



Anti-Americanism and Expectations of the Next U.S. President

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Over 24,000 Interviews in...

United States	1,000	Australia	700
Britain	753	China*	3,212
France	754	India*	2,056
Germany	750	Indonesia	1,000
Spain	752	Japan	708
Poland	750	Pakistan*	1,254
Russia	1,000	South Korea	714
Turkey	1,003	Argentina	801
Egypt	1,000	Brazil*	1,000
Jordan	1,000	Mexico	805
Lebanon	1,000	Nigeria	1,000
		South Africa	1,001
		Tanzania	<u>704</u>
		Total	24,717

Survey conducted March 17-April 21, 2008.

*Countries are disproportionately urban samples.

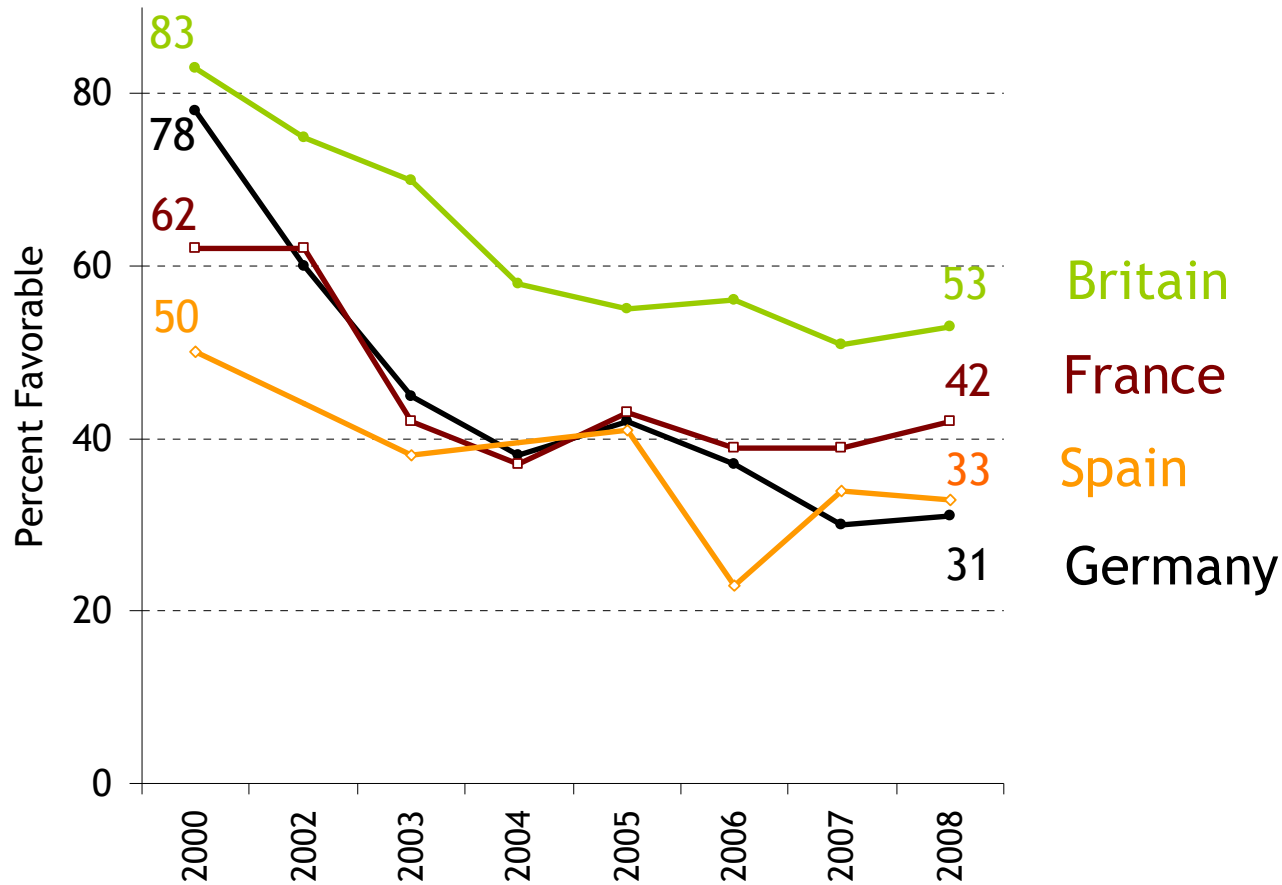
Modest Gains in U.S. Image, But Concerns Persist

- U.S. favorability increases in 10 countries, declines in only 3
- But no sea change in views of U.S.
 - Favorable views of the U.S. remain low in Western Europe
 - And U.S. image still overwhelmingly negative in predominantly Muslim countries
- Widespread interest in the U.S. presidential race
 - At least half of those surveyed in Japan, Germany, Australia, Jordan, Britain following race very or somewhat closely
 - Hopeful expectations for next president
 - Obama's strong international appeal

