

World Public Opinion and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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The United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Q1. As you may know, the members of the UN General Assembly have agreed on a set of principles called the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Some people say the United Nations should actively promote such human rights principles in member states. Others say this is improper interference in a country's internal affairs and human rights should be left to each country. Do you think the UN SHOULD or SHOULD NOT actively promote human rights in member states?

	Should	Should not	DK / NS
Argentina	91	4	5
Mexico	85	12	3
US	70	25	5
France	76	20	4
Germany	91	8	2
Britain	68	24	8
Italy	81	14	5
Russia	55	29	16
Ukraine	73	9	18
Azerbaijan	89	8	4
Egypt	64	33	3
Jordan	50	33	17
Palest. Ter.	54	41	5
Turkey	60	19	20
Kenya	94	4	2
Nigeria	87	12	1
China	62	16	22
Hong Kong*	73	16	12
Macau*	68	15	17
India	55	26	19
Indonesia	70	13	17
S Korea	62	35	4
Taiwan*	78	12	10

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Thailand	44	25	31
Average	70	19	10

Q2. Would you like to see the UN do more, do less, or do about the same as it has been doing to promote human rights principles?

	Do more	Do less	Do about the same as it has been doing	DK / NS
Argentina	85	2	8	5
Mexico	88	2	8	2
US	59	7	28	5
France	64	6	26	4
Germany	58	7	34	2
Britain	64	6	22	8
Italy	83	6	8	3
Russia	45	8	23	24
Ukraine	57	4	18	22
Azerbaijan	58	9	29	4
Egypt	55	22	22	1
Jordan	62	17	8	13
Palest. Ter.	48	23	26	3
Turkey	69	7	8	16
Kenya	91	5	3	1
Nigeria	88	7	4	1
China	51	5	15	29
Hong Kong*	65	2	26	7
Macau*	65	1	22	12
India	54	14	16	17
Indonesia	66	6	12	17
S Korea	69	3	25	3
Taiwan*	62	2	25	11
Thailand	60	7	13	20
Average	65	8	17	10

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Q3. Thinking about specific steps that could be taken to strengthen the United Nations, would favor or oppose...giving the UN the authority to go into countries in order to investigate violations of human rights?¹

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NS
Argentina	46	29	24
Peru	75	23	3
US	75	22	3
Armenia	67	16	18
France	92	8	1
Britain	86	11	3
Poland	58	14	28
Russia	64	17	19
Ukraine	66	13	21
Azerbaijan	77	11	12
Egypt	51	49	0
Iran	54	22	25
Israel	64	31	5
Turkey	47	25	28
Kenya	81	17	2
Nigeria	83	15	3
China	57	28	16
India	54	29	17
Indonesia	71	14	15
Philippines	46	46	9
S Korea	74	25	2
Thailand	52	26	22
Average	65	22	13

Religious Freedom

Q4. How important do you think it is for people of different religions to be treated equally? Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Depends (vol.)	DK / NS
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¹ For this item, fieldwork in Argentina, Peru, the US, Armenia, France, Britain, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Iran, Israel, China, India, Philippines, South Korea, and Thailand was completed between June 2006 and May 2007. Please see http://www.worldpublicopinion.org/pipa/pdf/jun07/CCGA+ FullReport_method.pdf for full methodological details.

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Argentina	90	7	1	0	0	1
Mexico	83	11	3	1	0	1
US	77	18	3	1		1
France	66	28	3	2	1	0
Germany	67	26	4	1	2	0
Britain	70	22	2	3	2	1
Italy	66	25	4	2	2	1
Poland	40	46	8	3		4
Russia	34	44	8	3	6	5
Ukraine	44	40	6	2	4	4
Azerbaijan	57	31	4	3	3	1
Egypt	29	45	18	6	2	1
Jordan	59	26	6	5		5
Palest. Ter.	52	36	10	1		2
Turkey	75	15	4	2	2	2
Kenya	83	16	1	0		
Nigeria	83	11	4	1	0	0
Hong Kong*	54	38	4	1	1	1
Macau*	56	29	5	1	2	7
India	56	20	2	13	6	4
Indonesia	82	13	2	0	1	2
S Korea	67	26	6	0	0	1
Taiwan*	67	23	5	1	1	3
Thailand	61	16	6	3	8	6
Average	64	25	5	2	2	2

Q5. Do you think:

	A. Followers of any religion should be allowed to assemble and practice in [country].	There are some religions that people should not be allowed to practice in [country].	DK / NS
Mexico	76	19	5
US	67	28	5
France	72	26	2
Germany	61	36	3
Britain	59	33	9
Italy	64	30	6
Poland	77	16	7

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Russia	50	38	12
Ukraine	30	54	16
Azerbaijan	71	26	3
Egypt	31	67	3
Jordan	39	51	9
Palest. Ter.	56	43	2
Turkey	80	12	8
Kenya	75	25	0
Nigeria	77	22	1
Hong Kong*	65	25	10
Macau*	51	33	16
India	63	18	18
Indonesia	65	28	7
S Korea	48	50	2
Taiwan*	75	14	12
Thailand	63	13	24
Average	61	32	7

Q6. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: "In [country], people of any religion should be free to try to convert members of other religions to join theirs."

