Russian attitude towards military aggression against Ukraine and other countries

March 11-14 2022

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Methodology

**Type of survey:** quantitative study.

**Primary information collection method:** CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing), sample representative by sex and age. Given the peculiarity of martial law, the survey was conducted with the help of the messenger Viber. Interviewers were introduced by a Russian company, the numbers of which called, were «camouflaged» under Russian.

**Field period:** March 11 - 14, 2022.

**Population:** men and women over 18 years of age living in the Russian Federation. The sample is representative of the federal subject, age and sex.

**Sample size:** 1,557 respondents.

**Sampling error:** theoretical - with a confidence probability of 95% and:
- response rate of 50% +/- 2.5%
- response rate of 25% and 75% +/- 2.2%
- response rate of 10% and 90% +/- 1.5%.

**Important note.** When formulating the questions were used statements that communicate with Russians their propaganda. Thus the military aggression was called a special operation, Ukrainians were called Nazis, etc. This is done in order to talk to respondents in clear terminology. Communication was conducted only in Russian.

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Whom do the Russians blame?

The exact wording of the question:

“What countries do you think are responsible for supporting Nazism in Ukraine? (Multiple answer question)”.

- NATO in general: 46.3% (54.1% of all respondents)
- EU in general: 37.5% (43.8% of all respondents)
- USA: 32.9% (38.4% of all respondents)
- Poland: 23.1% (27.0% of all respondents)
- Countries that were part of the USSR: 13.9% (16.2% of all respondents)
- Countries of the Warsaw Pact (Bulgaria, former Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania): 9.3% (10.8% of all respondents)
- In general, the whole world: 3.2% (3.8% of all respondents)
- The Russian Federation itself: 1.9% (2.2% of those who decided on the answer)
- No, no one is responsible: 4.6% (5.4% of those who decided on the answer)
- It’s hard to say: 14.4% (11.3% of those who decided on the answer)
Attitude to possible aggression against other countries

The exact wording of the question:

“Do you think, should the Russian Federation militarily force other countries to abandon their support for the Nazis in Ukraine?”

- Yes: 13.4%
- Maybe YES, and maybe NO, not sure: 40.6%
- No: 46.0%

Only 13.4% of respondents answered negatively, 86.6% support military aggression against other countries to some extent.
### Who Russians want to assault

The exact wording of the question:

"Do you think the Russian Federation should extend its influence (including by military means) on the territory of which countries?? (Multiple answer question)".

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<td>In USA</td>
<td>5,6%</td>
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<td>The Russian Federation should not extend its influence</td>
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Russians still want to see their hegemony and the right to intervene militarily in countries that were dominated by a defunct Soviet Union.
Who is next?

The exact wording of the question:
"In which countries should the Russian Federation continue the military special operation after the denazification of Ukraine to protect its legitimate interests? (Multiple answer question)".

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<td>In Poland</td>
<td>75.5%</td>
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<td>In Baltic countries</td>
<td>41.0%</td>
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<td>In one of the countries of the Warsaw Pact (Bulgaria, former Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania)</td>
<td>39.6%</td>
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Next Poland. Almost every second or 75.5% of those who decided on the answer believe that after Ukraine, the Russian Federation should continue the «military special operation» in Poland.
Use of nuclear weapons

The exact wording of the question:

"Do you assume that the Russian Federation, in order to protect its legitimate interests, and provided that Vladimir Putin receives information about the threat of the use of such weapons against Russia, would use nuclear weapons in a restricted way?"

Three-quarters of Russians do not object to the reconciliation of nuclear weapons to any degree.

- **Yes** (40.3%)
- **Maybe YES, and maybe NO, not sure** (25.5%)
- **No** (34.3%)

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