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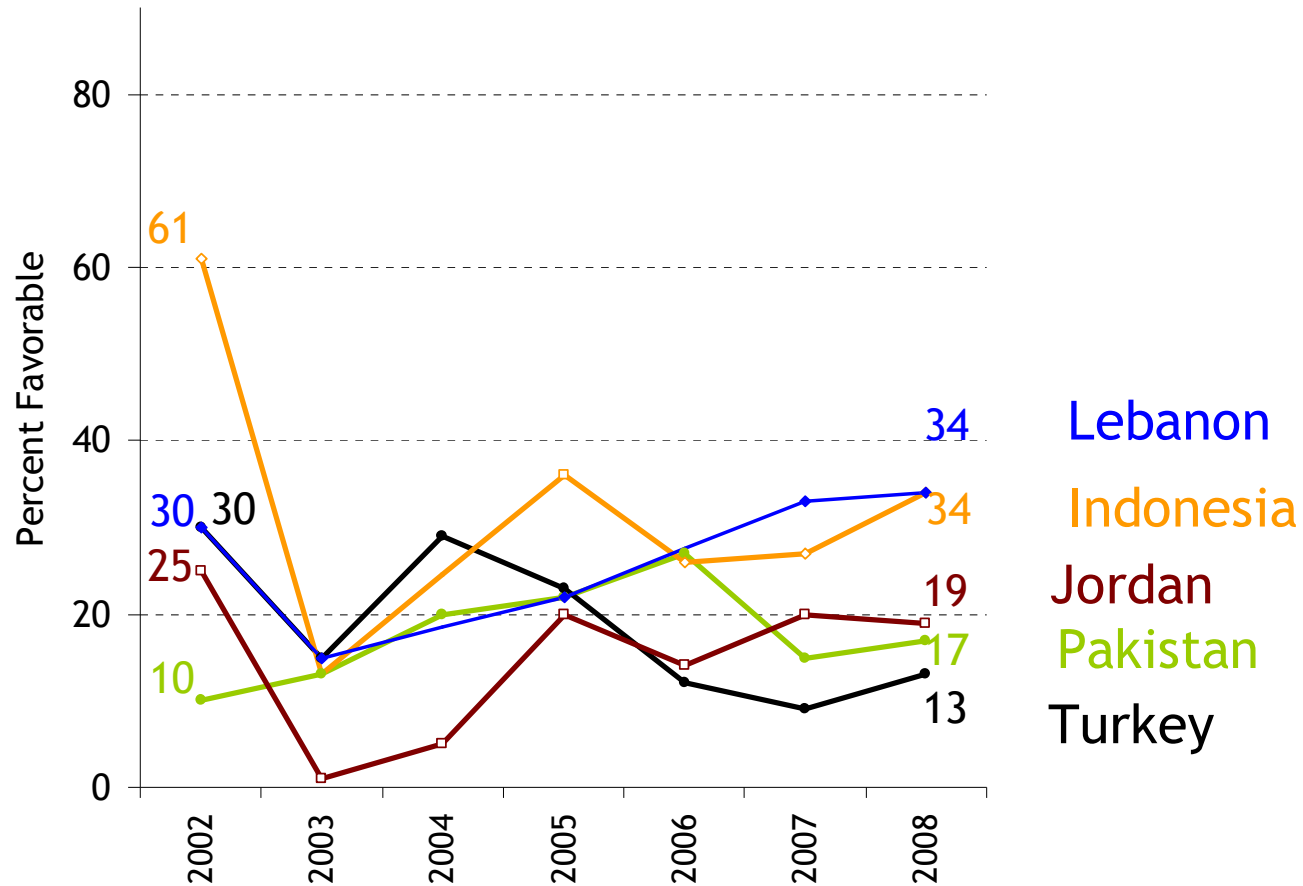
- Considerable pessimism about Iraq, opposition to efforts in Afghanistan
- The global economic downturn: formidable new challenge for the U.S.
 - Global ratings of national economies in steep decline
 - U.S. economy seen as influential and having negative impact in most countries
- Widespread concerns about global warming – and U.S. is seen as top contributor to environmental problems

U.S. Favorability: European Nations



* 2000 trends provided by the Office of Research, U.S. Department of State.
Some data from 1999.

U.S. Favorability Among Muslims



Based on Muslim respondents only.

How Asian Publics View the U.S.

	<i>% favorable</i>							
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
S. Korea	58	52	46	--	--	--	58	70
India	--	66	--	--	71	56	59	66
Japan	77	72	--	--	--	63	61	50
Australia	--	--	59	--	--	--	--	46
China	--	--	--	--	42	47	34	41

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How Latin America & Africa View U.S.

