



# CRITICAL ISSUES POLL

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## **American Public Attitudes on the Ukraine War (Round 4), and Issue Prioritizing for the 2022 Midterm Election**

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### **Survey Methodology**

This University of Maryland Critical Issues Poll was fielded by SSRS on its Opinion Panel Omnibus platform. Data collection was conducted October 7-10, 2022 among a sample of 1,029 respondents aged 18 or older living in the United States from the SSRS probability-based panel. The survey was conducted online (n=999) and via telephone (n=30, for non-Internet and Internet-reluctant respondents) and administered in English. The margin of error for total respondents is +/-3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. Members of the delivered nationally representative sample are recruited randomly based on nationally representative Address Based Sample (ABS) design (including Hawaii and Alaska). ABS sample is drawn from the Delivery Sequence File (DSF) maintained by the U.S. Postal Service. Population coverage of the DSF is in the 98%-99% range. SSRS Opinion Panel data is weighted to be representative of the entire residential adult population in the United States. The first step in the weighting process is the application of a base weight that accounts for the ABS sample design and the within-household sampling of one adult. Data were weighted to distributions of: sex by age, sex by education, age by education, race/ethnicity, census region, civic engagement, population density, frequency of internet use, voter status, religious affiliation, and party ID. Benchmark distributions are obtained from the most recently available data from sources such as the Current Population Survey (CPS), the American Community Survey (ACS), the Pew Research Center's National Public Opinion Reference Survey (NPORS), and the Aristotle Registered Voter Database. The design effect is 1.23.

Note: These questions were fielded as part of a larger poll on foreign and domestic issues. Percentages may not always add to one hundred due to rounding.

Q1. How much of a cost are you prepared to see the U.S. pay in helping Ukraine?

Q1A. Higher energy prices

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. A lot	25%	26%	28%	26%
2. Somewhat	24	31	52	34
3. Not much	21	22	11	17
4. Not at all	31	21	9	22

Q1B. Increased inflation

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. A lot	27%	25%	27%	26%
2. Somewhat	17	32	47	31
3. Not much	23	20	16	18
4. Not at all	33	22	10	24

Q1C. Loss of lives of U.S. troops

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. A lot	15%	15%	15%	15%
2. Somewhat	20	27	25	23
3. Not much	24	22	28	24
4. Not at all	41	36	32	37

Q2. What is your impression of the performance of following parties in the war in Ukraine?

Q2A. Russia

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Succeeding	12%	7%	6%	9%
2. Failing	42	51	57	48
3. Neither succeeding nor failing	27	21	24	24
4. I don't know	19	21	13	20

Q2B. Ukraine

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Succeeding	40%	39%	58%	43%
2. Failing	17	11	8	12
3. Neither succeeding nor failing	23	31	22	26
4. I don't know	20	18	13	20

Q4. Please rank the importance of the following issues in your voting priorities in the November 2022 midterm election [PN: Randomize] [Among those who plan to vote in November]:

Q4A. Inflation

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
5. Ranked 1	48%	33%	16%	32%

6. Ranked 2	18	19	14	17
7. Ranked 3	12	9	12	12
8. Not Ranked	23	39	58	40

Q4B. K-12 Education

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Ranked 1	3%	5%	3%	4%
2. Ranked 2	4	6	5	5
3. Ranked 3	4	10	6	6
4. Not Ranked	88	80	87	86

Q4C. American Democracy

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Ranked 1	7%	12%	24%	14%
2. Ranked 2	6	10	9	8
3. Ranked 3	11	12	9	11
4. Not Ranked	76	66	58	67

Q4D. Crime

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Ranked 1	6%	5%	5%	5%
2. Ranked 2	21	13	5	14
3. Ranked 3	17	12	5	11
4. Not Ranked	55	70	85	70

Q4E. Climate Change

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Ranked 1	2%	9%	10%	7%
2. Ranked 2	2	9	11	8
3. Ranked 3	3	8	17	9
4. Not Ranked	94	74	62	77

Q4F. Jobs

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Ranked 1	4%	4%	3%	4%
2. Ranked 2	9	7	9	8
3. Ranked 3	7	7	3	6
4. Not Ranked	80	83	85	82

Q4E. Foreign Policy

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Ranked 1	1%	3%	2%	2%
2. Ranked 2	3	4	4	3
3. Ranked 3	6	9	3	6
4. Not Ranked	90	85	92	90

Q4F. Abortion

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Ranked 1	11%	13%	19%	15%
2. Ranked 2	4	9	17	10
3. Ranked 3	6	10	14	10
4. Not Ranked	79	68	50	66

Q4G. Racial/Ethnic Relations

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Ranked 1	<1%	1%	3%	2%
2. Ranked 2	<1	3	6	3
3. Ranked 3	3	7	8	6
4. Not Ranked	96	89	83	90

Q4H. Guns

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Ranked 1	6%	8%	8%	7%
2. Ranked 2	4	8	8	7
3. Ranked 3	7	5	13	9
4. Not Ranked	83	80	70	78

Q4I. Immigration

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Ranked 1	12%	5%	3%	7%
2. Ranked 2	25	12	3	13
3. Ranked 3	20	11	7	13
4. Not Ranked	44	72	87	68

Q4J. Pandemic

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Ranked 1	2%	3%	3%	2%
2. Ranked 2	2	1	4	3
3. Ranked 3	1	1	2	2
4. Not Ranked	96	95	91	93

Q5. In your view, which one of the following is likely to be the more important factor in the November 2022 midterm election? [PN: Randomize] [Among those who plan to vote in November]

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Specific issues as in the previous question	55%	66%	66%	63%
2. Referendum on President Joe Biden	28	19	16	21
3. Referendum on former President Donald Trump	17	15	18	16