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THE U.S.-GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TRACK

A barometer of global perspectives on U.S. leadership

The U.S.-Global Leadership Track is the largest global public opinion study of views about U.S. leadership. This report is the fifth in an annual series and includes U.S. leadership approval data from 130 countries and areas that Gallup surveyed during the first year of President Barack Obama's second term in 2013.

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

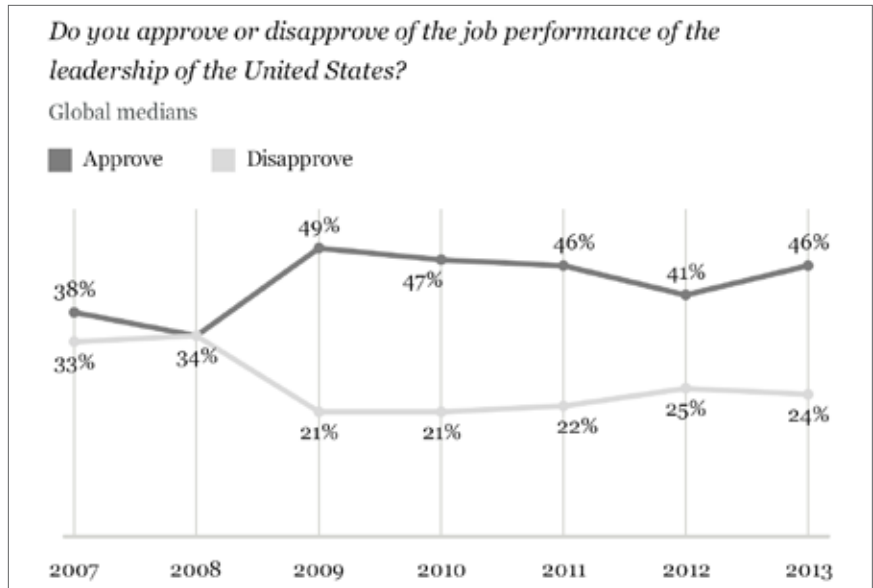
The image of U.S. leadership worldwide was weaker at the end of Obama’s first term than at any point during his first administration, which did not appear to bode well for Obama and new Secretary of State John Kerry as the president’s second term began. But U.S. leadership ratings rebounded in 2013, despite an extremely tough year in U.S. foreign relations.

The U.S.-Global Leadership Track included 130 countries and areas in 2013. Median approval of U.S. leadership across these 130 countries stood at 46%, up from 41% in 2012. While not a full recovery to the 49% approval measured at the start of Obama’s presidency, it ended a downward trend. Asia and Europe largely led improvements, with the 45% median approval rating in Asia the highest Gallup has measured in the region during either the Obama or the Bush administrations.

The U.S. had its share of diplomatic gains in 2013, as the country and other major powers continued to engage Iran about its nuclear capabilities and long-isolated Myanmar continued to open its doors to U.S. influence and business. There were also more than a few setbacks, including U.S.-Russian relations falling apart over the Edward Snowden affair and Syria, as well as outrage in Germany and other countries over the U.S. National Security Agency’s spying program.

In 2014 and beyond, the U.S. will continue to face more challenges, making the strength of U.S. alliances and partnerships — and the soft power of what the world thinks of the U.S. — more important than ever.

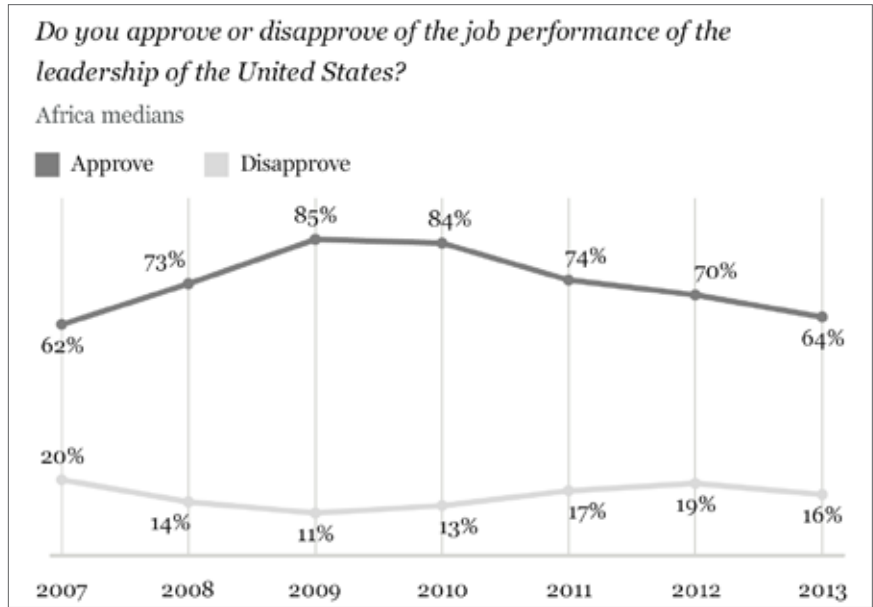
A closer look at where U.S. leadership stands at the regional and country levels reveals specific areas of strength and weakness.



