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**MAJORITY APPROVE OF NATO DECISION NOT TO ENFORCE NO-FLY ZONE,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
PUBLIC FIGURES IN U.S. PRAISING PUTIN ARE VIEWED NEGATIVELY**

As NATO holds steadfast in refusing to enforce a no-fly zone over Ukraine, explaining it would lead NATO members into a war with Russia, Americans approve 54 – 32 percent of NATO’s decision not to enforce a no-fly zone, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of adults released today. Democrats say 58 – 30 percent, independents say 57 – 30 percent, and Republicans say 47 – 38 percent that they approve of NATO’s decision not to enforce a no-fly zone over Ukraine.

Three-quarters of Americans (75 percent) say the U.S. should do whatever it can to help Ukraine, without risking a direct war between the U.S. and Russia, while 17 percent say the U.S. should do whatever it can to help Ukraine, even if it means risking a direct war between the U.S. and Russia.

“Watching with horror from afar, Americans are resolute in staying a course that will prevent a widening of the war,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

As for how closely Americans are following news about Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, 52 percent say very closely, 37 percent say somewhat closely, and 11 percent say not too closely.

When asked what concerns them more: Russia’s invasion of Ukraine or COVID-19, 79 percent of Americans say the invasion of Ukraine, while 13 percent say COVID-19.

**PUTIN**

A majority of Americans (60 percent) think Russian President Vladimir Putin is mentally unstable, while 24 percent say he is mentally stable.

As for politicians and media figures who have had words of praise for Putin in the last several weeks, 57 percent of Americans say they view those individuals less favorably, while 36 percent say it doesn’t affect their opinion of those individuals, and 2 percent say they view those individuals more favorably. There are big differences by party:

- among Democrats: 81 percent say they view those individuals less favorably, while 16 percent say it doesn’t affect their opinion;
- among independents: 54 percent say they view those individuals less favorably, while 39 percent say it doesn’t affect their opinion;
- among Republicans: 45 percent say they view those individuals less favorably, while 46 percent say it doesn’t affect their opinion.

“Some career advice from American voters to the politicians, pundits, and opinion performers...there may be enduring consequences for admiring the world’s most reviled leader,” added Malloy.

## **BIDEN**

Americans give President Joe Biden a negative 42 – 49 percent approval rating on his handling of the response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

As for Biden’s overall job approval, Americans give him a negative 38 – 53 percent job approval rating with 9 percent not offering an opinion. This compares to a negative 38 – 51 percent job approval rating in a Quinnipiac University poll last week.

In today’s poll, registered voters give Biden a negative 40 – 53 percent job approval rating with 7 percent not offering an opinion. This compares to a negative 40 – 51 percent job approval rating last week.

Americans were asked about Biden’s handling of three issues:

- the response to the coronavirus: 49 percent approve, while 44 percent disapprove;
- foreign policy: 39 percent approve, while 52 percent disapprove;
- the economy: 34 percent approve, while 58 percent disapprove.

## **GAS PRICES**

Nearly two-thirds of Americans (64 percent) say the price of gasoline has been either a very serious problem (37 percent) or a somewhat serious problem (27 percent) for them and their family, while 35 percent say it’s a not too serious problem (21 percent) or not a problem at all (14 percent).

There are wide differences along party lines. Eighty-five percent of Republicans, 68 percent of independents, and 38 percent of Democrats say the price of gasoline is a very serious problem or a somewhat serious problem for them and their family.

More than 4 in 10 Americans (45 percent) say they have cut back significantly on their household spending because of the recent rise in gas prices, while 54 percent say they have not. Similarly, more than 4 in 10 Americans (46 percent) say they have cut back significantly on how much they drive because of the recent rise in gas prices, while 53 percent say they have not.

“Surging gas prices are apparently a good deal more painful for Republicans than they are for Democrats as more Republicans say that skyrocketing prices are straining home finances and keeping the family vehicle in the garage more than normal,” added Malloy.

## **SUPREME COURT NOMINEE**

Americans say 52 – 24 percent that the U.S. Senate should confirm President Biden’s nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court. About one-quarter of Americans (24 percent) did not offer an opinion.

