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Asia zone

► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA; WEST ASIA; SOUTH ASIA; NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA

► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

228-1 **Lack of Mentors May Hinder Women's Entrepreneurship in GCC** (Click for Details)

Women in most Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries are less likely than men to be business owners or have plans to start a business, but Gallup research suggests it is not because they lack the traits associated with entrepreneurs. Instead, it may be their lack of access to mentors. (Gallup USA)

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4.5 Society » Gender Issues

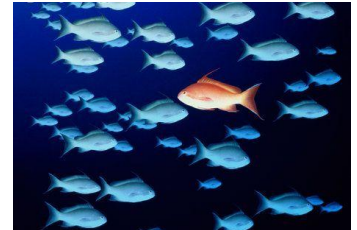
► WEST ASIA

228-2 **Perceptions about being Conventional or Unconventional** (Click for Details)

(Pakistan) According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of Pakistanis view themselves to be either in the middle, neither conventional nor unconventional (32%) or moderately conventional (31%). Relatively fewer claim to be on the extreme ends of being very unconventional (4%) or very conventional (21%). (Gallup Pakistan)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle



► SOUTH EAST ASIA



228-3 **Aquino Satisfaction Rating at Good Net +42** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The Second Quarter 2012 Social Weather Survey, conducted from May 24-27, 2012, found 63% satisfied and 21% dissatisfied with Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III's performance as President, for a net rating of +42 (% satisfied minus % dissatisfied), termed as good. (SWS)

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Africa zone

► WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA;
SOUTHERN AFRICA

► SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

228-4 **South Africa Youth Faces Unique Challenges** (Click for Details)

(South Africa) Just over a third (34%) is satisfied with their performance, 33% are dissatisfied and 30% do not have an opinion. "This is a very even split between opinion and presents an opportunity for political parties to



gain support by improving service delivery and the perception of their performance,” comments Harris. Interest in politics falls quite low within this population group. Almost half of the youth (47%) state that they have no interest in politics or elections with a significantly lower percentage (35%) indicating some interest. (Ipsos South Africa)

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4.4 Society » Civil Society



Euro Americas zone

► EAST EUROPE; WEST EUROPE; NORTH AMERICA;
LATIN AMERICA & AUSTRALASIA

EUROPE

► EAST EUROPE

228-5 **Moscow Opposition Rallies in May: Russian Assessment** (Click for Details)

(Russia) The “Occupy Abai” Camp, the “March of Millions” and the “Control Walk” attracted the attention of almost every second Russian. The rallies are supported by 22% of respondents (35% in December 2011) and condemned by 40% (24% in December 2011). (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)
May 29, 2012

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties



228-6 **Night Of Museums: How Many People Will Come?** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Forty-two percent of Russians are aware of the Night of Museums that is held every year around the world. Those who are best informed are Russians with high level of education (76%), active Internet users (52%) and metropolitan residents (74%). The share of those who have heard for the first time about this event is 56%: basically Russians with low level of education (80%), those who do not use the Internet (66%) and those who reside in rural area (67%). (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)

May 18, 2012

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

228-7 **Changing Religiosity of the Poles** (Click for Details)

(Poland) The vast majority of adult Poles (93%) consider themselves Roman Catholic. Only about 1.8% of the totals are people of different religious denominations. In the last three years the proportion of people considering themselves as non-believers, atheists or agnostic rose twofold, from 2.1% to 4.2%. (CBOS)

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4.1 Society » Religion



► WEST EUROPE

228-8 **Hollande: Better than Sarkozy?** (Click for Details)

(France) Just under a third of Britons believe the newly elected French President Francois Hollande will make a better President than his predecessor Nicolas Sarkozy, our poll shows. Meanwhile, around a quarter expect there will be no difference in quality between Hollande and Sarkozy. (YouGov)

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228-9 **Religious Britons support gay marriage** (Click for Details)

(UK) A poll of more than 2,000 people conducted by YouGov for Stonewall has revealed that three in five people of faith support government plans to extend civil marriage to same-sex couples, despite a vitriolic campaign against the proposal by some faith leaders. (YouGov)

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228-10 **Olympic Interest Remains High** (Click for Details)

