



TRIP Snap Poll 16 - Will Russia Attack Ukraine?

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Introduction

We are pleased to share partial results of the 16th Teaching, Research and International Policy (TRIP) Snap Poll, fielded with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and in collaboration with the Sié Center for International Security and Diplomacy at the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies. Our polls provide real-time data in the wake of significant policy proposals, during international crises, and on emerging foreign policy debates.

Methodology

We attempted to contact all international relations (IR) scholars in the United States. We define IR scholars as individuals who are employed at a college or university in a political science department or professional school and who teach or conduct research on issues that cross international borders. The poll was open December 16 of 2021, and is still on the field.

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Results

Respondents were asked to put their personal political views aside and use their expert knowledge of politics, foreign policy, or international relations as they reflected on these questions.

Experiment: Russia and Ukraine | China and Taiwan

52.85% of respondents answered two questions on Russia and Ukraine, and 47.15% of respondents answered two questions on China and Taiwan

Table 1: Respondents by Treatment

Country	Count	Percentage (%)
China	323	47.15
Russia	362	52.85
Total	685	100.00

Russia and Ukraine

Table 2: In the next year, will Russia use military force against Ukrainian military forces or additional parts of the territory of Ukraine where it is not currently operating?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Yes	203	56.08%
No	73	20.17%
Do not know	86	23.76%
Total	362	100.00%

Table 3: In the next year, will Russia use military force against Ukrainian military forces or additional parts of the territory of Ukraine where it is not currently operating? By paradigm

Response option	Yes	No	Do not know	Total
Constructivism	29 (56.9%)	13 (25.5%)	9 (17.6%)	51 (100.0%)
English school	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)	3 (75.0%)	4 (100.0%)
Feminism	3 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (50.0%)	6 (100.0%)
Liberalism	22 (71.0%)	4 (12.9%)	5 (16.1%)	31 (100.0%)
Marxism	3 (33.3%)	3 (33.3%)	3 (33.3%)	9 (100.0%)
Realism	36 (64.3%)	7 (12.5%)	13 (23.2%)	56 (100.0%)
Other	4 (50.0%)	2 (25.0%)	2 (25.0%)	8 (100.0%)
Do not use	51 (56.7%)	21 (23.3%)	18 (20.0%)	90 (100.0%)
Total	148 (58.0%)	51 (20.0%)	56 (22.0%)	255 (100.0%)

Table 4: In the next year, will Russia use military force against Ukrainian military forces or additional parts of the territory of Ukraine where it is not currently operating? By gender

Response option	Yes	No	Do not know	Total
Female	69 (60.5%)	17 (14.9%)	28 (24.6%)	114 (100.0%)
Male	129 (55.1%)	51 (21.8%)	54 (23.1%)	234 (100.0%)
Non-binary or other	0 (0.0%)	1 (33.3%)	2 (66.7%)	3 (100.0%)
Prefer not to answer	1 (33.3%)	1 (33.3%)	1 (33.3%)	3 (100.0%)
Total	199 (56.2%)	70 (19.8%)	85 (24.0%)	354 (100.0%)

Table 5: In the next year, will Russia use military force against Ukrainian military forces or additional parts of the territory of Ukraine where it is not currently operating? By age

Response option	Yes	No	Do not know	Total
18-24	0 (-)	0 (-)	0 (-)	0 (100.0%)
25-35	7 (58.3%)	1 (8.3%)	4 (33.3%)	12 (100.0%)
36-45	50 (52.1%)	20 (20.8%)	26 (27.1%)	96 (100.0%)
46-55	66 (71.7%)	13 (14.1%)	13 (14.1%)	92 (100.0%)
56-65	51 (55.4%)	21 (22.8%)	20 (21.7%)	92 (100.0%)
66+	20 (37.0%)	15 (27.8%)	19 (35.2%)	54 (100.0%)
Total	194 (56.1%)	70 (20.2%)	82 (23.7%)	346 (100.0%)

Table 6: In the next year, will Russia use military force against Ukrainian military forces or additional parts of the territory of Ukraine where it is not currently operating? By area of expertise

Response option	Yes	No	Do not know	Total
International/Global Security	96 (62.3%)	33 (21.4%)	25 (16.2%)	154 (100.0%)
Other	94 (51.4%)	36 (19.7%)	53 (29.0%)	183 (100.0%)
I am not an IR scholar	13 (54.2%)	4 (16.7%)	7 (29.2%)	24 (100.0%)
No data	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (100.0%)	1 (100.0%)
Total	203 (56.1%)	73 (20.2%)	86 (23.8%)	362 (100.0%)

