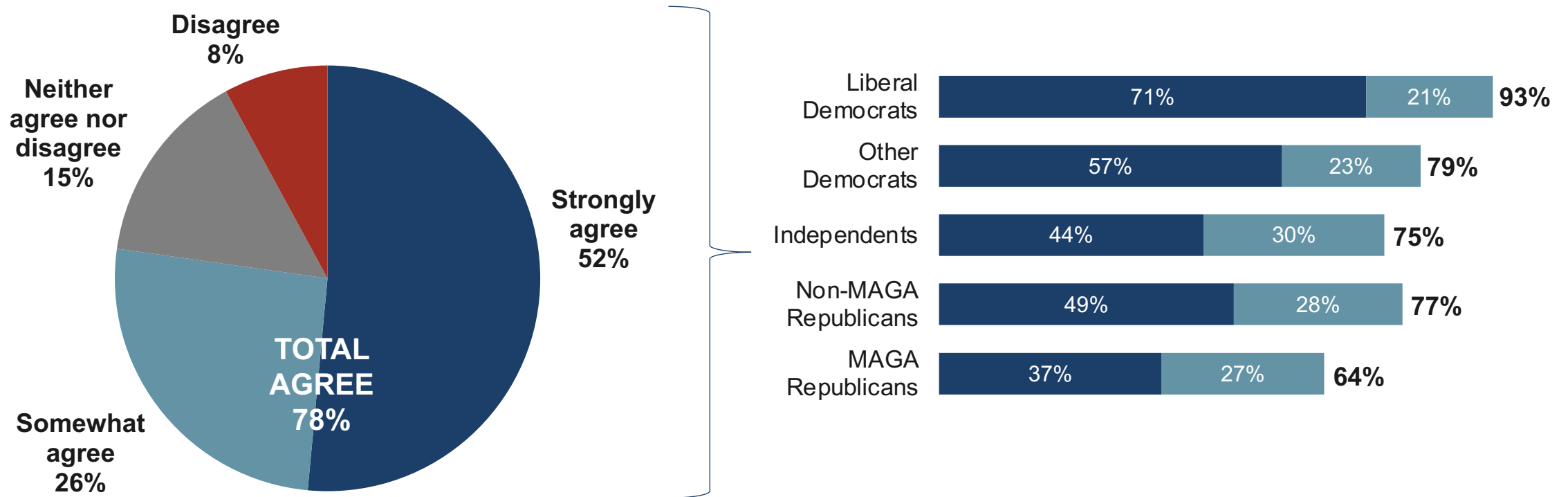


Views of Zelenskyy, Putin, Xi vary significant by partisanship and ideology

		Very favorable %	Somewhat favorable %	Somewhat unfavorable %	Very unfavorable %	No opinion %	TOTAL favorable %	TOTAL unfavorable %
 VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY	Liberal Democrats	47	33	3	3	14	80	6
	Other Democrats	27	30	8	6	30	57	13
	Independents	24	26	8	11	31	50	19
	Non-MAGA Republicans	18	36	14	9	23	54	24
	MAGA Republicans	12	31	15	25	17	43	40
 VLADIMIR PUTIN	Liberal Democrats	1	1	8	86	4	2	94
	Other Democrats	2	2	9	69	19	4	78
	Independents	-	2	13	71	13	2	85
	Non-MAGA Republicans	1	2	16	70	11	3	86
	MAGA Republicans	4	8	14	65	9	12	79
 XI JINPING	Liberal Democrats	1	3	30	45	21	4	75
	Other Democrats	1	5	22	39	34	5	61
	Independents	1	1	23	40	35	2	63
	Non-MAGA Republicans	-	3	23	51	22	4	74
	MAGA Republicans	1	5	17	64	13	6	80

4 in 5 Americans agree Putin is a “dangerous dictator” and the U.S. should play a leading role in opposing him

“Vladimir Putin is a dangerous dictator who imprisons and murders his opponents and violates international law by ruthlessly invading other countries, and the United States should play a leadership role in opposing Putin.”



By 56% to 20%, Americans **disagree** that “Vladimir Putin is an important world leader and Russia is an important world power, and the United States should try more to get along with Putin and Russia instead of treating them as an enemy.”

Most Americans see Ukraine aligned with U.S. interests, while a majority see Russia as an enemy of the U.S.

Perceived Relationship of United States and Selected Countries



UKRAINE

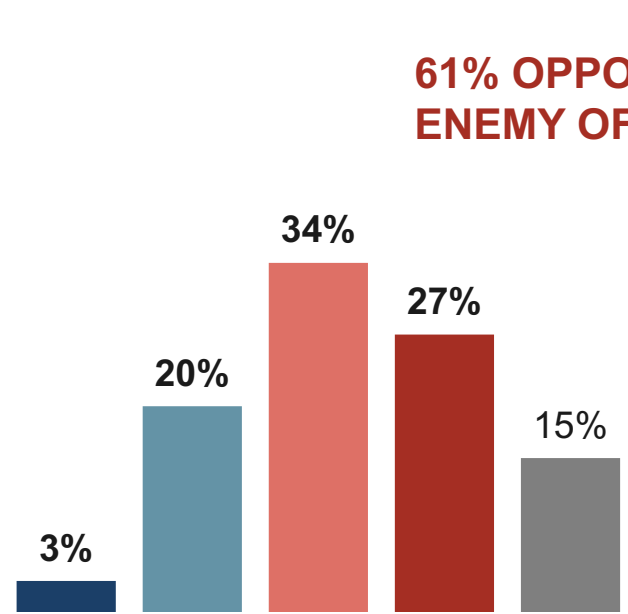
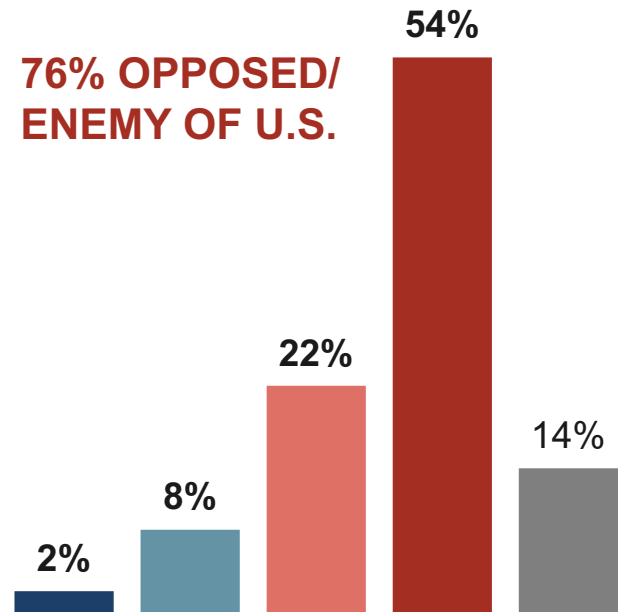
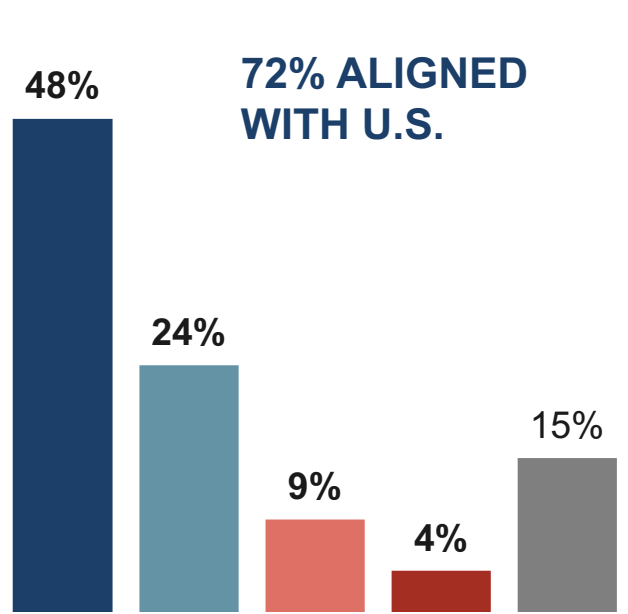


