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Americans on U.S. Role in the Ukraine-Russia War

**A Public Consultation Forum with Residents of
Maryland's 8th Congressional District**

June 2024

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Methodology

Sample & Fielding:

The sample was drawn from three large NPS panels: Clint, Prodege, and Dynata. The project was managed by Quantify AI with assistance from PPC.

Field Dates:

May 7-29, 2024

Sample Size:

604 Adult Residents of Maryland's 8th Congressional District

Weighting

Weighted by age, gender, income, education, race/ethnicity and party ID (according the registration data available from the State of Maryland's Board of Elections for CD-8). All primary demos are from the 2023 American Community Survey (ACS) for Maryland's 8th Congressional District. No post stratification weight was higher than 4.34.

Briefing: History

History of Ukraine-Russia relations during the 20th century, including the fall of the Soviet Union and Ukraine declaring itself an independent nation.

The expansion of the Western military alliance NATO to include former Soviet states, and Russia's reaction.

How aware were you of these events?

VERY AWARE

SOMEWHAT AWARE



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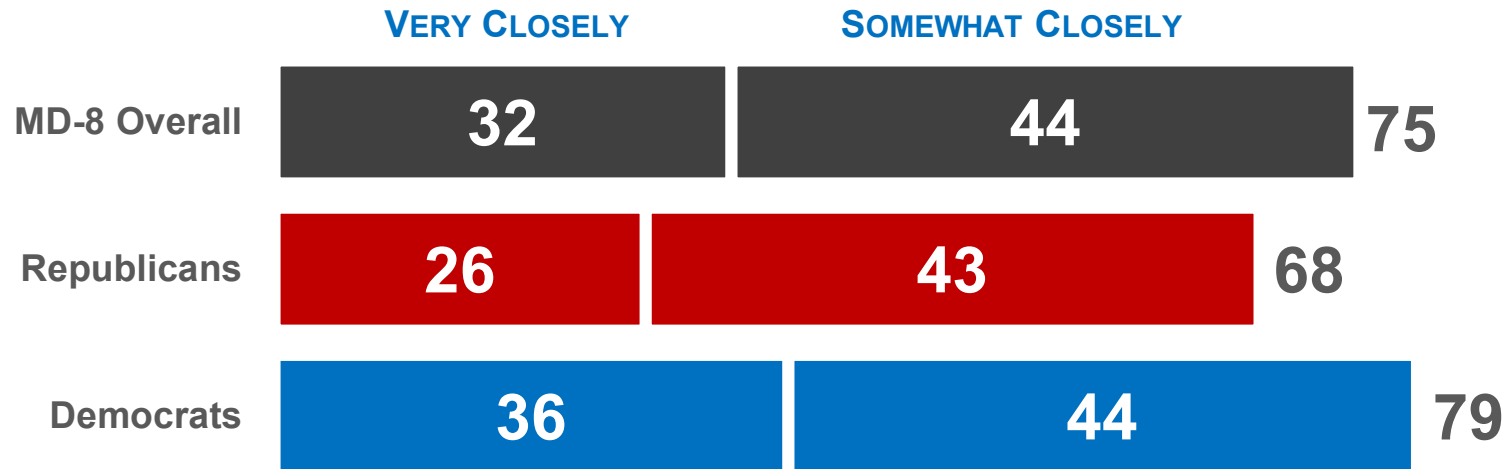
Briefing: Recent Events

The 2014 Ukrainian civil war between pro-EU and pro-Russia factions.

