



Snap Poll May 2014: Ukraine, Trade, Aid, and Middle East

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Methodology: We contacted all International Relations scholars in the U.S. We define IR scholars as individuals who are employed at a four year college or university in a political science department or professional school and who teach or conduct research on issues that cross international borders.

The poll was open May 18-20, 2014. Of the 2882 scholars across the U.S. that we contacted, 950 responded. The resulting response rate is approximately 33 percent, and the margin of error for the poll is +/-2.6 percent. The respondent pool is statistically indistinguishable from the survey population along academic rank, rank of university, and type of university. However, males were overrepresented in the respondent pool by 3.6 percent ($p=0.0273$). We therefore weighted appropriately.

Introduction

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We are pleased to share results from the May 2014 Teaching, Research, and International Policy (TRIP) Snap Poll. With the support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, we field Snap Polls several times a year. Our polls provide real-time data in the wake of significant policy proposals, during international crises, and on emerging foreign policy debates. In this poll, we asked scholars about the on-going crisis in Ukraine, the 20th anniversary of NAFTA, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and current debates about U.S. foreign aid to Egypt. A related essay identifying some interesting patterns and raising new question is published on ForeignPolicy.com.

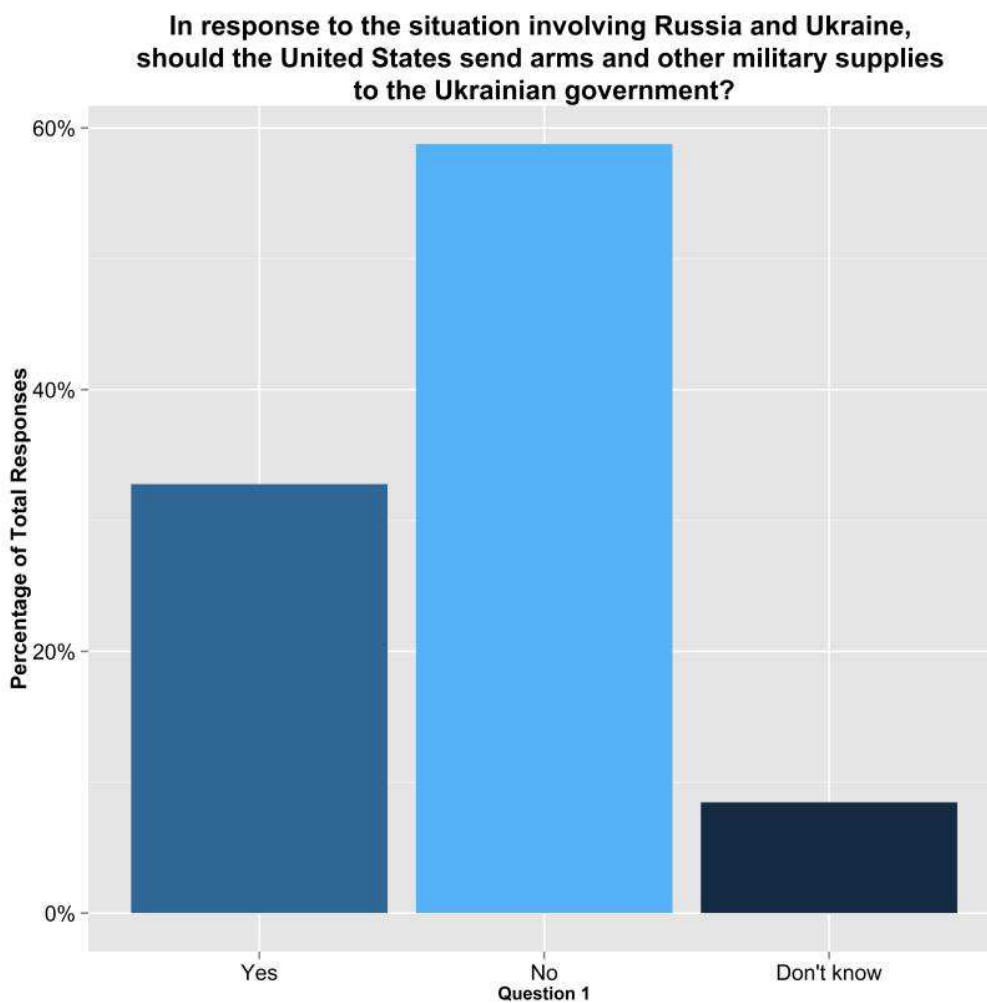
How TRIP Snap Polls work

TRIP Snap Polls survey all IR scholars in the United States. To be included in our sample, individuals must be employed at a U.S. college or university in a political science department or professional school and teach or conduct research on issues that cross international borders. To date we have identified 2,882 individuals who fit these criteria. The Snap Poll was open for 51 hours from 3:00pm Sunday, May 18 to 6:00pm Tuesday, May 20. In this survey, 950 scholars responded to at least one of our fifteen questions, a response rate of approximately 33 percent. The number of responses to each question is listed below. We compared the demographic makeup of our respondent pool against the total population of IR scholars in the United States, which is provided at the end of this report. Although the groups were statistically indistinguishable along academic rank, rank of university, and type of university, males were overrepresented in the respondents pool by 3.6 percent ($p=0.0273$). To correct for this overrepresentation, we weighted the results. While the weighting is meant to better reflect the true opinions of the population, the weighted results are not substantively different from the unweighted percentages.

