### Americans and Europeans Reject Ukraine Peace Deal





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#### **Key Findings**

#### Many Americans reject key elements of the US-backed peace deal.

- Pluralities of Americans—including Republicans—believe that Ukraine never joining NATO (49%), recognizing Russian-occupied regions as Russian (44%), and reducing Ukraine's military size (46%) would be unacceptable conditions for a peace deal. Only around one fifth of Americans find these conditions acceptable.
- This rejection is echoed by America's allies across the Atlantic: majorities in France, Britain and Poland, as well as a plurality of Germans, also oppose territorial concessions to Russia and limit to Ukraine's armed forces.

#### 2. Most Americans sympathize with Ukraine, but few think President Trump is on Ukraine's side.

- 60% of Americans sympathize more with Ukraine, compared to only 4% who sympathize more with Russia, including only 6% of Republicans.
- However, only one fifth of Americans (22%), including just over one third of Republicans (36%), think Trump sympathizes with Ukraine more.
- Sympathy for Ukraine, the belief that Russia is responsible and the belief that the conflict matters to America has remained broadly stable across party since March.
- Republicans have become more likely to support sending peacekeepers to Ukraine.

#### 3. At the same time, Americans unite behind Trump's call for Europe to step up their investment in defense. Americans' strong desire for Europe to become self-reliant is shared by majorities across Europe.

- Over 7 in 10 Americans across political parties want Europe to be fully self-reliant on defense.
- Clear majorities across France, Germany, Poland and the UK also want greater defense investment and eventual self-reliance.

#### 4. Americans' fundamental understanding of the conflict has remained stable, yet beneath the consensus, a Cold War generation gap emerges.

- Millennials (44%) are only about half as likely as Baby Boomers (81%) to hold Russia responsible for the war in Ukraine.
- 17% of Baby Boomers say Ukraine peace talks are a top issue, compared to only 7% of Millennials and 4% of Gen Z.



#### Methodology

More in Common conducted polling in the US, UK, Germany, and France.

- US polling: Fieldwork 27 November 01 December 2025, N = 1,533, representative of American adults
  - (English language online questionnaire)
- UK polling: Fieldwork 28 November 01 December 2025, N = 2,114, representative of GB adults
  - (English language online questionnaire)
- Germany polling: Fieldwork 28 November 01 December 2025, N = 1,615, representative of German adults
  - (German language online questionnaire)
- France polling: Fieldwork 28 November 01 December 2025 N = 1,519, representative of French adults
  - (French language online questionnaire)

In addition, Opinia24 conducted polling for More in Common in Poland.

- Fieldwork 28 November 2 December 2025, N = 1,000, representative of Polish adults
  - (Polish language mixed modes CATI/CAWI interviews)

Numbers in data visualizations are rounded to the nearest whole number. Figures may total to larger or smaller than one-hundred percent due to rounding.

In our analysis by political party affiliation, respondents who selected "Other" or "Not sure" were excluded from reporting and visualization due to small sample sizes.

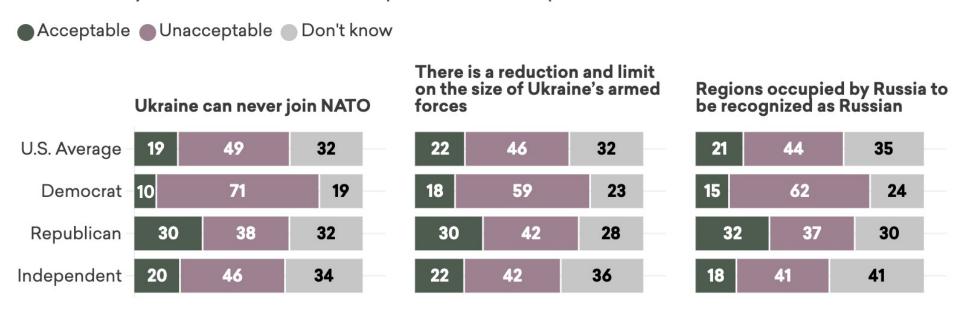
#### **Key Finding 1**

## Cross-partisan and international rejection of Ukraine peace deal



### Pluralities of Americans, including Republicans, believe that key elements of the US-backed peace deal are unacceptable.

