

UKRAINE CONFLICT SURVEY

FEBRUARY 2023

2,019 adults in Ukraine were interviewed by telephone between 7 and 13 February 2023.

2,012 adults in Russia were interviewed by telephone between 3 and 13 February 2023.

2,082 adults in Great Britain were interviewed online between 13 and 14 February 2023.

2,204 adults in the US were interviewed online between 10 and 14 February 2023.

Results have been weighted to be representative of all adults in each country. Full data tables are available at LordAshcroftPolls.com

[Ukraine] Do you think each of the following are doing enough to help Ukraine?

% saying 'yes'	UKR	Change since June 2022
The UK	74	-4
The US	71	-
The EU	61	+18
Germany	48	+25
NATO	47	+14
France	47	+24
China	6	-2

[Ukraine] Do you have a favourable or unfavourable view of each of the following?

% saying very or somewhat favourable	UKR	Change since June 2022
President Zelensky	91	-2
Boris Johnson	89	-1
Joe Biden	88	-1
Rishi Sunak	72	-
Emmanuel Macron	68	+26
Olaf Scholz	61	+19
The Russian people	4	-1

[Ukraine] Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	% agreeing	UKR	Change since June 2022
I would feel safer if I knew Ukraine had nuclear weapons	66	66	-2
If I could leave Ukraine safely tomorrow for another country, I would	11	11	-1
I want Ukraine to become a member of NATO	86	86	+5
The package of economic sanctions will be effective in bringing an end to the war	63	63	-6
Despite our differences, there is more that unites ethnic Russians living in Ukraine and Ukrainians than divides us	51	51	-

How long do you expect the war that started on 24 February 2022 to continue?

<i>The war will...</i>	UKR	RUS	GB	US
be over by the end of March	8	5	1	4
continue for another 1-3 months	8	5	2	6
continue for another 4-6 months	16	13	7	10
continue for another 6-12 months	23	22	16	14
continue for more than a year from now	33	42	45	33
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	12	14	30	33

[Ukraine, GB, US] If it guaranteed an immediate end to the Russian invasion, which of President Putin's scenarios, if any, would you be willing to accept?

<i>% saying 'acceptable' (change since June 2022)</i>	UKR	GB	US
Officially recognising Crimea as part of Russia	12 (+1)	14	23
A ban on Ukraine entering NATO	19 (-8)	15	24
NATO scaling back their troops and weapons in countries bordering Russia	17 (-5)	22	30
[UKR] Officially recognising the territories of 4 oblasts annexed by Russia on the 30 th of September as part of Russia / [GB/US] Allowing Russia to keep the Ukrainian territory captured since the 2022 invasion	2	6	16

Which of the following do you think is the most likely?

<i>% (change since June 2022)</i>	UKR	RUS	GB	US
The military conflict will remain between Ukraine and Russia only	51 (+6)	41 (-5)	48	37
The military conflict will spread to other countries in the region	17 (-10)	31 (+4)	24	27
The military conflict will develop into another World War	15 (-1)	17 (+1)	10	13
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	17 (+5)	11 (-1)	19	23

Do you think the war is more likely to be ended by a military solution (the defeat of one side's military) or a diplomatic solution (an agreement to end the war between diplomatic representatives from Russia and Ukraine)?

<i>% (change since June 2022)</i>	UKR	RUS	GB	US
With a military solution	66 (+10)	45 (+3)	30	29
With a diplomatic solution	27 (-11)	50 (+1)	40	42
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	7 (+1)	5 (-4)	30	29

Do you think most people in Russia support President Putin, or not?

<i>(change since June 2022)</i>	UKR	GB	US
I think most Russians support President Putin	60 (+13)	20	21
I think most Russians oppose President Putin	10 (+3)	26	32
I think Russians are approximately evenly divided on President Putin	26 (-18)	31	25
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	3 (+1)	22	22

Which of the following comes closer to your own view?

<i>(change since June 2022)</i>	UKR	GB	US
Russia's action is mostly down to Putin – Russia will not be as serious a threat to its neighbours after he has gone	30 (-5)	56	45
Russia will continue to be a serious threat to its neighbours even after Putin has gone	65 (+3)	28	32
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	5 (+2)	16	23

[Ukraine] Are you more or less confident that Ukraine will successfully defeat the Russian invasion than you were when the conflict started?

[Russia] Are you more or less confident that Russia's special military operation will be successful than you were when it started?

