2008 Annual Arab Public Opinion Poll

Survey of the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland (with Zogby International).

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Survey conducted March 2008 in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia (KSA) and the UAE

Sample Size: 4,046

MOE +/- 1.6%

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Some Key Findings

• **Iraq:** Only 6% of Arabs polled believe that the American surge has worked. A plurality (35%) do not believe reports that violence has in fact declined. Over 61% believe that if the US were to withdraw from Iraq, Iraqis will find a way to bridge their differences, and only 15% believe the civil war would expand. 81% of Arabs polled (outside Iraq) believe that the Iraqis are worse off than they were before the Iraq war.

• **Iran:** In contrast with the fears of many Arab governments, the Arab public does not appear to see Iran as a major threat. Most believe that Iran has the right to its nuclear program and do not support international pressure to force it to curtail its program. A plurality of Arabs (44%) believes that if Iran were to acquire nuclear weapons, the outcome would be more positive for the region than negative.

• **The Arab Israeli conflict:** There is an increase in the expressed importance of the Palestinian issue, with 86% of the public identifying it as being at least among the top three issues to them. A majority of Arabs continues to support the two-state solution based on the 1967 borders, but an increasing majority is pessimistic about its prospects. If the prospects of a two state solution collapse, 50% believe it would lead to a state of intense conflict for years to come, while only 9% believe it would lead to a one-state solution, and only 7% believe that the Palestinians would eventually surrender.

• **Palestinian Divisions:** In the conflict between Hamas and Fatah, only 8% sympathize with Fatah most, while 18% sympathize with Hamas, and 38% sympathize with both to some extent. In so far as they see Palestinians as somewhat responsible for the state of affairs in Gaza, 15% blame Hamas’s government most, 23% blame the government appointed by President Mahmoud Abbas, and 39% blame both equally.

• **The Lebanese Crisis:** Only 9% express sympathy with the majority governing coalition in the current internal crisis in Lebanon, while 30% sympathize with the opposition led by Hizbollah, 24% sympathize with neither side, and 19% sympathize with both to some extent.
Key Findings (continued)

- **Popular Leaders**: Hezbollah’s leader, Hassan Nasrallah, increased his popularity as the most admired leader in the Arab world (26%) There was also an increase in the popularity of President Bashar Assad of Syria. Also striking, however, was the emerging popularity of modernizing Sunni Arab leaders, particularly Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid al Maktoum of Dubai, when respondents identify the two leaders they admire most.

- **Attitudes toward the US**: 83% of the public has an unfavorable view of the US and 70% express no confidence in the US. Still, Arabs continue to rank the US among the top countries with freedom and democracy for their own people. 32% believe that, from the point of view of advancing peace in the Middle East, American policy will remain the same, no matter who wins the US elections. 18% believe that Barack Obama has the best chance of advancing peace, 13% believe Hillary Clinton has the best chance, while 4% identify John McCain as having the best chance for advancing peace.

- **Global Outlook**: France continues to be the most popular country, China continues to make a good showing, and views of Pakistan have declined.

- **Media**: Al-Jazeera continues to command the largest share of the Arabic news market, with 53% of Arabs polled identifying it as their first choice for news, with practically no change from last year. Egyptian Television and Al-Arabiya have made some gains over last year. To a plurality of respondents, the quality of both Al-Arabiya and Al-Jazeera has improved over previous years, with only a small minority perceiving a decline.
### Sampling Methodology

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Probability-based sampling methods were used in countries where door-to-door random sampling is possible. Thus in Morocco, Egypt, Jordan & Lebanon, multi-stage stratified probability sampling was used to ensure a random, representative sample. In Saudi Arabia and the UAE, where door-to-door sampling is not possible, a referral sampling approach was used. However, adequate measures were taken to ensure that the sample is not skewed and is broadly representative.
War in Iraq
2008 War in Iraq
Aggregate
Do you feel most of the Iraqi people are now better off or worse off after the war, or do you feel things for them are about the same as before the war?