U.S. APPROVAL ERASES GAINS IN AFRICA

The image of U.S. leadership continued to be the strongest worldwide in Africa in 2013, bolstered by strong majority approval in most of the sub-Saharan Africa region. However, approval ratings continued to erode in 2013, essentially negating any gains in the region even prior to Obama’s election. Given Obama’s Kenyan heritage, many Africans likely expected Obama to pay more attention to Africa than they perceive he has and may view his not touring the subcontinent until after his re-election as a snub.

U.S. leadership remains far less popular in North Africa than it is south of the Sahara. In the three North African countries that Gallup could safely survey in 2013 — Morocco, Tunisia, and Egypt — fewer than one in four residents approved. Ratings remained flat and low in Egypt at 16%; however, data were collected prior to President Mohamed Morsi’s ouster in July and cuts in U.S. aid later that year, so it is possible approval is now even lower.



BIG LOSSES

Nearly all of the countries where there were double-digit losses in U.S. approval ratings in 2013 were African countries. Madagascar and Angola led the world in declines, with ratings dropping by 23 and 20 percentage points, respectively. Even in South Africa, which Obama visited twice in 2013, ratings dropped 16 points. However, with ratings high to begin with in Angola and South Africa, majorities still approved of U.S. leadership.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND INSIGHTS

- At least two-thirds of residents in 16 sub-Saharan African countries said they approve of the job performance of U.S. leadership. Guineans and Senegalese are the most likely in all of Africa — and the world — to approve, with roughly nine in 10 expressing support.
- Approval in the region was lowest in Egypt (16%) and Morocco (15%). While low approval translated into majority disapproval (57%) in Egypt, the majority of Moroccans (59%) did not have an opinion about U.S. leadership. Residents in Morocco were, however, nearly twice as likely to disapprove (27%) as approve (15%) of U.S. leadership.

Africa					
Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of the leadership of the U.S.?					
	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused	2013 Survey dates	Approval difference from 2012 to 2013 (pct. pts.)
Guinea	90%	6%	4%	Jun 18–Jul 1, 2013	1
Senegal	88%	11%	1%	Apr 22–May 2, 2013	9
Mali	83%	15%	2%	Oct 12–Oct 25, 2013	-4
Rwanda	81%	15%	4%	Jul 22–Jul 30, 2013	5
Chad	80%	15%	5%	Oct 6–Oct 17, 2013	-1
Gabon	79%	16%	5%	Aug 27–Sep 9, 2013	12
Congo Kinshasa	78%	15%	7%	Jul 20–Aug 9, 2013	6
Burkina Faso	78%	15%	8%	May 8–May 18, 2013	-4
Cameroon	77%	14%	9%	Mar 25–Apr 9, 2013	6
Mauritania	77%	22%	2%	May 29–Jun 9, 2013	2
Congo Brazzaville	76%	16%	8%	Jun 1–Jul 5, 2013	-4
Botswana	71%	24%	6%	Sep 19–Sep 29, 2013	-8
Kenya	68%	20%	12%	May 20–May 31, 2013	0
Ivory Coast	65%	24%	10%	Jun 12–Jun 27, 2013	*
Uganda	65%	13%	23%	Jun 7–Jun 15, 2013	-14
Zimbabwe	65%	16%	20%	Apr 3–Apr 11, 2013	2
Ghana	62%	12%	26%	Jun 13–Jul 21, 2013	-17
Sierra Leone	62%	7%	31%	Oct 10–Nov 29, 2013	6
Malawi	61%	31%	8%	Sep 6–Sep 15, 2013	1
Tanzania	61%	35%	4%	Aug 14–Aug 29, 2013	-9
Niger	61%	35%	4%	Sep 8–Sep 19, 2013	-12
Nigeria	60%	9%	31%	May 4–Jul 8, 2013	-17
Benin	60%	18%	22%	Jul 4–Jul 12, 2013	-4
South Africa	60%	38%	2%	Nov 12–Dec 20, 2013	-16
Zambia	60%	29%	11%	Jun 13–Jun 23, 2013	1
Angola	55%	17%	29%	Sep 9–Oct 25, 2013	-20
Ethiopia	50%	11%	39%	Jun 1–Jul 5, 2013	-4
Liberia	36%	14%	51%	Nov 11–Nov 23, 2013	*
Madagascar	34%	19%	48%	Mar 27–Apr 22, 2013	-23
Tunisia	22%	54%	23%	May 20–May 30, 2013	-4
Egypt	16%	57%	26%	Jun 12–Jun 19, 2013	-1
Morocco	15%	27%	59%	Sep 16–Oct 1, 2013	-15