(UK) It is not just the competitors who look for success at sporting events. Both Euro 2012 and the London Olympics have numerous high profile sponsors who will be desperate to gain traction from their association. (YouGov)

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228-11 **Economic Confidence Down, Hope Up** (Click for Details)

(UK) Data released by YouGov's Household Economic Activity Tracker (HEAT) in April and May shows that monthly spend on gambling in the UK rose steeply year on year. In April this year UK gamblers spent £48 compared to £36 in the same period last year, an increase of 33%. May data shows players spending £31 in May 2011, rising to £37 in May 2012, an increase of 19%. Amongst C2DE social groups, gambling spend has increased 114% in April. This comes amidst a bleak outlook for the UK economy, which is being buffeted by the Eurozone crisis, low growth and high unemployment. (YouGov)

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228-12 **Majority of Scots Support Gay Marriage** (Click for Details)

(Scotland) The majority of Scots think that same-sex couples should have the right to marry, according to our latest poll for the Equality Network. A majority also think that religious organisations should be able to decide whether to conduct same-sex marriages. (Ipsos Mori)

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AMERICAS

► NORTH AMERICA

228-13 **U.S. Satisfaction Slips Slightly to 20%** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Twenty percent of Americans say they are satisfied with the way things are going in the United States, a slight decline from recent months, when between 24% and 26% were satisfied. Satisfaction has reached as high as 36% during President Obama's first term, before falling back to 11% last August and September. ([Gallup USA](#))

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228-14 **U.S. Perceptions of Job Market Remain Weak but Improved** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans' perceptions of whether now is a good time or bad time to find a quality job remain flat at a weak but recently improved level, with 20% calling it a good time and 78% a bad time. ([Gallup USA](#))

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228-15 **Americans Still Blame Bush More Than Obama for Bad Economy** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans continue to place more blame for the nation's economic problems on George W. Bush than on Barack Obama, even though Bush left office more than three years ago. The relative economic blame given to Bush versus Obama today is virtually the same as it was last September. ([Gallup USA](#))

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228-16 **Obama's Performance, Economy Foremost in Voters' Minds** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Obama's job performance and the economy are uppermost in Americans' minds when they are asked to say why they are voting for their preferred candidate in the coming presidential election. About a third of Obama voters say he is doing a good job and deserves another term, while nearly as many Romney voters say Obama is doing poorly and should be voted out of office. Romney voters are more than twice as likely as Obama voters to mention the economy. ([Gallup USA](#))

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228-17 **Americans' Life Ratings Edge Higher** ([Click for Details](#))

More Americans were "thriving" and fewer were "struggling" in May than have been since February of last year. Fifty-four percent of Americans rated their lives highly enough to be considered thriving last month and 42.6% were considered struggling. ([Gallup USA](#))

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228-18 **Americans Upbeat about Local Economy, Down on the World** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans become progressively less positive about economic conditions the farther away from home they look. Forty-nine percent rate economic conditions in their local area as excellent or good, but that drops to 25% when rating the U.S. economy, and to 13% when assessing the world as a whole. ([Gallup USA](#))

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228-19 **Americans More Positive About Immigration** ([Click for Details](#))

President Barack Obama's decision not to deport young people who came to the U.S. illegally as children comes at a time when Americans' views toward immigration are much more positive than they have been in recent years. Currently, 66% say immigration is a "good thing" for the U.S. today, up from 59% last year and one percentage point off the high of 67% in 2006. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees](#)



228-20 **Investors Still Feel Powerless Over Retirement Savings** ([Click for Details](#))

Fifty-seven percent of investors say they feel they have little or no control over their efforts to build and maintain their retirement savings in the current environment. This is essentially the same as the 58% of February, but down from 65% in September 2011, just after the confrontation over the U.S. debt ceiling peaked. Thirty percent say they have quite a lot of control, and 13% say they have a great deal of control. ([Gallup USA](#))

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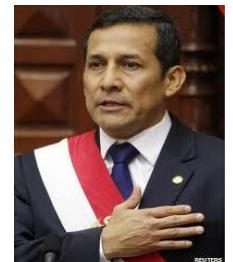
► **LATIN AMERICA**