1,936 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from March 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> with a margin of error of +/- 2.2 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.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	38%	4%	85%	31%	32%	43%	44%	25%
Disapprove	53	94	9	57	59	47	51	67
DK/NA	9	2	6	12	9	9	5	8

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	35%	37%	37%	45%	26%	37%	32%	62%	41%
Disapprove	51	52	57	51	67	56	62	30	47
DK/NA	14	11	6	5	8	6	7	8	12

  

Mltry	
Hshld	
Approve	34%
Disapprove	62
DK/NA	4

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.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve strongly	19%	1%	51%	11%	16%	22%	25%	11%
Approve smwht	18	3	33	19	16	20	19	14
Disapprove smwht	8	5	6	11	9	7	9	7
Disapprove strongly	44	88	2	45	49	40	42	59
DK/NA	10	3	7	13	10	11	5	9

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve strongly	8%	18%	23%	32%	11%	20%	16%	39%	20%
Approve smwht	25	20	13	12	14	18	16	23	19
Disapprove smwht	16	9	4	4	8	8	8	9	10
Disapprove strongly	34	42	53	47	58	48	53	21	35
DK/NA	16	11	6	5	8	7	7	8	17

  

Mltry	
Hshld	
Approve strongly	19%
Approve smwht	15
Disapprove smwht	9
Disapprove strongly	52
DK/NA	4

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling - the economy?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	34%	3%	80%	28%	29%	39%	43%	24%
Disapprove	58	95	15	64	64	53	53	72
DK/NA	7	1	6	8	7	8	4	4

  

AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	25%	38%	34%	44%	25%	35%	30%	57%	35%
Disapprove	63	54	62	52	71	61	66	34	54
DK/NA	12	8	4	4	4	3	4	10	11

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling - foreign policy?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	39%	6%	83%	35%	34%	44%	48%	29%
Disapprove	52	91	11	56	59	46	48	65
DK/NA	9	3	6	9	7	10	4	7

  

AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	38%	38%	37%	46%	30%	40%	35%	61%	39%
Disapprove	46	54	58	51	64	54	59	28	46
DK/NA	16	8	5	3	5	6	6	10	15

FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q9

	Mltry Hshld	Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Approve	34%	42%	37%	28%
Disapprove	62	54	52	45
DK/NA	5	3	11	27

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling - the response to the coronavirus?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	49%	11%	92%	47%	44%	53%	53%	38%
Disapprove	44	83	7	45	50	39	43	56
DK/NA	7	6	1	8	6	8	5	6

  

AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	53%	49%	44%	52%	39%	47%	43%	69%	52%
Disapprove	40	43	52	42	56	47	52	23	41
DK/NA	7	9	4	5	5	6	6	8	8

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

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	42%	10%	81%	40%	39%	45%	50%	32%
Disapprove	49	84	15	50	54	45	43	61
DK/NA	9	6	4	10	7	11	7	7

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	45%	38%	40%	48%	34%	41%	38%	62%	46%
Disapprove	42	54	54	47	59	51	55	28	43
DK/NA	13	7	5	5	6	8	7	10	11

FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q9				
	Mltry Hshld	Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Approve	38%	45%	41%	30%
Disapprove	55	50	50	43
DK/NA	7	5	9	27

6. How much of a problem has the price of gasoline been for you and your family lately; a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not too serious problem, or not a problem at all?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Very serious	37%	54%	13%	41%	38%	36%	23%	40%
Smwht serious	27	31	25	27	27	27	30	29
Not too serious	21	11	35	19	19	22	27	17
Not a problem at all	14	4	27	13	15	14	21	14
DK/NA	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very serious	34%	44%	40%	30%	36%	32%	34%	36%	42%
Smwht serious	31	22	28	28	29	29	29	32	26
Not too serious	24	21	17	21	19	22	20	19	22
Not a problem at all	10	13	15	21	16	16	16	13	9
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...				
	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Very serious	50%	36%	35%	28%
Smwht serious	25	29	30	26
Not too serious	15	25	23	23
Not a problem at all	10	8	12	23
DK/NA	-	2	-	1

7. As a result of the recent rise in gas prices, have you cut back significantly on - your household spending, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	45%	60%	22%	50%	45%	45%	31%	47%
No	54	39	77	49	54	54	69	51
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes	47%	45%	49%	39%	40%	43%	41%	42%	61%
No	50	53	50	61	58	57	58	56	39
DK/NA	3	2	1	-	1	1	1	2	-

  

	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...			
	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Yes	59%	52%	45%	33%
No	39	46	55	67
DK/NA	2	2	-	1

8. As a result of the recent rise in gas prices, have you cut back significantly on - how much you drive, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	46%	55%	28%	49%	43%	48%	31%	48%
No	53	44	71	49	55	50	68	50
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	1	2	-	2

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes	47%	45%	49%	41%	40%	44%	42%	49%	55%
No	50	55	50	57	59	54	56	48	44
DK/NA	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	1

  

	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...			
	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Yes	58%	51%	47%	32%
No	40	46	52	67
DK/NA	2	3	1	-

9. How closely have you been following news about Russia's invasion of Ukraine; very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Very closely	52%	57%	58%	50%	56%	49%	65%	51%
Somewhat closely	37	32	34	39	34	40	27	37
Not too closely	11	11	8	10	10	12	8	12
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very closely	38%	51%	59%	65%	58%	54%	56%	44%	46%
Somewhat closely	45	41	32	28	32	35	34	42	43
Not too closely	17	8	9	7	10	11	10	15	10
DK/NA	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

