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Q5-GP1: 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
Great 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
Palestinian ter.	59	31	5	1	2	2
Turkey	70	17	2	4	3	4
Nigeria	75	17	6	2	0	0
China	45	37	10	3	1	3
India	32	21	11	15	12	10
Indonesia	72	22	2	0	2	2
S Korea	48	45	6	0	0	0
<b>Average</b>	52	33	6	3	2	4

Q6-GP2: 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

<b>France</b>	87	12	1
<b>Great Britain</b>	89	10	1
<b>Poland</b>	91	3	6
<b>Russia</b>	85	7	8
<b>Ukraine</b>	91	7	3
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	86	9	5
<b>Egypt</b>	76	24	0
<b>Iran</b>	80	6	14
<b>Jordan</b>	71	24	5
<b>Palestinian ter.</b>	84	15	2
<b>Turkey</b>	87	10	3
<b>Nigeria</b>	88	12	0
<b>China</b>	83	13	4
<b>India</b>	54	33	13
<b>Indonesia</b>	97	3	1
<b>S Korea</b>	91	9	1
<b>Average</b>	84	12	4

Q7-GP3: 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?

	<b>Elections are the only time when the views of the people should have influence</b>	<b>Leaders should pay attention to the views of the people as they make decisions</b>	<b>DK / NS</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	14	82	4
<b>Mexico</b>	8	89	3
<b>US</b>	5	94	1
<b>France</b>	9	90	2
<b>Great Britain</b>	11	88	1
<b>Poland</b>	13	84	4
<b>Russia</b>	22	73	5
<b>Ukraine</b>	22	76	2
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	14	76	11
<b>Iran</b>	14	68	18
<b>Palestinian ter.</b>	49	48	3
<b>Turkey</b>	53	43	4
<b>Nigeria</b>	28	72	0
<b>China</b>	16	81	3
<b>India</b>	41	45	14
<b>Indonesia</b>	44	55	1
<b>S Korea</b>	7	93	0

<b>Average</b>	22	74	4
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Q8-GP4: When government leaders are thinking about an important decision, do you think:

	<b>A: They should pay attention to public opinion polls because this will help them get a sense of the public's views.</b>	<b>B: They should not pay attention to public opinion polls because this will distract them from deciding what they think is right</b>	<b>DK / NS</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	78	17	6
<b>Mexico</b>	92	6	2
<b>US</b>	81	18	2
<b>France</b>	68	27	6
<b>Great Britain</b>	84	14	2
<b>Poland</b>	91	3	6
<b>Russia</b>	83	7	10
<b>Ukraine</b>	90	5	5
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	72	21	7
<b>Egypt</b>	64	36	0
<b>Jordan</b>	89	8	3
<b>Palestinian ter.</b>	70	27	3
<b>Turkey</b>	83	10	7
<b>Nigeria</b>	93	7	0
<b>China</b>	74	21	5
<b>India</b>	56	34	10
<b>Indonesia</b>	85	8	7
<b>S Korea</b>	94	6	0
<b>Average</b>	80	15	5

Q9-GA4a: 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”.

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	5.0	5.0
<b>Mexico</b>	4.6	5.0
<b>US</b>	3.9	4.0
<b>France</b>	4.9	5.0
<b>Great Britain</b>	4.6	5.0
<b>Russia</b>	5.5	5.0
<b>Ukraine</b>	4.5	5.0

<b>Azerbaijan</b>	5.4	5.0
<b>Egypt</b>	4.1	3.0
<b>Palestinian ter.</b>	5.1	5.0
<b>Turkey</b>	5.7	6.0
<b>Nigeria</b>	4.6	5.0
<b>China</b>	6.6	7.0
<b>India</b>	4.7	5.0
<b>Indonesia</b>	6.6	7.0
<b>S Korea</b>	5.9	6.0
<b>Average</b>	5.1	5.0

Q10-GA4b: Using the same scale, how much do you think the government should take into account world public opinion?

