

OPINION MONITORING: NOVEMBER—DECEMBER 2021

VCIOM-Sputnik daily survey results. The survey method is a stratified dual-frame sample consisting of telephone interviews. The sample is based on a complete list of landline and mobile phone numbers operating in Russia and involves 1,600 persons aged 18 and older. The data were weighted for the probability of selection and reflect social and demographic characteristics. The margin of error at a 95% confidence level does not exceed 2.5%. In addition to sampling error, minor changes in question wording and different circumstances arising during fieldwork can introduce bias into the survey.

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December 10, 2021

The majority of Russians (52%) perceive the Ukrainian people as fraternal (57-62% among citizens of the older generation), 31% described their attitude as neutral (42-62% among young people). Only 11% of respondents believe that Ukrainians are the people who are hostile to Russians. Every fifth of our compatriots (21%) closely follows the events currently underway in Ukraine (23-42% among the older generation), 43% follow them from time to time, and 36% do not follow them at all (51-69% among youth).

Fig. 1. How would you characterize your attitude towards the Ukrainian people at present? (closed-ended question, one answer, in % of all respondents)

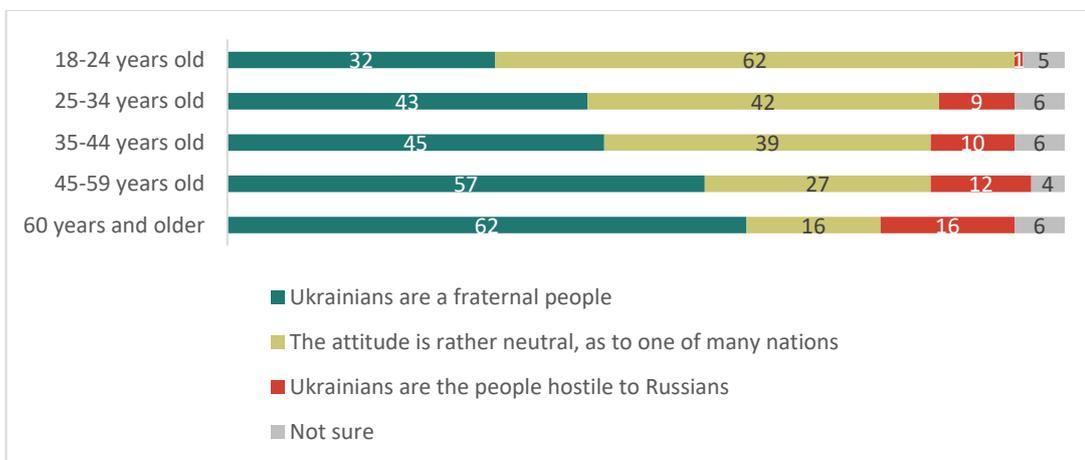
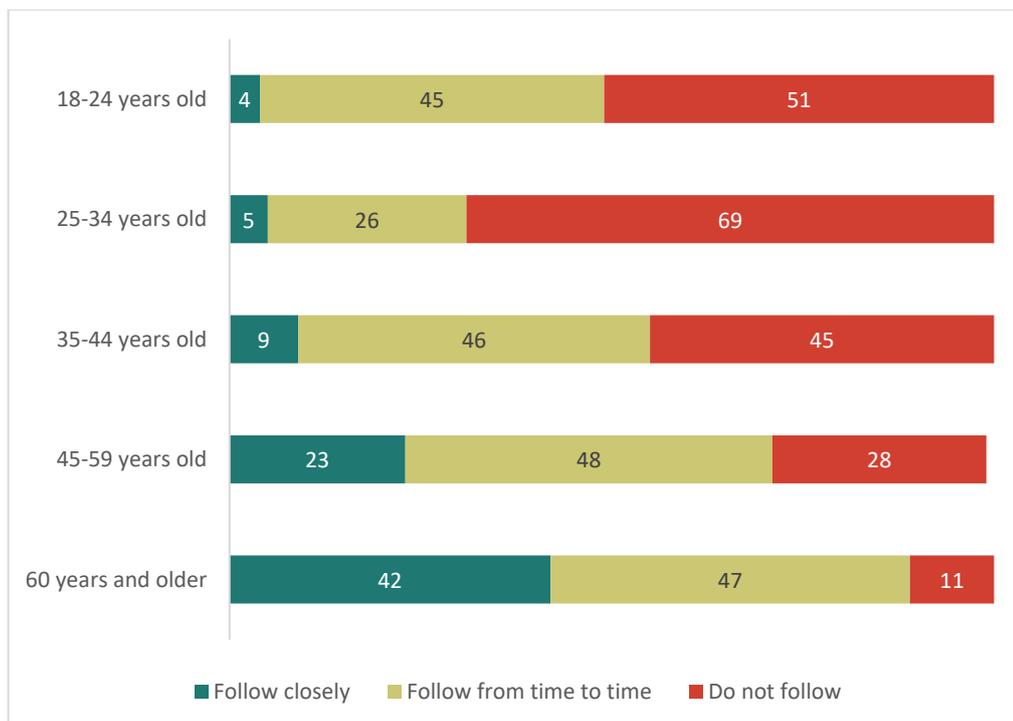


Fig. 2. Do you personally follow or do not follow the political events currently underway in Ukraine? (closed-ended question, one answer, in % of all respondents)



SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: FEARS, VACCINATION COVERAGE, QR CODES

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December 12, 2021

More than half of Russians (61%) fear that they or their close family may get sick with coronavirus, 14% are sure that this will not happen to them or their family. More than half of our fellow citizens (54%) have a positive attitude towards the mass vaccination of Russians against coronavirus, about a third (30%) have a negative attitude towards it, and 12% are indifferent. Among the surveyed respondents, 42% declare that they have already been vaccinated, 27% would be vaccinated, and 29% would not be vaccinated. Half of our compatriots (51%) said that they had already received a QR code, 48% — that they had not received it. Of those who have already received a QR code, only 5% faced difficulties, and 46% did not, 49% found it difficult to answer this question.