RUSSIA






CHINA

■ Ally of U.S. ■ Common interests but not ally ■ Opposing interests but not enemy ■ Enemy of U.S. ■ Don't know



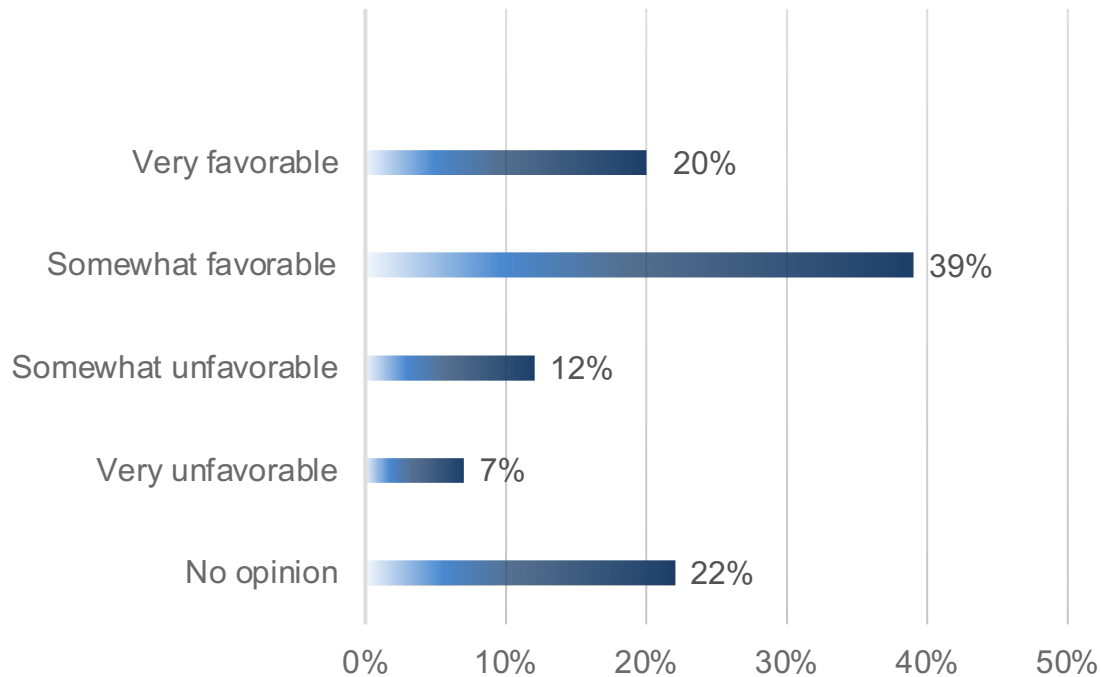
71% say the United Kingdom is an ally of the U.S.

Liberal Democrats are most likely to consider Russia to be an enemy, while MAGA Republicans are more hostile to China

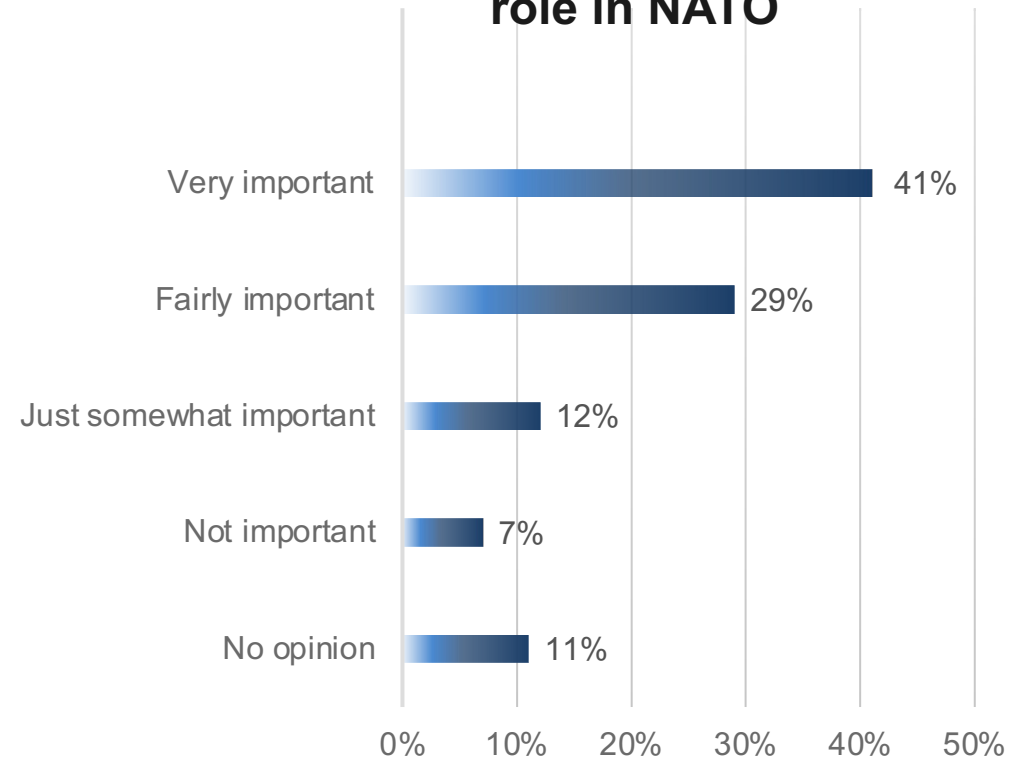
		Ally %	Common interests %	Opposing interests %	Enemy %	No opinion %	TOTAL Aligned %	TOTAL Oppose/Enemy%
 UKRAINE	Liberal Democrats	71	20	3	-	7	90	3
	Other Democrats	52	14	10	2	22	66	12
	Independents	43	23	9	4	20	66	13
	Non-MAGA Republicans	41	32	8	3	15	73	11
	MAGA Republicans	31	28	17	8	15	59	26
 RUSSIA	Liberal Democrats	-	6	16	72	6	6	87
	Other Democrats	1	8	18	53	20	9	71
	Independents	3	8	23	49	17	11	71
	Non-MAGA Republicans	1	7	24	51	16	8	75
	MAGA Republicans	3	12	30	42	12	16	72
 CHINA	Liberal Democrats	2	25	51	10	11	27	61
	Other Democrats	8	23	39	9	21	30	48
	Independents	3	23	34	21	19	26	55
	Non-MAGA Republicans	2	18	28	36	17	20	64
	MAGA Republicans	1	14	20	53	12	16	73

