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Detailed Findings

Note: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding*

Job Ratings

On the whole, how do you feel about the job...

	Approve	Do not approve	No response
Putin is doing as president	83	15	2
Mikhail Mishustin is doing as prime minister	71	23	6
The job of the Russian leadership/government	70	27	3

Question C0

C0: What is your current overall opinion of...

QC0. Views of other countries (%)					
	Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad	Difficult to say
NATO	1	9	21	57. //78	12
Ukraine	4	26	23	34//57	13
China	27	56	5	3	9
USA	2	15	26	47//73	11
EU	2	19	28	40//68	12
Belarus	45	43	4	2	7

Question C1

C1: How much respect do you the following countries have in the world right now?

QC1. Respect of various countries (%)					
	Very respected	Somewhat respected	Not very well respected	Not at all respected	Difficult to say
China	26	55	9	3	7
Russia	29	37	20	9	5
The United States	8	26	33	25	9
Germany	8	44	23	11	13
Ukraine	3	15	35	37	9

Question C2

C2: What is your opinion of the following leaders?

QC2. Leader favorability (%)			
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Difficult to say
US President Joe Biden	6	83	11
Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky	6	86	8

* Knowledge Networks calculated numbers to 2 decimal places before final rounding on all questions.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko	82	10	8
Russian President Vladimir Putin	87	10	4
German Chancellor Olaf Scholz	14	59	27
French President Emanuel Macron	24	53	23
Chinese leader Xi Jinping	76	7	18

Question C4

C4: Do you think:

QC4. Russia-US cooperation (%)	
	Selected
Russia should be open for cooperation with the United States	30
Russia should try to limit the US power and influence	62
Difficult to say	8

Question C6

C6: In your view, what threat to Russia do the following pose:

QC6. Threats to Russia (%)				
	Critical threat	Important but not critical threat	Not an important threat at all	Difficult to say
Military growth of the US	58	24	14	4
The possibility of a color revolution	35	23	33	10
An information war between Russia and the Western States	54	30	11	5
International terrorism	80	11	6	2
The NATO alliance	56	23	13	8
Cyber attacks from Western countries	56	28	12	6
Climate change or global warming	42	32	22	6
The possibility of a nuclear weapons exchange between the US and Russia	83	6	9	2

Question 24

Q24: How closely are you following the events unfolding in Ukraine?

Q24. News of Ukraine (%)					
	A great deal	A fair amount	Not very much	Not at all	Haven't heard enough to say
Following events in Ukraine	29	35	27	8	2

Question 2

2: Do you personally support or not the actions of the Russian military in Ukraine?

2. Support for Russian military (%)	
	Selected
Definitely yes	55
Rather yes	28
Rather not	8
Definitely not	6
Difficult to say	6

Question 2A

2A: Why do you think the Russian armed forces launched the operation in Ukraine in the first place? (open ended if support the actions of the armed forces)

2A. Reason for operation in Ukraine (%)	
	Selected
Defense (of Russians/Russian speakers, civilians, Lugansk and Donetsk)	43
To get rid of nationalists, eradicate fascism, to get rid of Banderites, "denatization", restore order	21
To annex Ukraine, Donetsk/Lugansk, Ukrainian land, to take their land, so that the Donbas will be ours	3
To contain NATO expansion, to clear NATO from our borders, US bases/laboratories in Ukraine, "demilitarization", nuclear weapons	14
To strengthen our position, to heighten the significance of the Russian Federation	3
To prevent an attack on Russia, the threat to Russia, to defend ourselves/our borders, so that Ukraine doesn't strike	25
For peace, public safety of Europe, so that there isn't a third World War	2
Other	1
Difficult to say	9

Question 2B

2B: Why don't you support the actions of the armed forces? (open ended if unsupportive of the actions of the armed forces)

2B. Reason for lack of support (%)	
	Selected
Against war/people dying/world suffering/ lots of victims/ destruction/gore	43
It is another government/never invade another country	19
We started it/aggression/it's an invasion	4
Our boys/guys will die/many of ours will perish	8
We need a peaceful settlement/negotiation	4
This is a fratricidal/civil war/they are our kin	6
Other	16
Difficult to say	14

Question 28

Q28: How does the military action in Ukraine make you feel?

NEW: Emotions surrounding war (%)	
	Selected
Angry/indignant	8

Embarrassed	5
Despondent/numb	6
Anxiety/fear/horror	31
Shock	12
Satisfied/glad	7
Enthusiasm	7
Pride in Russia	51
Other	4
None of these	8
Difficult to say	2

Question C8

C8: Which of these opinions on Russia's relationship with Ukraine would you agree with?

C8. Russia-Ukraine border (%)	
	Selected
Russia's relations with Ukraine should be the same as with other states-with closed borders, visas, customs	20
Russia and Ukraine should be independent but friendly states-with open borders without visas and customs	49
Russia and Ukraine should be united into one state	26
Difficult to say	1

Question 4

4: Have you heard of the protests against the special operation in Ukraine?

4. Awareness of protests (%)	
	Selected
Closely followed the events	8
Have heard something of it	50
This is the first I've heard of it	41
Difficult to say	1

Question 5

5: What do you think moved people to protest?

5. Reason for protests (%)	
	Selected
Indignation at the military operation	26
Accumulated dissatisfaction with the state of affairs in the country	25
The desire to express their protest	24
Interest/curiosity/come for the company	14
Many came because they were paid to do so	32
Other	6
Difficult to say	15

Question 6

6: Are you concerned by the Western political and economic sanctions on Russia?

6. Concern about sanctions (%)	
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	Selected
Very concerned	19
Quite concerned	27
Don't worry too much	30
Completely unconcerned	23
Difficult to say	1

Question 7

7: Who do you think is really affected by the current Western sanctions?

7. Effect of sanctions (%)	
	Selected
Only a narrow circle of people responsible for Russian policy	26
The general population of Russia	67
Difficult to say	7

Question 8

8: Did these sanctions create problems for you and your family?

8. Personal effect of sanctions (%)	
	Selected
Yes, very serious	7
Yes, quite serious	22
No, did not create serious problems	39
No, did not create any problems	30
Difficult to say	2

Question C10

C10: Should Russia make any concessions to Western countries to remove sanctions?

QC10. Concessions (%)	
	Selected
Rather yes	13
Rather no	80
Difficult to say	7

Question C11

C11: Would you support or not support the Russian leadership if in exchange for the lift of sanctions it would...

QC11. Specific concessions (%)			
	Would support	Would not support	Difficult to say
Stop the military operation in Ukraine	27	64	10
Returned Crimea to Ukraine	19	72	9
Discontinued economic and military aid to Donetsk and Luhansk	8	87	5

Question 10

10: In your opinion, what effect will the military operation in Ukraine have on...

Q10. Effects of military operation (%)				
	Improve it	Worsen it	It will not change	Difficult to say
The economic welfare of Russians	23	50	18	10
Russia's political influence in the world	40	33	15	12
Russia's relationship with the West	16	56	16	12