



# PULSE OF THE WEEK

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# UKRAINE MAY GET F-16 AS EARLY AS WINTER

The ex-director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of the USA, David Petraeus, is convinced that the F-16 multi-purpose fighters will influence the course of the war.

“Providing F-16s, which the Ukrainian Air Force will probably receive this winter, will be crucial. I believe that Ukrainian pilots are exceptional and they will very quickly switch from MiG and SU aircraft to F-16,” - Petraeus said.

And on November 13, there was footage of the first flights of Ukrainian pilots on the F-16 in Romania available online. On the same day, Romanian Defense Minister Angel Tilvar and his Dutch counterpart, Kaisa Ollongren, announced the opening of the European F-16 Training Center at Fetești Air Base, which is 150 kilometers east of the Romanian capital, Bucharest. This is where Ukrainian pilots will undergo training on F-16 fighters.

It is expected that the Netherlands will provide from 12 to 18 F-16 aircraft for the training of Ukrainian and Romanian pilots. One of the important conditions of the agreement is that Lockheed, the manufacturer of the F-16, will provide instructors and technical personnel to support the training programs.

It is known that pilot training can take about six months. In addition, the Netherlands promised to transfer 42 F-16 fighters to Ukraine, but part of these aircraft will be used for training.

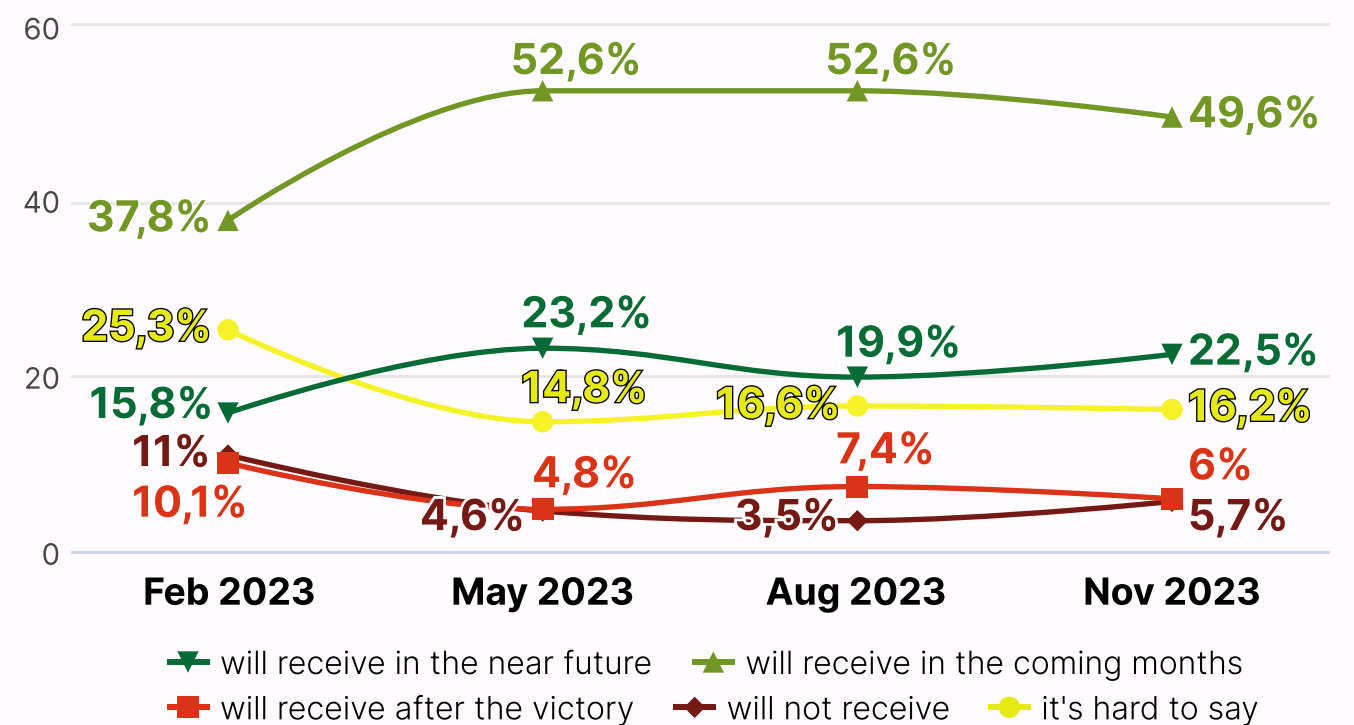
Among the countries who have pledged to provide aircraft, besides the Netherlands, are Denmark (19 units), Norway (up to 10) and Belgium (starting in 2025, the number of aircraft has not yet been disclosed). According to an optimistic scenario, Ukraine expects to receive the first F-16 already in the first half of 2024.

