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One third fear world war in Ukraine

A third would cut off all trade with Russia or more

TORONTO AUGUST 20th, 2014 – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1798 Canadian voters, one third believe we are at risk of a third World War in the Ukraine (34%), and a third also believe a new Cold War exists between Canada and Russia (33%). More than half do not fear WWII yet (54%) nor believe we are in a new Cold War (53%). Those who believe we could end up in an international war with Russia tend to be younger (35 to 44 - 40%), females (37%), the least wealthy (43%), Quebeckers (40%), the least educated (44%), Evangelical Christians (40%), other Christians (41%), non-Christians (51%), and Francophones (40%). Those who see a new Cold War are those who can remember the last one (65+ - 44%), the less wealthy (\$40K to \$60K - 41%), Quebeckers (40%), non-Christians (42%) and Francophones (44%).

Plurality would increase sanctions on Russia or do nothing

When asked which of a list of actions Canada could take to respond to Russia's aggression in Ukraine, most (26%) pick increasing financial sanctions, while just fewer say do nothing (20%). Among those who want stiffer penalties, most opt for cutting all trade and travel to Russia (16%) and a tenth advise supplying Ukraine with arms (11%). Few think Canada should intervene militarily in Ukraine (5%) or declare war on Russia (3%).

"These findings betray a high level of concern among Canadians about the situation in Ukraine. Those who remember the Cold War see it happening again, and they fear a wider conflict. They are also more likely to counsel stronger measures than sanctions," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- One third believe we are at risk of a third World War in the Ukraine (34%), and a third also believe a new Cold War exists between Canada and Russia (33%).
- When asked which of a list of actions Canada could take to respond to Russia's aggression in Ukraine, most (26%) pick increasing financial sanctions, while just fewer say do nothing (20%).
- "These findings betray a high level of concern among Canadians about the situation in Ukraine. Those who remember the Cold War see it happening again, and they fear a wider conflict. They are also more likely to counsel stronger measures than sanctions," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1798 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on August 18-19th, 2014.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate $\pm 2\%$, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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New World War Risk

'Do you believe we are at risk of a new World War in Ukraine or not?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1798	121	172	336	491	678	878	920
Think we are at risk of a new World War	34	34	40	29	34	31	31	37
Do not think we are at risk of a new World War	54	53	54	59	51	54	62	47
Don't know	12	13	5	11	15	15	7	16

Region / Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1798	132	440	626	144	190	266	1408	390
Think we are at risk of a new World War	34	23	40	33	26	32	35	32	40
Do not think we are at risk of a new World War	54	52	52	54	65	58	55	55	52
Don't know	12	25	8	13	9	10	10	13	8

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1798	542	649	274	110	74	69
Think we are at risk of a new World War	34	32	32	39	39	36	42
Do not think we are at risk of a new World War	54	56	59	53	43	57	49
Don't know	12	12	10	8	18	7	10

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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1798	435	482	591	290
Think we are at risk of a new World War	34	44	39	30	20
Do not think we are at risk of a new World War	54	40	48	59	72
Don't know	12	16	13	10	8

Religion

%	Total	Christian	Protestant Christian	Evangelical Christian	Catholic	Other Christian	Non-Christian	None
Sample	1798	1292	471	66	620	135	96	410
Think we are at risk of a new World War	34	37	33	40	38	41	51	23
Do not think we are at risk of a new World War	54	49	49	37	51	48	44	69
Don't know	12	14	18	23	12	11	6	9

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Canada in New Cold War with Russia

'Do you think Canada is in a new Cold War with Russia or not?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1798	121	172	336	491	678	878	920
We are in a new Cold War	33	23	32	34	41	44	35	32
We are not in a new Cold War	53	63	56	54	42	40	54	52
Don't know	14	14	12	12	17	15	11	17

Region / Language

%	Total	Atl	Que	ON	Man/Sask	AB	BC	English	French
Sample	1798	132	440	626	144	190	266	1408	390
We are in a new Cold War	33	26	40	31	32	34	31	30	44
We are not in a new Cold War	53	46	48	55	59	53	57	55	44
Don't know	14	28	12	14	9	13	12	14	12

Federal Vote Preference

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green	Bloc	Other Parties
Sample	1798	542	649	274	110	74	69
We are in a new Cold War	33	39	34	30	32	32	35
We are not in a new Cold War	53	51	57	56	44	58	50
Don't know	14	11	9	15	24	10	16

Education

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Sample	1798	435	482	591	290
We are in a new Cold War	33	32	33	36	31
We are not in a new Cold War	53	46	50	54	64
Don't know	14	23	18	10	5

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We are in a new Cold War	33	36	37	39	36	34	42	24
We are not in a new Cold War	53	49	45	45	50	52	49	64
Don't know	14	15	18	16	13	14	9	12

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Best Way to Handle Relations with Russia

‘Which of the following do you think is the best way to handle our relations with Russia and Ukraine right now?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1798	121	172	336	491	678	878	920
Do nothing	20	25	14	19	17	20	20	19
Increase financial sanctions against Russia	26	22	27	29	31	22	28	23
Cut off all trade and travel to and from Russia	16	11	18	17	17	19	13	18
Support Ukraine with military supplies	11	9	8	12	12	18	13	10
Intervene militarily in Ukraine	5	3	9	5	4	3	6	4
Declare war on Russia	3	8	2	2	2	1	4	3
Something else	13	18	15	11	11	10	12	15
Don't know	6	5	7	5	7	6	4	8

Region / Language

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Do nothing	20	16	21	20	13	19	22	19	24
Increase financial sanctions against Russia	26	21	24	27	29	23	26	26	26
Cut off all trade and travel to and from Russia	16	19	13	18	16	16	15	17	13
Support Ukraine with military supplies	11	7	9	10	17	19	14	12	10
Intervene militarily in Ukraine	5	2	6	5	2	8	4	4	6
Declare war on Russia	3	1	4	5	0	0	4	3	4
Something else	13	26	17	10	16	9	12	14	12
Don't know	6	8	6	6	7	6	4	6	6

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Support Ukraine with military supplies	11	14	13	11	5	8	3
Intervene militarily in Ukraine	5	6	4	6	2	6	6
Declare war on Russia	3	2	2	0	17	3	13
Something else	13	8	13	16	22	14	17
Don't know	6	6	4	5	5	8	4

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Support Ukraine with military supplies	11	13	8	11	14
Intervene militarily in Ukraine	5	7	4	5	2
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Increase financial sanctions against Russia	26	28	29	36	29	14	12	24
Cut off all trade and travel to and from Russia	16	17	17	18	15	23	12	15
Support Ukraine with military supplies	11	12	14	16	11	12	12	9
Intervene militarily in Ukraine	5	6	4	7	8	6	1	2
Declare war on Russia	3	3	2	1	3	4	17	2
Something else	13	12	15	4	9	19	11	16
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