By 59% to 19% Americans have a favorable opinion of NATO, and a large majority say it is important for the U.S. to play a leadership role in NATO

Opinion of NATO



Importance of US playing a leadership role in NATO



As a matter of affinity, if not policy, very large majorities of Americans are rooting for Ukraine in the war and think it is important to stop Putin from succeeding in his war

By 76% to 3%, Americans say they support or sympathize more with Ukraine than with Russia in the war (86% to 1% among Democrats, 72% to 2% among Independents, 68% to 6% among Republicans).

77% of Americans say it is very important (55%) or fairly important (22%) to stop Vladimir Putin and Russia from succeeding in their war against Ukraine.

76% of Americans say it is very important (52%) or fairly important (24%) for Ukraine to defeat Russia in their war.

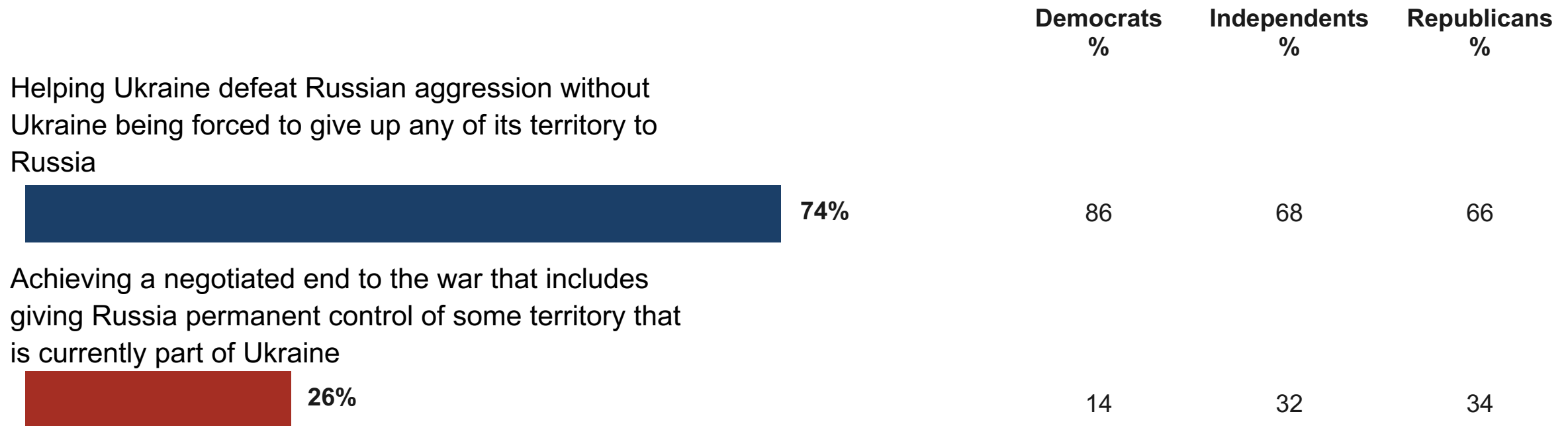
In their own words: What Americans say the main goals should be for the U.S. in dealing with the war

Volunteered Goals for U.S. in Dealing with War in Ukraine (aggregated volunteered comments)

	All voters %	Democrats %	Independents %	Republicans %
✓ Help Ukraine defeat/defend against Russian aggression	20	28	19	12
✓ Be an ally/continue to help/support Ukraine	17	20	18	14
✗ Not get involved/stay out of it	17	10	26	22
Ending the war/try to negotiate/find a solution for peace	16	17	16	15
✓ Provide military aid/weapons/intelligence	14	16	11	12
✗ No financial aid/stop funding	10	3	6	18
✗ No military/troop involvement	9	8	8	10
✗ Take care of our country first/worry about USA before Ukraine	6	4	6	9
Diplomacy only/not to get directly involved/provide guidance	6	8	1	6
✓ Charitable/humanitarian aid	6	6	6	6

By 3-to-1 Americans say our goal should be to help Ukraine win with no territorial concessions, rather than a negotiated peace that would involve permanent Russian control of some Ukrainian areas

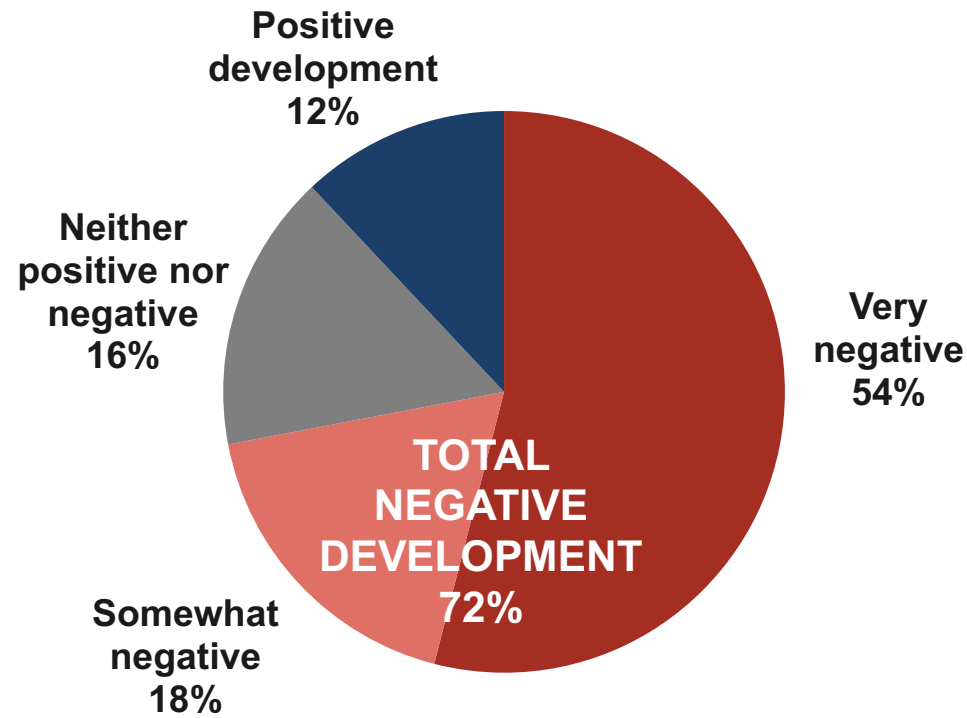
More Important Objective for the U.S. in Dealing with Ukraine and Russia