228-21 **RPT-Peru's Humala approval tumbles to presidency low-poll** ([Click for Details](#))

([Peru](#)) Peruvian President Ollanta Humala's approval rating fell to the lowest level of his mandate in June, plummeting to 45 percent due to growing social conflicts over the country's key mining industry, an Ipsos Apoyo poll showed on Sunday. ([Ipsos Apoyo](#))

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228-22 **Mexico Presidential Frontrunner Rises In Poll after Debate** ([Click for Details](#))

([Mexico](#)) Support for Mexico's presidential frontrunner Enrique Pena Nieto edged higher and his lead over leftist rival Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador widened after a weekend presidential debate, a new opinion poll showed on Thursday. ([Consulta Mitofsky](#))

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► **AUSTRALASIA**

228-23 **National (46%) Lead Over Labour (31%) Up After Bill English Delivers the 2012 New Zealand Budget** ([Click for Details](#))

([New Zealand](#)) A recent New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows a rise in support for Prime Minister John Key's National Party 46% (up 2% since May 14-27,



2012). Support for Key's Coalition partners has changed slightly with the Maori Party 1.5% (down 0.5%), United Future 0.5% (unchanged) and ACT NZ 0% (down 1%). ([Roy Morgan](#))

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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

228-24 **Drone Strikes Widely Opposed: Global Citizens Opinion of Obama Slips** ([Click for Details](#))

There remains a widespread perception that the U.S. acts unilaterally and does not consider the interests of other countries. In predominantly Muslim nations, American anti-terrorism efforts are still widely unpopular. And in nearly all countries, there is considerable opposition to a major component of the Obama administration's anti-terrorism policy: drone strikes. In 17 of 20 countries, more than half disapprove of U.S. drone attacks targeting extremist leaders and groups in nations such as Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia. Global approval of President Barack Obama's policies has declined significantly since he first took office. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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228-25 **Joined At the Hip: Global Citizens Admit Technical Priorities** ([Click for Details](#))

Almost two-thirds (65%) of global citizens in 25 countries would choose to give up their mobile phone over one third (35%) who would give up their computer, if forced to choose between the two, finds a new poll by global research company Ipsos for Reuters News. ([Ipsos Global](#))

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[4.6 Society » Media/ New Media](#)

228-26 **Consumers Call for Ambitious Leadership from their Governments at Rio+20 Earth Summit** ([Click for Details](#))

As the Rio+20 Earth Summit kicks off in Brazil this week, a new poll of 17,000 consumers across 17 countries finds that 55% of people worldwide want their government to "play a leadership role in making ambitious international commitments to reduce global poverty in ways that improve the environment." A further 40% want their government to support moderate international commitments to the same end. The findings put pressure on summit negotiators to deliver an outcome that will satisfy constituents at home. ([GlobeScan](#))

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228-27 **Asian Consumers Lead the World into Banking and Buying via Mobile** ([Click for Details](#))

Using a phone to bank or shop could become the global norm, as Asia's consumers spearhead adoption thanks to their high trust in mobile technology. ([TNS Global](#))

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[3.12 Economy » IT & Telecom](#)

228-28 **Health Status Varies in Emerging Economies** (Click for Details)

Majorities of adults in Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) countries are satisfied with their personal health, but this satisfaction and their likelihood to report health problems varies from country to country. Russians are least likely to be satisfied with their personal health and the most likely to report having health problems. The Chinese are the least likely to report health problems. (Gallup USA)

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Topic of the week:

Drone Strikes Widely Opposed: Global Citizens Opinion of Obama Slips

► This issue provides two interesting poll findings and buzz monitoring on this subject.

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OVERVIEW

Opinion of Obama Declines, Especially on International Policies

	2009 %	2012 %	Change
<i>Confidence in Obama</i>			
Europe*	86	80	-6
Muslim countries*	33	24	-9
Russia	37	36	-1
China	62	38	-24
Japan	85	74	-11
Mexico	55	42	-13
<i>Favorable toward U.S.</i>			
Europe*	67	60	-7
Muslim countries*	25	15	-10
Russia	44	52	+8
China	47	43	-4
Japan	59	72	+13
Mexico	69	56	-13
<i>Approve of Obama's international policies</i>			
Europe*	78	63	-15
Muslim countries*	34	15	-19
Russia	40	22	-18
China	57	27	-30
Japan	77	58	-19
Mexico	56	39	-17

* Median percentages based only on those countries surveyed in 2009 and 2012. In Europe, this includes: Britain, France, Germany, Spain and Poland. Among the Muslim countries, this includes: Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan and Turkey.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q8a, Q40a & Q92.



