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Misconception/Preconception Check: Russia

Name: _____

The head of state in Russia is:

A part of this country was forcibly annexed by Russia in 2014:

Estonia

Poland

Slovakia

Ukraine

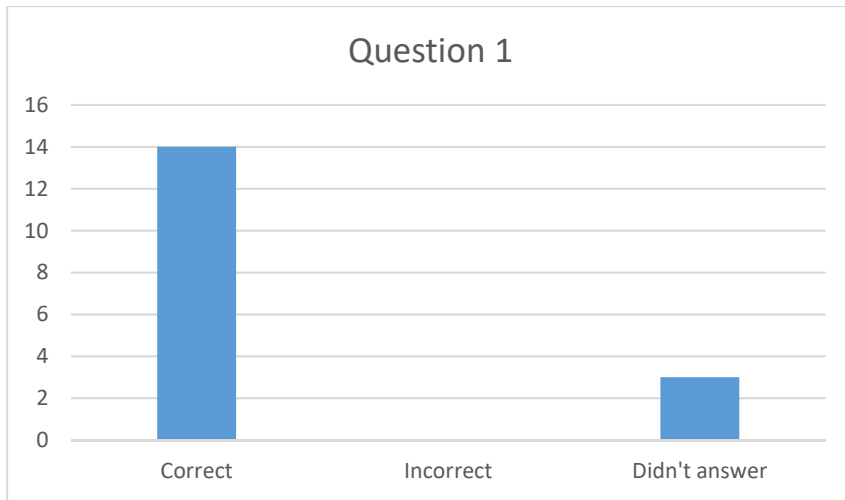
Russia has assisted the U.S. in fighting the regime of Bashar al-Assad in Syria True / False

Some ISIS fighters have entered Syria from Russia True / False

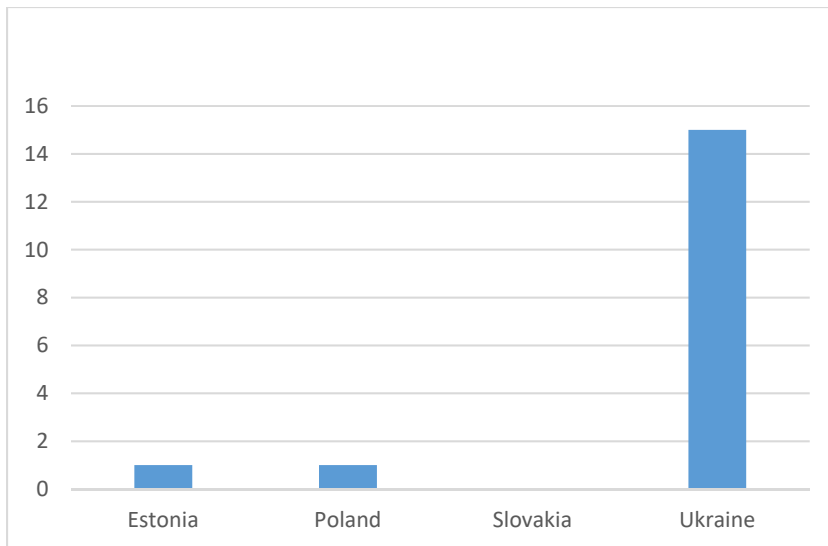
Russia is a member of the Group of 8, or G-8, an association of leading economies and democracies in the world. True / False

Russia has the largest proven reserves of this energy commodity:

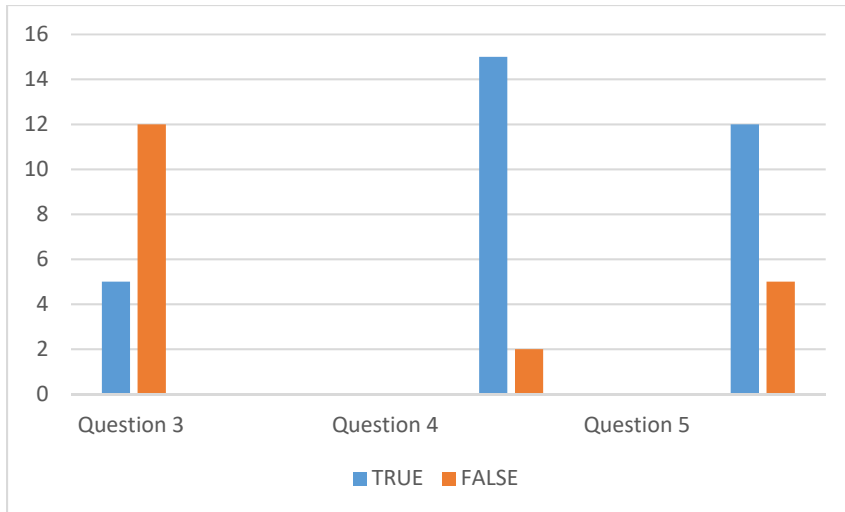
Misconception/Preconception check results:



1 - The head of state in Russia is _____



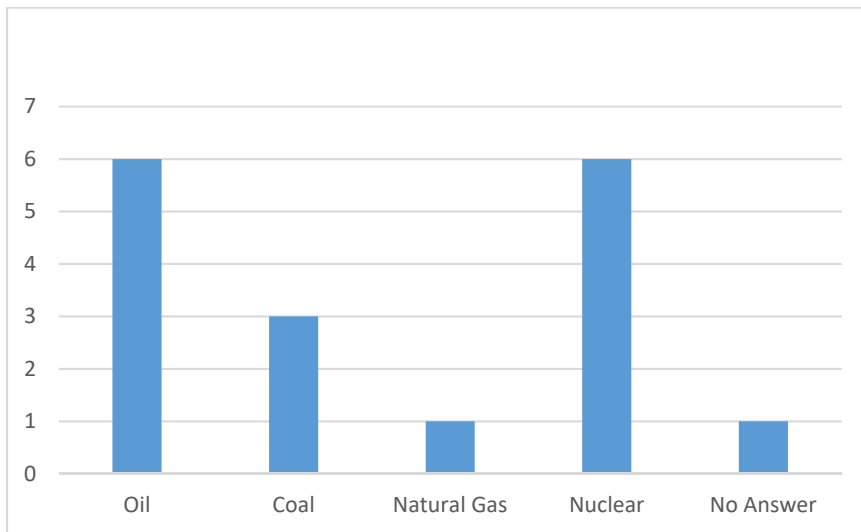
2 - A part of this country was forcibly annexed by Russia in 2014 (UKRAINE)



3 - Russia has assisted the U.S. in fighting the regime of Bashar al-Assad in Syria True / False

4 - Some ISIS fighters have entered Syria from Russia True / False

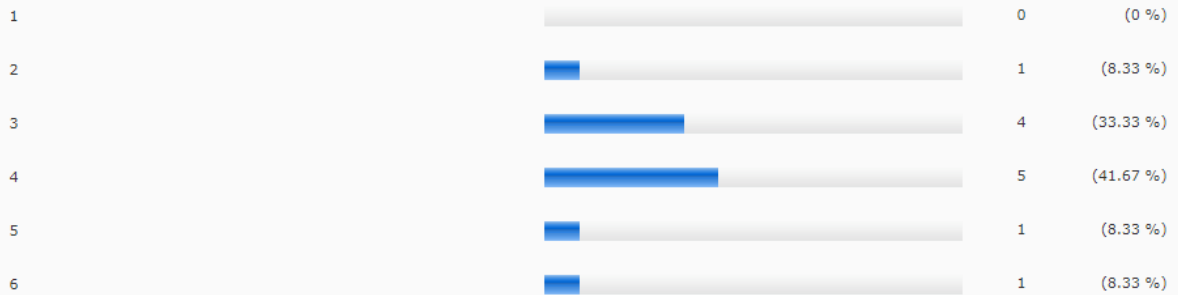
5 - Russia is a member of the Group of 8, or G-8, an association of leading economies and democracies in the world. True / False



6 - Russia has the largest proven reserves of this energy commodity (NATURAL GAS)

Question 1

I had _____ correct answers on the Russia misconception/preconception check.



Question 2

I believe my score is an accurate representation of my level of background knowledge about Russia.



Question 3

Do you agree/disagree with the following statement: I think my level of background knowledge about Russia is similar to other students my age and with my education level.



Briefly explain your choice in the previous question:

- ▶ I think my prior knowledge of world geography may help my preconception check answers a little bit but I don't think I'm remarkably on top of world events. The most notable question I missed was about the G-8/G-7, which I had personally either never heard of or didn't at all remember prior to the preconception check. I'm not really sure how much world news most people my age take in but I don't think I take in particularly more or less than most others, if I had to guess.
- ▶ I felt that some of the questions could be answered by anyone that has a general idea of what is going on in the news however some of them required more knowledge. I know there are some students who pay better attention to the news of foreign countries than me and therefore may have got more of these questions right or had more confidence in their answer.
- ▶ i beleive that i have a better sense of understanding than most peopel my age
- ▶ I think that I know the basics about Russia that most other people know, but I do not follow their news or keep up with their updates and I do not think many people my age keep up with Russian news unless they are very interested in it.
- ▶ I believe that I have some historical background knowledge on Russia that many people do not. I took an elective in high school that focused on Russias political past.
- ▶ I chose agree because I believe Russia has been in the news a lot this past year and I believe people my age will have some background knowledge on Russia.
- ▶ I would say I am relatively informed about Russian affairs but I don't make a strong effort to do so. I could do more of course, but I could also be doing less to stay informed. I think this is pretty similar to the majority of my peers. There is a lot of information and news available, it can be difficult to stay up to date as to what is going on especially when the issues become complicated and nuanced.
- ▶ I wouldn't say that I'm completely out of the loop when it comes to Russia and everything that's going on in the Middle East right now, but I do pay attention. Just not as much as some of my peers.
- ▶ I personally just see whatever is headlining in the news about Russia; I don't go into deep research about Russian news, which probably many other young adults don't do as well.
- ▶ Russia is one of several countries I keep a close eye on. Our relationship with Russia could change day to day.
- ▶ I feel the average student will have slight knowledge about Russia. However, in our particular class, I feel there are several advanced students that already have quite a bit more knowledge than me. On the other hand, I also believe there is a decent amount of students in the class with the same knowledge as me.
- ▶ I feel like throughout high school and life we are not taught about much more than what goes on in America. If we don't specifically study somewhere abroad then our knowledge is limited to America and little else.

