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**INFLATION TOPS RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR AS MOST URGENT ISSUE IN U.S.,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
52% DISAPPROVE OF GOP SENATORS' HANDLING OF
KETANJI BROWN JACKSON HEARINGS**

More than a month after Russia invaded Ukraine, inflation eclipses the war in Ukraine as the nation's most urgent issue. Americans say inflation (30 percent) is the most urgent issue facing the country today, followed by Russia's invasion of Ukraine (14 percent), and then immigration (9 percent), according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of adults released today.

There are large differences along party lines. Among Republicans, the top issues are inflation (39 percent), immigration (19 percent), and Russia's invasion of Ukraine (13 percent). Among Democrats, the top issues are Russia's invasion of Ukraine (16 percent), inflation (15 percent), and election laws (13 percent). Among independents, the top issues are inflation (37 percent), Russia's invasion of Ukraine (13 percent), followed by climate change (8 percent) and immigration (8 percent).

GAS PRICES

When Americans were asked what they think is most responsible for the recent rise in gas prices, they say:

- the Biden administration's economic policies: 41 percent;
- the war in Ukraine and sanctions against Russia: 24 percent;
- oil companies charging more: 24 percent;
- the rise in demand as the coronavirus pandemic eases: 5 percent.

Among Republicans, they say:

- the Biden administration's economic policies: 82 percent;
- the war in Ukraine and sanctions against Russia: 9 percent;
- oil companies charging more: 7 percent;
- the rise in demand as the coronavirus pandemic eases: 2 percent.

Among Democrats, they say:

- the war in Ukraine and sanctions against Russia: 41 percent;
- oil companies charging more: 41 percent;
- the rise in demand as the coronavirus pandemic eases: 10 percent;
- the Biden administration's economic policies: 3 percent.

Among independents, they say:

- the Biden administration's economic policies: 39 percent;
- the war in Ukraine and sanctions against Russia: 25 percent;
- oil companies charging more: 23 percent;
- the rise in demand as the coronavirus pandemic eases: 5 percent.

“What is more responsible when topping off the tank hurts? A raging war launched from Moscow, or an economic policy constructed in D.C.? More Americans say blame falls on the latter,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

Roughly one-third (35 percent) of Americans say they have cut back their spending on groceries so they can pay for gas, while 64 percent say they have not.

Thirty percent of Americans say they have changed their summer vacation plans as a result of gas prices, while 67 percent say they have not.

BIDEN

Americans give President Joe Biden a negative 36 – 55 percent job approval rating with 10 percent not offering an opinion.

Registered voters give him a negative 38 – 55 percent job approval rating with 7 percent not offering an opinion.

On his handling of the economy, Americans give Biden a negative 34 – 58 percent job approval rating.

While 44 percent of Americans approve of President Biden's handling of the response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, 45 percent disapprove.

Americans think (51 – 40 percent) that President Biden has not demonstrated strong leadership in his dealings with NATO in regard to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

RUSSIA & UKRAINE

Thirty-nine percent of Americans are either very optimistic (6 percent) or somewhat optimistic (33 percent) that diplomacy will bring an end to Russia's war on Ukraine, while 57 percent are not so optimistic (27 percent) or not optimistic at all (30 percent) that diplomacy will bring an end to Russia's war on Ukraine.

A majority of Americans (53 percent) are either very concerned (20 percent) or somewhat concerned (33 percent) that Russia will launch a nuclear weapon at the United States, while 47 percent say they are not so concerned (26 percent) or not concerned at all (21 percent) that Russia will launch a nuclear weapon at the United States.

“Talk won't do it, say Americans who envision diplomacy as a fruitless attempt to end the war. And the fear of the worst-case outcome is clear in the numbers. More than half of Americans are concerned Russia will target the U.S. homeland with a nuclear weapon,” added Malloy.

A majority of Americans (54 percent) think public figures in the United States who express admiration for Vladimir Putin are being unpatriotic, while 33 percent do not think that.

KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

Americans say 51 – 30 percent that the U.S. Senate should confirm Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, while 19 percent did not offer an opinion.

Americans disapprove 52 – 27 percent of the way Republican Senators are handling the confirmation process of Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson, while 21 percent did not offer an opinion.

On the other hand, Americans approve 42 – 34 percent of the way Democratic Senators are handling the confirmation process of Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson, while 23 percent did not offer an opinion.

