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# Ukrainian Crisis: Views in NATO, Russia and Ukraine

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#### Methodology

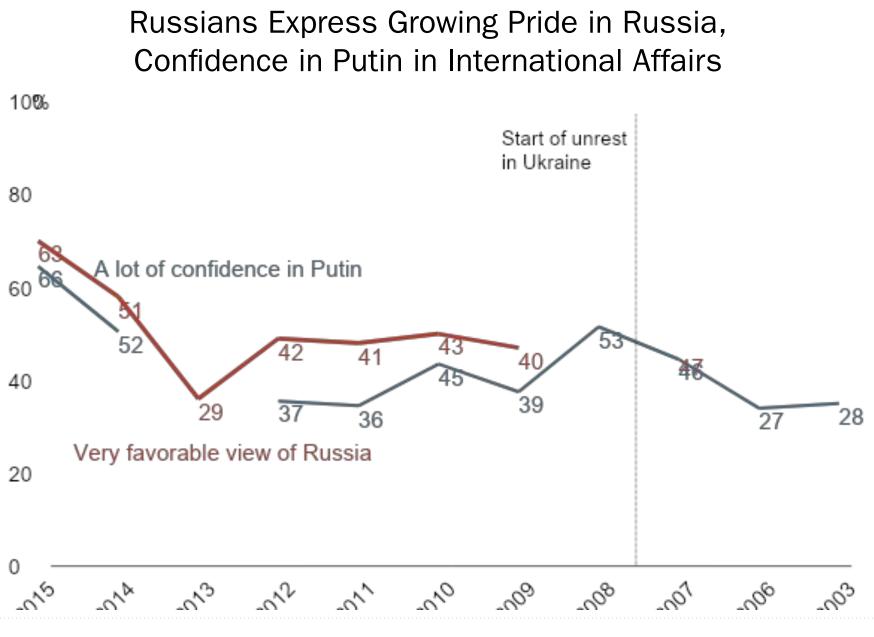
- Surveys conducted across eight NATO member countries as well as Russia and Ukraine from April 6, 2015 to May 15, 2015 totaling 11,116 respondents
- Based on nationally representative telephone interviews in Canada, France, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom & the United States and face-to-face interviews in Italy, Poland, Russia & Ukraine conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. The survey in Ukraine excludes Luhans'k, Donets'k and Crimea.
- The margin of sampling error for the complete set of weighted data is  $\pm 2.8\% \pm 4.1\%$

## **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

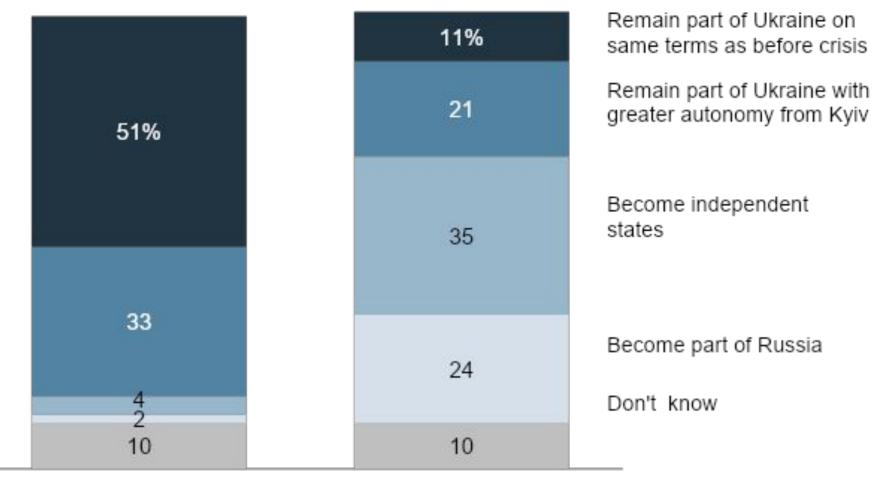
#### European NATO Members Reluctant to Use Force to Defend Allies

If Russia got into a serious military conflict with one of its neighboring countries that is our NATO ally, do you think our country <u>should</u> use military force to defend that country?