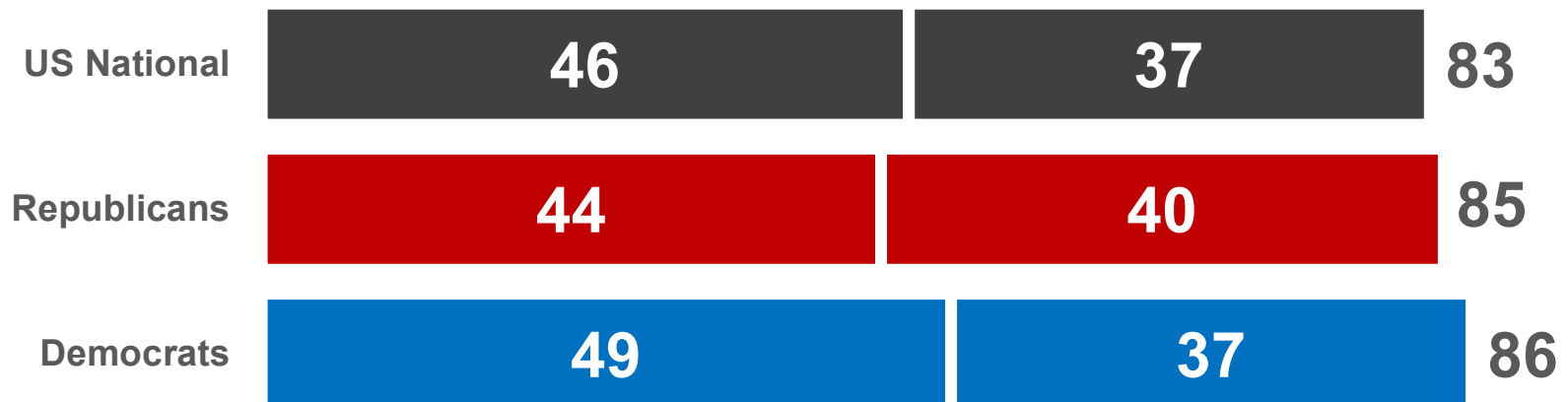
Full invasion of Ukraine by Russia in 2022.

Military aid provided to Ukraine by US, European nations and others, with the US and EU providing an equal amount.

How closely have you followed these events?



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PROPOSAL:

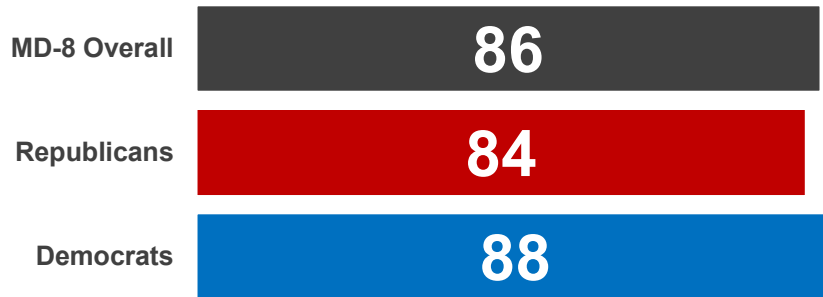
The US continuing to provide military aid to Ukraine, including equipment, training, intelligence and funds.

Whether the US Should Continue to Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Russia violated central principle of international law by attacking another nation. The US has a duty to protect Ukraine and uphold the international order. We should not repeat the mistakes of WWII.

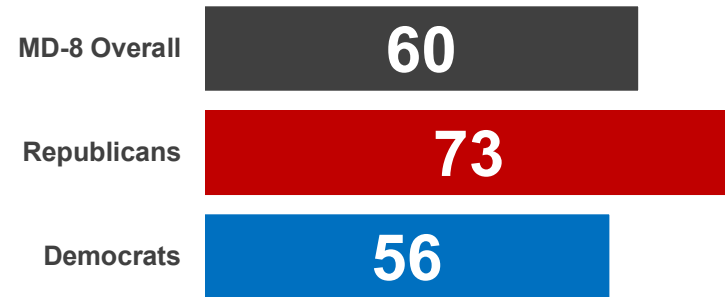
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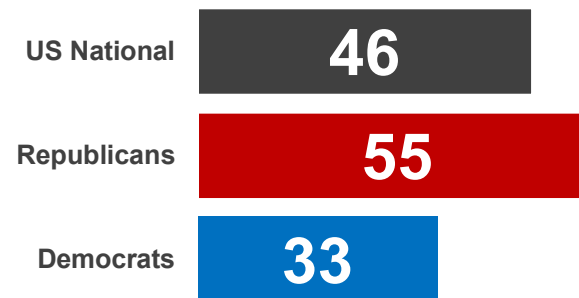
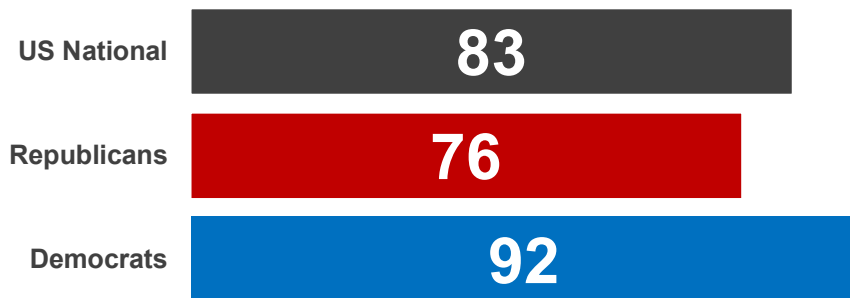
ARGUMENT AGAINST

