

# THE U.S.-GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROJECT

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The U.S.-Global Leadership Project is a joint effort between the Meridian International Center and Gallup to provide a comprehensive assessment of how world residents view U.S. leadership. The project combines Gallup's unique global opinion data from more than 150 countries with Meridian's leadership-focused context to create a powerful and useful barometer.

The U.S.-Global Leadership Project gives public- and private-sector leaders a better understanding of what is driving global views of U.S. leadership, creates a context for collaboration on how to improve those views, and enhances U.S. public and private global engagement efforts.

### **THE U.S.-GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TRACK**

*A barometer of global perspectives on U.S. leadership*

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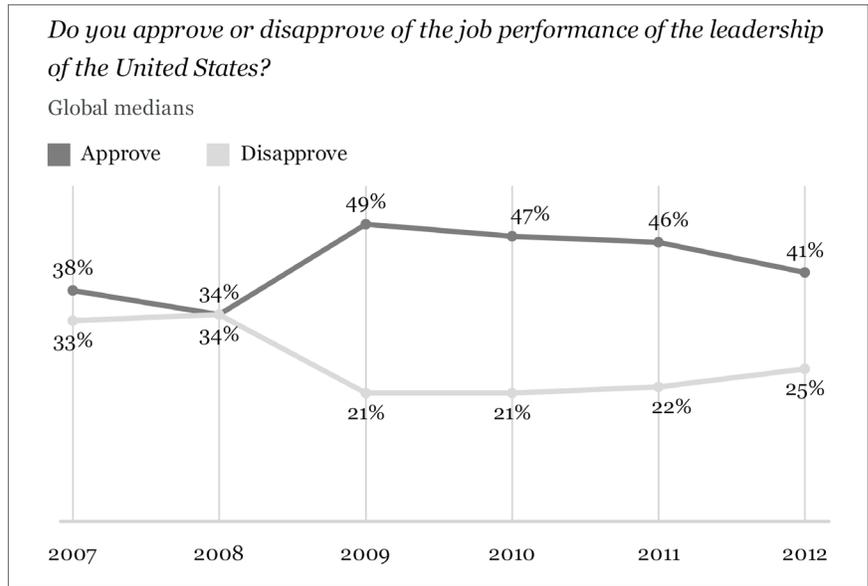
The U.S.-Global Leadership Track is the largest global public opinion study of views about U.S. leadership. This report is the fourth in an annual series and includes U.S. leadership approval data from 130 countries that Gallup surveyed during the last year of President Barack Obama's first administration.

Gallup has been asking residents worldwide to rate the leadership of the U.S. since 2005, providing a comparison of how perceptions of U.S. leadership change over time and from administration to administration.

**WORLDWIDE PERCEPTIONS OF U.S. LEADERSHIP**

The image of U.S. leadership worldwide was weaker at the end of Obama’s fourth year in office than at any point during his first administration — having never regained the momentum lost in 2010. This shift suggests that Obama and new Secretary of State John Kerry may not find global audiences as receptive to advancing the U.S. agenda as they have in the past. In fact, they may even find audiences increasingly critical — even in key partner countries. Europe led the declines between 2011 and 2012 — with losses in approval largely outnumbering any gains.

The U.S.-Global Leadership Track included 130 countries and areas in 2012, slightly fewer than the 136 surveyed in 2011 but still representative of 98% of the world’s adult population. Median approval of U.S. leadership across these 130 countries stood at 41%, down from 46% in 2011. Looking at approval in 120 countries surveyed in both 2011 and 2012, the median still declined from 45% to 41%. Despite these declines, approval ratings for the most part remain stronger than they were at the end of the last Bush administration.



A closer look at where U.S. leadership stands at the regional and country levels reveals specific areas of strength and weakness.

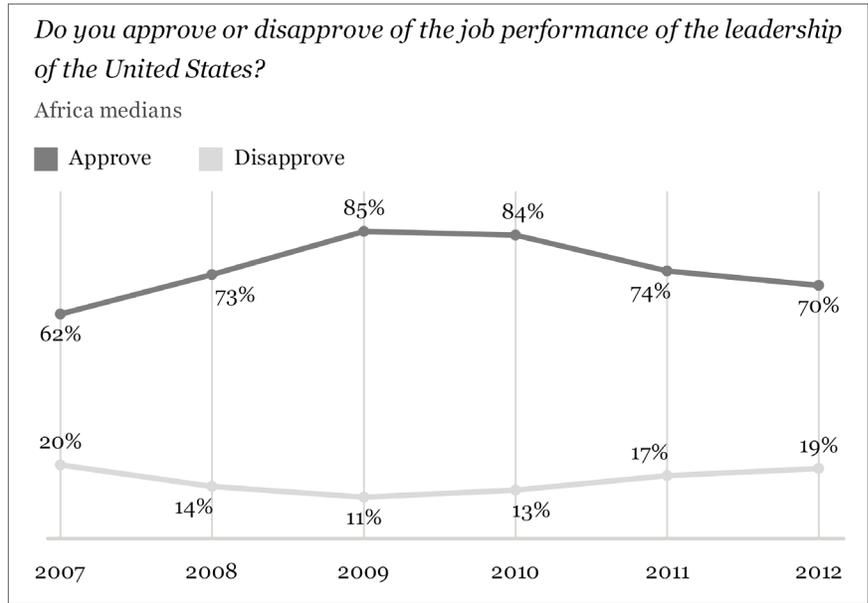
**U.S. APPROVAL STRONG BUT WANING IN AFRICA**

The image of U.S. leadership continued to be the strongest worldwide in Africa in 2012, bolstered by strong majority approval in sub-Saharan Africa. However, this strong support in the subcontinent, which first showed signs of weakening in 2011, waned more in 2012.