	Agree	Disagree	DK/NS
Mexico	56	40	4
US	58	38	4
France	33	64	3
Germany	49	46	6
Britain	37	57	7
Italy	44	53	3
Poland	27	60	14
Russia	23	62	15
Ukraine	30	48	22
Azerbaijan	32	63	5
Egypt	30	67	3
Jordan	34	60	7
Palest. Ter.	18	78	4
Turkey	34	55	10
Kenya	74	25	0

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Nigeria	78	20	2
Hong Kong*	63	30	8
Macau*	58	31	11
India	33	52	15
Indonesia	17	72	12
S Korea	79	20	1
Taiwan*	83	11	6
Thailand	36	45	18
Average	41	51	8

Freedom of Expression

Q7. How important is it for people to have the right to express any opinion, including criticisms of the government or religious leaders? Is that very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Depends (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	84	10	3	1	0	1
Mexico	87	8	2	1	0	1
US	76	22	1	1	0	1
France	68	28	3	1	0	0
Germany	75	20	3	0	1	0
Britain	79	18	2	0	1	1
Italy	80	15	3	1	1	1
Russia	34	42	13	2	4	4
Ukraine	52	35	6	1	3	3
Azerbaijan	50	25	10	3	8	5
Egypt	43	37	18	2	2	0
Jordan	65	21	6	3	0	5
Palest. Ter.	67	27	3	2	0	2
Turkey	67	18	6	3	2	5
Kenya	74	20	4	2	1	0
Nigeria	86	9	2	3	0	0
Hong Kong*	44	45	7	1	2	2
Macau*	47	35	7	1	3	8
India	48	21	5	13	9	4
Indonesia	82	12	1	0	0	4

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S Korea	56	38	5	0	1	1
Taiwan*	53	38	5	1	1	2
Thailand	58	18	2	3	15	5
Average	66	22	5	2	2	2

Q8. Do you think the government should or should not have the right to prohibit certain political or religious views from being discussed?

	Should have the right	Should not have the right	DK / NS
Argentina	29	69	2
Mexico	20	76	3
US	13	85	2
France	27	71	2
Germany	41	56	3
Britain	39	53	7
Italy	30	63	7
Russia	29	55	16
Ukraine	29	63	9
Azerbaijan	32	64	4
Egypt	49	49	3
Jordan	41	47	12
Palest. Ter.	33	64	3
Turkey	25	64	11
Kenya	67	33	0
Nigeria	47	51	1
Hong Kong*	16	78	6
India	38	44	18
Indonesia	55	32	12
S Korea	14	85	2
Taiwan*	15	81	5
Thailand	63	16	21
Average	36	57	7

Q9. Do you think that:

	A. People should have the right to demonstrate peacefully to protest against the government	B. The government should have the right to ban peaceful demonstrations that it thinks would be politically destabilizing	DK / NS
Mexico	84	11	4
US	94	5	2
France	91	7	2
Germany	84	15	1
Britain	87	11	2
Italy	87	10	3
Russia	76	17	7
Ukraine	82	11	7
Azerbaijan	72	28	1
Egypt	55	42	3
Jordan	53	35	12
Palest. Ter.	65	33	2
Turkey	67	21	12
Kenya	72	28	0
Nigeria	83	17	1
Hong Kong*	82	11	8
Macau*	72	16	12
India	68	20	12
Indonesia	83	10	8
S Korea	66	32	3
Taiwan*	78	13	9
Thailand	55	29	17
Average	75	20	5

Media Freedom

Q10. How important is it for the media to be free to publish news and ideas without government control?

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	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Depends (vol)	DK / NS
Argentina	70	24	4	1	0	0
Mexico	79	15	4	0	1	1
Peru	65	31	3	0	0	1
US	56	32	10	1	0	1
France	54	26	11	5	3	1
Britain	65	23	7	4	1	1
Russia	23	41	21	5	5	6
Ukraine	39	35	13	5	3	6
Azerbaijan	52	34	5	5	3	1
Egypt	64	33	2	0	0	0
Iran	29	36	9	8	3	16
Jordan	50	28	12	7	0	4
Palest. Ter.	52	30	12	5	0	1
Turkey	56	18	9	9	3	5
Kenya	70	21	7	2	0	0
Nigeria	54	37	6	1	1	1
China	58	27	10	1	2	2
Hong Kong*	56	29	4	0	8	3
India	34	18	8	6	33	2
Indonesia	42	31	13	3	2	8
S Korea	64	29	6	1	0	0
Thailand	45	28	6	1	16	5
Average	53	28	8	3	4	3

Q11. Which view is closer to yours? Do you think:

	The media should have the right to publish news and ideas without government control.	The government should have the right to prevent the media from publishing things that it thinks will be politically destabilizing.	DK / NS
Argentina	80	16	4
Mexico	77	17	6
Peru	83	12	5
US	72	27	1
France	70	26	4
Britain	69	28	3

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Poland	78	13	9
Russia	45	44	12
Ukraine	59	31	10
Azerbaijan	55	34	11
Egypt	49	52	
Iran	31	45	24
Jordan	26	66	8
Palest. Ter.	36	59	6
Turkey	45	42	13
Kenya	67	33	
Nigeria	71	28	1
China	53	42	5
Hong Kong*	76	18	6
India	42	33	25
Indonesia	35	56	9
S Korea	72	26	1
Thailand	48	37	15
Average	57	35	8

Q12. How much freedom does the media have in [country]: a lot, some, not very much, none at all?

	A lot	Some	Not very much	None at all	DK / NS
Argentina	41	36	19	3	1
Mexico	29	38	28	3	2
US	66	26	6	1	0
France	50	32	15	3	1
Britain	71	22	4	1	2
Russia	25	44	22	4	5
Ukraine	18	46	24	4	8
Azerbaijan	14	38	27	14	6
Egypt	31	63	6	0	
Iran	17	45	16	5	17
Jordan	20	54	12	8	7
Palest. Ter.	10	51	32	4	3
Turkey	41	31	14	7	7
Kenya	28	43	27	1	0
Nigeria	14	42	38	6	1

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China	12	51	26	6	4
Hong Kong*	39	49	9	1	2
India	29	26	14	14	18
Indonesia	28	47	14	1	11
S Korea	27	48	24	1	0
Thailand	30	38	19	3	10
Average	30	41	19	4	5

Q13. Do you think that in [country] the media should have more freedom, less freedom, or the same amount of freedom?

