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SYRIAN CONFLICT: CONSEQUENCES FOR RUSSIA

November 7—8, 2015

Russians have been interested in the Syrian developments over the recent month and a half: more than two-thirds of Russians have been keeping track of the situation (69%). Asked about the policies that the Russian government should adhere to in the Syrian conflict, Russians gave ambiguous answers. Half of them (53%) support the current policy; 45% do not quite approve of the actions of the Russian government: 22% consider that Russia should slow down and 13% believe that Russia should opt out of the participation in the Syrian conflict; many of them are supporters of non-parliamentary parties (25%).

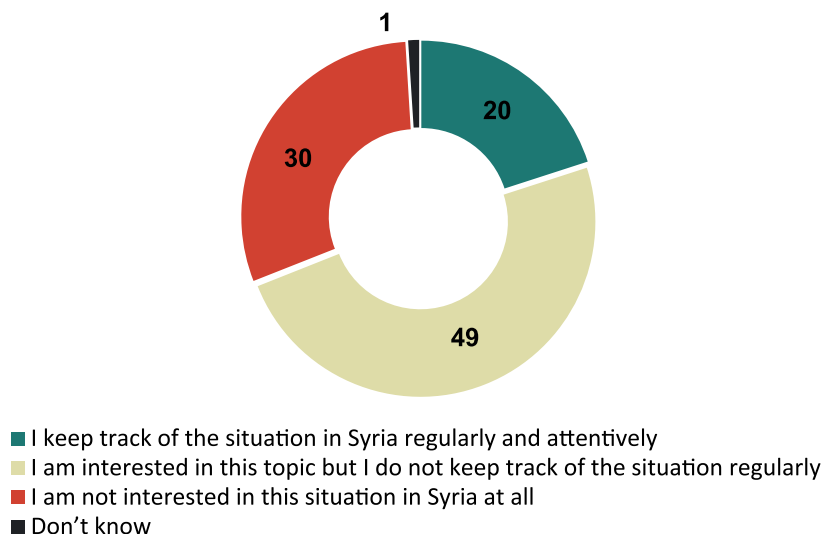


Image 1. Do you keep track of what is happening in Syria, or not?
(close-ended question, one answer, %)

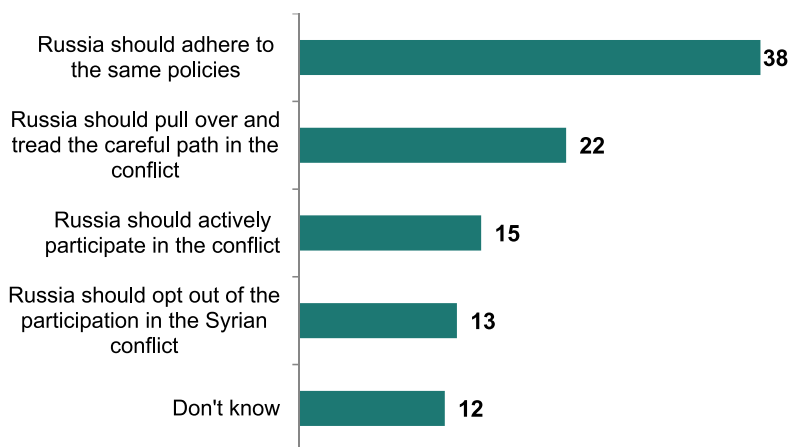


Image 2. In your opinion, what policy should Russia take in the Syrian conflict?
(Do you know the position that Russia has taken in the Syrian conflict? Describe it in two or three word
(open-ended question, not more than three answers, %)

RUSSIA'S BAN ON FLIGHTS TO EGYPT: PRO ET CONTRA

November 14—15, 2015

Ban on flights to Egypt imposed by the Ministry of Transport after the Russian plane crash over Sinai is supported by three-quarter of Russians (76%). Remarkably, 12% of Russians plan to spend vacations in Egypt (including 2% of those who would like to go there next year); however, even this group of respondents largely approve of the decision of the Russian authorities (60%). At the same time, most of Russians (74%) consider that the ban should be temporary and not permanent.

