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Introduction

We are pleased to share the results of the 2022-2023 Teaching, Research and International Policy (TRIP) Faculty Survey, fielded with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

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. Of the 5,356 scholars across the United States that we contacted, 979 responded to at least one question. The resulting response rate is approximately 18.3 percent. The survey was open from October 13, 2022 to January 17, 2023.

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Results

Foreign Policy Views

Table 1: Which area of the world do you consider to be of greatest strategic importance to the United States today?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Arctic	8	1.08%
Antarctic	1	0.14%
Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states)	59	7.97%
Central Asia (not including Afghanistan)	0	0.00%
East Asia (including China)	380	51.35%
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)	21	2.84%
Middle East and North Africa (including Turkey)	23	3.11%
North America (not including Mexico)	49	6.62%
Oceania	0	0.00%
Russia/Former Soviet Union (excluding Baltic states)	56	7.57%
South Asia (including Afghanistan)	1	0.14%
Southeast Asia	7	0.95%
Sub-Saharan Africa	3	0.41%
Western Europe (including the United Kingdom)	100	13.51%
Transnational actors/International Organizations/International NGOs	16	2.16%
None	16	2.16%
Total	740	100.00%

Table 2: Which area of the world do you believe will be of the greatest strategic importance to the United States in 20 years?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Arctic	37	5.05%
Antarctic	3	0.41%
Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states)	3	0.41%
Central Asia (not including Afghanistan)	1	0.14%
East Asia (including China)	453	61.89%
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)	28	3.83%
Middle East and North Africa (including Turkey)	13	1.78%
North America (not including Mexico)	49	6.69%
Oceania	2	0.27%
Russia/Former Soviet Union (excluding Baltic states)	7	0.96%
South Asia (including Afghanistan)	10	1.37%
Southeast Asia	15	2.05%
Sub-Saharan Africa	21	2.87%
Western Europe (including the United Kingdom)	50	6.83%
Transnational actors/International Organizations/International NGOs	22	3.01%
None	18	2.46%
Total	732	100.00%

Table 3: What are the three most important foreign policy issues facing the United States today?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Cybersecurity	142	19.03
Ethnic conflict	16	2.14
Global climate change	506	67.83
Global human rights	45	6.03
International migration	89	11.93
International terrorism	17	2.28
Trade	59	7.91
Regional dis-integration	29	3.89
Russian revanchism	349	46.78
Rising power of China	470	63
U.S. domestic political instability	389	52.14
WMD proliferation	73	9.79
Other	25	3.35
Total	2209	-

Table 4: How likely is war between the United States and China over the next decade? Please use the 0 to 100 scale with 100 indicating that war will definitely occur and 0 indicating war will definitely not occur

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
0	14	1.92%
1-9	139	19.09%
10-19	167	22.94%
20-29	156	21.43%
30-39	103	14.15%
40-49	46	6.32%
50-59	55	7.55%
60-69	23	3.16%
70-79	15	2.06%
80-89	8	1.10%
90-99	1	0.14%
100	1	0.14%
Total	728	100.00%

Table 5: How confident are you in your answer to the previous question on likelihood of war between the U.S. and China?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Very confident	104	14.31%
Somewhat confident	387	53.23%
Not very confident	211	29.02%
Not very confident at all	25	3.44%
Total	727	100.00%

Table 6: How likely is war between the United States and Russia over the next decade? Please use the 0 to 100 scale with 100 indicating that war will definitely occur and 0 indicating war will definitely not occur

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
0	6	0.83%
1-9	65	8.99%
10-19	130	17.98%
20-29	141	19.50%
30-39	139	19.23%
40-49	76	10.51%
50-59	75	10.37%
60-69	43	5.95%
70-79	30	4.15%
80-89	12	1.66%
90-99	1	0.14%
100	5	0.69%
Total	723	100.00%

Table 7: How confident are you in your answer to the previous question on likelihood of war between the U.S. and Russia?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Very confident	73	10.14%
Somewhat confident	394	54.72%
Not very confident	229	31.81%
Not very confident at all	24	3.33%
Total	720	100.00%

49.74 percent of respondents were asked, ‘In the next year, will China use military force against the territory of Taiwan or Taiwanese military forces?’ in the form of a multiselect question, and 50.26 percent were asked the same question in the form of a slider with a 100-point scale.