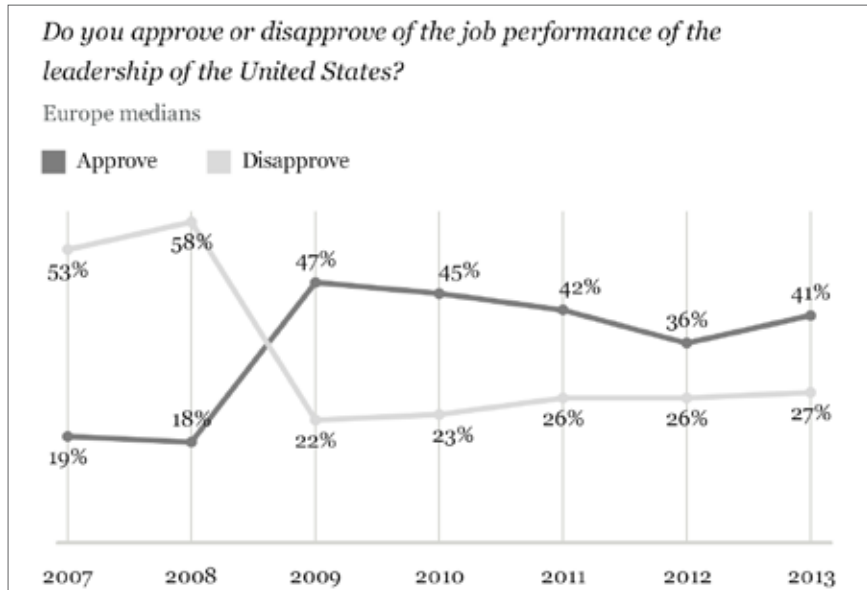
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EUROPEAN APPROVAL IMPROVES WITH ECONOMY

Europe led declines in U.S. approval in 2012 as America likely shouldered some of the blame for the financial crisis there, but ratings started to improve as Europe started to recover in 2013. A median of 41% approved of U.S. leadership last year, up from 36% in 2012. However, it is important to note that surveys in Europe were largely complete in the first part of 2013. Ratings likely do not reflect any of the public outrage in the region after allegations surfaced last fall that the U.S. was listening to the phone calls of world leaders, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

U.S. LEADERSHIP RECOVERS, BUT NEEDS RESET

While losses outnumbered gains in 2012, the reverse was true in 2013. The U.S. retained majority support in 10 countries in 2013 that spanned all regions of Europe and included key allies such as Italy, Ireland, Denmark, and the United Kingdom. Of the 17 countries where there were double-digit increases in approval ratings, half were in Europe, with many of them clustering in southern and eastern Europe.



However, U.S. leadership failed to regain favor in countries such as France, Spain, and Germany, where approval first fell below the majority level in 2011 and stayed there in 2012 and 2013. The Snowden affair likely did not help the U.S. image in these countries, and Obama will need to try to hit a reset button with Europe as they tackle issues ranging from the proposed transatlantic trade deal to Iran to the crisis with Ukraine.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND INSIGHTS

- Before the crisis in Ukraine and Crimea, Russia continued to have the lowest approval of U.S. leadership (16%); approval remained highest in Kosovo (84%).
- Majorities in Slovenia (57%), Serbia (52%), Greece (52%), and Montenegro (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	2013 Survey dates	Approval difference from 2012 to 2013 (pct. pts.)
Kosovo	84%	11%	6	May 3–Jun 13, 2013	-3
Albania	77%	3%	21	May 3–Jun 6, 2013	-3
Ireland	70%	20%	10	May 1–Jun 1, 2013	3
United Kingdom	63%	24%	13	Apr 30–Jun 6, 2013	-6
Netherlands	60%	26%	14	May 7–Jun 15, 2013	0
Italy	60%	22%	19	Apr 30–May 15, 2013	9
Romania	58%	11%	31	Apr 27–May 23, 2013	15
Belgium	57%	22%	22	May 13–Jun 21, 2013	31
Denmark	56%	24%	20	Apr 30–May 16, 2013	10
Portugal	55%	12%	33	May 6–Jun 18, 2013	19
Lithuania	50%	22%	28	May 6–May 23, 2013	2
Germany	49%	40%	11	Apr 30–Jun 26, 2013	-1
Finland	49%	37%	15	May 3–May 31, 2013	1
Macedonia	48%	19%	33	May 9–May 31, 2013	4
Bulgaria	45%	15%	41	Jun 12–Jun 19, 2013	13
Hungary	44%	13%	43	May 9–Jun 5, 2013	6
Estonia	44%	34%	22	May 8–May 31, 2013	13
Northern Cyprus	44%	34%	23	May 25–Jul 4, 2013	7
Moldova	42%	14%	44	Jul 9–Jul 31, 2013	4
Luxembourg	41%	36%	23	May 6–Jun 22, 2013	-1
Slovakia	40%	30%	30	Apr 28–May 25, 2013	13
Poland	40%	25%	36	May 17–Jun 3, 2013	4
France	40%	26%	34	Apr 29–Jun 20, 2013	3
Czech Republic	40%	27%	33	May 10–Jun 9, 2013	1
Austria	39%	46%	15	May 10–Jun 9, 2013	8
Sweden	37%	27%	36	May 14–Jun 25, 2013	1
Latvia	35%	37%	28	May 10–May 22, 2013	5
Spain	34%	32%	34	May 7–May 24, 2013	0
Ukraine	34%	25%	41	Jun 27–Jul 31, 2013	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	33%	47%	20	May 1–May 19, 2013	0
Croatia	30%	30%	40	Apr 23–May 27, 2013	10
Malta	28%	18%	54	May 2–May 17, 2013	7
Cyprus	28%	45%	28	May 9–May 28, 2013	2
Slovenia	27%	57%	16	May 8–Jun 11, 2013	1
Montenegro	25%	52%	23	May 9–May 31, 2013	-1
Iceland	25%	29%	46	May 7–May 30, 2013	8
Greece	22%	52%	26	Jun 19–Jul 31, 2013	-2
Serbia	20%	52%	28	May 5–Jun 17, 2013	0
Belarus	19%	30%	51	Jun 19–Jul 15, 2013	-1
Russia	16%	42%	43	Jul 3–Aug 8, 2013	3

