Attitudes toward Ukrainian and Afghan Refugees:
Results from an online survey

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Survey information
Survey method and sample

- Online survey, programmed through Qualtrics, was conducted through Lucid Theorem on April 4, 2022
- As per the Lucid Theorem website, participants are nationally representative and balanced on age, gender, ethnicity, and region.
- Sample size: 1,997
The survey randomly assigned respondents into two groups. Each group saw one of the following statements, and then was asked a series of follow-up questions:

- “According to the United Nations, more than 2 million people have fled the recent conflict in Afghanistan. Next we will ask you a few questions about these Afghan refugees.”
- “According to the United Nations, more than 2 million people have fled the recent conflict in Ukraine. Next we will ask you a few questions about these Ukrainian refugees.”
Respondents were first asked a set of questions about the refugees that had just been referenced (either Ukrainian or Afghan). These questions were as follows:

- “On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 = completely unfavorable and 100 = completely favorable, how do you feel about these refugees?”
- “The United States plans to resettle tens of thousands of these refugees across the country. To what extent do you support the resettlement of these refugees in the US?”
- “How many of these refugees do you think the US should accept for resettlement?”
“How concerned or unconcerned are you about the following issues concerning the resettlement of these refugees in the United States?”

- These refugees will be a burden because they will take our jobs and social benefits
- These refugees might engage in criminal activity
- These refugees won’t adopt to our customs and way of life
Results
Americans are more favorable to Ukrainian refugees

Means: 63.7 (Afghan), 77.0 (Ukraine)
Americans are more supportive of Ukrainian resettlement

“The United States plans to resettle tens of thousands of these refugees across the country. To what extent do you support the resettlement of these refugees in the US?”

![Bar chart showing support levels for Afghan and Ukrainian refugees.]

- **Strongly oppose**
  - Afghan: 8.3%
  - Ukrainian: 6.5%

- **Somewhat oppose**
  - Afghan: 12.1%
  - Ukrainian: 5.9%

- **Neither support nor oppose**
  - Afghan: 26.2%
  - Ukrainian: 20.5%

- **Somewhat support**
  - Afghan: 28.4%
  - Ukrainian: 28.2%

- **Strongly support**
  - Afghan: 25.1%
  - Ukrainian: 38.9%

N = 1,996
“How many of these refugees do you think the US should accept for resettlement?”

- None: 17.5% (Afghan) 11.8% (Ukrainian)
- Less than 50,000: 28.4% (Afghan) 21.6% (Ukrainian)
- 50,000-100,000: 27.2% (Afghan) 25.2% (Ukrainian)
- 100,000-150,000: 11.4% (Afghan) 11.8% (Ukrainian)
- More than 150,000: 27.5% (Afghan) 17.5% (Ukrainian)

N = 1,997
Americans more concerned Afghans will be a burden

“These refugees will be a burden because they will take our jobs and social benefits”
Americans more concerned Afghans won’t adopt customs

“These refugees won’t adopt to our customs and way of life”

N = 1,995
Americans more concerned Afghans will engage in crime

“These refugees might engage in criminal activity”
“Which of the following statements comes closer to your views about refugees in general?”

Statement 1: Refugees will increase the likelihood of terrorism in our country
Statement 2: Refugees will not increase the likelihood of terrorism in our country
Neither/both equally