	More freedom	Less freedom	The same amount of freedom	DK / NS
Argentina	57	10	31	2
Mexico	75	5	19	1
Peru	51	7	40	2
US	25	22	52	1
France	43	13	44	1
Britain	25	15	59	1
Russia	39	17	33	11
Ukraine	45	10	35	9
Azerbaijan	57	13	23	6
Egypt	64	4	32	
Iran	34	9	43	15
Jordan	56	12	26	6
Palest. Ter.	62	15	20	3
Turkey	38	30	25	8
Kenya	75	11	14	0
Nigeria	70	18	11	0
China	66	5	25	5
Hong Kong*	39	3	55	3
India	36	32	19	13
Indonesia	53	15	24	8
S Korea	65	10	23	1
Thailand	44	16	27	14
Average	51	14	30	5

Q14. Do you think people in [country] should or should not have the right to read publications from all other countries, including those that might be considered enemies?

	Should	Should not	DK / NS
Argentina	92	7	1
Mexico	95	3	2
US	92	7	1
France	82	15	4
Britain	89	7	4
Poland	84	7	9
Russia	71	15	14
Ukraine	82	8	10
Azerbaijan	73	14	13
Egypt	74	26	
Iran	79	6	16
Palestine	72	23	5
Turkey	74	18	9
Kenya	84	15	0
Nigeria	91	8	1
China	78	17	5
Hong Kong*	86	8	6
India	56	33	11
Indonesia	84	7	9
S Korea	73	26	1
Thailand	79	7	13
Average	80	13	6

Q15. Do you think people in [country] should have the right to read whatever is on the Internet or do you think the government should have the right to prevent people from having access to some things on the internet?

	People should have the right to read whatever is on the internet	Government should have the right to prevent people from having access to some things on the Internet	DK / NS
Argentina	84	13	3

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Mexico	67	28	5
US	75	24	1
France	52	44	4
Britain	61	35	5
Russia	57	27	17
Ukraine	64	21	16
Azerbaijan	79	12	10
Egypt	65	35	
Iran	32	44	24
Jordan	29	63	9
Palest. Ter.	52	44	4
Turkey	60	30	10
Kenya	59	38	2
Nigeria	72	23	5
China	71	21	8
Hong Kong*	80	9	12
India	52	36	12
Indonesia	65	24	12
S Korea	69	31	0
Thailand	75	11	13
Average	62	30	8

The Prohibition Against Torture

Q16. Most countries have agreed to rules that prohibit torturing prisoners. Which position is closer to yours?

	Terrorists pose such an extreme threat that governments should now be allowed to use some degree of torture if it may gain information that saves innocent lives	Clear rules against torture should be maintained because any use of torture is immoral and will weaken international human rights standards against torture	DK / NS
Argentina	18	76	6
Mexico	24	73	3
US	44	53	3
France	16	82	2
Britain	16	82	3
Poland	27	62	11

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Russia	36	49	15
Spain	11	82	7
Ukraine	26	59	15
Azerbaijan	33	54	12
Egypt	46	54	0
Iran	35	43	22
Palest. Ter.	28	66	6
Turkey	51	36	13
Kenya	58	41	2
Nigeria	54	41	5
China	28	66	6
Hong Kong*	22	67	12
India	59	28	13
Indonesia	34	61	5
S Korea	51	48	1
Thailand	44	36	19
Average	35	57	8

[Ask only those who answer “Terrorists pose such an extreme threat that governments should now be allowed to use some degree of torture if it may gain information that saves innocent lives” in Q16]

Q16a. What about cases that have nothing to do with terrorism? Do you think that there should be rules prohibiting torture in all other cases or that in general governments should be allowed to use torture to try to get information?

	Should be rules prohibiting torture in all other cases	Governments should be allowed to use torture	Depends (vol.)	Clear rules should be maintained (Q16)	DK / NS
Argentina	12	6	3	76	3
Mexico	15	7	2	73	3
US	32	13	1	53	0
France	12	4	1	82	1
Britain	12	4	0	82	2
Poland	23	8	0	62	8
Russia	28	7	5	49	11
Spain	6	8	0	82	4
Ukraine	17	9	7	59	9
Azerbaijan	25	9	7	54	5
Egypt	39	6	1	54	0
Iran	31	10	0	43	17

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Palest. Ter.	20	5	6	66	3
Turkey	27	19	9	36	10
Kenya	43	14	2	41	1
Nigeria	33	15	9	41	2
China	9	20	2	66	3
Hong Kong*	4	15	8	67	6
India	23	14	14	28	22
Indonesia	28	6	4	61	1
S Korea	37	14	1	49	1
Thailand	10	11	35	37	8
Average	23	10	5	57	5

Women's Rights

Q17. How important do you think it is for women to have full equality of rights compared to men? Would you say that is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Depends (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	71	24	3	0	1	1
Mexico	89	9	2	0	0	0
US	77	20	2	1	0	1
France	75	22	2	2	0	0
Britain	89	9	1	0	1	0
Russia	35	41	17	3	1	3
Ukraine	44	35	15	3	1	2
Azerbaijan	55	30	11	3	1	1
Egypt	31	59	9	1	0	0
Iran	44	34	5	3	2	12
Jordan	55	28	10	5	0	2
Palest. Ter.	54	29	9	7	0	1
Turkey	80	11	3	3	2	1
Kenya	66	24	8	1	0	0
Nigeria	44	32	15	9	1	0
China	76	19	2	1	0	1

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Hong Kong*	41	42	5	1	9	1
India	41	19	6	6	26	1
Indonesia	71	20	4	1	1	3
S Korea	43	43	13	2	0	0
Thailand	49	35	3	1	10	3
Average	59	27	7	3	2	2

Q18. Thinking about the course of your lifetime, would you say, compared to the rights men have in this society, that women now have much more equality, a little more equality, a little less equality, much less equality, or that there has been no real change?