Table 8: Respondents by Question Type

	Count	Percentage (%)
100-point scale	492	50.26
Multiselect	487	49.74
Total	979	100.00

Table 9: In the next year, will China use military force against the territory of Taiwan or Taiwanese military forces?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Yes	22	6.06%
No	263	72.45%
Do not know	78	21.49%
Total	363	100.00%

Table 10: In the next year, will China use military force against the territory of Taiwan or Taiwanese military forces? Please use the 0 to 100 scale with 100 indicating that China will definitely use military forces against the territory of Taiwan or Taiwanese military forces and 0 indicating China will not use military forces.

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
0	10	2.82%
1-9	84	23.73%
10-19	86	24.29%
20-29	54	15.25%
30-39	43	12.15%
40-49	23	6.50%
50-59	23	6.50%
60-69	10	2.82%
70-79	8	2.26%
80-89	7	1.98%
90-99	6	1.69%
100	0	0.00%
Total	354	100.00%

Table 11: Please indicate your level of confidence in your previous answer

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Very confident	113	17.94%
Somewhat confident	364	57.78%
Not very confident	142	22.54%
Not very confident at all	11	1.75%
Total	630	100.00%

Table 12: If China uses direct military force against Taiwan in the coming months, the United States should: Please check all that apply

Response option	Count	Percentage
Place sanctions on the Chinese government and/or its leaders	639	88.02
Deploy U.S. military forces to the region	481	66.25
Send additional arms and military supplies to Taiwan	618	85.12
Initiate direct military operations against Chinese military forces	112	15.43
Initiate cyber attacks against Chinese military forces	424	58.4
Impose a 'no fly zone' above and in the direct vicinity of Taiwan	261	35.95
Not purchase computers or electrical machinery and equipment from China during the conflict even if it causes prices to increase	510	70.25
Take in Taiwanese refugees	602	82.92
None of the above	13	1.79
Total	3660	-

50.15 percent of respondents answered the following two questions on a 100-point scale, and 49.85 percent on a 10-point scale.

Questions: 'Please indicate your level of support for NATO membership for each of the following countries' and 'Independent of your level of support, how likely are each of the following countries to become members of the NATO alliance within the next 5 years?'

Table 13: Respondents by QuestionType

	Count	Percentage (%)
10-point scale	488	49.85
100-point scale	491	50.15
Total	979	100.00

Table 14: Please indicate your level of support for NATO membership for each of the following countries on a 100-point scale where 0 indicates no support at all and 100 indicates extremely strong support

Response option	0	1-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100	Total
Austria	12 (3.51%)	4 (1.17%)	8 (2.34%)	9 (2.63%)	6 (1.75%)	9 (2.63%)	37 (10.82%)	16 (4.68%)	28 (8.19%)	32 (9.36%)	33 (9.65%)	148 (43.27%)	342 (100.00%)
Georgia	34 (11.33%)	21 (7.00%)	39 (13.00%)	38 (12.67%)	23 (7.67%)	23 (7.67%)	24 (8.00%)	16 (5.33%)	23 (7.67%)	18 (6.00%)	6 (2.00%)	35 (11.67%)	300 (100.00%)
Moldova	31 (10.47%)	24 (8.11%)	36 (12.16%)	33 (11.15%)	19 (6.42%)	17 (5.74%)	32 (10.81%)	16 (5.41%)	20 (6.76%)	22 (7.43%)	7 (2.36%)	39 (13.18%)	296 (100.00%)
Sweden	5 (1.46%)	4 (1.17%)	2 (0.58%)	2 (0.58%)	1 (0.29%)	8 (2.34%)	15 (4.39%)	2 (0.58%)	14 (4.09%)	31 (9.06%)	32 (9.36%)	226 (66.08%)	342 (100.00%)
Ukraine	25 (8.25%)	30 (9.90%)	18 (5.94%)	29 (9.57%)	13 (4.29%)	25 (8.25%)	30 (9.90%)	17 (5.61%)	24 (7.92%)	16 (5.28%)	12 (3.96%)	64 (21.12%)	303 (100.00%)