A vast majority of Americans (72 percent) think the process of confirming Supreme Court Justices is too political, while 21 percent do not think that.

“Yes, Ketanji Brown Jackson should be the next member of the Supreme Court, say a slight majority of Americans. And yes, the freewheeling confirmation hearings got too political,” added Malloy.

1,462 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from March 24th – 28th 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	36%	4%	79%	32%	30%	41%	50%	26%
Disapprove	55	92	13	56	60	49	43	68
DK/NA	10	4	8	12	10	10	7	6

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

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
					Men	Wom			
Approve	27%	33%	40%	44%	28%	37%	33%	63%	32%
Disapprove	57	58	53	51	66	55	60	22	54
DK/NA	16	8	7	6	5	7	6	16	14

Mltry

Hshld

Approve	31%
Disapprove	64
DK/NA	5

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	20%	2%	50%	14%	15%	25%	27%	13%
Approve smwht	15	1	27	17	15	15	22	12
Disapprove smwht	9	7	8	11	10	9	7	8
Disapprove strongly	45	85	5	44	49	40	36	59
DK/NA	11	5	11	14	11	11	8	7

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

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
					Men	Wom			
Approve strongly	7%	13%	26%	33%	11%	23%	17%	40%	16%
Approve smwht	20	18	12	10	16	15	15	20	13
Disapprove smwht	19	10	5	4	9	7	8	5	13
Disapprove strongly	37	48	48	45	56	48	52	16	41
DK/NA	17	11	9	8	7	8	7	18	17

Mltry

Hshld

Approve strongly	16%
Approve smwht	14
Disapprove smwht	7
Disapprove strongly	56
DK/NA	6

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

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Approve	34%	4%	75%	32%	29%	39%	46%	25%		
Disapprove	58	95	15	59	63	53	48	70		
DK/NA	8	1	10	9	8	8	6	5		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	28%	30%	39%	43%	26%	37%	32%	62%	29%	
Disapprove	58	62	58	54	70	57	63	25	56	
DK/NA	14	9	4	4	4	6	5	13	15	

3. 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	44%	15%	81%	43%	41%	46%	57%	33%		
Disapprove	45	77	14	44	48	41	36	57		
DK/NA	12	8	5	12	11	13	7	10		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	40%	42%	45%	47%	37%	43%	40%	58%	44%	
Disapprove	45	48	47	42	54	47	50	29	38	
DK/NA	14	10	8	11	9	10	9	13	17	
Mltry										
Hshld										
Approve	32%									
Disapprove	57									
DK/NA	11									

4. In your opinion, what is the most urgent issue facing the country today: Russia's invasion of Ukraine, COVID-19, inflation, unemployment, climate change, health care, racial inequality, immigration, election laws, the Supreme Court, or crime?

ADULTS.....

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Russia/Ukraine	14%	13%	16%	13%	12%	15%	22%	15%
COVID-19	3	2	5	2	3	3	1	3
Inflation	30	39	15	37	35	26	28	32
Unemployment	2	4	1	2	3	2	-	3
Climate change	7	1	12	8	7	7	10	6
Health care	6	2	11	6	6	7	6	7
Racial inequality	5	1	8	6	5	5	5	3
Immigration	9	19	1	8	9	9	6	10
Election laws	7	3	13	6	6	9	9	7
Supreme Court	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	1
Crime	5	5	5	4	4	6	3	5
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	7	7	8	4	8	6	5	6
DK/NA	3	2	3	3	1	4	3	3

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

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Russia/Ukraine	12%	11%	15%	21%	14%	20%	17%	5%	12%
COVID-19	4	3	2	4	1	3	2	7	2
Inflation	34	40	28	19	35	27	31	26	31
Unemployment	4	1	4	1	3	1	2	-	4
Climate change	10	6	6	7	6	8	7	4	6
Health care	8	6	6	5	6	7	6	8	4
Racial inequality	10	5	4	2	3	4	3	11	7
Immigration	4	6	11	12	10	8	9	2	12
Election laws	3	7	8	10	7	8	7	9	6
Supreme Court	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	1
Crime	4	6	6	6	5	4	5	8	7
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	6	7	6	7	6	5	6	10	6
DK/NA	1	1	4	4	2	4	3	7	2