	Much more equality	A little more equality	More	A little less equality	Much less equality	Less	No real change	Women now have more rights than men (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	45	42	87	5	2	7	5		1
Mexico	29	58	87	5	0	5	5	1	1
Peru	34	52	86	8	1	9	4	0	1
US	37	42	79	13	3	16	5	0	0
France	18	50	68	17	4	21	11	0	0
Britain	52	34	86	3	1	4	9	0	1
Russia	24	39	63	7	3	10	19	1	7
Spain²	-	-	80	-	-	4	15	0	1
Ukraine	31	32	63	6	1	7	21	2	6
Azerbaijan	29	34	63	7	3	10	18	5	4
Egypt	57	37	94	4	2	6	0	1	0
Iran	39	36	75	3	2	5	4	1	14
Jordan	15	28	43	29	5	34	15	4	3
Palest. Ter.	11	30	41	36	15	51	5	1	2
Turkey	21	48	69	12	7	19	8	0	4
Kenya	38	42	80	14	5	19	2		
Nigeria	9	37	46	33	13	46	6	1	1
China	32	44	76	18	1	19	3	0	1
Hong Kong*	24	35	59	21	1	22	13	1	5
India	26	27	53	6	7	13	13	14	8
Indonesia	25	55	80	11	3	14	2	2	1
S Korea	23	66	89	5	1	6	5	1	0
Thailand	52	30	82	2	2	4	7	2	6
Average	31	41	72	12	4	15	9	2	3

² Respondents in Spain were presented only “More” and “Less” as response options.

Q19. Do you think the government should make an effort to prevent discrimination against women, or do you think the government should not be involved in this kind of thing?

	Should make an effort	Should not be involved	DK / NS
Argentina	74	24	2
Mexico	96	3	1
US	82	17	1
France	88	11	2
Britain	88	11	1
Russia	74	14	12
Spain	89	9	3
Ukraine	77	14	9
Azerbaijan	77	15	9
Egypt	77	23	0
Iran	70	18	12
Jordan	71	22	7
Palest. Ter.	77	17	6
Turkey	85	11	4
Kenya	97	3	
Nigeria	76	23	1
China	86	11	3
Hong Kong*	70	24	6
India	53	38	9
Indonesia	93	6	2
S Korea	87	12	1
Thailand	83	9	8
Average	81	15	4

[Ask if “Should make an effort” or DK/NS in Q19]

Q19a. Do you think the government is doing enough to prevent discrimination against women or do you think it should do more?

	Doing enough	Should do more	Government is doing too much (vol.)	Should not make an effort (Q18)	DK / NS
Argentina	19	51	1	24	4
Mexico	12	83	1	3	1
US	35	48	0	17	0
France	19	68	0	11	2
Britain	33	52	0	11	2
Russia	23	39	1	14	23
Ukraine	26	46	1	14	14
Azerbaijan	30	40	6	15	10
Egypt	59	17	0	23	0
Iran³	24	36	1	18	22
Jordan	42	29	0	22	8
Palest. Ter.	19	56	3	17	5
Turkey	22	60	2	11	5
Kenya	27	69	2	3	
Nigeria	14	61	1	23	1
China	17	70	0	11	1
Hong Kong*	12	57	1	24	6
India	21	23	4	38	15
Indonesia	21	69	1	6	3
S Korea	15	73	0	12	1
Thailand	9	72	1	9	9
Average	24	53	1	15	6

Q20. Do you think the UN should make efforts to further the rights of women or do you think this is improper interference in a country’s internal affairs?

³ Iranian respondents who chose “Don’t know” in Q19 were not asked Q19a

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	Make efforts to further the rights of women	Improper interference in a country's internal affairs	DK / NS
Argentina	78	18	4
Mexico	88	9	3
US	59	38	2
France	74	19	7
Britain	70	26	5
Russia	52	30	18
Ukraine	69	16	16
Azerbaijan	66	23	11
Egypt	30	70	
Iran	52	36	12
Palest. Ter.	49	48	3
Turkey	70	20	11
Kenya	91	8	1
Nigeria	66	32	2
China	86	10	4
Hong Kong*	67	23	10
India	48	28	24
Indonesia	74	16	10
S Korea	78	21	1
Thailand	64	21	15
Average	66	26	8

Q21. To what degree are women in [country] who are widowed treated worse than other women: a great deal, some, a little, or not at all?

	A great deal	Some	A little	Not at all	DK / NS
Argentina	7	17	18	47	11
Mexico	21	26	22	26	5
US	9	28	20	38	4
France	6	11	30	41	13
Britain	12	32	16	31	9
Russia	9	18	11	47	15
Ukraine	7	15	10	53	15
Azerbaijan	14	26	19	36	5
Egypt	21	27	22	31	0

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Iran	14	28	21	25	12
Palest. Ter.	17	44	25	12	3
Turkey	52	18	12	16	2
Nigeria	25	33	23	16	3
China	5	49	30	13	4
India	18	24	24	11	23
Indonesia	8	12	22	54	3
S Korea	30	51	16	2	0
Thailand	7	22	20	30	21
Average	16	27	20	29	8

Q22. How about women who are divorced?