**Sources:** Espresso, Fakty, UNIAN

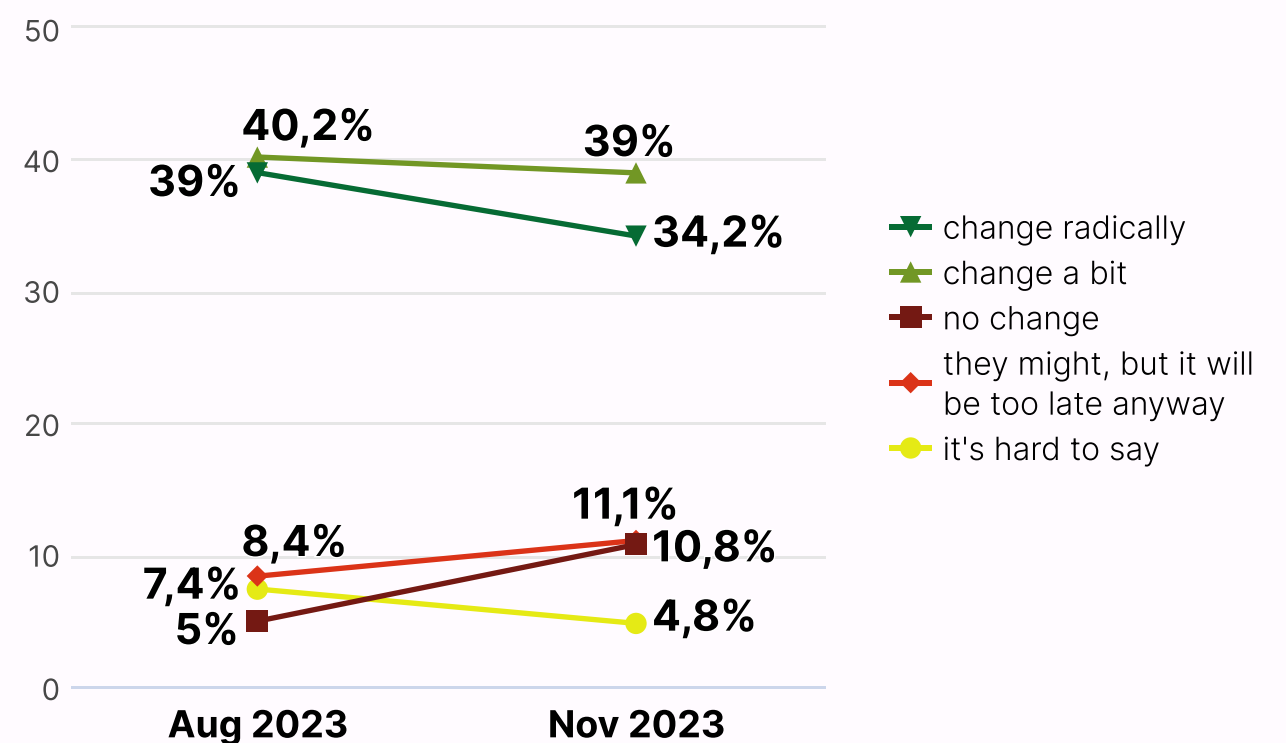


**Public opinion**

## Will Ukraine receive modern Western aircraft (F-16 or similar)?



## Will the Western aircraft (F-16 and similar) change the situation on the battlefield?



## HAS RUSSIA LAUNCHED A NEW INFORMATION ATTACK ON UKRAINE CALLED “MAIDAN-3”?

As the week unfolded, there were reports that in November-December the Russian special services will carry out a large-scale information attack on Ukraine called “Maidan-3”.