Table 7: In the next year, will Russia use military force against Ukrainian military forces or additional parts of the territory of Ukraine where it is not currently operating? By region of expertise

Response option	Yes	No	Do not know	Total
Central and Eastern Europe or Russia/Former Soviet Union	36 (60.0%)	12 (20.0%)	12 (20.0%)	60 (100.0%)
Other	114 (57.6%)	40 (20.2%)	44 (22.2%)	198 (100.0%)
No data	53 (51.0%)	21 (20.2%)	30 (28.8%)	104 (100.0%)
Total	203 (56.1%)	73 (20.2%)	86 (23.8%)	362 (100.0%)

Table 8: If Russia uses direct military force against Ukraine in the coming months, the United States should:

Response option	Count	Percentage
Place sanctions on the Russian government and/or its leaders	318	89.83
Deploy U.S. military forces to the region	94	26.55
Send additional arms and military supplies to Ukraine	258	72.88
Initiate direct military operations against Russian military forces	8	2.26
Initiate cyber attacks against Russian military forces	146	41.24
Formally guarantee the territorial integrity of Ukraine	78	22.03
None of the above	19	5.37
Total	921	-

Table 9: If Russia uses direct military force against Ukraine in the coming months, the United States should: By paradigm

Response option	Constructivism	English school	Feminism	Liberalism	Marxism	Realism	Other	Do not use
Place sanctions on the Russian government and/or its leaders	45 (90 %)	4 (100 %)	5 (100 %)	29 (93.55 %)	7 (77.78 %)	50 (90.91 %)	7 (87.5 %)	83 (93.26 %)
Deploy U.S. military forces to the region	11 (22 %)	2 (50 %)	NA (NA %)	11 (35.48 %)	1 (11.11 %)	16 (29.09 %)	4 (50 %)	30 (33.71 %)
Send additional arms and military supplies to Ukraine	28 (56 %)	4 (100 %)	5 (100 %)	26 (83.87 %)	2 (22.22 %)	45 (81.82 %)	6 (75 %)	70 (78.65 %)
Initiate cyber attacks against Russian military forces	12 (24 %)	1 (25 %)	1 (20 %)	17 (54.84 %)	3 (33.33 %)	23 (41.82 %)	2 (25 %)	50 (56.18 %)
Formally guarantee the territorial integrity of Ukraine	11 (22 %)	1 (25 %)	2 (40 %)	6 (19.35 %)	1 (11.11 %)	7 (12.73 %)	3 (37.5 %)	16 (17.98 %)
None of the above	3 (6 %)	NA (NA %)	NA (NA %)	NA (NA %)	2 (22.22 %)	4 (7.27 %)	1 (12.5 %)	2 (2.25 %)
Initiate direct military operations against Russian military forces	NA (NA %)	NA (NA %)	NA (NA %)	2 (6.45 %)	NA (NA %)	2 (3.64 %)	1 (12.5 %)	2 (2.25 %)

Table 10: If Russia uses direct military force against Ukraine in the coming months, the United States should: By gender

Response option	Female	Male	Non-binary or other	Prefer not to answer
Place sanctions on the Russian government and/or its leaders	93 (84.55 %)	214 (92.24 %)	2 (66.67 %)	3 (100 %)
Deploy U.S. military forces to the region	21 (19.09 %)	70 (30.17 %)	NA (NA %)	1 (33.33 %)
Send additional arms and military supplies to Ukraine	69 (62.73 %)	179 (77.16 %)	2 (66.67 %)	3 (100 %)
Initiate direct military operations against Russian military forces	3 (2.73 %)	4 (1.72 %)	NA (NA %)	NA (NA %)
Initiate cyber attacks against Russian military forces	45 (40.91 %)	98 (42.24 %)	NA (NA %)	NA (NA %)
Formally guarantee the territorial integrity of Ukraine	35 (31.82 %)	40 (17.24 %)	1 (33.33 %)	1 (33.33 %)
None of the above	6 (5.45 %)	12 (5.17 %)	1 (33.33 %)	NA (NA %)

Table 11: If Russia uses direct military force against Ukraine in the coming months, the United States should: By age

