



## **EXCLUSIVE POLLING ON LATEST AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD RUSSIA, VLADIMIR PUTIN & PRESIDENT TRUMP: 2018**

(conducted in February 2018 by McLaughlin & Associates for Joel C. Rosenberg,  
author of the new political thriller *The Kremlin Conspiracy*)

1. **Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:** *“In light of Russia’s invasion of Georgia and Ukraine in recent years, Russian forces fighting in Syria to protect the regime of Bashar al-Assad, Russia’s continuing sales of arms and nuclear technology to Iran, and Russian hacking of U.S. computer networks and attempts to interfere in American elections, I have come to believe that Vladimir Putin and the government of Russia pose a clear and present danger to the national security of the United States, our NATO allies in Europe, and our Mideast allies, such as Israel?”*
  - Agree—72.5%
  - Disagree—13.4%
  - Don’t know/not sure—14.0%
  
2. **Which of the following statements comes closest to your personal view about Russian President Vladimir Putin?**
  - a. *Given that Vladimir Putin has ordered the invasion of several neighboring countries in recent years, I worry that Putin could now be planning other military attacks—perhaps the invasion of a small NATO country or a Middle Eastern country—because he thinks the international community is not really willing to stop him.*
  
  - b. *President Putin may have invaded several countries in recent years, but I am not worried that he will invade any more countries.*
  - Worried about more attacks—60.5%
  - Not worried—17.0%
  - Don’t know/not sure—22.5%
  
3. **Which of the following statements is closest to your personal view about President Donald Trump?**
  - a. *President Trump has convinced me that he appreciates the gravity of the growing military and cyber threat posed by Vladimir Putin, and I am confident he is taking every possible measure to protect the United States and our NATO allies from Russian aggression.*

b. *President Trump has not convinced me that he sufficiently appreciates the gravity of the growing military and cyber threat posed by Vladimir Putin; rather, I am troubled by the strange admiration Mr. Trump seems to have for Putin, and I want him to do much more to protect the United States and our NATO allies from Russian aggression.*

- Convinced President Trump understands Russia/doing enough—34.5%
- Not convinced the president understands Russia/must do more—51.9%
- Don't know/not sure—13.6%

### **A CLOSER LOOK AT THE DATA**

**Q: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:** *“In light of Russia’s invasion of Georgia and Ukraine in recent years, Russian forces fighting in Syria to protect the regime of Bashar al-Assad, Russia’s continuing sales of arms and nuclear technology to Iran, and Russian hacking of U.S. computer networks and attempts to interfere in American elections, I have come to believe that Vladimir Putin and the government of Russia pose a clear and present danger to the national security of the United States, our NATO allies in Europe, and our Mideast allies, such as Israel”?*

- **AGREE** **72.5%**
  - Strongly 38.9%
  - Somewhat 33.6%
- **DISAGREE** **13.4%**
  - Somewhat 10.2%
  - Strongly 3.3%
- **DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE** **14.0%**
- **NET DIFFERENCE** **59.1%**
  
- Among those who say they approve of the job President Trump is doing:
  - 71.6% agree that Putin/Russia pose a clear and present danger
    - 30.8% strongly agree
  - 15.2% disagree
  - 13.2% don't know
  
- Among those who say they disapprove of the job President Trump is doing:
  - 74.4% agree that Putin/Russia pose a clear and present danger
    - 46.9% strongly agree
  - 12.0% disagree
  - 13.6% don't know
  
- Liberals vs. Conservatives vs. Moderates:
  - 82.7% of liberals agree that Putin/Russia pose a clear and present danger
  - 67.7% of conservatives agree, including 68.9% of those who describe themselves as “very conservative”

- 71.1% of moderates agree
- Evangelicals/Born-Again Protestants
  - 69.9% agree that Putin/Russia pose a clear and present danger
  - 13.5% disagree
  - 16.6% don't know
- Military Households
  - 76.2% agree that Russia poses a clear and present danger
  - 13.8% disagree
  - 10.0% don't know
- Young vs. Old
  - Under 40 years old—63.0% agree that Putin/Russia pose a clear and present danger
  - Over 40 years old—77.0% agree
  - Over 55 years old—77.9% agree
  - Over 65 years old—78.1% agree

**Q: Which of the following statements comes closest to your personal view about Russian president Vladimir Putin?**

- A. *Given that Vladimir Putin has ordered the invasion of several neighboring countries in recent years, I worry that Putin could now be planning other military attacks—perhaps the invasion of a small NATO country or a Middle Eastern country—because he thinks the international community is not really willing to stop him.*
- B. *President Putin may have invaded several countries in recent years, but I am not worried that he will invade any more countries.*

