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Introduction

We are pleased to share the results of the 18th Teaching, Research and International Policy (TRIP) Snap Poll, fielded 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. In this survey, we cover a range of current global affairs topics, including the recent domestic unrest in Russia, immigration to the United States, and President Biden's foreign policy performance.

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 5,271 scholars across the United States that we contacted, 701 responded to at least one question. The resulting response rate is approximately 13.3 percent. The poll was open from June 28 to July 12 of 2023.

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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	178	25.8	1622	31.21
Male	512	74.2	3575	68.79

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=9.88, p-value=0.0017

Table 2: Sample vs. Population Comparison: Academic Rank

Academic Rank	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
Adjunct	17	2.43	236	4.49
Assistant Professor	79	11.30	652	12.40
Associate Professor	229	32.76	1380	26.24
Emeritus	37	5.29	368	7.00
Full Professor	296	42.35	2098	39.89
Lecturer or Senior Lecturer	12	1.72	150	2.85
Other	24	3.43	295	5.61
Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor	5	0.72	80	1.52

Chi-squared test results: X-squared= 30.03 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	82	12.35	557	11.25
National Research University	447	67.32	3257	65.76
Regional Liberal Arts College	20	3.01	152	3.07
Regional Research University	115	17.32	987	19.93

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=3.27, p-value=0.95

Results

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

Table 4: Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden’s handling of the following issues:

Response option	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Do not know	Total
Climate change	177 (25.50%)	414 (59.65%)	59 (8.50%)	27 (3.89%)	17 (2.45%)	694 (100.00%)
Gun control	120 (17.34%)	345 (49.86%)	139 (20.09%)	67 (9.68%)	21 (3.03%)	692 (100.00%)
Immigration	36 (5.19%)	307 (44.30%)	247 (35.64%)	85 (12.27%)	18 (2.60%)	693 (100.00%)
International human rights	65 (9.38%)	402 (58.01%)	163 (23.52%)	31 (4.47%)	32 (4.62%)	693 (100.00%)
International trade	82 (11.83%)	353 (50.94%)	169 (24.39%)	54 (7.79%)	35 (5.05%)	693 (100.00%)
National security	263 (37.95%)	334 (48.20%)	55 (7.94%)	37 (5.34%)	4 (0.58%)	693 (100.00%)
War in Ukraine	441 (63.54%)	175 (25.22%)	40 (5.76%)	37 (5.33%)	1 (0.14%)	694 (100.00%)

Table 5: In your view, how has the US response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine affected the probability that China will use military force against Taiwan?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Increased the probability that China will use force against Taiwan	50	7.25%
Decreased the probability that China will use force against Taiwan	321	46.52%
Had no effect on the probability that China will use force against Taiwan	319	46.23%
Total	690	100.00%

Table 6: Recently, President Biden signed a law that raised the debt ceiling but simultaneously limited non-defense spending on both domestic and international initiatives. These budgetary limits will:

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Increase the credibility of U.S. commitments to cooperate on non-defense policy initiatives	32	4.69%
Decrease the credibility of U.S. commitments to cooperate on non-defense policy initiatives	280	41.00%
Have no impact on the credibility of U.S. commitments to cooperate on non-defense policy initiatives	371	54.32%
Total	683	100.00%

Table 7: Over the last 30 years, the U.S. has made it harder to seek asylum, particularly for those crossing the southwest border with Mexico. Has this change helped or harmed U.S. citizens?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Helped a lot	9	1.30%
Helped a little	56	8.09%
Neither helped nor harmed	199	28.76%
Harmed a little	276	39.88%
Harmed a lot	152	21.97%
Total	692	100.00%