Table 15: Please indicate your level of support for NATO membership for each of the following countries on a 10 point scale where 0 indicates no support at all and 10 indicates extremely strong support.

Response option	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Austria	17 (5.03%)	10 (2.96%)	8 (2.37%)	6 (1.78%)	9 (2.66%)	31 (9.17%)	8 (2.37%)	16 (4.73%)	39 (11.54%)	36 (10.65%)	158 (46.75%)	338 (100.00%)
Georgia	38 (12.30%)	31 (10.03%)	38 (12.30%)	32 (10.36%)	17 (5.50%)	41 (13.27%)	15 (4.85%)	18 (5.83%)	28 (9.06%)	15 (4.85%)	36 (11.65%)	309 (100.00%)
Moldova	34 (10.97%)	33 (10.65%)	29 (9.35%)	27 (8.71%)	16 (5.16%)	53 (17.10%)	14 (4.52%)	18 (5.81%)	28 (9.03%)	14 (4.52%)	44 (14.19%)	310 (100.00%)
Sweden	11 (3.22%)	3 (0.88%)	3 (0.88%)	4 (1.17%)	3 (0.88%)	19 (5.56%)	3 (0.88%)	7 (2.05%)	19 (5.56%)	28 (8.19%)	242 (70.76%)	342 (100.00%)
Ukraine	33 (10.65%)	27 (8.71%)	21 (6.77%)	22 (7.10%)	15 (4.84%)	40 (12.90%)	18 (5.81%)	24 (7.74%)	33 (10.65%)	16 (5.16%)	61 (19.68%)	310 (100.00%)

Table 16: Independent of your level of support for particular countries joining NATO, how likely are each of the following countries to become members of the NATO alliance within the next 5 years?

Response option	0	1-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100	Total
Austria	9 (2.88%)	18 (5.75%)	30 (9.58%)	34 (10.86%)	30 (9.58%)	15 (4.79%)	69 (22.04%)	14 (4.47%)	21 (6.71%)	21 (6.71%)	19 (6.07%)	33 (10.54%)	313 (100.00%)
Georgia	32 (11.35%)	56 (19.86%)	54 (19.15%)	48 (17.02%)	28 (9.93%)	14 (4.96%)	25 (8.87%)	7 (2.48%)	6 (2.13%)	5 (1.77%)	2 (0.71%)	5 (1.77%)	282 (100.00%)
Moldova	24 (8.54%)	52 (18.51%)	48 (17.08%)	51 (18.15%)	28 (9.96%)	23 (8.19%)	24 (8.54%)	10 (3.56%)	11 (3.91%)	4 (1.42%)	1 (0.36%)	5 (1.78%)	281 (100.00%)
Sweden	1 (0.29%)	2 (0.58%)	3 (0.87%)	4 (1.16%)	5 (1.45%)	3 (0.87%)	16 (4.64%)	10 (2.90%)	26 (7.54%)	30 (8.70%)	82 (23.77%)	163 (47.25%)	345 (100.00%)
Ukraine	14 (4.65%)	39 (12.96%)	35 (11.63%)	46 (15.28%)	34 (11.30%)	23 (7.64%)	45 (14.95%)	21 (6.98%)	11 (3.65%)	11 (3.65%)	8 (2.66%)	14 (4.65%)	301 (100.00%)

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Table 17: Independent of your level of support for particular countries joining NATO, how likely are each of the following countries to become members of the NATO alliance within the next 5 years?

