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https://faculti.net/what-moves-public-support-for-aid-to-ukraine-issue-attention-partisanship-and-normative-appeals/

This video discusses the dynamics of public support for U.S. aid to Ukraine, noting that Ukraine has recently surpassed Israel as the largest recipient of foreign aid from the U.S. The author analyzes a study conducted with 2,800 respondents to understand how different informational cues influence opinions on this issue. The study found that framing aid to Ukraine in terms of morality and justice significantly increased support among Democrats, while presenting support from Republican figures, such as Donald Trump, decreased support among Republicans.

The research highlights that people's support is more influenced by normative and partisan cues than by economic or national security arguments. Notably, those closely following the issue showed little impact from these cues, suggesting stability in support for Ukraine exists despite polarized views.

This video also touches on bipartisanship, revealing that while both Democratic and Republican leaders support aid to Ukraine, the appeal does not significantly affect Republican support due to internal divisions within the party. Overall, the findings illustrate a complex landscape of public opinion, revealing a notable disparity in support levels between Democrats (85% support) and Republicans (52% support).

Lastly, the author observes that international events, such as the Gaza War, have sidelined attention on Ukraine, potentially affecting support levels, and highlights ongoing research into public opinion regarding the war in Ukraine from Russian respondents, noting a general support for the war but low enthusiasm among the populace.