The mass media learned about this from sources in the security and defense sector of Ukraine. According to the plans of the Russians, the operation will be carried out in different parts of the world and will have a complex nature. The aim of the attack is to destabilize political life, provoke protest moods and conflicts in Ukraine itself, as well as influence the international anti-Putin coalition.

Once again, the traditional for the Russian IPSO method of attack will be used - panic, despair, goading politicians and the military into fighting.

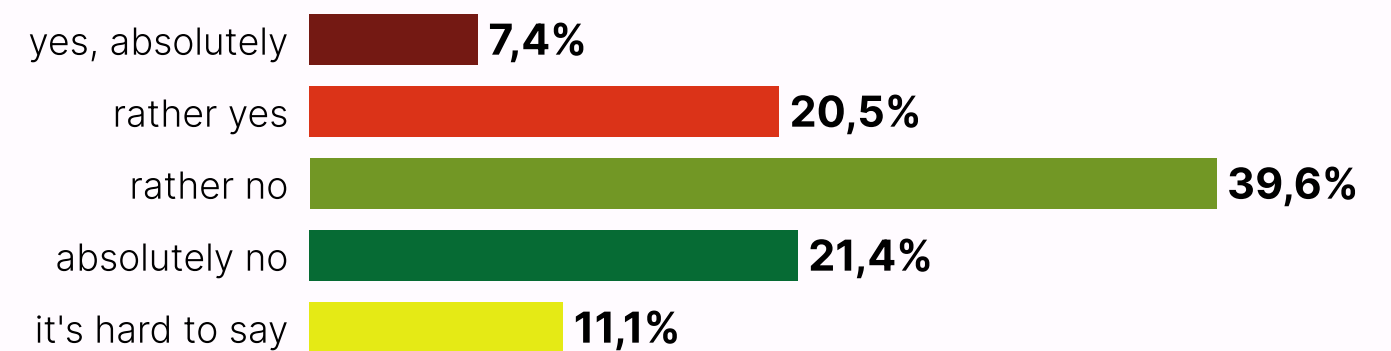
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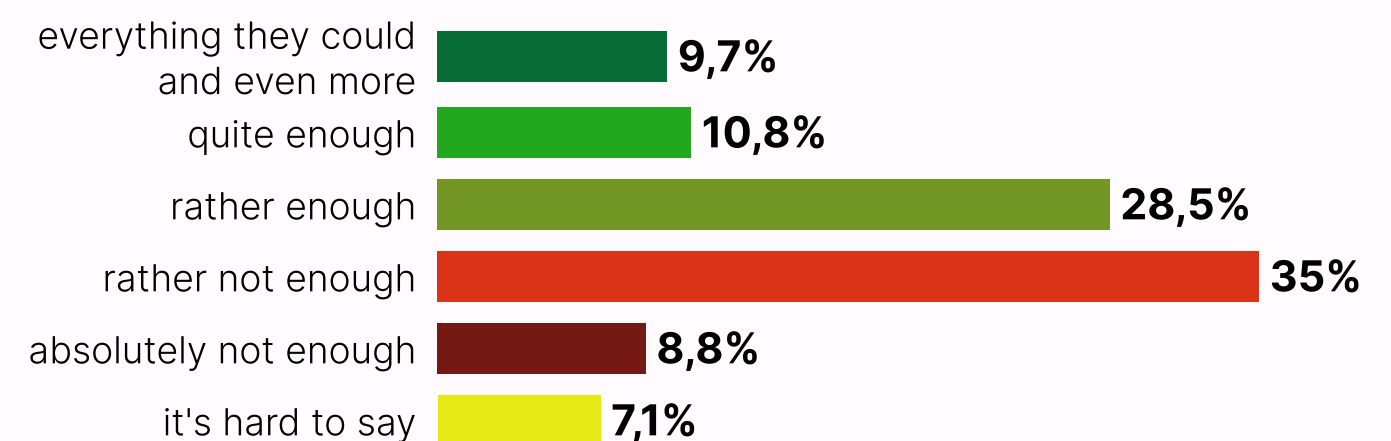


Public opinion

### Is a new Maidan possible in Ukraine now?



### Are Ukrainian authorities doing enough to counter the information attacks from russia?



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It is expected that some real problem topics that concern Ukrainians will be raised: general fatigue from the war, perceived "futility of resistance", corruption, ineffectiveness of international organizations, suspension of aid from international partners, ineffectiveness of political leadership and various "conspiracy theories". A separate item is the "language issue", which time and again gets artificially brought back to the agenda.