Survey Results

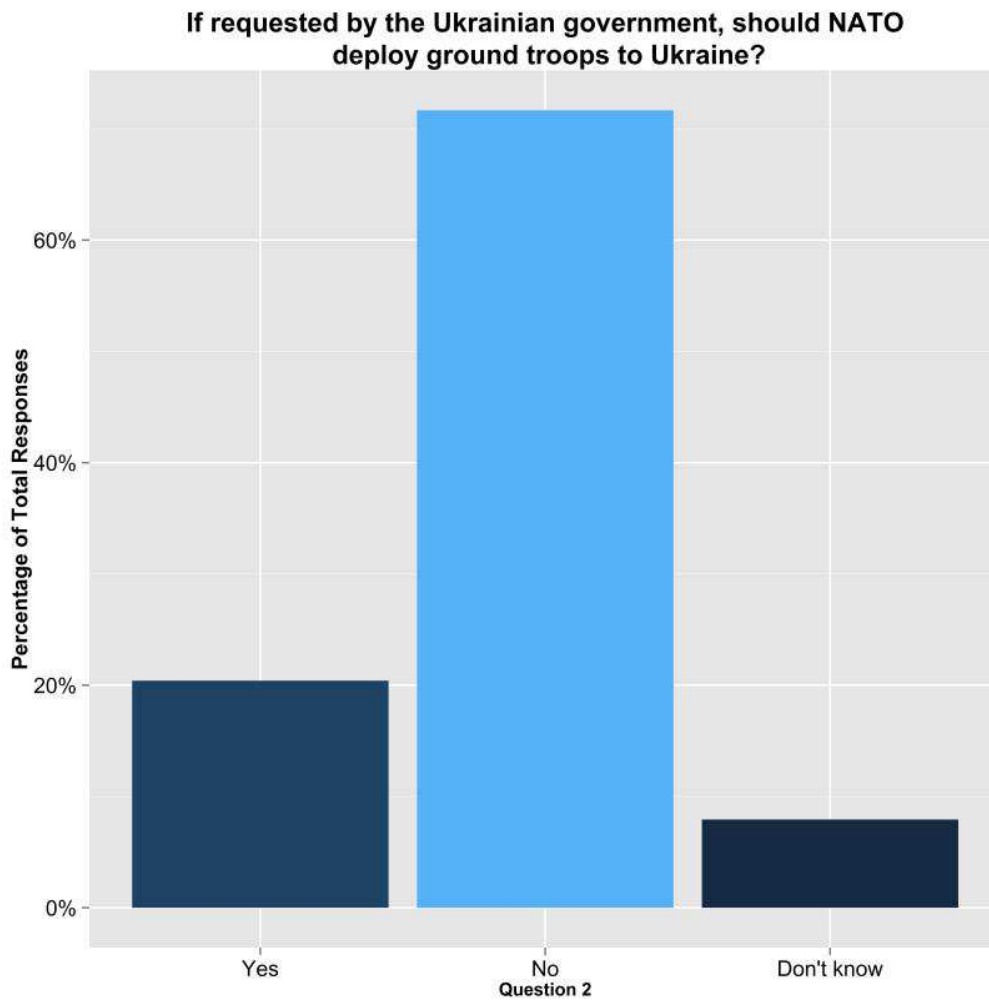
Question 1: In response to the situation involving Russia and Ukraine, should the United States send arms and other military supplies to the Ukrainian government?

	Percent	Count
Yes	32.78	317
No	58.76	550
Don't know	8.46	78
<i>N</i>	945	945



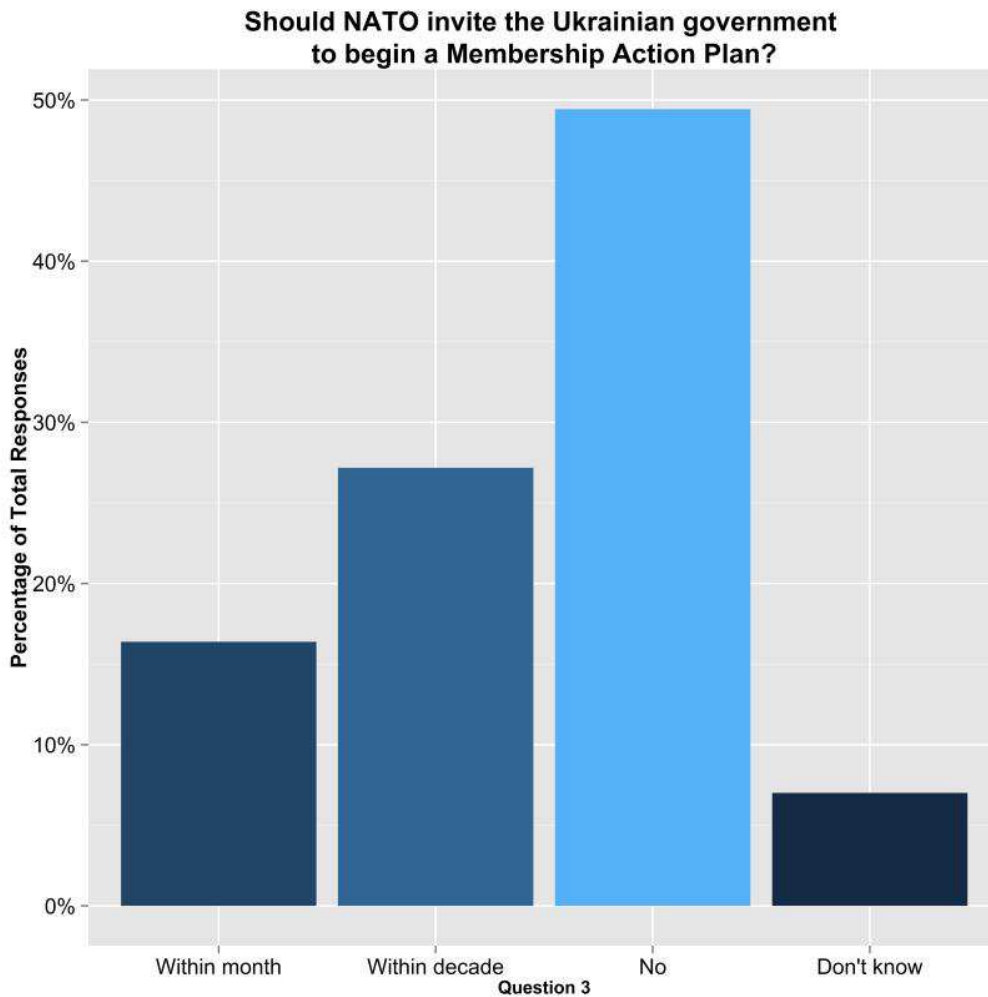
Question 2: If requested by the Ukrainian government, should NATO deploy ground troops to Ukraine?

	Percent	Count
Yes	20.41	189
No	71.67	684
Don't know	7.92	73
<i>N</i>	946	946



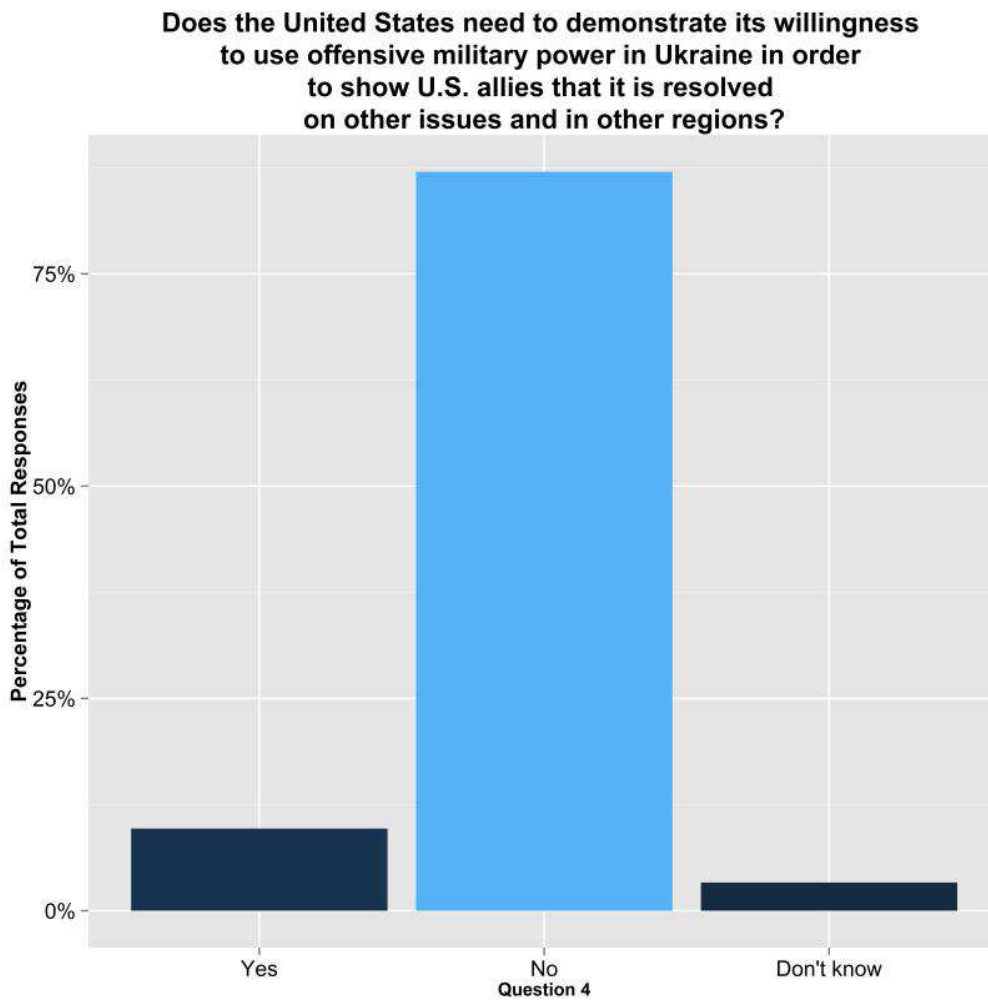
Question 3: Should NATO invite the Ukrainian government to begin a Membership Action Plan? (A Membership Action Plan is a necessary step before NATO membership, but it does not include a mutual defense guarantee.)

