

World Public Opinion on US Relations with the Muslim World

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* Data listed as Hong Kong and Taiwan are not included in the averages displayed.

Q1. Thinking now about US actions around the world, please tell me if you think...To see the creation of an independent and economically viable Palestinian state... is or is not a US goal.

	Is definitely a goal	Is probably a goal	Is probably not a goal	Is definitely not a goal	DK/NS
Mexico	12	19	21	35	13
US	17	47	21	5	10
France	7	34	27	20	12
Germany	11	30	29	21	10
Britain	12	37	23	12	16
Italy	22	28	19	17	14
Russia	3	10	36	24	26
Ukraine	2	10	25	23	41
Azerbaijan	3	4	33	46	14
Egypt	2	2	7	80	9
Jordan	18	10	14	49	10
Palest. Ter.	36	23	18	19	5
Turkey	21	12	14	38	14
Kenya	20	42	12	14	12
Nigeria	31	33	16	9	12
China	6	14	19	15	47
Hong Kong*	10	28	27	13	22
India	20	26	13	13	28
Indonesia	5	19	33	15	28
Pakistan	17	19	9	13	42
Taiwan*	7	41	19	7	27
Thailand	11	22	9	8	51
Average	14	22	20	24	21

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Q2. Which of these three views is closest to yours?

	A. The US mostly shows respect to the Islamic world	B. The US is often disrespectful to the Islamic world, but out of ignorance and insensitivity	C. The US purposely tries to humiliate the Islamic world	DK / NS
Mexico	7	32	55	7
US	56	31	5	8
France	17	58	17	9
Germany	11	62	21	6
Britain	22	58	7	14
Italy	27	38	16	19
Russia	5	35	41	18
Ukraine	5	27	33	36
Azerbaijan	12	47	37	4
Egypt	11	24	56	10
Iran	5	21	64	10
Jordan	16	34	39	12
Palest. Ter.	20	28	49	3
Turkey	8	40	43	9
Kenya	38	39	15	9
Nigeria	33	33	21	13
China	7	37	18	38
Hong Kong*	10	52	20	19
India	22	32	27	19
Indonesia	8	39	30	24
Pakistan	6	22	52	20
Taiwan*	10	56	10	25
Thailand	7	16	12	65
Average	16	36	31	17

Q3. Overall, do you think the US having naval forces based in the Persian Gulf is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Good idea	Bad idea	Depends (vol.)	DK / NS
Mexico	15	74	2	8
US	70	23		7
France	41	43	8	8
Germany	33	52		15

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Britain	43	39	5	13
Italy	31	43	10	15
Russia	4	63	17	16
Ukraine	4	56	8	31
Azerbaijan	19	66	10	6
Egypt	1	91	1	8
Jordan	11	76	0	13
Palest. Ter.	4	90	5	2
Turkey	6	77	3	14
Kenya	53	30	5	11
Nigeria	60	23	7	10
China	8	54	8	30
Hong Kong*	19	59	8	13
India	25	25	22	28
Indonesia	5	56	14	26
Pakistan	1	45	10	44
Taiwan*	32	45	3	20
Thailand	9	22	32	36
Average	22	52	10	17

Q4. What about the people in the Middle East? Do you think the majority of them approve or disapprove of the US having naval forces based in the Persian Gulf?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK / NS
Mexico	8	86	7
US	24	69	7
France	11	80	9
Germany	15	71	14
Britain	8	76	16
Italy	17	68	15
Russia	22	52	26
Ukraine	3	61	37
Azerbaijan	13	77	10
Egypt	9	77	14
Jordan	11	71	18
Palest. Ter.	14	83	3
Turkey	5	74	20
Kenya	35	57	8

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Nigeria	42	38	20
China	3	65	32
Hong Kong*	4	85	11
India	24	35	41
Indonesia	3	59	37
Pakistan	4	43	52
Taiwan*	6	79	16
Thailand	7	40	53
Average	14	64	22

Q5. Which of these three positions is closest to yours?