U.S. leadership remains far less popular in North Africa, except in Libya, where U.S. support for the revolution may have generated an almost unprecedented level of goodwill toward America. A majority of Libyans (54%) surveyed before the attack in Benghazi approved of U.S. leadership in 2012. In Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Egypt, no more than one-third approved and ratings remained mostly flat. Algerian approval of U.S. leadership is down slightly since 2011, dropping from 37% to 30%.

**U.S. LOSING SOME FANS, GAINING A FEW NEW ONES**

After two consecutive years of approval in the mid-80s, support across Africa dropped to a median of 74% in 2011 and edged further downward to 70% in 2012. Double-digit losses in seven sub-Saharan African countries, including a 15-percentage point drop in Kenya, led the declines. However, there were also double-digit increases in three countries: Chad, Botswana, and Guinea.



**REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND INSIGHTS**

- At least two-thirds of residents in 20 sub-Saharan African countries said they approve of the job performance of U.S. leadership. Guineans are the most likely in all of Africa to approve, with 89% expressing support.
- Approval in the region is lowest in Egypt, where 17% said they approved. This percentage is unchanged from before the revolution that toppled former President Hosni Mubarak.

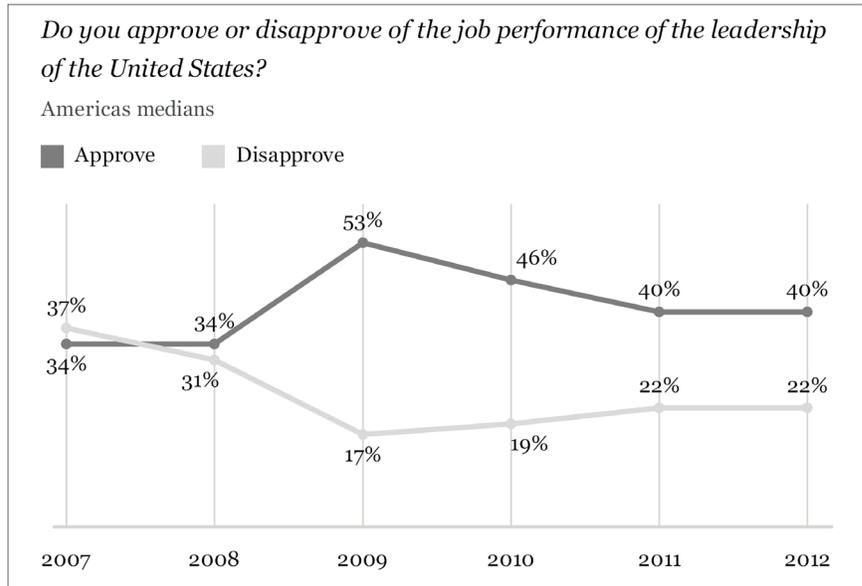
Africa					
Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of the leadership of the U.S.?					
	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused	2012 Survey dates	Approval difference from 2011 to 2012 (pct. pts.)
Guinea	89%	8%	3%	Oct 2–Oct 13, 2012	12
Mali	87%	10%	4%	Oct 22–Nov 3, 2012	0
Burkina Faso	82%	17%	1%	Apr 28–May 7, 2012	-3
Chad	81%	18%	1%	Oct 16–Oct 26, 2012	19
Congo Brazzaville	80%	15%	5%	Aug 21–Sep 3, 2012	-6
Senegal	79%	20%	0%	Apr 20–Apr 30, 2012	-3
Botswana	79%	8%	13%	Dec 1–Dec 10, 2012	12
Ghana	79%	12%	10%	Apr 30–May 9, 2012	-13
Uganda	79%	11%	10%	Aug 1–Aug 10, 2012	0
Nigeria	77%	9%	14%	Feb 15–Mar 7, 2012	0
Rwanda	76%	17%	7%	Sep 20–Sep 29, 2012	**
South Africa	76%	15%	9%	Feb 25–Mar 6, 2012	2
Mauritania	75%	20%	5%	Feb 14–Feb 25, 2012	-4
Niger	73%	19%	9%	Nov 1–Nov 11, 2012	4
Congo Kinshasa	72%	18%	10%	Aug 21–Sep 3, 2012	1
Cameroon	71%	19%	11%	Mar 22–Apr 3, 2012	-2
Tanzania	70%	27%	3%	May 19–Jun 1, 2012	-5
Kenya	68%	14%	18%	Apr 15–Apr 25, 2012	-15
Comoros	67%	31%	2%	Feb 28–Mar 17, 2012	-4
Gabon	67%	14%	19%	Oct 11–Oct 23, 2012	-15
Benin	64%	16%	20%	Aug 12–Aug 20, 2012	1
Zimbabwe	63%	22%	15%	Feb 26–Mar 8, 2012	-11
Malawi	60%	25%	15%	Dec 8–Dec 20, 2012	-9
Zambia	59%	30%	11%	Jul 6–Jul 17, 2012	-24
Madagascar	57%	26%	16%	Sep 12–Oct 9, 2012	-22
Somaliland region*	56%	42%	2%	Mar 16–Mar 26, 2012	-10
Ethiopia*	54%	8%	38%	Feb 18–Mar 3, 2012; Oct 13–Oct 26, 2012	**
Libya	54%	30%	17%	Mar 7–Apr 4, 2012	**
Morocco	33%	31%	36%	Mar 7–Apr 1, 2012	2
Algeria*	30%	67%	2%	Mar 19–Mar 30, 2012; Sep 20–Oct 14, 2012	-7
Tunisia	26%	48%	26%	Mar 1–Mar 14, 2012	-1
Egypt*	17%	62%	21%	Jan 31–Feb 7, 2012; Mar 4–10, 2012; Apr 8–15, 2012; Nov 16–23, 2012	-2