- Most are about the same: 12%
- Most are worse off: 81%
- Most are better off: 2%
2008 War in Iraq
Which of the following is your biggest concern about the consequences of the war in Iraq?
Choose two

- Iraq will remain unstable and spread instability in the region
- Continuing trouble in Iraq will divert attention from other issues such as the Palestinian question
- US will continue to dominate Iraq long after the transfer of power to the Iraqis
- Iraq may be divided
- Iran is now a more powerful state

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Iraq War, 2006-2008
Aggregate

Which of the following is your biggest concern about the consequences of the war in Iraq? (Choose two)

- Iran is now a more powerful state
  - 2006: 15%
  - 2008: 8%

- Iraq may be divided
  - 2006: 49%
  - 2008: 40%

- US will continue to dominate Iraq long after the transfer of power to the Iraqis
  - 2006: 42%
  - 2008: 40%

- Continuing trouble in Iraq will divert attention from other issues such as the Palestinian question
  - 2006: 31%
  - 2008: 42%

- Iraq will remain unstable and spread instability in the region
  - 2006: 42%
  - 2008: 59%
Since the surge of American forces in Iraq, the number of reported violent incidents has significantly declined in many parts of Iraq. Which of the following is closest to your view?

- It is an indication that the surge is working and will increase the chance of a stable political settlement in Iraq: 6%
- The reduction of violence has little to do with the American surge, but still believe that the situation in Iraq is headed toward a stable political settlement: 19%
- The reduction of violence has little to do with the American surge, and it is only a matter of time before violence increases again: 31%
- I don't believe the reports of a significant reduction in violence: 36%
2008 Iraq War

What do you believe would happen in Iraq if the United States quickly withdrew its forces?

- Iraqis will find a way to bridge their differences
- The situation will not change
- Civil war will expand rapidly

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Iraq War, 2006-2008
Aggregate
What do you believe would happen in Iraq if the US quickly withdrew its forces?

- Civil war will expand rapidly: 15% (2006) vs. 24% (2008)
- The situation will not change: 17% (2006) vs. 23% (2008)
- Iraqis will find a way to bridge their differences: 61% (2006) vs. 44% (2008)
Iran’s Nuclear Program
2008 Iran's Nuclear Program
Aggregate
Do you believe that:

- Iran is trying to develop nuclear weapons: 39%
- Iran is merely conducting research for peaceful purposes: 46%
Changes in Views of Iran's Nuclear Program, 2006-2008

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2008 Iran's Nuclear Program
Aggregate
There is international pressure on Iran to curtail its nuclear program. What is your opinion?

- Iran should be pressured to stop its nuclear program: 22%
- Iran has the right to its nuclear program and the international pressure should cease: 67%
2008 Iran's Nuclear Program
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What is your opinion?

- **UAE**: 55% for Iran has the right to its nuclear program and the international pressure should cease, 34% for Iran should be pressured to stop its nuclear program.
- **KSA**: 71% for Iran has the right to its nuclear program and the international pressure should cease, 27% for Iran should be pressured to stop its nuclear program.
- **Morocco**: 60% for Iran has the right to its nuclear program and the international pressure should cease, 31% for Iran should be pressured to stop its nuclear program.
- **Lebanon**: 75% for Iran has the right to its nuclear program and the international pressure should cease, 15% for Iran should be pressured to stop its nuclear program.
- **Jordan**: 75% for Iran has the right to its nuclear program and the international pressure should cease, 15% for Iran should be pressured to stop its nuclear program.
- **Egypt**: 68% for Iran has the right to its nuclear program and the international pressure should cease, 17% for Iran should be pressured to stop its nuclear program.
Changes in Views of Iran's Nuclear Program, 2006-2008
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There is international pressure on Iran to curtail its nuclear program. What is your opinion?

- Iran should be pressured to stop its nuclear program:
  - 2006: 24%
  - 2008: 22%
- Iran has the right to its nuclear program and the international pressure should cease:
  - 2006: 61%
  - 2008: 67%
If Iran acquires nuclear weapons, which of the following is the likely outcome for the Middle East:

- The outcome would be more positive (44%)
- The outcome would be more negative (29%)
- It would not matter (12%)
2008 Iran's Nuclear Program
If Iran acquires nuclear weapons, which of the following is the likely outcome for the Middle East:
- The outcome would be more positive
- The outcome would be more negative
- It would not matter

- UAE: 51% positive, 42% negative, 2% other
- KSA: 73% positive, 26% negative, 1% other
- Morocco: 37% positive, 35% negative, 13% other
- Lebanon: 29% positive, 20% negative, 32% other
- Jordan: 18% positive, 25% negative, 32% other
- Egypt: 43% positive, 28% negative, 11% other
Lebanese Politics
2008 Lebanese Politics
Aggregate

In the internal crisis in Lebanon, with whom do you sympathize?

