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### Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Russia/Ukraine Crisis

#### Topline Findings

**Washington, DC, February 24, 2022** – A new Reuters/Ipsos poll, completed Wednesday, February 23, 2022, finds that only a third of Americans approve of the way Joe Biden has been handling the issues with Ukraine (34%) and Russia (32%). It also found that 77% are very or somewhat concerned about the risk of Russia invading Ukraine, a reality as of this morning when Russia initiated a series of strikes in various Ukrainian cities. While two-thirds (66%) of Americans believe the U.S. cannot afford to take military action in Ukraine given the current economic climate, 71% believe doing nothing will encourage Russia to take military action elsewhere in Europe and Asia. However, most Americans (65%) also believe that taking military action in Ukraine would encourage attacks on the United States and the West. Consequently, only 2 out of 5 (38%) Americans support sending troops to Ukraine to help defend them from a Russian invasion, and only 34% support using air strikes to help the Ukrainian army. Most Americans (72%) believe the United States should continue its diplomatic efforts with Russia and place additional economic sanctions against Russia (69%). Finally, when asked who they believe is most to blame for the current situation between Russia and Ukraine, half of Americans (50%) say it is Russian President Vladimir Putin.

For complete results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

#### Full Annotated Questionnaire

		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
With which political party do you most identify? Detailed	Democrat	43%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	37%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	14%	0%	0%	100%
	None/DK	7%	0%	0%	0%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - The U.S. economy	Strongly approve	9%	16%	4%	4%
	Somewhat approve	13%	24%	3%	13%
	Lean towards approve	14%	20%	5%	12%
	Lean towards disapprove	12%	15%	7%	14%
	Somewhat disapprove	10%	7%	13%	13%
	Strongly disapprove	35%	9%	66%	35%
	Don't know	8%	9%	3%	9%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - The U.S. economy - Summary	Total Approve	36%	60%	12%	29%
	Total Disapprove	56%	31%	86%	62%
	Don't know	8%	9%	3%	9%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - U.S. foreign policy	Strongly approve	8%	16%	3%	4%
	Somewhat approve	13%	23%	3%	15%
	Lean towards approve	13%	20%	4%	14%
	Lean towards disapprove	11%	11%	11%	7%
	Somewhat disapprove	10%	8%	14%	8%
	Strongly disapprove	31%	8%	59%	33%
	Don't know	13%	13%	7%	19%
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TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - U.S. foreign policy- Summary	Total Approve	35%	59%	10%	33%
	Total Disapprove	52%	28%	84%	48%
	Don't know	13%	13%	7%	19%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - Employment and jobs	Strongly approve	11%	21%	3%	4%
	Somewhat approve	12%	21%	2%	17%
	Lean towards approve	16%	24%	6%	15%
	Lean towards disapprove	12%	11%	11%	17%
	Somewhat disapprove	12%	9%	16%	13%
	Strongly disapprove	29%	5%	58%	28%
	Don't know	8%	8%	4%	7%
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TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - Employment and jobs - Summary	Total Approve	39%	66%	11%	36%
	Total Disapprove	53%	25%	85%	58%
	Don't know	8%	8%	4%	7%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - Russia	Strongly approve	9%	17%	2%	5%
	Somewhat approve	10%	17%	3%	5%
	Lean towards approve	14%	22%	6%	9%
	Lean towards disapprove	11%	10%	9%	20%
	Somewhat disapprove	11%	7%	14%	14%
	Strongly disapprove	32%	12%	58%	27%
	Don't know	15%	15%	8%	20%
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TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - Russia - Summary	Total Approve	32%	56%	11%	20%
	Total Disapprove	53%	30%	81%	61%
	Don't know	15%	15%	8%	20%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - Fuel and gas prices	Strongly approve	6%	12%	2%	5%
	Somewhat approve	10%	17%	4%	9%
	Lean towards approve	11%	18%	5%	6%
	Lean towards disapprove	9%	14%	4%	7%
	Somewhat disapprove	12%	12%	10%	21%
	Strongly disapprove	41%	14%	73%	39%
	Don't know	11%	13%	3%	13%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - Fuel and gas prices - Summary	Total Approve	27%	47%	10%	20%
	Total Disapprove	62%	40%	86%	67%
	Don't know	11%	13%	3%	13%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - Ukraine	Strongly approve	10%	18%	3%	7%
	Somewhat approve	11%	20%	3%	8%
	Lean towards approve	14%	20%	7%	10%
	Lean towards disapprove	10%	12%	8%	11%
	Somewhat disapprove	10%	5%	15%	12%
	Strongly disapprove	29%	9%	55%	24%
	Don't know	17%	15%	10%	26%
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TM1128Y17. Do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “approve” and “disapprove”] approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - Ukraine - Summary	Total Approve	34%	58%	12%	26%
	Total Disapprove	49%	27%	77%	48%
	Don't know	17%	15%	10%	26%
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TM3013Y22. How concerned, if at all, are you with the risk of Russia invading Ukraine?	Very concerned	39%	46%	41%	24%
	Somewhat concerned	38%	36%	38%	48%
	Not very concerned	10%	9%	9%	11%
	Not at all concerned	4%	2%	5%	4%
	Not sure	9%	7%	7%	13%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM3013Y22. How concerned, if at all, are you with the risk of Russia invading Ukraine? - Summary	Total concerned	77%	82%	79%	72%
	Total not concerned	14%	11%	14%	15%
	Not sure	9%	7%	7%	13%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM268Y14. To what extent do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “agree” or “disagree”] agree or disagree with the following statements?... The problems of Ukraine are none of our business, and we should not interfere	Strongly agree	13%	12%	14%	15%
	Tend to agree	35%	30%	38%	35%
	Tend to disagree	37%	39%	36%	37%
	Strongly disagree	15%	19%	12%	13%