<i>(change since June 2022)</i>	UKR	RUS
I am more confident now	69 (+9)	39 (+2)
I am no more or less confident now	22 (-9)	46 (-2)
I am less confident now	5 (-1)	11 (+4)
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	3 (-)	5 (-3)

[Ukraine, GB, US] Which of the following do you think is closest to the truth about the situation in Ukraine?

	UKR	GB	US
Ukraine is currently winning	45	13	16
Russia is currently winning	2	8	17
Neither side currently has a clear advantage	50	58	44
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	4	21	23

[Ukraine] In your opinion, how successfully or unsuccessfully is the defence of Ukraine progressing?

[Russia] In your opinion, how successfully or unsuccessfully is the special military operation in Ukraine progressing?

%	UKR	RUS
Very successfully	32	13
Somewhat successfully	53	44
Neither successful nor unsuccessful	5	22
Somewhat unsuccessfully	4	10
Very unsuccessfully	1	6
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	6	6

[Ukraine] Which three of the following would you most like from Ukraine's allies?

<i>% naming in top three</i>	UKR
More weapons and military equipment	87
For Ukraine to be admitted to NATO	50
A no-fly zone enforced by allied air forces	42
Stricter economic sanctions against Russia	29
Humanitarian aid like food and medical supplies	25
Diplomatic efforts to help reach a peace deal with Russia	21
Troops on the ground from allied countries	18
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	15

[Russia] Do you have a favourable or unfavourable view of each of the following?

<i>% saying very or somewhat favourable (change since June 2022)</i>	RUS
China	86 (+8)
President Putin	85 (-)
The Russian military	84 (-2)
Iran	58
North Korea	53
Germany	32 (+2)
France	31 (-)
The UK	25 (-)
The European Union	22 (-)
The US	18 (+2)
NATO	11 (+1)
President Zelensky	7 (-)

[Russia] Please say whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

<i>% agree/disagree (change since June 2022)</i>	RUS
Military action in Ukraine is necessary to protect the security of Russia	82 (+4)
The expansion of NATO is a threat to Russia's security and sovereignty	80 (+6)
Ukraine should be allowed to join NATO if that is what its population wants	23 (+2)
Economic sanctions imposed on Russia have started to affect me or people I know	41 (-8)
President Zelensky and his government are the legitimate authority of Ukraine	28 (-)

[Russia] Do you support or oppose the current special military operation in Ukraine?

% (change since June 2022)	RUS
Strongly support	53 (+2)
Somewhat support	23 (-2)
Somewhat oppose	8 (-)
Strongly oppose	11 (-)
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	5 (-2)

[Russia] Which of the following statements do you most agree with?

	% (change since June 2022)	RUS
I support the special military operation in Ukraine, despite the economic sanctions imposed on Russia	69 (+3)	
I would support the special military operation, but the economic sanctions imposed on Russia mean the cost is too high and the operation should end	8 (-2)	
I would oppose the special military operation even without the economic sanctions imposed on Russia	17 (+2)	
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	5 (-4)	

[Russia] How much responsibility do you think each of the following has for the current conflict in Ukraine?

% saying 'a great deal' or 'some' (change since June 2022)	RUS
The US	81 (+6)
NATO	78 (+5)
Ukraine	72 (-4)
The EU	71 (+7)
Russia	41 (-)

[Russia] Do you support the annexation of the following to Russia?

% saying yes (change since June 2022)	RUS
Crimea	91 (-)
Donetsk People's Republic	85 (+11)
Luhansk People's Republic	84 (+11)
Kherson	81
Zaporizhzhia	81

[Russia] **Would you support or oppose each of the following?**

<i>% saying strongly or somewhat support (change since June 2022)</i>	RUS
Negotiations with Ukraine	57 (+1)
Negotiations with the West	57 (+1)
Stronger Russian military action in Ukraine	62 (+3)

[Russia] **Please say whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.**

<i>% agreeing (change since June 2022)</i>	RUS
Russia will emerge from the current conflict stronger than it was before	83 (-)
Russia's international reputation has been damaged in recent years	46 (+6)
The SMO has done significant damage to Russia's reputation	39
Life for the majority of Russians has got worse over the last 20 years	31 (-)
I trust Russia's current leadership to make the right decisions for the country	84 (-2)
President Putin has the best interests of ordinary Russians at heart	77 (-2)
Ukraine seems to be resisting Russian forces more strongly than I would have expected	60 (+3)

