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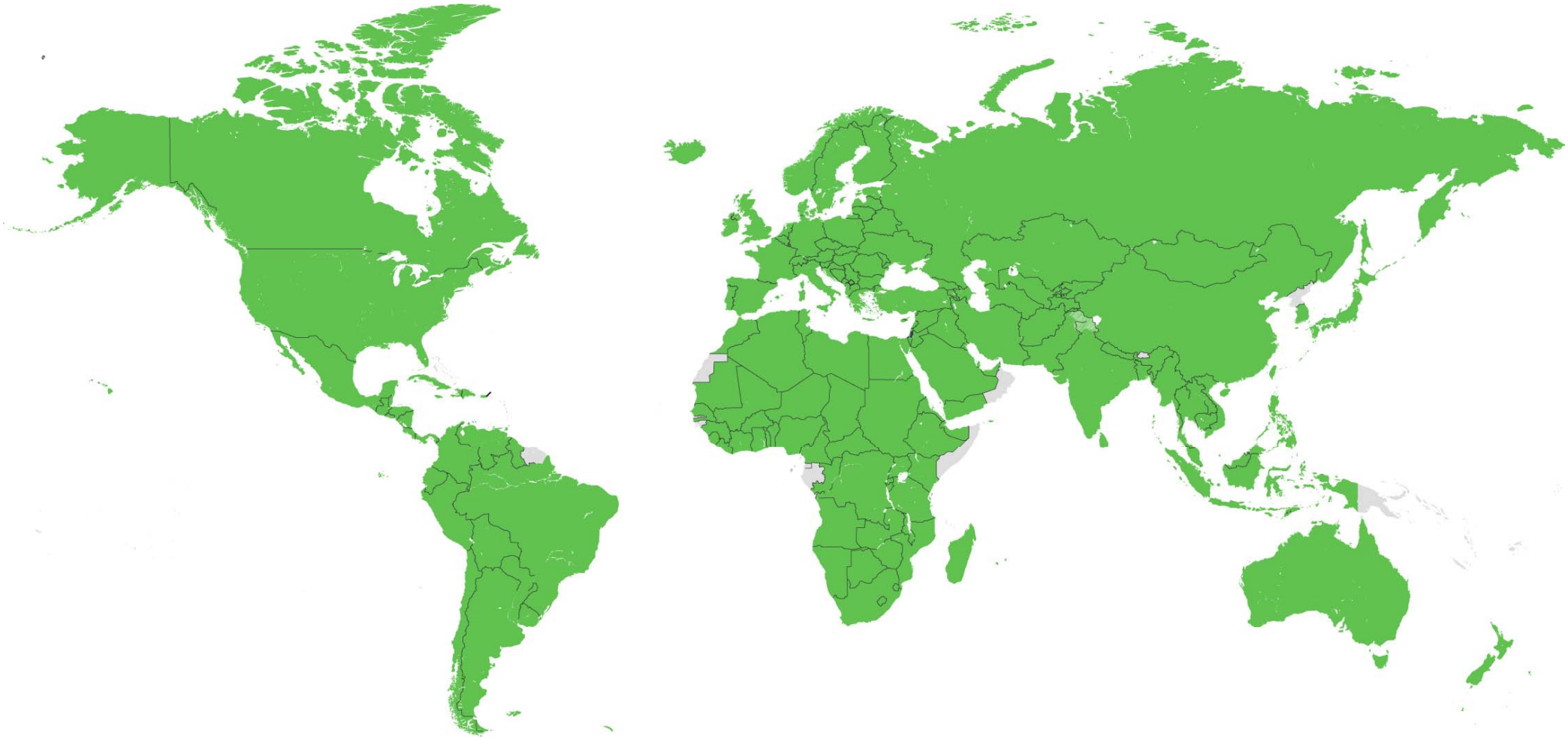