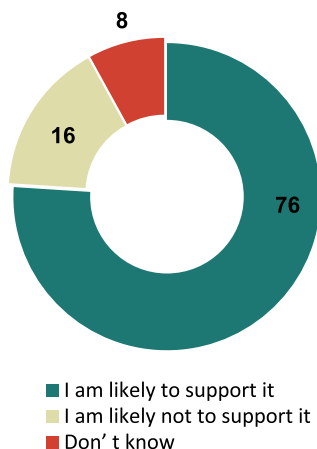


Image 3. The Russian Ministry of Transport banned passenger flights to Egypt after the Russian plane crash. What do you think about this ban?
(close-ended question, one answer, %)

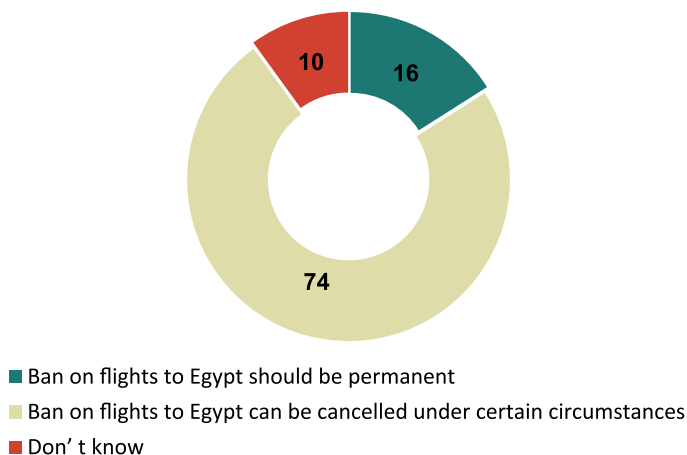


Image 4. Should this ban be permanent, or should it be cancelled under certain conditions? (close-ended question, one answer, %)

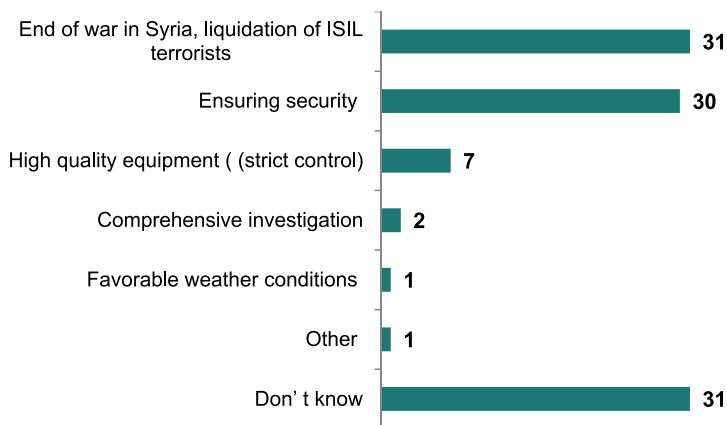


Image 5. Under what circumstances could the ban on flights to Egypt be cancelled? (open-ended question, not more than three answers, % of those who think that the ban on flights to Egypt can be cancelled under certain circumstances)

PARIS EXPLOSIONS. HOW TO ESCAPE NEW TERRORIST ATTACKS?

November 21—22, 2015

The Paris terrorist attacks (explosions, shooting and a hostage situation on the night of 13—14 November, 2015) drew a wide response in the Russian society: 93% of respondents knew about what had happened during the survey. Most of Russians (61%) consider that the attacks were organized by the ISIL. Thirty-seven percent of Russians believe that European countries and the United States must join their efforts to combat terrorism.

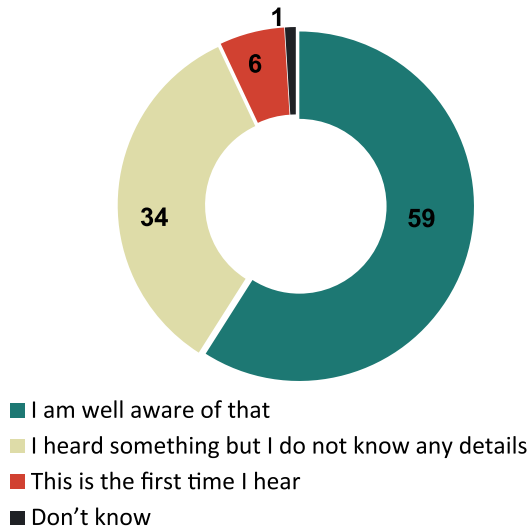


Image 6. A series of terrorist attacks happened in Paris last week. Do you know/have you heard/do you hear for the first time about that? (close-ended question, one answer, %)

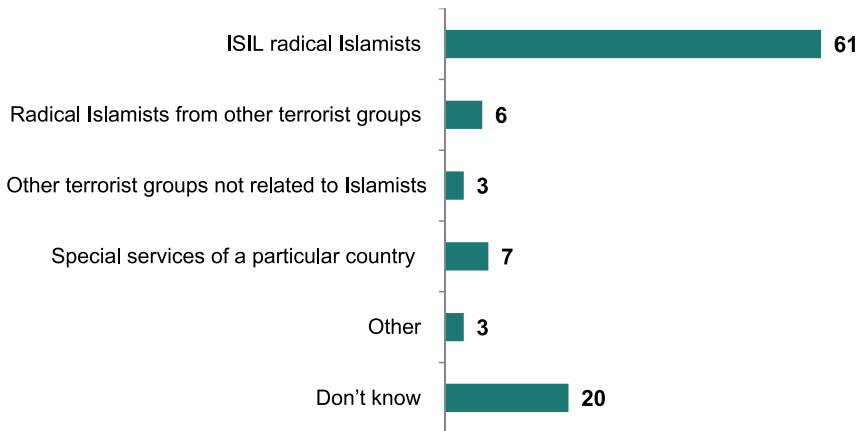


Image 7. In your opinion, who organized the terrorist attacks in Paris? (close-ended question, one answer, %)

