

## Country-by-Country Results

### THE AMERICAS

#### Chile

Chile has the largest majority (along with Italy) among all countries polled that says addressing climate change should be a top priority for the new US government. Chileans also demonstrate significantly higher support than the global average for the US focusing on improving relations with their country, brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians, and dealing with the global financial crisis as top priorities.

- Four in five Chileans (81%) think that dealing with the global financial crisis should be a top US priority.
- Chileans also say the US should give priority to addressing climate change (68% top priority, 18% important); withdrawing troops from Iraq (60% top priority, 23% important); improving US relations with their country (59% top priority, 29% important); and brokering peace between Israel and Palestinians (55% top priority, 24% important).
- Thirty-four per cent of Chileans believe the US should give top priority to supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban, while 24 per cent say it should be important.

#### Mexico

A large majority of Mexicans now say US relations with the rest of the world will improve under the Obama administration, showing one of the largest increases in optimism from last summer. Support for the US making the withdrawal of its troops from Iraq a top priority is second-highest in Mexico (after Egypt) among all countries polled.

- Three-quarters of Mexicans (74%) think America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama—up 21 points from last summer.
- Three in four (76%) see dealing with the global financial crisis as a top priority for the United States, with another 19 per cent thinking it important. A similar number say attention should go to withdrawing US troops from Iraq, with 71 per cent calling it a top priority and 25 per cent an important priority.
- On other issues of possible US action, 61 per cent of Mexicans say improving America's relations with their country should be a top priority (27% important); 51 per cent say brokering an Israeli-Palestinian peace accord should be a top priority (29% important); and 44 per cent believe addressing climate change should be a top priority (36% important).
- Thirty-six per cent of Mexicans say supporting Afghanistan's government against the Taliban should be a top priority while another 36 per cent say it should be important.

## **United States**

American optimism that US relations with the rest of the world will improve under an Obama presidency has increased dramatically since last summer, as is the case with most other countries polled. The United States is among the countries putting the most emphasis on support for the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban as a top priority, even though less than a majority holds this view.

- A majority (65%) of Americans believes US relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama, up from just 46 per cent that held this view last summer.
- Three in four Americans (75%) say dealing with the global financial crisis should be a top priority for the US, with 18 per cent that saying it should be important.
- Sixty per cent say that the US should make improving America's relations with the rest of the world a top priority, along with 30 per cent that say it should be important.
- On other issues where the US government could take action, Americans say emphasis should be given to supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban (46% top priority, 37% important); withdrawing US troops from Iraq (44% top priority, 32% important); addressing climate change (41% top priority, 33% important); and brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians (37% top priority, 41% important).

## **EUROPE**

### **France**

The French are significantly above the average of countries polled in expressing optimism that relations between the US and the rest of the world will improve with the new Obama administration. They are also above average in their majority view that climate change should be a top US priority.

- Three-quarters of the French (76%) think America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama—up from 62 per cent last summer.
- Three in five French (60%) see dealing with the global financial crisis as a top priority for the United States, while 29 per cent see it as important. Nearly the same number say the US should put emphasis on addressing climate change (58% a top priority, 30% important).
- Forty-seven per cent of the French say the US should make withdrawing US troops from Iraq a top priority (35% important) and 45 per cent say a top priority should be brokering an Israeli-Palestinian peace accord (36% important).
- On other issues, the French say the US should give emphasis to supporting Afghanistan's government against the Taliban (23% top priority, 40% important) and to improving America's relationship with their country (20% top priority, 49% important).

## Germany

Almost four in five Germans now think America's relations with the rest of the world will get better with the Obama administration. Of all countries polled worldwide, Germany puts the lowest emphasis on supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban as a top US priority, although a significant number say it should be important.

- Three-quarters (78%) of Germans think America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama—up from 61 per cent last summer.
- More than four in five Germans (83%) see dealing with the global financial crisis as a top priority for the United States, with another 15 per cent saying that it is important.
- On other issues for US action, 49 per cent of Germans think climate change should be a top US priority (46% important) and 34 per cent think withdrawing US troops from Iraq should be a top priority (58% important).
- Twenty per cent of Germans think that brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians and improving US relations with their country should be a top priority, while around two-thirds (57% and 66% respectively) say these are important.
- Thirteen per cent of Germans say supporting Afghanistan's government against the Taliban should be a top US priority, while 62 per cent of Germans see this as important.

## Italy

Among all countries polled, Italians express the highest amount of optimism that relations between the US and the rest of the world will improve with the new Obama administration. Compared to other countries polled, Italy (along with Chile) is most concerned to see climate change become a top US priority.

