

Update on U.S Congressional Support for Ukraine Assistance

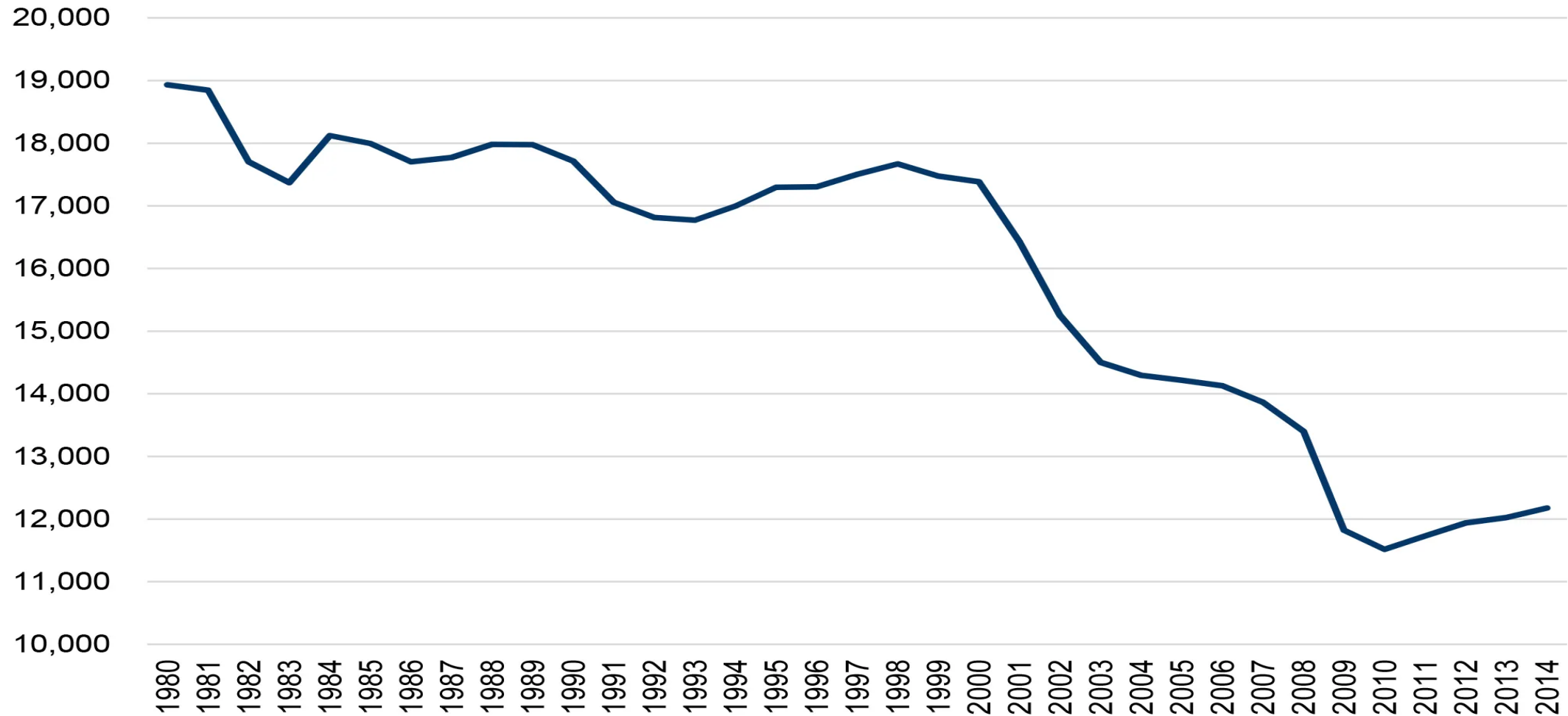
- U.S. Senate passed a \$95 billion bill to fund Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan in February, 2024;
- But House of Representatives Speaker Johnson (R-La.) withheld the measure from a House vote until other legislation to fund the government through Sept. 30, 2024, was approved on March 22, 2024.
- The House is reportedly now going to schedule a Ukraine assistance vote between April 9-18, 2024 but with these three likely conditionalities:
 - a. More U.S. Assistance will be done in form of loan (and not direct, on or off budget assistance);
 - b. Authorize the use of the “Repo Act” which will allow the conversion of seized Russian assets (by the U.S.) into a fund for support of Ukraine’s war efforts, recovery and/or reconstruction; and
 - c. Authorization of additional energy resource exploration (for oil & gas assets) within the U.S. (a key interest of the Speaker’s home state of Louisiana).
- Option of passing the U.S. Senate Bill (by Democrat Majority) is highly unlikely by U.S. House Speaker Johnson as he has only one seat majority looking forward and is threatened by his more-conservative Caucus members with removal on Ukraine assistance issues.

