

U.S. Poll Finds More Americans Support Arming Ukraine Government

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A member of the Ukrainian armed forces keeps his weapon at the ready as he looks out of a helicopter while flying above Kharkiv region.

U.S. public support for arming Ukraine has grown from 30 percent to 41 percent over the past 10 months, though the majority of Americans still oppose sending lethal military aid to Kiev, a poll has shown.

Fifty-three percent of Americans oppose supplying the Ukrainian government with weapons to battle pro-Russian separatists in the east of the country, poll results released Monday by the Pew Research Center indicate. This figure stood at 62 percent in April, the pollster said.

Meanwhile, Americans' support for tougher sanctions against Moscow has grown from 53 percent in April to 60 percent in February, according to Pew Research Center polls.

The latest poll was conducted on Feb. 18-22 among 1,504 adults living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. It gave a margin of sampling error of 2.9 percentage points.

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