	Percent	Count
Yes, within the next month	16.38	153
Yes, within the next decade	27.17	258
No	49.43	472
Don't know	7.01	64
<i>N</i>	947	947



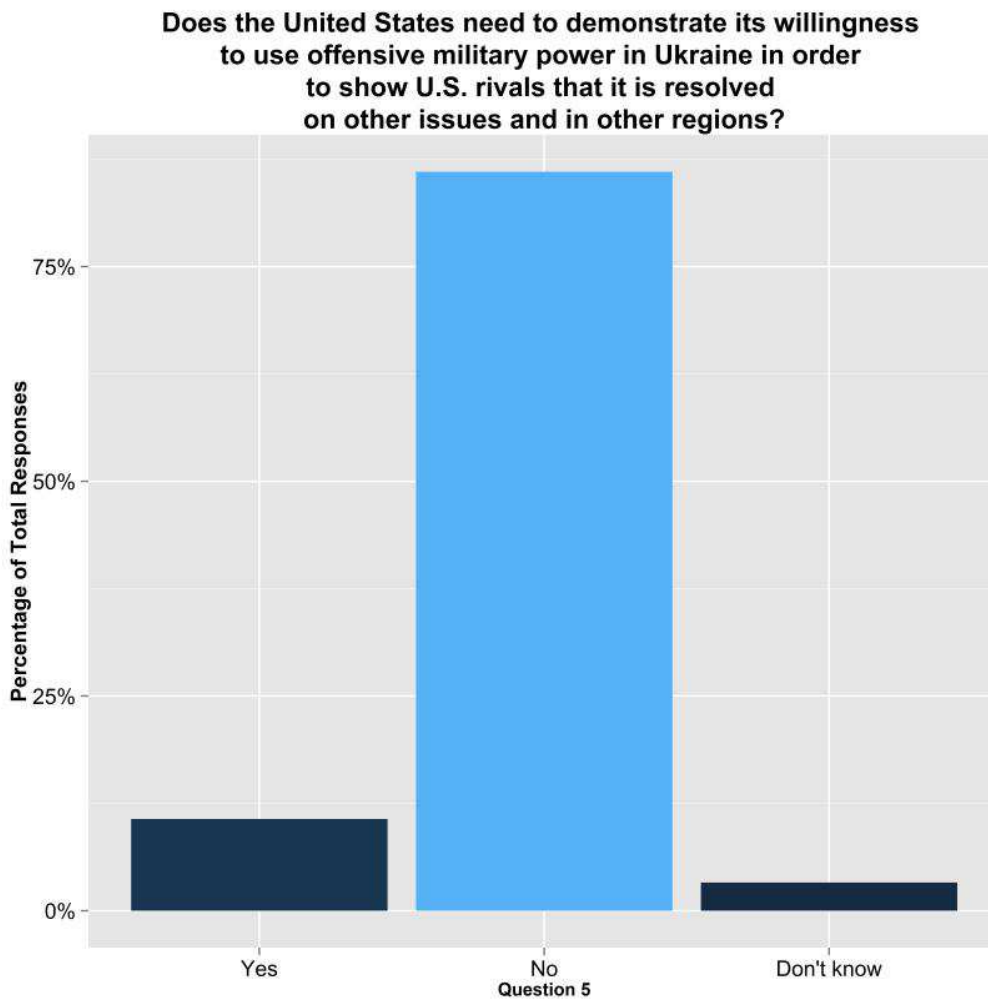
Question 4: Does the United States need to demonstrate its willingness to use offensive military power in Ukraine in order to show U.S. allies that it is resolved on other issues and in other regions?

