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Russians and Americans on the Iran Nuclear Program and Perceptions of Russia, the U.S., and China

Questionnaire

Q1-Q29. Released separately

[Full Sample]
STATEMENT: Next, we would like your opinions about three different countries: Russia, the United States, and China.

Q30. Please tell me if you think China is having a mainly positive or mainly negative influence in the world.

	Americans	**Russians**
Mainly positive	44%	57%
Mainly negative	49	20
Neither positive nor negative[*]	4	-
(No Answer)	3	23

Q31. Please tell me if you think the United States is having a mainly positive or mainly negative influence in the world.

	Americans	**Russians**
Mainly positive	64%	25%
Mainly negative	32	61
Neither positive nor negative[*]	2	-
(No Answer)	2	14

Q32. Please tell me if you think Russia is having a mainly positive or mainly negative influence in the world.

	Americans	**Russians**
Mainly positive	40%	80%

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[*] Voluntary response not offered in Russia.

Mainly negative 53   6
Neither positive nor negative[*] 5   -
(No Answer)...2   14

STATEMENT: Please tell me if your opinion of each of the following is:

Q33:

	very favorable	somewhat favorable	somewhat unfavorable	very unfavorable
a. America's system of government				
Americans	43%	40%	10%	4%
Russians	9	45	21	6
b. Russia's system of government				
Americans	1	25	48	20
Russians	5	42	36	7
c. China's system of government				
Americans	1	13	40	40
Russians	14	42	11	3

STATEMENT: Please tell me if your opinion of each of the following is:

Q34:

	very favorable	somewhat favorable	somewhat unfavorable	very unfavorable
a. America's economic system				
Americans	27%	48%	16%	5%
Russians	23	50	11	2
b. Russia's economic system				
Americans	1	20	52	20
Russians	3	28	47	13
c. China's economic system				
Americans	6	31	35	21
Russians	18	49	9	3

STATEMENT: Please tell me if your opinion of each of the following is:

Q35:

	very favorable	somewhat favorable	somewhat unfavorable	very unfavorable
a. How America uses military power and the threat of force				
Americans	19%	35%	28%	14%
Russians	5	8	36	38
b. How Russia uses military power and the threat of force				
Americans	2	22	46	22
Russians	10	55	12	5
c. How China uses military power and the threat of force				
Americans	3	16	43	32
Russians	5	41	14	5

STATEMENT: Please tell me if your opinion of each of the following is:

Q36:

	very favorable	somewhat favorable	somewhat unfavorable	very unfavorable
a. US President George W. Bush				
Americans	20%	25%	21%	30%
Russians	3	22	39	20
b. Russian President Vladimir Putin				
Americans	3	33	41	14
Russians	26	59	7	2
c. Chinese President Hu Jintao				
Americans	2	25	40	23
Russians	5	37	6	2

[3/4 Sample]
Q37. Over the last few years, do you think the effect of Russian foreign policy on the United States and its interests has been[*]

	Americans
Very positive	2%
Somewhat positive	49
Somewhat negative	34
Very negative	4
(No Answer)	10

[3/4 Sample]
Q38. Over the last few years, do you think the effect of Chinese foreign policy on the United States and its interests has been:[*]

	Americans
Very positive	3%
Somewhat positive	33
Somewhat negative	43
Very negative	11
(No Answer)	10

[Full Sample]
Q37. Over the last few years, do you think the effect of United States foreign policy on Russia and its interests has been[†]

	Russians
Very positive	2%
Somewhat positive	20
Somewhat negative	41
Very negative	15
Neither negative nor positive (vol)	12
(No Answer)	10

Q38. Over the last few years, do you think the effect of Chinese foreign policy on Russia and its interests has been:[†]

	Russians
Very positive	4%
Somewhat positive	38
Somewhat negative	17
Very negative	6
Neither negative nor positive (vol)	19
(No Answer)	15

[3/4 Sample in US, Full Sample in Russia]

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[*] Asked only to Americans
[†] Asked only to Russians

STATEMENT: How democratic do you think each of the following governments is, on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning that it is not at all democratic and 10 meaning that it is completely democratic?

	4/06	**9/05**
Q40a. United States		
Americans	7.40	6.24
Russians	6.66	
Q40b. Russia		
Americans	3.69	3.63
Russians	4.56	
Q40c. China		
Americans	2.16	1.89
Russians	4.29	

[Full Sample]
STATEMENT: For each of the following, over the last few years, do you think it has become:

Q41.

	more democratic and responsive to its people	less democratic and responsive to its people	stayed about the same
a. United States			
Americans	18%	43%	33%
Russians	26	23	31
b. Russia			
Americans	33	24	36
Russians	36	24	27
c. China			
Americans	24	18	49
Russians	35	10	18

[3/4 Sample in US, Full Sample in Russia]
Q42. As a general rule, do you think the United Nations should or should not actively work to discourage countries from acquiring nuclear weapons?