Reasons for Congressional and U.S. Voter Angst Against Further Foreign Aid Spending on Ukraine

- But why do so many Americans oppose continued assistance?
 - American Voter and Congressional anger over lost manufacturing jobs (slide 2)
 - Slower growth in real wages and
 - Rising income gap between upper and middle/lower wage earners.
 - Rise of China and movement of jobs overseas to China and Mexico.
- But also, many Americans today view Russia differently than, say, the way the Soviet Union was viewed toward the end of the 20th century.
 - This may be more important than most polls are paying attention to. Older voters remember Stalinist Russia through to Gorbachev but not the younger U.S. voters. There's a huge divide between Millennials, Gen Z and Gen X (in one group) versus these older generations of Americans.
- Polls show younger generations have less perspective of what the Soviet and Russian eras were like from 1945 until late 1990s.
 - CNN and SSRS Poll from August 2023 says: Overall, 55% say the US Congress should not authorize additional funding to support Ukraine vs. 45% who say Congress should authorize such funding. And 51% say that the US has already done enough to help Ukraine while 48% say it should do more. An earlier poll (Feb. 2022) found 62% felt the U.S should have been doing more.

U.S. Employment in Manufacturing Industries

Thousands of Jobs, 1980-2014



Source: Brookings Analysis of Moody's Analytics Data

Reasons for Congressional and U.S. Voter Angst Against Foreign Aid Spending on Ukraine - Continued

- Not So Much About Whether Americans Support Ukraine But Rather “What Type” of Support Going Forward:
 - A majority, but not all (68%) of those who say the US should do more to support Ukraine favor additional funding, as do 23% of those who say the US has already done enough.
- More Intell & Training --Yes, But More Weapons --Less So:
 - When asked specifically about types of assistance the US could provide to Ukraine, there is broader support for help with intelligence gathering (63%) and military training (53%) than for providing weapons (43%), alongside very slim backing for US military forces to participate in combat operations (17%).
 - Most Americans who say the US should be doing more to support Ukraine are in favor of providing assistance in intelligence gathering (75%), military training (68%) and weapons (60%), while among those who say the US has already done enough, only intelligence gathering earns majority support (52%).
- Concerning Decrease in American’s Seeing Russia as a Military Threat to U.S. Nat’l Security:
 - A majority of Americans (56%) in August 2023 poll expressed concern that Russia’s war in Ukraine will threaten US national security;
 - BUT that’s down significantly from February 2022 where 72% were worried about threats to US security.
- Bigger Concerns of another “Forever War”:
 - August 2024 poll shows concerns across partisan lines that the Ukraine war will continue without resolution for a long time.
 - Nearly 8 in 10 are worried about that, including 82% of Democrats, 75% of independents and 73% of Republicans.
- Risk of Broader Conflict Also Strongly Feared:
 - Still Strong Feeling Among Two-Thirds of Americans that Ukraine war will lead to increased threats to democracy elsewhere (65%) or lead to Russian attacks elsewhere (64%), and about 6 in 10 are worried it could lead to a broader war in Europe (59%).

