

The Economist/YouGov Poll

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1. Closely following Ukraine events

How closely have you been following recent events going on in Ukraine?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Very closely	16%	100%	—	—	—
Somewhat closely	44%	—	100%	—	—
Not very closely	25%	—	—	100%	—
Not closely at all	15%	—	—	—	100%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(154)	(449)	(251)	(144)

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2. Ukraine - Russian parts

Do you think the Russian speaking parts of Ukraine should join Russia or should Ukraine remain unchanged?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Join Russia	19%	21%	17%	17%	26%
Remain in Ukraine	81%	79%	83%	83%	74%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(975)	(153)	(443)	(250)	(128)

3. Ukraine - absorbed

How much of Ukraine do you think will ultimately get absorbed into Russia?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
All of Ukraine	31%	31%	33%	34%	18%
Eastern Ukraine	25%	30%	29%	20%	15%
Only Crimea	26%	24%	30%	26%	18%
None of Ukraine	18%	15%	8%	21%	48%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(978)	(153)	(443)	(248)	(132)

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4. Ukraine - disintegrating

A year from now, what do you think is more likely?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Ukraine will be an independent nation	26%	34%	31%	20%	12%
Ukraine will be part of Russia	39%	41%	41%	45%	24%
Not sure	35%	25%	28%	35%	64%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (154)	100% (449)	100% (250)	100% (142)

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5. US involvement in Ukraine

Do you think the U.S. should get involved in Russia's dispute with Ukraine, or not?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Yes	21%	39%	26%	13%	3%
No	55%	46%	52%	61%	62%
Not sure	24%	15%	22%	25%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(996)	(154)	(447)	(250)	(143)

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6. What should US do

In dealing with the Ukraine crisis, which of the following things do you think the U.S. should do?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Impose economic sanctions on Russia	40%	54%	50%	37%	6%
Provide economic aid to Ukraine	30%	39%	35%	28%	10%
Hold diplomatic negotiations with Russia	37%	44%	46%	27%	20%
Provide military weapons to Ukraine	18%	36%	21%	10%	3%
Send U.S. troops to Ukraine	7%	11%	7%	5%	6%
None of the above	33%	25%	21%	38%	65%
Totals	(1,000)	(154)	(449)	(251)	(144)

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7. How important are friendly relations with Russia

How important is it to the United States to maintain friendly relations with Russia?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Very important	35%	45%	31%	39%	28%
Somewhat important	43%	42%	49%	41%	30%
Not very important	8%	9%	11%	7%	3%
Not important at all	3%	3%	3%	5%	2%
Not sure	11%	1%	7%	7%	36%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(997)	(154)	(447)	(250)	(144)

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8. Punish Russia or keep it friendly

Which is more important, punishing Russia for its aggressive policy against Ukraine or maintaining good relations with Russia so they will help the US find solutions to problems with Syria and Iran?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Punishing Russia for its aggression	41%	51%	49%	29%	24%
Maintaining good relations with Russia	59%	49%	51%	71%	76%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (970)	100% (154)	100% (442)	100% (244)	100% (128)

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9. Approval of Obama's handling of Ukraine crisis

Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's handling of the crisis in Ukraine?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Approve strongly	10%	19%	12%	6%	2%
Approve somewhat	15%	13%	20%	15%	6%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%	6%	18%	29%	16%
Disapprove somewhat	11%	14%	13%	8%	6%
Disapprove strongly	27%	46%	30%	17%	15%
Not sure	18%	2%	8%	25%	55%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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10. Domestic intel - Russia

Do you think Russia intercepts, stores or analyzes in any way the communications of millions of individuals?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Yes	60%	70%	70%	59%	19%
No	12%	13%	11%	13%	13%
Not sure	28%	17%	19%	28%	68%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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11. Snowden favorability rating

Edward Snowden, a former NSA contractor, made the news for leaking information of government surveillance on Americans, including monitoring internet usage and telephone records, to the press. What is your opinion on Snowden, if any?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Very favorable	15%	23%	17%	10%	10%
Somewhat favorable	23%	19%	24%	27%	16%
Somewhat unfavorable	19%	20%	22%	16%	11%
Very unfavorable	26%	33%	26%	28%	18%
Not sure	17%	4%	11%	19%	44%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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12. Snowden leak approval

