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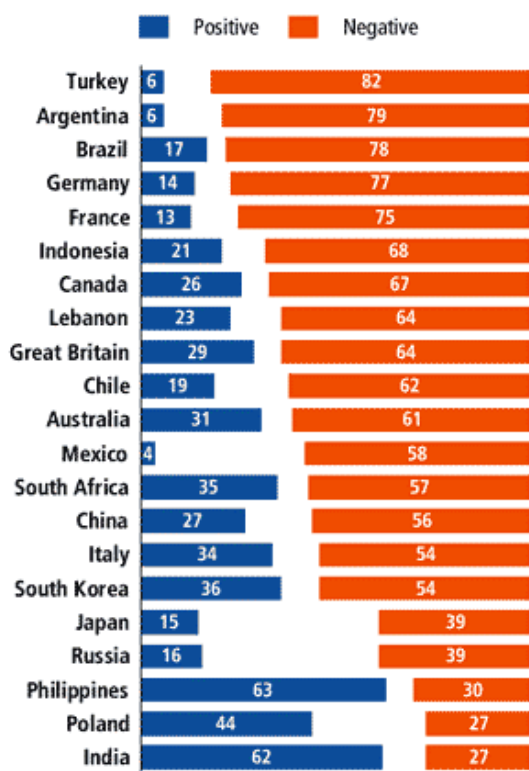
In 18 of 21 Countries Polled, Most See Bush's Reelection as Negative for World Security

According to a new BBC World Service Poll of twenty-one countries from all regions of the world, the reelection of President Bush is seen as negative for world peace and security by a majority in sixteen countries and a plurality in another two. On average across all countries, 58 percent said that Bush's reelection was negative, while 26 percent said that it was positive for global security.

Bush Reelection

As you may know, George Bush has been reelected as President of the United States.

Do you think this is positive or negative for peace and security in the world?



The white space in this chart represents "Depends/Neither," and "DK/NA."

Clearly the negative attitudes toward Bush are not simply derived from anti-Americanism as negative attitudes toward the US, while significant, are not as strong as for Bush. On average a plurality of 47 percent say they now view US influence in the world as mostly negative while 38 percent view it as mostly positive and 15 percent did not answer either way. In twelve countries a majority see US influence as mostly negative, with large majorities in Argentina (65%), Germany (64%), Russia (63%), Turkey (62%), Canada (60%), and Mexico (57%).

Though France is often presumed to be overwhelmingly anti-American, only a modest 54 percent majority said they viewed US influence as negative. Majorities see US influence as positive in the Philippines (88%), South Africa (56%), India (54%), Poland (52%), and South Korea (52%).

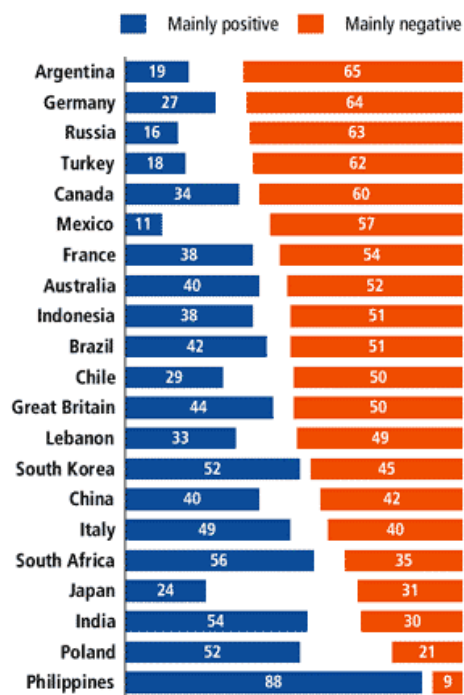
Steven Kull, director of PIPA, comments, "This is quite a grim picture for the US. Negative feelings about Bush are high and are generalizing to the American people who reelected him. And, support for contributing troops to Iraq is nowhere to be found. However, those saying the US itself is having a clearly negative influence in the world still do not constitute a definitive world-wide majority, suggesting there may be some underlying openness to repairing relations with the US."

Doug Miller, President of GlobeScan, comments, "Our research makes very clear that the reelection of President Bush has further isolated America from the world. It also supports the view of some Americans that unless his Administration changes its approach to world affairs in its second term, it will continue to erode America's good name, and hence its ability to effectively influence world affairs."

Some of the countries most negative about Bush's reelection are traditional US allies. These included all western European countries polled—Germany (77% negative), France (75%), Britain (64%), though Italy was relatively moderate at 54 percent negative. Also quite negative were Canada (67%) and Australia (61%). Japan, however, was again somewhat noncommittal (positive 15%, negative 39%, no difference 31%, don't know 15%).

Countries with predominantly Muslim populations are also quite negative. In Turkey, though a US ally, an overwhelming 82 percent were negative about Bush's reelection—the highest of all countries polled. Also negative were Indonesia (68%), and Lebanon (64%).

View of US Influence in World



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Given that Latin America has had less direct involvement in the foreign policy issues of the first Bush term, it is striking how negative public feelings are toward Bush there. Argentines were 79 percent negative, as were 78 percent of Brazilians, 62 percent of Chileans and 58 percent of Mexicans.

