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### Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Russia/Ukraine Crisis Follow-up

#### Topline Findings

**Washington, DC, March 1, 2022** - A new Reuters/Ipsos poll, fielded February 28 through March 1, 2022, follows up with Americans regarding their feelings on the Russia-Ukraine conflict and President Joe Biden's handling of the situation. Over four in five (85%) Americans say they are familiar with the conflict between Ukraine and Russia, while 13% say they have just heard of it. American public opinion about Biden's handling of the crisis has improved notably from last week, although a majority still disapproves. Presently, two in five Americans approve of the way President Biden has been handling Russia (40%) and Ukraine (43%). This represents an eight- and nine-point increase, respectively, from last week (32% for Russia, 34% for Ukraine).

Only a third of Americans (34%) still agree with the idea that Ukraine's problems are none of our business, down fourteen points from last week (48%). An increased proportion of Americans agree that paying more for fuel and gas because of sanctions against Russia is worthwhile to defend another democratic country (58% vs. 49% last week) but most remain hesitant to take military action in Ukraine given the current economic climate (56%).

American resolve against Russia appears to be strengthening. Americans are slightly less willing to have the United States continue its diplomatic efforts with Russia this week (63% vs 72% last week) and more believe that the U.S. should put additional economic sanctions in place against Russia (77% vs 69% last week). Over two-thirds of Americans (68%) now believe Russian President Vladimir Putin is most to blame for the current situation between Russia and Ukraine. This represents an eighteen-point increase from last week (50%). Some of that blame has been taken off of Biden (who saw a six-point decrease in blame compared to last week (10% vs 16%), as well as from those who were previously not sure (15% now vs 24% before).

However, Americans are still reluctant to send troops to Ukraine or to have the U.S. use air strikes to support the Ukrainian army (both 37%). They are far more willing to have the United States provide Ukraine with weapons (71%).

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

#### Full Annotated Questionnaire

2a. TM1128Y17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - The U.S. economy

Wave:	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean towards approve	Lean towards disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know	Total Approve	Total Disapprove
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	13%	15%	13%	14%	10%	31%	5%	40%	55%
Feb 23-24, 2022	9%	13%	14%	12%	10%	35%	8%	36%	56%



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2b. TM1128Y17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - U.S. foreign policy

Wave:	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean towards approve	Lean towards disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know	Total Approve	Total Disapprove
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	12%	13%	14%	13%	11%	28%	9%	39%	51%
Feb 23-24, 2022	8%	13%	13%	11%	10%	31%	13%	35%	52%

2c. TM1128Y17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? - Employment and jobs

Wave:	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean towards approve	Lean towards disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know	Total Approve	Total Disapprove
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	13%	15%	17%	11%	10%	28%	6%	45%	49%
Feb 23-24, 2022	11%	12%	16%	12%	12%	29%	8%	39%	53%

2d. TM1128Y17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? – Russia

Wave:	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean towards approve	Lean towards disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know	Total Approve	Total Disapprove
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	15%	13%	13%	10%	10%	31%	9%	40%	51%
Feb 23-24, 2022	9%	10%	14%	11%	11%	32%	15%	32%	53%

2e. TM1128Y17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? – Fuel and gas prices

Wave:	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean towards approve	Lean towards disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know	Total Approve	Total Disapprove
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	8%	11%	13%	14%	11%	36%	7%	31%	62%
Feb 23-24, 2022	6%	10%	11%	9%	12%	41%	11%	27%	62%

2f. TM1128Y17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? – Ukraine

Wave:	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean towards approve	Lean towards disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know	Total Approve	Total Disapprove
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	16%	13%	14%	12%	10%	26%	10%	43%	47%
Feb 23-24, 2022	10%	11%	14%	10%	10%	29%	17%	34%	49%

3. TM3015Y22. How familiar are you, if at all, with the conflict between Ukraine and Russia?

Wave:	Very familiar	Somewhat familiar	Heard of it, not familiar	Have not heard of it	Total Familiar	Total heard of
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	35%	49%	13%	2%	85%	98%





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4a. TM268Y14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... The problems of Ukraine are none of our business, and we should not interfere

Wave:	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Total Agree	Total Disagree
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	9%	25%	39%	27%	34%	66%
Feb 23-24, 2022	13%	35%	37%	15%	48%	52%

4b. TM268Y14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... Given the current economic climate, the United States cannot afford to be taking military action in Ukraine

Wave:	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Total Agree	Total Disagree
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	17%	40%	33%	11%	56%	44%
Feb 23-24, 2022	19%	47%	27%	7%	66%	34%

4c. TM268Y14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... Doing nothing in Ukraine will encourage Russia to take further military action elsewhere in Europe and Asia

Wave:	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Total Agree	Total Disagree
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	33%	42%	21%	5%	75%	25%
Feb 23-24, 2022	27%	45%	22%	7%	71%	29%

4d. TM268Y14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... Taking military action in Ukraine will encourage attacks on the United States and the West

Wave:	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Total Agree	Total Disagree
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	19%	49%	26%	7%	67%	33%
Feb 23-24, 2022	16%	48%	28%	7%	65%	35%

4e. TM268Y14. To what extent do you 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

Wave:	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Total Agree	Total Disagree
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	17%	41%	28%	14%	58%	42%
Feb 23-24, 2022	10%	39%	31%	21%	49%	51%



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5a. TM396Y14. In your opinion, should the U.S. do any of the following in response to the current situation in Ukraine?... The United States should continue its diplomatic efforts with Russia

<b>Wave:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	63%	37%
Feb 23-24, 2022	72%	28%

5b. TM396Y14. In your opinion, should the U.S. do any of the following in response to the current situation in Ukraine?... The United States should put additional economic sanctions in place against Russia

<b>Wave:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	77%	23%
Feb 23-24, 2022	69%	31%

5c. TM396Y14. In your opinion, should the U.S. do any of the following in response to the current situation in Ukraine?... The United States should use air strikes to support the Ukrainian army

<b>Wave:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	37%	63%
Feb 23-24, 2022	34%	66%

5d. TM396Y14. In your opinion, should the U.S. do any of the following in response to the current situation in Ukraine?... The United States should send troops to Ukraine to help defend Ukraine from a Russian invasion

<b>Wave:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	37%	63%
Feb 23-24, 2022	38%	62%

5e. TM396Y14. In your opinion, should the U.S. do any of the following in response to the current situation in Ukraine?... The United States should provide weapons to the Ukraine

<b>Wave:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	71%	29%



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6. TM3014Y22. Considering everything you know about the issue, who is primarily to blame for the current situation between Russia and Ukraine?

<b>Wave:</b>	<b>Russian President Vladimir Putin</b>	<b>Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy</b>	<b>President Joe Biden</b>	<b>NATO (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization) allies</b>	<b>Someone else</b>	<b>Not sure</b>
Feb 28-Mar 1, 2022	68%	2%	10%	4%	1%	15%
Feb 23-24, 2022	50%	2%	16%	5%	2%	24%



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### About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between February 28 and March 1, 2022 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,005 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 412 Democrats, 352 Republicans, and 161 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 ( $n=1,005$ ,  $DEFF=1.5$ , 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.

The results of this poll are trended against a previous Reuters/Ipsos survey conducted February 22-23, 2022. For that survey, a sample of 1,004 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents.

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