The US being involved in Ukraine is unnecessary and risky. If the US aiding Ukraine increases the risk of nuclear war by even a little, it is not worth the US being involved.

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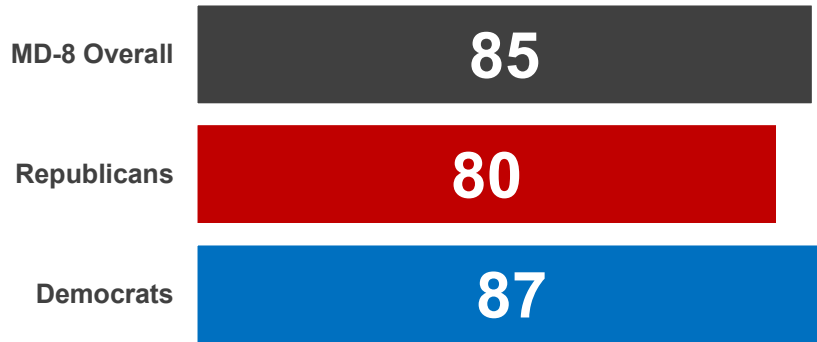


Whether the US Should Continue to Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

It is important for US security that Russia doesn't gain territory in Europe. If they attack a NATO member which the US is committed to defending, it could lead to an all-out, even nuclear, war.

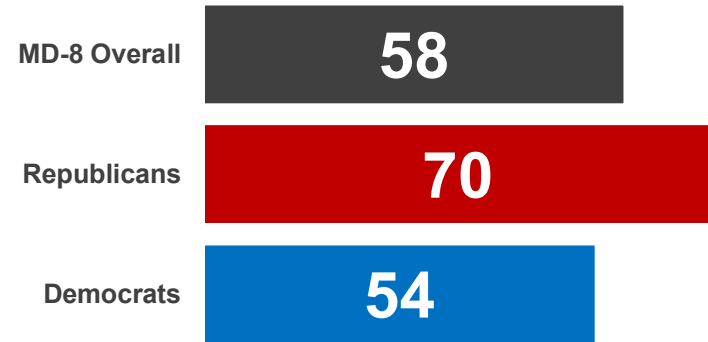
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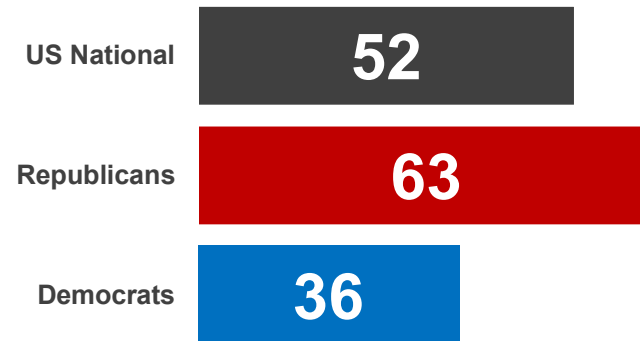
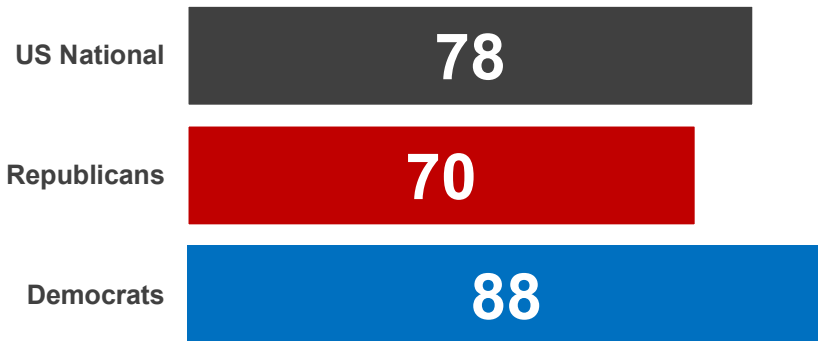
ARGUMENT AGAINST

