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**VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SAY BAN RUSSIAN OIL,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
NEARLY 8 IN 10 SUPPORT U.S. MILITARY RESPONSE IF PUTIN
ATTACKS A NATO COUNTRY**

At nearly the end of week two of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as the U.S. and its allies consider ratcheting up sanctions against Russia, Americans say 71 – 22 percent that they would support a ban on Russian oil even if it meant higher gasoline prices in the United States, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of adults released today. Democrats (82 – 12 percent), independents (70 – 22 percent), and Republicans (66 – 30 percent) all support banning Russian oil.

As for the steps that the Biden administration has taken so far to punish Russia for the invasion of Ukraine, 56 percent say they are not tough enough, while 30 percent say they are about right, and 3 percent say they are too tough. This is largely unchanged from a Quinnipiac University Poll released a week ago.

“Americans are ready to put a chokehold on Russia's key financial lifeblood, oil, no matter what the consequences are at the pump,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

U.S. MILITARY & NATO COUNTRIES

There is broad support (79 – 14 percent) for a U.S. military response if Russian President Vladimir Putin goes beyond Ukraine and attacks a NATO country.

Americans think 60 – 28 percent that Putin is willing to use nuclear weapons against NATO countries.

As for how long Americans expect the war in Ukraine to last, 44 percent say months, 23 percent say years, 19 percent say weeks, and 14 percent did not offer an opinion.

BIDEN

Americans are divided on Joe Biden's handling of the response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine with 42 percent approving, 45 percent disapproving, and 13 percent not offering an opinion. This compares to a week ago when 39 percent approved, and 47 percent disapproved.

For his overall job approval, Americans give Biden a negative 38 – 51 percent job approval rating with 11 percent not offering an opinion. This compares to a negative 37 – 52 percent job approval rating a week ago.

In today's poll, registered voters give Biden a negative 40 – 51 percent job approval rating with 9 percent not offering an opinion. This compares to a negative 38 – 52 percent job approval rating a week ago.

Biden's job approval rating has been steadily inching higher since he hit a low in a January 12, 2022 Quinnipiac University poll when Americans gave him a negative 33 – 53 percent job approval rating and registered voters gave him a negative 35 – 54 percent job approval rating.

UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT & SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES

Nearly two-thirds of Americans (64 percent) have a favorable opinion of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky with 29 percent saying they haven't heard enough about him, and 6 percent having an unfavorable opinion.

Americans support 78 – 15 percent accepting Ukrainian refugees into the United States.

PUTIN & RUSSIA

In the last week, there's been a jump in the number of Americans who think Russian President Vladimir Putin is mentally unstable. In today's poll, 60 percent think he's mentally unstable, while 21 percent think he's mentally stable. A week ago, 49 percent thought Putin was mentally unstable, while 31 percent thought he was mentally stable.

Half of Americans (50 percent) compare Vladimir Putin's actions against Ukraine to Adolph Hitler's actions against Austria and Czechoslovakia before the outbreak of World War II, while 31 percent say that comparison is too strong, and 18 percent say they don't know enough about that history.

Americans think 86 – 11 percent that the Russian people do not have a say in what Vladimir Putin and his government choose to do.

Americans overwhelmingly (74 – 19 percent) do not think the Russian people have a full understanding of what is happening in Ukraine, given what they know about Russia and its people's access to information.

“Russians are largely in the dark about and unable to halt the destruction being wrought by Putin, say Americans who see the Russian leader as mentally unstable. And half of Americans liken Putin to modern history's darkest villain, Adolf Hitler,” added Malloy.

WHAT WOULD AMERICANS DO?

As the world witnesses what is happening to Ukraine, Americans were asked what they would do if they were in the same position as Ukrainians are now: stay and fight or leave the country? A majority (55 percent) say they would stay and fight, while 38 percent say they would leave the country. Republicans say 68 – 25 percent and independents say 57 – 36 percent they would stay and fight, while Democrats say 52 – 40 percent they would leave the country.

“When confronted with a terrible hypothetical that would put them in the shoes of the Ukrainians, Americans say they would stand and fight rather than seek safety in another country,” added Malloy.

Nearly half of Americans (49 percent) say the attack on Ukraine has contributed to them feeling anxious, while half (50 percent) say it has not.