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**U.S. IMAGE STABILIZES IN THE AMERICAS**

The free fall in U.S. approval in the Americas that began after Obama’s first year in office ended in his fourth year. Median approval was stagnant at 40% between 2011 and 2012, but the U.S. image remains better positioned now than before the president began his first term.

The declines in earlier years correspond with Latin Americans’ increasingly lower expectations for relations between their countries and the U.S. The median percentage predicting U.S.-Latin American relations would get stronger under Obama dropped to 24% in 2011 from 33% in 2010. Although Gallup did not pose this question in 2012, judging by the stability in approval ratings, many Latin Americans may not expect much will change in Obama’s second term.



**NO MAJOR LOSSES**

After two consecutive years of losses in approval, there were no double-digit declines in any Latin American or Caribbean country surveyed in 2012. In fact, there were double-digit increases in three, including key partner and neighbor Mexico. While the 37% of Mexicans who approve of U.S. leadership is lower than the median for the region, it is still an 11-point increase from 26% approval in 2011. Some of the increase may stem from Mexicans’ optimism about future U.S.-Mexican relations after Obama welcomed then-President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto to the White House in late November 2012 and pledged cooperation on trade and immigration reform.

**REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND INSIGHTS**

- Approval in the region was highest in Haiti, where 79% said they approved of the leadership of the U.S. Majorities also approve in Canada (59%), the Dominican Republic (57%), El Salvador (55%), and Suriname (51%).
- Argentines were the least likely to approve, with fewer than one in five residents (19%) doing so. Argentines were twice as likely to disapprove (38%) as approve, while the plurality (43%) said they did not have an opinion.

<b>The Americas</b>					
Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of the leadership of the U.S.?					
	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused	2012 Survey dates	Approval difference from 2011 to 2012 (pct. pts.)
Haiti	79%	18%	3%	Nov 21–Nov 26, 2012	12
Canada*	59%	32%	9%	Jan 13–Feb 12, 2012; May 3–Jul 30, 2012	6
Dominican Republic	57%	8%	35%	Nov 19–Dec 1, 2012	7
El Salvador	55%	19%	26%	Sep 28–Oct 8, 2012	-3
Suriname	51%	4%	45%	Nov 20–Dec 11, 2012	**
Colombia	47%	23%	29%	Nov 21–Dec 18, 2012	1
Chile	42%	25%	32%	Nov 24–Dec 31, 2012	1
Paraguay	41%	24%	35%	Nov 12–Dec 29, 2012	10
Costa Rica	41%	15%	44%	Sep 18–Oct 16, 2012	-7
Guatemala	41%	16%	43%	Sep 10–Sep 29, 2012	0
Uruguay	40%	22%	38%	Nov 1–Dec 30, 2012	7
Ecuador	39%	21%	40%	Nov 19–Dec 19, 2012	-4
Honduras	38%	13%	49%	Sep 25–Oct 19, 2012	-7
Mexico*	37%	27%	36%	Mar 31–Apr 14, 2012; Dec 6–Dec 18, 2012	11
Peru	34%	27%	39%	Aug 18–Sep 23, 2012	-5
Brazil	34%	35%	31%	Mar 30–Jun 18, 2012	0
Bolivia	34%	26%	40%	Nov 18–Dec 27, 2012	2
Panama	32%	16%	52%	Aug 18–Sep 15, 2012	-4
Venezuela	31%	41%	28%	Aug 30–Sep 22, 2012	-5
Nicaragua	28%	22%	50%	Sep 27–Oct 15, 2012	-8
Argentina	19%	38%	43%	Aug 22–Sep 23, 2012	-6

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**EUROPEAN APPROVAL RATINGS SLIP AMID ECONOMIC TURMOIL**

Median approval of U.S. leadership in Europe has slipped 11 points since Obama’s first year in office but was still twice as high in 2012 as it was during the last years of the Bush administration. Half of the loss took place in the last year alone, suggesting the U.S. was likely shouldering some of the blame for the ongoing financial crisis in Europe. A median of 36% approved of U.S. leadership last year, down from 42% in 2011.

