POLL: U.S. Voters Support Continued Aid to Ukraine

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A national survey of 1,443 U.S. voters conducted on October 13-17, 2023

KEY FINDINGS

The majority of Americans feel that the Russian war against Ukraine is part of a bigger global threat represented by Iran, China and North Korea, and helping Ukraine win will be a part of addressing the global chaos. While Americans don’t see a clear winner of the war as of right now, 7 out of 10 Americans are rooting for Ukraine to win this war.

84% of U.S. voters believe Vladimir Putin is a threat to American interests with 56% believing he is a major threat. Only 28% believe Putin is a minor threat.

Nearly 50% of U.S. voters believe Putin would be a greater threat to America if the U.S. were to withdraw economic and military support for Ukraine.

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68% of U.S. voters believe a Russian victory over Ukraine would make the world less stable.

69% of U.S. voters agreed with the statement that “Whether we like it or not - Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea are creating chaos around the world right now in Ukraine, Israel, and other places. The world needs America now more than ever to unite our allies and defend our friends under direct attack from our enemies.”

By nearly a 7 to 1 ratio (39% to 6%), U.S. voters are more likely to support aid to Ukraine after learning that Christians are being persecuted and tortured by Russian soldiers in parts of Ukraine occupied by Russia.

Self-described MAGA Republican voters support Ukraine after learning more. Nearly 40% swing in favor of supporting Ukraine after learning the small percentage of the defense budget spent given Putin’s military capability has been decreased by 50%. After learning that Christians are being prosecuted by Russians in occupied parts of Ukraine, MAGA Republicans support aid to Ukraine 7 points more than an average voter.

55% of U.S. voters are more likely to support a candidate that believe “The United States needs to help Ukraine win the war against Russia and drive the Russian army out of their country without sending in American troops.” Only 26% said they are more likely to support a candidate that believe “The United States needs to end its support for Ukraine now, even if that means Ukraine is forced to surrender territory to Russia.”

71% of U.S. voters believe Ukraine should win the war. 26% of U.S. voters believe Ukraine is winning the war compared to only 10% who believe Russia is winning. 45% said neither country is winning and 19% were not sure.

METHODOLOGY: Polling was conducted online from October 13-17, 2023. Using its Bias Correct Engine to attain a representative sample, Change Research polled 1,443 voters nationally. Post-stratification was performed on age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, region, and 2020 presidential vote. The margin of error is plus or minus 2.7 percentage points. Razom Advocacy is a branch of Razom for Ukraine committed to advancing policy for Ukrainian victory, and to nurturing community engagement across the United States and Ukraine. For more information or with questions, email advocacyteam@razomforukraine.org. This survey is part of a larger research project into public opinion on Russia’s War in Ukraine funded by the Open Society Foundation.