By 60% to 26%, Americans say the U.S. should not pressure Ukraine to negotiate as a condition for continued support. Republican voters agree with this view by 51% to 34%

72% say it would be a negative development if Putin is able to permanently win territory in Ukraine. Many Americans worry he won't stop there.

Do you think it would be a positive development or a negative development if Vladimir Putin and Russia are successful in gaining permanent control of some territory that is currently part of Ukraine?



What would your biggest concerns be, if any, about allowing Vladimir Putin and Russia to succeed in gaining permanent control of some territory currently part of Ukraine?

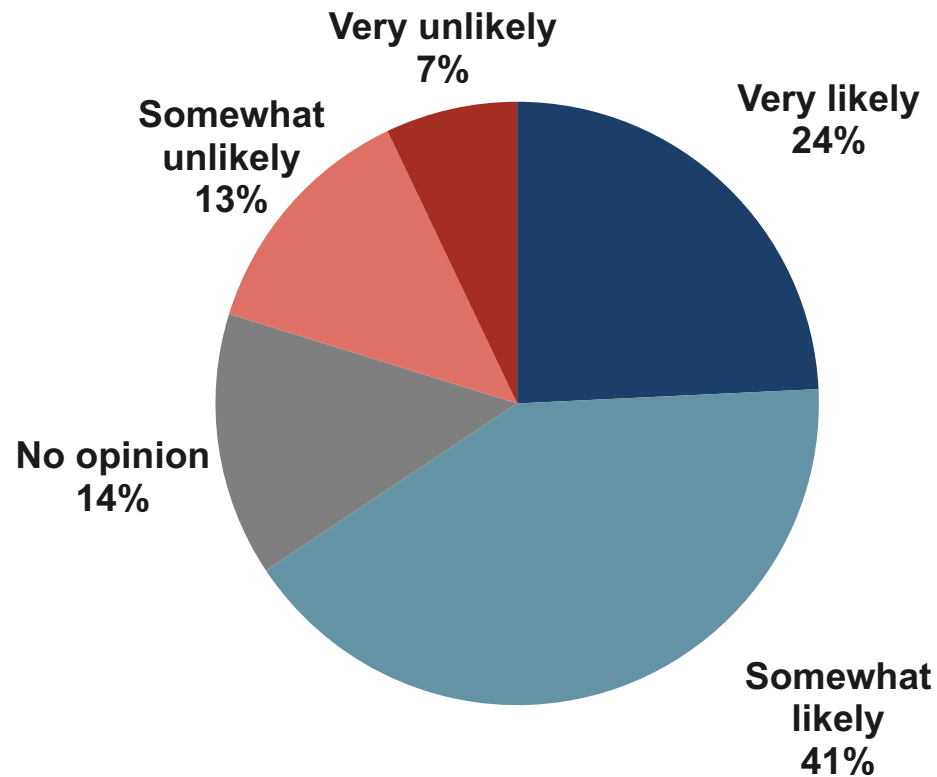
- 32%** **Won't stop at Ukraine, will try to take more territories/invoke other countries**

- 12% Strengthens, gives more power/control to Putin
- 9% Won't stop, power hungry, greedy
- 9% Trying to take more territory, control all of Ukraine

- 6% Not their land/country; don't need any more land
- 5% Putin/Russia needs to be stopped, defeated
- 4% Imminent danger to US, would start war with US
- 4% Trying to reclaim Soviet Union, USSR, communism
- 4% Will lead to a bigger war, world war
- 3% Detrimental to people, people suffering/being harmed
- 3% Bully, thug
- 3% Casualties, killing of innocent people
- 3% Validates/rewards aggressive/bullying behavior
- 3% Encourages/emboldens/give more confidence to Putin

Two thirds says it is more likely than not that Ukraine can win the war with Russia

Assuming the United States and other NATO nations continue to provide support to Ukraine, how likely do you think it is that Ukraine can eventually win its war with Russia?

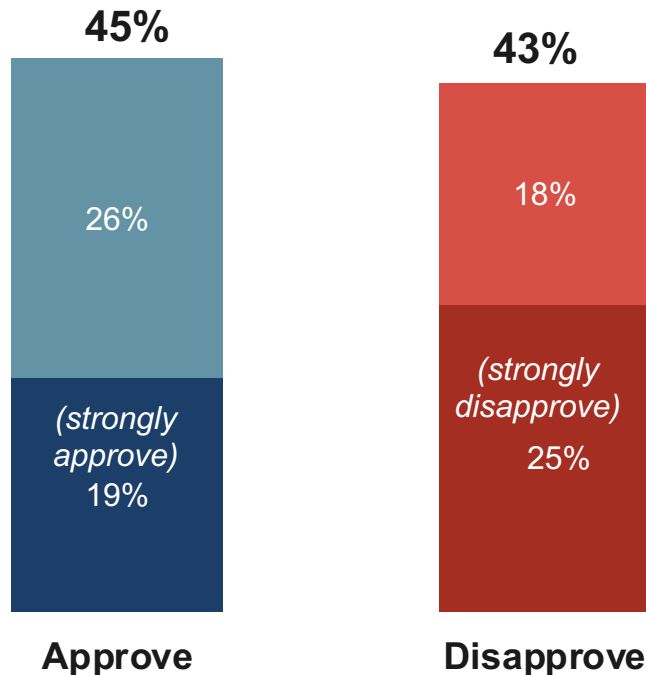


**TOTAL LIKELY
THAT UKRAINE
CAN WIN
66%**

If the question does not stipulate continued U.S. and NATO support, 61% say it is very likely (19%) or somewhat likely (42%) that Ukraine can win the war.