	Percent	Count
Yes	9.67	92
No	87.01	819
Don't know	3.31	30
<i>N</i>	941	941



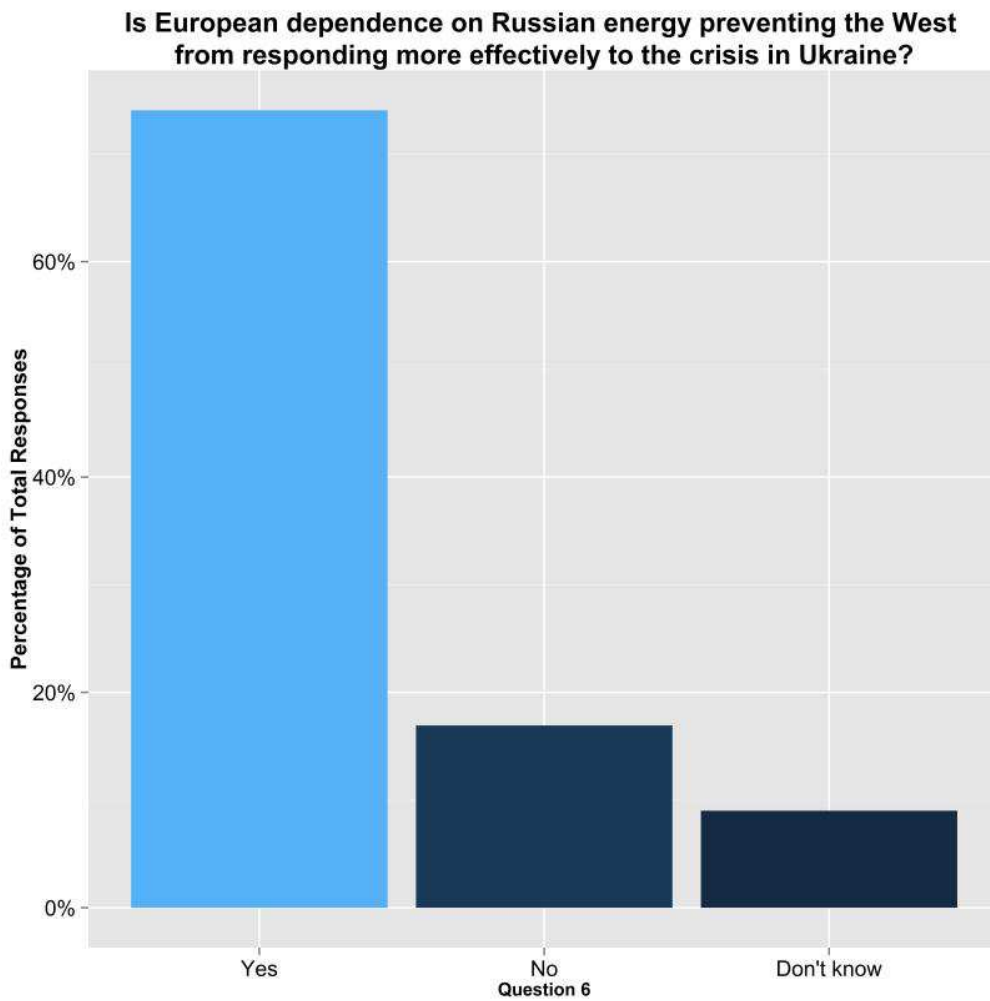
Question 5: Does the United States need to demonstrate its willingness to use offensive military power in Ukraine in order to show U.S. rivals that it is resolved on other issues and in other regions?

	Percent	Count
Yes	10.68	101
No	86.04	813
Don't know	3.28	30
<i>N</i>	944	944



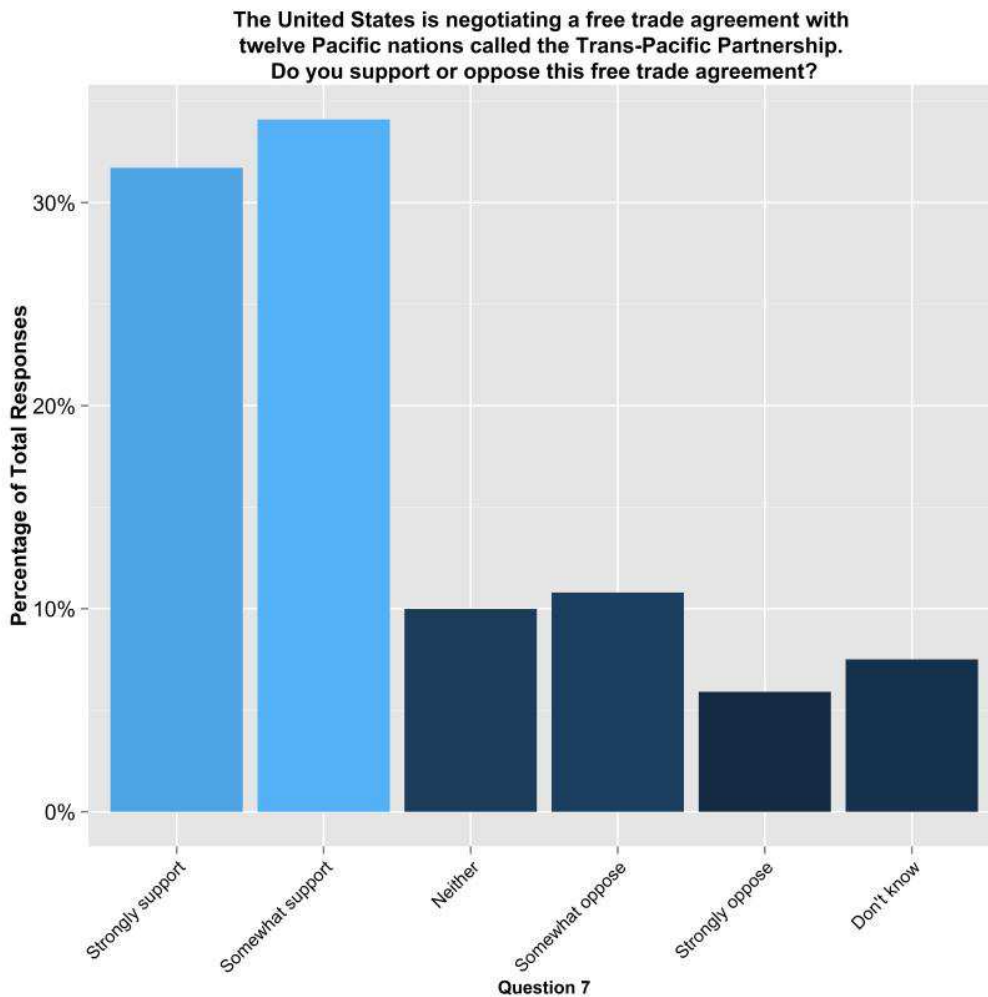
Question 6: Is European dependence on Russian energy preventing the West from responding more effectively to the crisis in Ukraine?

