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Hawkeye Poll: Americans split on whether the U.S. facilitate peace in the Russia-Ukraine War

According to a recent Hawkeye Poll — conducted by University of Iowa faculty and students between November 14 - November 20— Americans are widely split on if the U.S. should take an active role in facilitating a peace to end the Russia- Ukraine conflict, with the most obvious divide visible between age groups.

Beginning in early 2022, few topics have received as much international attention as the Russia-Ukraine war. Spanning the later years of the Biden Administration and continuing to the current Trump Administration questions about U.S. involvement in the conflict remain on the forefront of our nation’s international policy. To examine opinions on the subject we asked respondents “How much would you agree with the following statement: The U.S. should be the one to facilitate peace in the Russia-Ukraine conflict?”

According to the data 33.4% of respondents indicated the U.S. should take a direct role in the facilitation of peace between Russia and Ukraine. In contrast 30.5% disapproved of the statement that the U.S. should be the one to facilitate peace in the conflict, 24.8% were neutral, and 10.5% selected “Don’t Know”.

A large difference on the question is shown when examining age groups. A majority of Americans age 70+ favored U.S facilitation of peace in the Russia Ukraine conflict with 51.1% approving and only 22.0% disapproving. This support is in stark contrast to younger adults aged 18-34 who favored U.S. facilitation of peace 24.9% of the time compared to 28.5% who were opposed with 24.1% saying they were neutral and 15.4% saying “Don’t Know”.

When looked at by political affiliation, little difference between the two parties is visible. Democrats were almost perfectly split on the issue, as 33.6% felt the U.S. should facilitate peace, 33.2% remained neutral (22.6) or undecided (10.6%), and 33.2% disapproved. Republicans tended to slightly favor U.S. facilitation of peace overall as 38.5% favored, 31.5% remained neutral (24.3%) or undecided (7.2%), and 29.2% disapproved.

The University of Iowa Department of Political Science has conducted the Hawkeye Poll since 2007. A series of national and state public opinion polls, this experience serves as an important learning opportunity for students. Over 1100 students have had the opportunity to directly participate in the research and survey process and to acquire valuable career-related knowledge about survey research and public polling in general. This year 24 students collaborated to design and implement a poll of Iowans. Learn more about the course at <https://now.uiowa.edu/2019/11/taking-iowas-pulse-hawkeye-poll>.

Respondent Identification: The Iowa Center for Social Science Innovation (CSSI) assisted with survey programming and data collection. The CSSI contracted with Verasight to field the survey to a demographically representative sample of about 1000 respondents. Respondents invited to complete the web survey were U.S. adults, aged 18+, recruited for participation via web panel.

To further ensure data quality, the Verasight data team implements a number of post-data collection quality assurance procedures, including confirming that all responses correspond with U.S. IP addresses, confirming no duplicate respondents, verifying the absence of non-human responses, and removing any respondents who failed in-survey attention and/or straight-lining checks. The Verasight data team also reviewed open-ended items to ensure no responses contained nonsensical, inappropriate, or non-sequitur text. Respondents that completed the survey in less than 30% of the median completion time were removed.

Sample: 1002 U.S. voting-age respondents. The margin of sampling error, which accounts for the design effect and is calculated using the classical random sampling formula, is +/- 3.3%.

Weighting: The data are weighted to match the August 2025 Current Population Survey on age, race/ethnicity, sex, income, education, region, and metropolitan status, as well as to a running three-year average of partisanship distributions from the Pew Research Center NPORS benchmarking surveys and population benchmarks of 2024 vote.

About the Hawkeye Poll: The poll was conducted by the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative, comprised of University of Iowa faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students in the Political Science departments. The poll is a teaching, research, and service project, and is directed by Frederick J. Boehmke, professor of political science. The Department of Political Science provides financial support for the poll.

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