

PUBLIC OPINION: U.S.
ENGAGEMENT WITH THE U.N.
TO COUNTER THE INFLUENCE
OF RUSSIA AND CHINA IN
GLOBAL AFFAIRS

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KEY FINDINGS

1. When asked about a unilateral approach, almost a third of adults feel the U.S. should be actively countering China (32%) and Russia (31%) when it comes to their influence on global affairs, while another third of adults believe the U.S. should remain neutral (China: 29%, Russia: 31%). However, a quarter of adults are unsure of how the U.S. should react in relation to both countries.
 - When it comes to China, Republicans (47%) are more likely than Democrats (22%) to say the U.S. should be actively countering the influence of China on global affairs.
2. Of those who believe the U.S. should actively counter the influence of Russia or China in global affairs, strong majorities say it is very important (Russia: 70%, China: 71%).
3. When asked about a multilateral approach, over two-thirds of adults (67%) say it is important for the U.S. to engage at the United Nations to counter the influence of Russia and China, including a majority of Democrats (71%) and Republicans (71%).

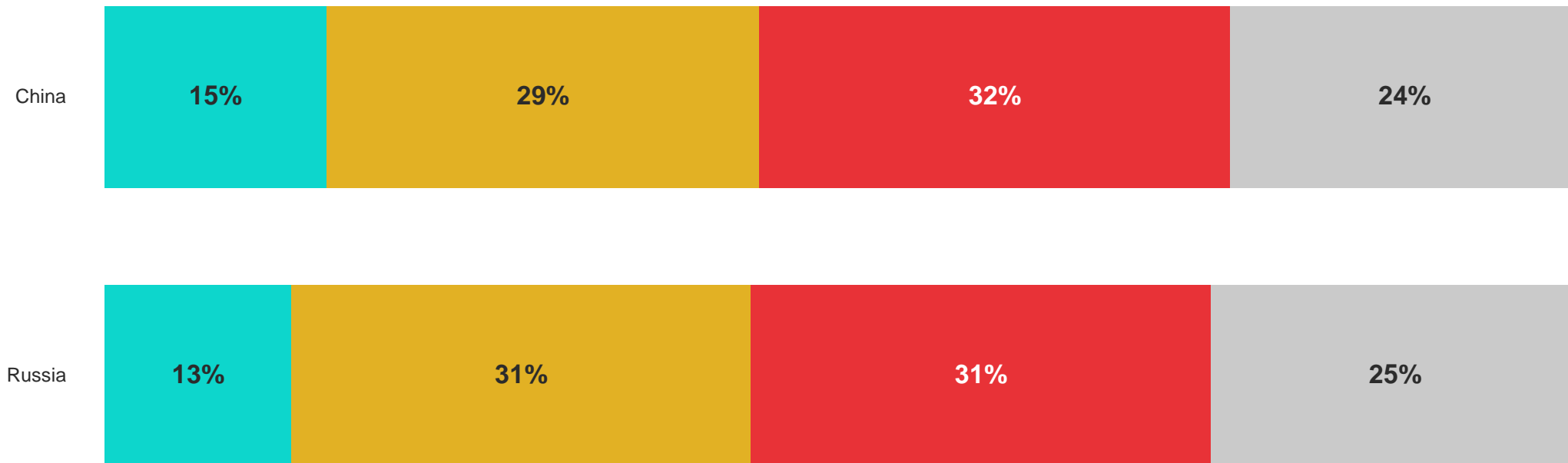
METHODOLOGY

This poll was conducted between January 22-January 23, 2022 among a sample of 2211 Adults. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Adults based on gender, educational attainment, age, race, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

RUSSIA/CHINA POLL

When asked what approach the U.S. should take when it comes to countries like Russia and China, almost a third of adults feel the U.S. should be actively countering China (32%) and Russia (31%) when it comes to their influence on global affairs, while another third of adults believe the U.S. should remain neutral (China: 29%, Russia: 31%). A quarter of adults are unsure on both.

