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American opinion on the Ukrainian-Russian war and the prospects for lasting peace

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Introduction and Methodology

This Friday August 15, President Trump will meet with Vladimir Putin to look at ways to end the war in Ukraine. There is widespread global skepticism over the prospects for Friday's [summit](#) leading to a deal that is not highly unfavorable to Ukraine, Kyiv and its European allies.

Over four in ten Americans are closely following the war between Russia and Ukraine according to a poll provided to the Metropolis Institute by the firm Leger USA that provides important insights into American views of the war between Russia and Ukraine and how Americans views prospects for lasting peace between the two countries.

The survey was conducted by the firm Leger USA over the period June 6-8, 2025 with 1011 respondents.

A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes.

A probability sample of 1011 respondents in the US a margin of error of $\pm 3.08\%$, 19 times out of 20.

Over four in ten Americans are closely following events in Ukraine with Republicans (54%) more likely than Democrats (44%) to say they're doing so

How closely have you been following the events going on in Ukraine, over the past week or so?	United States	Republicans	Democrats
Very closely	15%	16%	16%
Somewhat closely	28%	38%	28%
Not very closely	27%	32%	32%
Not at all	25%	12%	21%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	5%	1%	2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Americans over the age of 50 say they're more likely to follow events in Ukraine than those under 50

How closely have you been following the events going on in Ukraine, over the past week?	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65 +
NET CLOSELY	43%	35%	35%	40%	46%	54%
Very closely	15%	4%	15%	15%	16%	21%
Somewhat closely	28%	31%	20%	24%	30%	33%
NET NOT CLOSELY	52%	59%	55%	56%	50%	42%
	27%	27%	30%	22%	28%	28%
Not at all	25%	32%	25%	34%	23%	14%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	5%	6%	10%	5%	3%	4%

A majority of Americans feel that they have a good understanding about the conflict between Ukraine and Russia with Republicans more so than Democrats thinking they do

Do you feel you have a good understanding or not about the conflict between Ukraine and Russia?	United States	Republicans	Democrats
Very good understanding	18%	21%	14%
Fairly good understanding	38%	44%	40%
Not very good understanding	20%	22%	28%
Barely any understanding at all	15%	9%	14%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	9%	4%	4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Americans over the age of 50 are more likely than those under 50 say they have a good understanding of the conflict between Ukraine and Russia

Do you feel you have a good understanding or not about the conflict between Ukraine and Russia?	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
NET GOOD	46%	53%	47%	58%	72%
Very good understanding	9%	16%	17%	22%	25%
Fairly good understanding	37%	37%	30%	36%	47%
NET BAD	45%	32%	43%	33%	23%
Not very good understanding	23%	16%	26%	21%	14%
Barely any understanding at all	23%	16%	18%	12%	9%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	8%	15%	9%	9%	5%

Americans are more likely to say that there is not enough support for Ukraine than those saying there is enough support but Democrats are far more likely than Republicans to say support is insufficient

Thinking about the relationship between the United States and Ukraine, do you think the United States is not supportive enough of Ukraine, its support is about right, or it is too supportive of Ukraine?	United States	Republicans	Democrats
Not supportive enough	29%	10%	38%
About right	26%	38%	24%
Too supportive	19%	25%	5%
No opinion	26%	27%	33%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Youngest Americans (18-24) and 50 plus are twice as likely to say that Americans aren't supportive enough to Ukraine as opposed to being too supportive

Thinking about the relationship between the United States and Ukraine, do you think the United States is not supportive enough of Ukraine, its support is about right, or it is too supportive of Ukraine	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65 +
Not supportive enough	27%	18%	21%	36%	40%
About right	29%	27%	26%	25%	26%
Too supportive	14%	19%	21%	16%	20%
No opinion	29%	36%	32%	23%	14%

Can Peace be Reached between Ukraine and Russia?

A plurality of Americans are hopeful about the prospects for lasting peace between Ukraine and Russia, a near majority of Republicans are optimistic

Do you believe that lasting peace between Ukraine and Russia can or cannot be reached in the future?	United States	Republicans	Democrats
Can be reached	40%	49%	42%
Cannot be reached	26%	31%	27%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	34%	20%	31%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

A plurality of Americans believe lasting peace is possible between Ukraine and Russia with the 18-29 least optimistic about the prospects

Do you believe that lasting peace between Ukraine and Russia can or cannot be reached in the future?	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65 +
Can be reached	40%	33%	48%	40%	38%	40%
Cannot be reached	26%	24%	19%	26%	32%	26%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	34%	42%	33%	34%	30%	35%

Amongst those Americans most closely following events in Ukraine the tendency is greater to think that United States is not supportive enough

Thinking about the relationship between the United States and Ukraine, do you think the United States is not supportive enough of Ukraine, its support is about right, or it is too supportive of Ukraine?	Do you believe that lasting peace between Ukraine and Russia can or cannot be reached in the future?	
	Can be reached	Cannot be reached
Not supportive enough	33%	42%
About right	37%	26%
Too supportive	20%	25%
No opinion	10%	7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Perhaps ironically, those Americans who believe that peace can be reached between Ukraine and Russia are less likely to think that America is not providing enough support to Ukraine

Thinking about the relationship between the United States and Ukraine, do you think the United States is not supportive enough of Ukraine, its support is about right, or it is too supportive of Ukraine?	Do you believe that lasting peace between Ukraine and Russia can or cannot be reached in the future?	
	Can be reached	Cannot be reached
Not supportive enough	33%	42%
About right	37%	26%
Too supportive	20%	25%
No opinion	10%	7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Whether Americans think they peace can or cannot be reached some 7 in ten believe they have a good understanding of the the conflict between Ukraine and Russia

Do you feel you have a good understanding or not about the conflict between Ukraine and Russia?	Do you believe that lasting peace between Ukraine and Russia can or cannot be reached in the future?	
	Can be reached	Cannot be reached
Very good understanding	28%	21%
Fairly good understanding	42%	48%
Not very good understanding	21%	21%
Barely any understanding at all	7%	8%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	2%	2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Those Americans who believe peace can be reached between Ukraine and Russia say they are watching events in Ukraine more closely than are those who feel peace cannot be reached

How closely have you been following the events going on in Ukraine, over the past week?	Do you believe that lasting peace between Ukraine and Russia can or cannot be reached in the future?	
	Can be reached	Cannot be reached
Very closely	21%	17%
Somewhat closely	38%	32%
Not very closely	27%	31%
Not at all	13%	20%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	1%	0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

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