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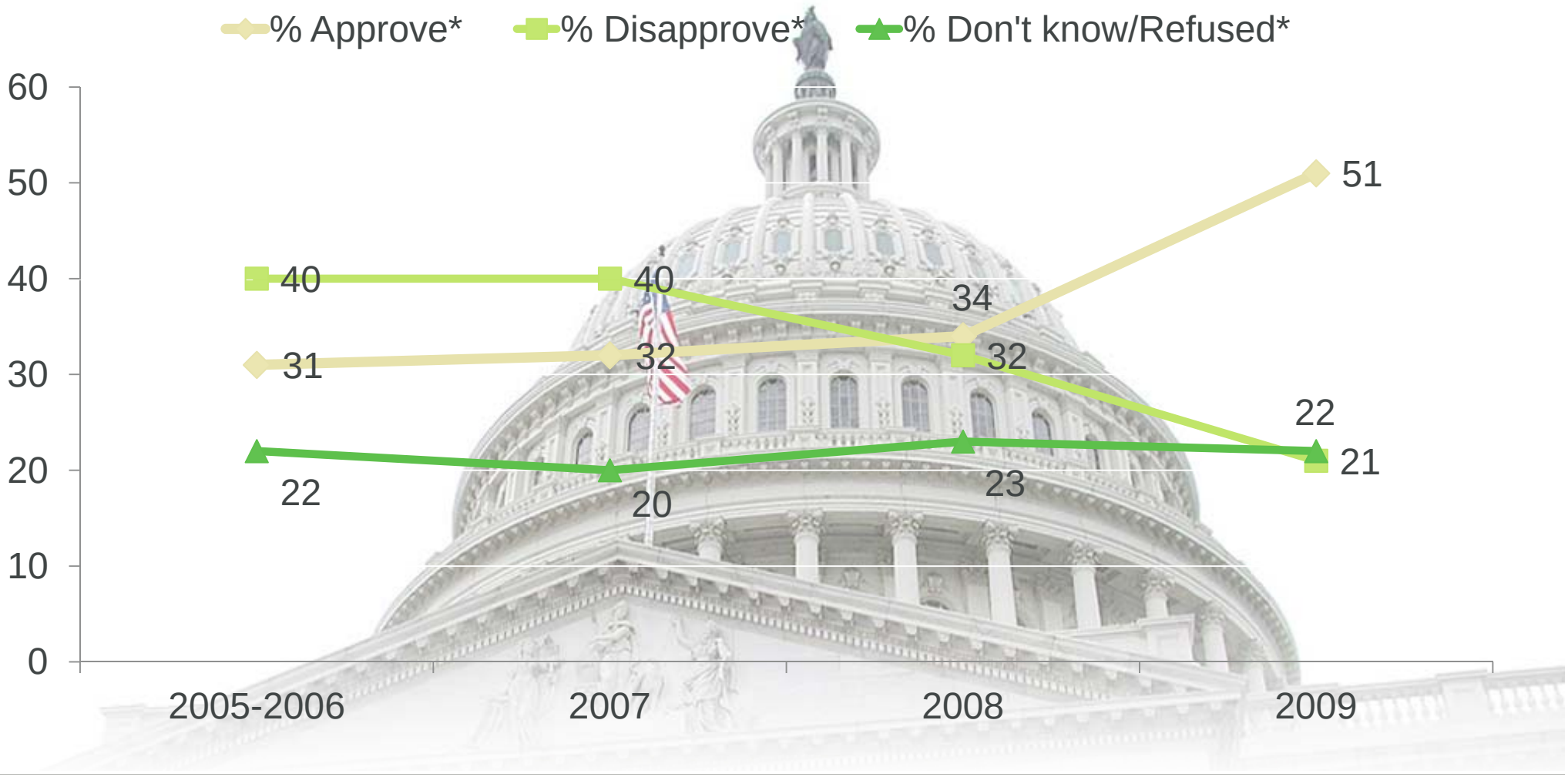