	A great deal	Some	A little	Not at all	DK / NS
Argentina	8	20	24	38	10
Mexico	22	28	27	21	2
US	8	29	25	35	3
France	7	10	28	46	9
Britain	10	31	17	33	9
Russia	8	20	14	44	14
Ukraine	6	12	12	56	14
Azerbaijan	24	30	21	21	4
Egypt	38	42	14	6	0
Iran	19	32	23	13	14
Palest. Ter.	17	36	33	11	3
Turkey	51	21	11	15	1
Nigeria	12	29	24	32	4
China	4	42	32	18	5
India	17	29	21	20	12
Indonesia	15	17	23	40	4
S Korea	35	47	15	2	1
Thailand	8	20	18	37	17
Average	17	27	21	27	7

Racial and Ethnic Equality

Q23. How important is it for people of different races and ethnicities to be treated equally?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Depends (vol)	DK / NS
Argentina	72	24	3	1	1	0
Mexico	94	5	1	0	0	0
Peru	70	28	2	0	0	1
US	79	17	2	1	0	1
France	69	25	2	2	1	1
Britain	87	10	1	0	0	1
Russia	37	46	10	3	1	3
Ukraine	50	37	8	2	1	3
Azerbaijan	68	21	8	2	1	1
Egypt	71	26	3	0	0	0
Iran	62	20	2	1	0	14
Jordan	73	17	5	2	0	2
Palest. Ter.	70	23	5	2	0	1
Turkey	73	15	5	3	2	2
Kenya	80	17	3	0	0	0
Nigeria	71	25	3	1	1	0
China	90	8	1	0	0	1
Hong Kong*	47	41	4	1	6	1
India	44	15	5	5	30	2
Indonesia	75	14	5	1	2	3
S Korea	71	23	5	1	0	0
Thailand	39	36	6	2	13	4
Average	69	22	4	1	2	2

Q24. Thinking about the course of your lifetime, would you say, compared to the past, people of different races and ethnicities are now treated much more equally, a little more equally, a little less equally, much less equally, or that there has been no real change?

	Much more equality	A little more equality	More	A little less equality	Much less equality	Less	There has been no real change	Minorities are treated better than the majority (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	13	23	36	27	16	43	13	3	5
Mexico	11	55	66	10	2	12	19	0	1
Peru	15	57	72	13	4	17	10	0	1
US	42	40	82	6	2	8	10	0	0
France	12	50	62	10	6	16	20	0	2
Britain	39	40	79	5	2	7	12	0	2
Russia	12	25	37	12	8	20	25	4	15
Spain⁴	-	-	54	-	-	15	30	0	1
Ukraine	10	26	36	6	5	11	38	1	12
Azerbaijan	20	19	39	12	7	19	31	4	6
Egypt	17	47	64	24	11	35	0	0	0
Iran	32	44	76	5	2	7	5	0	12
Palest. Ter.	7	20	27	36	18	54	12	4	3
Turkey	16	38	54	13	7	20	9	2	13
Kenya	26	52	78	14	6	20	2		
Nigeria	11	32	43	28	17	45	10	2	0
China	34	44	78	13	2	15	4	1	4
Hong Kong*	15	24	39	35	5	40	15	0	7
India	27	27	54	9	10	19	9	5	15
Indonesia	31	51	82	8	2	10	4	1	4
S Korea	4	67	71	6	2	8	20	0	0
Thailand	32	25	57	9	4	13	11	9	10
Average	21	39	59	13	7	20	14	2	5

⁴ Respondents in Spain were presented only “More” and “Less” as response options.

Q25. Do you think the government should make an effort to prevent discrimination based on a person's race or ethnicity, or do you think the government should not be involved in this kind of thing?

	Should make an effort	Should not be involved	Government does too much (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	82	14	2	3
Mexico	94	5	1	1
US	83	17	0	0
France	85	12	1	3
Britain	85	13	0	2
Russia	71	11	4	14
Spain	89	8	0	3
Ukraine	71	16	3	10
Azerbaijan	70	11	12	7
Egypt	73	27	1	0
Iran	76	10	0	14
Palest. Ter.	64	15	17	4
Turkey	79	8	4	9
Kenya	95	5	0	
Nigeria	90	8	2	
China	90	8	0	2
Hong Kong*	78	17	1	5
India	46	17	6	31
Indonesia	88	8	2	2
S Korea	96	4	0	0
Thailand	64	10	10	16
Average	80	11	3	6

[Ask if "Should make an effort" or DK/NS in Q25]

Q25a. Do you think the government is doing enough in this regard or do you think it should do more?

	Doing enough	Should do more	Government is doing too much (vol.) (Q25+Q25a)	Should not be involved (Q25)	DK / NS
Argentina	16	62	8	14	1
Mexico	7	86	1	5	1

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US	38	45	0	17	0
France	18	68	1	12	1
Britain	31	54	0	13	3
Russia	24	35	4	11	25
Ukraine	19	46	3	16	16
Azerbaijan	34	33	16	11	6
Egypt	36	37	1	27	0
Iran⁵	40	31	1	10	19
Palest. Ter.⁴	13	50	19	15	4
Turkey	25	52	5	8	10
Kenya	22	72	1	5	0
Nigeria	9	79	3	8	1
China	20	70	0	8	2
Hong Kong*	11	68	1	17	4
India	24	28	21	17	10
Indonesia	17	66	2	8	7
S Korea	5	91	0	4	0
Thailand	10	55	11	10	14
Average	21	56	5	11	6

Q26. Do you think that employers should or should not be allowed to refuse to hire a qualified person because of the person's race or ethnicity?

	Should	Should not	DK / NS
Argentina	23	73	4
Mexico	24	72	3
US	13	86	1
France	6	94	1
Britain	16	83	1
Russia	18	72	10
Ukraine	15	77	9
Azerbaijan	8	82	10
Egypt	25	75	0
Iran	12	72	16
Palest. Ter.	23	74	3

⁵ In Iran and Palestinian Territories, respondents that answered "Don't know/Not sure" on Q25 were not asked Q25a.