In your opinion, when it comes to the influence of the following countries on global affairs, the U.S. should:



RUSSIA/CHINA POLL

However, when it comes to China, Republicans (47%) are more likely than Democrats (22%) to say the U.S. should be actively countering the influence of China on global affairs.

In your opinion, when it comes to the influence of the following countries on global affairs, the U.S. should:

Russia

	Adults	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Actively cooperate with them	13%	14%	13%	11%
Remain neutral	31%	33%	29%	31%
Actively counter them	31%	29%	26%	39%
Don't know/no opinion	25%	24%	32%	19%

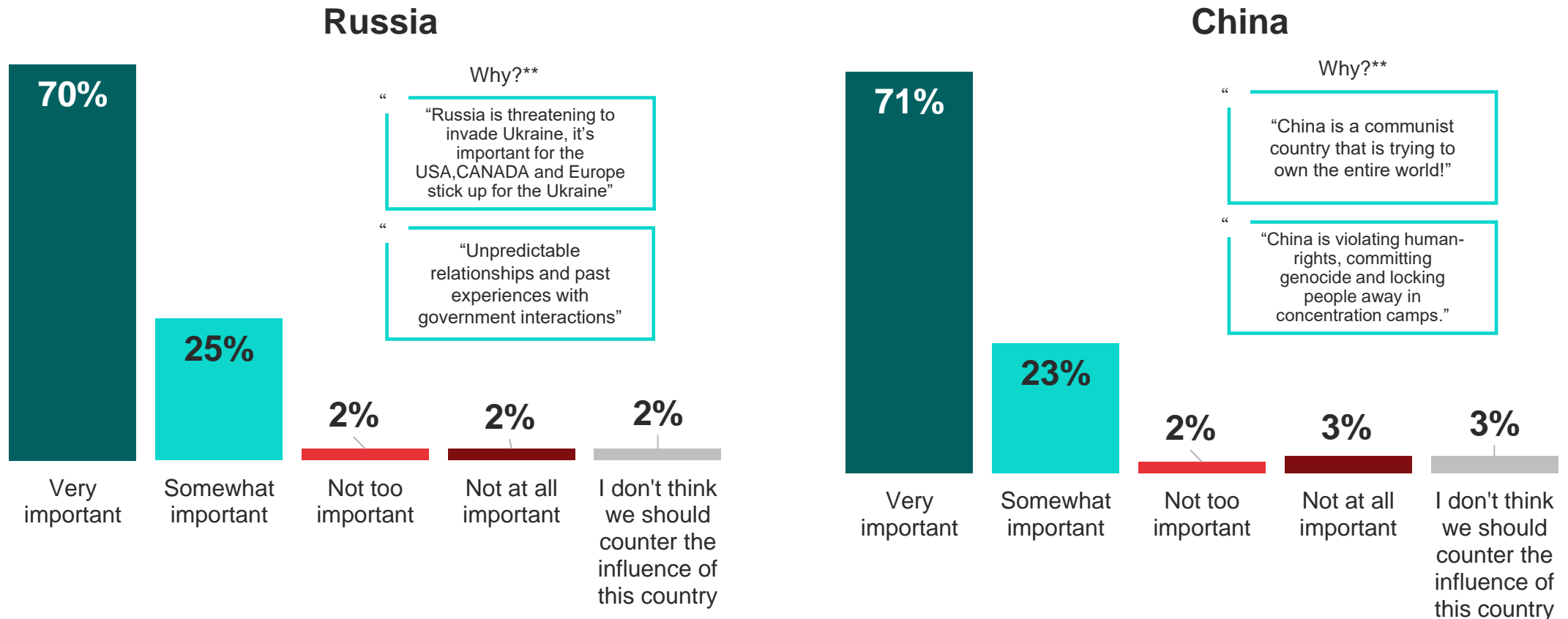
China

	Adults	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Actively cooperate with them	15%	20%	14%	11%
Remain neutral	29%	35%	27%	25%
Actively counter them	32%	22%	29%	47%
Don't know/no opinion	24%	23%	30%	17%

RUSSIA/CHINA POLL

Of those who believe the U.S. should actively counter the influence of Russia or China in global affairs, strong majorities say it is very important (Russia: 70%, China: 71%).

