



Indonesia

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Globalization and Trade

Most Indonesians are optimistic about the effects of globalization.

- 61% believe globalization, “especially the increasing connections of our economy with others around the world,” is mostly good for Indonesia. Only 31% feel it is mostly bad.

US Leadership

Indonesians do not trust the United States to act responsibly in the world and believe it too often plays the role of world policeman.

- Two-thirds (64%) say they do not trust the United States to act responsibly in the world.
- 68% agree the United States acts as world policeman too often and about the same number (69%) says the United States does not have the responsibility to play such a role.
- Indonesians give US world influence a 6.4 on a 10-point scale, the only country that places US global clout below that of Japan (6.9), and about equal to China’s (6.3). Curiously, they rate US influence in Asia as higher: a 7.5, slightly above Japan’s (7.3) and China’s (7.0).
- Indonesians tend to think relations with the US are improving (46%), rather than staying the same (27%) or getting worse (23%).
- Feelings toward the United States are lukewarm, with an average rating of 54 degrees on a 0-100 scale. That’s chillier than Indonesian feelings toward Japan (64°) or China (58°) but warmer than their feelings toward South Korea (51°) or North Korea (50°).

Rise of China

Most Indonesians trust China to act responsibly in the world, but less than they trust Japan. They view both countries as having comparable levels of influence in Asia and tend to believe bilateral relations with each are improving or remaining the same.

- About six in 10 Indonesians say they trust China to act responsibly in the world (59%). However, three-quarters feel that way about Japan (76%), a larger proportion than in the other 16 countries asked.
- 49% say that Indonesia’s relations with China are improving, while 40% say they are staying the same. A majority (54%) believes that relations with Japan are remaining the same, while 39% say they are improving.