Simultaneously, they plan to organize a number of "peaceful" actions in Kyiv and the regions, which will have absolutely not peaceful goals. For this purpose, the Russian special services are actively using the stressful state the Ukrainian society is now in.

According to sources, Russia's biggest bet is on propaganda through the Telegram messenger app. 230 million dollars have already been allocated just for this one direction. In general, "Maidan-3" became the most expensive Russian informational special operation against Ukraine since 2014 - its total budget reached one and a half billion dollars.

**Sources:** Espresso, Focus



Public opinion

## Who will win/ lose the most in case "a new Maidan" takes place in Ukraine?



# NATO SUPPOSED THAT UKRAINE COULD JOIN THE ALLIANCE IF IT CONCEDES SOME TERRITORY TO RUSSIA

The head of the staff of the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Alliance, Stian Jenssen, admitted that Ukraine could join NATO in exchange for “giving up” part of its territory.

“I think that a solution could be for Ukraine to give up territory and get NATO membership in return,” the official said, specifying that discussions about the future status of Ukraine in the context of NATO after the war have been under way already, and in them, in particular, there are options with Kyiv refusing from part of the territory. “I’m not saying it has to be like this. But that could be a possible solution,” Jenssen added.

The day before, former NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen offered his recipe for Ukraine’s entry into the Alliance. In his opinion, Ukraine should follow the path of Germany, which once joined NATO without the eastern territories that became part of the GDR.

This idea was sharply criticized at the Office of the President of Ukraine. As Mykhailo Podoliak, adviser to the OP chairman, stated, this only provokes the Kremlin to continue its aggression. According to his conviction, Russia will not stop at the hypothetical border between “NATO” and “non-NATO” territories of Ukraine.

The spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oleh Nikolenko, emphasized that talks about Ukraine joining NATO in exchange for giving up part of the territories are “absolutely unacceptable.”

Oleksiy Danilov, Secretary of the National Security Council, said that “this is a strange input” from NATO.

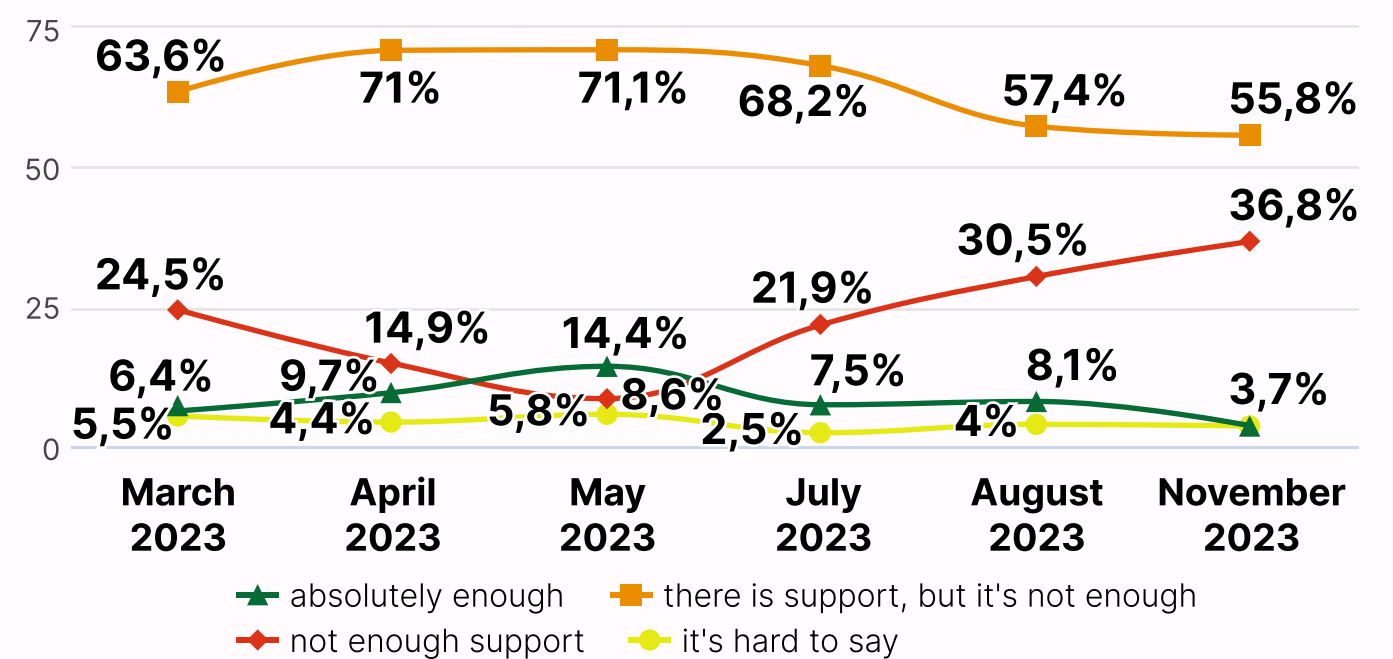
Earlier, following the results of the NATO summit held in Vilnius, President Volodymyr Zelenskyi emphasized that Ukraine will never cede its territories, “even if it is a village where one old man lives.”