The US doesn't need to be involved in every global problem. The major European nations can sufficiently support Ukraine. The international order won't collapse because one nation attacked another.

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US Military Assistance to Ukraine

**FINAL
RECOMMENDATION**

Do you favor or oppose the US continuing to provide military assistance to Ukraine, including military equipment, ammunition, training and intelligence?

 **FAVOR**

MD-8 Overall

64

Republicans

58

Democrats

68

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US National

69

Republicans

55

Democrats

87

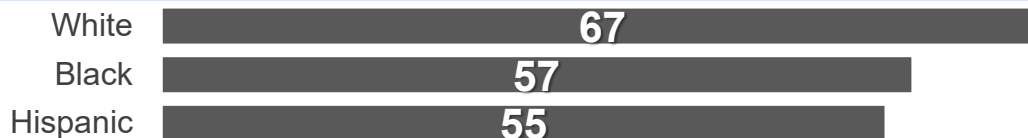


US Military Assistance to Ukraine

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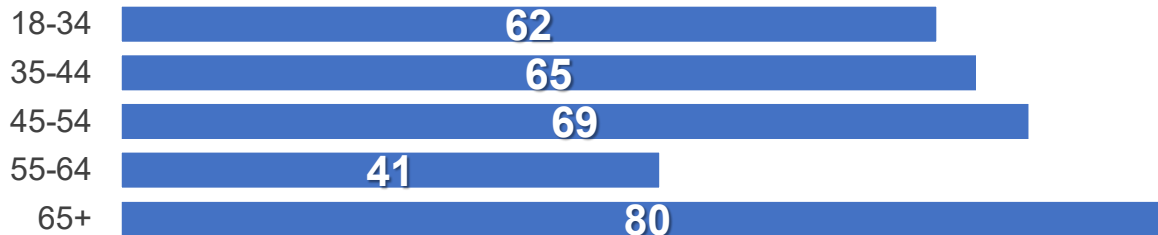
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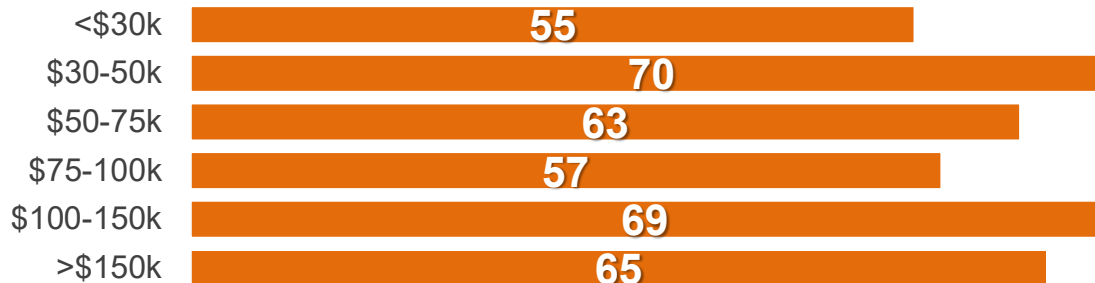
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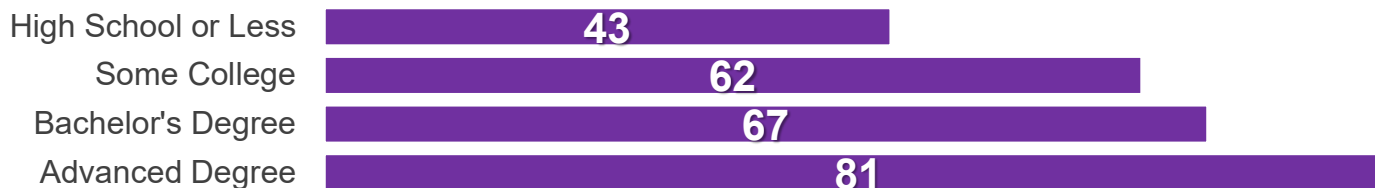
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PROPOSAL:

The US continuing to provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine, including food, shelter, healthcare, and funds for infrastructure repair.

Do you favor or oppose the US continuing to give humanitarian assistance to Ukraine?

✓ FAVOR

MD-8 Overall

77

Republicans

69

Democrats

81

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72

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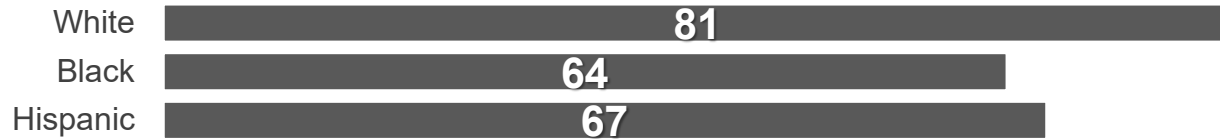


US Humanitarian Assistance to Ukraine

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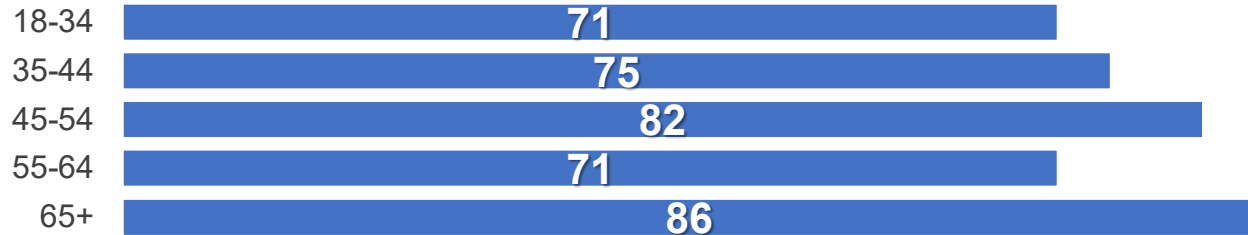
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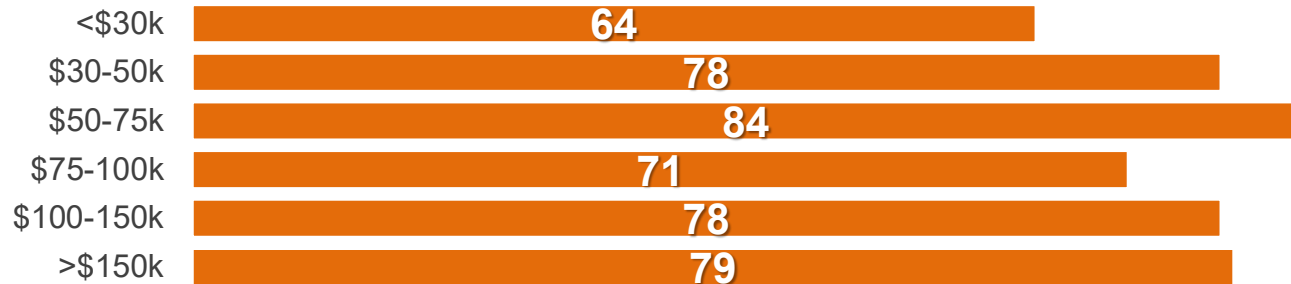
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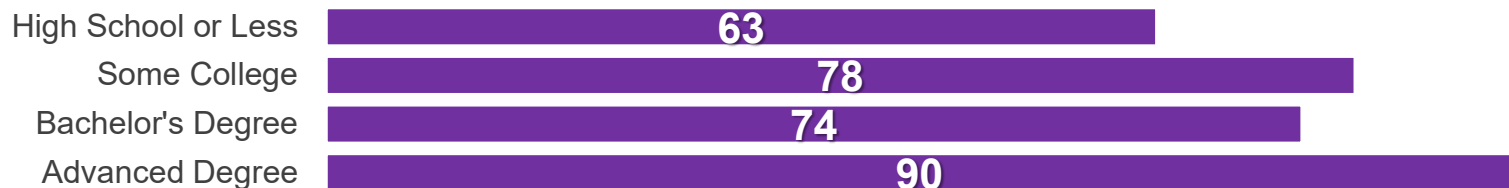
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Whether to Encourage Ukraine to Enter Peace Negotiations Now