Fig. 1. Are you afraid that you or your close family may get sick with coronavirus? (in % of respondents)

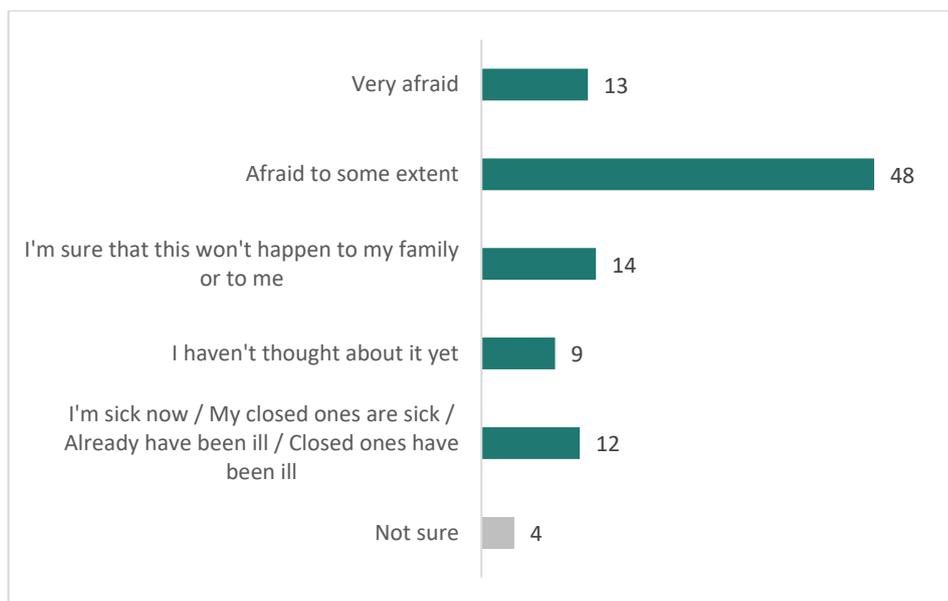
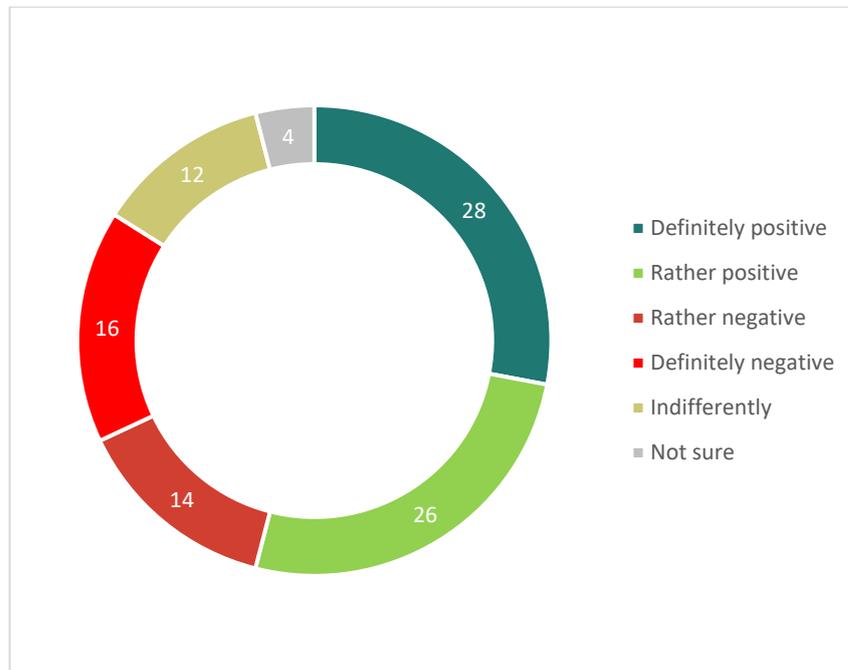


Fig. 2. Tell me, please, how do you feel about the mass vaccination of Russians against coronavirus? (in % of respondents)



LIFESTYLE

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Russians are often confident in their sense of humor: 40% believe that they have it to a large extent (46-53% among young people), 45% believe that they have it to some extent, 9% — only to a small extent. Only 4% of the respondents admitted that they are essentially humorless. Our compatriots commented on whether or not one can joke about some topics. The respondents believe that the most appropriate for jokes are such topics as relations with the authorities (69%), family relations, and economic and social problems of Russia (63% each). According to Russians, one should not joke about the health conditions of other people (91%), about the church (80%), national characteristics and traditions of different peoples, as well as about the history of Russia, the USSR, and the Russian Empire (69% each). Three-quarters of Russians (77%) have a rather negative attitude towards black humor, that is, mockery of death, violence, disease, and other “dark” topics (83% among women, 83-87% among citizens of the older generation). Only 5% perceive black humor positively, and 16% are neutral or indifferent (26-39% among young people).

Fig. 1. What do you think, what or who can be joked about, and what or who should not be joked about under any circumstances? (closed-ended question, one answer for each line, in % of all respondents)

