

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1958 GB Adults, 1072 German Adults, 1015 French Adults, 1013 Danish Adults, 1004 Swedish Adults, 1014 Finnish Adults and 667 Norwegians Adults
Fieldwork: 21st - 27th March 2014

	GB	Germany	France	Denmark	Sweden	Finland	Norway
Weighted Sample	Total						
	1958	1072	1015	1013	1004	1014	667
Unweighted Sample	1958	1072	1015	1013	1004	1014	667
	%						

As you may know, the government in Ukraine was recently overthrown by protesters. Subsequently Russian troops have taken control of the largely Russian-speaking Crimea region of Ukraine

From what you have seen or heard about the situation in Ukraine do you think Russia's intervention is or is not justified?

Is justified	16	18	17	7	6	5	13
Is not justified	60	64	60	76	78	78	66
Don't know	25	18	23	17	16	17	21

Generally speaking, who do you have more sympathy for?

The Russian government	6	10	6	2	3	3	6
The new Ukrainian government	47	32	24	57	44	50	48
Neither	33	53	60	32	39	37	31
Don't know	14	5	10	9	14	10	14

How well or badly do you think the following have handled the ongoing situation in Ukraine?
[COUNTRY LEADER]

Very well	3	N/A	3	4	6	12	9
Fairly well	29	N/A	21	28	26	36	35
TOTAL WELL	32	N/A	24	32	32	48	44
Fairly badly	26	N/A	26	25	25	15	15
Very badly	12	N/A	30	16	12	5	7
TOTAL BADLY	38	N/A	56	41	37	20	22
Don't know	29	N/A	20	27	30	33	34

Vladimir Putin

Very well	6	7	6	4	3	2	4
Fairly well	10	14	12	8	5	7	9
TOTAL WELL	16	21	18	12	8	9	13
Fairly badly	21	23	21	18	13	18	16
Very badly	43	40	42	56	63	55	52
TOTAL BADLY	64	63	63	74	76	73	68
Don't know	20	15	19	14	16	18	19

Barack Obama

Very well	3	4	6	5	3	2	5
Fairly well	27	23	37	38	32	28	32
TOTAL WELL	30	27	43	43	35	30	37
Fairly badly	29	37	24	26	27	34	26
Very badly	13	17	12	10	12	10	10
TOTAL BADLY	42	54	36	36	39	44	36
Don't know	28	18	20	21	27	26	26

The United Nations

Very well	2	4	2	3	3	2	2
Fairly well	18	25	26	26	26	16	26
TOTAL WELL	20	29	28	29	29	18	28
Fairly badly	33	34	29	29	26	37	27
Very badly	17	17	17	13	15	15	12
TOTAL BADLY	50	51	46	42	41	52	39
Don't know	31	20	25	29	30	30	33

The European Union

Very well	2	4	2	2	4	2	4
Fairly well	19	27	24	28	27	28	26
TOTAL WELL	21	31	26	30	31	30	30
Fairly badly	32	34	30	31	27	33	27
Very badly	18	18	22	16	15	13	12
TOTAL BADLY	50	52	52	47	42	46	39
Don't know	29	17	22	22	27	25	31

And which leader do you think has come out of the situation in the Ukraine the best?

Vladimir Putin	23	24	26	13	6	5	12
David Cameron	3	1	1	1	2	1	2
Angela Merkel	5	12	4	16	16	19	17
Barack Obama	6	5	9	12	13	7	10
Francois Hollande	0	1	2	0	1	1	1
Someone else	1	2	2	1	3	2	1
None of them	39	35	38	23	24	27	26
Don't know	23	21	18	33	36	38	32

Thinking about potential diplomatic, economic or military actions that Western countries should take in response to the situation in Ukraine, which of the following best reflects your view?

Western countries should take action of some sort to ensure that Ukraine is defended against any Russian aggression and and keeps control of the Crimea	28	31	33	39	42	41	41
The situation between Russia and the Ukraine does not affect the interests of Western countries, and we should leave Russia and the Ukraine to sort it out between themselves	33	33	30	16	12	19	18
Neither	20	23	20	25	21	20	14
Don't know	19	13	16	20	24	20	27

Thinking about actions that [COUNTRY] and the West could take against Russia, which of the following better reflects your view?

