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Introduction

We are pleased to share the results of the 16th Teaching, Research and International Policy (TRIP) Snap Poll, fielded in collaboration with the Sié Center for International Security and Diplomacy at the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies, and with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. 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. Of the 4,798 scholars across the United States that we contacted, 760 responded to at least one question. The resulting response rate is approximately 16 percent. The poll was open from December 16 of 2021 to January 31 of 2022. Our sample is roughly similar to the broader population of International Relations scholars in terms of gender, academic rank, and university type.

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Sample vs. Population Comparison

Table 1: Sample vs. Population Comparison: Gender

Gender	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
Female	223	30.51	1438	32.1
Male	508	69.49	3042	67.9

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=0.66, p-value=0.42

Table 2: Sample vs. Population Comparison: Academic Rank

Academic Rank	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
Adjunct	13	1.73	279	5.89
Assistant Professor	112	14.93	869	18.35
Associate Professor	245	32.67	1239	26.16
Emeritus	22	2.93	241	5.09
Full Professor	310	41.33	1616	34.12
Instructor	12	1.60	244	5.15
Other	32	4.27	131	2.77
Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor	4	0.53	117	2.47

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=84.68, p-value<0

Table 3: Sample vs. Population Comparison: University Type

University Type	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
National Liberal Arts College	92	12.80	618	13.75
National Research University	475	66.06	2704	60.14
Regional Liberal Arts College	22	3.06	158	3.51
Regional Research University	130	18.08	1016	22.60

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=11.34, p-value=0.25

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

52.11% of respondents answered two questions on Russia and Ukraine, and 47.89% of respondents answered two questions on China and Taiwan

Table 4: Respondents by Treatment

Country	Count	Percentage (%)
China	364	47.89
Russia	396	52.11
Total	760	100.00

Russia and Ukraine

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?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Yes	211	55.82%
No	76	20.11%
Do not know	91	24.07%
Total	378	100.00%

Table 6: Please indicate your level of confidence in your previous answer on a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 indicates the lowest level of confidence and 10 indicates that you are very confident in your answer.

Response option	Count	Percentage
0	2	0.55%
1	4	1.10%
2	16	4.38%
3	31	8.49%
4	24	6.58%
5	47	12.88%
6	59	16.16%
7	82	22.47%
8	35	9.59%
9	17	4.66%
10	48	13.15%
Total	365	100.00%

Table 7: 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	332	89.97
Deploy U.S. military forces to the region	100	27.1
Send additional arms and military supplies to Ukraine	268	72.63
Initiate direct military operations against Russian military forces	9	2.44
Initiate cyber attacks against Russian military forces	151	40.92
Formally guarantee the territorial integrity of Ukraine	81	21.95
None of the above	20	5.42
Total	961	-

China and Taiwan

Table 8: In the next year, will China use military force against the territory of Taiwan or Taiwanese military forces?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Yes	36	10.56%
No	234	68.62%
Do not know	71	20.82%
Total	341	100.00%

Table 9: Please indicate your level of confidence in your previous answer on a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 indicates the lowest level of confidence and 10 indicates that you are very confident in your answer.

Response option	Count	Percentage
0	2	0.63%
1	3	0.94%
2	8	2.51%
3	18	5.64%
4	14	4.39%
5	33	10.34%
6	39	12.23%
7	73	22.88%
8	51	15.99%
9	36	11.29%
10	42	13.17%
Total	319	100.00%

Table 10: If China uses direct military force against Taiwan in the coming months, the United States should:

Response option	Count	Percentage
Place sanctions on the Chinese government and/or its leaders	290	87.88
Deploy U.S. military forces to the region	208	63.03
Send additional arms and military supplies to Taiwan	232	70.3
Initiate direct military operations against Chinese military forces	27	8.18
Initiate cyber attacks against Chinese military forces	140	42.42
Formally guarantee the territorial integrity of Taiwan	82	24.85
None of the above	16	4.85
Total	995	-

Boycott

The Biden administration announced a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympics in China. For the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics and the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, do you support a diplomatic boycott, a full boycott (diplomatic and athletic), or no boycott?

Table 11: The 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics

Response option	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Total
Diplomatic boycott	284 (40.40%)	217 (30.87%)	132 (18.78%)	47 (6.69%)	23 (3.27%)	703 (100.00%)
Full boycott (diplomatic and athletic)	72 (10.30%)	80 (11.44%)	177 (25.32%)	260 (37.20%)	110 (15.74%)	699 (100.00%)
No boycott	27 (4.03%)	69 (10.30%)	197 (29.40%)	203 (30.30%)	174 (25.97%)	670 (100.00%)

Table 12: The 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar

Response option	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Total
Diplomatic boycott	125 (18.06%)	151 (21.82%)	268 (38.73%)	103 (14.88%)	45 (6.50%)	692 (100.00%)
Full boycott (diplomatic and athletic)	47 (6.85%)	60 (8.75%)	240 (34.99%)	215 (31.34%)	124 (18.08%)	686 (100.00%)
No boycott	50 (7.51%)	109 (16.37%)	288 (43.24%)	123 (18.47%)	96 (14.41%)	666 (100.00%)

President Biden's approval

Table 13: How has President Biden performed in the area of foreign policy during his first year in office?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Very well	38	5.34%
Well	325	45.65%
Neither well nor poorly	211	29.63%
Poorly	94	13.20%
Very poorly	44	6.18%
Total	712	100.00%

Table 14: Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden's handling of:

Response option	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Do not know	Total
Climate change	153 (21.58%)	404 (56.98%)	102 (14.39%)	43 (6.06%)	7 (0.99%)	709 (100.00%)
Coronavirus	212 (29.78%)	383 (53.79%)	74 (10.39%)	42 (5.90%)	1 (0.14%)	712 (100.00%)
Human rights	47 (6.61%)	409 (57.52%)	154 (21.66%)	57 (8.02%)	44 (6.19%)	711 (100.00%)
Immigration	24 (3.38%)	248 (34.88%)	283 (39.80%)	134 (18.85%)	22 (3.09%)	711 (100.00%)
International trade	51 (7.21%)	357 (50.50%)	203 (28.71%)	40 (5.66%)	56 (7.92%)	707 (100.00%)
National security	83 (11.66%)	437 (61.38%)	107 (15.03%)	69 (9.69%)	16 (2.25%)	712 (100.00%)

Afghanistan

The following two questions have previously been asked on a public opinion survey by Monmouth University Polling Institute. The original questions and data can be found [here](#). The Monmouth University Poll was conducted by telephone from September 9 to 13, 2021 with 802 adults in the United States.

Table 15: Regardless of how it was handled, do you approve or disapprove of the decision to withdraw the U.S. presence in Afghanistan?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Approve	576	81.01%
Disapprove	115	16.17%
Do not know	20	2.81%
Total	711	100.00%

* The Monmouth University Polling Institute Public Poll: Approve 66%, Disapprove 27%, Don't know 7%

Table 16: Do you think the current situation in Afghanistan would have been better if the U.S. had postponed the deadline for withdrawal until later in the year, or do you think that the situation in Afghanistan would be the same no matter when we withdrew?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Better if postponed	221	31.04%
Same no matter when	441	61.94%
Do not know	50	7.02%
Total	712	100.00%

* The Monmouth University Polling Institute Public Poll: Better if postponed 29%, Same no matter when 62%, Don't know 9%

Table 17: Relative to a hypothetical world in which the U.S. did not withdraw from Afghanistan, does the fact of the U.S. withdrawal increase or decrease the probability that a foreign terrorist attack will occur on U.S. soil in the next few years?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Significantly increase	22	3.09%
Increase	102	14.35%
No effect	454	63.85%
Decrease	64	9.00%
Significantly decrease	10	1.41%
Do not know	59	8.30%
Total	711	100.00%

Demographics

Table 18: What is your current status within your home department?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Chaired Professor	96	12.63%
Full Professor	249	32.76%
Associate Professor	253	33.29%
Assistant Professor	78	10.26%
Instructor or Lecturer	28	3.68%
Adjunct or Visiting Instructor/Professor	15	1.97%
Other	41	5.39%
Total	760	100.00%

Table 19: Which gender do you identify with?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Female	209	30.12%
Male	471	67.87%
Non-binary or other	5	0.72%
Prefer not to answer	9	1.30%
Total	694	100.00%

Table 20: What is your race/ethnicity? Please select all that apply.

Response option	Count	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	0.43
Asian	34	4.91
Black/African-American	16	2.31
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	0.43
White (non-Hispanic)	571	82.51
White (Hispanic)	46	6.65
Other	38	5.49
Total	711	-

Table 21: What is your main area of research within IR?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Comparative Foreign Policy	29	4.04%
Development Studies	36	5.02%
European Studies/European Integration	27	3.77%
Gender in IR	6	0.84%
Global Civil Society	6	0.84%
Human Security	8	1.12%
Human Rights	29	4.04%
History of the international relations discipline	3	0.42%
International/Global Security	182	25.38%
International/Global Political Economy	84	11.72%
International Law	18	2.51%
International/Global Ethics	6	0.84%
International/Global Health	5	0.70%
International/Global Environmental Politics	34	4.74%
International Organization(s)	24	3.35%
International/Global History	8	1.12%
International Relations of a particular region/country	33	4.60%
International Relations Theory	41	5.72%
Religion in IR	8	1.12%
U.S. Foreign Policy	67	9.34%
Other:	27	3.77%
I am not an IR scholar	36	5.02%
Total	717	100.00%

Table 22: What are your secondary areas of research within IR? Please select all that apply.

Response option	Count	Percentage
Comparative Foreign Policy	76	11.09
Development Studies	60	8.76
European Studies/European Integration	50	7.3
Gender in IR	28	4.09
Global Civil Society	31	4.53
Human Security	56	8.18
Human Rights	71	10.36
History of the international relations discipline	20	2.92
International/Global Security	123	17.96
International/Global Political Economy	90	13.14
International Law	46	6.72
International/Global Ethics	25	3.65
International/Global Health	12	1.75
International/Global Environmental Politics	26	3.8
International Organization(s)	99	14.45
International/Global History	44	6.42
International Relations of a particular region/country	77	11.24
International Relations Theory	97	14.16
Religion in IR	20	2.92
U.S. Foreign Policy	160	23.36
Other:	68	9.93
I am not an IR scholar	9	1.31
Total	1288	-

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

Response option	Count	Percentage
Very liberal	163	23.55%
Somewhat liberal	317	45.81%
Middle of the road	151	21.82%
Somewhat conservative	53	7.66%
Very conservative	8	1.16%
Total	692	100.00%

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

Response option	Count	Percentage
Very liberal	373	53.13%
Somewhat liberal	228	32.48%
Middle of the road	64	9.12%
Somewhat conservative	27	3.85%
Very conservative	10	1.42%
Total	702	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	13	1.84%
Lean Republican	18	2.54%
Independent	109	15.40%
Lean Democrat	110	15.54%
Democrat	424	59.89%
Other	34	4.80%
Total	708	100.00%