For each of the following possible conditions in a Ukraine-Russia peace plan, please indicate to what extent you think it would be acceptable or unacceptable?





# Many across Europe also reject key elements of the US-backed peace deal, with majorities in France, Germany, and the UK seeing territorial concessions and cuts to Ukraine's armed forces as unacceptable.

For each of the following possible conditions in a Ukraine-Russia peace plan, please indicate to what extent you think it would be acceptable or unacceptable?

Proportion of each group who see each of the following possible conditions as **unacceptable**.

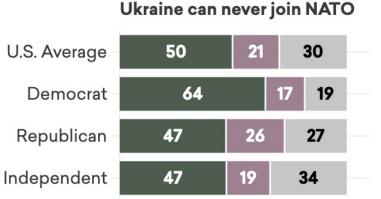




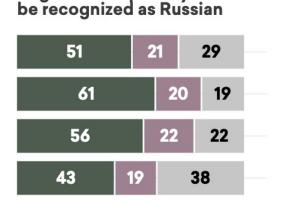
### Majority of Americans, including around half of Republicans, think recognizing occupied territories as Russian and reducing Ukraine's armed forces would signal victory for Russia.

For each of the following possible conditions in a Ukraine-Russia peace plan, please indicate to what extent you think it would or would not indicate victory for Russia?







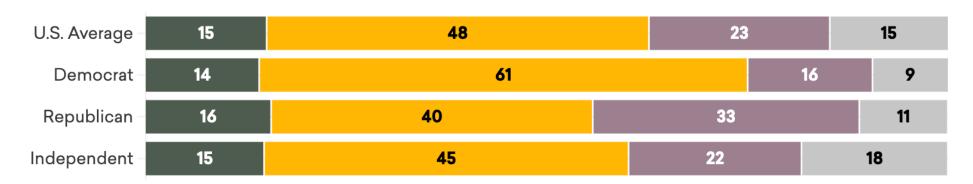




## Almost half of Americans, including a plurality of Republicans, support the US trying to end the war and offering security guarantees to Ukraine.

When it comes to ending the war in Ukraine, which comes closest to your view?

- The US should not be involved at all in ending the war.
- The US should try to end the war, and should offer security guarantees to Ukraine.
- The US should try to end the war, but should not offer any security guarantees to Ukraine.
- Don't know

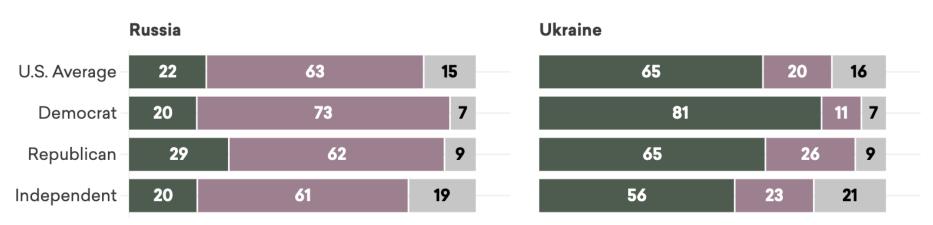






If there is a ceasefire how likely do you think it is that Russia and Ukraine will stick to it?

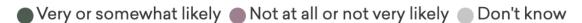


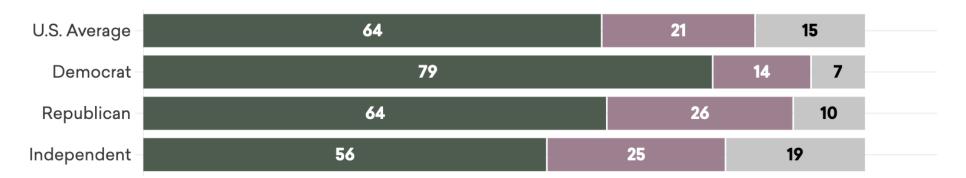




#### Most Americans regardless of party affiliation worry that Russia will invade other European countries if it succeeds in capturing Ukrainian territory.