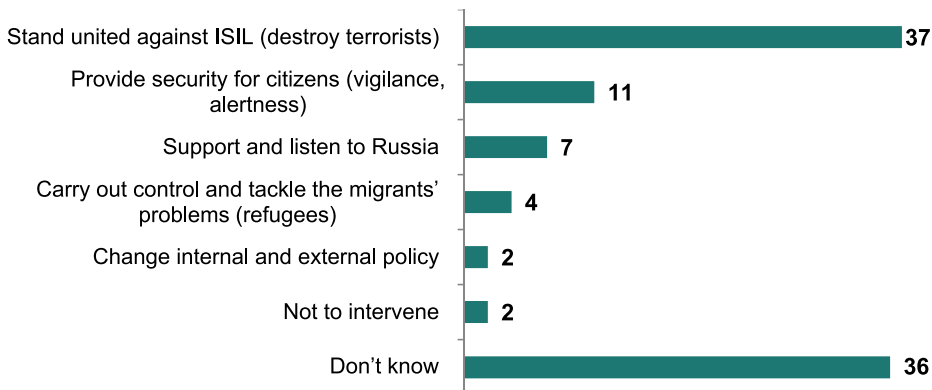


Image 8. In your opinion, how should the European countries and the U.S. react? (open-ended question, any number of answers, %)

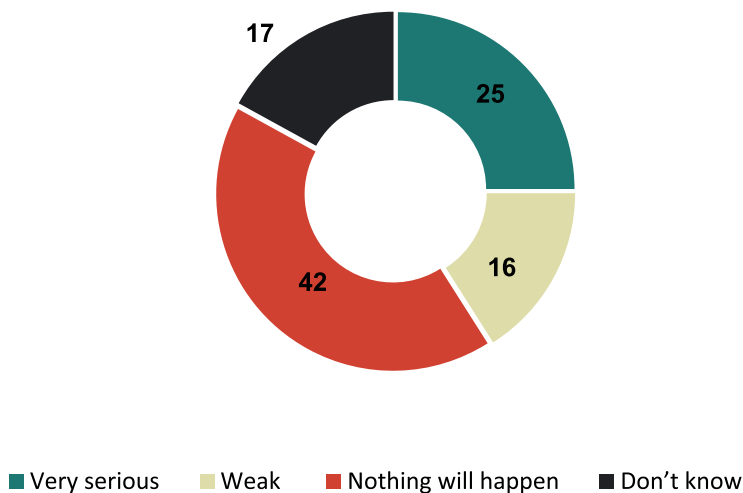


Image 9. In your opinion, what consequences may the Paris terrorist attacks have on Russia? (close-ended question, one answer, %)

TERRORISM TRHEAT: MONITORING

The terrorist fear index has increased from 41 points in October to 50 p. in November. Simultaneously, the confidence of Russians that the authorities are capable of protecting them against terrorist threat has declined; the index dropped from 60 p. to 35 p. from October to November.

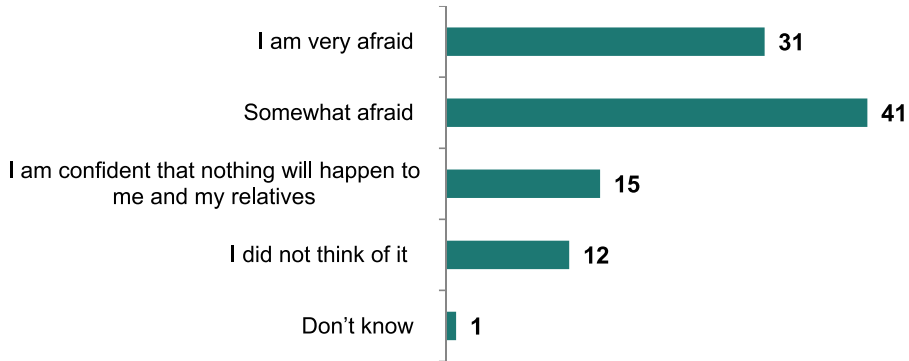


Image 10. Are you afraid that you or members of your family may become victims of terrorist attacks? (close-ended question, one answer, %)