# Ukrainians Want Donbas to Remain Part of Ukraine; Thinking about the future of the Lanas Want It to Second would you prefer that they

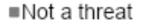


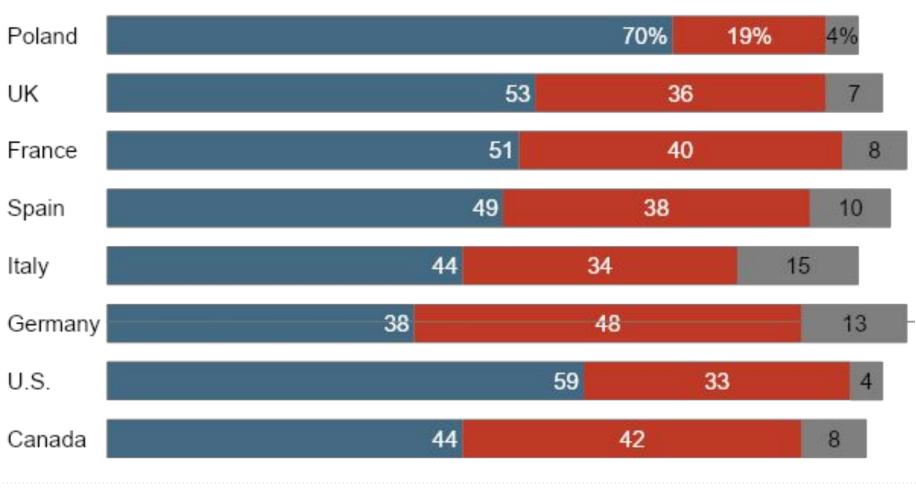
Note: In Russia, question read "Thinking about the future of the self-declared republics of Luhans'k and Donets'k  $\dots$ "