5. Which of the following do you think is the most responsible for the recent rise in gas prices: oil companies charging more; the war in Ukraine and sanctions against Russia; the Biden administration's economic policies; or the rise in demand as the coronavirus pandemic eases?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG		
							Yes	No	
Oil companies charging more	24%	7%	41%	23%	21%	27%	27%	20%	
War in Ukraine/Russia sanctions	24	9	41	25	21	26	24	19	
Biden admin. economic policies	41	82	3	39	47	35	34	55	
Rise in demand as pandemic eases	5	2	10	5	5	5	9	3	
DK/NA	6	1	5	7	5	7	6	4	
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Oil companies charging more	27%	20%	28%	21%	19%	24%	22%	37%	24%
War in Ukraine/Russia sanctions	31	24	18	24	17	23	20	34	27
Biden admin. economic policies	33	44	44	41	55	42	48	8	39
Rise in demand as pandemic eases	4	5	6	7	5	5	5	11	4
DK/NA	5	7	3	7	4	6	5	10	6

6. As a result of the rise in gas prices, have you cut back your spending on groceries so that you can pay for gas, or not?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG		
							Yes	No	
Yes	35%	46%	22%	36%	33%	36%	20%	41%	
No	64	53	77	63	64	63	80	58	
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	3	1	-	2	
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	40%	33%	39%	26%	33%	35%	34%	33%	39%
No	58	65	61	72	65	65	65	66	55
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	2	-	1	1	5

7. As a result of gas prices, have you - changed your summer vacation plans?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes	30%	41%	16%	31%	32%	29%	19%	38%		
No	67	55	82	67	66	68	78	59		
DK/NA	3	4	2	2	2	3	2	3		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	28%	34%	33%	27%	31%	32%	32%	24%	30%	
No	70	63	66	70	67	64	65	73	69	
DK/NA	2	2	1	3	2	4	3	3	2	

8. Do you think Joe Biden has demonstrated strong leadership in his dealings with NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, in regard to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes/Has demonstrated	40%	8%	82%	39%	35%	45%	55%	28%		
No	51	84	13	52	57	46	38	66		
DK/NA	9	8	5	9	8	9	7	6		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Has demonstrated	34%	38%	44%	49%	33%	40%	37%	71%	39%	
No	54	54	51	45	62	53	57	18	47	
DK/NA	12	8	4	6	6	6	6	10	14	
Mltry										
Hshld										
Yes/Has demonstrated	31%									
No	63									
DK/NA	6									

9. As the crisis has deepened in Ukraine, are you paying more attention, less attention, or about the same amount of attention to media coverage of the war in Ukraine?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
More	38%	38%	44%	38%	37%	40%	38%	38%
Less	11	13	7	10	11	11	8	11
About the same	48	46	47	49	48	47	52	49
DK/NA	3	3	2	2	4	2	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
More	33%	36%	40%	47%	36%	39%	38%	44%	38%
Less	13	15	7	6	11	10	10	12	11
About the same	53	48	48	43	50	50	50	39	45
DK/NA	1	2	4	4	3	1	2	5	5

	Mltry Hshld
More	39%
Less	9
About the same	48
DK/NA	3

10. How optimistic are you that diplomacy will bring an end to Russia's war on Ukraine; very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, not so optimistic, or not optimistic at all?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Very optimistic	6%	2%	12%	6%	7%	5%	4%	3%
Somewhat optimistic	33	30	44	30	29	37	36	31
Not so optimistic	27	26	29	26	26	28	33	26
Not optimist. at all	30	39	13	34	34	26	23	36
DK/NA	4	3	2	4	3	5	4	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very optimistic	6%	8%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	14%	5%
Somewhat optimistic	36	27	32	37	29	35	32	35	40
Not so optimistic	28	28	24	28	28	29	28	18	30
Not optimist. at all	25	34	36	26	38	27	32	29	19
DK/NA	4	3	2	4	3	6	4	3	6

	Mltry Hshld
Very optimistic	5%
Somewhat optimistic	27
Not so optimistic	25
Not optimist. at all	39
DK/NA	4

11. Do you think public figures in the United States who express admiration for Vladimir Putin are being unpatriotic, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Unpatriotic	54%	50%	73%	49%	50%	58%	68%	54%
No	33	35	22	38	37	29	22	34
DK/NA	13	15	5	12	13	13	10	12