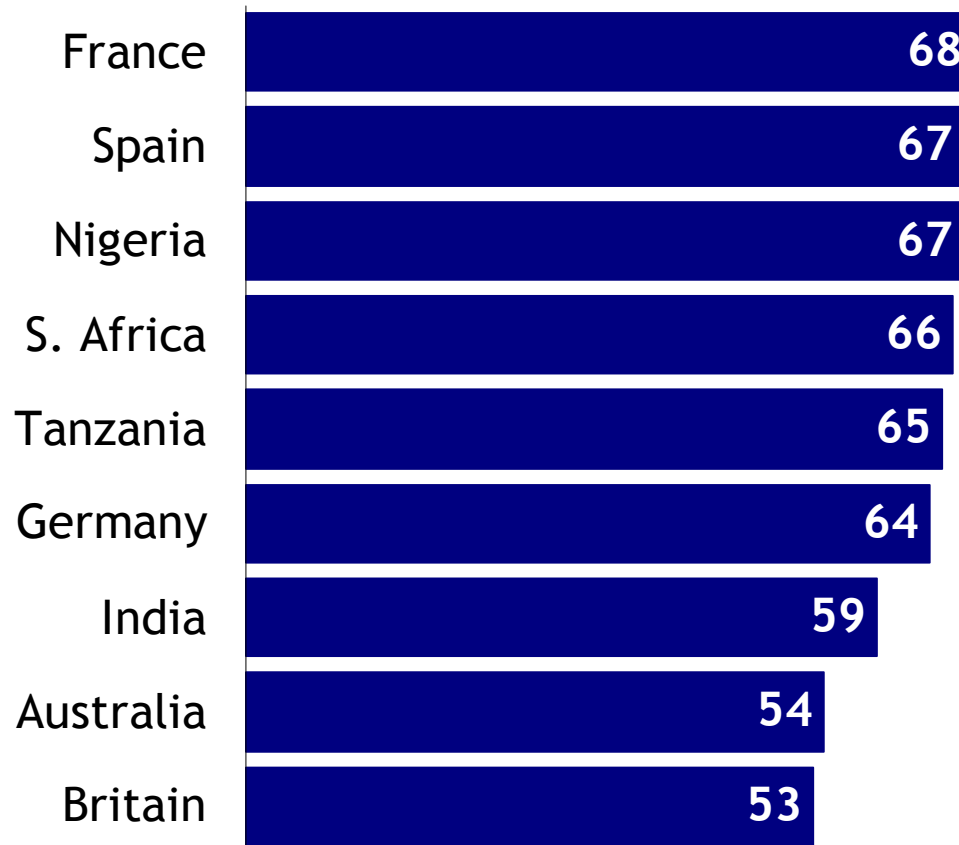
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Brazil	56	51	35	--	--	--	44	47
Mexico	68	64	--	--	--	--	56	47
Argentina	50	34	--	--	--	--	16	22
Tanzania	--	53	--	--	--	--	46	65
Nigeria	46	76	61	--	--	62	70	64
S. Africa	--	65	--	--	--	--	--	60

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Next U.S. President Will Change Foreign Policy for the Better

% saying U.S. foreign policy will change for the better next year when there is a new president