Global approval of President Barack Obama's policies has declined significantly since he first took office, while overall confidence in him and attitudes toward the U.S. have slipped modestly as a consequence.

Europeans and Japanese remain largely confident in Obama, albeit somewhat less so than in 2009, while Muslim publics remain largely critical. A similar pattern characterizes overall ratings for the U.S. – in the EU and Japan, views are still positive, but the U.S. remains

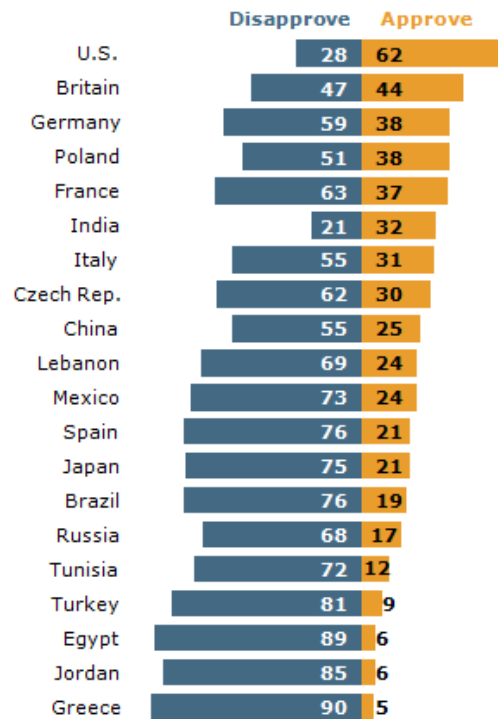
unpopular in nations such as Egypt, Jordan, Turkey and Pakistan.

Meanwhile, support for Obama has waned significantly in China. Since 2009, confidence in the American president has declined by 24 percentage points and approval of his policies has fallen 30 points. Mexicans have also soured on his policies, and many fewer express confidence in him today.

The Obama era has coincided with major changes in international perceptions of American power – especially U.S. economic power. The global financial crisis and the steady rise of China have led many to declare China the world's economic leader, and this trend is especially strong among some of America's major European allies. Today, solid majorities in Germany (62%), Britain (58%), France (57%) and Spain (57%) name China as the world's top economic power.



Widespread Opposition to Drone Strikes



A different question about drone strikes was asked in Pakistan and will be released in a subsequent report.

Survey results are based on national samples except in China. See the Survey Methods section for more information.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q59b.

Even though many think American economic clout is in relative decline, publics around the world continue to worry about how the U.S. uses its power – in particular its military power – in international affairs.



There remains a widespread perception that the U.S. acts unilaterally and does not consider the interests of other countries. In predominantly Muslim nations, American anti-terrorism efforts are still widely unpopular. And in nearly all countries, there is considerable opposition to a major component of the Obama administration's anti-terrorism policy: drone strikes. In 17 of 20 countries, more than half disapprove of U.S. drone attacks targeting extremist leaders and groups in nations such as Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia.

Americans are the clear outliers on this issue – 62% approve of the drone campaign, including most Republicans (74%), independents (60%) and Democrats (58%).

These are among the principal findings from a 21-nation survey conducted by the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project from March 17-April 20. The poll also finds that, despite disappointment with Obama's policies, there is still considerable support for his re-election in many countries, especially in Europe. Roughly nine-in-ten in France (92%) and Germany (89%) would like to see him re-elected, as would large majorities in Britain (73%), Spain (71%), Italy (69%) and the Czech Republic (67%). Most Brazilians (72%) and Japanese (66%) agree. But in the Middle East there is little enthusiasm for a second term – majorities in Egypt (76%), Jordan (73%) and Lebanon (62%) oppose Obama's re-election.