- Nearly eight in ten (79%) Italians think America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama—up from 64 per cent last summer.
- Seventy-eight per cent of Italians see dealing with the global financial crisis as a top priority for the United States, with another 17 per cent saying that it is important. Sixty-eight per cent of Italians say that addressing climate change should be a top US priority (important 20%).
- A majority of Italians want brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians to be a top US priority (25% important); and likewise for withdrawing US troops from Iraq (52% top priority, 28% important).
- Thirty-two per cent want the US to hold supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban as a top priority (33% important). Twenty-five per cent feel the same way about America improving its relationship with their country (38% important).

## Russia

Russia has seen the second-largest increase (after Turkey) in optimism that America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under an Obama presidency, although less than one-half hold this view. Support in Russia is significantly lower than the average of countries polled for the US making the issues of climate change, peace between Israel and the Palestinians, and support for the Afghanistan government against the Taliban top priorities.

- Nearly one-half of Russians (47%) think America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama—up 36 points from last summer.
- Three in four (74%) Russians think that dealing with the global financial crisis should be a top US priority. Fifty-nine per cent see improving US relations with their own country as a top priority, while an additional 30 per cent say it is important.
- Nearly one-half (49%) of Russians say that withdrawing US troops from Iraq should be a top priority (29% important).
- On other issues where the US could take action, only 18 per cent of Russians say a top priority should be addressing climate change (43% important), 17 per cent say a top priority should be brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians (39% important), and 17 per cent say a top priority should be supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban (35% important).

## Spain

Among countries polled, Spain is one of the three countries most optimistic (with Italy and Germany) that US relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama. Among Europeans polled, Spaniards are the most in favour of brokering peace between Israel and Palestine becoming a top US priority.

- Seventy-eight per cent of Spaniards think America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama.
- Three-quarters (74%) of Spaniards think that dealing with the global financial crisis should be a top US priority. Sixty-five per cent see addressing climate change as a top priority and 28 per cent see it as important.
- Sixty per cent of Spaniards want brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians to be a top priority (29% important); 55 per cent feel the same way about withdrawing US troops from Iraq (30% important).
- Thirty-six per cent of Spaniards want improving America's relationship with Spain to be a top US priority (48% important). Thirty-five per cent say this about supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban (37% important).

## United Kingdom

Seven in ten Britons are now optimistic that America's relations with the world will get better during the Obama administration, while in the summer a modest majority were optimistic. The British are well above the average of countries polled in wanting to see climate change become a top US priority under the Obama administration. On making US making support for Afghanistan's government against the Taliban a top priority, the British are the highest among all European countries polled.

- Seventy per cent of Britons think America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama—up from 54 per cent last summer.
- Three-quarters (74%) in the UK say that dealing with the global financial crisis should be a top US priority, with another 19 per cent thinking it should be important. Sixty-three per cent of Britons put addressing climate change as a top priority (26% important).
- A majority of Britons (54%) say brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians should be a top US priority (28% important). A majority also thinks this about withdrawing US troops from Iraq (52% top, 32% important). Forty-two per cent see it as a top US priority to support the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban (33% important).
- Thirty per cent of Britons want the US to make a top priority of improving its relationship with their country (45% important).

## MIDDLE EAST

### Egypt

A majority now thinks that US relations with the world will improve under President Obama—twice as many Egyptians as thought this last summer. Among all countries polled, Egyptians have the largest majorities in favour of the US making top priorities of the withdrawal of its troops from Iraq and the brokering of peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

- Nearly six in ten (58%) Egyptians expect America's relations with the rest of the world to improve under the Obama administration—29 per cent higher than last summer.
- More than eight in ten Egyptians (82%) believe withdrawing US troops from Iraq should be a top US priority, while nearly the same number (81%) say dealing with the global financial crisis should be top priority.
- A significant majority sees brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians as a top priority (75% top priority, 18% important), along with improving America's relationship with their country (63% top priority, 31% important).
- Thirty-five per cent of Egyptians want supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban to be a top US priority (28% important). Twenty-three per cent want addressing climate change to be a top US priority (37% important).

## Turkey

Turks have shown the greatest increase in optimism about improved world relations with the US of all countries worldwide that were asked the same question last summer. Despite Turkey's proximity to fallout from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the number of Turks who want to see brokering peace there become a top US priority is actually less than the average of countries polled.

- One-half of Turks (51%) think America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama—up 40 points from only 11 per cent last summer.
- Three in four Turks (72%) think that dealing with the global financial crisis should be a top US priority.
- About one-half of Turks see the following issues as top priorities: withdrawing US troops from Iraq (49% top priority, 30% important); improving America's relationship with their country (47% top priority, 32% important); and addressing climate change (45% top priority, 31% important).
- Thirty-three per cent say brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians should be a top US priority (40% important). Thirty-one per cent say the same about supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban (37% important).

## AFRICA

### Ghana

Ghana has one of the largest majorities saying that the US should make improving America's relationship with its country a top priority. Ghana also has the largest majority that thinks US relations with the world will improve under President Obama.