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APPROVAL REACHES HIGH IN ASIA

Although the U.S. government shutdown in October kept the president from making his trip to Asia in late 2013, the image of U.S. leadership may be benefiting from the administration’s attempts to strengthen its alliances and trade partnerships throughout the Asia-Pacific region. In fact, the 45% median approval in 2013 is the highest rating Gallup has measured in the region under either the Obama or Bush administrations.

Rather than stemming from large, sweeping improvements, this change is chiefly attributable to ratings generally increasing in more countries than they declined in. However, four out of the 17 countries worldwide where approval ratings saw double-digit increases in 2013 were in Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Pakistan.

Ratings still vary considerably across the region, but for the most part, they still tend to be more positive than negative. Countries in the Middle East and parts of South Asia, where residents were still more likely to disapprove than approve, continue to be the exception.

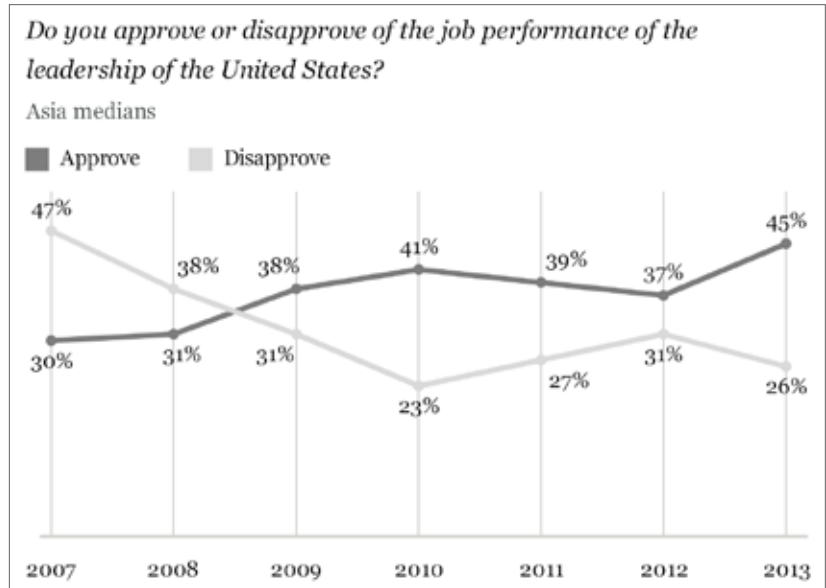
Most of the countries with the highest disapproval ratings worldwide are in the Middle East and South Asia. More than two in three residents in Iraq (67%), Yemen (69%), Lebanon (71%), Pakistan (73%), and the Palestinian Territories (80%) disapproved of U.S. leadership in 2013.

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. In Bhutan, which Gallup surveyed for the first time in 2013, as many as 79% of residents did not have an opinion. Obama’s visits to the region have helped improve this visibility. In 2012 before the president visited long-isolated Myanmar, 67% did not have an opinion about U.S. leadership. After his visit, 53% in Myanmar did not have an opinion, and those who did were more likely to approve (43%) than disapprove (4%).

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND INSIGHTS

- Cambodia led the region with the highest approval of U.S. leadership in 2013; the 67% approval rating was slightly higher than 62% rating in 2012. Majorities in six other countries — the Philippines, Australia, South Korea, New Zealand, Mongolia, and Israel — also approved.
- There were no double-digit declines in U.S. approval in Asia. In Myanmar, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh, there were double-digit increases in U.S. leadership approval.