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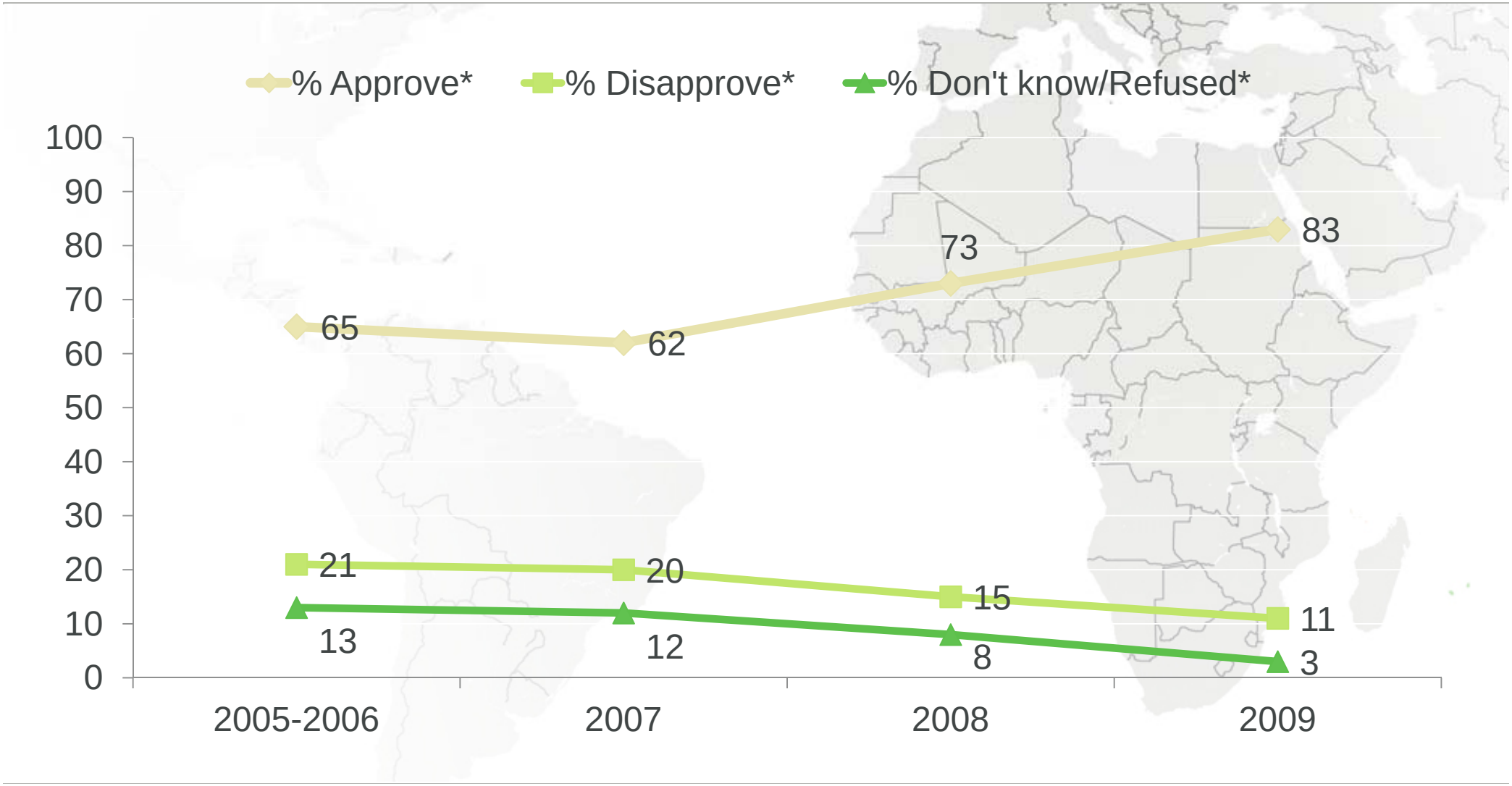

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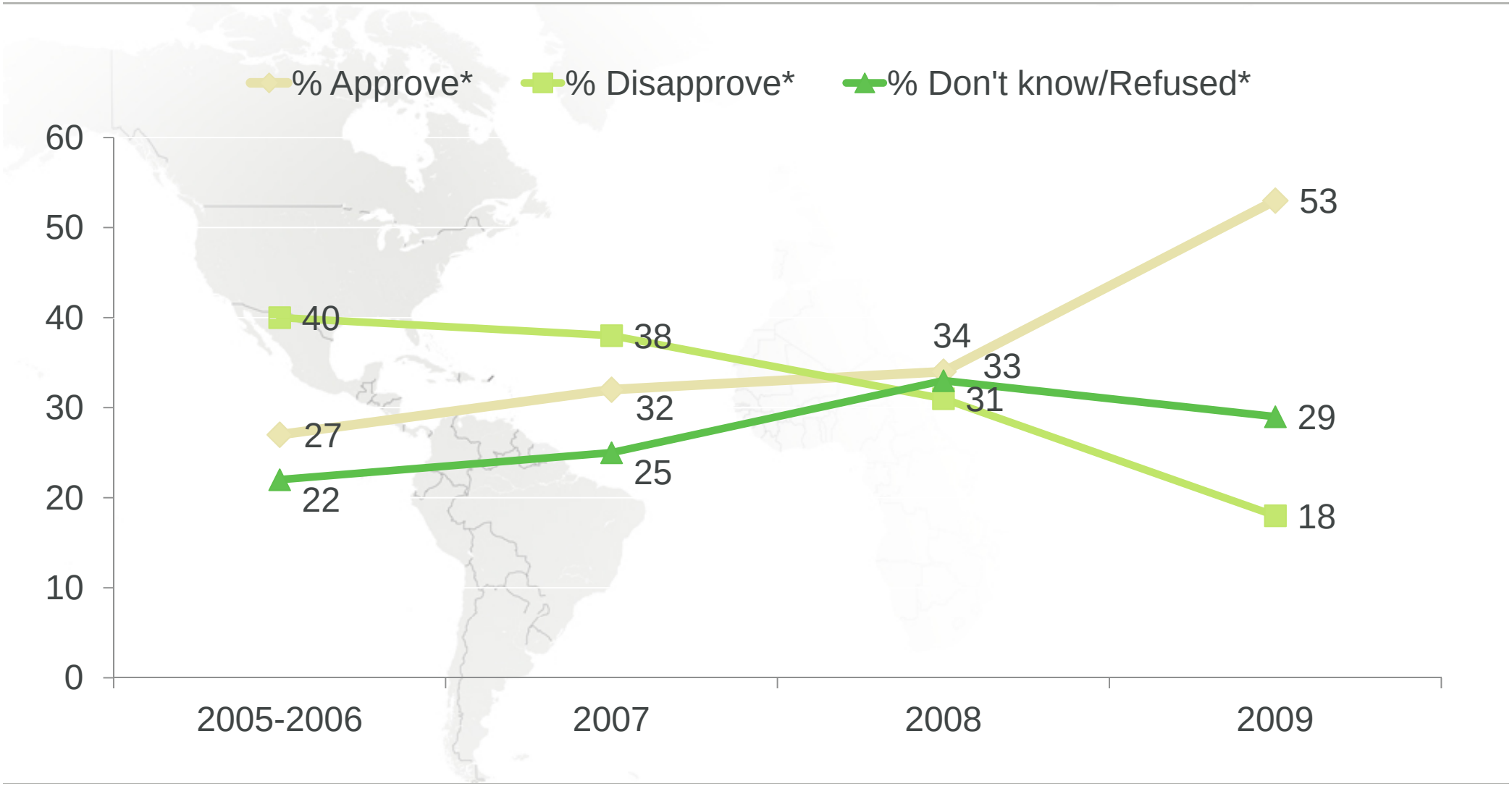