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	6.7	7.0
<b>Mexico</b>	8.2	9.0
<b>US</b>	6.6	7.0
<b>France</b>	6.8	7.0
<b>Great Britain</b>	7.1	7.0
<b>Russia</b>	6.6	7.0
<b>Ukraine</b>	7.2	8.0
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	7.5	8.0
<b>Egypt</b>	7.3	8.0
<b>Palestinian ter.</b>	5.9	6.0
<b>Turkey</b>	6.8	7.0
<b>Nigeria</b>	8.2	8.0
<b>China</b>	7.8	8.0
<b>India</b>	5.8	6.0
<b>Indonesia</b>	8.4	9.0
<b>S Korea</b>	6.9	7.0
<b>Average</b>	7.1	8.0

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

Q12-GA1: How much of the time do you think you can trust the national government in [capital of survey country] to do what is right?

	<b>Just about always</b>	<b>Most of the time</b>	<b>Only some of the time</b>	<b>Never (vol.)</b>	<b>DK / NS</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	13	10	73	3	1
<b>Mexico</b>	10	12	70	6	1
<b>US</b>	3	37	60	0	0
<b>France</b>	8	29	58	6	0
<b>Great Britain</b>	3	29	63	4	1
<b>Russia</b>	11	53	29	3	4
<b>Ukraine</b>	4	16	57	12	12
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	8	33	40	16	3
<b>Egypt</b>	13	71	16	1	0
<b>Jordan</b>	16	38	41	0	5
<b>Palestinian ter.</b>	16	39	32	10	3
<b>Turkey</b>	19	24	40	14	4
<b>Nigeria</b>	14	27	53	6	1
<b>China</b>	23	60	15	0	2
<b>India</b>	19	24	22	17	18
<b>Indonesia</b>	13	19	65	1	3
<b>S Korea</b>	3	15	79	3	1
<b>Average</b>	12	32	48	6	3

Q12-GA1: How much of the time do you think you can trust the national government in [capital of survey country] to do what is right?

	<b>Most of the time</b>	<b>Some of the time</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Never</b>	<b>DK / NS</b>
<b>Iran</b>	48	26	11	2	12

Q13-GA2: 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?

	<b>Run by a few big interests</b>	<b>Run for the benefit of the people</b>	<b>DK / NS</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	71	21	7
<b>Mexico</b>	83	16	2
<b>US</b>	80	19	1
<b>France</b>	59	35	6
<b>Great Britain</b>	60	36	5
<b>Poland</b>	63	19	18
<b>Russia</b>	59	30	12
<b>Ukraine</b>	84	5	11
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	61	25	14
<b>Egypt</b>	44	57	
<b>Jordan</b>	47	47	7
<b>Palestinian ter.</b>	66	28	6
<b>Turkey</b>	61	31	8
<b>Nigeria</b>	78	21	1
<b>China</b>	30	65	5
<b>India</b>	60	30	9
<b>Indonesia</b>	57	37	6
<b>S Korea</b>	78	20	2
<b>Average</b>	63	30	7

Q14-GA3a: 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.”

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Media</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	4.4	5.0
<b>Mexico</b>	4.5	5.0
<b>US</b>	4.0	4.0
<b>France</b>	4.6	5.0
<b>Great Britain</b>	4.9	5.0
<b>Poland</b>	3.4	3.0
<b>Russia</b>	4.7	5.0
<b>Ukraine</b>	2.8	3.0
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	4.2	4.0
<b>Egypt</b>	3.2	3.0
<b>Iran</b>	5.9	6.0
<b>Jordan</b>	5.4	5.0
<b>Palestinian ter.</b>	4.1	4.0
<b>Turkey</b>	5.0	5.0

<b>Nigeria</b>	3.9	4.0
<b>China</b>	6.7	7.0
<b>India</b>	4.1	4.0
<b>Indonesia</b>	5.9	6.0
<b>S Korea</b>	4.6	5.0
<b>Average</b>	4.5	5.0

Q15-GA3b: Using the same scale, how much do you think this country should be governed according to the will of the people?