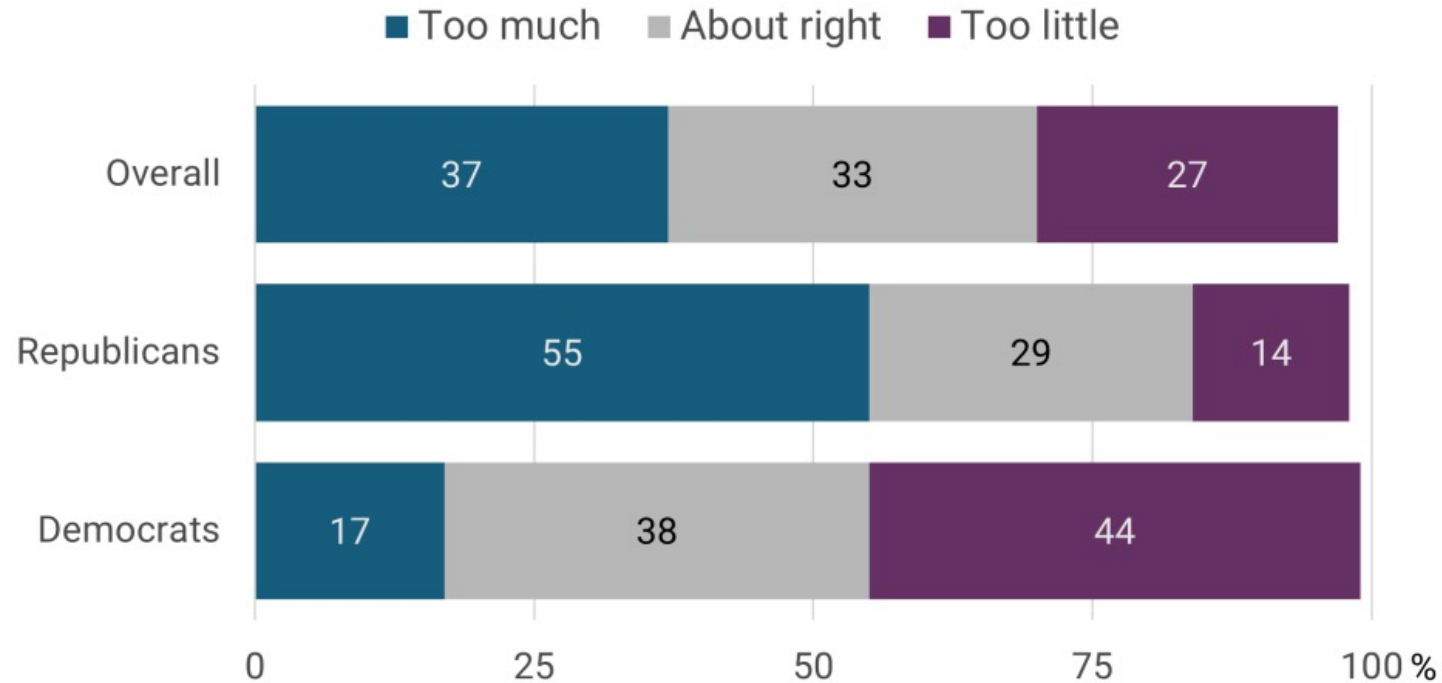
Source: August, 2023 [CNN Ukraine poll – DocumentCloud](#)

- See Newer February 2024 Poll results on next slides

Feb. 2024 AP/*NORC Poll Shows:

Partisan divisions over U.S. spending on aid to Ukraine

Percent of adults



Question: [Aid to Ukraine in the war against Russia] Do you think the U.S. government is spending too much, too little, or the right amount on each of the following?

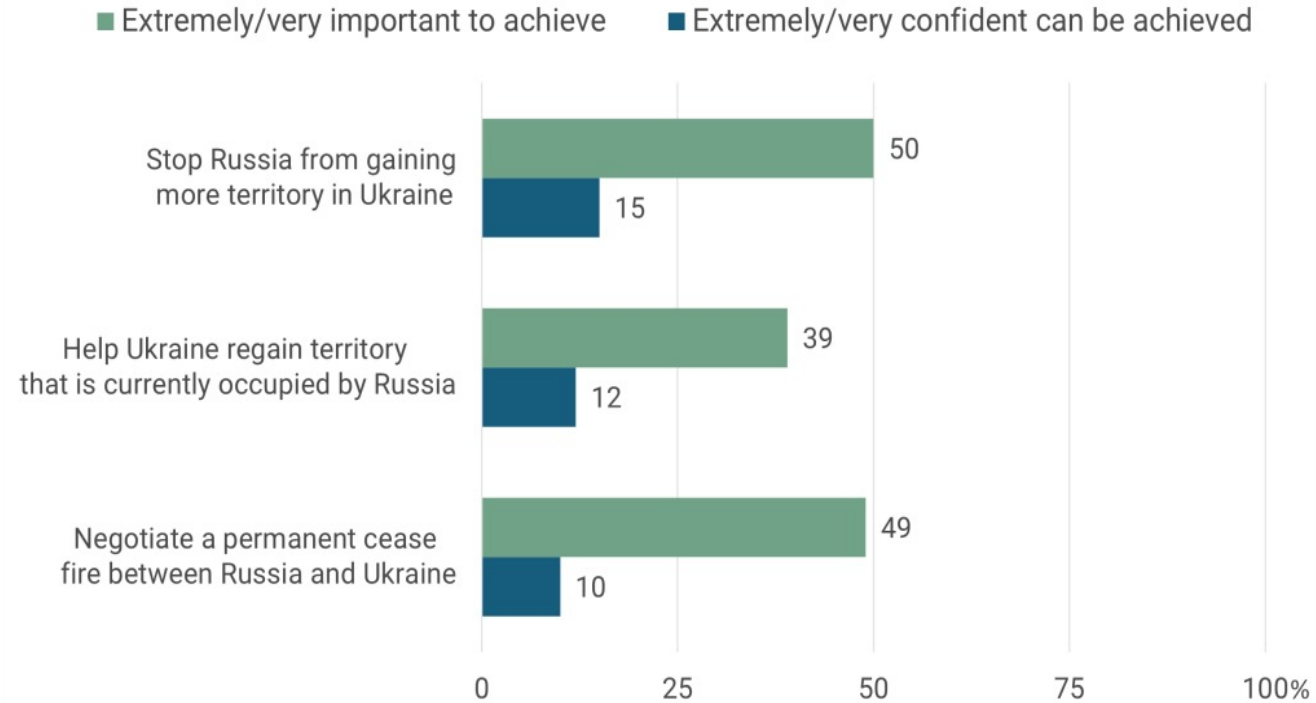
Source: AP-NORC poll conducted February 22-26, 2024, with 1,102 adults age 18 and older nationwide.



