



# American Opinion on US-Russia Relations: From Bad to Worse

## Topline

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Q5: Below is a list of possible threats to the vital interest of the United States in the next 10 years. For each one, please select whether you see this as a critical threat, an important but not critical threat, or not an important threat at all:

5/33. The military power of Russia

2017	Critical (%)	Important but not critical (%)	Not important (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	42	51	7	0
Republican	32	60	7	1
Democrat	50	46	4	0
Independent	40	51	9	0

5/34. Russian influence in American elections

2017	Critical (%)	Important but not critical (%)	Not important (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	44	37	18	0
Republican	19	42	38	1
Democrat	65	32	4	0
Independent	41	40	19	0

**Q12:** How much confidence would you say you have in the following countries to deal responsibly with world problems?

12/3. Russia

2017	A great deal (%)	A fair amount (%)	Not very much (%)	No confidence at all (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	7	22	38	33	1
Republican	6	29	43	22	0
Democrat	9	17	33	41	1
Independent	5	21	41	31	0

**Q30:** There has been some discussion about the circumstances that might justify using U.S. troops in other parts of the world. Please give your opinion about some situations. Would you favor or oppose the use of U.S. troops:

30/12. If Russia invades the rest of Ukraine

2017	Favor (%)	Oppose (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	39	59	3
Republican	41	57	2
Democrat	39	59	2
Independent	38	60	3

30/13. If Russia invades a NATO ally like Latvia, Lithuania, or Estonia

2017	Favor (%)	Oppose (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	52	45	3
Republican	55	42	3
Democrat	52	46	2
Independent	51	46	3

**Q50:** I would like to know how much influence you think each of the following countries has in the world. Please answer on a 0 to 10 scale; with 0 meaning they are not at all influential and 10 meaning they are extremely influential.

50/2. Russia

	Mean	0 (%)	1 (%)	2 (%)	3 (%)	4 (%)	5 (%)	6 (%)	7 (%)	8 (%)	9 (%)	10 (%)	Not familiar / Decline (%)
<b>Year</b>													
Overall	6.5	4	1	3	4	4	14	11	13	17	10	11	8
Republican	6.8	3	1	2	3	5	11	12	14	20	14	10	6
Democrat	6.2	6	2	3	5	5	14	9	13	15	10	10	8
Independent	6.6	3	1	2	3	4	15	13	13	16	9	13	8

**Q44:** Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable view of the following world leaders?

44/1. Russian President Vladimir Putin

	Very favorable (%)	Somewhat favorable (%)	Somewhat unfavorable (%)	Very unfavorable (%)	Refused (%)
2017					
<b>Overall</b>	2	16	31	48	3
Republican	2	28	43	25	3
Democrat	3	7	19	69	2
Independent	2	16	34	44	3

Q350B: In dealing with Russia, do you think the U.S. should:

2017	Undertake friendly cooperation and engagement with Russia (%)	Actively work to limit Russia's power (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	43	53	4
Republican	56	40	4
Democrat	28	70	2
Independent	50	47	3

Q351B: And do you think that generally Russia is:

2017	Trying to undertake friendly cooperation and engagement with the United States (%)	Actively working to undermine U.S. international power and influence (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	22	74	5
Republican	32	64	5
Democrat	15	82	3
Independent	23	73	4

Q675: Do you think economic sanctions against Russia should be:

2017	Increased (%)	Decreased (%)	Kept about the same (%)	Stopped altogether (%)	Refused (%)
<u>Overall</u>	38	7	41	10	4
Republican	29	7	50	9	4
Democrat	51	6	30	11	3
Independent	33	7	46	11	3