	Mltry Hshld
Very closely	56%
Somewhat closely	35
Not too closely	9
DK/NA	-

10. 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	24%	23%	17%	28%	31%	17%	25%	25%
Mentally unstable	60	61	72	56	55	65	61	62
DK/NA	16	16	11	16	14	18	14	13

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Mentally stable	28%	28%	22%	17%	32%	17%	24%	25%	21%
Mentally unstable	58	55	63	70	54	69	62	60	62
DK/NA	14	17	16	13	14	14	14	15	17

	Mltry Hshld	FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q9		
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Mentally stable	24%	25%	24%	17%
Mentally unstable	62	63	57	53
DK/NA	13	12	19	30



11. What concerns you more: COVID-19 or Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
COVID-19	13%	8%	21%	12%	13%	14%	7%	10%	
Invasion of Ukraine	79	85	75	81	80	78	89	83	
DK/NA	8	7	5	7	7	8	5	7	
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
COVID-19	13%	15%	11%	15%	10%	8%	9%	36%	14%
Invasion of Ukraine	81	78	79	81	84	86	85	56	78
DK/NA	6	7	9	4	6	6	6	8	8
FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q9									
	Mltry	Very			Somewhat		NotToo		
	Hshld	closely			closely		closely		
COVID-19	13%	10%			15%		22%		
Invasion of Ukraine	79	83			78		64		
DK/NA	8	7			7		14		

12. Which comes closer to your view regarding the U.S. response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine? A) The U.S. should do whatever it can to help Ukraine, even if it means risking a direct war between the U.S. and Russia. B) The U.S. should do whatever it can to help Ukraine, without risking a direct war between the U.S. and Russia.

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
A) Help/Risk war	17%	22%	14%	18%	19%	15%	17%	19%	
B) Help/Not risk war	75	69	82	74	73	76	78	71	
NEITHER (VOL)	5	5	2	5	5	5	3	5	
DK/NA	4	4	2	3	4	4	1	4	
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A) Help/Risk war	13%	18%	20%	19%	21%	16%	18%	12%	16%
B) Help/Not risk war	79	73	72	77	71	76	74	80	78
NEITHER (VOL)	4	8	4	2	5	4	5	5	1
DK/NA	5	1	3	3	3	4	3	2	5
FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q9									
	Mltry	Very			Somewhat		NotToo		
	Hshld	closely			closely		closely		
A) Help/Risk war	24%	22%			11%		14%		
B) Help/Not risk war	68	72			79		73		
NEITHER (VOL)	5	4			5		7		
DK/NA	3	3			5		6		

13. As you may know, some politicians and media figures have had words of praise for Russian President Vladimir Putin in the last several weeks. Does that make you view those individuals more favorably, less favorably, or doesn't it affect your opinion of those individuals?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
More favorably	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%
Less favorably	57	45	81	54	53	61	66	56
Doesn't affect	36	46	16	39	40	32	28	36
DK/NA	5	6	1	6	5	5	4	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
					Men	Wom			
More favorably	2%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Less favorably	46	53	62	71	55	65	60	55	47
Doesn't affect	49	41	31	21	39	27	33	37	45
DK/NA	3	4	5	5	4	6	5	5	5

	Mltry Hshld	FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q9		
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
		More favorably	2%	3%
Less favorably	56	64	56	30
Doesn't affect	38	29	38	62
DK/NA	5	5	5	5

14. Some people have called for NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to enforce a no-fly zone over Ukraine. NATO, which includes the U.S., has refused, explaining it would lead NATO countries into a war with Russia. Do you approve or disapprove of NATO's decision?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	54%	47%	58%	57%	60%	47%	61%	55%
Disapprove	32	38	30	30	30	33	29	32
DK/NA	15	15	12	13	10	20	10	13

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
					Men	Wom			
Approve	56%	49%	53%	58%	60%	54%	57%	50%	53%
Disapprove	27	36	35	31	31	30	31	33	30
DK/NA	17	14	12	11	10	15	12	17	17

	Mltry Hshld	FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q9		
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
		Approve	48%	58%
Disapprove	37	32	29	34
DK/NA	15	9	20	27

15. As you may know, President Biden has nominated Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court. Do you think the U.S. Senate should confirm Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, or not?

ADULTS.....

WHITE.....  
4 YR COLL DEG

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Should	52%	24%	88%	50%	48%	55%	59%	40%
No	24	48	4	23	26	22	20	31
DK/NA	24	29	8	27	26	23	21	29

AGE IN YRS..... WHITE.....

18-34 35-49 50-64 65+ Men Wom Wht Blk Hsp

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Should	50%	54%	51%	55%	43%	50%	46%	78%	53%
No	21	23	28	25	29	27	28	11	22
DK/NA	29	23	21	20	29	24	26	12	24