Overall Ratings for U.S. Mostly Positive

Continued Positive Views of U.S. in Obama Era

	% Favorable toward U.S.			Pct point change	
	Bush era 2008	Obama era 2009 2012		08-12	09-12
	%	%	%		
Italy	53*	--	74	+21	--
France	42	75	69	+27	-6
Poland	68	67	69	+1	+2
Britain	53	69	60	+7	-9
Spain	33	58	58	+25	0
Czech Rep.	45*	--	54	+9	--
Germany	31	64	52	+21	-12
Greece	--	--	35	--	--
Russia	46	44	52	+6	+8
Lebanon	51	55	48	-3	-7
Tunisia	--	--	45	--	--
Egypt	22	27	19	-3	-8
Turkey	12	14	15	+3	+1
Jordan	19	25	12	-7	-13
Pakistan	19	16	12	-7	-4
Japan	50	59	72	+22	+13
China	41	47	43	+2	-4
India	--	--	41	--	--
Brazil	--	--	61	--	--
Mexico	47	69	56	+9	-13

* Figures from 2007.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q8a.

Majorities or pluralities in 12 countries express a favorable opinion of the United States, while the prevailing view is negative in only five nations. In three countries views are closely divided.

Attitudes toward the U.S. are generally more positive today than in 2008, the final year of the George W. Bush administration. The biggest improvements in America's image have occurred among Europeans – in France, Spain, and Germany, the percentage of people with a positive view of the U.S. is at least 20 percentage points higher than in 2008.



However, some of the initial surge in pro-American sentiments that followed Obama's election have waned in Western Europe, especially in Germany where 64% had a favorable opinion of the U.S. in 2009, compared with 52% today.

In Japan, 72% currently express a favorable opinion of the U.S., up from 50% four years ago. America's image in Japan improved dramatically in 2011, due in part to American relief efforts following the devastating March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Fully 85% of Japanese respondents expressed a positive view of the U.S. in last year's poll.

In a number of strategically important Muslim nations, America's image has not improved during the Obama presidency. In fact, America's already low 2008 ratings have slipped even further in Jordan and Pakistan.

Even in many nations where overall ratings for the U.S. remain low, however, certain aspects of American "soft power" are often well-regarded. For instance, the American way of doing business is especially popular in the Arab World – more than half in Lebanon (63%), Tunisia (59%), Jordan (59%) and Egypt (52%) say they like this element of America's image.

Majorities or pluralities in 18 of 20 countries admire the U.S. for its science and technology, and most of the publics surveyed embrace American music, movies and television. Around the world, U.S. ideas about democracy and American ways of doing business have become more popular since Obama took office.

American soft power is often particularly appealing to young people. In particular, U.S. popular culture and American ideas about democracy are more popular among people under 30.

Still, even as they embrace certain features of American culture, people worry that it may crowd out their own cultures and traditions – majorities or pluralities in 17 of 20 countries say it is a bad thing that U.S. ideas and customs are spreading to their countries.

Disappointment With Obama's Policies

While confidence in Obama has slipped, in many of the countries surveyed, people continue to express confidence in President Obama's foreign policy leadership. In particular, he still gets extremely high ratings in much of Europe. More than seven-in-ten in Germany, France, Britain, the Czech Republic and Italy express confidence that Obama will do the right thing in world affairs. Big majorities in Japan and Brazil also hold this view.

There is little support for Obama, however, in the predominantly Muslim nations surveyed. Fewer than three-in-ten express confidence in him in Egypt, Tunisia, Turkey and Jordan. And roughly a year after he ordered the Abbottabad raid that killed Osama bin Laden, just 7% of Pakistanis have a positive view of Obama, the same percentage that voiced confidence in President George W. Bush during the final year of his administration.

Obama's Ratings Remain Better Than Bush's

% A lot/some confidence

	Bush: 2008	Obama: 2012	Difference
	%	%	
U.S.	37	61	+24
Germany	14	87	+73
France	13	86	+73
Britain	16	80	+64
Spain	8	61	+53
Poland	41	50	+9
Russia	22	36	+14
Turkey	2	24	+22
Egypt	11	29	+18
Jordan	7	22	+15
Lebanon	33	39	+6
Pakistan	7	7	0
Japan	25	74	+49
China	30	38	+8
Mexico	16	42	+26

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q40a.