- Majorities of Ghanaians say the US should emphasize improving America's relationship with their country (66% top priority, 19% important) and dealing with the current global financial crisis (66% top priority, 18% important).
- On other issues the US could address, Ghanaians believe priority should be given to withdrawing US troops from Iraq (49% top priority, 25% important), addressing climate change (41% top priority, 30% important), and brokering peace between the Israel and the Palestinians (38% top priority, 29% important).
- Twenty-two per cent of Ghanaians say the US should make supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban a top priority, while 25 per cent believe it should be important.

### Nigeria

Nigerians have expressed the most consistent widespread optimism that US relations with the rest of the world will improve under an Obama presidency. Nigeria shows the second-lowest amount of support (after India) among all countries polled

for the global financial crisis to be made a top priority by the US, even though most Nigerians say this issue should be given top priority compared to the others.

- Nearly three in four (74%) Nigerians say that America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama, though nearly the same number (71%) held this optimistic view last summer.
- Nigerians place the highest priority on resolving the global financial crisis (49% top priority, 27% important) and improving US relations with their country (39% top priority, 38% important).
- Nigerians say the US should give priority to the issues of brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians (32% top priority, 26% important) and withdrawing US troops from Iraq (31% top priority, 35% important).
- Twenty-one per cent of Nigerians say the US should make addressing climate change a top priority (38% important) and 21 per cent also say supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban should be a top priority (32% important).

## **ASIA**

### **China**

China has seen one of the largest increases between now and last summer in optimism that the Obama presidency will improve America's relations with the rest of the world. China has the largest majorities that believe the US should make dealing with the global financial crisis and improving its relations with their region top priorities, more than 20 points higher than the average of countries polled in each case. China also has one of the largest majorities in favour of the US addressing climate change as a top priority.

- Two-thirds (68%) of the Chinese think America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama—up from 39 per cent last summer.
- An overwhelming 93 per cent say that dealing with the global financial crisis should be a top US priority. A large majority of Chinese say the US should put emphasis on improving its relations with their country (78% top priority).
- On other issues the US could address, the Chinese believe emphasis should be given to withdrawing US troops from Iraq (66% top priority, 19% important); addressing climate change (65% top priority, 21% important); and brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians (58% top priority, 25% important).
- On supporting Afghanistan's government against the Taliban, 36 per cent say the US should make this a top priority, while 25 per cent say it should be important.

### **India**

Indians have seen a large increase in optimism that US relations with the rest of the world will improve under an Obama administration since last summer, along with most other countries polled. Although Indians agree with most other publics that the

US should make dealing with the global financial crisis a top priority, the number holding this view is less than one-half and lower than all other countries polled.

- Sixty-three per cent in India see US relations with the rest of the world improving under President Obama, up from 45 per cent last summer.
- Indians believe the US should put emphasis on dealing with the global financial crisis (47% top priority, 21% important) and improving America's relationship with their country (42% top priority, 22% important).
- Thirty-five per cent of Indians says addressing climate change should receive top priority from the US, while 33 per cent believe it should be important.
- On other issues where the US could take action, Indians say attention should go to brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians (28% top priority, 27% important), withdrawing US troops from Iraq (27% top priority, 28% important), and supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban (26% top priority, 32% important).

## **Indonesia**

Among Islamic countries polled, Indonesia has the largest majority that thinks America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama. Indonesia is below the average of countries polled in its numbers who want to see brokering Israeli-Palestinian peace and withdrawing troops from Iraq become top US priorities.

- Sixty-four per cent of Indonesians expect that America's relations with the rest of the world will improve under the Obama administration—18 points higher than last summer.
- A large majority of Indonesians (70% top priority, 20% important) say dealing with the global financial crisis should be a top US priority. Forty-six per cent think it should be a top priority for America to improve its relationship with their country (41% important).
- More than one-third of Indonesians (36%) say withdrawing US troops from Iraq should be a top priority (39% important). Nearly one in three feel this way about addressing climate change (30% top priority, 36% important) and brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians (29% top priority, 42% important).
- Fifteen per cent of Indonesians think that supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban should be a top US priority (15% top priority, 37% important).

## **Japan**

Japan is one of only two countries polled (along with Russia) where less than one-half believe that Barack Obama's election will improve America's relations with the rest of the world. The Japanese are higher than the average of countries polled in their concern that the US should address climate change as a top priority.

- Slightly less than one-half (48%) of Japanese believe that US relations with the rest of the world will improve under President Obama, while 37 per cent believe they will stay about the same.
- More than three in four (77%) in Japan say that dealing with the global financial crisis should be a top US priority.
- Fifty-seven per cent of Japanese say that a top priority should be to address climate change (29% important). One-half think this about withdrawing US troops from Iraq (27% important).

Thirty-nine per cent want brokering peace between Israel and the Palestinians to be a top US priority (31% important). Thirty-five per cent feel this way about the US improving its relationship with their region (36% important); 24 per cent feel this way about supporting the government of Afghanistan against the Taliban (34% important).