How important is it, if at all, for the U.S. to counter the influence of each of the following when it comes to global affairs?*



*Among adults who said the U.S. should counter the influence of Russia (n = 691) or China (n = 706) when it comes to global affairs.

**Why is it important for the U.S. to counter the influence of (Russia)/(China)?

RUSSIA/CHINA POLL

When asked how important it is for the U.S. to counter the influence of Russia and China in global affairs, Democrats and Republicans are equally represented, among those who support the U.S. countering.

How important is it, if at all, for the U.S. to counter the influence of each of the following when it comes to global affairs?*

Total Important

	Adults	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Russia	95%	96%	93%	95%
China	94%	94%	92%	94%

Total Unimportant

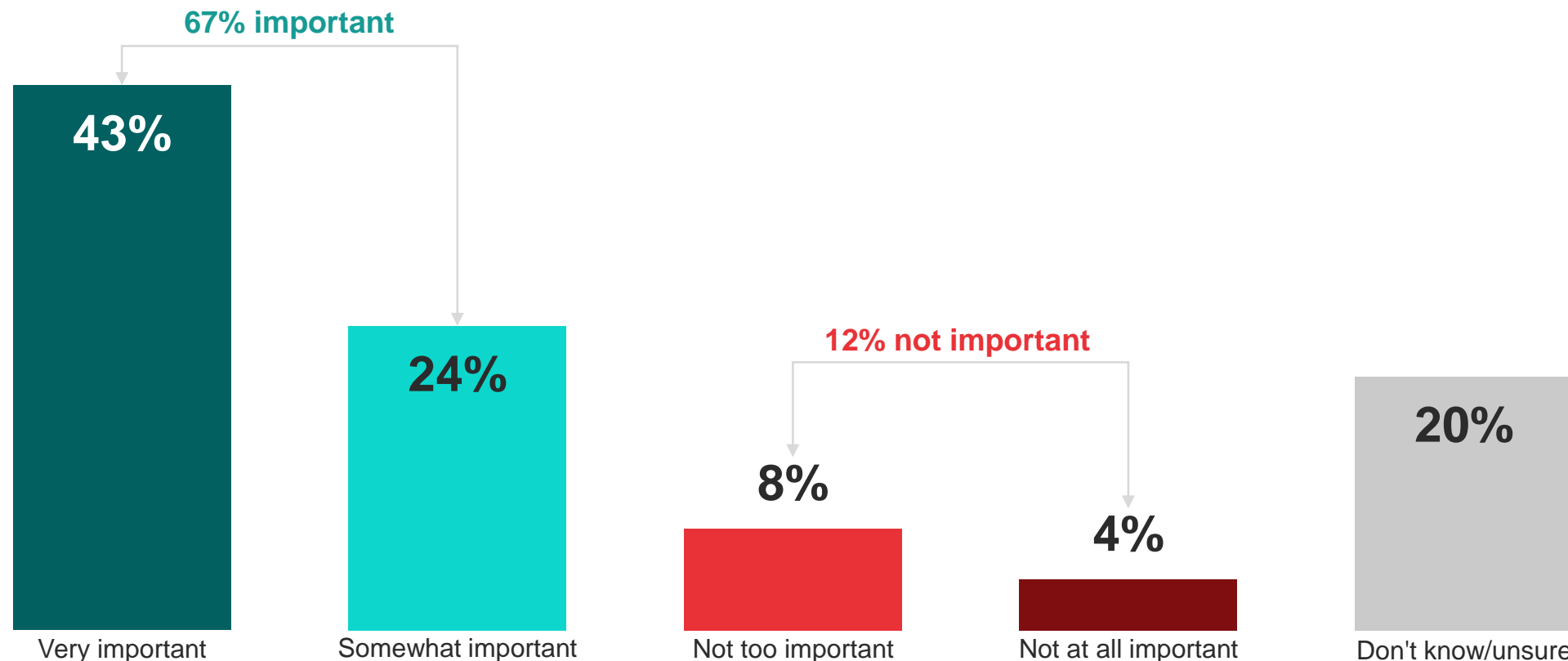
	Adults	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Russia	4%	4%	4%	3%
China	5%	4%	4%	4%

*Among adults who said the U.S. should counter the influence of Russia (n = 691) or China (n = 706) when it comes to global affairs.