Response option	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Austria	14 (4.36%)	30 (9.35%)	31 (9.66%)	17 (5.30%)	16 (4.98%)	66 (20.56%)	24 (7.48%)	27 (8.41%)	42 (13.08%)	16 (4.98%)	38 (11.84%)	321 (100.00%)
Georgia	41 (15.07%)	67 (24.63%)	46 (16.91%)	23 (8.46%)	16 (5.88%)	37 (13.60%)	16 (5.88%)	10 (3.68%)	12 (4.41%)	1 (0.37%)	3 (1.10%)	272 (100.00%)
Moldova	35 (12.68%)	61 (22.10%)	41 (14.86%)	35 (12.68%)	18 (6.52%)	39 (14.13%)	17 (6.16%)	9 (3.26%)	15 (5.43%)	1 (0.36%)	5 (1.81%)	276 (100.00%)
Sweden	2 (0.59%)	1 (0.29%)	0 (0.00%)	4 (1.18%)	3 (0.88%)	14 (4.12%)	7 (2.06%)	26 (7.65%)	33 (9.71%)	68 (20.00%)	182 (53.53%)	340 (100.00%)
Ukraine	29 (9.86%)	40 (13.61%)	42 (14.29%)	35 (11.90%)	23 (7.82%)	46 (15.65%)	22 (7.48%)	16 (5.44%)	18 (6.12%)	12 (4.08%)	11 (3.74%)	294 (100.00%)

Table 18: How has President Biden performed in the area of foreign policy during his first and second years in office?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Very well	174	23.74%
Well	366	49.93%
Neither well nor poorly	116	15.83%
Poorly	45	6.14%
Very poorly	32	4.37%
Total	733	100.00%

Demographics

Table 19: With which of the following gender identities do you most identify?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Female	199	27.91%
Male	500	70.13%
Non-binary	2	0.28%
Other	0	0.00%
Prefer not to say	12	1.68%
Total	713	100.00%

Table 20: What is your age?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
25-34	22	3.20%
35-44	176	25.62%
45-54	184	26.78%
55-64	175	25.47%
65-74	93	13.54%
75-84	34	4.95%
85-94	2	0.29%
95-100	1	0.15%
Total	687	100.00%

Table 21: What is your race/ethnicity? Please select all that apply

Response option	Count	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	0.56
Asian Indian	14	1.97
Black/African-American	14	1.97
Chinese	9	1.27
Filipino	1	0.14
Hispanic and/or Latino	24	3.39
Japanese	6	0.85
Korean	5	0.71
Vietnamese	1	0.14
White (not of Hispanic origin)	593	83.64
Other	25	3.53
Prefer not to say	38	5.36
Total	734	-

^a Full response option: 'Hispanic and/or Latino (Chicano, Mexican, Mexican-American, or of other Latin American descent)'

Table 22: What is your highest level of education?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Doctorate	701	98.04%
Master's	12	1.68%
Bachelor's	1	0.14%
Other:	1	0.14%
Total	715	100.00%

Table 23: Which of the following best describes your positions generally on economic issues?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Very liberal	191	26.90%
Somewhat liberal	300	42.25%
Middle of the road	145	20.42%
Somewhat conservative	63	8.87%
Very conservative	11	1.55%
Total	710	100.00%

Table 24: Which of the following best describes your positions generally on social issues?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Very liberal	358	50.42%
Somewhat liberal	242	34.08%
Middle of the road	64	9.01%
Somewhat conservative	32	4.51%
Very conservative	14	1.97%
Total	710	100.00%

Table 25: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Republican	35	4.90%
Democrat	490	68.63%
Independent	158	22.13%
Other:	31	4.34%
Total	714	100.00%