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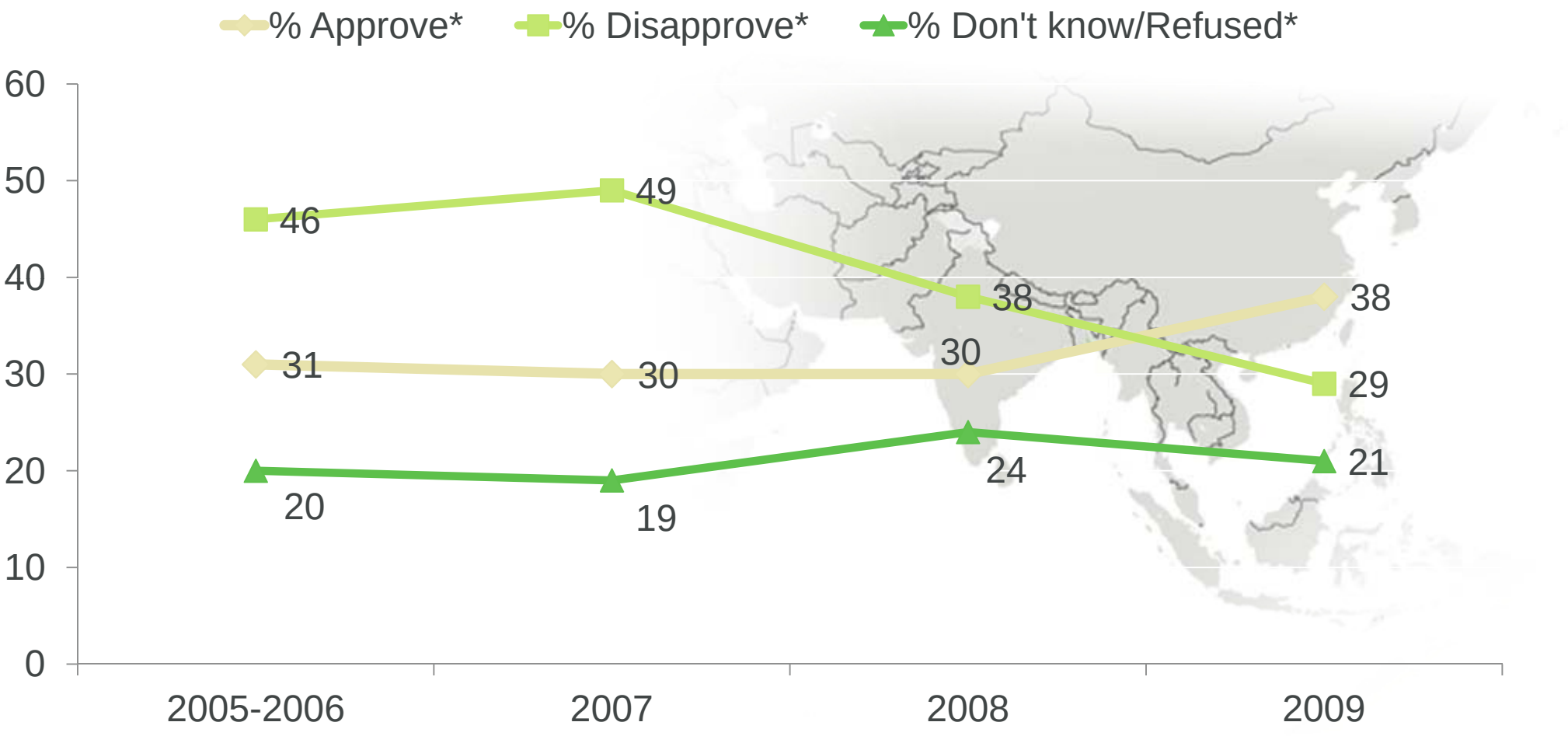

