

# POLLING MEMO

TO: All Interested Parties      FOR: Peace Through Strength Institute  
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## Majority of American Voters Blame Russia for Lack of Peace in Ukraine:

### *Back Stronger Action from President Trump Against Putin*

Polling summarized below including Trump approval ratings on Ukraine:

- American voters by **6 to 1** say Trump needs to step up pressure on Russia vs. Ukraine
- **64%** say Putin deserves the blame; **15%** blame Zelenskyy

“The polling is clear,” said Bill Cole, Founder of the Peace Through Strength Institute.

“American voters expect bold actions from President Trump”

“Especially now that peace talks were clearly rejected by Russia,” Cole added.

*Polling was conducted in late May of likely 2026 American voters by David Wolfson, Republican Pollster, and Faculty Lecturer at Columbia University’s Political Analytics Graduate Program. The Peace Through Strength Institute (PTSI) <http://ptsinstitute.us> sponsored the polling.*

- **76%** support further sanctions on Russia energy, banking, tech, and supply chain

“3 of 4 American voters support tougher sanctions on Russia’s energy and banking sectors,” Cole stated. “The American people are ready to see Putin pay a price for its aggression.”

- **58%** reported the further U.S. assistance in Ukraine will help deter China

“Defending Ukraine is also about deterring China, Iran and North Korea,” Cole commented. A majority of voters understand this and recognize the need for strength.”



- **38%** approve of President Trump's handling of Ukraine; **59%** disapprove

"Only 38% of American voters approve of how Trump is handling Ukraine, but this is not a rejection," Cole noted. "Americans want to end Russian aggression and secure peace."

- **56%** are concerned Putin may use nuclear weapons in Ukraine
- **74%** say the war in Ukraine should be a U.S. priority

Previous polling presentation on results here: [Link](#)

Polling results here: [Link](#)

*The survey polling methodology was via SMS/MMS Text to Web with a 95% Confidence Level, 3% standard margin of error, and n=1000 completed responses.*

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