**U.S. LEADERSHIP FAILS TO IMPRESS**

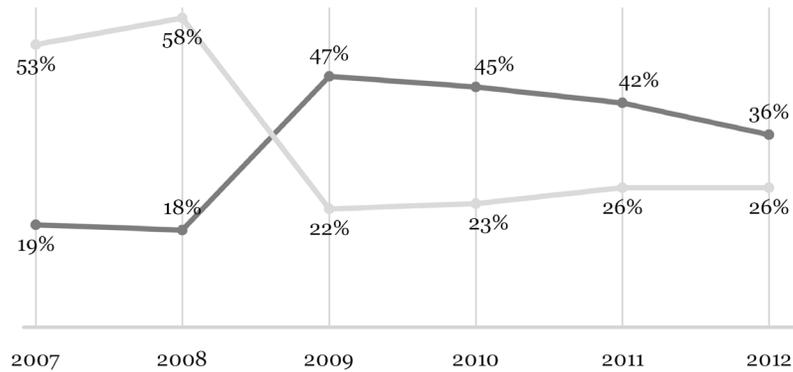
Losses in approval largely outnumbered any gains in Europe — but ratings in many countries remained stagnant. The U.S. retained majority support in six countries in 2012 that span several regions: Kosovo, Albania, Ireland, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Italy.

However, U.S. leadership failed to regain favor in countries such as France, Spain, and Sweden, where approval fell below the majority level in 2011 and stayed there in 2012. Further, views of U.S. leadership continued to worsen in some countries hard hit by the economic crisis, suffering double-digit losses in Hungary, Croatia, Macedonia, and Austria.

*Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of the leadership of the United States?*

Europe medians

■ Approve    ■ Disapprove



**REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND INSIGHTS**

- Russia replaced Serbia in 2012 as the European country with the lowest approval of U.S. leadership (13%); approval remained highest in Kosovo (87%), unchanged from 2011.
- Majorities in Serbia (57%), Greece (57%), and Slovenia (52%) disapproved of the leadership of the U.S.

Europe					
Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of the leadership of the U.S.?					
	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused	2012 Survey dates	Approval difference from 2011 to 2012 (pct. pts.)
Kosovo	87%	8%	5%	Apr 24–May 18, 2012	-3
Albania	80%	7%	13%	Apr 11–May 1, 2012	3
United Kingdom	69%	15%	16%	Jul 16–Aug 30, 2012	2
Ireland	67%	20%	13%	May 31–Jul 9, 2012	-1
Netherlands	60%	26%	14%	May 14–Jul 9, 2012	-5
Italy*	51%	16%	33%	Feb 15–Mar 3, 2012; Jun 11–Jun 26, 2012	1
Switzerland	49%	31%	20%	Jun 6–Oct 27, 2012	**
Finland	48%	34%	18%	May 18–Jul 27, 2012	-2
Germany	48%	34%	18%	Aug 28–Oct 7, 2012	8
Lithuania	48%	20%	32%	May 25–Jun 14, 2012	-5
Norway	46%	21%	33%	Jun 5–Jul 6, 2012	**
Denmark	46%	23%	31%	May 9–May 28, 2012	-4
Macedonia	44%	23%	33%	Apr 5–Apr 29, 2012	-10
Romania	43%	12%	45%	May 22–Jun 17, 2012	-3
Luxembourg	42%	33%	25%	May 21–Jun 9, 2012	-4
Czech Republic	39%	26%	35%	May 29–Jul 24, 2012	-4
Hungary	38%	20%	42%	May 4–May 26, 2012	-15
Moldova	38%	15%	47%	Jun 1–Jun 30, 2012	-7
France*	37%	26%	37%	Feb 14–Mar 14, 2012; Jun 7–Jul 2, 2012	-5
Poland	36%	30%	34%	Apr 20–May 20, 2012	-2
Sweden	36%	30%	34%	May 29–Jul 10, 2012	1
Portugal	36%	12%	52%	May 18–Jul 2, 2012	-9
Spain*	34%	33%	34%	Feb 15–Mar 6, 2012; Jun 12–Jun 27, 2012	-8
Ukraine	33%	26%	41%	Jun 10–Jul 18, 2012	-1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	33%	49%	18%	Apr 25–May 29, 2012	4
Bulgaria	32%	16%	52%	Jun 1–Jun 26, 2012	-8
Estonia	31%	32%	37%	Jun 6–Jul 2, 2012	-1
Austria	31%	40%	29%	May 21–Jun 19, 2012	-10
Latvia	30%	30%	39%	Jun 1–Jul 25, 2012	3
Slovakia	27%	32%	41%	May 13–May 31, 2012	-8
Montenegro	26%	48%	26%	Apr 14–May 22, 2012	4
Belgium	26%	16%	58%	May 15–Jun 4, 2012	-19
Slovenia	26%	52%	22%	May 18–Jun 18, 2012	0
Greece	24%	57%	19%	Jul 2–Jul 21, 2012	2
Malta	21%	15%	64%	May 22–Jun 12, 2012	-4
Serbia	20%	57%	22%	Apr 18–May 8, 2012	12
Belarus	20%	30%	50%	Jun 18–Jul 18, 2012	1
Croatia	20%	31%	49%	Apr 24–May 21, 2012	-15
Iceland	17%	25%	58%	May 29–Jul 26, 2012	**
Russia*	13%	41%	45%	Feb 9–Mar 18, 2012; Aug 25–Oct 8, 2012	-7

