

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone February 20-24, 2022, among a random national sample of 1,011 adults, with 75 percent reached on cell phones and 25 percent on landlines. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus four percentage points for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

\*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

Question 1 held for release.

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Biden is handling [ITEM]?

a-b. Held for release

c. the situation involving Russia and Ukraine

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
2/24/22	33	47	20

Compare to:

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling the situation involving Russia and Ukraine?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/27/14	34	17	17	46	14	31	20
3/9/14	42	16	26	43	16	27	15

Questions 3-7 held for release.

8. Under Biden, do you think America's leadership in the world has gotten (stronger), gotten (weaker), or remained about the same?

	Stronger	Weaker	Same	No opinion
2/24/22	23	48	26	2

Compare to:

Under Donald Trump, do you think America's leadership in the world has gotten (stronger), gotten (weaker), or remained about the same?

	Stronger	Weaker	Same	No opinion
7/20/18	30	47	20	4
11/1/17	26	53	20	1
7/13/17	27	48	23	3

9. Do you think Biden [ITEM], or not?

a-b. Held for release

c. can be trusted in a crisis

	Yes	No	No opinion
2/24/22	43	52	6

10. Thinking about Russia, do you feel that Russia is a close ally of the U.S., is friendly but not a close ally, is not friendly but not an enemy, or is unfriendly and is an enemy of the U.S.?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			
	NET	Ally	Friendly	NET	Unfriendly	Enemy	No opinion
2/24/22	12	1	12	80	39	41	7
8/22/08	40	4	35	53	37	16	8
5/19/02	62	10	53	31	24	7	7
10/22/01*	58	17	41	33	27	6	9
8/14/00	36	5	31	50	36	14	13
8/17/98	45	6	39	48	35	13	6
8/26/97	49	6	43	45	32	13	6
11/11/96	44	8	36	43	31	12	12
9/3/95**	46	4	42	51	37	14	3
2/6/94	56	7	49	38	29	9	6
5/4/93	66	10	56	27	20	7	6
2/24/91	63	14	49	34	27	7	3
8/29/89***	47	5	42	49	29	20	4
2/24/87***	13	2	11	76	37	39	11
9/14/83***	5	1	4	93	30	63	2
6/11/83***	7	1	6	88	36	52	5
11/28/82***	9	1	8	85	34	51	5
7/23/80***	10	1	9	85	37	48	5
1/22/79**	24	3	21	65	38	27	11

\*10/22/01 and previous: Harris

\*\*"or is an enemy..."

\*\*\* "or is unfriendly and an enemy..."

1979-1991: Soviet Union

11. Given Russian military action involving Ukraine, would you support or oppose the United States and its European allies imposing economic sanctions on Russia?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
2/24/22*	67	20	13

\*2/20-2/21 "If Russia takes military action against Ukraine..."

12. (ASK IF SUPPORT SANCTIONS) Would you support or oppose economic sanctions against Russia if they resulted in higher energy prices in the United States?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
2/24/22	76	18	5

NET 11/12

	----- Support -----					
	NET	Even if higher prices	Oppose if higher prices	No op.	Oppose	No opinion
2/24/22	67	51	12	4	20	13

Questions 13-20 held for release.

Changing topics,

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States is doing its job?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
2/24/22	44	36	19

9/17/21*	40	53	6
7/21/21	49	44	7
9/13/20	53	43	4
7/23/20	58	38	4
9/15/19	54	42	4
9/12/18	51	40	8
7/11/18	53	41	7
9/10/17	49	40	10
9/11/16	45	47	8
7/17/16	42	52	6
9/13/15	45	50	5
7/12/15	49	46	5
9/7/14	44	48	8
7/10/14	47	46	7
9/8/13	46	45	9
7/14/13	43	46	11
9/9/12	49	40	11
7/12/12	46	45	9
9/11/11	46	40	14
9/16/10	51	39	10
9/2/09	61	28	11
6/17/09	59	30	11
9/11/08	50	39	11
6/12/08	48	38	14
9/16/07	51	39	10
5/13/07	51	36	13
9/10/06	60	32	8
9/15/05	56	36	8
6/26/05	42	48	10
9/15/04	51	39	10
9/10/03	52	38	10
7/9/03	59	33	8
9/8/02	60	29	11
9/10/01	58	28	14
6/17/01	62	25	13
1/14/01	59	34	7
9/5/00	62	29	9
7/17/95	63	31	6
7/1/91	59	30	10
9/23/87	65	28	7
6/23/86	66	25	9

\* 2000-2021, Gallup: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court is handling its job?

22. How confident are you that Biden will select a good nominee for the Supreme Court - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not at all confident?

	---- Confident ----			----- Not confident -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	opinion
2/24/22	49	27	22	49	15	34	3

Compare to:

Thinking about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things, how confident are you that Donald Trump can do each of the following? Select good nominees for the Supreme Court

	---- Confident ----			----- Not confident -----			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	DK/Ref
10/5/20*	47	27	19	53	17	36	1

\*Pew Research Center

23. Biden has said he will nominate the first Black woman to serve as a justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. Do you think that having a Black woman as a justice on the U.S. Supreme Court would be a good thing for the country, a bad thing for the country, or would make no difference?

	Good	Bad	No difference	No opinion
2/24/22	45	4	48	3

24. Do you think justices on the U.S. Supreme Court mainly decide cases (based on the law) or (based on their personal political views)?

	The law	Personal political views	No opinion
2/24/22	46	45	9

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
2/24/22	27	26	40	4	3
11/10/21	27	26	37	6	4
9/1/21	30	24	36	6	4
6/30/21	30	24	37	5	4
4/21/21	33	24	35	6	3
1/13/21	31	25	36	5	3
10/9/20	30	27	35	4	4

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#### METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landlines and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 251 interviews completed on landlines and 760 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 567 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users. Results are weighted match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.5 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's

deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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Group	sample size	Error margin
National adults	1,011	+/- 4 points