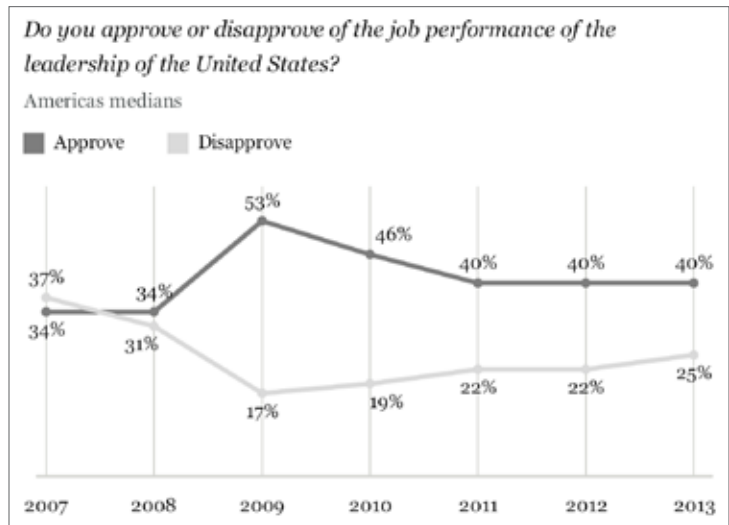
Asia					
Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of the leadership of the U.S.?					
	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused	2013 Survey dates	Approval difference from 2012 to 2013 (pct. pts.)
Cambodia	67%	7%	26%	May 10–May 30, 2013	5
New Zealand	62%	20%	18%	Apr 16–May 14, 2013	6
Philippines	62%	26%	13%	Jun 23–Jun 29, 2013	-2
Australia	59%	26%	16%	Feb 25–Apr 14, 2013	4
South Korea	58%	17%	26%	Jun 10–Sep 13, 2013	4
Israel	53%	35%	12%	Aug 11–Sep 1, 2013	5
Mongolia	53%	6%	40%	May 31–Jun 27, 2013	9
Turkmenistan	50%	26%	25%	Jun 25–Jul 14, 2013	*
Azerbaijan	48%	28%	24%	Jun 28–Jul 22, 2013	-5
Nagorno-Karabakh Region	48%	34%	17%	May 25–Jun 14, 2013	*
Armenia	47%	21%	32%	Jun 17–Jul 13, 2013	1
Bangladesh	47%	24%	30%	Apr 30–May 18, 2013	10
Taiwan	47%	20%	33%	Aug 1–Aug 30, 2013	9
Thailand	47%	6%	48%	Jun 12–Jul 9, 2013	-9
Afghanistan	46%	45%	9%	Apr 25–May 5, 2013	11
Georgia	46%	18%	36%	Jun 19–Jul 9, 2013	-5
Japan	46%	19%	35%	Aug 8–Oct 18, 2013	-6
Nepal	45%	10%	45%	May 28–Jun 14, 2013	4
Tajikistan	45%	39%	16%	Jun 20–Jul 24, 2013	1
Myanmar	43%	4%	53%	Sep 24–Oct 13, 2013	13
Uzbekistan	39%	19%	41%	Jun 9–Jul 3, 2013	-1
Kazakhstan	37%	26%	37%	Jun 18–Jul 15, 2013	9
Indonesia	32%	28%	40%	May 16–Jun 5, 2013	9
Kyrgyzstan	31%	35%	34%	Jun 21–Jul 9, 2013	-3
Syria	26%	47%	28%	Jun 15–Jul 7, 2013	-3
Turkey	26%	40%	35%	May 19–Jun 23, 2013	0
Iraq	23%	67%	10%	Sep 23–Oct 14, 2013	1
India	22%	19%	59%	Sep 2–Oct 10, 2013	-3
Pakistan	22%	73%	6%	May 4–Jun 5, 2013	10
Vietnam	21%	9%	71%	Apr 1–May 20, 2013	-6
Bhutan	19%	3%	79%	Jun 20–Aug 19, 2013	*
Lebanon	18%	71%	11%	May 28–Jul 10, 2013	-4
Sri Lanka	18%	19%	63%	May 7–Jun 7, 2013	4
Iran	15%	56%	30%	May 24–Jun 6, 2013	3
Palestinian Territories	13%	80%	7%	May 21–Jun 4, 2013	-2
Yemen	9%	69%	22%	May 26–Jun 13, 2013	-9

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U.S. IMAGE LARGELY STABLE IN THE AMERICAS

U.S. leadership approval ratings in the Americas started tumbling after Obama’s first year in office, along with many Latin Americans’ expectations for stronger ties between the U.S. and the region. The free fall ended in Obama’s fourth year, and in his fifth, approval ratings in the region remained stagnant at a median of 40%. However, there were double-digit increases in approval in four countries — including in neighboring Mexico — and a double-digit decrease in Colombia.