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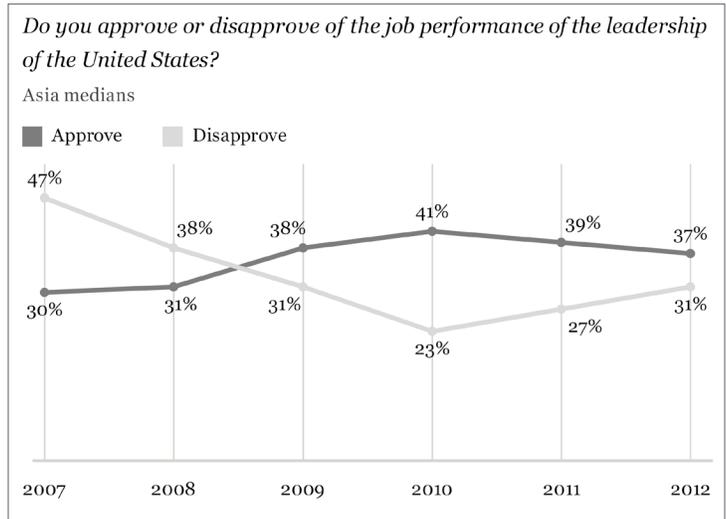
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**APPROVAL EDGES DOWNWARD IN ASIA**

Although the Obama administration shifted its foreign policy focus to Asia in 2011, Gallup’s surveys found ratings heading in a negative direction 2012. The 37% median approval in 2012 was still higher than any rating during the Bush administration.

Views of U.S. leadership varied a great deal across Asia in 2012. Ratings in most of the region tended to be more positive than negative, except for the Middle East and parts of South Asia, where residents were still more likely to disapprove than approve.

In fact, most of the countries with the highest disapproval ratings worldwide are in the Middle East and South Asia. More than three in four residents in Pakistan (79%) and the Palestinian Territories (77%) disapproved of U.S. leadership in 2012. Pakistanis’ disapproval soared 30 points between 2012 and 2011, amid an increase in drone attacks and massive protests against an anti-Islam film in late September 2012.



**U.S. LEADERSHIP STILL GREAT UNKNOWN**

Visibility continues to be a challenge in Asia, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, where sizable percentages in many countries do not have an opinion of U.S. leadership. Before Obama’s historic visits to Myanmar and Cambodia in late 2012, Gallup surveys showed 67% of Myanmar residents had no opinion of U.S. leadership and neither did 30% of Cambodians.

**REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND INSIGHTS**

- The Philippines led the region with the highest approval of U.S. leadership in 2012; the 64% approval rating was essentially unchanged from 2011. Majorities in eight other countries — Cambodia, Azerbaijan, South Korea, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Georgia, and Thailand — also approved.
- There were double-digit declines in U.S. approval in two countries between 2012 and 2011: Pakistan and Kazakhstan. In Syria, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Thailand, there were double-digit increases in U.S. leadership approval.

