



Ukraine on the Eve of War

February 2022 Survey Results

Executive Summary

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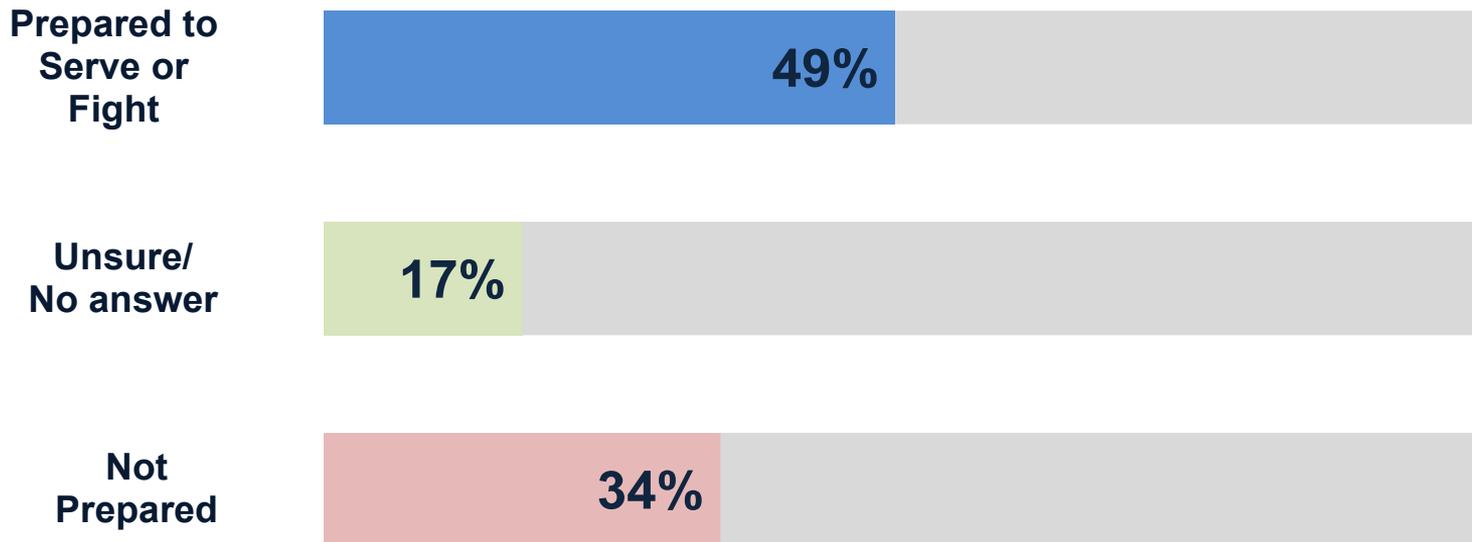
Ukrainians are Ready to Fight, Need Weapons and Security Cooperation, and an Overwhelming Majority support NATO and EU as Strategic Goals

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In a survey commissioned by Yalta European Strategy with 4,000 Ukrainian adults in mid-February 2022, shortly before the new Russian invasion, we found the following critical insights on Ukraine's future.

Readiness to Serve and Fight

As of mid-February, there is extremely high motivation to fight to defend Ukraine. A full one-half of Ukrainians are prepared to volunteer for the armed forces in case of a Russian attack. Only 34% said they would not by themselves volunteer, while 17% are unsure.



Support for Joining NATO

Ukrainians want to join NATO (64%) and their main motivation is to “make Ukraine more secure” and “protect Ukraine from Russia.”

% WHO WANT TO JOIN NATO

Ukrainian
Adults



Reasons For Wanting To Join NATO

I want Ukraine to join NATO because	% Ukrainian Adults' First Answer Choice
It would make Ukraine more secure	49%
It would protect Ukraine from Russia	19%
It would allow for peace instead of war by securing Ukraine	9%
It would benefit Ukraine economically	4%
It would be good for Ukraine's future	4%
It would help reduce corruption in Ukraine	2%
It would show that Ukraine is a modern Western nation	2%
It would reduce Russia's influence over Ukraine	1%
Ukraine and NATO member states share the same values	1%

Security Alternatives

In terms of alternatives to increase Ukraine's security as Ukraine is not (yet) a NATO member, Ukrainians said in mid-February:

- It is most important to strengthen the Ukrainian military to fight for our own territory (82%)
- A full two-thirds were ready to consider alternative security formats (66%)
 - The most effective alternatives were seen as potential security guarantees from the US and the EU or EU member states (60%)

Readiness to Consider Security Alternatives

A full two-thirds of Ukrainian adults are ready to consider alternatives for security guarantees given that Ukraine is not yet a member of NATO.

% READY TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES FOR SECURITY GUARANTEES WHILE UKRAINE IS NOT YET A MEMBER OF NATO

Ukrainian
Adults



66%

Most Preferred Security Alternatives

When ranking their top three choices, the most preferred security alternative to NATO membership overall are:

- Strengthening the Ukrainian military to fight for our own territory (82%)
- A security guarantee with the United States (48%)
- A security guarantee from EU countries (40%)

Most Preferred Security Alternatives

Security Alternative to NATO Membership	% Ukrainian Adults
Strengthen the Ukrainian military to fight for our own territory	82%
A security guarantee with the United States	48%
A security guarantee from EU countries	40%
Membership in the EU	36%
A security guarantee but not membership with NATO	25%
A peace treaty with Russia to give up claims to Crimea, Donetsk, and Luhansk	24%
A security guarantee with Russia	23%
A security guarantee from the CSTO	14%
Membership in the CSTO	8%

Most Preferred Security Partners

Security Partner	% Ukrainian Adults
The United States and the European Union or some individual European countries	60%
NATO alone	48%
The United States and the United Kingdom	43%
The United Nations alone	27%
The European Union alone	26%
The European Union and Russia	19%
The United States and Russia	17%
The United States alone	17%
The United Nations and Russia	17%
NATO and Russia	15%
Russia alone	11%

Support for Joining the EU

Support for EU membership is even greater than support for NATO membership, with 75% of Ukrainian adults.

% WHO WANT TO JOIN THE EU

Ukrainian
Adults