- The majority governing coalition led by Prime Minister Fouad Siniora: 9%
- Both to some extent: 19%
- Neither: 24%
- The opposition led by Hizbullah: 30%
2008 Lebanese Politics
Lebanon by Confessional Group

In the current internal crisis in Lebanon, with whom do you sympathize most?

- Total: 30% The opposition led by Hizbullah, 24% The majority governing coalition led by Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, 19% Both to some extent, 9% Neither
- Druze: 15% The opposition led by Hizbullah, 68% The majority governing coalition led by Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, 13% Both to some extent, 4% Neither
- Christian: 25% The opposition led by Hizbullah, 45% The majority governing coalition led by Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, 26% Both to some extent, 3% Neither
- Sunni: 4% The opposition led by Hizbullah, 55% The majority governing coalition led by Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, 21% Both to some extent, 18% Neither
- Shia: 83% The opposition led by Hizbullah, 13% The majority governing coalition led by Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, 2% Both to some extent, 2% Neither
### 2006 Views of Hizbullah

After the Lebanon War, describe your attitudes toward Hizbullah.

- **My view is more negative**
- **My view is more positive**
- **My view has not changed**

#### Total
- 8% My view is more negative
- 68% My view is more positive
- 17% My view has not changed

#### UAE
- 11% My view is more negative
- 50% My view is more positive
- 37% My view has not changed

#### KSA
- 21% My view is more negative
- 58% My view is more positive
- 18% My view has not changed

#### Morocco
- 3% My view is more negative
- 70% My view is more positive
- 24% My view has not changed

#### Lebanon
- 29% My view is more negative
- 40% My view is more positive
- 25% My view has not changed

#### Jordan
- 5% My view is more negative
- 74% My view is more positive
- 18% My view has not changed

#### Egypt
- 6% My view is more negative
- 71% My view is more positive
- 13% My view has not changed
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- **Total**
  - My view is more positive: 37%
  - My view is more negative: 33%
  - My view has not changed: 25%
  - My view has shifted from positive to negative: 0%

- **Druze**
  - My view is more positive: 22%
  - My view is more negative: 47%
  - My view has not changed: 18%
  - My view has shifted from positive to negative: 6%

- **Christian**
  - My view is more positive: 24%
  - My view is more negative: 44%
  - My view has not changed: 27%
  - My view has shifted from positive to negative: 0%

- **Sunni**
  - My view is more positive: 26%
  - My view is more negative: 44%
  - My view has not changed: 23%
  - My view has shifted from positive to negative: 0%

- **Shiia**
  - My view is more positive: 68%
  - My view is more negative: 2%
  - My view has not changed: 27%
  - My view has shifted from positive to negative: 0%
Palestinian Domestic Politics
In the current conflict among the Palestinians with whom do you sympathize?

- **Total**: 8% Fatah, 18% Hamas, 37% Both to Some Extent
- **UAE**: 16% Fatah, 52% Hamas, 13% Both to Some Extent
- **KSA**: 18% Fatah, 40% Hamas, 28% Both to Some Extent
- **Morocco**: 7% Fatah, 8% Hamas, 43% Both to Some Extent
- **Lebanon**: 20% Fatah, 29% Hamas, 23% Both to Some Extent
- **Jordan**: 7% Fatah, 22% Hamas, 24% Both to Some Extent
- **Egypt**: 6% Fatah, 15% Hamas, 38% Both to Some Extent
2006 Palestinian Politics
Which of the following is closest to your view on Palestinian Politics?

Egypt
- Support Hamas: 32%
- Support Fatah: 8%
- Support a Palestinian Unity Government: 43%

Jordan
- Support Hamas: 14%
- Support Fatah: 10%
- Support a Palestinian Unity Government: 55%

Lebanon
- Support Hamas: 13%
- Support Fatah: 8%
- Support a Palestinian Unity Government: 55%

Morocco
- Support Hamas: 29%
- Support Fatah: 9%
- Support a Palestinian Unity Government: 46%

KSA
- Support Hamas: 34%
- Support Fatah: 18%
- Support a Palestinian Unity Government: 33%

UAE
- Support Hamas: 38%
- Support Fatah: 0%
- Support a Palestinian Unity Government: 35%

Total
- Support Hamas: 31%
- Support Fatah: 10%
- Support a Palestinian Unity Government: 43%
2008 Palestinian Politics

When you observe the current state of affairs in Gaza, which of the Palestinian parties do you believe is most responsible for it?