Asia					
Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of the leadership of the U.S.?					
	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused	2012 Survey dates	Approval difference from 2011 to 2012 (pct. pts.)
Philippines*	64%	24%	13%	Feb 26–Mar 3, 2012; May 13–May 19, 2012	1
Cambodia	62%	8%	30%	Apr 20–May 5, 2012	-5
New Zealand	56%	23%	21%	Mar 20–Apr 30, 2012	-1
Thailand*	56%	17%	28%	Mar 3–Apr 2, 2012; Jun 18–Jul 15, 2012	12
Australia	55%	21%	24%	Jul 4–Sep 11, 2012	-1
South Korea*	54%	27%	20%	Feb 8–Mar 18, 2012; Apr 23–May 24, 2012	-3
Azerbaijan	53%	27%	21%	Jun 6–Jun 30, 2012	-5
Japan*	52%	22%	25%	Feb 18–Mar 16, 2012; May 7–Jun 2, 2012	6
Georgia	51%	15%	34%	May 16–Jun 4, 2012	1
Israel	48%	40%	12%	Aug 30–Sep 24, 2012	-7
Armenia	46%	27%	27%	May 23–Jun 24, 2012	0
Hong Kong	44%	38%	18%	Jul 12–Aug 9, 2012	-2
Mongolia	44%	6%	50%	Aug 17–Sep 9, 2012	-4
Tajikistan	44%	38%	18%	Jun 20–Jul 11, 2012	3
Nepal*	41%	12%	47%	Apr 11–May 4, 2012; Sep 6–Sep 29, 2012	13
Uzbekistan	40%	22%	39%	Jun 5–Jun 18, 2012	-2
Taiwan	38%	22%	40%	Jun 20–Jul 16, 2012	-9
North Cyprus	37%	34%	29%	Jun 13–Jun 28, 2012	**
Bangladesh*	37%	39%	24%	Feb 5–Feb 19, 2012; May 10–May 24, 2012; Sep 17–Sep 29, 2012	14
Afghanistan*	35%	54%	11%	Apr 20–Apr 26, 2012; Aug 27–Aug 31, 2012	4
Malaysia	34%	31%	35%	Mar 30–Jul 31, 2012	-4
Kyrgyzstan	34%	43%	23%	May 30–Jun 13, 2012	-1
Myanmar	30%	4%	67%	Sep 17–Oct 9, 2012	**
Syria*	29%	40%	31%	Feb 19–Mar 15, 2012; Sep 15–Oct 23, 2012	13
Kazakhstan	28%	27%	45%	Jun 27–Jul 22, 2012	-11
Vietnam*	27%	10%	63%	Feb 9–Mar 27, 2012; Apr 13–Apr 28, 2012	6
Turkey*	26%	56%	18%	Feb 28–Mar 19, 2012; Jun 16–Jun 27, 2012	-1
Cyprus	26%	35%	39%	May 17–May 25, 2012	8
India*	26%	19%	56%	Jan 29–Mar 8, 2012; May 13–Jun 14, 2012; Sep 5–Oct 13, 2012	10
Indonesia*	23%	31%	46%	Feb 1–Feb 25, 2012; Sep 15–Sep 30, 2012	-9
Iraq	22%	60%	19%	Mar 8–Mar 27, 2012	-7
Lebanon*	22%	64%	15%	Mar 5–Apr 12, 2012; Sep 22–Nov 2, 2012	2
Yemen*	18%	59%	23%	Feb 28–Mar 8, 2012; Sep 13–Sep 22, 2012	0
Palestinian Territories*	15%	77%	8%	Mar 2–Mar 25, 2012; Aug 28–Sep 15, 2012	5
Sri Lanka*	14%	37%	49%	Mar 12–Apr 11, 2012; Sep 20–Oct 10, 2012;	-9
Pakistan*	12%	79%	9%	Feb 1–Mar 14, 2012; May 12–Jun 6, 2012; Sep 30–Oct 16, 2012	-14
Iran*	12%	61%	28%	Dec 16, 2011–Jan 10, 2012; Nov 6–Dec 11, 2012	3

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**MORE LOSSES IN 2012**

While U.S. leadership lost measurable support in more countries in 2011 than in 2012, approval of U.S. leadership still dropped substantially —10 points or more — in 13 countries in 2012. The list represents every major global region except the Americas.

<b>Biggest Losses in Approval</b>		
	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Approval difference from 2011 to 2012 (pct. pts.)</b>
Zambia	59%	-24
Madagascar	57%	-22
Belgium	26%	-19
Kenya	68%	-15
Croatia	20%	-15
Hungary	38%	-15
Gabon	67%	-15
Pakistan	12%	-14
Ghana	79%	-13
Kazakhstan	28%	-11
Zimbabwe	63%	-11
Somaliland region	56%	-10
Austria	31%	-10

**GAINS DO NOT OFFSET LOSSES**

U.S. leadership approval made substantial gains in 11 countries in 2012, but gains in only four countries — Chad, Bangladesh, Mexico, and Haiti — offset some of the losses in these same countries in 2011.

<b>Biggest Gains in Approval</b>		
	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Approval difference from 2011 to 2012 (pct. pts.)</b>
Chad	81%	19
Bangladesh	37%	14
Syria	29%	13
Nepal	41%	13
Haiti	79%	12
Serbia	20%	12
Botswana	79%	12
Guinea	89%	12
Thailand	56%	12
Mexico	37%	11
Paraguay	41%	10

## **MOVING FORWARD**

The results from the U.S.-Global Leadership Track show U.S. leadership faces increasing challenges as it attempts to build engagement worldwide, and in many places, this job may be even tougher than it has been in the past. U.S. leadership thus far has been unable to recoup the favor it lost among audiences in key countries in 2011 and has continued to lose support in many places. Meridian International Center and Gallup are committed to improving international relations by bringing leaders together to discuss global perceptions of the U.S. through the U.S.-Global Leadership Project.

## **METHODOLOGY**

Results are based on face-to-face and telephone interviews with approximately 1,000 adults, aged 15 and older, conducted throughout 2011 in 136 countries and 2012 in 130 countries. Measures based on aggregates of multiple surveys conducted in 2011 and 2012 are noted in the report. For results based on the total samples, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of sampling error ranges from  $\pm 1.7$  percentage points to  $\pm 4.8$  percentage points. The margin of error reflects the influence of data weighting. In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

With some exceptions, all samples are probability based and nationally representative of the resident population aged 15 and older.