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Unpatriotic	50%	48%	60%	64%	53%	63%	58%	47%	51%
No	39	40	30	24	35	26	30	40	34
DK/NA	11	12	11	12	12	11	12	13	15

	Mltry Hshld
Yes/Unpatriotic	52%
No	36
DK/NA	12

12. How concerned are you that Russia will launch a nuclear weapon at the United States; very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Very concerned	20%	21%	20%	21%	15%	25%	9%	21%
Somewhat concerned	33	35	34	31	26	40	38	36
Not so concerned	26	21	30	27	29	22	35	22
Not concerned at all	21	23	15	21	29	12	18	20
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very concerned	14%	22%	18%	27%	11%	22%	17%	31%	24%
Somewhat concerned	29	29	35	39	30	44	37	23	27
Not so concerned	35	24	24	20	30	23	26	31	22
Not concerned at all	22	23	22	14	29	11	20	14	24
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	3

	Mltry Hshld
Very concerned	18%
Somewhat concerned	32
Not so concerned	28
Not concerned at all	22
DK/NA	1

13. Have you done anything recently to protect yourself or your family against potential cyberattacks by Russia, such as having more cash on hand or taking extra security steps on digital devices?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Yes	33%	36%	26%	41%	33%	32%	28%	34%			
No	64	61	72	57	66	63	70	63			
DK/NA	3	4	3	2	1	5	2	2			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes	33%	33%	32%	30%	33%	32%	33%	35%	27%		
No	65	63	66	67	65	65	65	62	66		
DK/NA	2	4	2	3	1	3	2	3	7		

14. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine began, have you found yourself more inclined to turn to religious or spiritual practices, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Yes	17%	21%	17%	15%	11%	22%	14%	16%			
No	81	78	80	83	87	76	85	82			
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes	10%	14%	19%	25%	12%	19%	15%	31%	17%		
No	90	83	79	70	86	80	83	66	82		
DK/NA	1	2	1	4	3	1	2	4	1		

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.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Yes/Should	51%	21%	84%	54%	48%	54%	67%	40%			
No	30	60	5	27	36	25	24	39			
DK/NA	19	19	11	19	16	22	9	21			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes/Should	50%	48%	57%	52%	45%	51%	48%	74%	49%		
No	27	29	35	28	42	28	35	14	26		
DK/NA	23	23	8	19	13	21	17	11	25		

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - Republican Senators are handling the confirmation process of Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Approve	27%	52%	8%	25%	34%	20%	27%	31%		
Disapprove	52	26	78	54	46	57	58	46		
DK/NA	21	23	14	21	20	23	15	23		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	21%	28%	30%	29%	37%	24%	30%	9%	24%	
Disapprove	49	50	56	54	45	53	49	73	47	
DK/NA	30	21	14	17	17	23	20	17	28	

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - Democratic Senators are handling the confirmation process of Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Approve	42%	20%	76%	37%	38%	46%	56%	32%		
Disapprove	34	58	8	37	39	30	28	43		
DK/NA	23	22	16	26	23	24	16	24		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	38%	42%	47%	44%	34%	44%	40%	56%	45%	
Disapprove	32	33	38	34	46	32	39	25	24	
DK/NA	30	25	15	23	20	23	22	19	31	

18. Do you think that the process of confirming Supreme Court Justices is too political, or don't you think so?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes/Too political	72%	71%	75%	74%	73%	71%	86%	72%		
No	21	25	19	20	22	21	11	23		
DK/NA	7	4	6	6	6	8	3	5		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Too political	60%	68%	78%	82%	77%	75%	76%	59%	71%	
No	32	25	19	11	19	20	19	26	22	
DK/NA	8	7	4	7	4	6	5	16	7	

19. As you may know, there is a surge of COVID-19 cases in Asia and cases are also climbing in Europe. Are you concerned that there will be another COVID-19 surge in the United States, or not?

ADULTS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	Yes
Yes/Concerned	51%	32%	74%	53%	43%	59%	56%	46%
No	46	66	24	43	54	38	43	51
DK/NA	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	3

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

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Concerned	52%	49%	51%	57%	39%	58%	49%	61%	53%
No	44	50	47	40	60	38	48	37	40
DK/NA	3	2	2	3	1	3	2	2	6