If Russia succeeds in capturing Ukrainian territory, how likely do you think that Russia will try to invade other European countries in the next few years?





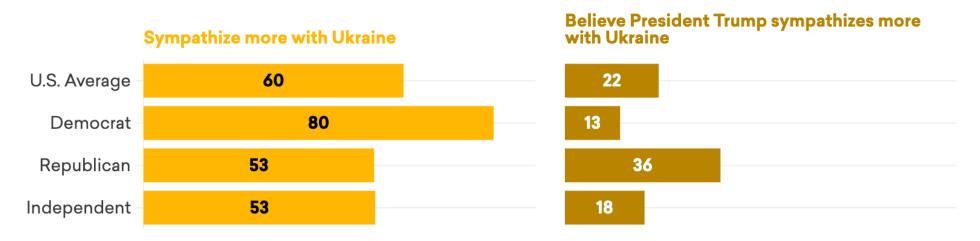
#### **Key Finding 2**

## Perceived gap between Americans' and Trump's support for Ukraine



### Most Americans sympathize more with Ukraine, but less than a quarter of Americans, including only one third of Republicans, think that President Trump is on Ukraine's side.

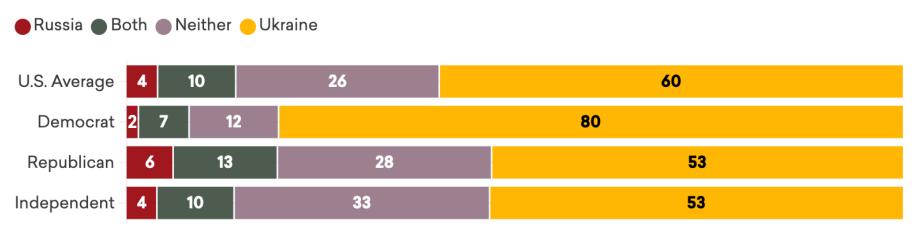
Which side do you sympathise with more in the conflict between Ukraine and Russia? Which side do you think President Trump sympathizes with more?





### 6 in 10 Americans, including majorities of Republicans and Independents, sympathize more with Ukraine. Only 4% of Americans sympathize more with Russia.

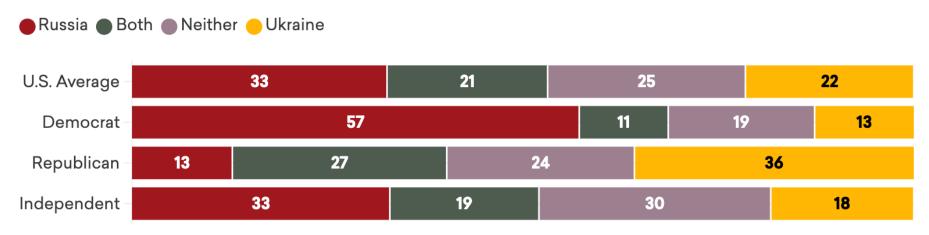
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Which side do you think President Trump sympathizes with more in the conflict between Ukraine and Russia?