Exceptions include areas where the safety of interviewing staff is threatened, scarcely populated islands in some countries, and areas that interviewers can reach only by foot, animal, or small boat.

## Global Snapshots

<b>Afghanistan*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	48%	47%	43%	31%	35%

<b>Albania</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	78%	84%	77%	80%

<b>Algeria*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	25%	45%	35%	37%	30%

<b>Angola</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	54%	—	—	82%	—

<b>Argentina</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	11%	11%	42%	31%	25%	19%

<b>Armenia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	55%	54%	50%	50%	46%	46%

<b>Australia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	25%	25%	—	69%	56%	55%

<b>Austria</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	8%	—	45%	41%	31%

<b>Azerbaijan</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	31%	48%	53%	58%	58%	53%

<b>Bahrain*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	38%	—	—	—

<b>Bangladesh*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	19%	34%	38%	40%	23%	37%

<b>Belarus</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	11%	13%	23%	29%	19%	20%

<b>Belgium</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	8%	12%	—	30%	45%	26%

<b>Belize</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	32%	—	—	—	—	—

<b>Benin</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	63%	64%

<b>Bolivia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	26%	22%	40%	38%	32%	34%

<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	25%	34%	29%	33%

<b>Botswana</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	65%	—	—	67%	79%

<b>Brazil</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	26%	23%	48%	43%	34%	34%

<b>Bulgaria</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	43%	40%	32%

<b>Burkina Faso</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	60%	67%	—	95%	85%	82%

<b>Burundi</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	67%	86%	—	77%	—

<b>Cambodia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	85%	62%	64%	56%	67%	62%

<b>Cameroon</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	58%	63%	88%	91%	73%	71%

<b>Canada*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	22%	63%	63%	53%	59%

<b>Central African Republic</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	94%	73%	—

<b>Chad</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	57%	84%	86%	79%	62%	81%

<b>Chile</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	27%	29%	59%	62%	41%	42%

<b>Colombia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	34%	48%	60%	58%	46%	47%

<b>Comoros*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	61%	68%	71%	67%

<b>Congo Brazzaville</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	89%	—	86%	80%

<b>Congo Kinshasa</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	85%	—	—	71%	72%

<b>Costa Rica</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	35%	33%	62%	54%	48%	41%

<b>Croatia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	56%	42%	35%	20%

<b>Cyprus</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	27%	24%	18%	26%

<b>Czech Republic*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	33%	—	—	43%	43%	39%

<b>Denmark</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	21%	24%	61%	57%	50%	46%

<b>Djibouti*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	80%	75%	76%	61%	—

<b>Dominican Republic</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	31%	35%	55%	49%	50%	57%

<b>Ecuador</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	37%	35%	42%	47%	43%	39%

<b>Egypt*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	13%	6%	31%	19%	19%	17%

<b>El Salvador</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	32%	36%	68%	62%	58%	55%

<b>Estonia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	22%	18%	40%	—	32%	31%

<b>Ethiopia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	—	54%

<b>Finland</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	26%	—	53%	50%	48%

<b>France*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	13%	52%	55%	42%	37%

<b>Gabon</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	82%	67%

<b>Georgia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	42%	41%	45%	47%	50%	51%

<b>Germany*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	19%	57%	50%	40%	48%

<b>Ghana</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	70%	69%	80%	91%	92%	79%

<b>Greece</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	16%	—	41%	28%	22%	24%

<b>Guatemala</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	41%	40%	45%	44%	41%	41%

<b>Guinea</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	70%	—	—	—	77%	89%

<b>Guyana</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	65%	—	—	—	—	—

<b>Haiti</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	69%	—	79%	67%	79%

<b>Honduras</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	50%	47%	54%	44%	45%	38%

<b>Hong Kong</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	22%	48%	41%	46%	44%

<b>Hungary</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	41%	—	39%	54%	53%	38%

<b>Iceland</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	14%	—	—	—	17%

<b>India*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	27%	31%	26%	18%	16%	26%

<b>Indonesia*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	31%	46%	35%	33%	32%	23%

<b>Iran</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	22%	16%	—	—	9%	12%

<b>Iraq*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	35%	24%	36%	29%	22%

<b>Ireland</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	23%	80%	63%	68%	67%

<b>Israel</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	66%	62%	61%	54%	55%	48%

<b>Italy*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	18%	19%	49%	51%	50%	51%

<b>Ivory Coast</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	94%	—	—	—

<b>Jamaica</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	31%	—

<b>Japan*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	24%	28%	66%	51%	46%	52%

<b>Jordan</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	18%	9%	—	—	—	—

<b>Kazakhstan</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	30%	20%	36%	42%	39%	28%

<b>Kenya</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	80%	82%	93%	87%	83%	68%

<b>Kosovo</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	88%	88%	90%	87%

<b>Kuwait*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	43%	—	—	—

<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	34%	28%	34%	30%	35%	34%

<b>Laos</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	34%	35%	—	—	26%	—

<b>Latvia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	20%	19%	35%	—	27%	30%

