

MOSCOW, March 30, 2022 – The All-Russian Center for the Study of Public Opinion (VTsIOM) presents survey data on the attitude of Russians to Russia's special military operation in Ukraine. The decision to conduct a special military operation of Russia in Ukraine is rather supported by 76% of Russian citizens. Since the beginning of monitoring, support has increased by 11 percentage points. Rather, 15% do not support the operation (10 percentage points less than on February 25). Another 9% found it difficult to answer. The vision of the objectives of the Special Military Operation has evolved and remains unchanged over the past three weeks. The main one is to protect Russia, disarm Ukraine and prevent the deployment of NATO military bases on its territory (42% of respondents, -4 percentage points per week). In addition, the goals are to change the political course of Ukraine, cleanse it of Nazis (21%, + 2 percentage points per week), protect the population of Donbass (18%). The fact that the purpose of the special military operation is to occupy Ukraine and annex it to Russia was reported by 4% of respondents.