Despite the broad pro-Ukraine consensus, there is partisan division over President Biden's Ukraine policies

Approval of President Biden's Policies for Dealing with the War in Ukraine

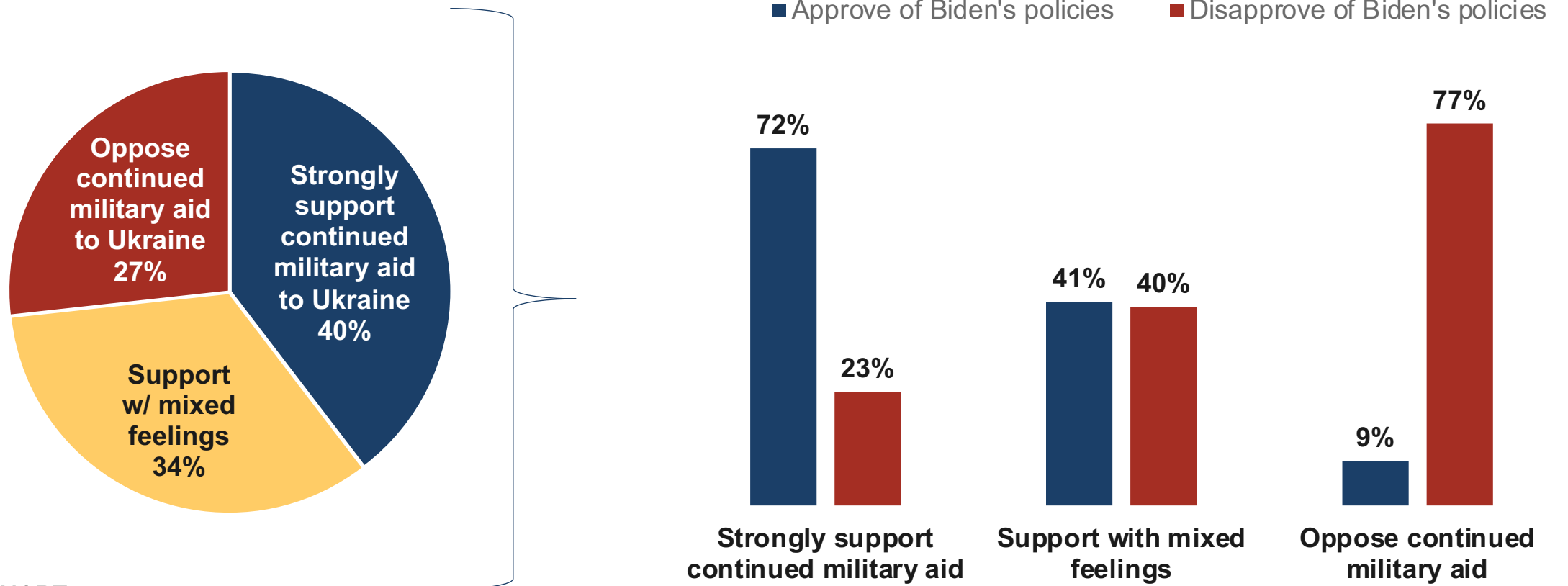


	Strongly approve %	Some-what approve %	Some-what disapprove %	Strongly disapprove %	TOTAL Approve %	TOTAL Disapprove %
Liberal Democrats	43	36	8	2	79	10
Other Democrats	27	44	12	2	71	15
Independents	11	22	20	20	33	39
Non-MAGA Republicans	6	19	31	33	24	64
MAGA Republicans	2	12	21	60	15	81

President Biden's overall rating among registered voters is 42% favorable, 55% unfavorable

Approval of Biden's Ukraine policies also aligns closely with where voters stand on policy. Those who are ambivalent in their support for continued aid are divided in rating of Biden.

Approval of President Biden's Policies for the War in Ukraine



Volunteered reasons for approving of Biden's policies mainly focus that he is on the right side in help Ukraine

What are the main reasons why you approve of President Biden's policies for dealing with the war in Ukraine? What specifically do you like about his policies and the way he is responding to Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

34%	Providing help/humanitarian aid to Ukraine
24%	Necessary to defeat Putin/stop Russian invasion
22%	Providing weapons/military type aid/intelligence
13%	No boots on the ground/supporting Ukraine without sending troops
9%	Doing his best/under the circumstances
8%	Financial support/providing money/to strengthen Ukraine
5%	Remaining neutral/not getting overly involved
4%	Protecting democracy/taking a leadership position for democracy
4%	Support Ukrainian fight for freedom
3%	Being an ally/support with his actions
3%	Placing sanctions on Russia
3%	Agree with the policy/doing the right thing
2%	Being careful not to escalate the situation/start another war
1%	Responding despite Ukraine not belonging to NATO

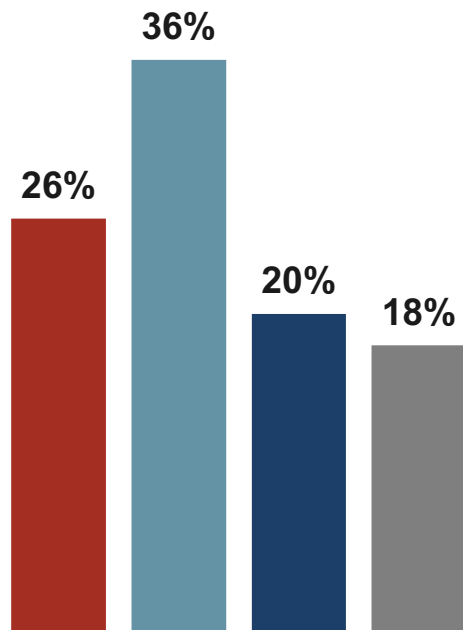
Volunteered reasons for disapproving of Biden's policies focus first and foremost on spending, but some say he has not done enough

What are the main reasons why you disapprove of President Biden's policies for dealing with the war in Ukraine? What specifically do you dislike about his policies and the way he is responding to Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