<b>Lebanon*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	25%	26%	26%	20%	22%

<b>Lesotho</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	79%	—

<b>Liberia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	81%	—	90%	65%	—

<b>Libya*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	33%	—	54%

<b>Lithuania</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	30%	25%	47%	50%	53%	48%

<b>Luxembourg</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	23%	—	55%	46%	42%

<b>Macedonia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	62%	58%	54%	44%

<b>Madagascar</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	84%	—	—	79%	57%

<b>Malawi</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	87%	—	83%	—	69%	60%

<b>Malaysia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	22%	23%	37%	39%	38%	34%

<b>Mali</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	87%	89%	95%	87%	87%

<b>Malta</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	21%	30%	25%	21%

<b>Mauritania*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	50%	44%	67%	71%	79%	75%

<b>Mauritius</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	74%	—

<b>Mexico*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	34%	24%	53%	40%	26%	37%

<b>Moldova</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	39%	39%	44%	45%	45%	38%

<b>Mongolia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	56%	51%	—	58%	48%	44%

<b>Montenegro</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	34%	32%	22%	26%

<b>Morocco*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	33%	30%	35%	33%

<b>Mozambique</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	63%	80%	—	—	86%	—

<b>Myanmar</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	—	30%

<b>Namibia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	39%	—	—	—	—	—

<b>Nepal*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	39%	37%	—	34%	28%	41%

<b>Netherlands</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	18%	17%	—	62%	65%	60%

<b>New Zealand</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	20%	22%	—	65%	57%	56%

<b>Nicaragua</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	50%	45%	42%	40%	36%	28%

<b>Niger</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	50%	50%	83%	86%	69%	73%

<b>Nigeria</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	68%	72%	70%	78%	77%	77%

<b>North Cyprus</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	—	37%

<b>Norway</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	11%	—	—	—	46%

<b>Pakistan*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	19%	11%	13%	18%	26%	12%

<b>Palestinian Territories*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	12%	13%	14%	17%	10%	15%

<b>Panama</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	63%	47%	63%	60%	36%	32%

<b>Paraguay</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	16%	19%	28%	31%	31%	41%

<b>Peru</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	41%	34%	47%	50%	39%	34%

<b>Philippines*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	65%	66%	58%	66%	63%	64%

<b>Poland*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	32%	—	34%	36%	38%	36%

<b>Portugal</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	10%	51%	40%	45%	36%

<b>Qatar*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	15%	—	—	—

<b>Romania</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	47%	—	47%	47%	46%	43%

<b>Russia*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	10%	14%	20%	23%	20%	13%

<b>Rwanda</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	73%	88%	—	—	76%

<b>Saudi Arabia*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	9%	12%	27%	—	—	—

<b>Senegal</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	66%	76%	87%	84%	83%	79%

<b>Serbia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	14%	12%	8%	20%

<b>Sierra Leone</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	80%	89%	—	93%	81%	—

<b>Singapore</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	59%	53%	68%	77%	75%	—

<b>Slovakia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	33%	35%	27%

<b>Slovenia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	58%	34%	26%	26%

<b>Somaliland region*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	68%	68%	66%	56%

<b>South Africa</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	69%	83%	87%	92%	74%	76%

<b>South Korea*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	28%	41%	58%	55%	57%	54%

<b>Spain*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	6%	8%	54%	54%	42%	34%

<b>Sri Lanka*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	32%	36%	36%	30%	23%	14%

<b>Sudan</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	34%	—	—	—	—	—

<b>Suriname</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	—	51%

<b>Swaziland</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	73%	—

<b>Sweden</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	13%	12%	42%	50%	35%	36%

<b>Switzerland</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	58%	—	—	49%

<b>Syria*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	4%	15%	14%	16%	29%

<b>Taiwan</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	27%	—	52%	47%	38%

<b>Tajikistan</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	26%	30%	42%	47%	41%	44%

<b>Tanzania</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	62%	76%	89%	87%	75%	70%

<b>Thailand*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	40%	37%	48%	41%	44%	56%

<b>Togo</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	53%	—	—	74%	—

<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	21%	—	—	41%	—

<b>Tunisia*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	14%	27%	19%	27%	26%

<b>Turkey*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	16%	16%	22%	26%	27%	26%

<b>Turkmenistan</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	61%	—	62%	—

<b>Uganda</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	82%	84%	91%	90%	79%	79%

<b>Ukraine</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	16%	26%	24%	38%	34%	33%

<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	34%	15%	—	—

<b>United Kingdom</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	23%	64%	54%	67%	69%

<b>Uruguay</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	25%	13%	53%	45%	33%	40%

<b>Uzbekistan</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	22%	41%	47%	42%	40%

<b>Venezuela</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	35%	50%	40%	36%	31%

<b>Vietnam*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	30%	44%	17%	26%	21%	27%

<b>Yemen*</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	18%	17%	18%	18%

<b>Zambia</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	54%	54%	90%	—	83%	59%

<b>Zimbabwe</b>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Approve of U.S. leadership	56%	74%	82%	76%	74%	63%

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