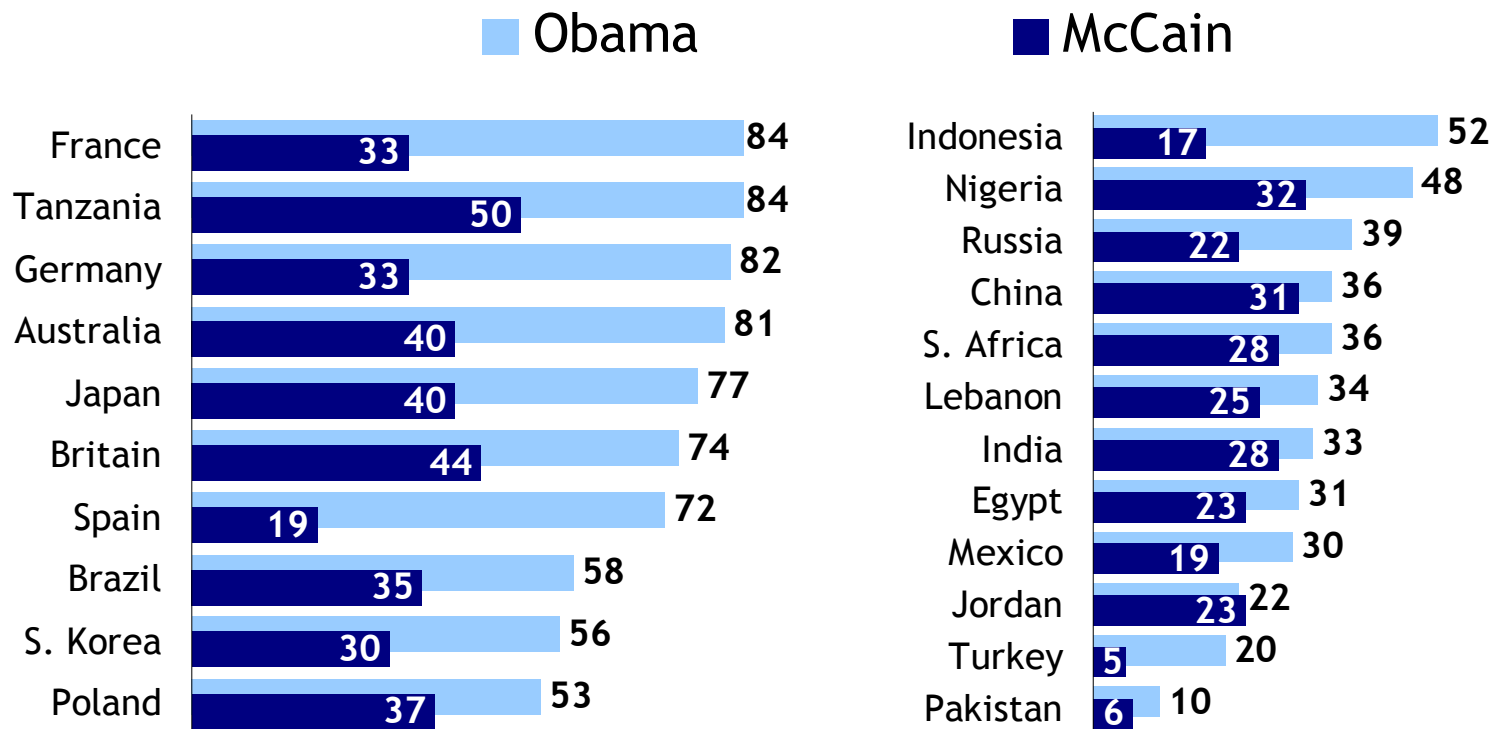
*Where publics are
most optimistic
about the next
U.S. president*



Based on respondents who say they have been following news about the U.S. presidential race very or somewhat closely.

More Confidence in Obama than McCain

% having a lot or some confidence in Obama/McCain to do the right thing regarding world affairs



Based on respondents who say they have been following the U.S. presidential election very or somewhat closely.

China Under the Microscope

- China's favorability rating slips again – especially in Europe
- China's influence seen as strong, particularly in Asia and Africa
- Many worry about Chinese unilateralism, Chinese products, its impact on the environment, its growing economy
- International approval of Beijing Olympics – but less enthusiasm in West

Global Image of U.S. and China

<i>Number of countries...</i>	<i>2007-08 Change</i>	
	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>China</u>
Less favorable today	3	9
More favorable today	10	2
Remained the same	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
	21	21

Trends available for 21 countries.

The Challenges Facing the Next President

- Pessimism about Iraq
- No support for expanding the war in Afghanistan
- Widespread concern about the economy: the United States is to blame
- Worry about global warming: the United States is the culprit
- China: ally or a foil