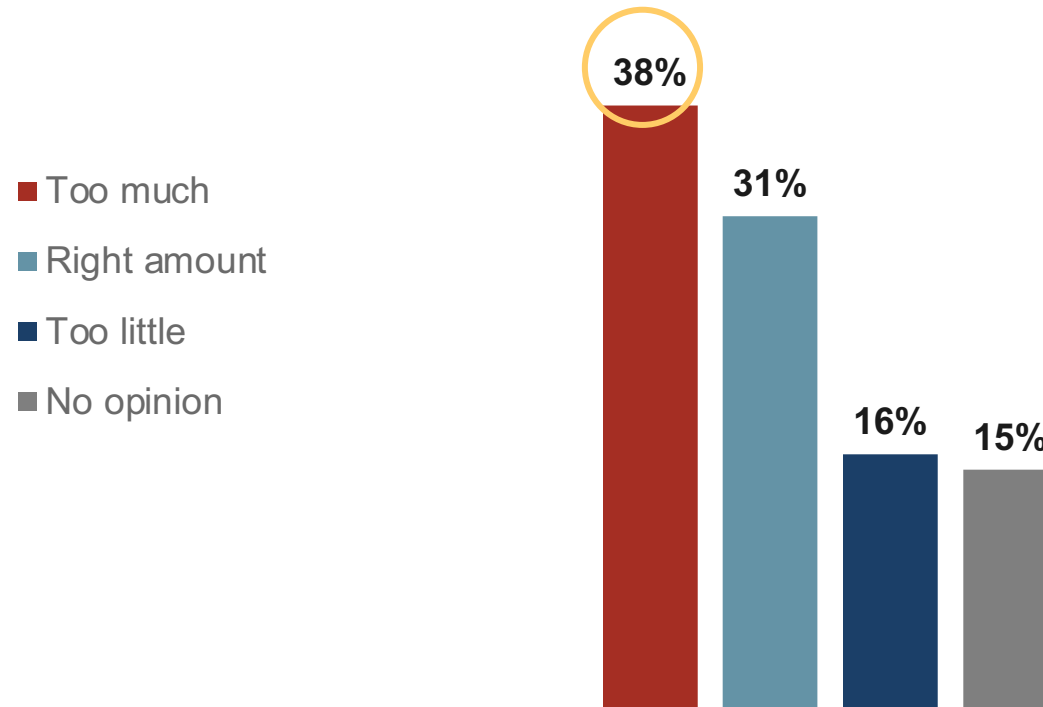
32%	Too much financial aid/spending too much money
24%	Should focus on America/do what is right for our country
12%	Shouldn't be involved/dispute has nothing to do with us
10%	Appears weak/not doing enough/needs to take a stronger stance
8%	Shouldn't provide weapons/equipment/military
7%	Not qualified/incompetent
7%	Wasting taxpayer money/shouldn't use money from taxpayers
5%	Can't think for himself/make his own decisions
4%	No accountability/checks and balances for spending
4%	Corrupt/a crook
3%	Not providing enough weapons/military assistance/shouldn't have pulled troops
3%	Financial benefits for Biden and his family
3%	Not giving enough support to Ukraine
3%	Too slow to get involved/should have taken action sooner

Most say the U.S. is doing the right amount or too little, but there is more pushback when the question is about “spending” rather than “doing”

Do you think the United States is **DOING** too much, too little, or the right amount to help Ukraine in the war with Russia?



Do you think the United States is **SPENDING** too much, too little, or the right amount to help Ukraine in the war with Russia?



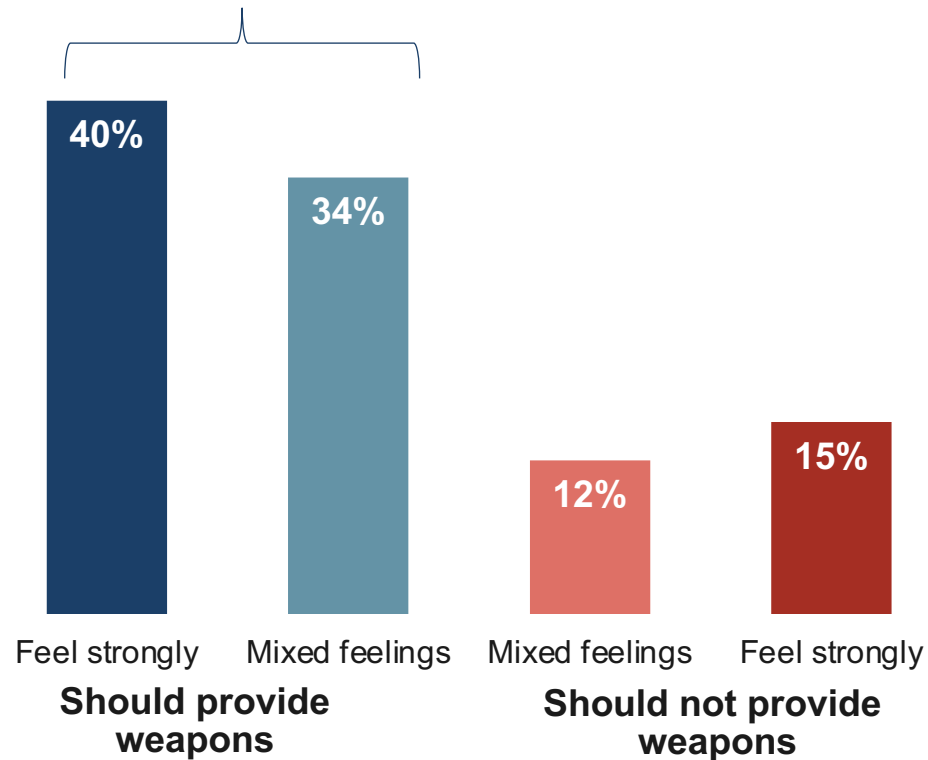
A majority of Republican voters say we are “spending” too much (but not “doing” too much)

	HOW MUCH U.S. IS DOING IN UKRAINE			HOW MUCH U.S. IS SPENDING IN UKRAINE		
	Too much %	Right amount %	Too little %	Too much %	Right amount %	Too little %
Liberal Democrats	11	23	55	21	20	45
Other Democrats	16	22	42	23	9	48
Independents	17	22	39	43	11	25
Non-MAGA Republicans	30	20	24	44	18	23
MAGA Republicans	49	15	22	58	17	17

There is broad support for continued U.S. military and economic aid, but that support does not always run deep.

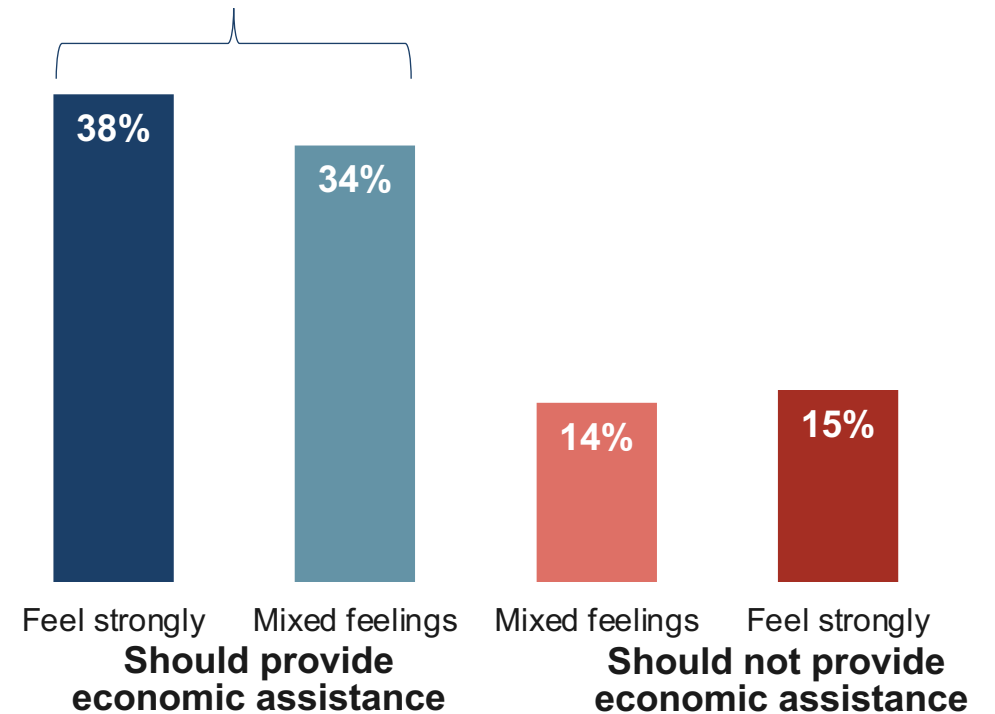
Support for U.S. Continuing to Provide MILITARY WEAPONS to Ukraine

