

## **Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project**

**The entity that has organized the survey and is responsible for data collection – as well as key data on the entity's membership, governance arrangements, source of funding etc.**

The surveys are conducted on behalf of the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project (the PGA Project). Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan think tank situated in Washington, DC. The PGA Project is funded by the independent, nonprofit organization Pew Charitable Trusts, although the 2002 and 2007 surveys were also financed by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Certain surveys have also been conducted in cooperation with the Kaiser Family Foundation and The New York Times.

The Director of the project is Andrew Kohut, the Founding Director of the Pew Research Center. There are also two co-chairs, namely Madeleine Albright and John Danfort. The project is run by Pew Research Center in cooperation with the Pew Global Attitudes Project Research Team. For details, please see "[About the Project](#)".

### **A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey**

According to Kittilson (2007: 879), the Pew Global Attitudes Survey (PGAS) has its roots in the 1991 survey "The Pulse of Europe". The PGA Project started with a survey of 24 countries in 2001 and has continued with a host of surveys since that year, both multinational and within the US. The PGA Project has released a wide array of reports and analyses covering various topics such as attitudes towards globalization, American foreign policy and democracy.

### **Internet links to the website of the responsible organization**

[The official website of Pew Research Global Attitudes Project](#)

### **The frequency or repetitions of the survey. Possible explanation of this.**

The frequency of the Global Attitudes Survey has varied throughout the years. It has been conducted at least annually since 2001, but some years as much as three surveys have been conducted.

### **A description of the survey's content, i.e. both focused rotational and/or core modules of the survey**

The Pew Research Center has conducted surveys on a wide array of topics: U.S. Politics, Media & News, Social Trends, Religion, Internet and Tech, Hispanics and Global. Kittilson (2007: 879) mentions the following subjects from the Global project: “globalization, trade, democracy, current issues in world politics, terrorism and the US response to it, and respondents’ assessments of their own lives.”

For a more detailed list of the subtopics covered within the headlines, see the following link: [Global](#).

### **An outline of the type of sample and the main data collection methods used.**

Kittilson (2007: 879) explicates that the sample sizes vary from about 500 to about 2,000 and that “most samples are representative, with the exception of oversampling of urban populations in China, India, and Pakistan. She also notes that some questions were avoided in certain countries because they were too sensitive politically.

In most countries, interviews are conducted by telephone. In some countries the interviews are conducted in person.

### **An account of the availability of the data to researchers, restrictions on access, etc.**

The data files are usually made freely available two years after the PGA Project’s report is released, together with a questionnaire file, topline and readme file. The Pew Research Center demands acknowledgement by bibliographical citation, and also wishes the author to express that the Pew Research Center is not responsible for the author’s views.

### **Questionnaires, English version**

The complete questionnaires are only accessible after registration, although the PGA Project does have a [Project Question Database](#). Registration is done by downloading any of the files on [this page](#).

### **The countries included in the different rounds**

Using the Question Search Database, these are the results. In the years where more than one survey has been conducted, the largest one has been reported here.

2001: 5 nations

2002: 44 nations

2003: 21 nations

2004: 9 nations  
2005: 17 nations  
2006: 15 nations  
2007: 47 nations  
2008: 24 nations  
2009: 25 nations  
2010: 22 nations  
2011: 23 nations

For more details, please refer to [the data sets](#) for each of the rounds.

### **Cumulative file**

There is no cumulative data file. However, the [Pew Global Attitudes Project Question Database](#) includes survey questions from all Pew Global Attitudes polls since 2001.

### **Publications based on data**

The PGA Project offers a [comprehensive list of publications](#) based on their data.

### **Analytical summary...**

### **Sources**

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from the Pew Research Global Attitudes Project's website.

Kittilson, Maki Caul (2007): "Research Resources in Comparative Political Behaviour", ch. 47 in Russel J. Dalton & Hans-Dieter Klingemann (ed.): *The Oxford Handbook of Political Behaviour*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.