

Topline Questionnaire

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 - Russia in March 2003 and Fall 2002
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2017 survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

		Q2. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?			
		Satisfied	Dissatisfied	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	58	37	5	100
	Spring, 2014	56	36	7	100
	Spring, 2013	37	57	6	100
	Spring, 2012	46	45	9	100
	Spring, 2011	32	60	8	100
	Spring, 2010	34	59	7	100
	Fall, 2009	34	60	6	100
	Spring, 2009	27	65	9	100
	Spring, 2008	54	43	4	100
	Spring, 2007	36	56	9	100
	Spring, 2006	32	62	7	100
	Spring, 2005	23	71	6	100
	Spring, 2004	26	69	5	100
	May, 2003	27	64	9	100
Summer, 2002	20	71	9	100	

		Q5. Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in (survey country) – is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					Total
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	
Russia	Spring, 2017	6	40	39	10	5	100
	Spring, 2015	1	23	54	19	3	100
	Spring, 2014	3	41	41	9	6	100
	Spring, 2013	2	31	46	15	6	100
	Spring, 2012	4	28	49	15	5	100
	Spring, 2011	5	24	46	19	6	100
	Spring, 2010	3	30	49	16	4	100
	Fall, 2009	3	25	50	18	4	100
	Spring, 2009	2	18	55	21	5	100
	Spring, 2008	5	47	37	6	4	100
	Spring, 2007	3	35	45	11	6	100
	Summer, 2002	0	13	57	26	4	100

		Q6. And over the next 12 months do you expect the economic situation in our country to improve a lot, improve a little, remain the same, worsen a little or worsen a lot?						Total
		Improve a lot	Improve a little	Remain the same	Worsen a little	Worsen a lot	DK/Refused	
Russia	Spring, 2017	9	34	42	7	4	4	100
	Spring, 2015	7	31	38	14	7	4	100
	Spring, 2014	5	26	44	14	6	6	100
	Spring, 2013	4	20	53	13	5	5	100
	Spring, 2012	5	26	44	11	4	9	100
	Spring, 2011	6	22	46	12	6	9	100
	Spring, 2010	3	36	42	8	3	7	100
	Spring, 2009	5	27	36	15	7	9	100
	Spring, 2008	8	34	39	10	3	6	100
	Summer, 2002	1	21	53	13	5	7	100

		Q7. Now thinking about your personal economic situation, how would you describe it – is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					Total
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	
Russia	Spring, 2017	5	46	36	8	5	100
	Spring, 2013	2	42	41	7	7	100
	Spring, 2012	4	43	39	7	7	100
	Spring, 2009	4	38	41	10	6	100
	Spring, 2008	3	43	40	9	5	100

		Q13. Which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right? (Survey country) is as respected around the world as it should be OR (survey country) should be more respected around the world than it is?					Total
		(Survey country) is as respected around the world as it should be	(Survey country) should be more respected around the world than it is	Both (VOL)	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	
Russia	Spring, 2017	34	56	5	3	2	100
	Spring, 2012	16	73	9	0	2	100

		Q22. Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statement. a. there are parts of neighboring countries that really belong to us					
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	26	34	17	12	11	100
	Spring, 2015	24	37	18	11	10	100
	Spring, 2014	28	33	18	10	11	100
	Fall, 2009	19	39	19	10	13	100
	Summer, 2002	26	38	14	4	19	100
	Fall, 1992	19	17	15	11	37	100
	Spring, 1991	10	12	22	26	30	100

		Q25. Which of these statements comes closer to your view? Russia should deal with its own problems and let other countries deal with their own problems as best they can OR Russia should help other countries deal with their problems.					
		(Survey country) should deal with its own problems and let other countries deal with their own problems as best they can	(Survey country) should help other countries deal with their problems	Both (VOL)	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	65	25	5	3	3	100
	Spring, 2011	61	25	6	6	3	100

		Q26. In general, do you think the dissolution of the Soviet Union has been a good thing or a bad thing for Russia?			
		Good thing	Bad thing	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	31	59	10	100
	Spring, 2015	17	69	14	100

		Q30c. For each, tell me how much confidence you have in each leader to do the right thing regarding world affairs – a lot of confidence, some confidence, not too much confidence or no confidence at all. c. Russian President Vladimir Putin					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	58	29	8	4	2	100
	Spring, 2015	66	22	7	2	2	100
	Spring, 2014	52	31	11	3	3	100
	Spring, 2012	37	32	16	8	7	100
	Spring, 2011	36	39	14	5	6	100
	Spring, 2010	45	32	12	4	7	100
	Spring, 2009	39	42	11	3	4	100
	Spring, 2008	53	30	10	3	4	100
	Spring, 2007	46	38	8	2	6	100
	Spring, 2006	27	48	13	4	8	100
	May, 2003	28	48	19	3	1	100