- **WORRIED ABOUT MORE ATTACKS**      **60.5%**
- **NOT WORRIED**      **17.0%**
- **DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE**      **22.5%**
- **NET DIFFERENCE**      **43.5%**

- Among those who say they approve of the job President Trump is doing:
  - 50.5% say they are worried about more Russian attacks
  - 23.8% say they are not worried
  - 25.7% don't know/not sure
- Among those who say they disapprove of the job President Trump is doing:
  - 70.3% say they are worried about more Russian attacks
  - 11.4% say they are not worried
  - 18.3% don't know/not sure

- Liberals vs. Conservatives vs. Moderates:
  - 70.4% of liberals are worried about more Russian attacks
  - 52.5% of conservatives are worried about more Russian attacks, including 54.0% of those who describe themselves as “very conservative”
  - 62.3% of moderates are worried about more Russian attacks
- Evangelicals/Born-Again Protestants
  - 59.6% say they are worried about more Russian attacks
  - 18.2% say they are not worried
  - 22.2% don’t know/not sure
- Military Households
  - 62.5% say they are worried about more Russian attacks
  - 18.5% say they are not worried
  - 19.0% don’t know/not sure
- Young vs. Old
  - Under 40 years old—57.7% say they are worried about more Russian attacks
  - Over 40 years old—61.9% say they are worried
  - Over 55 years old—63.2% say they are worried
  - Over 65 years old—63.3% say they are worried

**Q: Which of the following statements is closest to your personal view about President Donald Trump?**

A. *President Trump has convinced me that he appreciates the gravity of the growing military and cyber threat posed by Vladimir Putin, and I am confident he is taking every possible measure to protect the United States and our NATO allies from Russian aggression.*

B. *President Trump has not convinced me that he sufficiently appreciates the gravity of the growing military and cyber threat posed by Vladimir Putin; rather, I am troubled by the strange admiration Mr. Trump seems to have for Putin, and I want him to do much more to protect the United States and our NATO allies from Russian aggression.*

- **CONVINCED / DOING ENOUGH—34.5%**
- **NOT CONVINCED / MUST DO MORE—51.9%**
- **DON’T KNOW/NOT SURE—13.6%**
- Among those who say they approve of the job President Trump is doing:
  - 71.3% say they are convinced Trump understands and is doing enough
  - 14.2% say they are not convinced and want Trump to do more
  - 14.5% don’t know/not sure

- Among those who say they disapprove of the job President Trump is doing:
  - 3.1% say they are convinced Trump understands and is doing enough
  - 86.1% say they are not convinced and want Trump to do more
  - 10.7% don't know/not sure
  
- Liberals vs. Conservatives vs. Moderates:
  - 77.5% of liberals are not convinced Trump understands threat
  - 15.0% of liberals are convinced Trump understands the threat
  
  - 26.% of conservatives are not convinced Trump understands threat
  - 56.0% of conservatives are convinced Trump understands the threat
  
  - 61.0% of moderates are not convinced Trump understands threat
  - 25.1% of moderates are convinced Trump understands the threat
  
- Evangelicals/Born-Again Protestants
  - 39.0% say they are not convinced Trump understands threat
  - 46.5% say they are convinced Trump understands the threat
  - 22.2% don't know/not sure
  
- Military Households
  - 44.7% say they are not convinced Trump understands threat
  - 44.5% say they are convinced Trump understands / doing enough
  - 10.9% don't know/not sure
  
- Young vs. Old
  - Under 40—54.3% say they are not convinced Trump understands threat
  - Over 40—50.7% say they are not convinced Trump understands threat
  - Over 55—50.2% say they are not convinced Trump understands threat
  - Over 65—49.2% say they are not convinced Trump understands threat

[Source: Survey of 1,000 likely U.S. voters conducted by McLaughlin & Associates (3.5% +/- margin of error), February 9, 2018, for Joel C. Rosenberg, author of *The Kremlin Conspiracy*, and Tyndale House Publishers. [www.joelrosenberg.com](http://www.joelrosenberg.com) ]

## **PREVIOUS POLL RESULTS**

- **[January 2017 – Exclusive Polling on Latest American Attitudes Toward Russia and Vladimir Putin – 71% of Americans see Russia as “clear and present danger” to U.S. & NATO](#)**
  
- **[March 2014 – Exclusive new poll – 72% of Americans see Putin as “clear and present danger” to U.S. and Israel.](#)**