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**74% OF AMERICANS THINK WORST OF WAR IN UKRAINE IS YET TO COME,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
MORE THAN 8 IN 10 THINK VLADIMIR PUTIN IS A WAR CRIMINAL**

As the world witnesses the atrocities in Ukraine committed by Russian troops, the vast majority of Americans (74 percent) think the worst of the war is yet to come, while 11 percent think the worst of the war is over, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of adults released today.

BIDEN

Thirty-nine percent of Americans approve of President Joe Biden's handling of the response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, while 48 percent disapprove.

While 33 percent of Americans approve of the way President Biden is handling his job, 54 percent disapprove with 13 percent not offering an opinion. Biden's 33 percent job approval ties the low that he received in a Quinnipiac University poll on January 12, 2022 when his job approval rating was a negative 33 – 53 percent.

In today's poll, Democrats approve (76 – 12 percent) of Biden's job performance, while independents disapprove (56 – 26 percent) and Republicans disapprove (94 – 3 percent).

Among registered voters, 35 percent approve of Biden's job performance, while 55 percent disapprove with 10 percent not offering an opinion. Biden's 35 percent job approval among registered voters ties the low that he received in a Quinnipiac University poll on January 12, 2022 when his job approval rating was a negative 35 – 54 percent.

PUTIN

More than 8 in 10 Americans (82 percent) think that Russian President Vladimir Putin is a war criminal, while 10 percent think he is not a war criminal.

Roughly 7 in 10 (71 percent) think Putin ordered Russian troops to kill civilians in Ukraine, while 14 percent think he did not.

“With thousands dead in Ukraine and the grim belief that the barbarity has just begun, Americans label Putin a killer who directed his troops to do the unthinkable, cut down non-combatants,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

U.S. ROLE IN UKRAINE

Roughly two thirds of Americans (68 percent) think the United States has a moral responsibility to do more to stop the killing of civilians in Ukraine, while 24 percent do not think the United States has a moral responsibility to do more to stop the killing of civilians in Ukraine.

Democrats say 77 – 14 percent, Republicans say 67 – 25 percent, and independents say 66 – 28 percent that the United States has a moral responsibility to do more to stop the killing of civilians in Ukraine.

About three-quarters of Americans (74 percent) think the United States has a moral responsibility to help refugees fleeing Ukraine, while 21 percent do not think the United States has a moral responsibility to help refugees fleeing Ukraine.

Democrats say 88 – 11 percent, Republicans say 66 – 27 percent, and independents say 75 – 21 percent that the United States has a moral responsibility to help refugees fleeing Ukraine.

A slight majority of Americans (52 percent) say the United States should do more to support Ukraine, but not if it means increasing the risk of the United States getting into a war with Russia, while 19 percent say the United States should do more to support Ukraine, even if it means increasing the risk of the United States getting into a war with Russia, and 22 percent say the United States is already doing enough to support Ukraine.

“The heartbreaking images from 4,000 miles away leave Americans with a longing to do more, for those fleeing the Russian onslaught, and for those staying to fight. But the moral outrage stops at the water’s edge when it comes to committing the U.S. military to the fight,” added Malloy.

SANCTIONS

Americans are divided on how effective sanctions against Russia will be in pressuring Russia to end its war in Ukraine as 49 percent think they will be very effective (9 percent) or somewhat effective (40 percent), while 48 percent think they will not be too effective (25 percent) or not effective at all (23 percent).

UNITED NATIONS

While 44 percent of Americans say they have a lot of confidence (9 percent) or some confidence (35 percent) in the United Nations to help achieve peace in Ukraine, 53 percent say they have not too much confidence (22 percent) or not much confidence at all (31 percent).

ACCOUNTABILITY

Only 34 percent of Americans say they are very confident (9 percent) or somewhat confident (25 percent) that Russia will be held accountable for the killing of civilians in Ukraine, while 64 percent say they are not so confident (33 percent) or not confident at all (31 percent).

1,412 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from April 7th – 11th with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	33%	3%	76%	26%	29%	37%	52%	20%
Disapprove	54	94	12	56	59	50	42	67
DK/NA	13	4	13	18	12	13	6	13

AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
					Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Approve	21%	36%	35%	48%	29%	32%	31%	63%	26%
Disapprove	58	52	58	46	63	56	59	25	54
DK/NA	21	12	7	6	8	12	10	12	20

FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3				
	Mltry Hshld	Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Approve	32%	37%	34%	16%
Disapprove	59	58	50	51
DK/NA	9	5	16	33

1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?
 COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove q1) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve strongly	18%	1%	46%	11%	14%	21%	30%	11%
Approve smwht	14	1	30	14	14	15	21	9
Disapprove smwht	11	9	6	13	11	11	7	10
Disapprove strongly	43	83	6	42	48	39	35	56
DK/NA	14	5	13	19	13	15	7	13

AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
					Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Approve strongly	7%	13%	23%	33%	15%	20%	17%	33%	12%
Approve smwht	14	21	11	14	14	12	13	29	12
Disapprove smwht	23	9	7	3	10	8	9	13	13
Disapprove strongly	35	41	51	42	52	47	49	11	41
DK/NA	22	16	8	7	9	13	11	14	22

FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3				
	Mltry Hshld	Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Approve strongly	17%	27%	11%	4%
Approve smwht	15	10	22	12
Disapprove smwht	10	7	14	17
Disapprove strongly	48	51	36	32
DK/NA	9	6	17	36

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	39%	10%	73%	36%	36%	41%	57%	30%
Disapprove	48	80	13	48	51	45	38	58
DK/NA	14	10	13	15	13	14	6	12

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	32%	37%	40%	49%	38%	39%	39%	64%	30%
Disapprove	45	49	53	43	54	49	51	24	48
DK/NA	23	14	7	8	8	12	10	12	22

	Mltry Hshld	FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3		
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Approve	39%	43%	40%	19%
Disapprove	50	53	47	30
DK/NA	11	4	13	51

3. How closely have you been following news about Russia's invasion of Ukraine; very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Very closely	50%	52%	51%	50%	54%	47%	62%	51%
Somewhat closely	36	35	38	36	34	39	32	36
Not too closely	13	12	11	14	12	14	6	13
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very closely	37%	46%	56%	63%	59%	51%	55%	43%	44%
Somewhat closely	44	39	35	29	32	36	34	41	41
Not too closely	19	15	8	8	8	12	11	16	15
DK/NA	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-

	Mltry Hshld
Very closely	58%
Somewhat closely	31
Not too closely	10
DK/NA	-

4. Do you think the worst of the war in Ukraine is over or do you think the worst of the war in Ukraine is yet to come?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Worst over	11%	13%	10%	11%	13%	9%	10%	11%
Worst yet to come	74	71	79	75	72	76	76	73
DK/NA	15	16	10	15	15	14	13	16

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Worst over	17%	10%	10%	7%	12%	9%	10%	18%	12%
Worst yet to come	71	72	79	77	73	76	74	70	78
DK/NA	12	18	11	16	15	15	15	11	10

	Mltry Hshld	FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3		
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Worst over	10%	9%	13%	13%
Worst yet to come	77	80	71	58
DK/NA	14	10	15	28

5. How much confidence do you have in the United Nations to help achieve peace in Ukraine; a lot, some, not too much, or not much at all?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
A lot	9%	4%	17%	7%	7%	10%	7%	6%
Some	35	29	43	33	30	39	38	33
Not too much	22	27	21	22	23	21	24	22
Not much at all	31	38	17	35	36	27	31	35
DK/NA	3	1	3	3	3	3	-	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
A lot	8%	5%	10%	12%	4%	9%	7%	22%	10%
Some	39	32	33	36	30	39	35	43	34
Not too much	27	26	20	18	23	22	23	14	23
Not much at all	24	34	37	30	40	29	34	21	30
DK/NA	1	3	1	3	3	2	2	1	3

	Mltry Hshld	FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3		
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
A lot	6%	10%	8%	9%
Some	34	28	43	37
Not too much	23	20	25	24
Not much at all	35	41	22	24
DK/NA	2	1	3	6

6. How effective do you think sanctions against Russia will be in pressuring Russia to end its war in Ukraine; very effective, somewhat effective, not too effective, or not effective at all?

ADULTS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	Yes
Very effective	9%	6%	14%	7%	10%	8%	9%	6%
Somewhat effective	40	28	56	40	37	43	50	34
Not too effective	25	32	20	27	25	25	24	28
Not effective at all	23	32	8	24	26	21	16	29
DK/NA	3	1	3	2	2	3	1	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very effective	9%	7%	9%	11%	8%	7%	7%	18%	8%
Somewhat effective	41	39	38	44	36	42	39	41	43
Not too effective	28	24	28	24	28	26	27	24	24
Not effective at all	22	26	23	18	27	23	25	12	24
DK/NA	1	4	1	3	2	2	2	5	1

FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3

	Mltry Hshld	Very		
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Very effective	8%	10%	7%	6%
Somewhat effective	37	41	40	40
Not too effective	28	21	33	23
Not effective at all	26	28	18	24
DK/NA	1	1	2	7

7. Which comes closest to your point of view: A) The United States should do more to support Ukraine, even if it means increasing the risk of the United States getting into a war with Russia. B) The United States should do more to support Ukraine, but not if it means increasing the risk of the United States getting into a war with Russia. C) The United States is already doing enough to support Ukraine.