Outside of Pakistan, however, Obama consistently receives higher ratings than Bush did in 2008. This is particularly true in Western Europe and Japan, but it is also true in several predominantly Muslim nations where Obama's ratings – while not especially high – are nonetheless more positive than his predecessor's.

In nearly every country where trends are available, support for Obama's international policies has declined over the last three years. Even though most Europeans still endorse Obama's policies, their enthusiasm has ebbed. Among the EU countries surveyed in both 2009 and 2012, a median of 78% approved of Obama's policies in 2009, compared with 63% now. Among Muslim nations, the median has slipped from 34% to 15%. Major declines have also taken place in China, Japan, Russia and Mexico.

Unmet Expectations for Obama

	2009		2012	
	Will	Will not	Has	Has not
	%	%	%	%
Consider your country's interests*	45	42	27	58
Seek international approval for military force	45	42	29	54
Be fair with Israelis & Palestinians	46	32	18	59
Take steps on climate change	56	29	22	61

Medians based on only those countries surveyed in both 2009 and 2012: U.S., Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Poland, Russia, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, China, Japan, Pakistan and Mexico. Median for "consider your country's interests" does not include China.

* U.S. respondents were asked whether Obama has/will take into account the interests of other countries when making international policy decisions.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q94a-d.

On a number of specific issues, there is a sense that Obama has not lived up to the expectations people had for him when he first took office. The 2009 Pew Global Attitudes survey found that many believed the new American president would act multilaterally, seek international approval before using military force, take a fair approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and make progress on climate change. As the current survey reveals, few now believe he has actually accomplished these things.

For instance, looking at the countries surveyed in both 2009 and 2012, a median of 56% in 2009 expected Obama to take significant steps to deal with climate change. Today, a median of just 22% think he has actually done this.

China's Growing Economic Might

Who is World's Leading Economic Power?



Median % naming China and the U.S. as the world's leading economic power across 14 nations surveyed each year from 2008 to 2012.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q29.

China's image has slipped in several countries over the last year. The percentage of Japanese with a favorable opinion of China plummeted from 34% to 15%. In France, China's favorability ratings dropped from 51% to 40%, and in Britain from 59% to 49%. And since last year, Americans have become less disposed to rate China positively (51% in 2011, 40% now).



However, perceptions of China's economic power continue to grow. This is especially true in Europe, but the belief that China is the world's top economy has become more common in the last year in other parts of the world as well, including Brazil, Japan, Turkey and Lebanon.

Views about the economic balance of power have shifted dramatically over time among the 14 countries surveyed each year from 2008 to 2012. In 2008, before the onset of the global financial crisis, a median of

45% named the U.S. as the world's leading economic power, while just 22% said China. Today, only 36% say the U.S., while 42% believe China is in the top position.

Also of Note

- Global publics are much less interested in the 2012 U.S. presidential election than they were in the 2008 contest. For example, four years ago 56% of Germans were closely following the race, compared with just 36% now.
- Much like President Obama, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton receives largely positive marks in Western Europe, but is unpopular in the predominantly Muslim nations surveyed.
- German Chancellor Angela Merkel receives mostly favorable ratings in Europe – with the clear exception of Greece, where only 7% express confidence in her.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin is rated negatively in most of the countries surveyed, and Russia's overall image has declined since last year in Western Europe and the U.S.

Source:

<http://www.pewglobal.org/2012/06/13/global-opinion-of-obama-slips-international-policies-faulted/?src=prc-newsletter>

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2012)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 – May 2012

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 6,535 polls during the period 2007-2012
- 2- Subjects of Interest (*we have made a list of 125 subjects, further grouped into 9 broad categories, namely: **Governance**, **Globalization** (inclusive of global economic issues) **Global Conflicts** (conflict zones), **Global leaders** (USA and Emerging powers), **Global Environment**, **Family**, **Religion**, and **other miscellaneous***)
- 3- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys: \approx 178 during the period 2007-2012
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 347 during the period 2007-2012