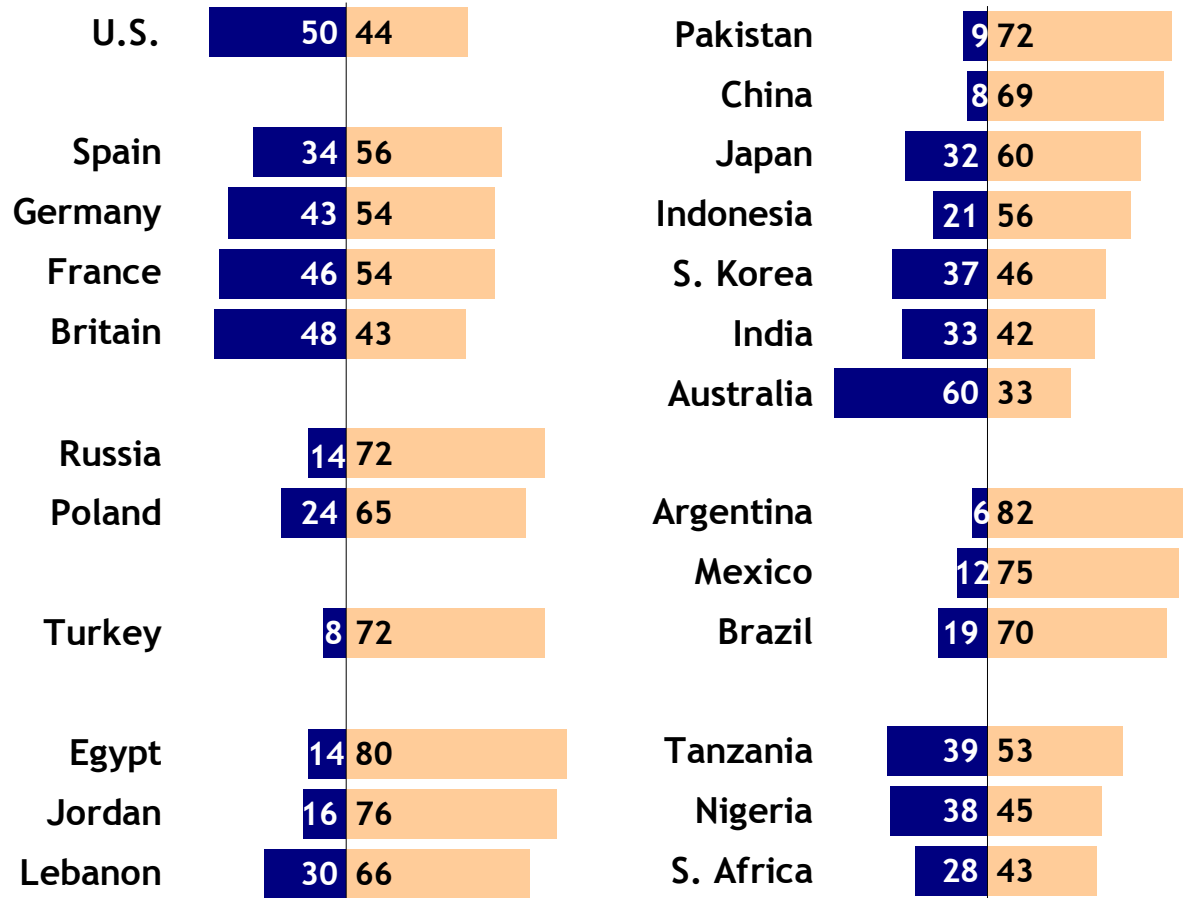
Few Think Efforts in Iraq Will Succeed

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Trend</u>		<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Trend</u>
	%	%			%	%	
U.S.	54	40	-14	Egypt	32	41	+9
Spain	18	25	+7	Jordan	34	41	+7
Germany	33	26	-7	China	19	33	+14
France	43	33	-10	Pakistan	39	41	+2
Britain	52	40	-12	Indonesia	33	34	+1
Russia	17	18	+1	India	59	56	-3
Turkey	17	12	-5	Japan	38	24	-14
				Nigeria	72	61	-11

% saying efforts to create a stable democratic Iraqi government will succeed.