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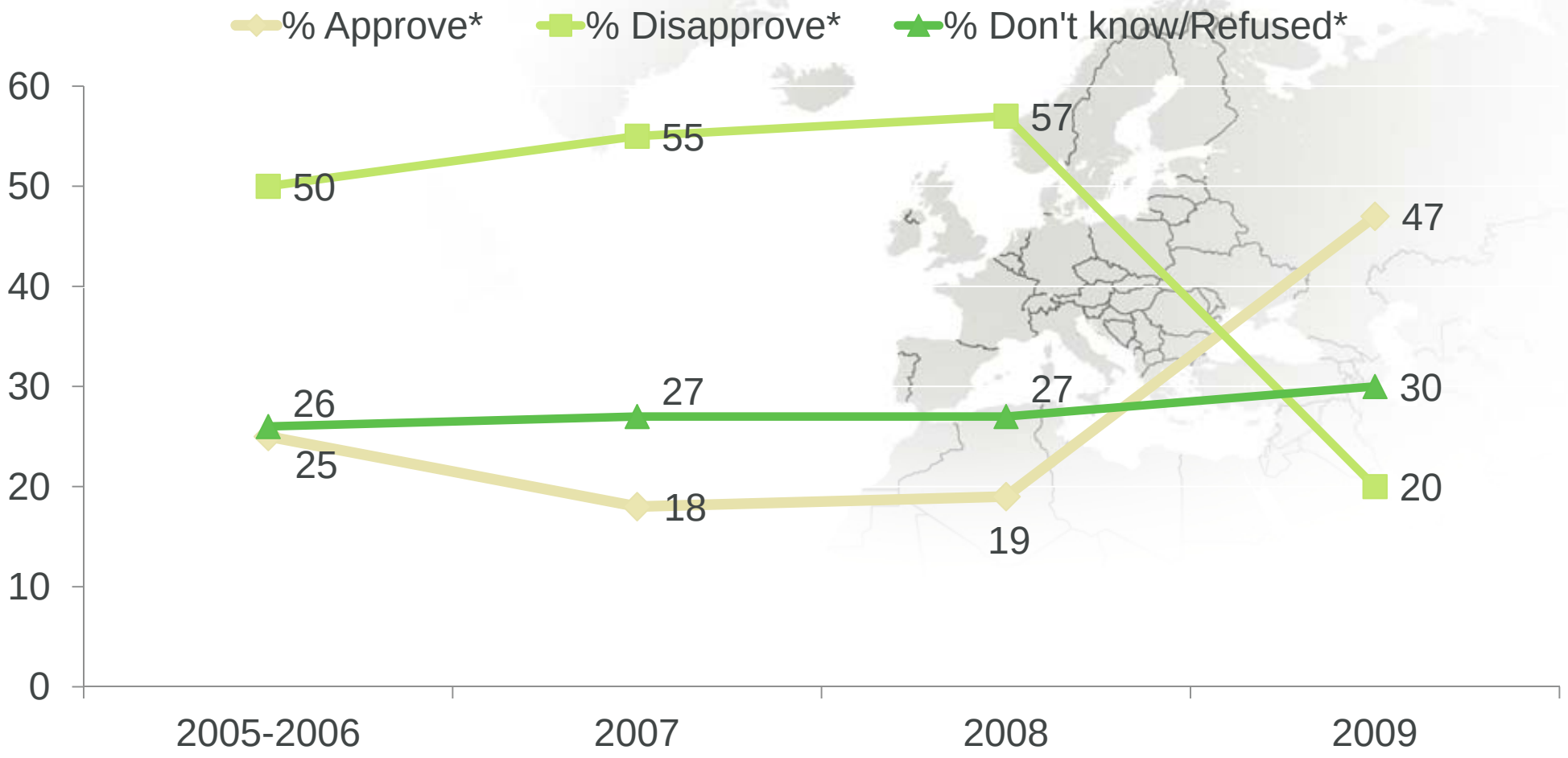

