ATTITUDES OF THE RUSSIAN CITIZENS TO THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE

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CONSENT. Hello! It would be interesting for us to know your opinion on the topical events, which happened in Russia for the last few years. You can be sure of the full anonymity and confidentiality of your answers. They will be used only in the generalized view. The survey takes on average 7 minutes, and the participation is fully voluntary. Can you please tell me, whether you agree to participate or not?
1. Yes
2. No [The survey is over]

Thank you for participating in this survey. Before I start asking the questions, I would like to note that there are no wright or wrong answers.

Quotas

Q1. Respondent's gender. [the interviewer is to mark it without asking]
1. Male
2. Female

Q2. When were you born?
_____ [if born in 2005 or later – the survey is over]

Q3. What region do you live in?
_____ [the list of regions]

Q4. What is the type of your locality?
1. A city/settlement/village with less than 100 thousand citizens
2. A city with 100 thousand to 250 thousand citizens
3. A city with 250 thousand to 500 thousand citizens
4. A city with 500 thousand to 1 million citizens
5. A city with 1 million citizens (except Moscow and Saint-Petersburg)
6. Saint-Petersburg
7. Moscow

Domestic Affairs

Q5. Can you please tell, which of the following decisions of the authorities of Russian Federation you support or do not support?

	Support	Rather support	Rather do not support	Do not support
A. Pension Reform	1	2	3	4
B. Introducing lockdown due to the coronavirus spread	1	2	3	4
C. Adoption of amendments to the Constitution of the Russian Federation	1	2	3	4
D. Prohibition on the adoption of Russian children by US citizens	1	2	3	4

Q6. Do you trust or don't trust?

	DO NOT trust at all	Rather DO NOT trust	Partially trust, partially do not	Rather trust	Fully trust
A. The President of Russia	1	2	3	4	5
B. The Government of Russia	1	2	3	4	5

Q7. Do you generally approve the Vladimir Putin's activity as the President of Russia?
1. Approve
2. Rather approve
3. Rather do not approve
4. Do not approve

Q8. Do you keep track of the latest events in Ukraine?
1. Very attentively
2. Rather attentively
3. Without much attention
4. I do not follow them
5. Have not heard about them

Foreign Affairs

Q9. Can you please tell, which of the following decisions of the authorities of Russian Federation you support or do not support?

	Support	Rather support	Rather do not support	Do not support
A. Russia's military operation in Syria	1	2	3	4
B. 20 billion debt write-off to third world countries	1	2	3	4
C. Border closure due to the coronavirus spread	1	2	3	4

Q10. Can you please tell, whether you support or do not support the recognition of independence of the self-declared Donetsk and Luhansk republics by Russia?
1. Support
2. Rather support
3. Rather do not support
4. Do not support

Q11. Can you please tell me whether you support or do not support the invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops? [The position of this question is randomized: it is either before or after the "Experiments" section, the information on the position of the question is saved and used in the results interpretation]
1. Support
2. Rather support
3. Rather do not support
4. Do not support

Experiments

Q12v1. Now I will list several decisions of the authorities of the Russian Federation taken in the last few years. Don't tell me which specific decisions you personally support. Just tell me how many of these decisions you support. Give me one number from 0 to 3.
- **Pension Reform**
- **Introducing lockdown due to the coronavirus spread**
- **Adoption of amendments to the Constitution of the Russian Federation**

1. 0
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3

Q12v2. Now I will list several decisions of the authorities of the Russian Federation taken in the last few years. Don't tell me which specific decisions you personally support. Just tell me how many of these decisions you support. Give me one number from 0 to 4.
- **Pension Reform**
- **Introducing lockdown due to the coronavirus spread**
- **Adoption of amendments to the Constitution of the Russian Federation**
- **The invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops**

1. 0
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4

Q13v1. Now I will list several decisions of the authorities of the Russian Federation taken in the last few years. Don't tell me which specific decisions you personally support. Just tell me how many of these decisions you support. Give me one number from 0 to 3.
- **Russia's military operation in Syria**
- **20 billion debt write-off to third world countries**
- **Border closure due to the coronavirus spread**

1. 0
2. 1

3. 2
4. 3

Q13v2. Now I will list several decisions of the authorities of the Russian Federation taken in the last few years. Don't tell me which specific decisions you personally support. Just tell me how many of these decisions you support. Give me one number from 0 to 4.
- **Russia's military operation in Syria**
- **20 billion debt write-off to third world countries**
- **Border closure due to the coronavirus spread**
- **The invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops**