U.S. and NATO Troops in Afghanistan

■ Keep troops in Afghanistan ■ Remove troops

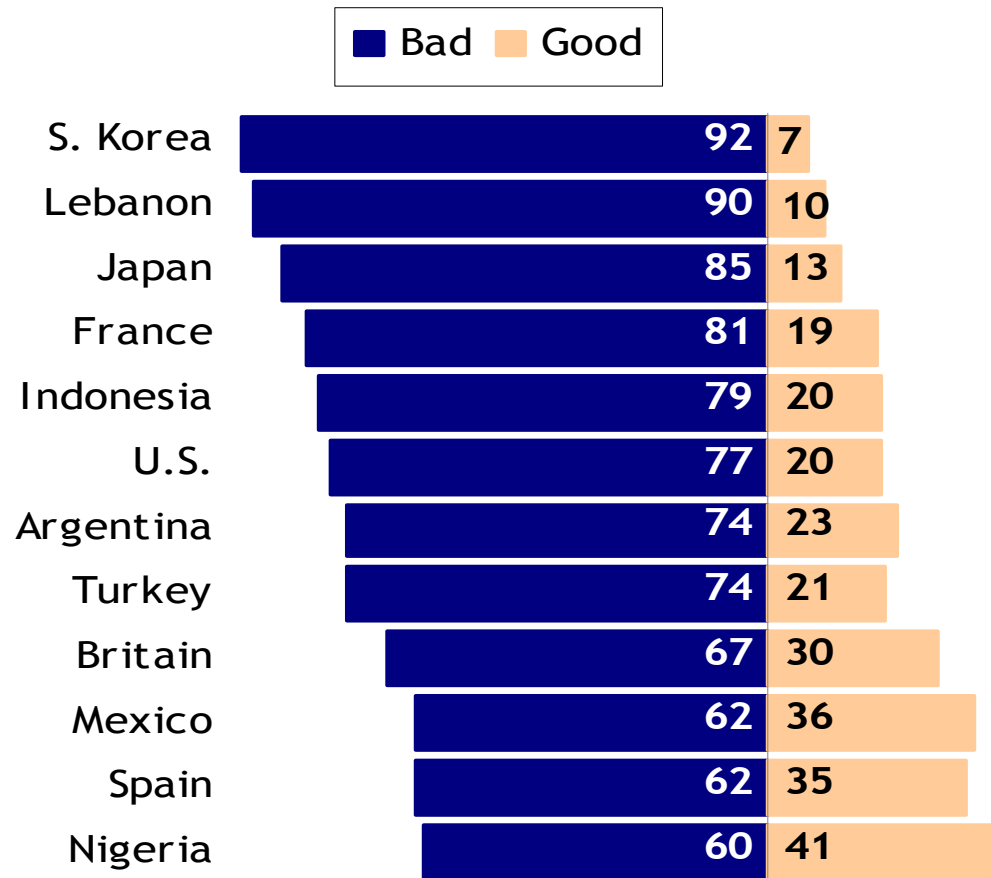


An Increasingly Grim Economic Mood

	<i>% economy is good</i>		
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Trend</u>
	%	%	
Britain	69	30	-39
U.S.	50	20	-30
Spain	65	35	-30
Turkey	46	21	-25
Argentina	45	23	-22
Pakistan	59	41	-18