# NATO VIEWS

# How much of a military threat, if at all, is Russia to its neighboring countries, aside from

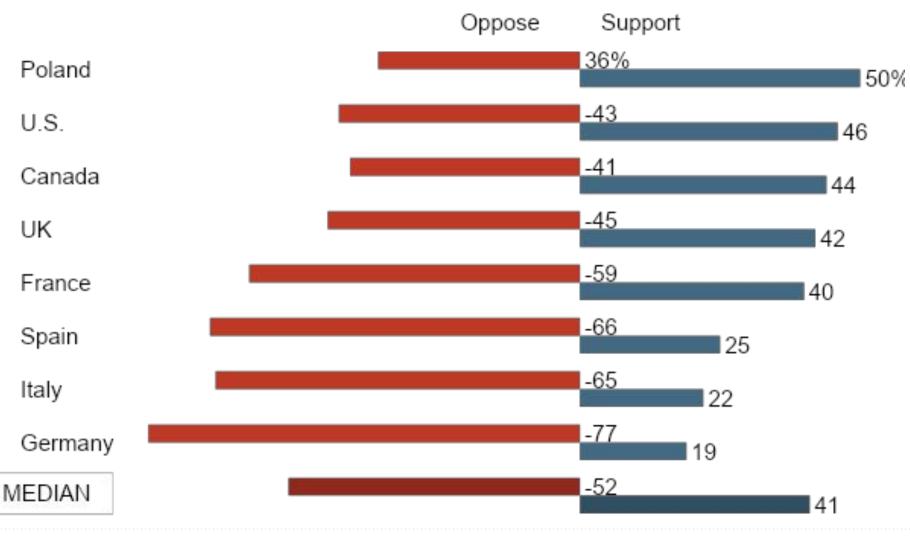
Ukraine?
Major threat





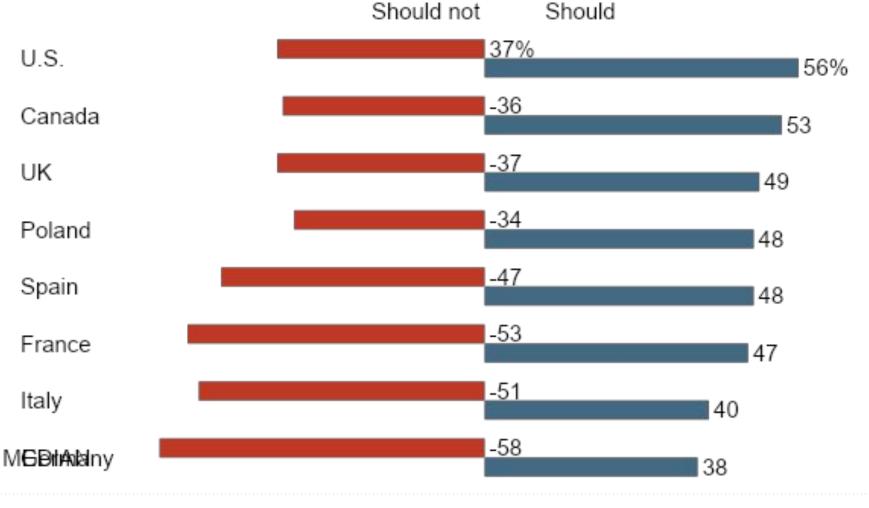
# Many NATO Members Oppose Supplying Ukraine with Arms Against Russia

Ukrainian gov't?



## Key NATO Countries Reluctant to Use Force to Defend Allies

If Russia got into a serious military conflict with one of its neighboring countries that is our NATO ally, do you think our country should or should not use military force to defend that country?



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#### U.S.-German Disagreement Over Ukraine

	U.S. %	Germany %	Diff
Support for NATO sending arms to the Ukrainian gov't	46	19	+27
Support for Ukraine becoming a NATO member	62	36	+26
Our country should use military force to defend NATO ally against Russia	56	38	+18
Decrease economic sanctions on Russia	10	29	-19
Support for Western countries providing economic aid to Ukraine	62	71	-9

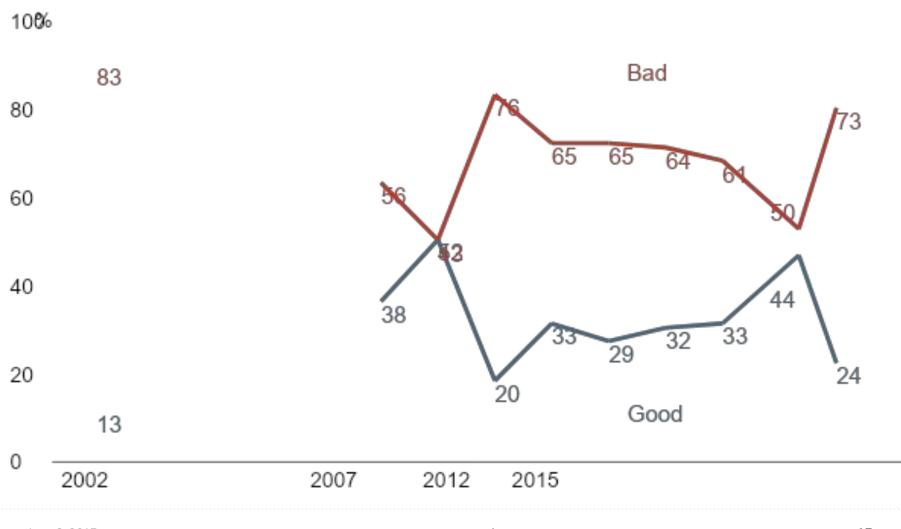
#### U.S. Partisan Divide on What to Do about Russia-Ukraine

	Democrats	Republicans	Diff
	%	%	
U.S. should use military force to defend NATO ally against Russia	47	69	+22
Support for NATO sending arms to the Ukrainian gov't	39	60	+21
Increase economic sanctions on Russia	23	40	+17
Support for Ukraine becoming a NATO member	59	71	+12
Russia is a major military threat to its neighbors	56	67	+11
Russia is to blame for violence in eastern Ukraine	39	50	+11
Support for Western countries providing economic aid to Ukraine	60	69	+9
Russia is to blame for violence in eastern Ukraine Support for Western countries	39	50	+11