Table 8: Which of the following policies on treatment of migrants should the United States implement or expand?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Making additional H-2B non-agricultural temporary work visas available for citizens of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Haiti.	544	79.3
Opening "Regional Processing Centers" in countries of origin like Guatemala or Colombia where migrants can receive an interview with immigration specialists and, if eligible, be processed rapidly for lawful pathways to the United States, Canada, and Spain.	557	81.2
Allowing more asylum seekers to live and work in the United States while their asylum cases or requests are processed.	467	68.08
Growing the humanitarian parole program to provide a two-year status in the U.S. with work permit eligibility for citizens from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela.	446	65.01
Increasing refugee admissions from Latin America and the Caribbean.	394	57.43
Increasing deportations of would-be migrants back to their country of origin.	87	12.68
Increasing detentions of would-be migrants in Custom and Border Protection custody.	47	6.85
Increasing deportations of would-be migrants to Mexico regardless of their country of origin.	43	6.27
Increasing the use at the border of the family separation policy.	11	1.6
Other.	77	11.22
None of the above.	7	1.02
Total	2680	-

Table 9: Scholars disagree on how exactly to describe Wagner's recent occupation on Rostov-on-Don and abortive march on Moscow (e.g., rebellion, coup attempt, mutiny). Regardless of the exact label, what effect will this episode have on the following...

Response option	Increase significantly	Increase somewhat	Neither increase nor decrease	Decrease somewhat	Decrease significantly	Do not know	Total
Likelihood of leadership change in Russia	24 (3.48%)	439 (63.72%)	154 (22.35%)	32 (4.64%)	12 (1.74%)	28 (4.06%)	689 (100.00%)
Likelihood of Russian use of nuclear weapons	3 (0.43%)	173 (25.04%)	445 (64.40%)	14 (2.03%)	2 (0.29%)	54 (7.81%)	691 (100.00%)
Likelihood of Russian victory in Ukraine	2 (0.29%)	20 (2.89%)	143 (20.69%)	436 (63.10%)	71 (10.27%)	19 (2.75%)	691 (100.00%)
Probability that non-NATO countries will seek membership in the alliance	30 (4.36%)	170 (24.71%)	449 (65.26%)	8 (1.16%)	2 (0.29%)	29 (4.22%)	688 (100.00%)
Putin's domestic political support	6 (0.87%)	38 (5.50%)	106 (15.34%)	471 (68.16%)	41 (5.93%)	29 (4.20%)	691 (100.00%)
Putin's international standing among NATO countries	5 (0.73%)	1 (0.15%)	232 (33.77%)	308 (44.83%)	131 (19.07%)	10 (1.46%)	687 (100.00%)
Putin's international standing among Russian allies and potential allies	3 (0.43%)	16 (2.31%)	99 (14.31%)	457 (66.04%)	107 (15.46%)	10 (1.45%)	692 (100.00%)

Table 10: If left unaddressed, what effect will the prevalence of gun violence in the United States have on the ability of the United States to attract...

Response option	Greatly increase	Somewhat increase	No effect	Somewhat decrease	Greatly decrease	Do not know	Total
Consumers of US cultural exports (tv, movies, music, etc).	0 (0.00%)	19 (2.76%)	518 (75.18%)	116 (16.84%)	20 (2.90%)	16 (2.32%)	689 (100.00%)
Foreign direct investment.	0 (0.00%)	6 (0.87%)	472 (68.60%)	169 (24.56%)	24 (3.49%)	17 (2.47%)	688 (100.00%)
International students to study at U.S. universities.	0 (0.00%)	10 (1.47%)	130 (19.06%)	410 (60.12%)	124 (18.18%)	8 (1.17%)	682 (100.00%)
Major industry trade shows.	0 (0.00%)	11 (1.60%)	380 (55.15%)	234 (33.96%)	22 (3.19%)	42 (6.10%)	689 (100.00%)
Skilled immigrants.	0 (0.00%)	12 (1.75%)	272 (39.65%)	321 (46.79%)	68 (9.91%)	13 (1.90%)	686 (100.00%)
Tourists from abroad.	0 (0.00%)	13 (1.90%)	106 (15.47%)	444 (64.82%)	115 (16.79%)	7 (1.02%)	685 (100.00%)

Demographics

The demographic information provided comprises responses from both this survey and surveys conducted in the previous year.