Response option	18-24	25-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66+
Place sanctions on the Russian government and/or its leaders	(%)	10 (100 %)	76 (80 %)	88 (96.7 %)	85 (93.41 %)	45 (84.91 %)
Deploy U.S. military forces to the region	(%)	1 (10 %)	24 (25.26 %)	29 (31.87 %)	23 (25.27 %)	13 (24.53 %)
Send additional arms and military supplies to Ukraine	(%)	8 (80 %)	59 (62.11 %)	73 (80.22 %)	72 (79.12 %)	35 (66.04 %)
Initiate cyber attacks against Russian military forces	(%)	5 (50 %)	38 (40 %)	37 (40.66 %)	38 (41.76 %)	23 (43.4 %)
Initiate direct military operations against Russian military forces	(%)	NA (NA %)	2 (2.11 %)	2 (2.2 %)	2 (2.2 %)	1 (1.89 %)
Formally guarantee the territorial integrity of Ukraine	(%)	NA (NA %)	25 (26.32 %)	21 (23.08 %)	19 (20.88 %)	9 (16.98 %)
None of the above	(%)	NA (NA %)	7 (7.37 %)	1 (1.1 %)	4 (4.4 %)	7 (13.21 %)

Table 12: If Russia uses direct military force against Ukraine in the coming months, the United States should: By area of expertise

Response option	International/Global Security	Other	I am not an IR scholar	No data
Place sanctions on the Russian government and/or its leaders	145 (94.77 %)	156 (87.15 %)	17 (77.27 %)	(%)
Deploy U.S. military forces to the region	48 (31.37 %)	42 (23.46 %)	4 (18.18 %)	(%)
Send additional arms and military supplies to Ukraine	123 (80.39 %)	122 (68.16 %)	13 (59.09 %)	(%)
Initiate direct military operations against Russian military forces	2 (1.31 %)	6 (3.35 %)	NA (NA %)	(%)
Initiate cyber attacks against Russian military forces	66 (43.14 %)	69 (38.55 %)	11 (50 %)	(%)
Formally guarantee the territorial integrity of Ukraine	23 (15.03 %)	52 (29.05 %)	3 (13.64 %)	(%)
None of the above	4 (2.61 %)	14 (7.82 %)	1 (4.55 %)	(%)

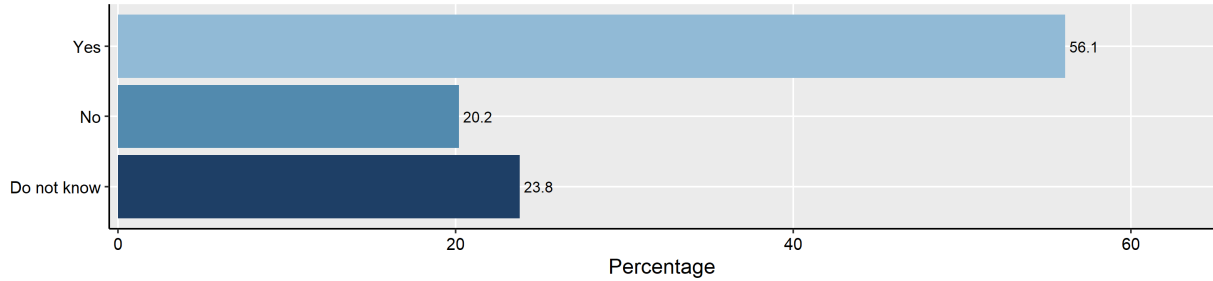
Table 13: If Russia uses direct military force against Ukraine in the coming months, the United States should: By region of expertise

Response option	Central and Eastern Europe or Russia/Former Soviet Union	Other	No data
Place sanctions on the Russian government and/or its leaders	55 (94.83 %)	178 (90.82 %)	85 (85 %)
Deploy U.S. military forces to the region	22 (37.93 %)	53 (27.04 %)	19 (19 %)
Send additional arms and military supplies to Ukraine	39 (67.24 %)	149 (76.02 %)	70 (70 %)
Initiate direct military operations against Russian military forces	3 (5.17 %)	4 (2.04 %)	1 (1 %)
Initiate cyber attacks against Russian military forces	24 (41.38 %)	86 (43.88 %)	36 (36 %)
Formally guarantee the territorial integrity of Ukraine	11 (18.97 %)	36 (18.37 %)	31 (31 %)
None of the above	2 (3.45 %)	11 (5.61 %)	6 (6 %)

Graphs

Figure 1:

In the next year, will Russia use military force against Ukrainian military forces or additional parts of the territory of Ukraine where it is not currently operating?