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	7.7	8.0
<b>Mexico</b>	8.6	9.0
<b>US</b>	7.9	8.0
<b>France</b>	7.3	8.0
<b>Great Britain</b>	8.0	8.0
<b>Poland</b>	8.1	8.0
<b>Russia</b>	8.6	10.0
<b>Ukraine</b>	8.7	10.0
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	8.3	9.0
<b>Egypt</b>	8.3	9.0
<b>Iran</b>	8.4	9.0
<b>Jordan</b>	6.6	7.0
<b>Palestinian ter.</b>	7.6	8.0
<b>Turkey</b>	8.4	9.0
<b>Nigeria</b>	8.5	9.0
<b>China</b>	8.0	8.0
<b>India</b>	6.2	6.0
<b>Indonesia</b>	8.7	10.0
<b>S Korea</b>	7.4	8.0
<b>Average</b>	8.0	8.0

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## METHODOLOGY

<b>Country</b>	<b>Sample Size (unweighted)</b>	<b>MoE (%)</b>	<b>Field dates</b>	<b>Survey methodology</b>	<b>Type of sample</b>
Argentina	800	3.5	March 14-20, 2008	Face-to-face	Urban <sup>1</sup>
Azerbaijan	602	4.1	Jan 13 – Feb 5, 2008	Face-to-face	National
China	1000	3.2	Jan 10-25, 2008	Telephone	Urban <sup>2</sup>
Egypt	600	4.1	Jan 17-27, 2008	Face-to-face	Urban <sup>3</sup>
France	600	4.1	Feb 5-11, 2008	Telephone	National
Great Britain	800	3.5	Jan 29 – Feb 19, 2008	Telephone	National
India	1023	3.2	February 25-29, 2008	Face-to-face	National <sup>4</sup>
Indonesia	811	3.5	Jan 19-29, 2008	Face-to-face	National <sup>5</sup>
Iran	710	3.8	Jan 13 – Feb 9, 2008	Face-to-face	National
Jordan	959	3.2	March 4-10, 2008	Face-to-face	National
Mexico	850	3.4	Jan 25-27, 2008	Telephone	National <sup>6</sup>
Nigeria	1000	3.2	February 7-18, 2008	Face-to-face	National <sup>7</sup>
Palestinian territories	626	4.0	February 10-23, 2008	Face-to-face	National <sup>8</sup>
Poland	870	3.4	Nov 29 – Dec 4, 2007	Face-to-face	National
Russia	1600	3.5	Jan 18-22, 2008	Face-to-Face	National <sup>9</sup>
South Korea	600	4.1	Feb 11-12, 2008	Telephone	National
Turkey	719	3.7	Jan 12-24, 2008	Face-to-face	National
Ukraine	2046	3.1	Feb 8-18, 2008	Face-to-face	National <sup>10</sup>

United States	1309	3.3	Jan 18-27, 2008	Internet	National <sup>11</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> In Argentina, the survey was executed in the urban areas of Capital Federal, Gran Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Mendoza, and Rosario, representing 39 percent of Argentina’s population.

<sup>2</sup> In China, the survey was a national probability sample of urban telephone households across China. A stratified PPS sample design was developed to sample 20 cities; urban households represent approximately 45 percent of the Chinese population.

<sup>3</sup> In Egypt, the survey was executed in the urban areas of Cairo, Alexandria, Giza, and Subra. These four urbanized areas represent 75 percent of Egypt’s urban population, which is 42 percent of the national population.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> In Indonesia, a national probability sample was conducted in both urban and rural areas and covering approximately 87 percent of Indonesia’s population.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> In Russia, all items were half sampled; each item was answered by 800 respondents.

<sup>10</sup> In the Ukraine, all items were half-sampled; each item was answered by at least 1,020 respondents.

<sup>11</sup> 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 probabilistically-based, selected from the population of US telephone households and subsequently provided with an Internet connection if needed. Items in the US survey were split sampled so that each item was answered by at least 940 respondents.