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TM268Y14. To what extent do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “agree” or “disagree”] agree or disagree with the following statements?... The problems of Ukraine are none of our business, and we should not interfere - Summary	Total agree	48%	42%	52%	50%
	Total disagree	52%	58%	48%	50%
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TM268Y14. To what extent do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “agree” or “disagree”] agree or disagree with the following statements?... Given the current economic climate, the United States cannot afford to be taking military action in Ukraine	Strongly agree	19%	16%	23%	21%
	Tend to agree	47%	45%	44%	53%
	Tend to disagree	27%	31%	25%	21%
	Strongly disagree	7%	8%	8%	5%
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TM268Y14. To what extent do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “agree” or “disagree”] agree or disagree with the following statements?... Given the current economic climate, the United States cannot afford to be taking military action in Ukraine - Summary	Total agree	66%	61%	67%	74%
	Total disagree	34%	39%	33%	26%
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TM268Y14. To what extent do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “agree” or “disagree”] agree or disagree with the following statements?... Doing nothing in Ukraine will encourage Russia to take further military action elsewhere in Europe and Asia	Strongly agree	27%	31%	27%	17%
	Tend to agree	45%	45%	42%	47%
	Tend to disagree	22%	18%	22%	24%
	Strongly disagree	7%	5%	8%	12%
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TM268Y14. To what extent do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “agree” or “disagree”] agree or disagree with the following statements?... Doing nothing in Ukraine will encourage Russia to take further military action elsewhere in Europe and Asia - Summary	Total agree	71%	77%	69%	63%
	Total disagree	29%	23%	31%	37%
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TM268Y14. To what extent do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “agree” or “disagree”] agree or disagree with the following statements?... Taking military action in Ukraine will encourage attacks on the United States and the West	Strongly agree	16%	17%	17%	16%
	Tend to agree	48%	45%	50%	51%
	Tend to disagree	28%	31%	26%	28%
	Strongly disagree	7%	8%	7%	5%
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TM268Y14. To what extent do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “agree” or “disagree”] agree or disagree with the following statements?... Taking military action in Ukraine will encourage attacks on the United States and the West - Summary	Total agree	65%	61%	67%	67%
	Total disagree	35%	39%	33%	33%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM268Y14. To what extent do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “agree” or “disagree”] agree or disagree with the following statements?... Paying more for fuel and gas because of sanctions against Russia is worthwhile to defend another democratic country	Strongly agree	10%	14%	7%	5%
	Tend to agree	39%	51%	27%	32%
	Tend to disagree	31%	24%	33%	40%
	Strongly disagree	21%	10%	33%	24%
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TM268Y14. To what extent do you [RANDOMLY ROTATE “agree” or “disagree”] agree or disagree with the following statements?... Paying more for fuel and gas because of sanctions against Russia is worthwhile to defend another democratic country - Summary	Total agree	49%	65%	34%	37%
	Total disagree	51%	35%	66%	63%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM396Y14. In your opinion, should the U.S. do any of the following in response to the current situation in Ukraine? (Select yes or no for each)...The United States should continue its diplomatic efforts with Russia	Yes	72%	74%	75%	62%
	No	28%	26%	25%	38%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM396Y14. In your opinion, should the U.S. do any of the following in response to the current situation in Ukraine? (Select yes or no for each)...The United States should put additional economic sanctions in place against Russia	Yes	69%	71%	70%	68%
	No	31%	29%	30%	32%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM396Y14. In your opinion, should the U.S. do any of the following in response to the current situation in Ukraine? (Select yes or no for each)...The United States should use air strikes to support the Ukrainian army	Yes	34%	39%	34%	24%
	No	66%	61%	66%	76%
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TM396Y14. In your opinion, should the U.S. do any of the following in response to the current situation in Ukraine? (Select yes or no for each)...The United States should send troops to Ukraine to help defend Ukraine from a Russian invasion	Yes	38%	46%	33%	26%
	No	62%	54%	67%	74%
	Total Sample Size	1004	420	394	131
TM3014Y22. Considering everything you know about the issue, who is primarily to blame for the current situation between Russia and Ukraine?	Russian President Vladimir Putin	50%	60%	46%	42%
	Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy	2%	2%	1%	6%
	President Joe Biden	16%	13%	25%	11%
	NATO (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization) allies	5%	6%	4%	7%
	Someone else	2%	1%	3%	0%
	Not sure	24%	18%	20%	34%
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### About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between February 22 and February 23, 2022 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,004 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 420 Democrats, 394 Republicans, and 131 Independents.

The sample was randomly drawn from [Ipsos' online panel](#), partner online panel sources, and "[river](#)" [sampling](#) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2019 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following ( $n=1,004$ ,  $DEFF=1.5$ , adjusted Confidence Interval= $\pm 5.3$  percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 5.9 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 6.0 percentage points for Republicans, and plus or minus 10.5 percentage points for independents.

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