ADULTS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	Yes
A) More support/ Even if risk war	19%	23%	18%	17%	21%	18%	23%	21%
B) More support/ But not risk war	52	52	58	51	49	55	63	52
C) Already doing enough to support	22	19	20	25	24	20	11	20
DK/NA	7	6	3	7	6	7	3	7

AGE IN YRS..... WHITE.....

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
A) More support/ Even if risk war	16%	19%	22%	22%	22%	21%	22%	11%	17%
B) More support/ But not risk war	49	52	55	53	55	57	56	50	46
C) Already doing enough to support	28	23	18	18	17	17	17	37	33
DK/NA	6	6	4	7	6	6	6	2	5

FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3

	Mltry Hshld	Very closely			Somewhat closely		NotToo closely	
A) More support/ Even if risk war	24%		25%		15%		11%	
B) More support/ But not risk war	49		50		57		49	
C) Already doing enough to support	22		20		22		30	
DK/NA	6		5		6		10	

8. Do you think the United States has a moral responsibility to - help refugees fleeing Ukraine, or don't you think so?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Responsibility	74%	66%	88%	75%	71%	77%	85%	73%
No	21	27	11	21	25	17	13	21
DK/NA	5	7	2	4	4	6	2	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Responsibility	70%	72%	76%	79%	73%	79%	77%	71%	71%
No	27	22	20	14	23	15	19	24	25
DK/NA	4	5	4	7	4	5	5	6	4

	Mltry Hshld	FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3		
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Yes/Responsibility	74%	78%	73%	62%
No	21	17	23	31
DK/NA	5	5	4	8

9. Do you think the United States has a moral responsibility to - do more to stop the killing of civilians in Ukraine, or don't you think so?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Responsibility	68%	67%	77%	66%	66%	70%	81%	70%
No	24	25	14	28	27	21	15	21
DK/NA	8	8	9	6	7	9	4	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Responsibility	66%	66%	76%	72%	72%	74%	73%	56%	66%
No	30	25	19	17	21	17	19	33	27
DK/NA	4	8	5	11	7	8	7	11	7

	Mltry Hshld	FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3		
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Yes/Responsibility	71%	76%	65%	49%
No	24	18	26	43
DK/NA	5	7	9	8

10. Do you think Russian President Vladimir Putin is a war criminal, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/War criminal	82%	81%	91%	79%	77%	87%	92%	84%
No	10	14	4	10	12	8	5	10
DK/NA	8	5	5	11	11	6	3	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/War criminal	76%	80%	88%	89%	83%	89%	86%	72%	78%
No	13	9	7	6	10	7	8	16	8
DK/NA	11	11	5	5	7	4	5	12	13

	Mltry Hshld	FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3		
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Yes/War criminal	85%	87%	81%	65%
No	8	7	12	13
DK/NA	7	5	7	22

11. Do you think Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered Russian troops to kill civilians in Ukraine, or don't you think so?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Ordered	71%	74%	83%	66%	63%	79%	78%	74%
No	14	14	6	19	20	8	9	14
DK/NA	15	12	12	15	17	13	13	12

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Ordered	65%	64%	79%	82%	69%	81%	75%	71%	64%
No	21	15	9	8	18	7	12	14	19
DK/NA	14	21	11	10	13	12	13	15	16

	Mltry Hshld	FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3		
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely
Yes/Ordered	73%	78%	70%	52%
No	16	11	16	18
DK/NA	11	11	14	30

12. How confident are you that Russia will be held accountable for the killing of civilians in Ukraine; very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?

ADULTS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	Yes
Very confident	9%	9%	11%	7%	9%	10%	4%	6%
Somewhat confident	25	19	33	23	20	29	31	24
Not so confident	33	34	35	33	35	32	40	31
Not confident at all	31	35	21	34	33	29	23	36
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	4	1	2	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very confident	12%	10%	6%	10%	5%	6%	5%	17%	16%
Somewhat confident	25	15	28	30	20	32	26	25	23
Not so confident	33	43	31	30	35	34	34	31	31
Not confident at all	29	28	34	28	37	28	32	24	29
DK/NA	2	4	1	1	4	1	2	2	1

FOLLOWING NEWS ABOUT INVASION OF UKRAINE Q3

	Mltry Hshld	Very closely			Somewhat closely		NotToo closely	
		Very closely	Somewhat closely	Very closely	Somewhat closely	NotToo closely	NotToo closely	
Very confident	8%	8%	10%	11%				
Somewhat confident	20	24	28	19				
Not so confident	32	34	34	32				
Not confident at all	38	32	27	34				
DK/NA	2	2	1	5				