Debate about whether the US should encourage Ukraine to enter into negotiations with Russia.

US takes the position that it is entirely up to Ukraine to decide whether to start negotiating a peace deal with Russia, and under what conditions.

Ukraine has expressed interest in negotiations, but on the condition that Russia first commits to withdraw from all of Ukraine, which Russia has refused to do.

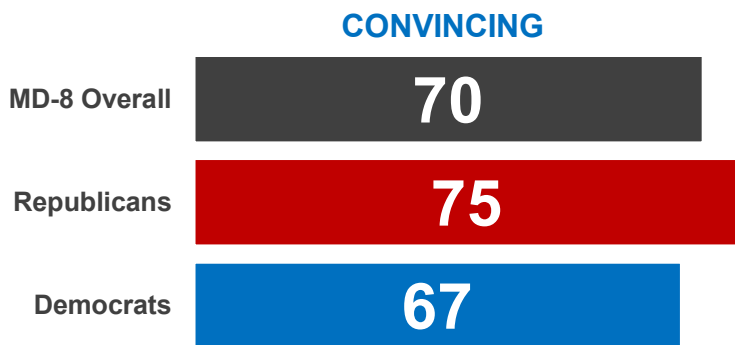
PROPOSAL:

The US should encourage Ukraine to enter peace negotiations with Russia, whether or not they first commit to fully withdraw from Ukraine

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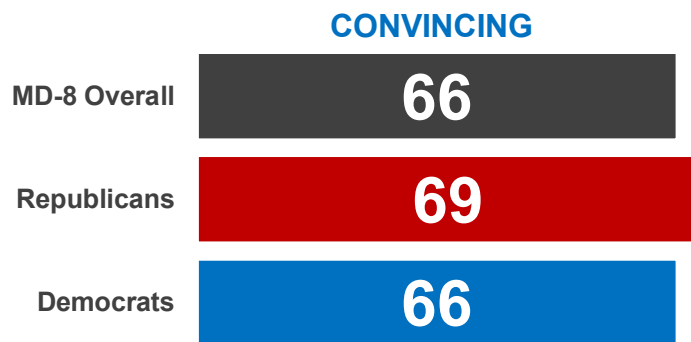
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We shouldn't feed Ukrainians' fantasies that they can regain all their territory by fighting forever. Russia may resort to nuclear weapons if they feel like they're going to be defeated. Negotiated compromise is the best option.

