MOSCOW, February 28, 2022. The All-Russian Center for the Study of Public Opinion (VTsIOM) presents data from a study on the attitude of Russians to the decision to conduct a special military operation in Ukraine.

Rather, 68% of Russians support the decision to conduct a special military operation of Russia in Ukraine, every fifth respondent (22%) does not support it, every tenth citizen found it difficult to answer (10%).

According to a quarter of citizens, the special military operation in Ukraine aims to protect the Russian-speaking population of the DNR and LNR (26%), one in five said that the purpose of the operation is to prevent the deployment of NATO military bases on the territory of Ukraine (20%), the same proportion of respondents believe that the operation is being carried out in order to carry out demilitarization in Ukraine (20%), 7% answered that Russia is pursuing the goal of denazifying Ukraine and changing its political course, 6% - to change the political regime unfriendly to Russia, 4% - to divide Ukraine into parts and establish their influence on parts of Ukraine.

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