Goodwill toward U.S. leadership continued to build in Mexico in 2013, likely further buoyed by the president’s visit there in May. Fifty percent of Mexico residents approved of U.S. leadership, representing a 13-point jump from 37% in 2012, on top of an 11-point increase from 26% in 2011. Current ratings are approaching the 53% approval during Obama’s first term. Ratings jumped 14 points after the president’s visit to the next country on his Latin America itinerary, Costa Rica. For the first time since 2010, a majority (55%) of Costa Ricans approved of U.S. leadership, but this still fell short of the record 62% approval in 2009.



Although Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said U.S.-Colombian relations are “at their best moment ever” during his meetings with Obama in December 2013, many Colombians could not agree. Just 36% of Colombians approved of U.S. leadership at the time of their president’s visit to the U.S., down 11 points from 47% in 2012. The lower ratings may reflect some public backlash against the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement that led to weeks of huge and sometimes violent protests by Colombian farmers in August and September.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND INSIGHTS

- Approval in the region was highest in Haiti, where 71% said they approved of the leadership of the U.S. Majorities also approve in Canada (66%), Costa Rica (55%), El Salvador (52%), and Paraguay (51%).
- Argentines were the least likely to approve, with fewer than one in four (23%) doing so. Argentines were almost twice as likely to disapprove (41%) as approve, while 36% said they did not have an opinion.

The Americas					
Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of the leadership of the U.S.?					
	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused	2013 Survey dates	Approval difference from 2012 to 2013 (pct. pts.)
Haiti	71%	22%	7%	Nov 21–Nov 27, 2013	-8
Canada	66%	26%	8%	Apr 1–May 5, 2013	7
Costa Rica	55%	23%	22%	Jul 18–Aug 5, 2013	14
El Salvador	52%	21%	27%	Jul 20–Jul 29, 2013	-3
Paraguay	51%	16%	32%	Nov 6–Nov 26, 2013	10
Mexico	50%	24%	26%	Jul 26–Aug 14, 2013	13
Dominican Republic	48%	14%	39%	Oct 17–Oct 31, 2013	-9
Panama	47%	23%	31%	Jul 17–Jul 30, 2013	15
Honduras	46%	19%	36%	Jul 19–Aug 7, 2013	4
Jamaica	42%	17%	42%	Nov 1–Dec 1, 2013	*
Ecuador	41%	32%	28%	Aug 20–Sep 12, 2013	2
Guatemala	39%	20%	42%	Jul 23–Aug 6, 2013	-2
Trinidad and Tobago	39%	18%	43%	Oct 31–Nov 29, 2013	*
Brazil	37%	33%	30%	Sep 18–Oct 16, 2013	-2
Colombia	36%	29%	36%	Nov 12–Dec 20, 2013	-11
Venezuela	35%	35%	29%	Sep 26–Oct 25, 2013	4
Peru	34%	34%	31%	Sep 25–Nov 6, 2013	0
Chile	33%	36%	31%	Aug 2–Oct 13, 2013	-9
Nicaragua	33%	27%	41%	Jul 9–Aug 5, 2013	5
Uruguay	31%	34%	36%	Sep 5–Oct 23, 2013	-9
Bolivia	26%	42%	32%	Sep 7–Oct 15, 2013	-8
Argentina	23%	41%	36%	Aug 5–Aug 29, 2013	4

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FEWER BIG LOSSES IN 2013

Approval of U.S. leadership dropped substantially — 10 points or more — in nine countries in 2013. This is fewer than the 13 countries in 2012. While major losses were distributed across regions in 2012, they were primarily clustered in sub-Saharan Africa last year.

Biggest Losses in Approval		
	Approve	Approval difference from 2012 to 2013 (pct. pts.)
Madagascar	34%	-23
Angola	55%	-20
Ghana	62%	-17
Nigeria	60%	-17
South Africa	60%	-16
Morocco	15%	-15
Uganda	65%	-14
Niger	61%	-12
Colombia	36%	-11

BIG GAINS IN 2013

U.S. leadership approval made substantial gains in 17 countries in 2013. Three of these countries — Mexico, Bangladesh, and Paraguay — also had double-digit gains in 2012.

Biggest Gains in Approval		
	Approve	Approval difference from 2012 to 2013 (pct. pts.)
Belgium	57%	31
Portugal	55%	19
Panama	47%	15
Romania	58%	15
Costa Rica	55%	14
Mexico	50%	13
Myanmar	43%	13
Bulgaria	45%	13
Estonia	44%	13
Slovakia	40%	13
Gabon	79%	12
Afghanistan	46%	11
Paraguay	51%	10
Bangladesh	47%	10
Pakistan	22%	10
Croatia	30%	10
Denmark	56%	10

MOVING FORWARD

The strength of U.S. alliances and partnerships with Europe, Asia, Africa, and in its own hemisphere are more important than ever. 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 2012 in 130 countries and 2013 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 margin of sampling error ranges from ± 1.7 percentage points to ± 5.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. 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

Afghanistan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	48%	47%	43%	31%	35%	46%

Albania	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	78%	84%	77%	80%	77%

Algeria*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	25%	45%	35%	37%	30%	—