	Percent	Count
Yes	74.06	701
No	16.93	158
Don't know	9.01	83
N	942	942



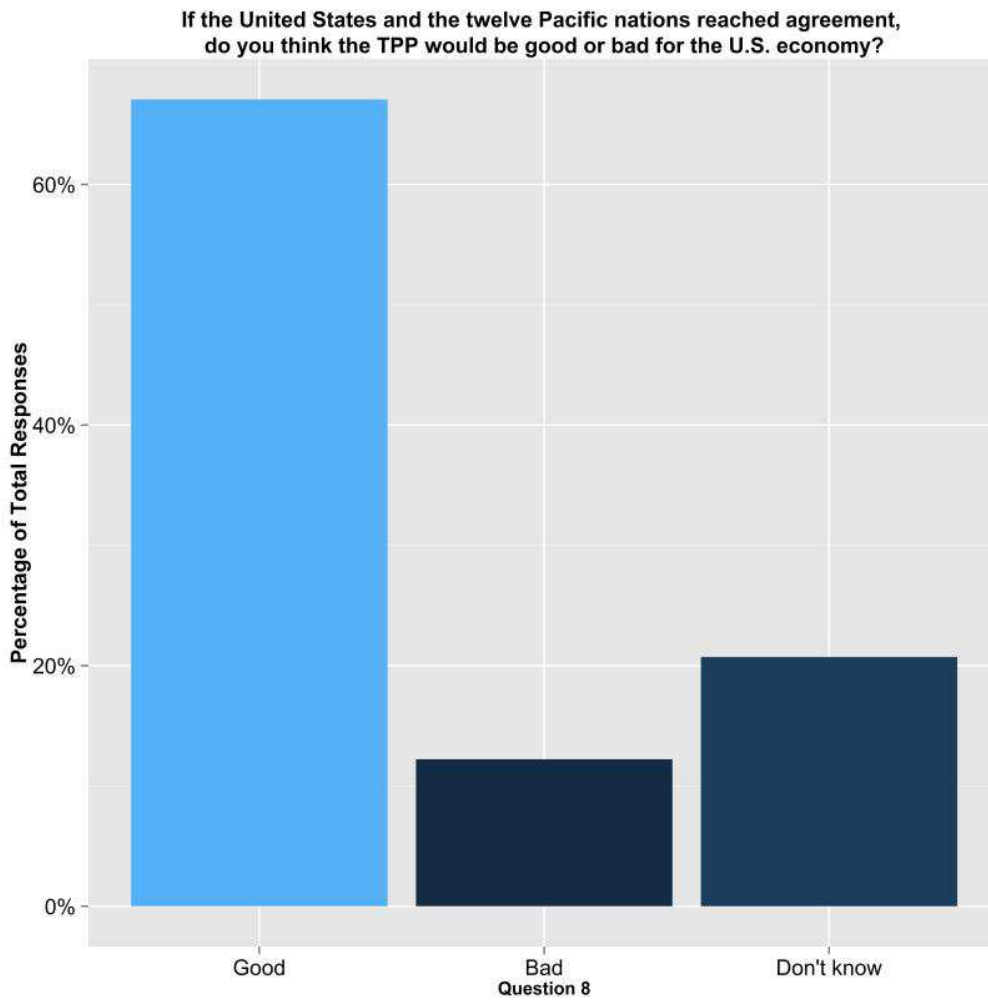
Question 7: The United States is negotiating a free trade agreement with twelve Pacific nations called the Trans-Pacific Partnership (or TPP). Do you support or oppose this free trade agreement?

	Percent	Count
I strongly support it	31.71	304
I somewhat support it	34.10	323
I neither support nor oppose it	9.99	93
I somewhat oppose it	10.79	101
I strongly oppose it	5.90	55
Don't Know	7.51	69
<i>N</i>	945	945



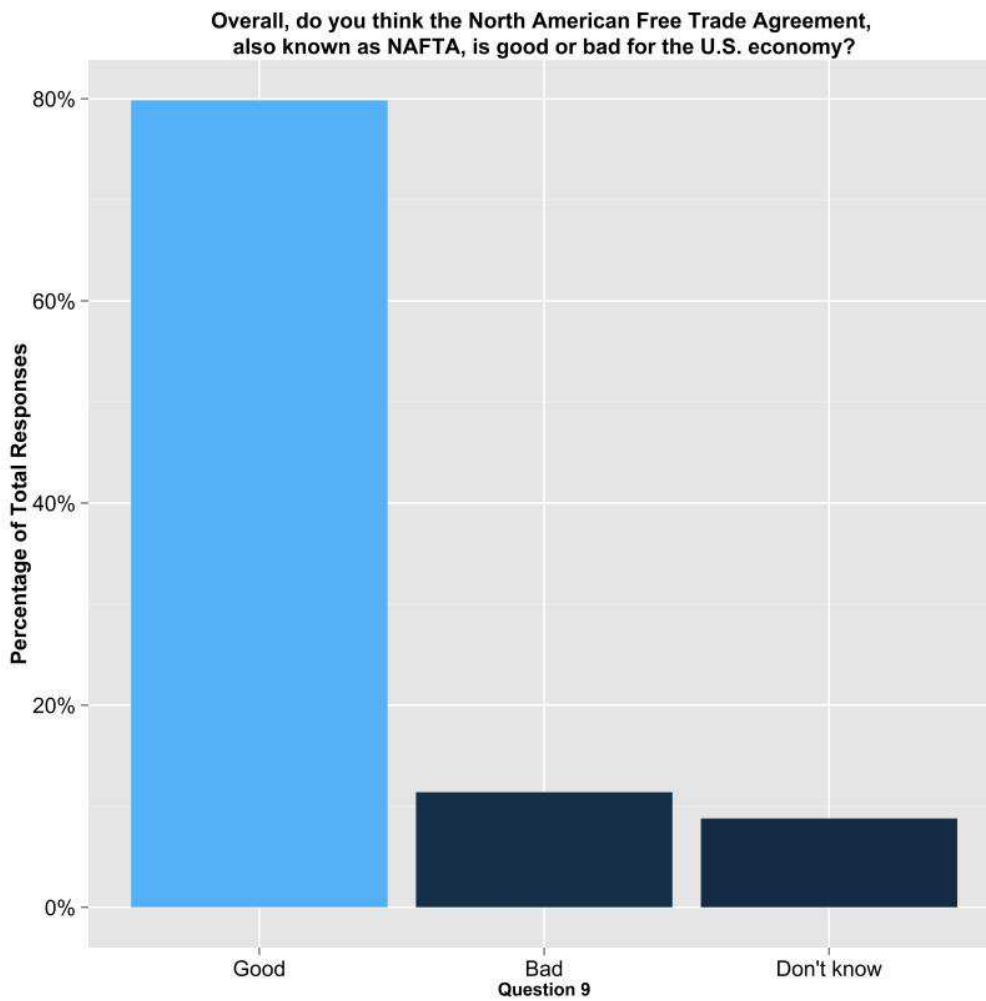
Question 8: If the United States and the twelve Pacific nations reached agreement, do you think the TPP would be good or bad for the U.S. economy?