**Sources:** Suspilne, Ukrinform, Radio Svoboda

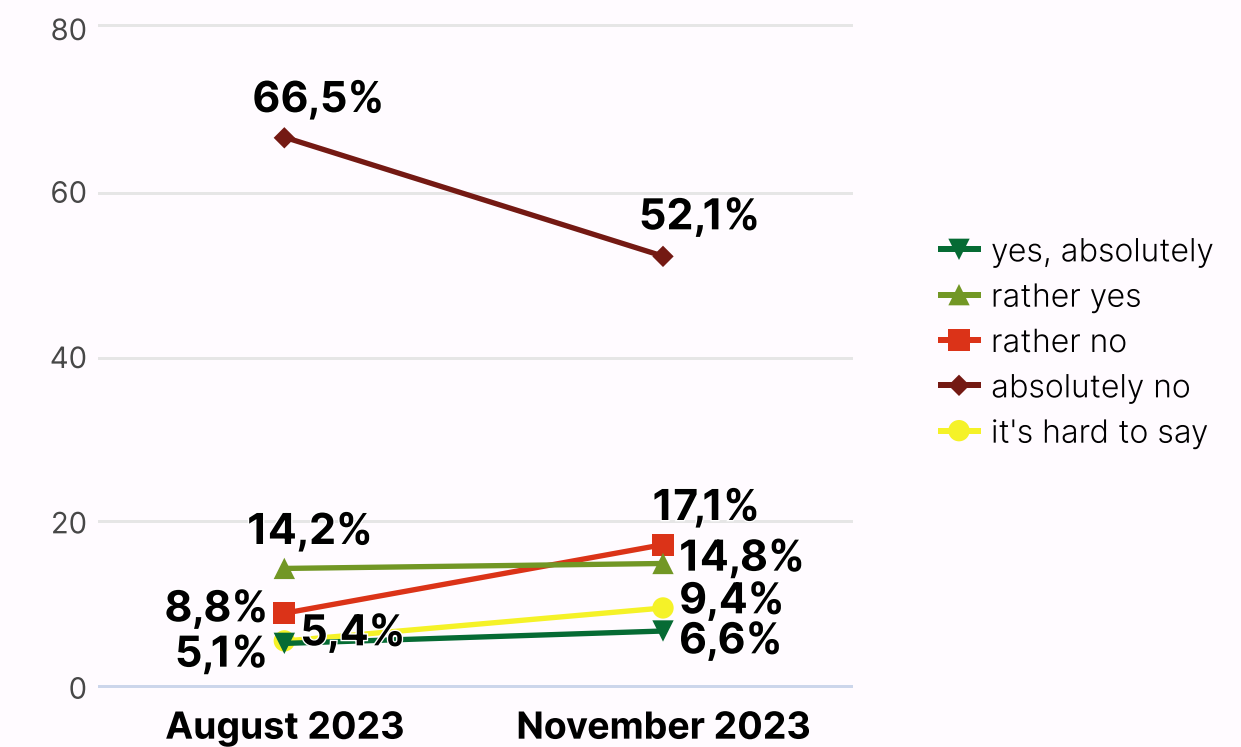


Public opinion

## In your opinion, is the world providing enough military support to Ukraine?



## Do you consider it acceptable to give up part of Ukrainian territory for the sake of joining NATO?



The research was carried out by the company “Active Group” with the help of the online panel “SunFlower Sociology”.  
 Method: self-completion of questionnaires by citizens of Ukraine 18+.  
 Sample: 600 questionnaires (representative by age, gender and region of Ukraine).  
 Data collection period: November 18, 2023. The theoretical error at a confidence level of 0.95 does not exceed 4%.