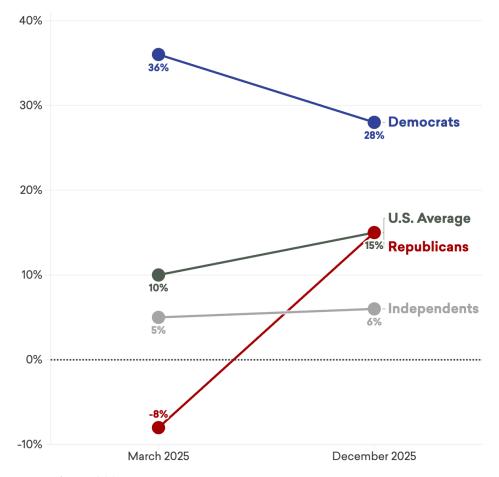


Republicans have become more likely to support sending peacekeepers to Ukraine, suggesting there may be a perception that President Trump is out-of-step with their views

on the conflict.

If a peace treaty is agreed in Ukraine, to what extent would you support or oppose sending in US military personnel to act as peacekeepers?

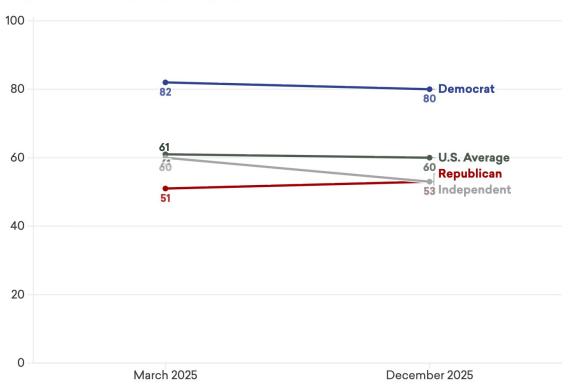
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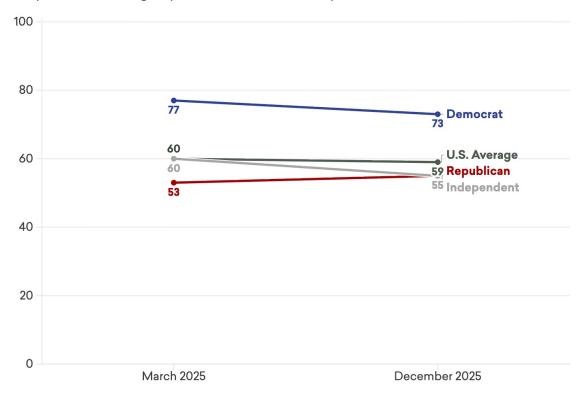


### Sympathy for Ukraine and belief that Russia is responsible has remained stable across party line since March.

Which side do you sympathize with more in the conflict between Ukraine and Russia? Proportion of each group who sympathize more with **Ukraine**.



Who do you think is responsible for the war in Ukraine? Proportion of each group who think **Russia** is responsible for the war in Ukraine.

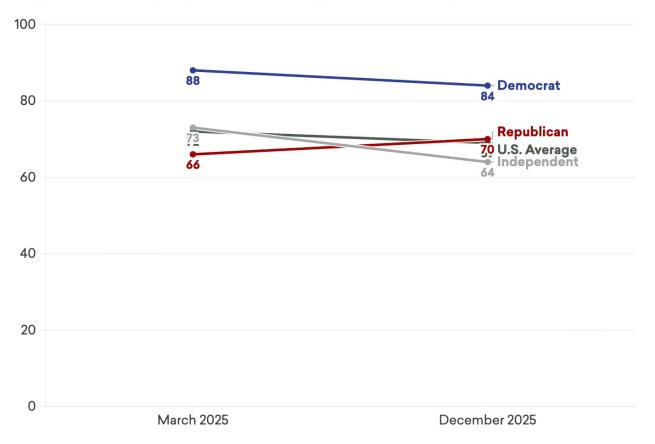




#### Majority across party affiliation still believe it is important for the US that Ukraine defends itself against Russian aggression.

Thinking about the war in Ukraine, how important is it for the US that Ukraine defends its sovereignty against Russian aggression?

Proportion of each group who say it is very or somewhat important.