	Percent	Count
Good	67.06	635
Bad	12.22	115
Don't know	20.72	191
<i>N</i>	941	941



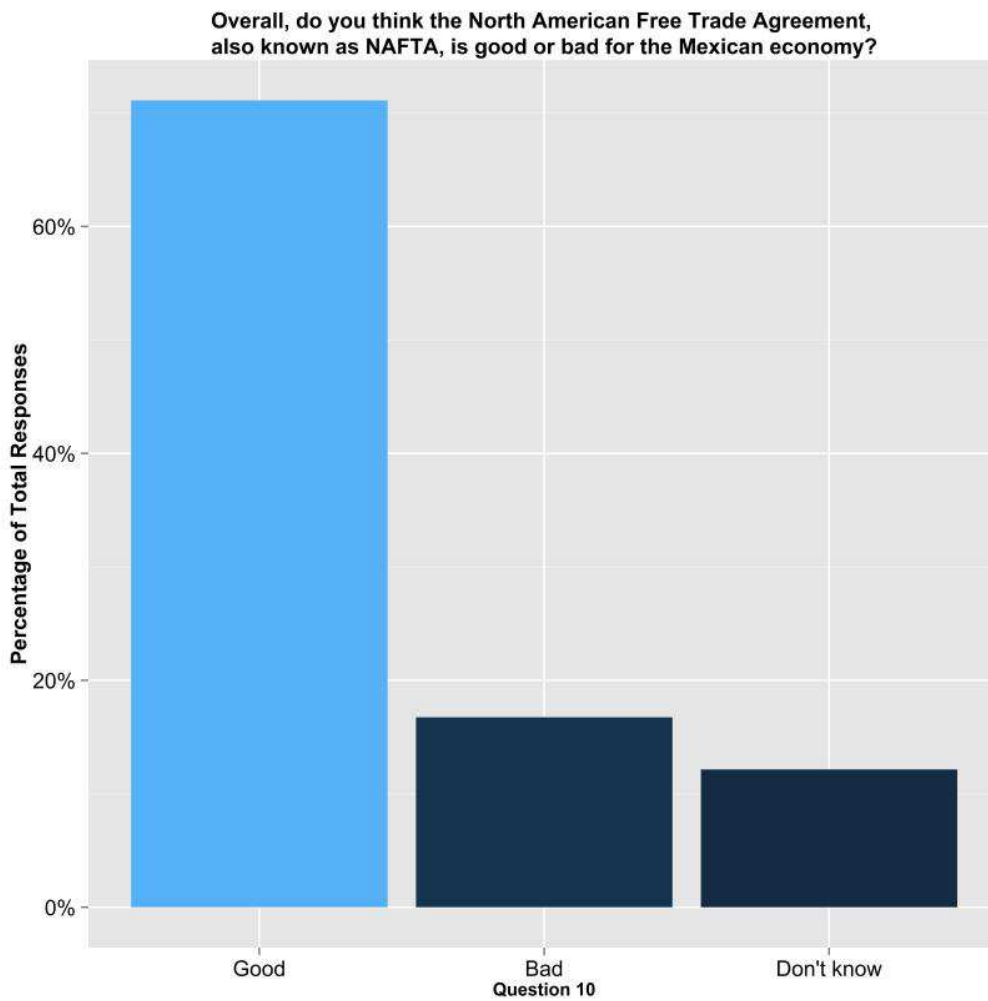
Question 9: Overall, do you think the North American Free Trade Agreement, also known as NAFTA, is good or bad for the U.S. economy?

	Percent	Count
Good	79.83	748
Bad	11.38	106
Don't know	8.79	81
<i>N</i>	935	935



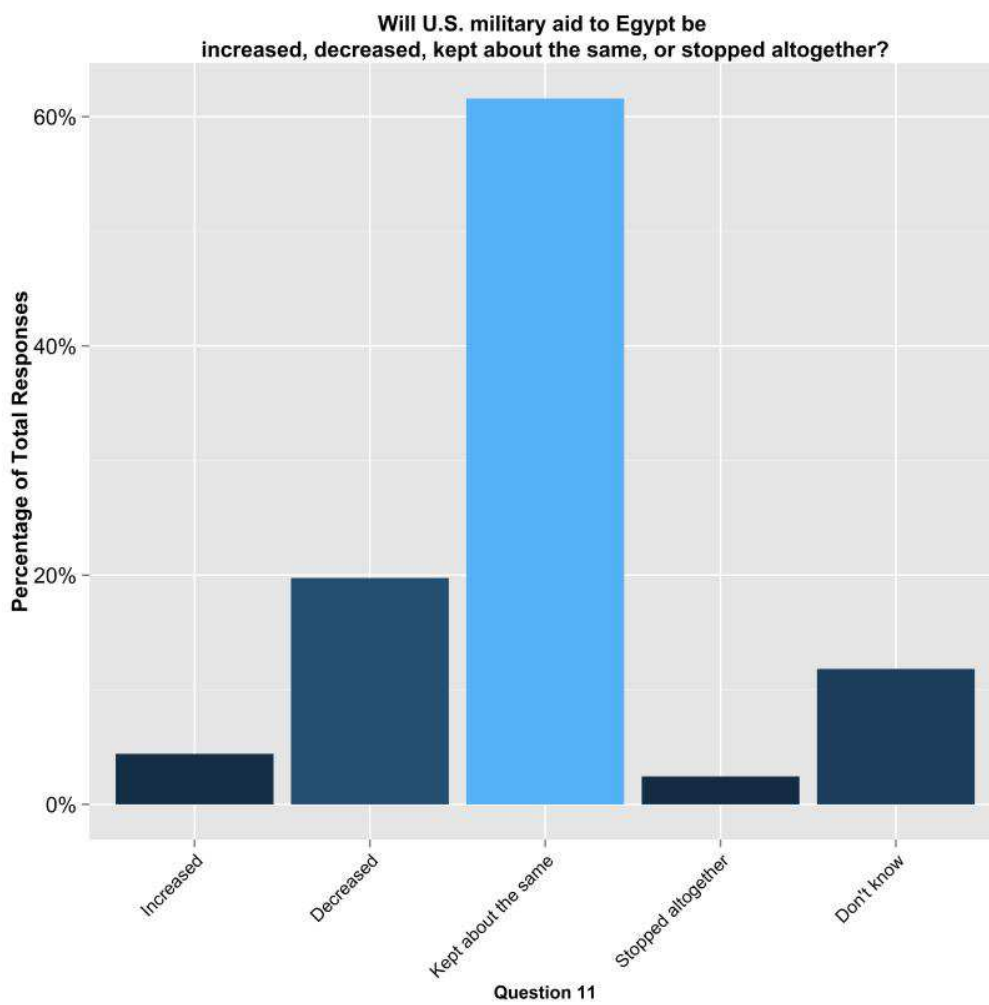
Question 10: Overall, do you think the North American Free Trade Agreement, also known as NAFTA, is good or bad for the Mexican economy?