73% provide weapons



Support for U.S. Continuing to Provide ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE/FINANCIAL AID to Ukraine

71% provide economic assistance

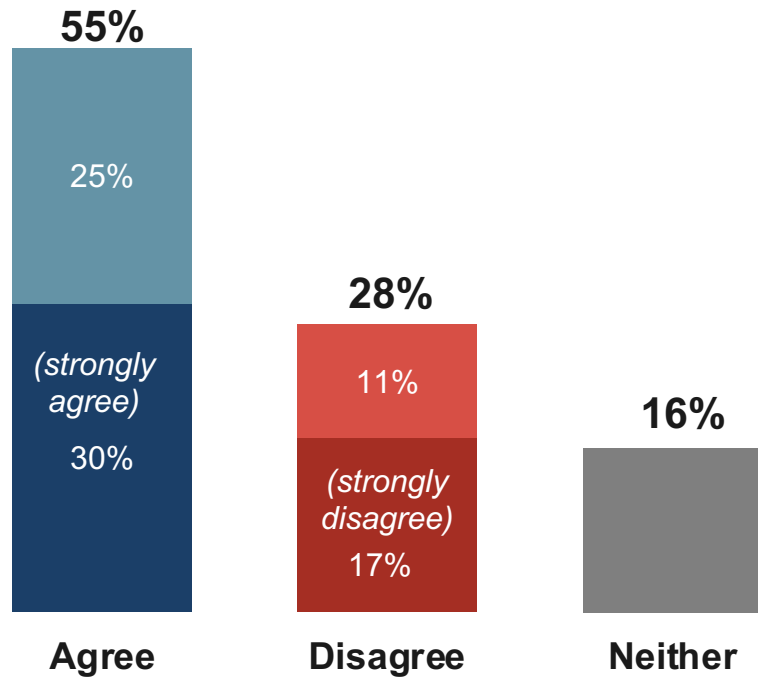


Liberal Democrats are avidly supportive of continued U.S. aid, but the depth of support is more limited among others. MAGA Republicans are more opposed to economic aid than military aid.

	U.S. PROVIDING MILITARY WEAPONS			U.S. PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE		
	Strongly support %	Support with mixed feelings %	Oppose %	Strongly support %	Support with mixed feelings %	Oppose %
Liberal Democrats	59	27	13	61	28	11
Other Democrats	41	43	16	39	45	16
Independents	35	34	31	36	34	30
Non-MAGA Republicans	34	36	30	29	38	33
MAGA Republicans	26	31	43	21	28	51

By 55% to 28%, Americans agree the U.S. should support Ukraine “for as long as it takes.” A majority of MAGA Republicans disagree.

Do you agree or disagree that the United States should support Ukraine in its war with Russia “for as long as it takes”?



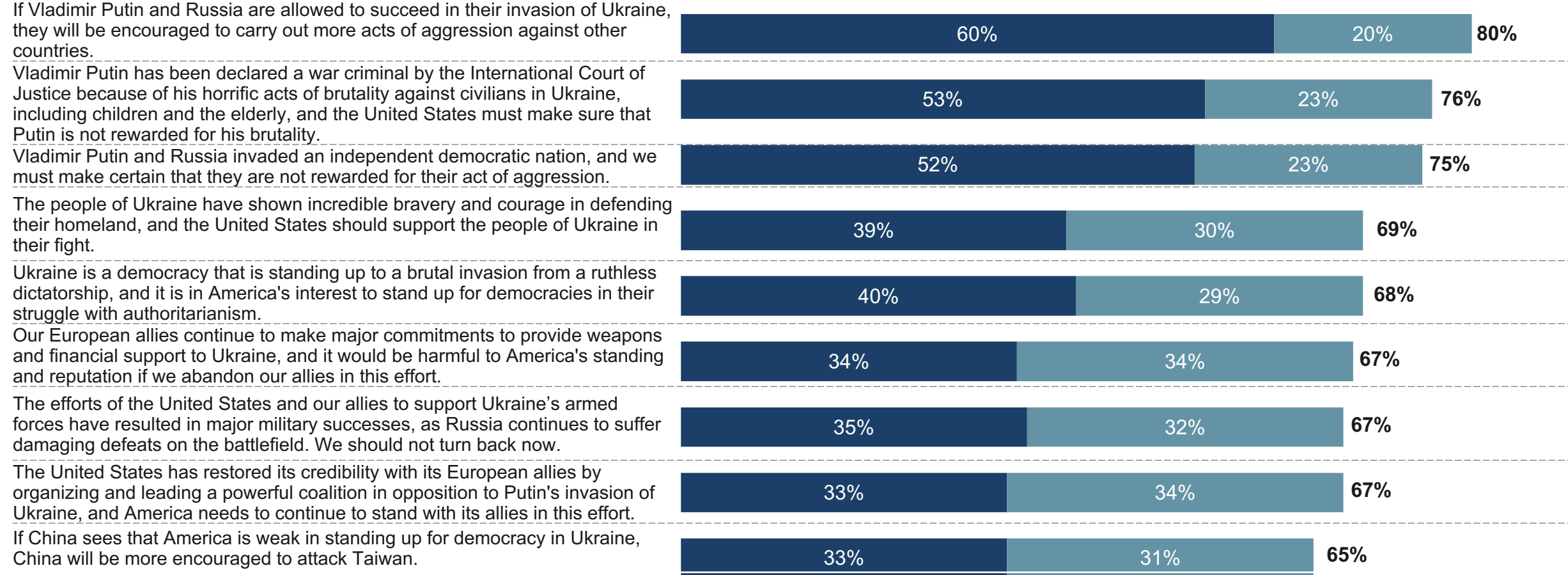
	Strongly agree %	Somewhat agree %	Disagree %	Neither %	TOTAL Agree %
Liberal Democrats	52	29	11	8	81
Other Democrats	36	26	14	23	62
Independents	23	21	30	26	44
Non-MAGA Republicans	23	27	33	17	50
MAGA Republicans	15	20	51	14	35
Strongly favor military aid	67	25	2	6	92
Favor military aid/mixed	10	41	20	29	51
Oppose military aid	2	5	77	16	7

Among possible concerns about continued U.S. involvement, fear of being drawn into a bigger war is most salient. Republicans also prioritize concerns about the cost.