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Turkey	18	72	10
Kenya	28	72	1
Nigeria	34	64	1
China	10	88	3
Hong Kong*	6	88	6
India	30	43	27
Indonesia	13	84	3
S Korea	41	58	1
Thailand	37	38	25
Average	21	72	7

[Ask if “Should not” or DK/NS in Q26]

Q26a: Do you think the government has the responsibility to try to prevent employers from refusing to hire someone because of a person’s race or ethnicity or do you think the government should not be involved in this kind of thing?

	Has responsibility	Should not be involved	Should be allowed not to hire (Q23)	DK / NS
Argentina	60	16	23	2
Mexico	64	9	24	2
US	69	17	13	1
France	69	23	6	3
Britain	69	13	16	2
Russia	58	13	18	11
Ukraine	65	10	15	10
Azerbaijan	72	9	8	10
Egypt	56	19	25	0
Iran⁶	61	5	12	22
Palest. Ter.	53	19	23	4
Turkey	23	43	18	16
Kenya	63	9	28	0
Nigeria	56	8	35	1
China	77	11	10	3
Hong Kong*	66	22	6	6
India	27	20	30	24
Indonesia	80	3	13	4

⁶ In Iran and the Palestinian territories, respondents that answered “Don’t know/Not sure” on Q26 were not asked Q26a.

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S Korea	53	6	41	0
Thailand	36	9	37	18
Average	58	14	21	7

Social and Economic Rights

Q27a. Do you think the [country's] government should be responsible for ensuring that its citizens can meet their basic need for food, OR do you think that is NOT the government's responsibility?

	Should be responsible	Should not be responsible	Depends (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	94	3	1	1
Mexico	89	7	2	2
US	74	25		1
France	86	13	1	1
Germany	93	5	2	0
Britain	86	10	3	1
Italy	92	5	3	0
Russia	77	12	10	1
Ukraine	89	6	3	2
Azerbaijan	93	5	2	1
Egypt	82	14	3	1
Jordan	96	2		2
Palest. ter.	80	17	1	1
Turkey	87	10	3	1
Kenya	96	4	0	
Nigeria	84	10	3	3
China	96	1	2	2
Hong Kong*	92	4	4	0
Macau*	95	3	1	1
India	70	10	13	7
Indonesia	97	2	1	0
S Korea	85	12	2	1
Taiwan*	92	3	2	3
Thailand	85	1	9	4
Average	87	8	3	2

Q27b. What about the basic need for healthcare? Do you think the government should or should not be responsible for ensuring that people can meet this need?

	Should be responsible	Should not be responsible	Depends (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	97	1	0	1
Mexico	96	2	1	1
US	77	21		2
France	92	7	1	0
Germany	95	4	1	0
Britain	93	4	2	1
Italy	97	2	2	0
Russia	96	2	2	1
Ukraine	97	1	1	1
Azerbaijan	96	2	2	1
Egypt	81	14	4	0
Jordan	97	1		2
Palest. ter.	79	19	2	1
Turkey	96	3	1	0
Kenya	96	4	0	0
Nigeria	95	3	1	1
China	96	1	2	1
Hong Kong*	94	2	4	1
Macau*	99	1	1	0
India	70	12	11	6
Indonesia	97	2	1	0
S Korea	93	4	1	1
Taiwan*	96	1	2	1
Thailand	88	2	5	6
Average	92	5	2	1

Q27c. What about the basic need for education? Do you think the government should or should not be responsible for ensuring that people can meet this need?

	Should be responsible	Should not be responsible	Depends (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	98	1	0	1
Mexico	96	2	2	1

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US	83	16		1
France	89	10	1	0
Germany	93	5	2	0
Britain	96	3	1	1
Italy	95	3	1	1
Russia	94	3	2	1
Ukraine	95	2	2	1
Azerbaijan	89	3	7	2
Egypt	77	19	4	1
Jordan	97	1		2
Palest. ter.	85	11	3	2
Turkey	97	2	0	0
Kenya	95	5	0	0
Nigeria	91	3	6	0
China	98	1	1	1
Hong Kong*	97	1	2	1
Macau*	98	1	0	1
India	64	8	19	8
Indonesia	97	2	1	1
S Korea	95	3	1	1
Taiwan*	95	2	1	2
Thailand	90	1	3	6
Average	91	5	3	1

Q28a. Keeping in mind the limits of the [country's] government's resources, please tell me how well the government IS ENSURING that people can meet the basic need for food? Is it doing very well, somewhat well, not very well, not well at all?

	Very well	Somewhat well	Not very well	Not well at all	Depends (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	7	7	18	62	2	3
Mexico	6	38	29	24	0	2
US	10	42	37	10		1
France	2	40	38	18	0	1
Germany	31	56	10	2	2	1
Britain	17	42	24	13	1	3
Italy	7	31	35	20	3	5
Russia	2	22	40	28	3	5

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Ukraine	2	13	38	42	3	3
Azerbaijan	16	41	38	5		1
Egypt	10	29	45	16	1	0
Jordan	30	37	22	9		1
Palest. ter.	27	34	30	8	0	1
Turkey	18	29	27	23	2	2
Kenya	8	33	40	19	0	0
Nigeria	7	15	40	37	1	0
China	23	66	9	1	1	1
Hong Kong*	7	55	28	5	3	3
Macau*	7	51	29	7	0	7
India	19	34	24	13	4	5
Indonesia	10	34	42	14	0	0
S Korea	5	38	48	8	1	1
Taiwan*	6	50	30	10	1	3
Thailand	5	20	35	24	12	4
Average	12	33	32	19	2	2

Q28b. What about the need for healthcare? Please tell me if you think the government is ensuring that people can meet this need very well, somewhat well, not very well, not well at all.