Table 11: With which of the following gender identities do you most identify?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Female	171	25.41%
Male	480	71.32%
Prefer not to answer	22	3.27%
Total	673	100.00%

Table 12: What is your current status within your home department?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Chaired Full Professor	82	12.04%
Full Professor	232	34.07%
Associate Professor	205	30.10%
Assistant Professor	52	7.64%
Lecturer or Senior Lecturer	21	3.08%
Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor	4	0.59%
Adjunct	14	2.06%
Emeritus	52	7.64%
Other	19	2.79%
Total	681	100.00%

Table 13: What is your main area of research within IR?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Comparative Foreign Policy	24	3.59%
Development Studies	38	5.68%
European Studies/European Integration	16	2.39%
Gender in IR	5	0.75%
Global Civil Society	5	0.75%
Human Security	8	1.20%
Human Rights	28	4.19%
History of the international relations discipline	3	0.45%
International/Global Security	186	27.80%
International/Global Political Economy	70	10.46%
International Law	17	2.54%
International/Global Ethics	6	0.90%
International/Global Health	3	0.45%
International/Global Environmental Politics	18	2.69%
International Organization(s)	29	4.33%
International/Global History	7	1.05%
International Relations of a particular region/country	41	6.13%
International Relations Theory	30	4.48%
Religion in IR	3	0.45%
U.S. Foreign Policy	66	9.87%
Other	53	7.92%
I am not an IR scholar	13	1.94%
Total	669	100.00%

Table 14: What are your secondary areas of research within IR? Please select all that apply.

Response option	Count	Percentage
Comparative Foreign Policy	65	10.09
Development Studies	45	6.99
European Studies/European Integration	38	5.9
Gender in IR	32	4.97
Global Civil Society	28	4.35
Human Security	38	5.9
Human Rights	56	8.7
History of the international relations discipline	11	1.71
International/Global Security	117	18.17
International/Global Political Economy	70	10.87
International Law	40	6.21
International/Global Ethics	16	2.48
International/Global Health	8	1.24
International/Global Environmental Politics	35	5.43
International Organization(s)	90	13.98
International/Global History	37	5.75
International Relations of a particular region/country	81	12.58
International Relations Theory	91	14.13
Religion in IR	21	3.26
U.S. Foreign Policy	136	21.12
Other	45	6.99
I am not an IR scholar	2	0.31
Total	1102	-

Table 15: In your research, what is the main region of the world that you study, if any?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Arctic	2	0.30%
Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states)	26	3.85%
East Asia (including China)	66	9.76%
Global/Use cross-regional data	135	19.97%
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)	60	8.88%
Middle East and North Africa (including Turkey)	60	8.88%
North America (not including Mexico)	53	7.84%
Oceania	2	0.30%
Russia/Former Soviet Union (excluding Baltic states)	37	5.47%
South Asia (including Afghanistan)	18	2.66%
Southeast Asia	10	1.48%
Sub-Saharan Africa	24	3.55%
Transnational Actors/International Organizations/International NGOs	40	5.92%
Western Europe	62	9.17%
None	81	11.98%
Total	676	100.00%

Table 16: In your research, what other regions of the world do you study, if any? Please select all that apply.

Response option	Count	Percentage
Arctic	12	2.04
Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states)	84	14.29
Central Asia (not including Afghanistan)	31	5.27
East Asia (including China)	88	14.97
Global/Use cross-regional data	98	16.67
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)	55	9.35
Middle East and North Africa (including Turkey)	86	14.63
North America (not including Mexico)	113	19.22
Oceania	11	1.87
Russia/Formal Soviet Union (excluding Baltic states)	81	13.78
South Asia (including Afghanistan)	60	10.2
Southeast Asia	50	8.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	55	9.35
Transnational Actors/International Organizations/International NGOs	120	20.41
Western Europe	124	21.09
None	75	12.76
Total	1143	-

Table 17: Which of the following best describes your approach to the study of IR?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Constructivism	114	17.07%
English school	7	1.05%
Feminism	8	1.20%
Liberalism	88	13.17%
Marxism	11	1.65%
Realism	116	17.37%
Other	46	6.89%
Do not use	278	41.62%
Total	668	100.00%

Table 18: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Republican	20	3.05%
Democrat	452	68.90%
Independent	148	22.56%
Other	36	5.49%
Total	656	100.00%