Angola	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	54%	—	—	82%	75%	55%

Argentina	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	11%	11%	42%	31%	25%	19%	23%

Armenia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	55%	54%	50%	50%	46%	46%	47%

Australia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	25%	25%	—	69%	56%	55%	59%

Austria	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	8%	—	45%	41%	31%	39%

Azerbaijan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	31%	48%	53%	58%	58%	53%	48%

Bahrain*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	38%	—	—	—	—

Bangladesh	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	19%	34%	38%	40%	23%	37%	47%

Belarus	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	11%	13%	23%	29%	19%	20%	19%

Belgium	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	8%	12%	—	30%	45%	26%	57%

Belize	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	32%	—	—	—	—	—	—

Benin	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	63%	64%	60%

Bhutan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	—	—	19%

Bolivia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	26%	22%	40%	38%	32%	34%	26%

Bosnia and Herzegovina	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	25%	34%	29%	33%	33%

Botswana	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	65%	—	—	67%	79%	71%

Brazil	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	26%	23%	48%	43%	34%	34%	37%

Bulgaria	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	43%	40%	32%	45%

Burkina Faso	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	60%	67%	—	95%	85%	82%	78%

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Burundi	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	67%	86%	—	77%	—	—

Cambodia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	85%	62%	64%	56%	67%	62%	67%

Cameroon	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	58%	63%	88%	91%	73%	71%	77%

Canada*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	22%	63%	63%	53%	59%	66%

Central African Republic	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	94%	73%	—	—

Chad	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	57%	84%	86%	79%	62%	81%	80%

Chile	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	27%	29%	59%	62%	41%	42%	33%

Colombia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	34%	48%	60%	58%	46%	47%	36%

Comoros*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	61%	68%	71%	67%	—

Congo Brazzaville	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	85%	89%	—	86%	80%	76%

Congo Kinshasa	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	89%	—	71%	72%	78%

Costa Rica	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	35%	33%	62%	54%	48%	41%	55%

Croatia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	56%	42%	35%	20%	30%

Cyprus	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	27%	24%	18%	26%	28%

Czech Republic*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	33%	—	—	43%	43%	39%	40%

Denmark	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	21%	24%	61%	57%	50%	46%	56%

Djibouti*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	80%	75%	76%	61%	—	—

Dominican Republic	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	31%	35%	55%	49%	50%	57%	48%

Ecuador**	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	37%	35%	42%	47%	43%	39%	41%

Egypt*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	13%	6%	31%	19%	19%	17%	16%

El Salvador	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	32%	36%	68%	62%	58%	55%	52%

Estonia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	22%	18%	40%	—	32%	31%	44%

Ethiopia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	—	54%	50%

Finland	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	26%	—	53%	50%	48%	49%

France*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	13%	52%	55%	42%	37%	40%

Gabon	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	82%	67%	79%

Georgia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	42%	41%	45%	47%	50%	51%	46%

Germany*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	19%	57%	50%	40%	48%	49%

Ghana	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	70%	69%	80%	91%	92%	79%	62%

Greece	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	16%	—	41%	28%	22%	24%	22%

Guatemala	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	41%	40%	45%	44%	41%	41%	39%

Guinea	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	70%	—	—	—	77%	89%	90%

Guyana	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	65%	—	—	—	—	—	—

Haiti	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	69%	—	79%	67%	79%	71%

Honduras	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	50%	47%	54%	44%	45%	38%	46%

Hong Kong	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	22%	48%	41%	46%	44%	—

Hungary	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	41%	—	39%	54%	53%	38%	44%

Iceland	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	14%	—	—	—	17%	25%

India	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	27%	31%	26%	18%	16%	26%	22%

Indonesia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	31%	46%	35%	33%	32%	23%	32%

Iran	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	22%	16%	—	—	9%	12%	15%

Iraq*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	35%	24%	36%	29%	22%	23%

Ireland	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	23%	80%	63%	68%	67%	70%

Israel	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	66%	62%	61%	54%	55%	48%	53%

Italy*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	18%	19%	49%	51%	50%	51%	60%

Ivory Coast	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	94%	—	—	—	65%

Jamaica	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	31%	—	42%

Japan*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	24%	28%	66%	51%	46%	52%	46%

Jordan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	18%	9%	—	—	—	—	—

Kazakhstan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	30%	20%	36%	42%	39%	28%	37%

Kenya	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	80%	82%	93%	87%	83%	68%	68%

Kosovo	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	88%	88%	90%	87%	84%

Kuwait*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	43%	—	—	—	—

Kyrgyzstan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	34%	28%	34%	30%	35%	34%	31%

Laos	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	34%	35%	—	—	26%	—	—

Latvia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	20%	19%	35%	—	27%	30%	35%

Lebanon*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	25%	26%	26%	20%	22%	18%

Lesotho	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	79%	—	—

Liberia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	81%	—	90%	65%	—	36%

Libya*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	33%	—	54%	—

Lithuania	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	30%	25%	47%	50%	53%	48%	50%