Feb. 2024 AP/*NORC Poll Shows:

Public lacks confidence that foreign policy goals in Ukraine can be achieved

Percent of adults



Question: Thinking about the foreign policy goals of the United States, please tell me how important it is for the United States to do each of the following?

How confident are you that each of the following can be achieved:

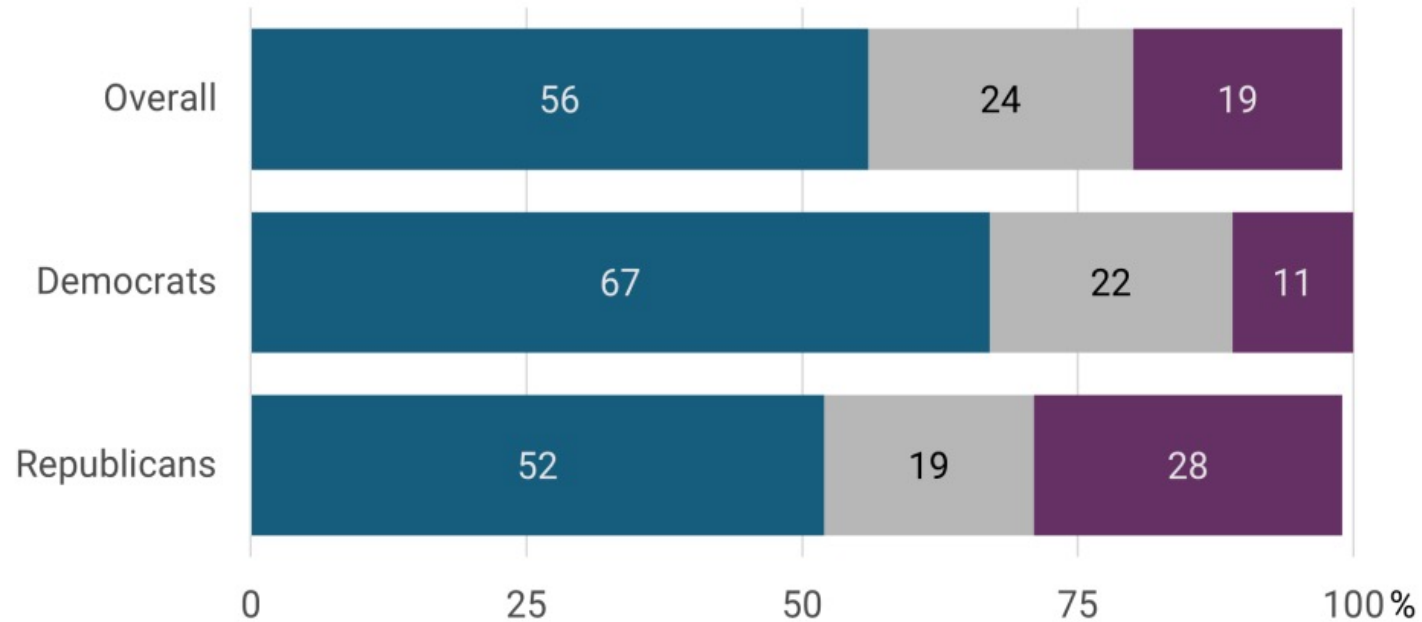
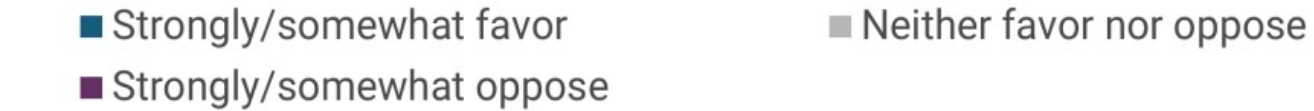
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Feb. 2024 AP/*NORC Poll Shows:

Republicans and Democrats support defending NATO allies

Percent of adults



Question: Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose the United States deploying U.S. troops to defend a U.S. NATO ally if it were attacked by Russian forces?

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