



EXCLUSIVE POLLING ON LATEST AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD RUSSIA AND VLADIMIR PUTIN

(conducted by McLaughlin & Associates for Joel C. Rosenberg,
author of the forthcoming political thriller, *Without Warning*)

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: **“In light of Russia’s invasion and seizure of Crimea in southern Ukraine, Russia’s invasion of the country of Georgia, Russia fighting alongside Iran to defend dictator Bashar Assad in Syria, Russia’s continuing sales of arms and nuclear technology to Iran, and reports of Russian hacking of American computer networks, 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”?**

Overall Results:

- **AGREE 71.1%**
 - Strongly 38.3%
 - Somewhat 32.8%
- **DISAGREE 13.9%**
 - Somewhat 10.1%
 - Strongly 3.8%
- **DON’T KNOW 15.0%**

Other Results Worth Noting:

- Donald Trump voters:
 - 67.0% agree that Russia poses a clear and present danger
 - 29.1% strongly agree
 - 19.8% disagree
 - 13.2% don’t know
- Hillary Clinton voters:
 - 80.9% agree that Russia poses a clear and present danger
 - 52.3% strongly agree
 - 7.5% disagree
 - 11.5% don’t know
- Liberals Vs. Conservatives Vs. Moderates:
 - 83.2% of liberals agree that Russia poses a clear and present danger
 - 66% of conservatives agree, but only 59.1% of those who describe themselves as “very conservative”
 - 67.5% of moderates agree

- Evangelicals/Born-Again Protestants
 - 70.7% agree that Russia poses a clear and present danger
 - 14.1% disagree
 - 15.2% don't know
- Military Households
 - 74.7% agree that Russia poses a clear and present danger
 - 14.6% disagree
 - 10.7% don't know
- Young Vs. Old
 - 18-29 years old – 65.5% agree that Russia poses a clear and present danger
 - 30-40 years old – 69.9% agree
 - 41-55 years old – 71.1% agree
 - 56-65 years old – 72.8% agree
 - Over 65 years old – 76.9% agree

2. Which of the following statements is closest to your personal views about Russian President Vladimir Putin?

- Mr. Putin worries me. Like Russian czars of the past, he wants to regain the glory of “Mother Russia” by expanding the territory and influence of Russia in Europe and the Middle East, including by military force. Unlike the czars of the past, he possesses a nuclear arsenal. If Mr. Putin is not contained by a new and very firm American and NATO policy of “peace through strength,” I am worried he will continue to bully, blackmail, and invade more countries and pose a far greater danger to America and our allies.
- Mr. Putin doesn't worry me. All the talk of him being a “serious threat” to the U.S., NATO, or our allies in the Mideast like Israel is overblown. Yes, he has sent Russia's military into Ukraine, Georgia, and Syria, but I am *not* worried he is going to bully or invade other countries, and I do *NOT* believe Mr. Putin poses a real danger to U.S. economic or security interests.
- I am not sure what to make of Mr. Putin at this point.

Overall Results:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| • Putin worries me | 59.5% |
| • Putin doesn't worry me | 17.4% |
| • Not sure at this point | 23.1% |

Other Results Worth Noting:

- Donald Trump voters:
 - 45.3% say Putin worries them
 - 27.7% say Putin doesn't worry them
 - 27.0% are not sure at this point

- Hillary Clinton voters:
 - 76.7% say Putin worries them
 - 8.6% say Putin doesn't worry them
 - 27.0% are not sure at this point

- Liberals Vs. Conservatives Vs. Moderates:
 - 73.0% of liberals say Putin worries them
 - 50.0% of conservatives say Putin worries them
 - 58.9% of moderates say Putin worries them

- Evangelicals/Born-Again Protestants
 - 56.0% say Putin worries them
 - 21.6% say Putin doesn't worry them
 - 22.4% are not sure at this point

- Military Households
 - 58.9% say Putin worries them
 - 18.0% say Putin doesn't worry them
 - 23.0% are not sure at this point

- Young Vs. Old
 - 56.2% of people 18-29 say Putin worries them
 - 50.7% of people 30-40 say Putin worries them
 - 59.0% of people 41-55 say Putin worries them
 - 66.9% of people 56-65 say Putin worries them
 - 65.3% of people 65+ say Putin worries them

[Source: Survey of 1,000 likely U.S. voters conducted by McLaughlin & Associates (3.5% +/- margin of error), January 16, 2017, for Joel C. Rosenberg, author of *Without Warning*. www.joelrosenberg.com]