The most mixed region is Asia. As mentioned, a large majority of Filipinos (63%) and Indians (62%) feel positive about Bush's reelection, while the Japanese were noncommittal. However the majority of Indonesians (68%), Chinese (56%) and South Koreans (54%) are negative.

In the one African country polled, South Africa, a majority (57%) is negative.

Russians lean negative (39% negative to 16% positive) but, similar to the Japanese, nearly half either said Bush's reelection made no difference to them (32%) or gave no answer (14%).

Globally, demographic variations are modest. Those with higher education and higher income are a bit more likely to have negative feelings about Bush's reelection and to feel worse toward the American people.

In addition to the 21 countries polled, a poll of 1,000 Americans was conducted. Not surprisingly 56% of Americans expressed the view that Bush's reelection is positive for world security (negative 39%) and 71% said that the US is having a mostly positive influence in the world (25% mostly negative).

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Polling was conducted from Novr 15, 2004 to Jan 3, 2005 with of 21,953 people, plus 1,000 Americans. In eight of the countries the sample was limited to major metropolitan areas. The margin of error per country ranged from +/-2.5 – 4%.

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BBC Global Poll

The following table gives more details of the methodologies used in each of the 22 countries.

Country	Sample (unweighted)	Field dates	Sample frame	Survey method	Type of sample
Argentina	1005	Dec 10 – Dec 13 2004	18 years and over	Face-to-face	Nation-wide
Australia	1018	Dec 1 – Dec 29 2004	18 years and over	Telephone	Nation-wide
Brazil	800	Nov 16 – Dec 30 2004	18 years to 69 years	Face-to-face	Urban ¹
Canada	1000	Nov 23 – Dec 6 2004	18 years and over	Telephone	Nation-wide
Chile	1200	Dec 10 – Dec 29 2004	18 years and over	Face-to-face	Urban ²
China	1800	Dec 4 – Dec 20 2004	18 years and over	Telephone	Urban ³
France	1001	Dec 8 – Dec 15 2004	15 years and over	Telephone	Nation-wide
Germany	1004	Nov 29 – Dec 31 2004	16 years to 70 years	Telephone	Nation-wide
Great Britain	1000	Nov 15 – Nov 28 2004	18 years and over	Telephone	Nation-wide
India	1005	Dec 4 – Dec 15 2004	15 years to 65 years	Face-to-face	Main Metropolitan ⁴
Indonesia	1000	Nov 30 – Dec 19 2004	18 years to 60 years	Face-to-face	Major Metropolitan ⁵
Italy	1035	Dec 3 – Dec 17 2004	18 years and over	Telephone	Nation-wide
Japan	1403	Dec 9 – Dec 12 2004	20 years and over	Face-to-face	Nation-wide
Lebanon	1000	Dec 15 – Jan 3 2005	16 years to 64 years	Face-to-face	Nation-wide
Mexico	1000	Nov 16 – Dec 15 2004	18 years and over	Face-to-face	Nation-wide
Philippines	500	Dec 11 Dec 22 2004	18 years and over	Face-to-face	Urban ⁶
Poland	943	Nov 25 – Nov 29 2004	18 years and over	Face-to-face	Nation-wide
Russia	1028	Dec 2 – Dec 28 2004	18 years and over	Face-to-face	Nation-wide
South Africa	1011	Jan 3 – Jan 5 2005	18 years and over	Telephone	Major Metropolitan ⁷
South Korea	1000	Nov 26 – Dec 16 2004	20 years and over	Face-to-face	Nation-wide
Turkey	1200	Dec 9 – Dec 20 2004	15 years and over	Face-to-face	Urban ⁸
USA	1000	Nov 17 – Dec 12 2004	18 years and over	Telephone	Nation-wide

¹In Brazil the survey was conducted in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, Recife, Porto Alegre, Curitiba, Salvador&Brasília.

²In Chile the survey was conducted in Arica, Iquique, Calama, Antofagasta, Copiapó, La Serena, Coquimbo, Ovalle, Quilpué, Villa Alemana, Viña, Valparaíso, Quillota, San Antonio, Santiago, Rancagua, Curicó, Linares, Talca, Chillán, Talcahuano, Concepción, Coronel, Lota, Los Angeles, Temuco, Valdivia, Osorno, Puerto Montt & Chiguayante.

³In China the survey was conducted in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Wuhan, Xi'an, Chengdu, Shenyang, Zhengzhou&Hangzhou.

⁴In India the survey was conducted in Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, and Chennai.

⁵In Indonesia, the survey was conducted in Jakarta and Surabaya.

⁶In Philippines the survey was conducted in Quezon City, Manila, Caloocan, Las Piñas, Makati, Malabon, Mandaluyong, Marikina, Muntinlupa, Parañaque, Pasay, Pasig, Taguig, Valenzuela, Navotas, Pateros & San Juan.

⁷In South Africa the survey was conducted in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage, East London, Durban, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Vaal, Pretoria, Pietermaritzburg, Soweto & East Rand.

⁸In Turkey, the survey was conducted Istanbul, Bursa, Izmir, Ankara, Konya, Adana, Antalya, Samsun, Erzurum, Diyarbakir & Zonguldak.

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