	Percent	Count
Good	71.10	673
Bad	16.75	153
Don't know	12.15	113
<i>N</i>	939	939



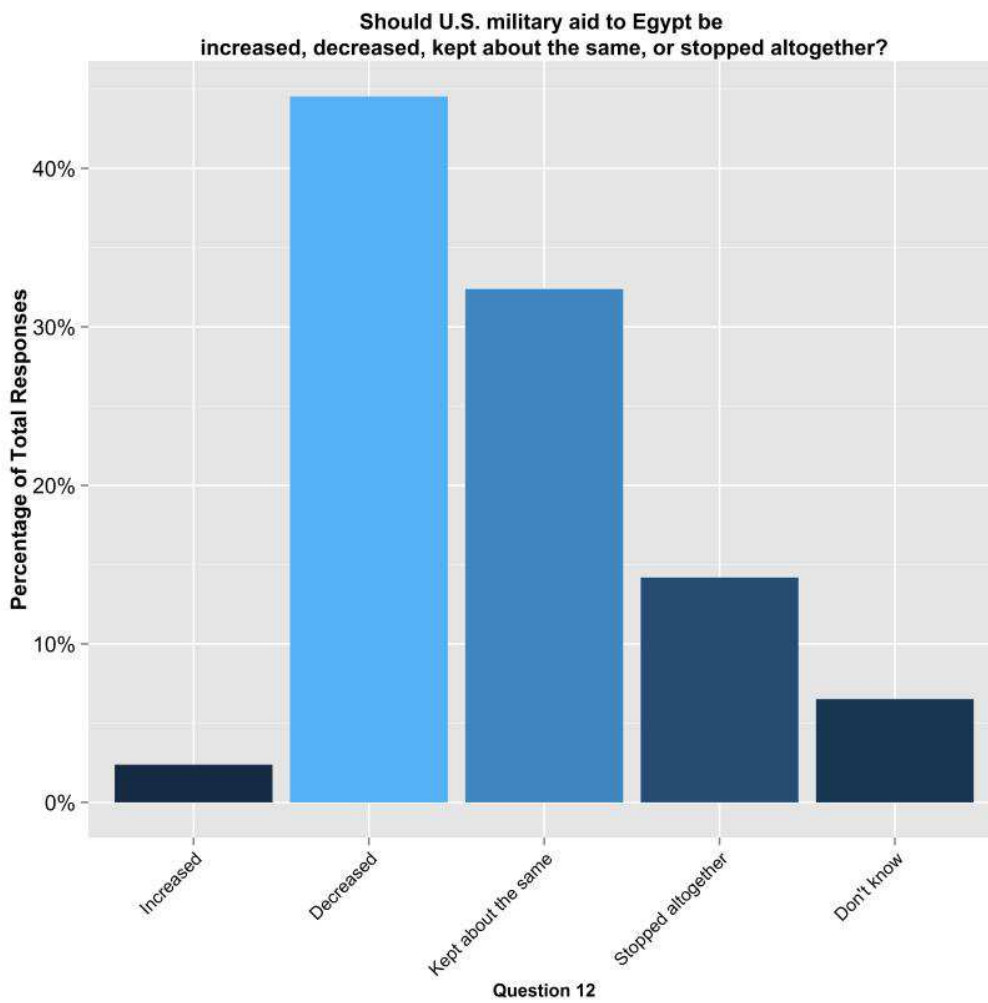
Question 11: Will U.S. military aid to Egypt be increased, decreased, kept about the same, or stopped altogether?

	Percent	Count
Increased	4.41	41
Kept about the same	61.59	579
Decreased	19.75	188
Stopped altogether	2.43	23
Don't know	11.82	110
<i>N</i>	941	941



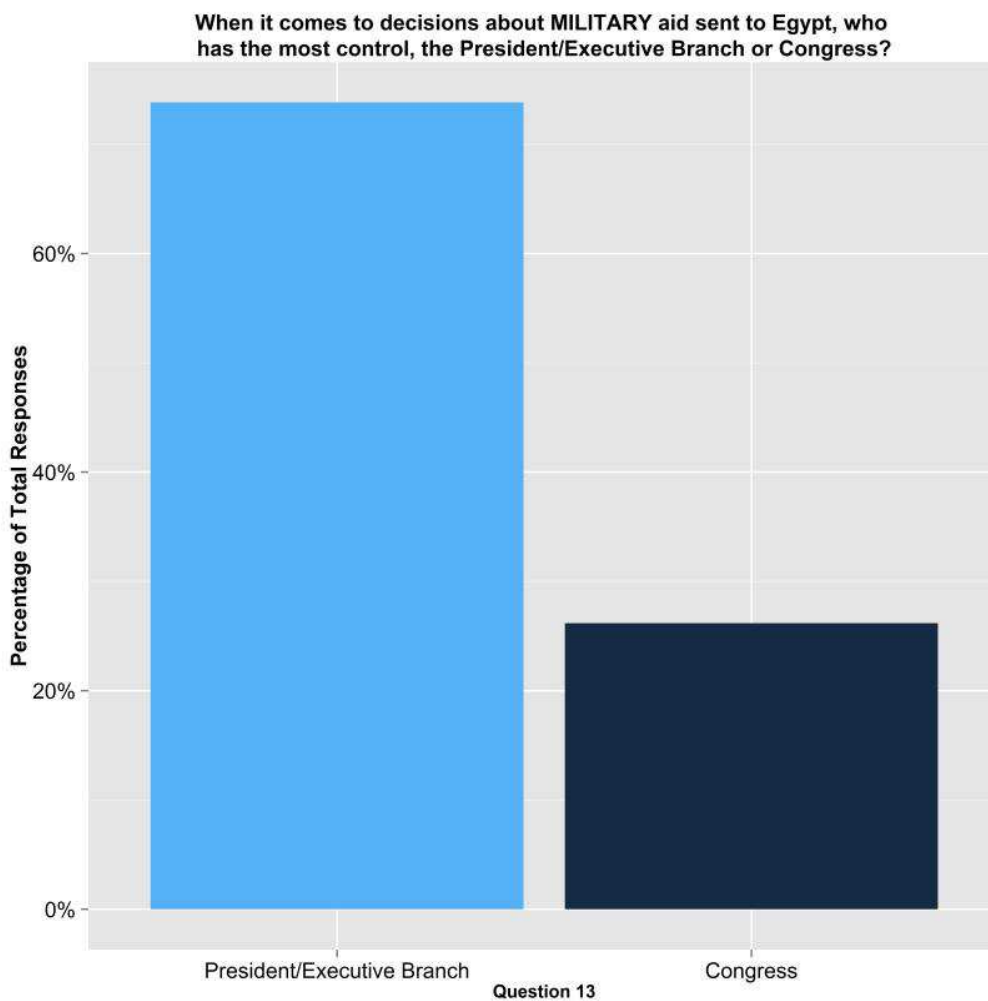
Question 12: Should U.S. military aid to Egypt be increased, decreased, kept about the same, or stopped altogether?

	Percent	Count
Increased	2.38	23
Kept about the same	32.39	309
Decreased	44.54	419
Stopped altogether	14.18	134
Don't know	6.51	60
<i>N</i>	945	945