	A. The US opposes democracy in Muslim countries	B. The US favors democracy in Muslim countries, but only if the government is cooperative with the US	C. The US favors democracy in Muslim countries, whether or not the government is cooperative with the US	DK / NS
US	4	43	44	8
France	13	63	19	6
Germany	10	70	13	7
Britain	5	59	24	12
Italy	18	53	16	13
Azerbaijan	25	59	9	7
Egypt	37	42	8	14
Jordan	41	40	6	12
Palest. Ter.	35	38	11	15
Turkey	30	49	7	14
Indonesia	17	44	13	27
Pakistan	25	36	10	30
Average	22	50	15	14

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METHODOLOGY

	Sample Size (unweighted)	MoE (%)	Field dates	Survey methodology	Type of sample
Azerbaijan	600	4.1	August 10-31, 2008	Face-to-face	National
China	1011	3.2	Jul 26 – Aug 2, 2008	Telephone	National ¹
<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>1008</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>September 10-26, 2008 October 22-24, 2008</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Representative of Hong Kong</i>
<i>Taiwan</i>	<i>823</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>August 22-31, 2008</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Representative of Taiwan</i>
Egypt	1101	3.0	Aug 13 – 25, 2008	Face-to-face	National
France	600	4.1	August 5 - 12, 2008	Telephone	National
Germany	1008	3.1	Jul 15 – Aug 12, 2008	Telephone	National
Great Britain	803	3.5	Jul 31 – Aug 8, 2008	Telephone	National
India	1118	3.0	Aug 30 – Sep 2, 2008	Face-to-face	National ²
Indonesia	1120	3.0	July 29 – Aug 18	Face-to-face	National ³
Iran	710	3.8	Jan 13 – Feb 9, 2008	Face-to-face	National
Italy	600	4.1	Sep 4-10, 2008	Telephone	National
Jordan	583	4.1	August 12-15, 2008	Face-to-face	National
Kenya	1000	3.2	July 17-30, 2008	Face-to-face	National
Mexico	850	3.4	August 9-10, 2008	Telephone	National ⁴
Nigeria	1000	3.2	August 9-18, 2008	Face-to-face	National ⁵
Palestinian Territories	638	4.0	August 1-7, 2008	Face-to-face	National ⁶
Pakistan	1200	2.9	Aug 16 – Sep 30	Face-to-Face	National

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Russia	803	3.5	Jul 18-22, 2008	Face-to-Face	National
Thailand	2223	2.1	September 1-25, 2008	Face-to-face	National ⁷
Turkey	1023	3.1	Jul 28 – Aug 18, 2008	Face-to-face	National
Ukraine	1043	3.1	Aug 30 – Sep 9, 2008	Face-to-face	National
United States	879	3.4	August 9-20, 2008	Internet ⁸	National

¹ In China, the survey was a probability sample of urban and rural households with land-line telephones in the provinces of Anhui, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Hubei, Jiangsu, Shanxi, Shanghai, Sichuan, and Yunnan—representing approximately 60 percent of the mainland Chinese population. The August sample was 40 percent rural, 60 percent urban (rural households make up approximately 55 percent of the population).

² In India, a face-to-face survey was conducted in urban and rural areas in 14 of the largest Indian states; these states comprise 77 percent of India’s population. The sample is 60 percent urban, India’s population is approximately 30 percent urban.

³ In Indonesia, a national probability sample was conducted in both urban and rural areas and covering approximately 87 percent of Indonesia’s population.

⁴ In Mexico, a random telephone sample of adults who had landline telephones was conducted in all 31 states and the Federal District. Telephone penetration in Mexico is 55 percent.

⁵ In Nigeria, the sample was developed by selecting six states, one per geographic region, based upon their size and representativeness. Within each state, sampling points were selected by means of a multi-stage random sample which disproportionately sampled urban areas. The final sample is 75 percent urban; Nigeria is approximately 50 percent urban.

⁶ In the Palestinian Territories, a face-to-face national probability survey was conducted among the population of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip.

⁷ In May 2008, the survey was conducted in 10 provinces of the country including Bangkok, Samutprakarn, Chantaburi, Ratchaburi, Chiang Mai, Kampangpet, Kornkean, Sakonnakorn, Chumporn, and Songkla. In September 2008, the survey was conducted in 9 provinces of the country including Bangkok, Samutprakarn, Chanthaburi, Khonkaen, Chiang Mai, Kamphaengphet, Sakonnakhon, Chumphon, and Songkhla.

⁸ In the United States, the poll was an online survey drawn from a nationally representative sample of the Knowledge Networks online panel. This panel is randomly selected through telephone interviews from the population of telephone households in the US, and subsequently provided with Internet access if needed.