	Very well	Somewhat well	Not very well	Not well at all	Depends (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	6	8	19	63	1	3
Mexico	7	45	26	19	1	2
US	6	24	43	26		1
France	9	45	31	15	0	0
Germany	17	46	27	5	4	0
Britain	19	47	22	10	1	2
Italy	7	37	33	19	2	3
Russia	1	13	43	40	2	1
Ukraine	1	4	31	62	1	1
Azerbaijan	14	32	43	11		1
Egypt	7	36	43	14	0	0
Jordan	32	42	18	8		1
Palest. ter.	28	37	24	7	0	4
Turkey	24	33	22	21	1	1

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Kenya	15	50	29	7		
Nigeria	13	29	35	22	1	0
China	13	55	27	3	2	1
Hong Kong*	6	44	39	8	2	2
Macau*	7	46	33	9	0	5
India	18	34	24	16	4	4
Indonesia	12	43	37	6	0	2
S Korea	6	41	45	6	1	2
Taiwan*	12	60	21	5	1	2
Thailand	6	36	30	15	9	5
Average	12	35	31	19	1	2

Q28c. What about the need for education? Please tell me if you think the government is ensuring that people can meet this need very well, somewhat well, not very well, not well at all.

	Very well	Somewhat well	Not very well	Not well at all	Depends (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	6	5	22	64	2	3
Mexico	10	36	28	23	0	3
US	11	50	26	12		1
France	7	48	32	11	1	1
Germany	11	33	36	14	5	1
Britain	20	46	22	8	1	3
Italy	8	38	33	15	2	3
Russia	4	31	36	25	3	2
Ukraine	1	10	38	44	3	4
Azerbaijan	22	42	27	9		1
Egypt	13	40	31	15	1	0
Jordan	38	39	14	8		1
Palest. ter.	31	38	18	11	1	1
Turkey	24	32	21	22	1	1
Kenya	39	47	13	1		
Nigeria	10	26	34	27	3	1
China	15	56	24	3	2	1
Hong Kong*	4	42	39	10	2	3
Macau*	15	59	17	4	0	6
India	24	35	17	18	4	3
Indonesia	13	44	36	5	1	2

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S Korea	9	45	36	7	1	2
Taiwan*	5	39	36	15	1	4
Thailand	7	40	28	15	7	5
Average	15	37	28	17	1	2

Governance and the Will of the People

Q29. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: The will of the people should be the basis of the authority of government?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree (vol)	DK / NS
Argentina	32	58	7	1	1	1
Mexico	59	27	8	3	1	1
US	44	43	10	3	0	0
France	34	43	15	6	2	1
Britain	55	32	8	4	0	1
Poland	57	36	2	0	0	5
Russia	39	37	7	2	7	10
Ukraine	77	17	3	1	0	1
Azerbaijan	63	20	4	5	6	2
Egypt	40	58	2	0	0	0
Iran	41	26	7	2	2	23
Jordan	46	35	7	5	0	7
Palest. Ter.	59	31	5	1	2	2
Turkey	70	17	2	4	3	4
Kenya	54	35	5	5		
Nigeria	75	17	6	2	0	0
China	45	37	10	3	1	3
Hong Kong*	19	47	18	5	4	8
India	32	21	11	15	12	10
Indonesia	72	22	2	0	2	2
S Korea	48	45	6	0	0	0
Thailand	47	32	8	3	5	5
Average	52	33	6	3	2	4

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Q30. As a general rule, do you think government leaders should be selected through elections in which all citizens can vote, or do you think they should be selected some other way?

	Selected through elections in which citizens can vote	Selected some other way	DK / NS
Argentina	82	16	2
Mexico	86	11	3
US	96	4	0
France	87	12	1
Britain	89	10	1
Poland	91	3	6
Russia	85	7	8
Ukraine	91	7	3
Azerbaijan	86	9	5
Egypt	76	24	0
Iran	80	6	14
Jordan	71	24	5
Palest. Ter.	84	15	2
Turkey	87	10	3
Kenya	93	7	
Nigeria	88	12	0
China	83	13	4
Hong Kong*	72	19	9
India	54	33	13
Indonesia	97	3	1
S Korea	91	9	1
Thailand	85	10	6
Average	85	12	4

Q31. Do you think that: elections are the only time when the views of the people should have influence, or that also between elections leaders should consider the views of the people as they make decisions?

	Elections are the only time when the views of the people should have influence	Leaders should pay attention to the views of the people as they make decisions	DK / NS
Argentina	14	82	4
Mexico	8	89	3
US	5	94	1

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France	9	90	2
Britain	11	88	1
Poland	13	84	4
Russia	22	73	5
Ukraine	22	76	2
Azerbaijan	14	76	11
Iran	14	68	18
Palest. Ter.	49	48	3
Turkey	53	43	4
Kenya	31	69	0
Nigeria	28	72	0
China	16	81	3
Hong Kong*	24	67	9
India	41	45	14
Indonesia	44	55	1
S Korea	7	93	0
Thailand	24	64	12
Average	22	73	5

Q32. When government leaders are thinking about an important decision, do you think:

	A: They should pay attention to public opinion polls because this will help them get a sense of the public's views.	B: They should not pay attention to public opinion polls because this will distract them from deciding what they think is right	DK / NS
Argentina	78	17	6
Mexico	92	6	2
US	81	18	2
France	68	27	6
Britain	84	14	2
Poland	91	3	6
Russia	83	7	10
Ukraine	90	5	5
Azerbaijan	72	21	7
Egypt	64	36	0
Jordan	89	8	3
Palest. Ter.	70	27	3
Turkey	83	10	7

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Kenya	86	14	1
Nigeria	93	7	0
China	74	21	5
Hong Kong*	62	28	10
India	56	34	10
Indonesia	85	8	7
S Korea	94	6	0
Thailand	72	12	16
Average	80	15	5

Q33. In developing its foreign policy how much do you think the government takes into account world public opinion? Please answer on a scale of 0-10 with 0 meaning “not at all” and 10 meaning “a great deal”.

