

Russians' Positive View Toward U.S. Doubles – Poll

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Nearly half of Russians now hold a positive view of the U.S. **Yevgeny Razumny / Vedomosti / TASS**

The share of Russians who view the United States positively has more than doubled in the past year and a half, according to an independent Levada Center polling agency survey [published](#) Tuesday.

Only 20% of Russians [polled](#) by Levada in May 2018 said they viewed the U.S. favorably. That year, they named the U.S. as Russia's [biggest adversary](#) as relations dipped to historic lows amid claims of a Kremlin-backed campaign to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

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In Levada's most recent survey, 47% of Russian respondents said they had a favorable opinion of the U.S.

The share of Russians who saw the U.S. in a negative light subsequently dropped from 69% in

May 2018 to 41% in November 2019, Levada said.

Russians' favorable view of the European Union has also nearly doubled in that period, the polling agency said.

The share of Russian respondents with a favorable opinion of the EU increased from 28% in May 2018 to 52% in November 2019, Levada said. The share of Russians who saw the EU in a negative light dropped from 55% to 34%.

Meanwhile, 64% of Americans viewed Russia negatively compared to 21% who viewed it positively, according to Pew Research Center figures [published](#) last year. It found that a median of 54% of respondents across 25 countries viewed Russia unfavorably compared to 34% who viewed Russia favorably.

Levada conducted the survey among 1,616 respondents in 50 Russian regions between Nov. 21 and Nov. 27.

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