Russia's actions in the Ukraine are unacceptable; it is important that we work with other countries to impose economic sanctions against Russia, even if there is some limited cost to [COUNTRY'S] economy	42	42	35	60	56	39	51
Russia's actions in the Ukraine do not directly affect [COUNTRY'S] interests, so we should not take any actions against them that might hurt [COUNTRY'S] economy at all, however slightly	28	29	30	11	10	27	16
Neither	12	16	17	13	13	13	10
Don't know	19	13	17	17	21	21	24

Thinking more specifically about the type of actions western countries could take in response to the situation in Ukraine, would you support or oppose [COUNTRY] and other Western countries taking the following actions?

Imposing trade sanctions on Russia							
Support	50	43	43	62	58	46	52
Oppose	23	36	31	15	15	24	15
Don't know	27	21	26	23	27	30	33
Expelling Russia from the G8 group of countries							
Support	44	39	38	57	47	49	40
Oppose	28	39	36	15	19	19	21
Don't know	29	22	26	28	34	33	39

Breaking off diplomatic relations with Russia

Support	21	17	22	31	24	17	21
Oppose	51	64	55	44	47	55	41
Don't know	28	19	24	25	30	29	38

Freezing Russian assets in Western banks

Support	42	43	42	60	55	52	42
Oppose	28	35	33	15	16	18	22
Don't know	30	22	24	25	29	30	36

Giving financial aid to the new Ukrainian government

Support	30	43	31	49	50	47	39
Oppose	39	35	43	22	18	22	20
Don't know	31	21	25	29	32	32	41

Giving military aid to the new Ukrainian government

Support	16	18	21	20	17	22	16
Oppose	57	62	55	52	50	46	42

Don't know	27	20	24	28	33	32	42
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Deploying Western troops to defend the Ukraine from Russia

Support	10	16	17	15	15	17	13
Oppose	64	63	58	59	52	48	47
Don't know	26	21	25	26	33	35	39

Thinking about how the situation in Ukraine develops, if Russia does seek to permanently take control of the Crimea region of the Ukraine, which of the following best reflects your view?

If Russia uses its troops to take over part of Ukraine and diplomatic and economic efforts to stop them fail, the USA and western countries SHOULD take military action to stop it

13	16	17	21	21	14	17
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If Russia uses its troops to take over part of Ukraine and diplomatic and economic efforts to stop them fail, the USA and other Western countries SHOULD NOT go as far as using military action to stop it

44	39	32	34	32	42	26
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If Russia used its troops to invade the Baltic states it would have some justification in doing so, and the USA and other Western countries SHOULD NOT attempt to stop them

14	10	13	5	4	6	10
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None of these	6	20	17	12	11	13	10
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Don't know	23	16	20	28	31	24	36
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And imagine a situation where Russian troops invaded another neighbouring state, such as the Baltic countries who are EU and NATO members, which of the following best reflects your view?

If Russia used its troops to invade the Baltic states and diplomatic and economic efforts to stop them failed, the USA and western countries SHOULD take military action to stop it	42	43	36	55	52	51	45
If Russia used its troops to invade the Baltic states and diplomatic and economic efforts to stop them failed, the USA and other Western countries SHOULD NOT go as far as using military action to stop it	25	22	21	12	10	15	12
If Russia used its troops to invade the Baltic states it would have some justification in doing so, and the USA and other Western countries SHOULD NOT attempt to stop them	4	4	8	2	2	3	4
None of these	7	14	15	6	8	9	7
Don't know	23	18	20	25	27	23	32

Which of the following best reflects your view?

Russia today has an aggressive foreign policy and is actively trying to control or take territory off neighbouring countries	53	61	53	67	68	66	58
Russia today has no aggressive interest in its neighbours, it is rightly trying to keep peace in troubled areas and protect Russian minorities	16	14	17	7	7	7	14
Neither	11	14	16	11	9	11	9
Don't know	20	11	14	16	17	15	19

Which of the following best reflects your view?

Russia poses an economic threat to western countries	40	33	35	35	36	39	26
Russia does not pose an economic threat to western countries	27	38	31	28	29	28	34
Neither	10	17	17	15	10	13	11
Don't know	23	11	17	22	26	19	30

Thinking more generally about Russia today...

Which of the following best reflects your view?

Russia poses a military threat to western countries	41	47	43	47	56	54	50
Russia does not pose a military threat to western countries	27	29	27	22	17	18	20
Neither	9	13	15	13	7	11	7
Don't know	22	11	15	18	19	17	23