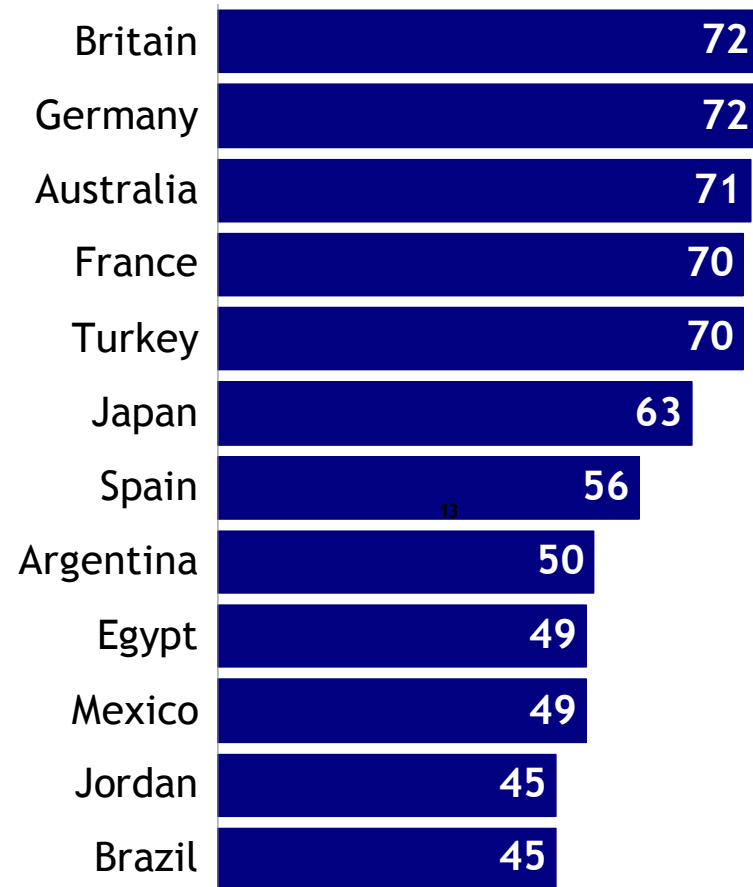
Most Negative Economic Views

Current Economic Situation



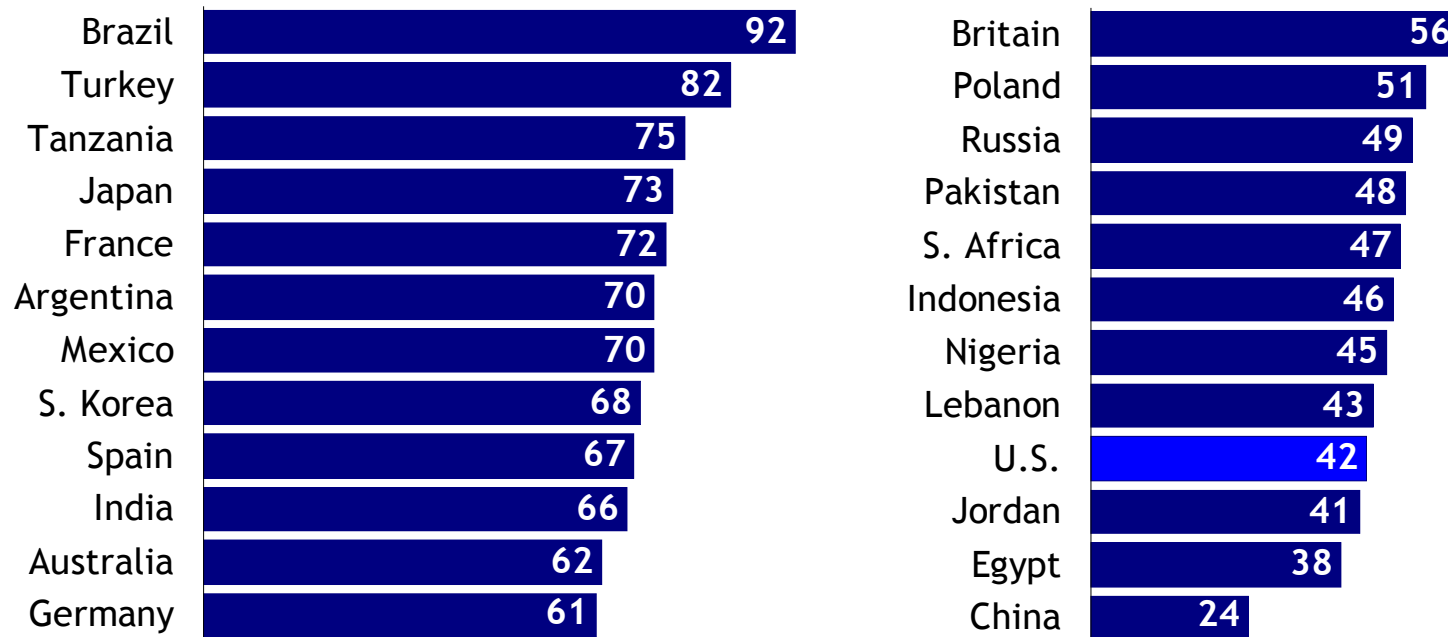
U.S. Economic Influence a Negative...

% saying U.S. economy negatively affects economic conditions in their country



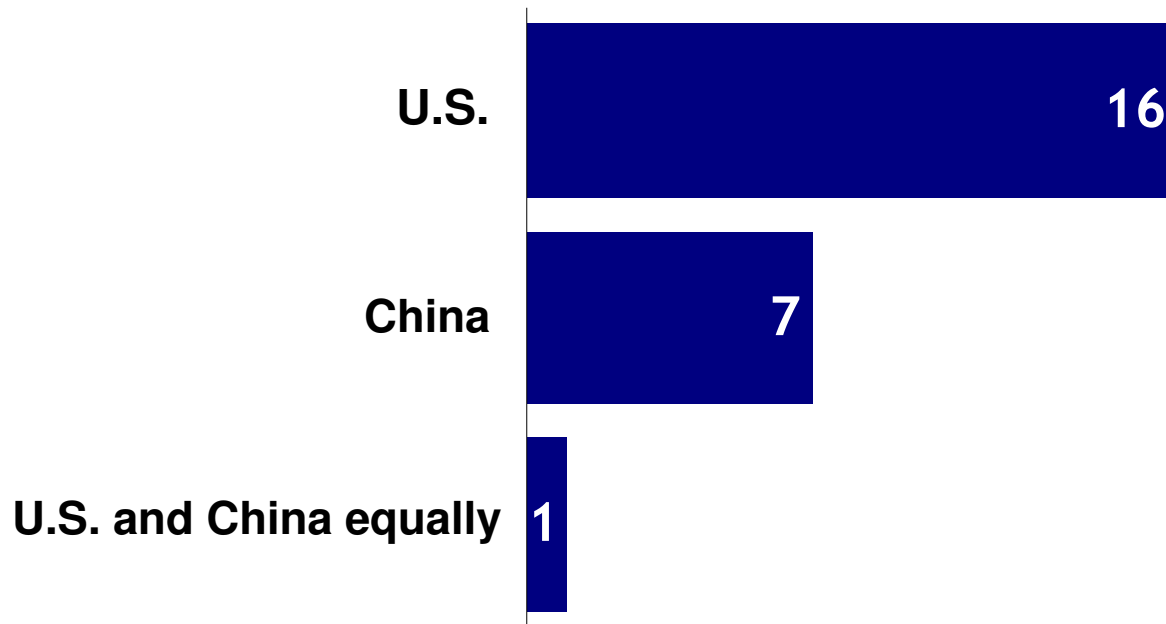
Concerns About Global Warming

% saying global warming is a very serious problem



Who Hurts the World's Environment the Most?