	Americans	**Russians**
Should	87%	79%
Should not	8	10
(No Answer)	5	10

[3/4 Sample in US, Full Sample in Russia]

Q43. Do you think Iran is or is not trying to develop nuclear weapons?

	Americans	Russians
Is...	84%	68%
Is not..	9	12
(No Answer)..	7	20

[3/4 Sample in US, Full Sample in Russia]
Q44. If Iran were to develop nuclear weapons, how much would that concern you

	Americans	Russians
Very much..	64%	29%
Somewhat..	21	34
A little	8	18
Not at all..	4	13
(No Answer)..	3	6

[3/4 Sample in US, Full Sample in Russia]
Q45 If Iran continues to produce nuclear fuel that could be developed for use in nuclear weapons, do you think that the US should

	Americans	Russians
Bomb Iran's nuclear facilities...............................	24%	7%
Pursue a diplomatic approach	70	79
(No Answer)..	6	14

[3/4 Sample in US, Full Sample in Russia]
Q46. If Iran continues to produce nuclear fuel that could be developed for use in nuclear weapons, do you think the UN Security Council should:

	Americans	Russians
Vote to impose economic sanctions against Iran if it persists	68%	23%
Continue diplomatic negotiations with Iran..	26	62
(No Answer)..	5	14

[3/4 Sample in US, Full Sample in Russia]
Q47. As you may know, Russia's President Putin has been trying to negotiate a deal whereby Russia would provide fuel for Iran's nuclear energy program if Iran would agree not to produce nuclear fuel that could be developed for use in nuclear weapons. Do you approve or disapprove of Russia trying to negotiate this deal?

	Americans	Russians
Approve..	44%	46%
Disapprove	49	30
(No Answer)..	7	24

Q48-Q49. To be released separately

US DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:

[FULL SAMPLE]
50. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

> Republican 29%
> Independent..16
> Democrat...32
> Other 1.5
> No preference...18
> (No answer)..3

[IF REPUBLICAN ON 50]
51. Would you call yourself a…:

> Strong Republican 15%
> Not very strong Republican 14
> (No answer)..3

[IF DEMOCRAT ON 50]
52. Would you call yourself a…:

> Strong Democrat...18%
> Not very strong Republican 14
> (No answer)..3

[IF NEITHER DEMOCRAT NOR REPUBLICAN ON 50]
53. Do you think yourself closer to the…:

> Republican Party..7%
> Democratic Party 10
> Neither 19
> (No answer)..3

 [FULL SAMPLE]

D1. (Combined Q50 + Q53). Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

> Republican 36%
> Independent..22
> Democrat...42

D2. Age

> 18-29 ....22%

    30-44 29
    45-59 28
    60+ 22

D3. Education level (categorical)

    Less than High School 15%
    High School Graduate...32
    Some College 28
    College Graduate 26

D4. Race/Ethnicity

    White, Non-Hispanic 70%
    Black, Non-Hispanic..11
    Other, Non-Hispanic 5
    Hispanic 13
    2+ Races, Non-Hispanic 1

D5. Gender

    Male 48%
    Female...52

D6. Region

    Northeast 19%
    Midwest...23
    South 36
    West 23

RUSSIA DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:

D1. Age

    18-29 .... 25%
    30-44 26
    45-59 27
    60+ 21

D2. Gender

    Male 45%
    Female...55

METHODOLOGY

The poll was fielded by Knowledge Networks, a polling, social science, and market research firm in Menlo Park, California, with a stratified random sample of its large-scale nationwide research panel. This panel itself has been randomly recruited from the national population of households having telephones; households without internet access are subsequently provided with free web access and an internet appliance. Thus the panel is not limited to those who already have home internet access. The distribution of the sample in the Web-enabled panel closely tracks the distribution of United States Census counts for the US population on age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, geographical region, employment status, income, education, etc. Upon survey completion, the data were weighted by gender, age, education, and ethnicity. For more information about the methodology, please go to: www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp.

The Russian survey was conducted by the Levada Center—a research institute in Moscow that follows principles of scientific objectiveness and observes the rules of ESOMAR. The sample generated is a four-stage stratified sample of face-to-face interviews with adult residents aged 18 years or older.

Russia is divided into 128 sampling units, which include 86 urban/rural communities with populations greater than 10,000 and 42 rural/urban communities of 10,000 or less. The sample was stratified across regions within Russia, with the specific features of the population's distribution in each region taken into consideration. Within the subdivided regions that constitute sampling units, households are randomly selected. The respondents within the household are selected by the "last birthday" method—with control of sex-age and sex-education quotas.

The sample does not include areas of military conflict, such as the Chechen and Ingush Republics, Dagestan, North Osetia, and difficult to access and sparsely-populated areas. Overall, only 5% of the adult population of Russia resides in these excluded areas.

The survey data are coded, entered, cleaned from accidental errors, data omissions and discrepancies and weighted by gender, age, level of education, federal okrug, type of community and voting results in the last national election.