# **RUSSIAN VIEWS**

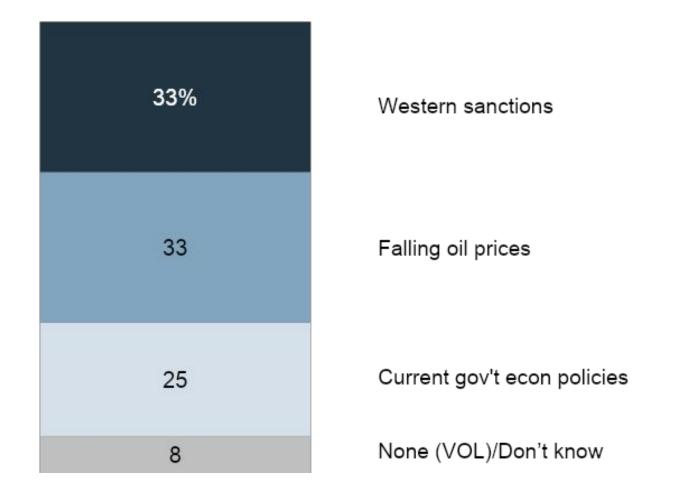
#### Views of Russian Economy Souring

How would you describe the current economic situation in Russia?



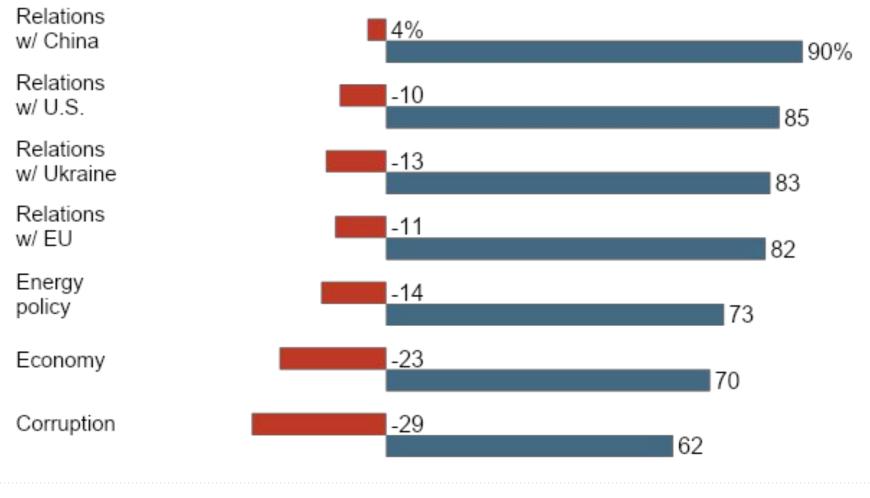
#### Russians Blame Sanctions and Falling Oil Prices for Economic Woes

Which one of the following is causing the most harm to our economy?



#### Russians Overwhelmingly Support Putin's Foreign and Domestic Policies

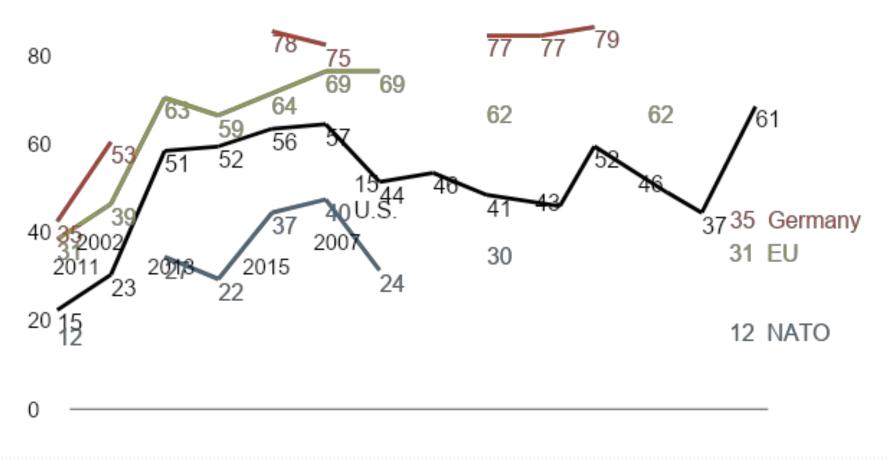
Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Vladimir Putin is handling...