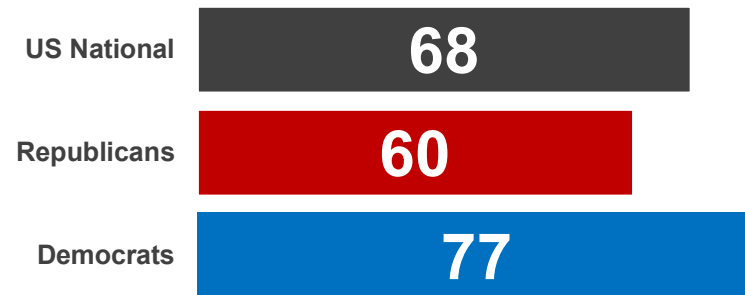
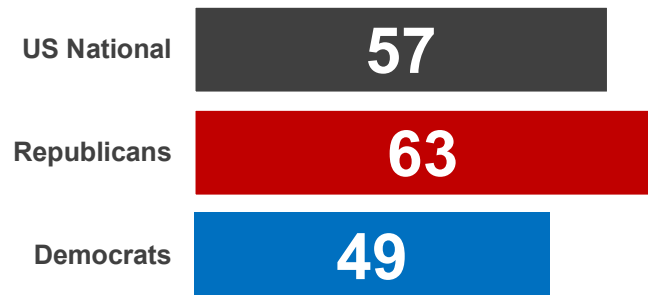


ARGUMENT AGAINST

We shouldn't tell Ukrainians to accept Russia stealing their territory. That would reward Russia, and they would push to dominate more countries. Giving any ground to Russia will only push off the day of reckoning.



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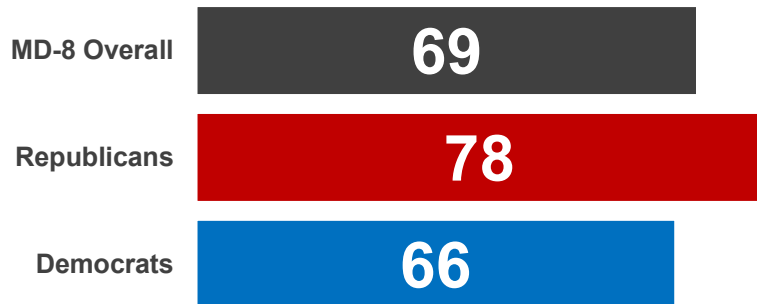


Whether to Encourage Ukraine to Enter Peace Negotiations Now

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Millions of Ukrainians are suffering daily. Ukraine has fewer resources than Russia and is unlikely to win a long-term war. Ukraine is just prolonging its losses. The US should encourage them to try to end this war as soon as possible.

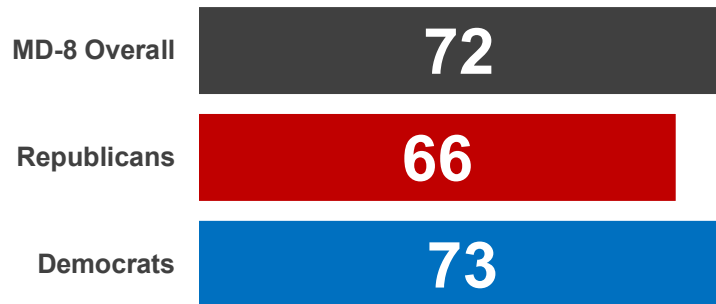
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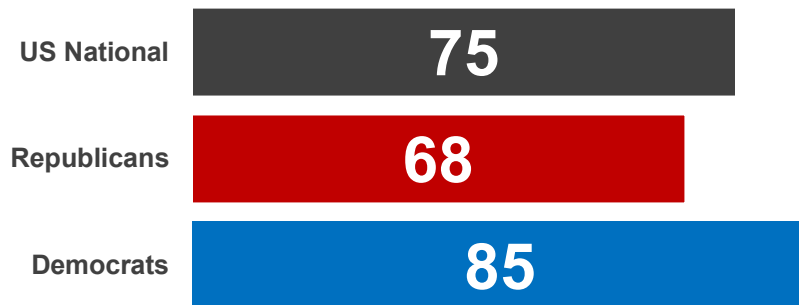
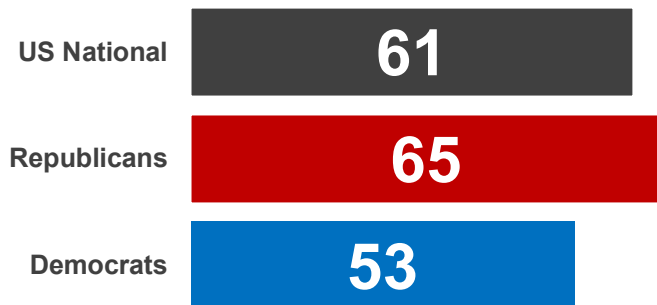
ARGUMENT AGAINST

No one knows what will happen in this war. Ukraine has far superseded expectations. Encouraging them into negotiations could weaken their position and undermine their efforts to take back their country.

