UChicago Harris/NORC Poll

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Interviews: 04/13-17/2023
1,180 adults
Margin of error: +/- 3.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

Q1. Do you think the United States should take a more or less active role solving the world's problems, or is its current role about right?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	NORC 04/13-17/2023	NORC 9/9-12/2022	NORC 8/12-16/2021	NORC 1/16-20/2019	NORC 6/25-7/7/2015
A more active role	26	21	27	30	27
Its current role is about right	39	43	39	37	33
A less active role	34	34	32	31	38
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*	1	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	1	1	1
N=	*1,180*	*1,003*	*1,729*	*1,062*	*1,167*

Q2. How personally concerned are you that each of the following poses a direct threat to the United States?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC		Extremely /Very concern-ed NET	Extreme-ly concern-ed	Very concern-ed	Moderately concerned	Not very/ Not concerned at all NET	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Russia's influence around the world	04/13-17/23 *(N=1,180)*	**48**	23	26	**31**	**20**	15	5	-	1
	02/16-20/2023 *(N=1,247)*	**53**	22	30	**32**	**14**	11	3	*	1
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	**64**	35	29	**25**	**10**	8	2	*	*
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	**53**	21	32	**33**	**14**	11	3	*	*
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	**45**	18	27	**38**	**16**	14	3	*	1
	03/25-29/2021 (N=1,166)	**44**	16	28	**38**	**17**	13	5	*	*
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	**50**	23	27	**31**	**19**	15	4	*	*
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	**47**	23	24	**33**	**19**	14	5	*	*

NORC		Extremely/Very concern-ed NET	Extreme-ly concern-ed	Very concern-ed	Moderately concerned	Not very/ Not concerned at all NET	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/ REF
China's influence around the world	04/13-17/23 (N=1,180)	60	32	28	27	13	9	3	*	1
	02/16-20/2023 (N=1,247)	61	28	33	28	10	8	2	-	1
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	65	33	32	25	10	7	3	*	*
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	59	27	32	30	11	7	3	*	*
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	57	29	28	29	12	10	2	*	1
	03/25-29/2021 (N=1,166)	54	27	28	31	13	10	3	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	48	21	28	35	16	12	3	*	*
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	40	15	26	39	19	15	4	*	1
The Russia-Ukraine war escalating into a direct conflict with NATO	04/13-17/23 (N=1,180)	52	23	29	33	14	10	5	*	1
Nuclear war with Russia	04/13-17/23 (N=1,180)	47	22	25	31	21	15	5	*	1

Q3. If you found out someone was Russian, how comfortable would you be with each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

NORC 04/13-17/23	Extremely/ very comfortable NET	Extremely comfortable	Very comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Not very/ not at all comfortable NET	Not very comfortable	Not at all comfortable	DK	SKP/ REF
Working with the person	**58**	22	35	**31**	**10**	7	4	*	1
Living next door to the person	**57**	22	35	**30**	**11**	7	4	*	1
Being friends with the person	**58**	23	36	**30**	**10**	6	4	*	1
The person marrying into your family	**50**	19	31	**32**	**17**	11	5	*	1

N=1,180

Q4. How would you describe the United States' relationship with Russia? Would you say…

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Russia is a top ally of the United States	*
Russia is an ally of the United States	3
Russia is neither an ally nor an enemy of the United States	33
Russia is an enemy of the United States	44
Russia is a top enemy of the United States	18
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
N=	*1,180*

Q5. Which comes closest to your opinion on the Russian government? The Russian government is…

[RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Authoritarian	36
Communist	30
Democratic	2
Socialist	7
DON'T KNOW	24
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
N=	*1,180*

Q6. For each of the following please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion. If you don't know enough to have an opinion, you can say that too.

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

NORC 04/13-17/23	**Very/somewhat unfavorable NET**	Very unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	**Very/ somewhat favorable NET**	Somewhat favorable	Very favorable	DK	SKP/ REF
Vladimir Putin	**77**	64	13	**8**	5	3	15	1
The Russian people	**17**	5	12	**50**	38	12	32	1
The Russian military	**65**	41	24	**7**	6	1	27	1
Russian culture	**22**	8	14	**37**	29	8	40	1

N=1,180

Q7. How much of a role do you think the U.S. should have in the situation between Russia and Ukraine?

	NORC 04/13-17/23	NORC 1/26-30/2023	NORC 05/12-16/2022	NORC 4/14-18/2022	NORC 3/17-21/2022	NORC 2/18-21/2022
A major role	26	26	32	32	40	26
A minor role	47	49	49	49	46	52
No role	26	24	19	18	13	20
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*	1	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	1	1	*	1	1	1
N=	*1,180*	*1,068*	*1,172*	*1,085*	*1,082*	*1,289*

Q8. In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose the United States doing each of the following?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