# THE NSDC CHALLENGED THE ANONYMITY OF TELEGRAM CHANNELS

Oleksiy Danilov, Secretary of the NSDC, said that Telegram channels in Ukraine should not be anonymous, because anonymity helps spread Russian narratives.

“The main threat from the activity of a certain group of Telegram channels comes from the anonymity of their owners and the lack of any responsibility for the distribution of unverified, falsified and deliberately manipulative information. Taking these features into account, the Russian regime widely uses Telegram platforms trying to destabilize Ukrainian society,” Danilov expressed his opinion.

According to the Secretary of the National Security Council, Russia was the first to use the Telegram network to manipulate public opinion, spread fakes, and misinformation. The popular network of Telegram channels in Ukraine is administered by the 85th main center of the special service of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, which manages psychological operations. Danilov pointed out that these channels spread information about “failure of mobilization”, “failure of counteroffensive”, “betrayal of allies”, “fatigue of the West” and “the need to make concessions and negotiations”.

The official also pointed out other important requirements for Telegram channels, namely compliance to the generally accepted journalistic standards and an open editorial policy.

To prevent the threat, according to Danilov, media literacy should be increased and constant work to expose disinformation should be conducted. In parallel with this, there should be the process of creating a high-quality Ukrainian information product, and efforts to provide for Ukrainian content dominance in the Ukrainian Telegram segment,” explained the secretary of the NSDC.

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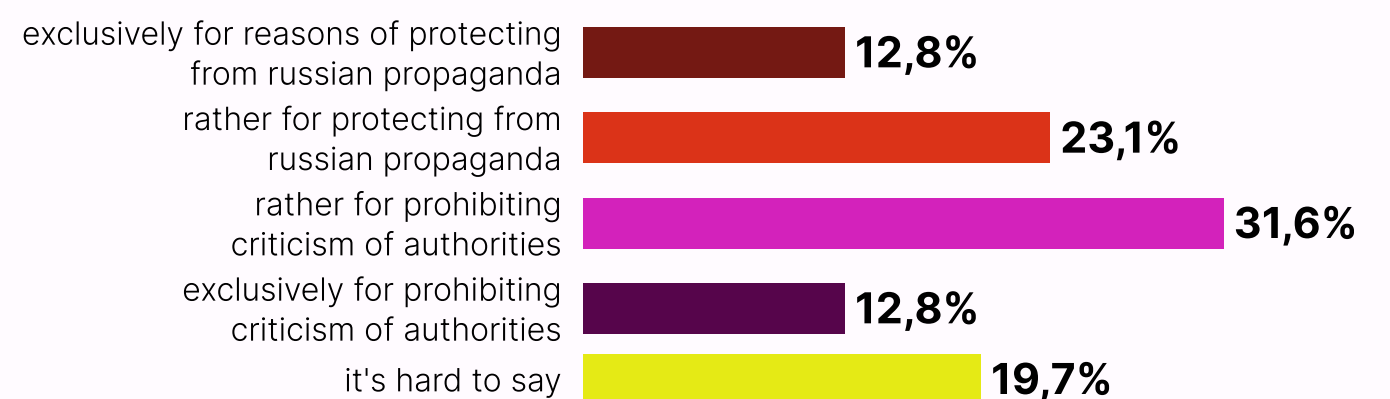


## Public opinion

### Have you heard of the initiative of NSDC Secretary Danilov to disallow anonymity of Telegram channels?



### In your opinion, did this initiative appear as a means to protect from russian propaganda or to make criticism of the current authorities impossible?



### Do you support the initiative to have the state regulate the spread of information in Telegram?