RUSSIA/CHINA POLL

Over two-thirds of adults (67%) say it is important for the U.S. to engage at the United Nations to counter the influence of Russia and China.

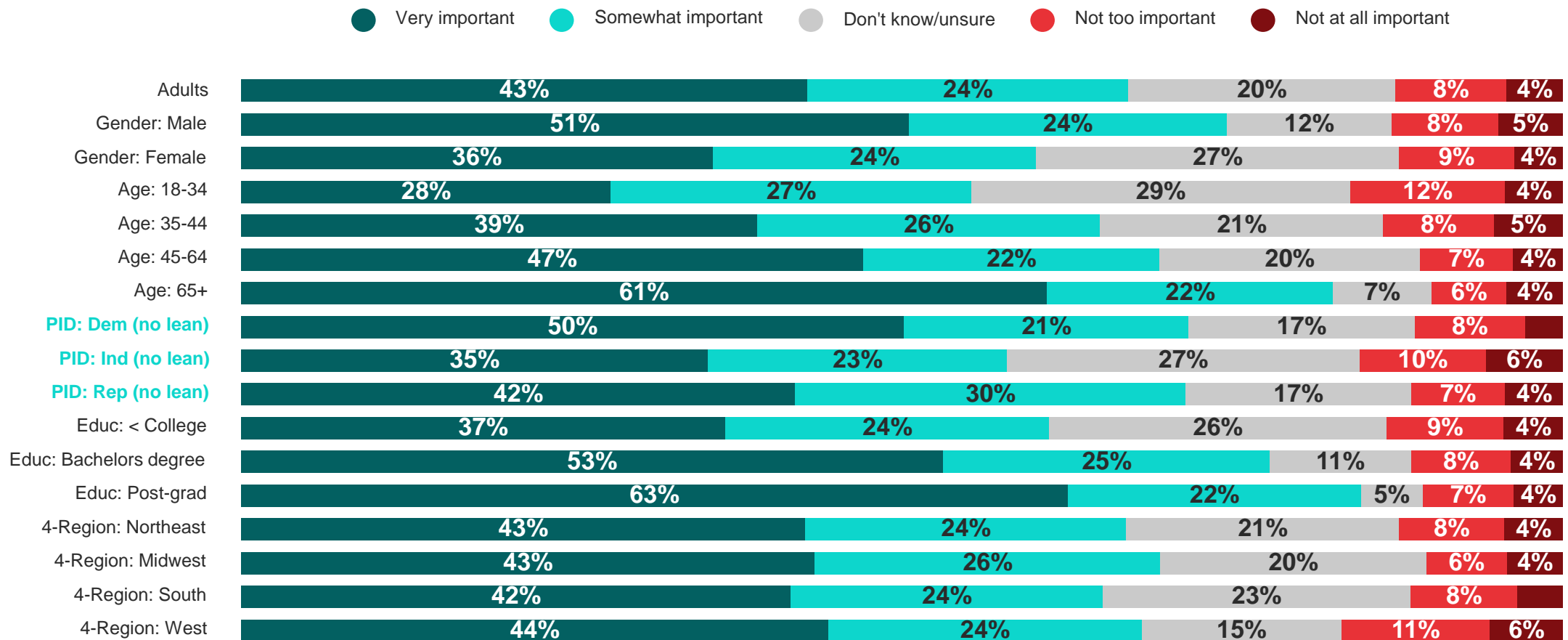
How important is it, if at all, for the U.S. to be engaged at the United Nations to counter the influence of countries like Russia and China?



RUSSIA/CHINA POLL

Displaying a rare glimpse of bipartisanship, both Democrats (71% important) and Republicans (71%) rate the level of importance of the U.S. engaging with the United Nations to counter the influence of countries like Russia and China virtually equally.

How important is it, if at all, for the U.S. to be engaged at the United Nations to counter the influence of countries like Russia and China?





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