- Hamas's Government in Gaza: 15%
- The government appointed by President Mahmoud Abbas: 23%
- They are equally responsible: 39%

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The government appointed by President Mahmoud Abbas is the most commonly reported as responsible for the current state of affairs in Gaza, with 23% of respondents choosing this option.
Views of Israel
2008 US-Israeli Relations
Aggregate
What do you believe motivates Israeli policies in the region and American support for these policies?

- US and Israel have mutual interests most of the time: 41%
- Israel is a tool of US foreign policy: 26%
- Israel influences US to support its policies: 24%
What do you believe motivates Israeli policies in the region and American support for these policies?

- US and Israel have mutual interests most of the time: 42% (2008) vs. 41% (2006)
- Israel is a tool of US foreign policy: 25% (2008) vs. 26% (2006)
- Israel influences US to support its policies: 26% (2008) vs. 24% (2006)
Views of Israel

Looking at the recent violence in Lebanon and Gaza, describe your attitudes toward power:

- Israel is very powerful and is likely to use that power to consolidate its position in the region even more in the future.
- Israel is weaker than it looks and it is a matter of time before it is defeated.
- Israel has its strengths and weaknesses and no one can tell if it will get stronger or weaker relative to the Arab world in the future.

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Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Importance of Palestine Among Non-Palestinian Arabs

How important is the issue of Palestine in your priorities?

respondents who answered "most important" or "top three"

- 2002: 73%
- 2003: 73%
- 2004: 86%
- 2005: 69%
- 2006: 77%
- 2008: 89%
Importance of Palestine Among Non-Palestinian Arabs

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Views on Arab-Israeli Conflict
Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

- I am prepared for a just and comprehensive peace with Israel if Israel is willing to return all the territories occupied in the 1967 war including East Jerusalem, and the Arab governments should put more effort into this. (52% in 2008, 38% in 2006)
- I am prepared for a just and comprehensive peace with Israel if Israel is willing to return all the territories occupied in the 1967 war including East Jerusalem, but I don't believe the Israelis will ever give up these territories peacefully. (19% in 2008, 29% in 2006)
- Even if the Israelis return all of the territories occupied in 1967 peacefully, the Arabs should continue to fight Israel no matter what the outcome. (21% in 2008, 23% in 2006)
What do you believe is the likely outcome if the prospects for a two-state solution to the Palestinian conflict collapse?

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- It will lead to a one-state solution in which Israelis and Palestinians are equal
- It will lead to a state of intense conflict for years to come
- The status quo will continue with little change
- Palestinians will eventually surrender to Israeli power, give up and integrate into other societies
2008 Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Aggregate
Which of the following statements is closest to your view about the prospects of lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians?

- It will happen in the next five years: 13%
- It is inevitable, but it will take more time: 27%
- I don’t believe it will ever happen: 55%

(Bar chart with percentages)
Views of the US
2008 Views of the US Aggregate
Generally speaking, is your attitude towards the United States:

- Very unfavorable: 64%
- Somewhat unfavorable: 11%
- Somewhat favorable: 19%
- Very favorable: 4%
Views of the US, 2006-2008
Aggregate

Generally speaking, is your attitude towards the United States:

- Very unfavorable
  - 2006: 64%
  - 2008: 57%

- Somewhat unfavorable
  - 2006: 19%
  - 2008: 21%

- Somewhat favorable
  - 2006: 4%
  - 2008: 8%

- Very favorable
  - 2006: 4%
  - 2008: 11%
2008 Views of the US Aggregate
How much confidence do you have in the United States?

- No confidence: 70%
- Some confidence: 25%
- A lot of confidence: 4%
Views of the US, 2006-2008
Aggregate
How much confidence do you have in the United States?

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2008 Views of the US
What two steps by the US would improve your views of the US

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2006 Views of the US
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Views of the US, 2006-2008
Aggregate

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  - 2006: 20%
  - 2008: 16%

- This is an important objective of American foreign policy that will make a difference in the Middle East
  - 2006: 8%
  - 2008: 5%
Would you say your attitudes toward the US are based more on American values or American policy in the Middle East?

- Based on American values: 12%
- Based on American policy: 80%
Views of the US, 2006-2008
Aggregate
Would you say your attitudes toward the US are based more on American values or on American policy in the Middle East?

- Based on American values:
  - 2006: 11%
  - 2008: 12%

- Based on American policy:
  - 2006: 70%
  - 2008: 80%
The American People are in the midst of choosing the next President of the US. Which of the following candidates do you believe has the best chance of advancing peace in the Middle East?