#### **Key Finding 3**

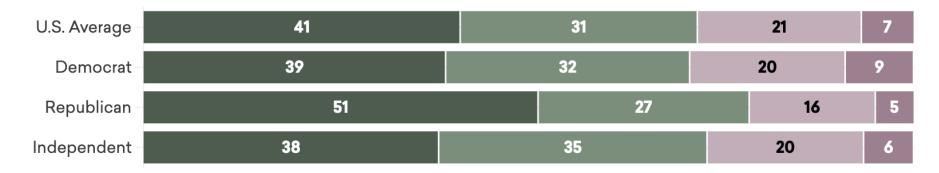
### Strong desire for Europe to become self-reliant on defense





Which of the following comes closest to your view? Please use a scale of 1 to 4 where 1 means you agree with the first statement and 4 with the second statement.

- ■1 Europe needs to eventually become fully self-reliant in terms of defense ■2
- 3 4 Europe does not ever need to be fully self-reliant in terms of defense

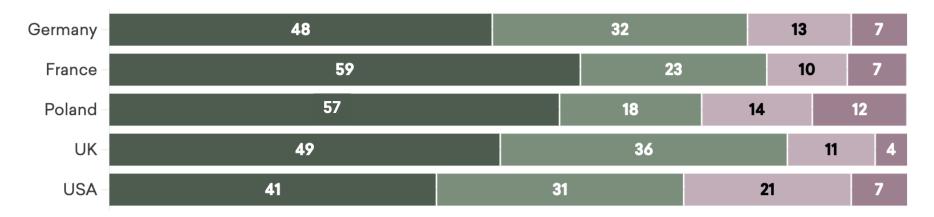




### The sentiment is shared by America's European allies: Majorities across France, Germany, and Britain want the continent to become self-reliant.

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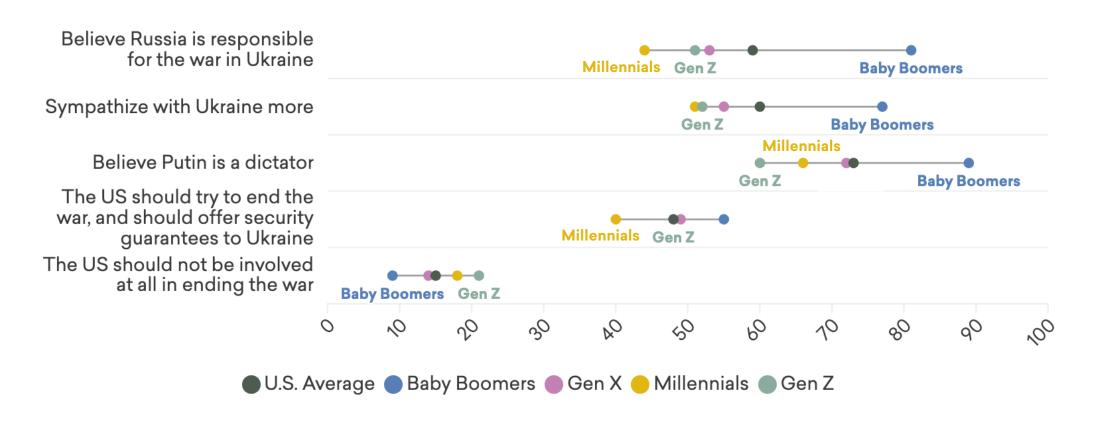


#### **Key Finding 4**

## Generational gap on Russia and the war in Ukraine



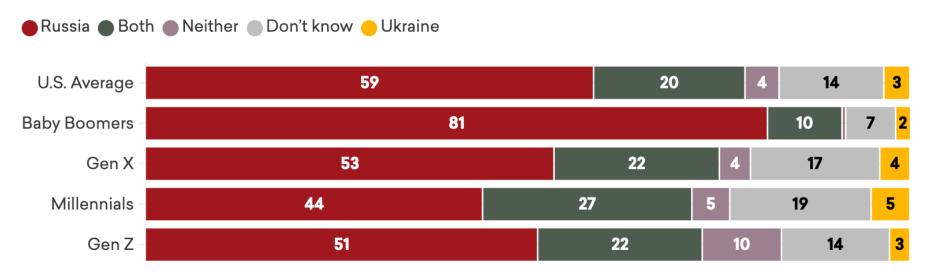
### Post–Cold War generations are less likely than Baby Boomers to sympathize with Ukraine or blame Russia, although a plurality still want United States to help end the war.