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Countries Where U.S. Leadership Approval Is HIGHEST

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/Refused
Ivory Coast	94%	5%	2%
Kenya	93%	5%	2%
Uganda	91%	8%	1%
Tanzania	89%	11%	0%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	89%	9%	2%
Mali	89%	7%	4%
Kosovo	88%	9%	3%
Rwanda	88%	6%	6%
Cameroon	88%	4%	8%
South Africa	87%	10%	2%
Senegal	87%	11%	2%
Burundi	86%	9%	5%

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Countries Where U.S. Leadership Approval Is LOWEST

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused
Pakistan	9%	68%	22%
Serbia	14%	71%	15%
Iraq	14%	76%	10%
Syria	15%	71%	14%
Vietnam	17%	22%	62%
Russia	20%	34%	47%
Palestinian Territories	20%	70%	11%
Yemen	22%	59%	20%
Qatar	22%	52%	27%
Turkey	22%	61%	16%
Belarus	23%	30%	46%
Ukraine	24%	23%	54%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	25%	53%	23%
Saudi Arabia	26%	63%	11%
India	26%	13%	61%
Cyprus	27%	40%	33%

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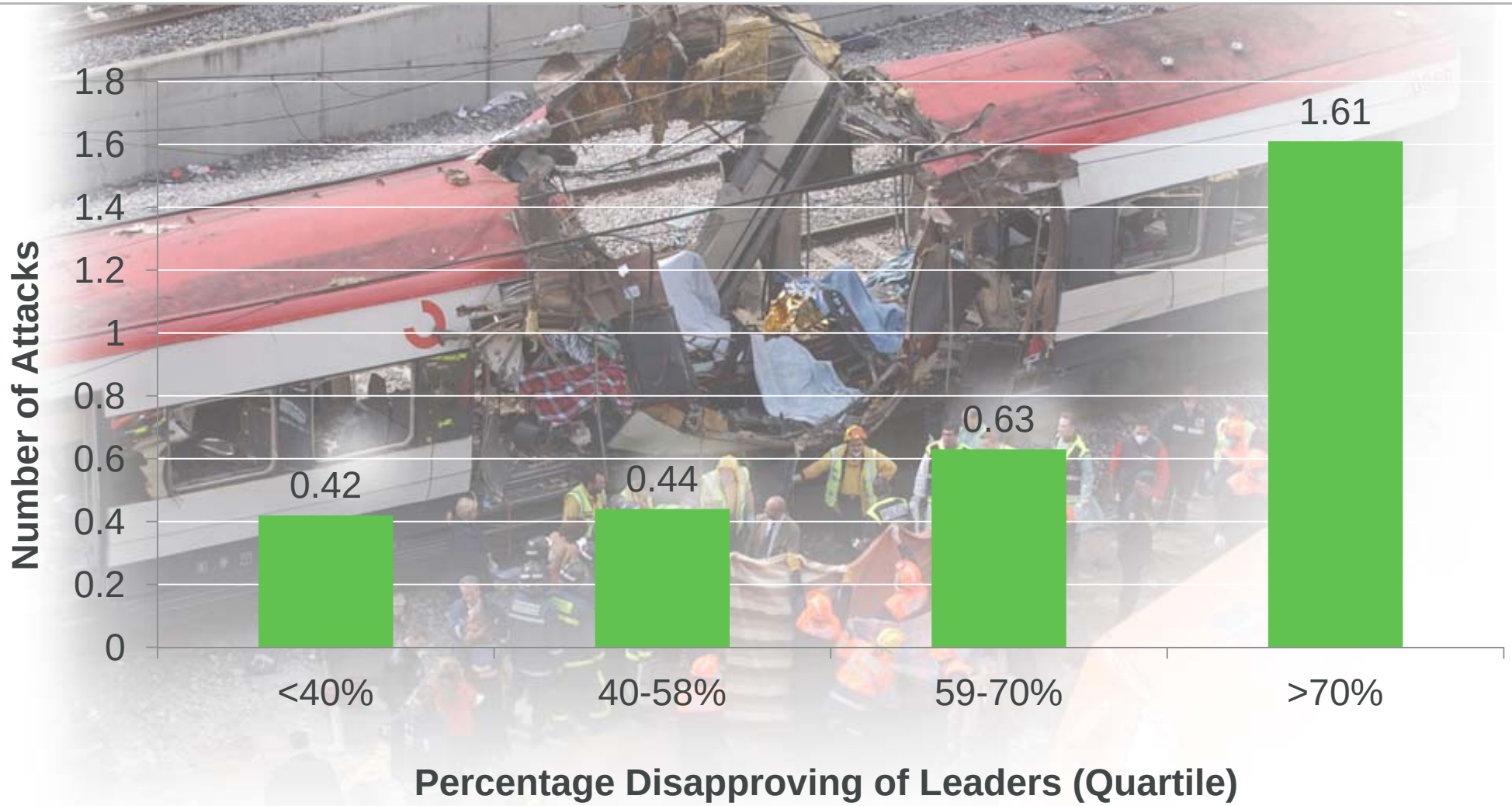
Attitudes and Terrorist Attacks