- John McCain: 4%
- Hillary Clinton: 13%
- Barack Obama: 18%
- I am not following the American elections: 20%
- Policy will be the same no matter who becomes the next president: 32%
Al Qaeda
2008 Al Qaeda Aggregate

When you think about Al Qaeda, what aspect of the organization, if any, do you sympathize most?

- That it confronts the US: 30%
- That it confronts the US: 21%
- That it stands for Muslim causes such as the Palestinian issue: 18%
- Its methods of operation: 10%
- That it seeks to create an Islamic state like that of the Taliban in Afghanistan: 7%
- I do not sympathize at all with this organization: 30%
Changes in View of Al Qaeda, 2006-2008
Aggregate
When you think about Al Qaeda, which aspect, if any, of the organization sympathize with most?

- That it seeks to create an Islamic state like that of the Taliban in Afghanistan: 7% (2008), 7% (2006)
- Its methods of operation: 11% (2008), 10% (2006)
- That it stands for Muslim causes such as the Palestinian issue: 14% (2008), 18% (2006)
- I do not sympathize at all with this organization: 33% (2008), 21% (2006)
- That it confronts the US: 33% (2008), 30% (2006)
Views of Global Powers and Leaders
2008 Superpowers Aggregate

In a world where there is only one superpower, which of the following countries would you prefer more than the others to be that superpower?

- France: 24%
- Germany: 13%
- China: 13%
- United States: 8%
- Russia: 7%
- Britain: 7%
- Pakistan: 6%
Superpowers, 2006-2008
Aggregate

In a world where there is only one superpower, which of the following countries would you prefer more than the others to be that superpower?

- Pakistan: 6% (2006) - 14% (2008)
- Britain: 4% (2006) - 7% (2008)
- Russia: 7% (2006) - 7% (2008)
If you had to live in one of the following countries, which one would you prefer most?

- France: 39%
- Germany: 19%
- Britain: 9%
- China: 8%
- United States: 7%
- Russia: 3%
- Pakistan: 3%
Superpowers, 2006-2008
Aggregate
If you had to live in one of the following countries, which one would you prefer most?

- **France**: 39% (2008), 33% (2006)
- **Germany**: 19% (2006, 2008)
- **Britain**: 9% (2006, 2008)
- **China**: 7% (2006), 8% (2008)
- **United States**: 9% (2006), 9% (2008)
- **Russia**: 3% (2006, 2008)
- **Pakistan**: 6% (2006), 3% (2008)
2008 Superpowers Aggregate

If a member of your family had to study in one of the following countries, which country would you prefer?

- France: 36%
- Germany: 22%
- Britain: 12%
- United States: 11%
- Russia: 3%
- China: 4%
- Pakistan: 2%
Superpowers, 2006-2008
Aggregate
If a member of your family had to study in one of the following countries, which country would you prefer?

- France: 36% (2006), 35% (2008)
- Britain: 12% (2006), 12% (2008)
- United States: 11% (2006), 12% (2008)
- Russia: 3% (2006), 3% (2008)
- China: 4% (2006), 4% (2008)
- Pakistan: 2% (2006), 4% (2008)
2008 Superpowers Aggregate
Name TWO countries that you think pose the biggest threat to you:

- Israel: 95%
- US: 88%
- Iran: 7%
- UK: 4%
- China: 2%
- Syria: 1%
Superpowers, 2006-2008
Aggregate
Name two countries that you think pose the biggest threat.

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2008 Superpowers Aggregate
Name TWO countries where you think there is the most freedom democracy for their own people:

- France: 42%
- Germany: 26%
- Switzerland: 18%
- US: 17%
- Japan: 11%
- UK: 11%
Superpowers, 2006-2008
Aggregate
Name two countries where you think there is the most freedom and democracy for their own people:

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2008 Superpowers
Aggregate
Please tell me which world leader (outside of your own country) admire most?

- Hassan Nasrallah: 26%
- Bashar Al-Assad: 16%
- Mahmoud Ahmadinijad: 10%
- Nicolas Sarkozy: 6%
- Mohmar Qadaffi: 6%
- Osama bin Laden: 6%
- Sheikh Muhammad bin Rashid: 6%
- Hugo Chavez: 4%
Superpowers, 2006-2008
Aggregate
Please tell me which world leader (outside of your own country) you admire most?