### Millennials are only about half as likely as Baby Boomers to hold Russia responsible for the war in Ukraine, with many saying both countries are responsible or aren't sure.

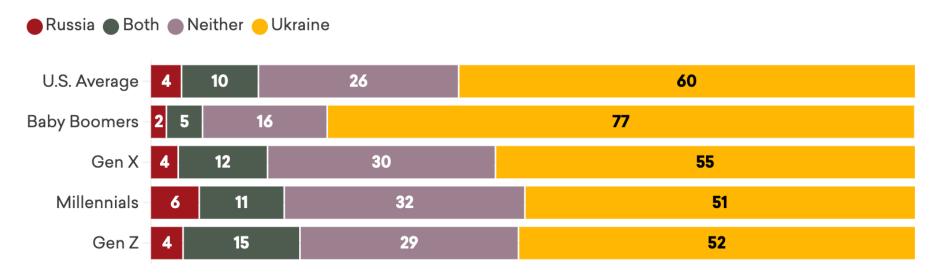
Who do you think is responsible for the war in Ukraine?





### Sympathy for Russia is low across generations, but younger Americans are less likely to sympathize with Ukraine; around 3 in 10 say they sympathize with neither side.

Which side do you sympathize with more in the conflict between Ukraine and Russia?





### Across generations, most Americans consider Putin a dictator, yet more than one fifth of Millennials and one quarter of Gen Z say they don't know.

Please indicate whether or not you would describe Putin as a dictator.

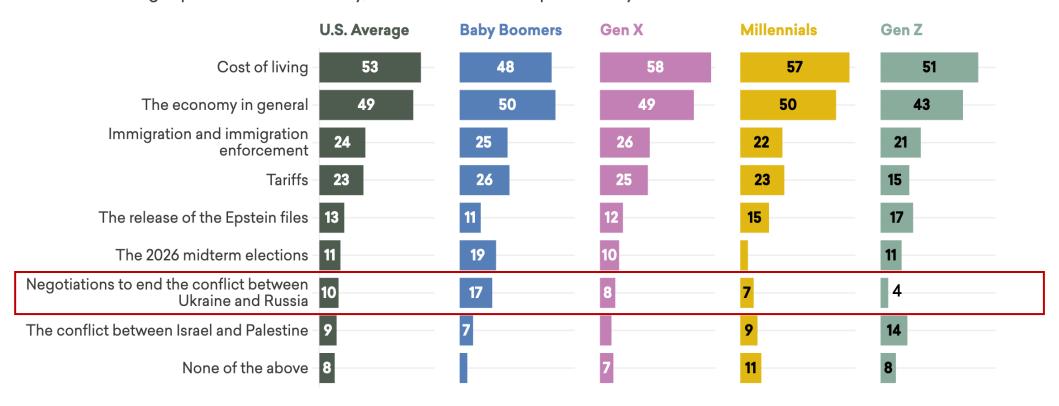






### Cost of living remains Americans' top concerns. Only 4% of Gen Z cite Ukraine peace talks as a top issue, compared to three times as many who cite the Israel-Palestine conflict (14%).

Of the following topics in the news today, which is the most important to you?





#### A plurality of Americans across generations still believe the US should help end the conflict and provide security guarantees to Ukraine.

When it comes to ending the war in Ukraine, which comes closest to your view?

- The US should not be involved at all in ending the war.
- The US should try to end the war, and should offer security guarantees to Ukraine.
- The US should try to end the war, but should not offer any security guarantees to Ukraine.
- Don't know