#### **Russian Views of Western Powers Plummet**

Russian who have a favorable view of ...

100%



# **UKRAINIAN VIEWS**

#### Surveying Ukraine in 2015



#### Western Ukrainians Increasingly Critical of Kyiv

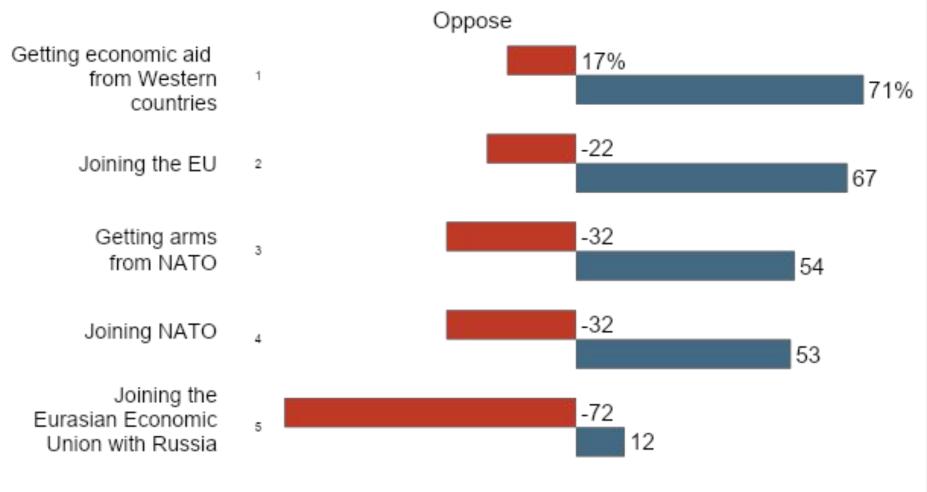
Kyiv government is a bad influence

	2014	2015	Change
	%	%	
Ukraine	42	59	+17
West	28	54	+26
East	59	65	+6

Note: Ukraine sample does not include Luhans'k, Donets'k and Crimea.

#### Ukrainians Want Assistance from West

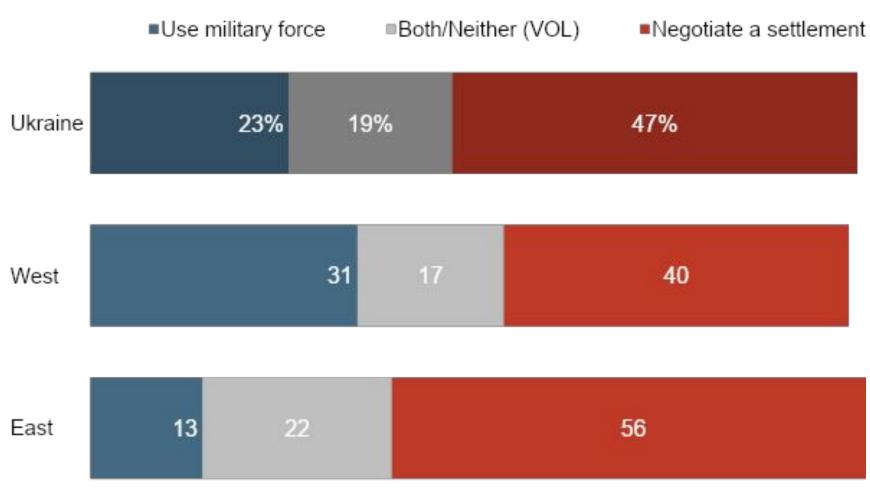
Do you support or oppose \_\_ for our country?



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# To end the conflict in eastern Ukraine, which one of the following solutions do you think is

best?



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