Do you approve or disapprove of Edward Snowden's decision to leak information about U.S. surveillance activities?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Strongly approve	16%	19%	18%	11%	16%
Somewhat approve	27%	24%	29%	30%	20%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	18%	17%	16%	9%
Strongly disapprove	29%	36%	28%	33%	16%
Not sure	13%	3%	8%	10%	40%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(997)	(153)	(448)	(250)	(144)

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13. Prosecute Snowden

Would you support or oppose the prosecution of Edward Snowden for leaking the information?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
I would support prosecution	30%	38%	33%	31%	13%
I neither support nor oppose	25%	24%	26%	25%	22%
I would oppose his prosecution	29%	28%	31%	30%	24%
Not sure	16%	10%	10%	14%	41%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (154)	100% (448)	100% (250)	100% (144)

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14. Agree with the following statements

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (A) Snowden performed a service letting Americans know about the NSA's data collection activities; (B) Snowden hurt American security by leaking information; (C) Snowden had good intentions but went about it the wrong way; (D) Snowden hurt his case when he asked for political asylum in Russia; (E) Snowden should have been willing to accept the consequences of his actions, and remained in the United States; (F) Snowden may have stolen intelligence about US defense capabilities and gave the intelligence to Russia

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
A	57%	62%	62%	60%	37%
B	57%	65%	59%	59%	39%
C	54%	60%	58%	51%	37%
D	66%	73%	69%	71%	41%
E	60%	66%	58%	66%	50%
F	46%	58%	47%	48%	30%
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15. Disagree with the following statements

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (A) Snowden performed a service letting Americans know about the NSA's data collection activities; (B) Snowden hurt American security by leaking information; (C) Snowden had good intentions but went about it the wrong way; (D) Snowden hurt his case when he asked for political asylum in Russia; (E) Snowden should have been willing to accept the consequences of his actions, and remained in the United States; (F) Snowden may have stolen intelligence about US defense capabilities and gave the intelligence to Russia

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
A	25%	32%	26%	28%	12%
B	29%	26%	30%	31%	25%
C	28%	34%	29%	28%	20%
D	18%	17%	22%	13%	14%
E	23%	26%	26%	19%	14%
F	26%	24%	29%	25%	20%
Totals	(997)	(154)	(448)	(250)	(143)

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16. Heard about interview

How much have you heard about Edward Snowden asking Vladimir Putin questions about Russian domestic surveillance on Russian television last week?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Heard a lot	9%	25%	8%	5%	1%
Heard a little	32%	36%	38%	24%	22%
Heard nothing at all	59%	38%	54%	72%	77%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(989)	(152)	(446)	(246)	(143)

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17. Favorability of Vladimir Putin

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin, the President of Russia?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Very favorable	3%	8%	1%	3%	2%
Somewhat favorable	13%	19%	15%	11%	4%
Somewhat unfavorable	26%	19%	29%	30%	20%
Very unfavorable	38%	47%	46%	33%	14%
Don't know	20%	7%	10%	23%	61%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (154)	100% (448)	100% (250)	100% (144)

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18. Putin's leadership abilities

Would you say Vladimir Putin is a strong or a weak leader?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Very strong	32%	59%	34%	21%	14%
Somewhat strong	44%	25%	46%	50%	51%
Somewhat weak	17%	9%	15%	24%	21%
Very weak	7%	7%	5%	5%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(980)	(154)	(444)	(246)	(134)

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19. Russia more friendly with Putin as leader

Since Vladimir Putin became the Russian leader, do you think Russia has become more friendly towards the United States, less friendly to the United States, or has there been no change in relations?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
More friendly	6%	15%	4%	4%	3%
No change	28%	23%	25%	34%	31%
Less friendly	51%	58%	63%	43%	21%
Not sure	16%	4%	8%	19%	46%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (994)	100% (154)	100% (446)	100% (251)	100% (141)

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20. Putin a threat

Do you think Vladimir Putin poses a threat to the United States?

	Total	Closely following Ukraine events			
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
Yes	45%	54%	49%	49%	20%
No	25%	26%	29%	21%	16%
Not sure	30%	21%	22%	30%	64%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(154)	(448)	(250)	(144)