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Whether to Encourage Ukraine to Enter Peace Negotiations Now

**FINAL
RECOMMENDATION**

Do you think the US should or should not encourage Ukraine to enter into negotiations with Russia, **whether or not** Russia first commits to withdraw from all of Ukraine?

✓ **FAVOR**

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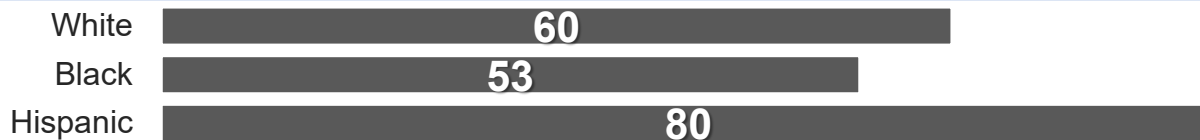


Whether to Encourage Ukraine to Enter Peace Negotiations Now

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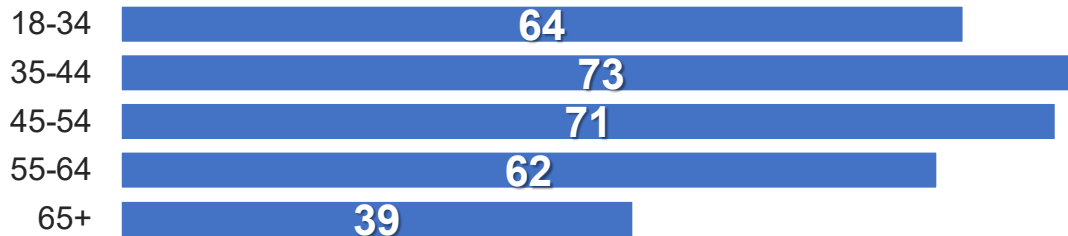
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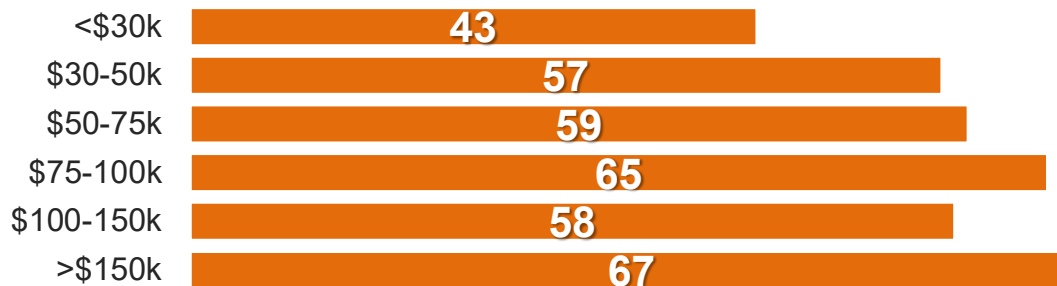
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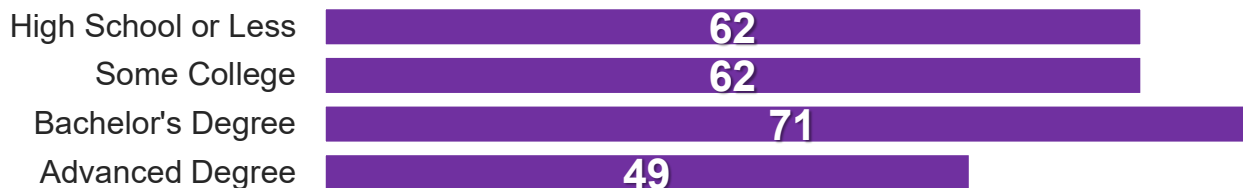
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