- Bashar Al-Assad: 2% (2006), 4% (2008)
- Osama bin Laden: 4% (2006), 4% (2008)
- Hugo Chavez: 4% (2006), 4% (2008)
2008 Superpowers
Aggregate
Please tell me which world leader (outside of your own country) admire most?
(Combined first and second choice)

- Saddam Hussein: 13%
- Osama bin Laden: 14%
- Sheikh Muhammad bin Zayed: 15%
- Sheikh Muhammad bin Rashid: 16%
- Mahmoud Ahmadinijad: 17%
- Bashar Al-Assad: 18%
- Chirac: 20%
- Hassan Nasrallah: 27%
Media Viewership in the Arab World
When you watch international news, which of the following network's news broadcasts do you watch most often?

- Al Jazeera, 53%
- An Egyptian Network, 17%
- Al Arabiya, 9%
- MBC, 7%
- LBC, 3%
- Al Manar, 2%
- Morocco TV, 2%
- Al Hurra, 2%
- Other, 2%
2008 Media Viewership
Aggregate without Egypt

When you watch international news, which of the following network's news broadcasts do you watch most often?

- Al Jazeera, 49%
- Al Arabiya, 13%
- MBC, 12%
- Morocco TV, 5%
- LBC, 4%
- Suzana TV, 3%
- Al Manar, 4%
- Other, 4%
- Al Hurra, 2%
When you watch international news, which of the following network's news broadcasts do you watch most often?

- Al Jazeera, 55%
- An Egyptian Network, 31%
- Al Arabiya, 6%
- MBC, 3%
- LBC, 1%
- Al Manar, 1%
- Al Hurra, 1%

2008 Media Viewership
Egypt

An Egyptian Network, 31%
Al Jazeera, 55%
2008 Media Viewership
Jordan
When you watch international news, which of the following network's news broadcasts do you watch most often?

- Al Jazeera, 46%
- Al Arabiya, 31%
- Al Hurra, 15%
- Abu Dhabi TV, 5%
- LBC, 3%
- MBC, 1%
When you watch international news, which of the following network's news broadcasts do you watch most often?

- Al Jazeera, 13%
- Al Manar, 38%
- Other, 19%
- LBC, 16%
- Al Arabiya, 8%
- Al Hurra, 5%
- Abu Dhabi TV, 1%
When you watch international news, which of the following network's news broadcasts do you watch most often?

- Al Jazeera, 59%
- MBC, 12%
- Morocco TV, 9%
- Suzana TV, 6%
- LBC, 4%
- Al Arabiya, 3%
- Al Manar, 1%
- Al Hurra, 1%
- A Syrian Network, 1%
- An Egyptian Network, 1%

2008 Media Viewership
Morocco

[Pie chart showing the distribution of viewership among different networks]
2008 Media Viewership
KSA
When you watch international news, which of the following network's news broadcasts do you watch most often?

- Al Jazeera, 40%
- Al Arabiya, 26%
- MBC, 21%
- Other, 9%
- LBC, 1%
- Al Manar, 1%
- Abu Dhabi TV, 1%
- Al Hurra, 1%
When you watch international news, which of the following network's news broadcasts do you watch most often?

- **Al Jazeera**, 32%
- **Al Arabiya**, 11%
- **MBC**, 12%
- **LBC**, 7%
- **Al Manar**, 13%
- **A Syrian Network**, 5%
- **Abu Dhabi TV**, 9%
- **Al Hurra**, 4%
- **Other**, 3%
2008 Media Viewership
Aggregate

Respondents who watched the following networks "daily" or "5 or 6 times a week":

- Al Jazeera: 60%
- An Egyptian Network: 29%
- Al Arabiya: 25%
- MBC: 23%
- LBC: 14%
- Al Hurra: 9%
- Al Manar: 5%
- Abu Dhabi TV: 5%
- A Syrian Network: 2%
2008 Media Viewership Aggregate

When you compare the content and programs on Al Jazeera TV in the past year with previous years, which of the following would be closest to your view?

- The content and programs have improved in quality: 45%
- The content and programs have declined in quality: 9%
- There has been no noticeable change: 23%
2008 Media Viewership
Aggregate
When you compare the content and programs on Al Arabiya TV in the past year with years, which of the following would be closest to your view?

- There has been no noticeable change: 25%
- The content and programs have improved in quality: 27%
- The content and programs have declined in quality: 5%
Change in Media Viewership, 2006-2008
Aggregate

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An Egyptian Network
MBC
Al Arabiya
LBC
Al Manar
Abu Dhabi TV
Al Hurra

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