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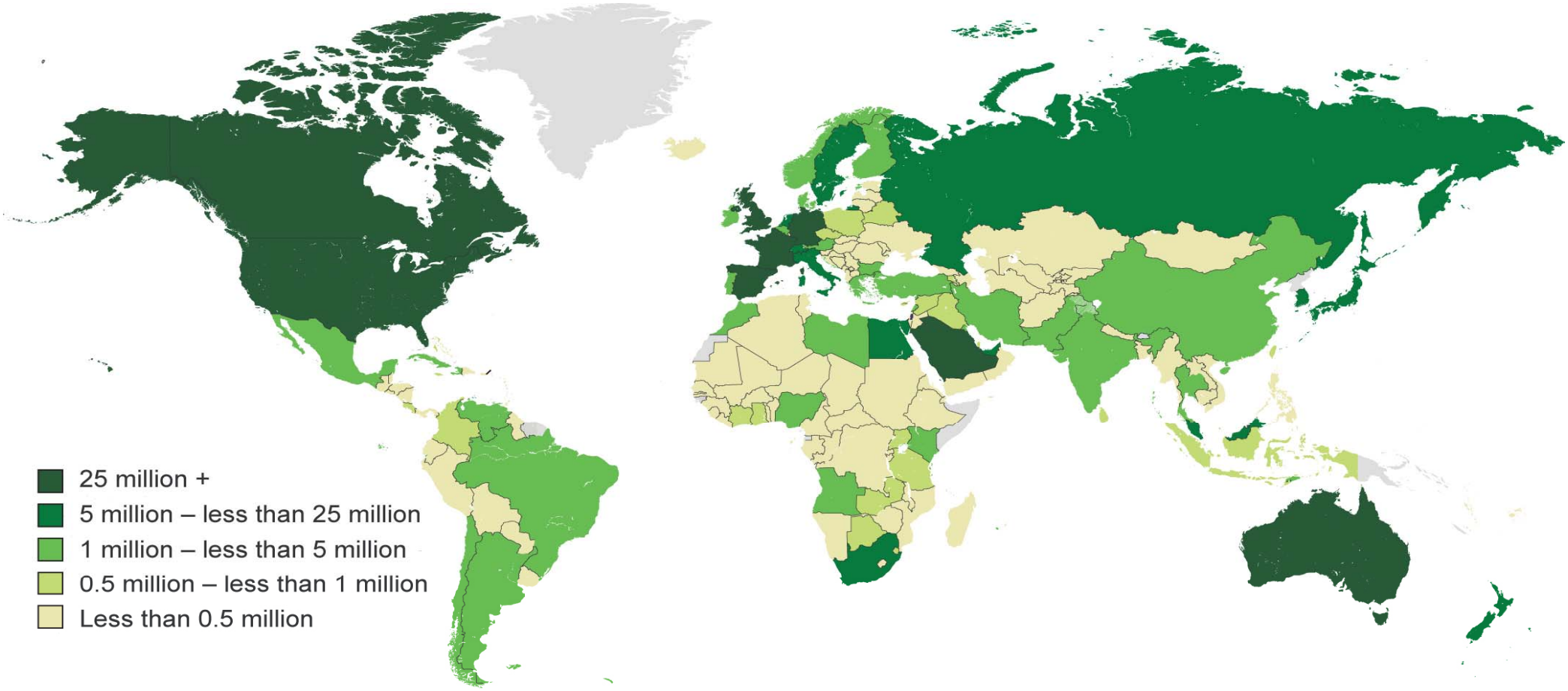
Attitudes and Action: Public Opinion and the Occurrence of International Terrorism

"…our results are inconsistent with one hypothesis: that public opinion is irrelevant for terrorism because terrorists are extremists who act independently of their countrymen's attitudes towards the leadership of the countries that they attack."