1. 0
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4

Experiment №3 [Question Q14v1 or Q14v2 are assigned randomly, the information on which one was assigned is saved]

Q14v1. Now I will list several decisions of the authorities of the Russian Federation taken in the last few years. Don't tell me which specific decisions you personally support. Just tell me how many of these decisions you support. Give me one number from 0 to 3.
- **The adoption of the law about the foreign agents in the media**
- **The state program on the preferential mortgage**
- **The increase of VAT to 20%**

1. 0
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3

Q14v2. Now I will list several decisions of the authorities of the Russian Federation taken in the last few years. Don't tell me which specific decisions you personally support. Just tell me how many of these decisions you support. Give me one number from 0 to 4.
- **The adoption of the law about the foreign agents in the media**
- **The state program on the preferential mortgage**
- **The increase of VAT to 20%**
- **Prohibition on the adoption of Russian children by US citizens**
1. 0
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4

Socio-demographic Section

Now some questions about you – just to understand, how the same problems are viewed by different groups of people.

D1. In what way, do you think, the power should be distributed? Please mark your position on a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is "I support a sole and strong leader, who controls all the power" and 7 is "I support collective governance, which distributes the power and performs only representative functions"
1. I support a sole and strong leader, who controls all the power
2.
3.
4.
5.
6. I support collective governance, which distributes the power and performs only representative functions

D2. What is your highest level of education?
1. Primary school or less
2. Incomplete high school (7-8 or 9 years of study)
3. Vocational school (after Incomplete high school)
4. High school (10 or 11 years of study)
5. Vocational school (after high school)
6. Secondary professional education (technical or specialized college)
7. Incomplete higher education (not less than 3 years)
8. A finished degree (Specialist's Degree/Bachelor's Degree/Master's Degree)
9. Two or more Bachelor's or Master's Degrees/Postgraduate Degree/PhD

D3. What is your occupation? If there are several of them, please choose the main one.
1. Independent entrepreneur, self-employed
2. Supervisor/ head office, management personnel
3. A specialist with no leading functions (with special education)
4. A specialist with no leading functions (without special education)
5. A worker (a foreman/ a taskmaster), including Agriculture
6. A student
7. A non-working retiree
8. A non-working retiree (for disability reasons)
9. I run the household/ take care of a child
10. I am unemployed and looking for a job
11. I am unemployed and I am not looking for a job

D4. What is your marital status?
1. Married
2. Not married, but living with a partner

3. A widow/widower
4. Divorced
5. Not divorced, but live separately from the spouse
6. Was never married

D5. How many people do you live with, including yourself and all the children?

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D6. [If the answer to D5 is more than 1] **How many children younger than 16 live with you?**

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D7. Which phrase best describes your financial position for now?
1. There is not enough money even for food
2. There is enough money only for the essentials
3. There is enough money for daily expenses, but shopping for clothes is difficult
4. There is usually enough money, but for expensive goods like a refrigerator, a TV or a washing machine I have to save money for a long time, or to borrow them/ take a loan
5. Buying expensive goods does not cause difficulties, but buying a car is not an option
6. Buying a car does not cause difficulties, but buying a living place is not an option
7. For now I can spare no expense

Experiment №3 [Questions D8v1 or D8v2 are assigned randomly, the information on which one was assigned is saved]]

D8v1. Now I will list several characteristics. Don't tell me which specific characteristics apply to you personally. Just tell me how many of these characteristics apply to you. Give me one number from 0 to 3.
- **I am male**
- **I am female**
- **I am married**

1. 0
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3

D8v2. Now I will list several characteristics. Don't tell me which specific characteristics apply to you personally. Just tell me how many of these characteristics apply to you. Give me one number from 0 to 4.
- **I am male**
- **I am female**
- **I am married**
- **I am over 55**

1. 0
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4

D9. This is the last question. Can you please tell, which of the following information sources you use and how often?

	Do not use	Less than 1-2 times a month	1 or 2 times a month	About once a week	2-3 times a week	Every day/ almost every day
A. News on the "Chanel One", "Rossiya-1" or "NTV" TV channels	1	2	3	4	5	6
B. News of the "TV Rain", "Euronews" or "RBK" channels	1	2	3	4	5	6
C. "Vedomosti", "RBK", "Kommersant" or "Novaya Gazeta" newspapers (online or in paper)	1	2	3	4	5	6
D. "Meduza" or "Echo of Moscow" sites	1	2	3	4	5	6
E. News in social media or messengers (Telegram, Youtube, VK, Facebook)	1	2	3	4	5	6

Thank you for your participation!