	Mean	Median
Argentina	5.0	5
Mexico	4.6	5
US	3.8	4
France	4.9	5
Britain	4.6	5
Russia	5.5	5
Ukraine	4.5	5
Azerbaijan	5.4	5
Egypt	4.1	3
Palest. Ter.	5.1	5
Turkey	5.6	6
Kenya	3.9	4
Nigeria	4.6	5
China	6.6	7
Hong Kong*	5.2	5
India	4.7	5
Indonesia	6.6	7
S Korea	5.9	6
Thailand	5.0	5
Average	5.0	5.1

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Q34. Using the same scale, how much do you think the government should take into account world public opinion?

	Mean	Median
Argentina	6.7	7
Mexico	8.2	9
US	6.6	7
France	6.8	7
Britain	7.1	7
Russia	6.6	7
Ukraine	7.2	8
Azerbaijan	7.5	8
Egypt	7.3	8
Palest. Ter.	5.9	6
Turkey	6.8	7
Kenya	8.0	8
Nigeria	8.1	8
China	7.8	8
Hong Kong*	6.2	6
India	5.8	6
Indonesia	8.4	9
S Korea	6.9	7
Thailand	6.5	7
Average	7.1	7

Statement: Now I would like to ask you about the government of [country]

Q35. How much of the time do you think you can trust the national government in [capital of survey country] to do what is right?

	Just about always	Most of the time	Only some of the time	Never (vol.)	DK / NS
Argentina	13	10	73	3	1
Mexico	10	12	70	6	1
US	3	37	60	0	0
France	8	29	58	6	0
Britain	3	29	63	4	1
Russia	11	53	29	3	4
Ukraine	4	16	57	12	12

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Azerbaijan	8	33	40	16	3
Egypt	13	71	16	1	0
Jordan	16	38	41	0	5
Palest. Ter.	16	39	32	10	3
Turkey	19	24	40	14	4
Kenya	27	31	34	8	1
Nigeria	14	27	53	6	1
China	23	60	15	0	2
Hong Kong*	2	27	65	3	3
India	19	24	22	17	18
Indonesia	13	19	65	1	3
S Korea	3	15	79	3	1
Thailand	7	16	49	17	12
Average	12	31	47	7	4

Q36. Generally speaking, would you say that this country is run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

	Run by a few big interests	Run for the benefit of the people	DK / NS
Argentina	71	21	7
Mexico	83	16	2
US	80	19	1
France	59	35	6
Britain	60	36	5
Poland	63	19	18
Russia	59	30	12
Ukraine	84	5	11
Azerbaijan	61	25	14
Egypt	44	57	0
Jordan	47	47	7
Palest. Ter.	66	28	6
Turkey	61	31	8
Kenya	72	27	1
Nigeria	78	21	1
China	30	65	5
Hong Kong*	68	24	9
India	60	30	9

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Indonesia	57	37	6
S Korea	78	20	2
Thailand	57	26	17
Average	63	30	7

Q37. How much is this country governed according to the will of the people? Please answer on a scale of 0-10 with 0 meaning “not at all” and 10 meaning “completely.”

	Mean	Media
Argentina	4.4	5
Mexico	4.5	5
US	4.0	4
France	4.6	5
Britain	4.9	5
Poland	3.4	3
Russia	4.7	5
Ukraine	2.8	3
Azerbaijan	4.2	4
Egypt	3.2	3
Iran	5.9	6
Jordan	5.4	5
Palest. Ter.	4.1	4
Turkey	5.0	5
Kenya	3.9	4
Nigeria	3.8	4
China	6.7	7
Hong Kong*	4.8	5
India	4.1	4
Indonesia	5.9	6
S Korea	4.6	5
Thailand	5.5	5
Average	4.6	5

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Q38. Using the same scale, how much do you think this country should be governed according to the will of the people?

	Mean	Median
Argentina	7.7	8
Mexico	8.6	9
US	7.9	8
France	7.3	8
Britain	8.0	8
Poland	8.1	8
Russia	8.6	10
Ukraine	8.7	10
Azerbaijan	8.3	9
Egypt	8.3	9
Iran	8.4	9
Jordan	6.6	7
Palest. Ter.	7.6	8
Turkey	8.4	9
Kenya	8.7	9
Nigeria	8.5	9
China	8.1	8
Hong Kong*	7.1	7
India	6.2	6
Indonesia	8.7	10
S Korea	7.4	8
Thailand	7.9	8
Average	8.0	8

Q39. Some people think the government should have an agency where social scientists study public opinion on issues the government is dealing with and release all their findings to the public. Others think the government should not be involved in this kind of thing. Do you think such an agency would be a good idea or a bad idea?

	Good idea	Bad idea	DK / NS
Mexico	81	14	5
US	56	38	7
France	71	25	4
Germany	75	18	7
Britain	61	29	10

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Italy	66	25	9
Poland	41	31	28
Russia	76	10	14
Ukraine	73	8	19
Azerbaijan	90	8	2
Egypt	75	22	4
Jordan	77	11	12
Palest. Ter.	78	18	4
Turkey	70	14	16
Kenya	94	5	1
Nigeria	89	8	3
China	91	2	7
Hong Kong*	66	20	14
Macau*	77	10	14
India	63	19	19
Indonesia	74	2	23
S Korea	87	10	3
Taiwan*	78	11	10
Thailand	65	13	22
Average	74	15	10

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

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