Luxembourg	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	23%	—	55%	46%	42%	41%

Macedonia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	62%	58%	54%	44%	48%

Madagascar	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	84%	—	—	79%	57%	34%

Malawi	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	87%	—	83%	—	69%	60%	61%

Malaysia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	22%	23%	37%	39%	38%	34%	—

Mali	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	87%	89%	95%	87%	87%	83%

Malta	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	21%	30%	25%	21%	28%

Mauritania*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	50%	44%	67%	71%	79%	75%	77%

Mauritius	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	74%	—	—

Mexico	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	34%	24%	53%	40%	26%	37%	50%

Moldova	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	39%	39%	44%	45%	45%	38%	42%

Mongolia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	56%	51%	—	58%	48%	44%	53%

Montenegro	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	34%	32%	22%	26%	25%

Morocco*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	33%	30%	35%	33%	15%

Mozambique	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	63%	80%	—	—	86%	—	—

Myanmar	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	—	30%	43%

Nagorno-Karabakh Region	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	—	—	48%

Namibia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	39%	—	—	—	—	—	—

Nepal*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	39%	37%	—	34%	28%	41%	45%

Netherlands	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	18%	17%	—	62%	65%	60%	60%

New Zealand	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	20%	22%	—	65%	57%	56%	62%

Nicaragua	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	50%	45%	42%	40%	36%	28%	33%

Niger	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	50%	50%	83%	86%	69%	73%	61%

Nigeria	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	68%	72%	70%	78%	77%	77%	60%

Northern Cyprus	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	—	37%	44%

Norway	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	11%	—	—	—	46%	—

Pakistan*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	19%	11%	13%	18%	26%	12%	22%

Palestinian Territories*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	12%	13%	14%	17%	10%	15%	13%

Panama	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	63%	47%	63%	60%	36%	32%	47%

Paraguay	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	16%	19%	28%	31%	31%	41%	51%

Peru	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	41%	34%	47%	50%	39%	34%	34%

Philippines	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	65%	66%	58%	66%	63%	64%	62%

Poland*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	32%	—	34%	36%	38%	36%	40%

Portugal	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	10%	51%	40%	45%	36%	55%

Qatar*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	15%	—	—	—	—

Romania	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	47%	—	47%	47%	46%	43%	58%

Russia*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	10%	14%	20%	23%	20%	13%	16%

Rwanda	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	73%	88%	—	—	76%	81%

Saudi Arabia*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	9%	12%	27%	—	—	—	—

Senegal	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	66%	76%	87%	84%	83%	79%	88%

Serbia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	14%	12%	8%	20%	20%

Sierra Leone	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	80%	89%	—	93%	81%	—	62%

Singapore	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	59%	53%	68%	77%	75%	—	—

Slovakia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	33%	35%	27%	40%

Slovenia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	58%	34%	26%	26%	27%

Somaliland region*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	68%	68%	66%	56%	—

South Africa	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	69%	83%	87%	92%	74%	76%	60%

South Korea*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	28%	41%	58%	55%	57%	54%	58%

Spain	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	6%	8%	54%	54%	42%	34%	34%

Sri Lanka*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	32%	36%	36%	30%	23%	14%	18%

Sudan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	34%	—	—	—	—	—	—

Suriname	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	—	51%	—

Swaziland	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	—	—	73%	—	—

Sweden	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	13%	12%	42%	50%	35%	36%	37%

Switzerland	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	58%	—	—	49%	—

Syria*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	4%	15%	14%	16%	29%	26%

Taiwan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	27%	—	52%	47%	38%	47%

Tajikistan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	26%	30%	42%	47%	41%	44%	45%

Tanzania	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	62%	76%	89%	87%	75%	70%	61%

Thailand	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	40%	37%	48%	41%	44%	56%	47%

Togo	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	53%	—	—	74%	—	—

Trinidad and Tobago	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	21%	—	—	41%	—	39%

Tunisia*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	14%	27%	19%	27%	26%	22%

Turkey*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	16%	16%	22%	26%	27%	26%	26%

Turkmenistan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	61%	—	62%	—	50%

Uganda	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	82%	84%	91%	90%	79%	79%	65%

Ukraine	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	16%	26%	24%	38%	34%	33%	34%

United Arab Emirates	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	34%	15%	—	—	—

United Kingdom	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	23%	64%	54%	67%	69%	63%

Uruguay	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	25%	13%	53%	45%	33%	40%	31%

Uzbekistan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	22%	41%	47%	42%	40%	39%

Venezuela	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	35%	50%	40%	36%	31%	35%

Vietnam*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	30%	44%	17%	26%	21%	27%	21%

Yemen*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	—	—	18%	17%	18%	18%	9%

Zambia	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	54%	54%	90%	—	83%	59%	60%

Zimbabwe	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Approve of U.S. leadership	56%	74%	82%	76%	74%	63%	65%

*Data based on aggregated data from multiple surveys in some years.

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