Number of countries naming _____ as hurting the world's environment the most



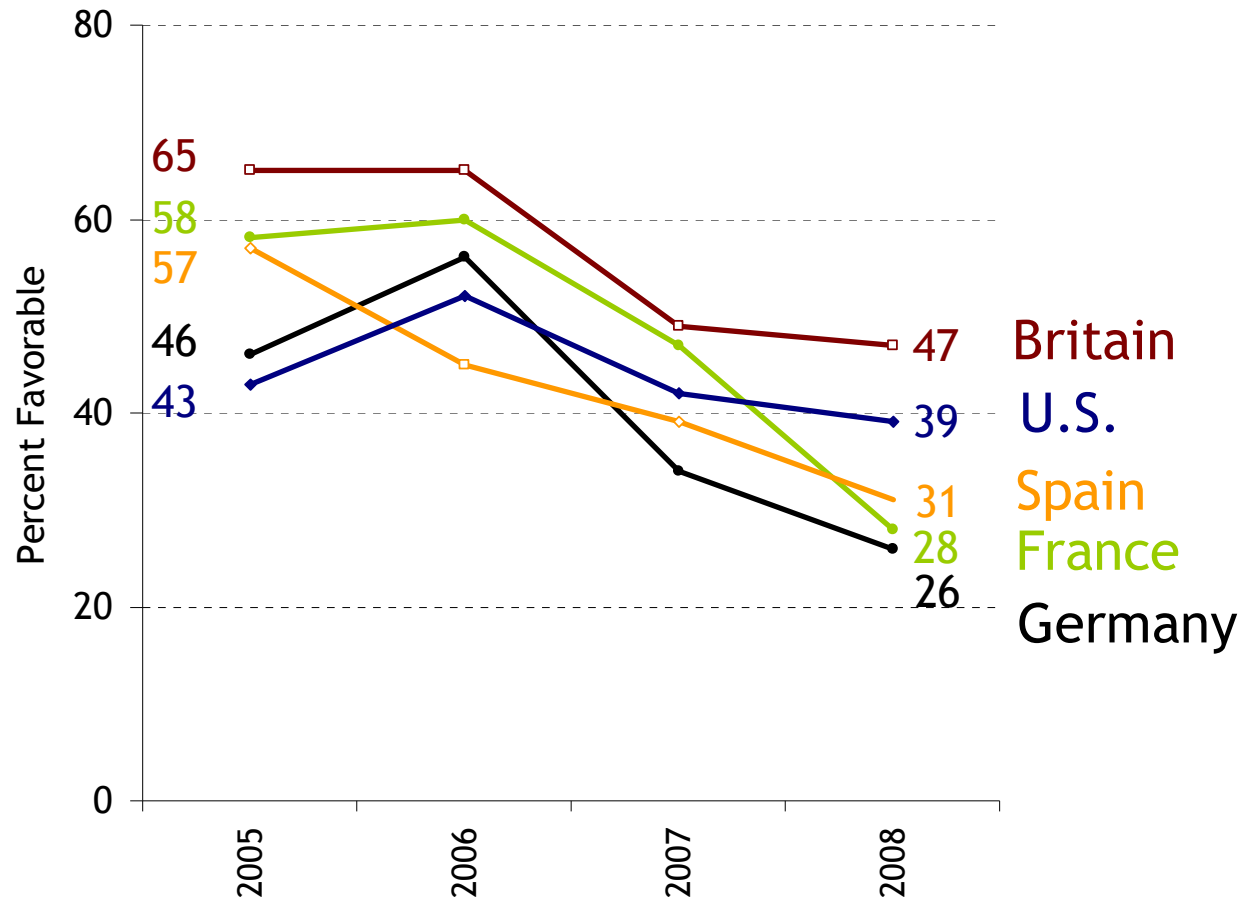
Growing Concerns About China's Impact on Environment

% China hurts world's environment the most

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Trend</u>
	%	%	
Japan	34	67	+33
U.S.	22	40	+18
Poland	11	23	+12
France	23	34	+11
Spain	7	17	+10
Britain	31	40	+9

Respondents were asked which country is hurting the world's environment the most: U.S., China, India, Germany, Brazil, Japan or Russia.

Views of China in the West



China's Growing Economic Power

Where it's viewed positively...

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Bad</u>
	%	%
Nigeria	87	5
Tanzania	77	16
Pakistan	70	6
Lebanon	65	25
Australia	63	29
S. Africa	56	25
Japan	55	37
Jordan	52	37

Where it's viewed negatively...

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Bad</u>
	%	%
France	37	63
Germany	39	56
S. Korea	39	54
U.S.	35	53
Mexico	36	48
Poland	31	46
Spain	38	45
India	42	45

“Overall do you think that China's growing economy is a good thing or a bad thing for our country?”



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