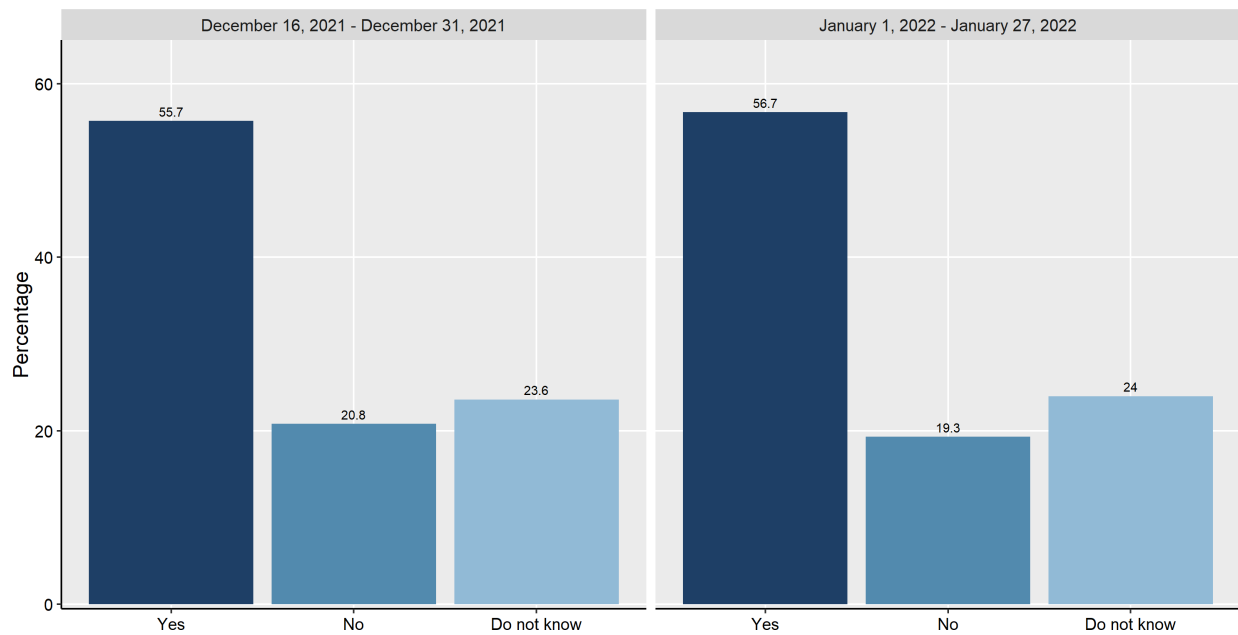


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Figure 2:

In the next year, will Russia use military force against Ukrainian military forces or additional parts of the territory of Ukraine where it is not currently operating?

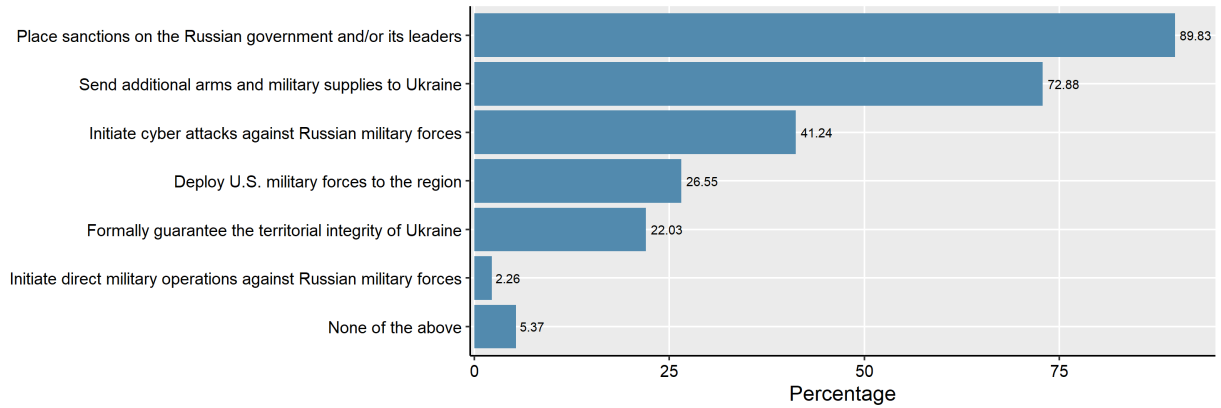


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Figure 3:

If Russia uses direct military force against Ukraine in the coming months, the United States should:



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