



The likelihood of more than 200 protests / riots happening in a single month has increased by 37% over the last month.

The invasion of Ukraine has sparked protests within Russia, despite Putin’s warnings ([Reuters](#))

INFER Forecast Question: From 1 April 2022 to 1 April 2023, what will be the highest number of ACLED recorded protests / riots in a single calendar month in Russia?

Based on 128 forecasts by 46 forecasters:

Possible Answer	INFER % Chance 25 April 2022	INFER % Chance 25 May 2022
Less than 200	47%	**10% (-37%)
More than or equal to 200 but less than 400	37%	60% (+23%)
More than or equal to 400 but less than 600	12%	22% (+10%)
More than or equal to 600 but less than 800	3%	6% (+3%)
More than or equal to 800 but less than 1,000	1%	1% (+0%)
More than or equal to 1,000	0%	1% (+1%)

**Given the April 2022 figures showing there were 201 protests and riots, we expect this number to drop to 0% as forecasters continue to update their forecasts over time.

Why was this “heads up” issued?

Here are comments from forecasters who have recently updated their forecast assessments: ([See Latest Forecasts and Rationales](#))

“Heavy readjustment towards the 200-400 bucket in light of April’s figures showing 201 in April.”

[Hobbes](#)
May 16, 2022, 7:31pm ET

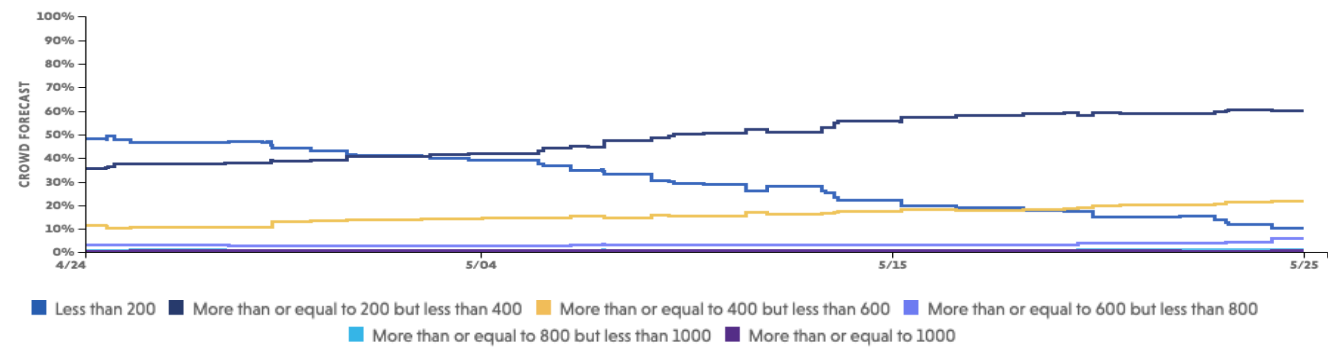
“Consensus may not be taking into account changes in radicalization as the realization sinks in that the war against Ukraine was a cosmically bad blunder.”

[Cmeinel](#)
May 19, 2022, 9:11pm ET

“There was a pro-Ukraine/anti-war chanting at a large concert over the weekend in Russia, which may indicate that many Russians simply do not believe the propaganda.”

[Thsavage](#)
May 23, 2022, 3:52pm ET

Consensus Trend





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