1,374 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from March 4th – 6th with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

ADULTS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	38%	6%	82%	30%	34%	42%	51%	27%
Disapprove	51	91	13	51	57	45	43	64
DK/NA	11	3	5	19	9	13	6	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
	Approve	33%	38%	37%	44%	30%			
Disapprove	46	50	58	52	64	53	58	35	45
DK/NA	22	12	5	4	6	8	7	7	18

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Hshld

Approve	32%
Disapprove	55
DK/NA	13

1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?
COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove q1) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

ADULTS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve strongly	21%	2%	47%	14%	16%	25%	29%	13%
Approve smwht	16	4	32	15	17	16	21	14
Disapprove smwht	8	5	8	10	9	7	6	7
Disapprove strongly	43	86	5	41	48	38	37	57
DK/NA	13	3	8	19	11	15	6	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
	Approve strongly	10%	17%	23%	34%	14%			
Approve smwht	22	21	13	10	15	17	16	19	14
Disapprove smwht	13	7	5	5	8	5	6	14	12
Disapprove strongly	32	43	52	46	56	47	51	21	33
DK/NA	22	13	7	6	7	9	8	8	21

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Hshld

Approve strongly	17%
Approve smwht	14
Disapprove smwht	6
Disapprove strongly	49
DK/NA	14

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Approve	42%	14%	77%	37%	38%	45%	58%	31%		
Disapprove	45	76	13	47	50	40	38	56		
DK/NA	13	10	10	17	12	15	4	13		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	37%	44%	41%	45%	36%	43%	40%	62%	40%	
Disapprove	36	44	52	49	54	47	50	30	43	
DK/NA	26	11	7	7	10	10	10	9	17	
	Mltry		Hshld							
Approve	31%									
Disapprove	53									
DK/NA	16									

3. Do you think Russian President Vladimir Putin is mentally stable or mentally unstable?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Mentally stable	21%	22%	12%	28%	31%	12%	22%	15%		
Mentally unstable	60	55	76	54	51	68	60	66		
DK/NA	19	23	12	18	18	20	18	18		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Mentally stable	26%	23%	19%	12%	27%	10%	17%	26%	24%	
Mentally unstable	57	56	64	68	55	72	64	69	51	
DK/NA	16	21	17	20	18	18	18	6	24	
	Mltry		Hshld							
Mentally stable	18%									
Mentally unstable	58									
DK/NA	24									

4. Do you think the steps that the Biden administration has taken to punish Russia for the invasion of Ukraine have been too tough on Russia, not tough enough on Russia, or have they been about right?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Too tough	3%	4%	2%	3%	6%	1%	1%	3%
Not tough enough	56	74	46	54	57	54	58	63
About right	30	14	46	32	29	31	36	24
DK/NA	11	9	6	12	8	14	5	10

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Too tough	5%	3%	3%	-	4%	1%	2%	2%	4%
Not tough enough	42	55	65	63	63	61	62	45	45
About right	37	31	26	27	28	28	28	43	34
DK/NA	15	11	7	10	6	11	8	10	16

Mltry
Hshld

Too tough	4%
Not tough enough	56
About right	28
DK/NA	12

5. Is your opinion of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	64%	61%	77%	57%	63%	64%	86%	64%
Unfavorable	6	6	2	7	7	5	4	6
Hvn't hrd enough	29	31	21	34	28	30	9	29
REFUSED	1	2	-	2	1	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	57%	60%	68%	74%	71%	71%	71%	51%	52%
Unfavorable	7	8	4	3	6	4	5	5	7
Hvn't hrd enough	35	30	26	22	22	23	23	44	38
REFUSED	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	-	2

Mltry
Hshld

Favorable	65%
Unfavorable	7
Hvn't hrd enough	26
REFUSED	2

6. Do you expect the war in Ukraine to last weeks, months, or years?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Weeks	19%	18%	18%	19%	18%	20%	21%	18%
Months	44	45	49	43	47	41	51	40
Years	23	22	22	24	23	22	21	25
DK/NA	14	15	12	14	12	17	8	16

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Weeks	15%	20%	18%	26%	17%	20%	19%	18%
Months	50	42	44	43	46	41	43	55
Years	22	24	26	15	26	23	24	12
DK/NA	12	14	12	16	11	16	14	15

Mltry Hshld	
Weeks	16%
Months	46
Years	28
DK/NA	10

7. Do you support or oppose accepting Ukrainian refugees into the U.S.?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support	78%	66%	91%	78%	76%	80%	91%	77%
Oppose	15	26	6	15	19	12	7	18
DK/NA	7	9	4	7	5	9	2	5

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	81%	77%	79%	78%	81%	82%	82%	77%
Oppose	12	17	17	16	15	14	14	19
DK/NA	7	6	4	7	4	5	4	9

Mltry Hshld	
Support	77%
Oppose	16
DK/NA	7

8. If you were in the same position as Ukrainians are now, do you think that you would stay and fight or leave the country?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Stay and fight	55%	68%	40%	57%	70%	40%	55%	58%
Leave the country	38	25	52	36	24	52	35	35
DK/NA	7	6	8	7	6	8	10	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Stay and fight	45%	57%	66%	52%	75%	43%	57%	38%	61%
Leave the country	48	37	28	37	19	47	35	59	33
DK/NA	6	6	6	12	6	10	8	2	5