NORC		Strongly favor/ somewhat favor NET	Strongly favor	Some-what favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Strongly/ somewhat oppose NET	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Imposing economic sanctions on Russia	04/13-17/23 *(N=1,180)*	**58**	38	20	**27**	**14**	7	7	*	1
	1/26-30/2023 *(N=1,068)*	**63**	41	22	**23**	**13**	6	7	*	1
	5/12-16/2022 *(N=1,172)*	**71**	49	22	**21**	**9**	6	3	*	*
	4/14-18/2022 *(N=1,085)*	**68**	53	15	**20**	**11**	4	7	*	1
Accepting refugees from Ukraine into the United States	04/13-17/23 *(N=1,180)*	**56**	28	28	**27**	**17**	9	8	*	1
	1/26-30/2023 *(N=1,068)*	**55**	28	27	**24**	**19**	11	9	1	1
	5/12-16/2022 *(N=1,172)*	**64**	37	26	**20**	**16**	8	7	-	1
	4/14-18/2022 *(N=1,085)*	**65**	42	22	**19**	**15**	8	7	*	1
Providing weapons to Ukraine	04/13-17/23 *(N=1,180)*	**50**	25	25	**26**	**23**	11	12	*	1
	1/26-30/2023 *(N=1,068)*	**48**	25	23	**22**	**29**	15	14	*	1
	5/12-16/2022 *(N=1,172)*	**60**	36	24	**20**	**19**	11	8	*	1
	4/14-18/2022 *(N=1,085)*	**61**	38	22	**21**	**17**	6	11	*	1

Sending government funds directly to Ukraine	04/13-17/23 (N=1,180)	**40**	17	23	**24**	**35**	14	21	-	1
	1/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	**37**	15	22	**23**	**38**	14	24	1	1
	5/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	**44**	19	25	**23**	**32**	14	18	*	1

Q9. Do you agree, disagree, or neither agree nor disagree with the following statements about the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

NORC 04/13-17/23	**Strongly/ somewhat agree NET**	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	**Neither agree nor disagree**	**Strongly/ somewhat disagree NET**	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	D K	SKP / REF
Russia's actions are a justified attempt to defend its security from NATO encroachment	**9**	4	5	**28**	**61**	14	47	*	1
Russia's actions are a justified attempt to defend a Russian minority within Ukraine	**8**	4	4	**27**	**64**	15	49	*	1
Russia's actions are an unjustified attempt to gain territory	**70**	51	19	**21**	**8**	3	4	*	1
Russia's actions are an unjustified attempt to overthrow the Ukrainian government	**72**	51	21	**21**	**6**	3	4	*	1

N=1,180

Q10. Which comes closest to your opinion on Russia and Ukraine's actions during the conflict? Would you say….

[RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Neither side has committed war crimes	5
Russia has committed war crimes, but not Ukraine	54
Ukraine has committed war crimes, but not Russia	2
Both sides have committed war crimes	36
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3
N=	*1,180*

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

If Democrat:
PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?

If Republican:
PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?

If independent, none of these, don't know, skipped, or refused:
PIDI. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Democrat NET	**44**
Strong Democrat	18
Not so strong Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	13
Independent/None – Don't lean	**20**
Republican NET	**36**
Lean Republican	10
Not so strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	14
N=	*1,180*

D3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

If liberal:
D4. Do you consider yourself very liberal or somewhat liberal?

If conservative:
D5. Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?
Combines D3, D4, D5:

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Liberal NET	**24**
Very liberal	13
Somewhat liberal	11
Moderate	**46**
Conservative NET	**29**
Somewhat conservative	17
Very conservative	11
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
N=	*1,180*

DM5. How would you describe the community you live in now?

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Urban area	24
Suburban area	49
Rural area	26
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
N=	*1,180*

AGE

	NORC 04/13-17/23
18-29	20
30-44	26
45-59	24
60+	31
N=	*1,180*

GENDER

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Male	49
Female	51
N=	*1,180*

RACE/ETHNICITY

	NORC 04/13-17/23
White	61
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
N=	*1,180*

MARITAL STATUS

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Married	50
Not married	50
N=	*1,180*

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Employed	62
Not employed	38
N=	*1,180*

EDUCATION

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
College graduate or above	19
Post grad study/professional degree	16
N=	*1,180*

CENSUS REGION

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Northeast NET	**17**
New England	5
Mid-Atlantic	13
Midwest NET	**21**
East North Central	14
West North Central	6
South NET	**38**
South Atlantic	20
East South Central	6
West South Central	12
West NET	**24**
Mountain	8
Pacific	16
N=	*1,180*

HOME OWNERSHIP

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	70
Rented for cash	26
Occupied without payment of cash rent	4
N=	*1,180*

INCOME

	NORC 04/13-17/23
Under $10,000	6
$10,000 to under $20,000	8
$20,000 to under $30,000	9
$30,000 to under $40,000	8
$40,000 to under $50,000	8
$50,000 to under $75,000	17
$75,000 to under $100,000	13
$100,000 to under $150,000	16
$150,000 or more	13
N=	*1,180*

Study Methodology

This survey was conducted by the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and NORC at the University of Chicago. Staff from Harris Public Policy and NORC collaborated on all aspects of the study.

Data were collected using the AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97 percent of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between April 13 and April 17, 2023, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,180 completed the survey — 1,110 via the web and 70 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in English. The final stage completion rate is 20.1 percent, the weighted household panel recruitment rate is 20.6 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 79.9 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 3.3 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.94 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Quality assurance checks were conducted to ensure data quality. In total, 63 interviews were removed for nonresponse to at least 50% of the questions asked of them, for completing the survey in less than one-third the median interview time for the full sample, or for straight-lining all grid questions asked of them. These interviews were excluded from the data file prior to weighting.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage or under- and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design.

Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and education. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2022 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

The sample is also weighted to match the average of self-identified party identification in the previous two waves of the AmeriSpeak Omnibus survey and this current survey.

Complete questions and results are available at: norc.org

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