<i>TWO biggest concerns about U.S. continuing to provide military and economic aid to Ukraine</i>	All voters %	Liberal Democrats %	Other Democrats %	Independents %	Non-MAGA Republicans %	MAGA Republicans %
Too much risk that the U.S. could be dragged into a larger war with Russia	38	43	44	46	36	27
Our opposition to Russia is drawing Russia and China into a stronger alliance against the U.S.	37	40	33	41	37	36
At a time when we need to cut government spending at home to deal with our deficit and debt, we cannot afford to spend more money on Ukraine	32	21	31	29	39	41
European countries, who are more directly affected, should be carrying the load in supporting Ukraine, not U.S.	25	22	27	27	25	26
There is no realistic scenario for Ukraine to achieve a complete victory, and we should not give Ukraine a blank check to continue the war indefinitely	14	13	14	16	13	17
What happens between Ukraine and Russia is not America's problem, and we should not be the policeman of the world	13	7	10	11	17	17
Too much corruption in Ukraine, we should not be using our tax dollars to support corrupt Ukrainian politicians	10	5	6	10	8	21
Russia has some legitimate claims on Russian-speaking parts of Ukraine and legitimate security concerns about the expansion of NATO	5	1	7	2	4	8

The strongest message in support of continued U.S. support for Ukraine is the risk of further Putin aggression if he is allowed to win

■ Very important reason for U.S. providing military/economic support to Ukraine ■ Fairly important reason

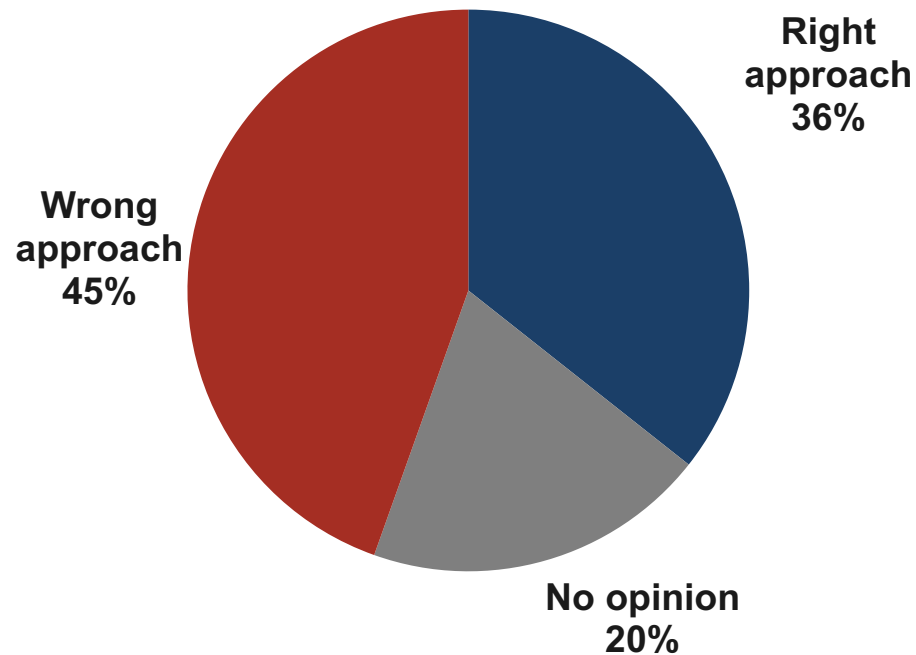


When voters prioritize reasons for continued U.S. support, stopping Putin is even more important than standing with the Ukraine people

<i>THREE biggest reasons U.S. should continue to provide military and economic aid to Ukraine</i>	All voters %	Liberal Democrats %	Other Democrats %	Independents %	Non-MAGA Reps %	MAGA Reps %	Mixed feelings on support %
If Vladimir Putin and Russia are allowed to succeed in their invasion of Ukraine, they will be encouraged to carry out more acts of aggression against other countries.	52	61	41	48	56	48	54
Vladimir Putin has been declared a war criminal by the International Court of Justice because of his horrific acts of brutality against civilians in Ukraine, including children and the elderly, and the United States must make sure that Putin is not rewarded for his brutality.	39	42	42	34	42	36	44
Vladimir Putin and Russia invaded an independent democratic nation, and we must make certain that they are not rewarded for their act of aggression.	33	42	28	35	34	27	32
If China sees that America is weak in standing up for democracy in Ukraine, China will be more encouraged to attack Taiwan.	30	26	26	30	35	34	28
Ukraine is a democracy that is standing up to a brutal invasion from a ruthless dictatorship, and it is in America's interest to stand up for democracies in their struggle with authoritarianism.	30	37	32	33	26	23	28
The people of Ukraine have shown incredible bravery and courage in defending their homeland, and the United States should support the people of Ukraine in their fight.	26	27	35	26	26	20	30
The United States has restored its credibility with its European allies by organizing and leading a powerful coalition in opposition to Putin's invasion of Ukraine, and America needs to continue to stand with its allies in this effort.	23	23	28	22	22	21	27
The efforts of the United States and our allies to support Ukraine's armed forces have resulted in major military successes, as Russia continues to suffer damaging defeats on the battlefield. We should not turn back now.	22	23	30	20	19	19	23
Our European allies continue to make major commitments to provide weapons and financial support to Ukraine, and it would be harmful to America's standing and reputation if we abandon our allies in this effort.	20	18	24	22	14	21	22

A plurality of voters believe Donald Trump would have the wrong approach to Ukraine and Russia if he becomes president again

If Donald Trump becomes president again, do you think he would have the right approach or the wrong approach to dealing with Russia and Ukraine?



	Right approach %	Wrong approach %
Liberal Democrats	4	88
Other Democrats	12	65
Independents	26	44
Non-MAGA Republicans	42	23
MAGA Republicans	84	6
Strongly support continued aid	26	62
Support continued aid aid/mixed	29	43
Oppose continued aid	57	21

The most frequently volunteered concerns about what Trump would do are that he would side with Putin and would withdraw aid from Ukraine.