[Russia] **Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?**

	RUS
The US and other western countries are mostly interested in removing Russian forces from Ukraine	25
The US and other western countries are mostly interested in attacking Russia	69
<i>Don't know</i>	7

[Russia] **Some people think the Russian government will order a new round of conscription to support the special military operation in Ukraine. Do you think this is:**

	RUS
Very likely	18
Fairly likely	47
Fairly unlikely	26
Very unlikely	4
<i>Don't know</i>	4

[Russia] **Would you support a new round of conscription, or not?**

	RUS
Strongly support	23
Somewhat support	33
Somewhat oppose	17
Strongly oppose	21
<i>Don't know</i>	5

How likely is it that the armed conflict in Ukraine may lead to the use of nuclear weapons?

	RUS	GB	US
Very likely	6	3	10
Fairly likely	15	29	32
Fairly unlikely	55	30	23
Very unlikely	21	12	12
<i>Don't know</i>	4	26	23

[Ukraine] **I am going to read out a list of emotions and feelings. What feelings did you feel in the last week in relation to the current position of Ukraine in the international stage?**

[Russia] **I am going to read out a list of emotions and feelings. What feelings did you feel in the last week in relation to the current position of Russia in the international stage?**

%	UKR	RUS
Pride	34	47
Shame	4	8
Joy	12	19
Disappointment	9	18
Hope	43	48
Anxiety	42	40
Sadness	27	30
Anger	21	18
<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>	5	6

[GB/US] Would you be willing for the UK/the US to do each of the following, or not?

<i>% saying strongly support or tend to support</i>	GB	US
Supply tanks and armoured vehicles to the Ukraine military	65	55
Supply fighter jets to the Ukraine military	49	48
Supply weapons and ammunition to the Ukraine military	68	58
Support Ukraine to be admitted to NATO	62	58
Supply humanitarian aid like food and medical supplies to Ukraine	84	77
Send British/US troops to fight alongside Ukrainian forces	19	23
Have British/US forces shoot down Russian military aircraft entering Ukrainian airspace	19	27
Introduce stricter economic sanctions against Russia even if they have an impact in Britain / the US	67	57
Make greater diplomatic efforts to help reach a peace deal with Russia	73	69
Accept many more Ukrainian refugees in Britain / the US in the coming months	58	54
Provide financial support to Ukraine	64	51

[GB/US] Do you think Ukraine should be allowed to join NATO?

<i>%</i>	GB	US
Should	60	55
Should not	11	16
<i>Don't know</i>	28	29

[GB/US] To what extent, if at all, do you think countries in Eastern Europe joining NATO is a threat to Russia's security and sovereignty?

<i>%</i>	GB	US
It is a serious threat to Russia	15	22
It is a small threat to Russia	21	23
It is not a threat to Russia at all	38	27
<i>Don't know</i>	26	28

[GB/US] How much of a threat do you feel Russia is a threat to the security of the UK/the US, if at all?

<i>%</i>	GB	US
A very serious threat	19	23
A fairly serious threat	40	36
A small threat	26	23
Not a threat at all	3	6
<i>Don't know</i>	12	11

[GB/US] Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

	%	GB	US
The US/UK has a direct interest in ensuring the Russian invasion of Ukraine does not succeed, so we should support Ukraine in its military effort		41	33
There is no direct US/UK interest at stake in the Ukraine/Russia conflict, but supporting Ukraine in its military effort is still the right thing to do		27	23
The Ukraine/Russia conflict has nothing to do with the US/UK and we should not be intervening with military support for Ukraine		5	10
Supporting Ukraine's military effort is damaging our economy and making us a target, and we should not be getting involved		7	14
Don't know		20	20

[GB/US] Which of the following comes closest to your view?

	%	GB	US
UK/US efforts should be directed towards bringing the conflict to a swift end, even if this means accepting that Russia can keep territories it has annexed in Ukraine		21	28
UK/US efforts should be directed towards ensuring Ukraine completely defeats the Russian invasion, even if this means a longer conflict		46	39
Don't know		33	33

[GB/US] Thinking about the UK / US government's overall response to the war in Ukraine, do you think they are doing too much, about the right amount, or too little, when it comes to:

	%	GB	US
The humanitarian situation, eg. providing aid and accepting refugees			
Too much		7	16
About the right amount		50	45
Too little		24	20
Don't know		19	19
The military situation, eg. providing weapons and military support			
Too much		11	25
About the right amount		50	41
Too little		16	15
Don't know		23	19