–Alan Krueger

The top desired destination countries are the U.S., Canada, the U.K., France, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Germany, and Australia.*



*Projected numbers based on percentages expressing a desire to move to a specific country.

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Top Desired Destinations for Those Who Wish to Migrate

Top Eight Countries	Number of Adults Who Would Like to Migrate to Each Country*
United States	165 million
Canada	45 million
United Kingdom	45 million
France	45 million
Spain	35 million
Saudi Arabia	30 million
Germany	25 million
Australia	25 million

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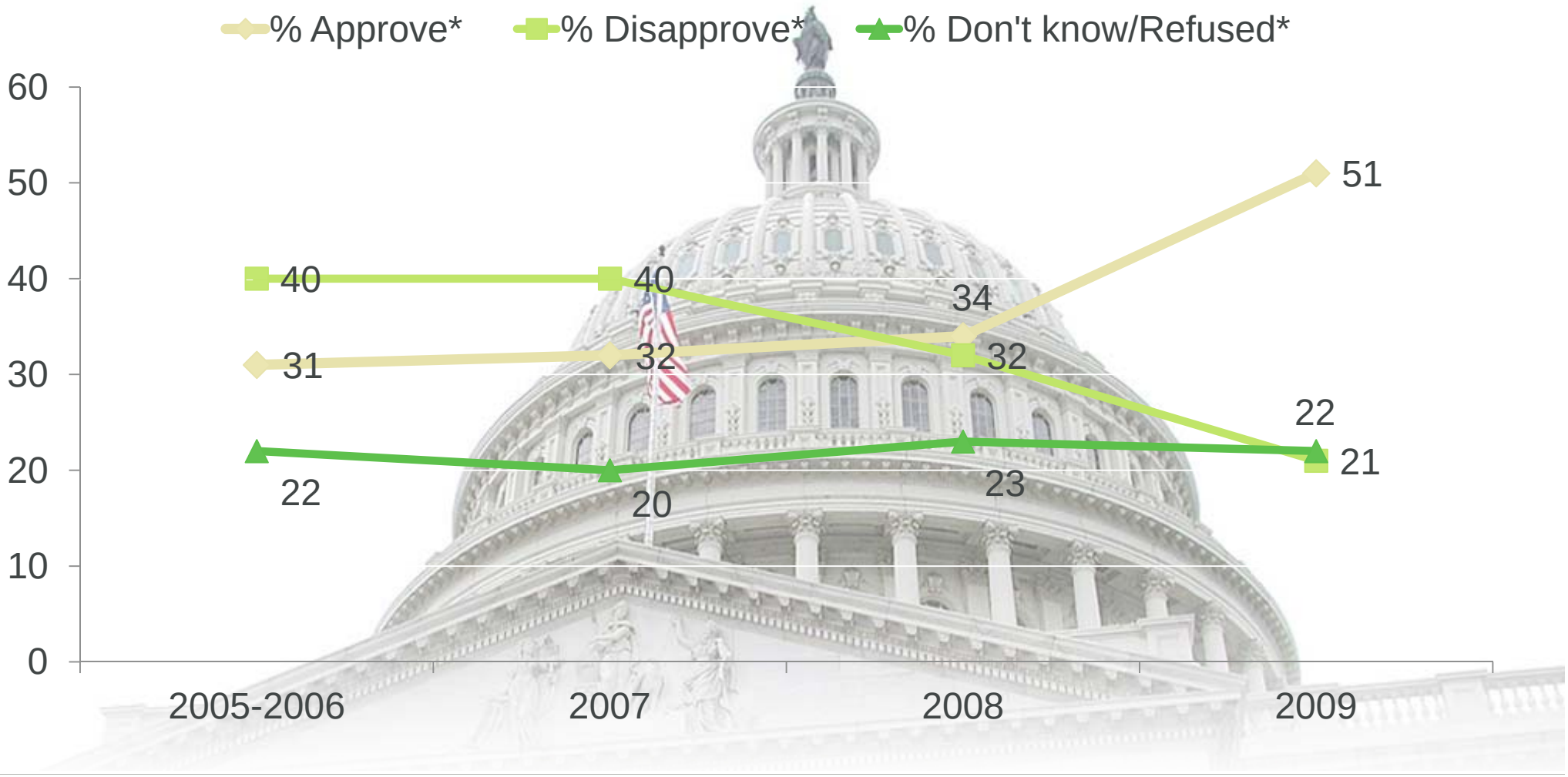

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