		Q39. In your opinion, how much of a military threat is NATO to our country? A major threat, a minor threat or not a threat?				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	41	39	16	5	100
	Spring, 2015	50	31	10	8	100

		Q58. Which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right?					
		Russia should intervene when there are threats to ethnic Russians in neighboring countries	Russia should not intervene in the internal affairs of neighboring countries	Both (VOL)	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	52	41	3	1	4	100

		Q81. Now thinking about (survey country), do you think that we should increase our spending on national defense, keep it about the same or decrease it?				
		Increase	Keep about the same	Decrease	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	24	56	13	7	100

		Q82a. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. a. crime					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	52	38	8	1	1	100
	Spring, 2014	47	44	8	1	1	100
	Fall, 2009	51	41	6	1	1	100
	Spring, 2007	64	31	4	0	0	100
	Summer, 2002	75	23	2	0	0	100

		Q82b. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. b. a lack of employment opportunities					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	54	33	10	2	1	100
	Spring, 2014	48	32	14	4	2	100
	Spring, 2013	57	30	11	1	1	100

		Q82c. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. c. conflict between ethnic and nationality groups					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	34	32	27	5	2	100

		Q82d. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. d. the gap between the rich and the poor					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	53	31	12	2	1	100
	Spring, 2014	50	30	15	4	1	100
	Spring, 2013	59	29	8	3	1	100

		Q82e. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. e. corrupt political leaders					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	58	31	9	1	2	100
	Spring, 2014	65	27	6	1	2	100
	Fall, 2009	52	33	8	3	5	100
	Spring, 2007	53	29	11	1	5	100
	Summer, 2002	61	27	6	1	6	100

		Q82f. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. f. corrupt business people					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	50	33	11	2	4	100

		Q82g. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. g. terrorism					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	54	27	16	2	1	100
	Fall, 2009	48	36	11	3	2	100
	Spring, 2007	48	36	13	2	1	100
	Summer, 2002	65	27	6	1	0	100

		Q82h. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. h. immigration					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	34	32	28	4	3	100
	Fall, 2009	17	31	30	13	9	100
	Spring, 2007	20	26	32	12	9	100
	Summer, 2002	14	26	32	17	11	100

		Q82i. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. i. rising prices					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	71	22	5	1	1	100
	Spring, 2014	58	34	7	0	0	100
	Spring, 2013	67	27	5	0	1	100

		Q114. Do you think Russia plays a more important role in the world today compared to 10 years ago, a less important role or about as important a role in the world as it did 10 years ago?				
		More important role	Less important role	As important as 10 years ago	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	59	17	21	3	100

		Q115a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Vladimir Putin is handling each of the following areas? a. relations with Ukraine			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	63	29	8	100
	Spring, 2015	83	13	4	100

		Q115b. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Vladimir Putin is handling each of the following areas? b. the economy			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	55	40	5	100
	Spring, 2015	70	23	6	100

		Q115c. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Vladimir Putin is handling each of the following areas? c. civil society			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	57	35	8	100

		Q115d. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Vladimir Putin is handling each of the following areas? d. relations with the European Union			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	67	26	7	100
	Spring, 2015	82	11	7	100

		Q115e. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Vladimir Putin is handling each of the following areas? e. energy policy			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	60	28	13	100
	Spring, 2015	73	14	13	100

		Q115f. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Vladimir Putin is handling each of the following areas? f. relations with the United States			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	73	22	4	100
	Spring, 2015	85	10	5	100

		Q115g. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Vladimir Putin is handling each of the following areas? g. relations with China			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	78	16	6	100
	Spring, 2015	90	4	5	100

		Q115h. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Vladimir Putin is handling each of the following areas? h. corruption			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	49	45	6	100
	Spring, 2015	62	29	8	100

		Q116. In your opinion, how much of an effect have the Western sanctions on Russia had on our economy – major effect, minor effect or no effect at all?				
		Major effect	Minor effect	No effect at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	43	37	15	5	100
	Spring, 2015	45	41	8	5	100

		Q117. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	14	31	16	5	34	100

		Q118. Do you think Russia should increase its military involvement in Syria, keep it about the same as it is now or decrease it?					
		Increase	Keep same	Decrease	DK/Refused	Total	
Russia	Spring, 2017	11	46	34	8	100	

		Q119a. Thinking about Russia's military actions in Syria, do you think ____ should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important or should it not be done? a. limiting civilian casualties					
		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	72	16	7	1	3	100

		Q119b. Thinking about Russia's military actions in Syria, do you think ____ should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important or should it not be done? b. defeating extremist groups					
		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	64	20	9	1	5	100

		Q119c. Thinking about Russia's military actions in Syria, do you think ____ should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important or should it not be done? c. ensuring Syrian President Bashar al-Assad stays in power					
		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2017	25	22	25	12	16	100