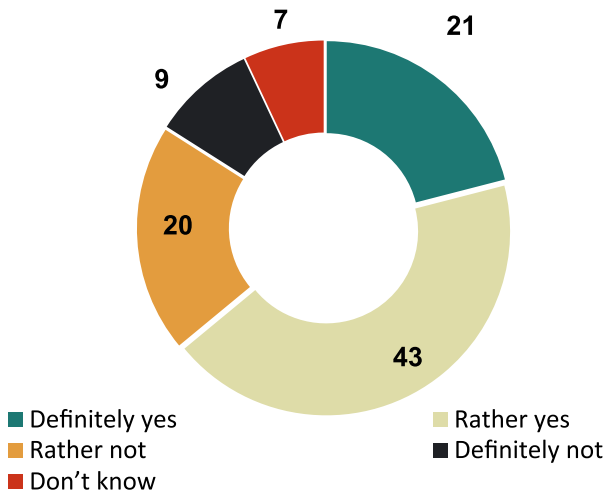


Image 11. In your opinion, will the Russian authorities be capable of protecting the Russian population against new terrorist attacks? (close-ended question, one answer per each line, %)

SHOT DOWN PLANE: HOW RUSSIA SHOULD REACT?

November 28—29, 2015

The Russian fighter jet incident (SU-24 bomber aircraft was shot down by the Turkish air forces on November 24, 2015) drew a wide response in the Russian society. According to one-quarter of Russians (24%), the Turkish attack on the Russian fighter jet may increase tensions between Turkey and Russia. Every tenth (9%) thinks that it may lead to a war between two countries.

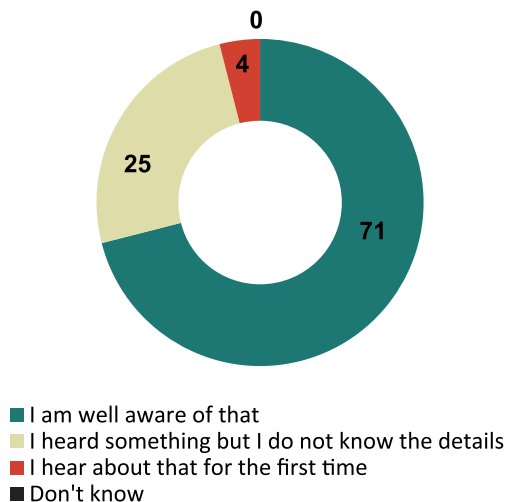


Image 12. This week the Turkish air forces shot down a Russian fighter jet on the Syrian-Turkish border. Do you know about that, or do you hear for the first time? (close-ended question, one answer, %)

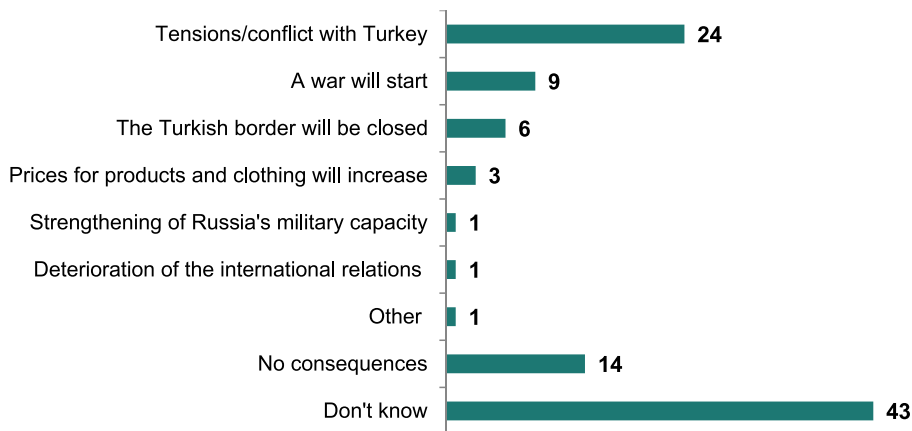


Image 13. In your opinion, to what consequences may the actions of Turkey that shot down the Russian fighter jet lead? (open-ended question, any number of answers, %)

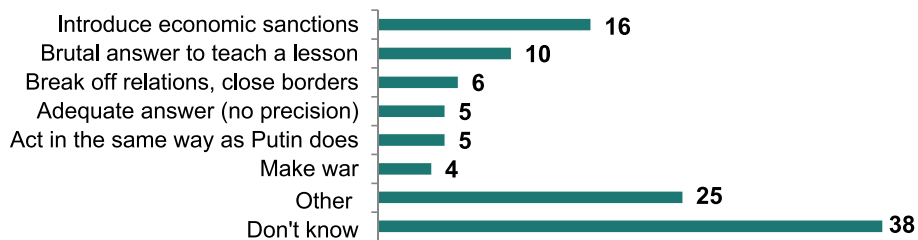


Image 14. In your opinion, how should Russia react to the actions of Turkey that shot down Russian warplane?
(open-ended question, any number of answers, %)