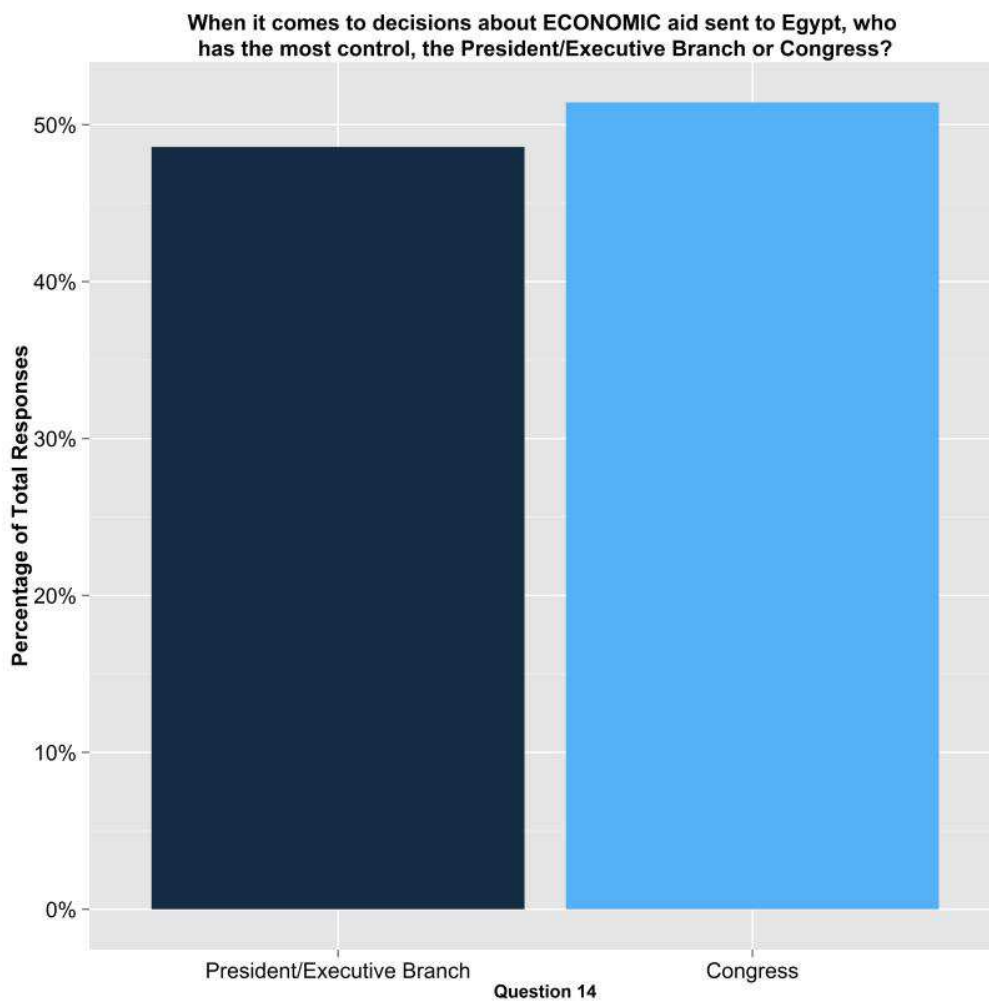
Question 13: When it comes to decisions about MILITARY aid sent to Egypt, who has the most control, the President/Executive Branch or Congress? [Response option order randomized.]

	Percent	Count
Congress	26.18	239
President/ Executive Branch	73.82	688
<i>N</i>	927	927



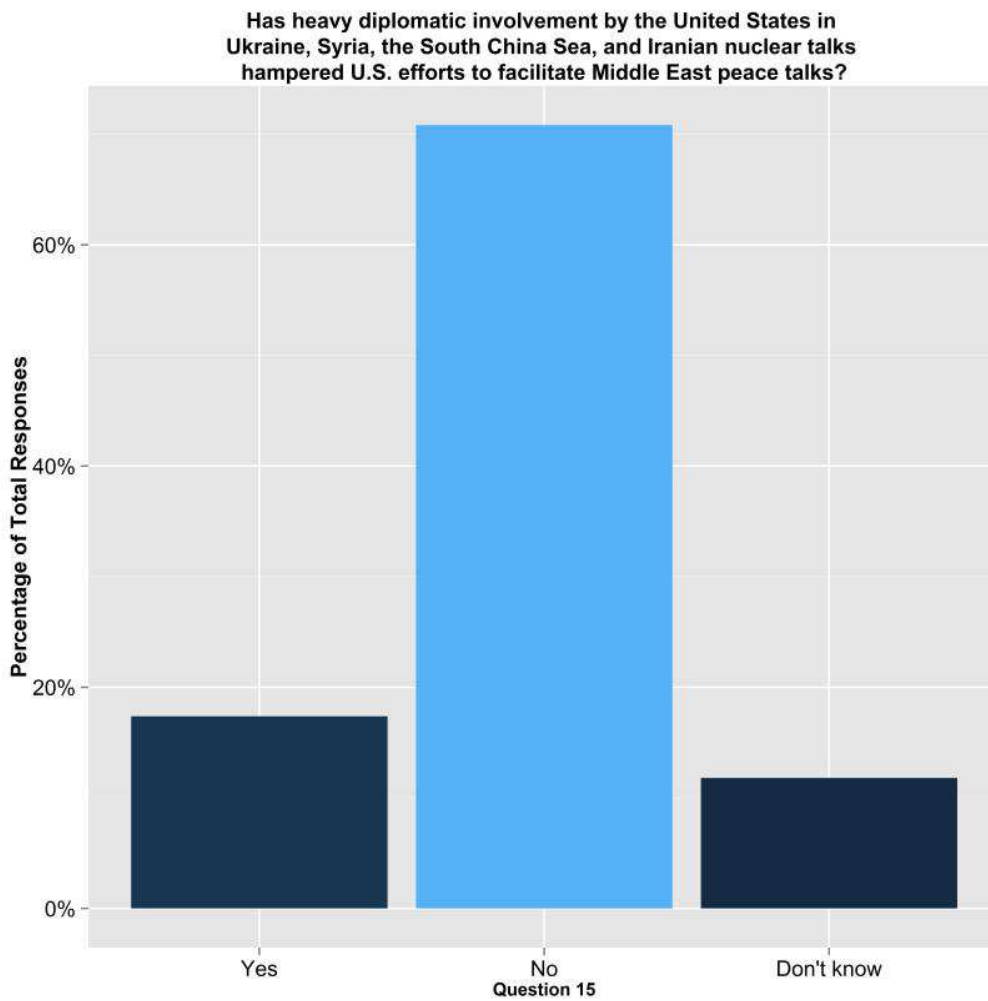
Question 14: When it comes to decisions about ECONOMIC aid sent to Egypt, who has the most control, the President/Executive Branch or Congress? [Response option order randomized.]

	Percent	Count
Congress	51.41	474
President/ Executive Branch	48.59	459
<i>N</i>	933	933



Question 15: Has heavy diplomatic involvement by the United States in Ukraine, Syria, the South China Sea, and Iranian nuclear talks hampered U.S. efforts to facilitate Middle East peace talks?

	Percent	Count
Yes	17.38	160
No	70.82	674
Don't know	11.80	110
<i>N</i>	944	944



Comparison of Population and Respondent Characteristics

Gender

	Respondents		Population	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Male	722	76.16	2061	72.49
Female	226	23.84	782	27.51
Total	948		2843	
Fisher's exact test p=0.0273				

Academic Rank

	Respondents		Population	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Adjunct Professor/Adjunct Instructor	14	1.54	69	2.69
Assistant Professor	159	17.49	443	17.26
Associate Professor	292	32.12	795	30.98
Emeritus	42	4.62	151	5.88
Full Professor	350	38.50	942	36.71
Instructor/Lecturer	36	3.96	114	4.44
Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor	16	1.76	52	2.03
Total	909		2566	
Chi-square (two-tailed) p=0.9863				

University Ranking (U.S. News and World Report)

	Respondents	Population
Mean	58.9217	60.5709
SD	52.8626	53.7335
T-test (two-tailed) p=0.5412		

University Classification (U.S. News and World Report)

	Respondents		Population	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
National Liberal Arts College	126	14.37	401	16.27
National Research University	549	62.60	1382	56.09
Regional Liberal Arts College	29	3.31	73	2.96
Regional Research University	173	19.73	608	24.68
Total	948		2843	
Chi-square (two-tailed) p=0.5699				