	Mltry Hshld
Stay and fight	68%
Leave the country	27
DK/NA	4

9. Has the attack on Ukraine contributed to you feeling anxious, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Contributed	49%	41%	61%	47%	36%	61%	59%	52%
No	50	57	38	51	62	38	40	46
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Contributed	48%	47%	48%	55%	40%	65%	54%	34%	46%
No	50	53	51	41	58	33	44	65	51
DK/NA	1	-	1	4	2	2	2	1	3

	Mltry Hshld
Yes/Contributed	42%
No	57
DK/NA	2

10. Would you support a ban on Russian oil, if it meant higher gasoline prices in the United States?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Would support	71%	66%	82%	70%	69%	73%	90%	74%
No	22	30	12	22	25	19	5	20
DK/NA	7	5	6	8	6	8	5	6

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Would support	54%	69%	86%	82%	77%	81%	79%	59%	61%
No	38	23	10	10	16	14	15	37	32
DK/NA	8	7	4	8	6	6	6	4	8

Mltry Hshld	
Yes/Would support	70%
No	21
DK/NA	8

11. How concerned are you that a Russian cyberattack will affect you personally; very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Very concerned	23%	23%	27%	22%	18%	28%	21%	20%
Somewhat concerned	40	38	44	39	35	45	45	42
Not so concerned	20	18	18	22	25	15	22	20
Not concerned at all	16	20	9	17	21	11	11	17
DK/NA	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	-

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Very concerned	14%	23%	30%	25%	17%	24%	21%	31%	32%
Somewhat concerned	39	38	41	45	35	48	42	36	32
Not so concerned	27	18	14	17	25	17	21	17	16
Not concerned at all	17	19	13	12	21	10	15	15	18
DK/NA	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3

Mltry Hshld	
Very concerned	20%
Somewhat concerned	36
Not so concerned	21
Not concerned at all	23
DK/NA	1

12. As you may know, the United States is a member of NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Its collective defense treaty states that an attack on one NATO country is an attack on all NATO countries. If Russian President Vladimir Putin goes beyond Ukraine and attacks a NATO country, would you support or oppose a military response from the United States?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	79%	82%	88%	77%	81%	78%	89%	82%
Oppose	14	14	8	16	15	13	6	11
DK/NA	7	4	4	6	4	9	4	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	72%	79%	87%	83%	86%	84%	85%	83%	70%
Oppose	21	16	8	9	11	8	9	14	23
DK/NA	7	5	5	8	4	8	6	3	7

Mltry
Hshld

Support	82%
Oppose	10
DK/NA	8

13. Do you think Vladimir Putin is willing to use nuclear weapons against NATO countries, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Willing to use	60%	65%	67%	54%	48%	72%	56%	65%
No	28	25	24	36	41	16	32	25
DK/NA	11	10	9	10	10	12	13	10

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Willing to use	58%	60%	61%	69%	48%	73%	62%	65%	57%
No	34	27	28	20	42	16	27	28	30
DK/NA	7	14	11	11	10	11	11	7	13

Mltry
Hshld

Yes/Willing to use	55%
No	35
DK/NA	10

14. Would you compare Vladimir Putin's actions against Ukraine to Adolph Hitler's actions against Austria and Czechoslovakia before the outbreak of World War II or do you think that is too strong a comparison or do you not know enough about that history?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Compare	50%	49%	60%	46%	44%	55%	61%	55%
No/Too strong	31	32	22	36	38	24	26	26
Don't know enough	18	18	16	16	16	20	12	17
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Compare	35%	42%	60%	65%	49%	63%	57%	40%	41%
No/Too strong	40	41	27	14	35	19	26	41	31
Don't know enough	25	16	12	18	14	17	15	19	27
DK/NA	-	1	2	2	2	1	1	-	1

Mltry
Hshld

Yes/Compare	50%
No/Too strong	34
Don't know enough	14
DK/NA	2

15. Do you think the Russian people have a say in what Vladimir Putin and his government choose to do, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Have a say	11%	12%	8%	14%	12%	10%	6%	9%
No	86	83	91	84	85	86	92	88
DK/NA	3	4	1	2	3	4	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Have a say	9%	9%	14%	9%	8%	8%	8%	13%	15%
No	87	88	85	87	89	90	90	87	78
DK/NA	4	3	1	4	3	2	2	-	7

Mltry
Hshld

Yes/Have a say	11%
No	85
DK/NA	4

16. Given what you know about Russia and its people's access to information, do you think the Russian people have a full understanding of what is happening in Ukraine, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes/Understanding	19%	21%	16%	22%	22%	17%	11%	19%		
No	74	72	77	72	73	75	85	75		
DK/NA	7	7	7	6	6	8	4	5		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Understanding	24%	19%	18%	14%	18%	16%	17%	32%	20%	
No	66	72	80	80	77	79	78	64	68	
DK/NA	10	9	2	6	5	5	5	4	12	
	Mltry		Hshld							
Yes/Understanding	20%									
No	73									
DK/NA	6									