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World Citizens Prefer Obama to McCain by Nearly 4-to-1

Across 70 countries surveyed, views vary on whether the outcome matters

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Gallup Polls conducted in 70 countries from May to September 2008 reveal widespread international support for Democratic Sen. Barack Obama over Republican Sen. John McCain in the U.S. presidential election. Among these nations, representing nearly half of the world's population, 30% of citizens say they would personally rather see Obama elected president of the United States, compared with just 8% who say the same about McCain. At the same time, 62% of world citizens surveyed did not have an opinion.

World citizens are more divided over whether the outcome of the U.S. election makes a difference to their country, with 31% saying it does and 21% saying it does not. Moreover, 49% of those surveyed did not have an opinion.

Overall, citizens in Europe are the most likely to state a preference for the next president of the United States and to think the election makes a difference to their country. Citizens in Asia are the least likely to state a preference for the next president of the United States and to think the election makes a difference to their country. In individual countries, only Georgia and the Philippines prefer McCain to Obama.

Who would you personally rather see elected president of the United States?

Do you think who is elected makes a difference to this country or not?

Complete results for Africa

	Obama	McCain	Don't know/ Refused	Makes a difference	Does not make a difference	Don't know/ Refused
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Benin	20	2	77	7	9	84
Botswana	62	6	33	40	24	35
Burkina Faso	50	7	43	32	30	38
Burundi	61	8	31	31	49	20
Cameroon	44	7	49	29	24	48
Ethiopia	76	6	19	49	40	11
Ghana	31	13	56	39	31	29
Kenya	89	3	8	59	32	10
Liberia	45	27	28	50	32	18
Madagascar	47	28	24	53	37	10
Mali	70	16	15	41	39	21
Mauritania	68	3	29	30	22	48
Niger	59	7	35	34	21	46
Nigeria	23	11	66	36	26	38
Rwanda	57	12	31	46	19	35
Senegal	54	15	31	40	28	32
Sierra Leone	68	18	14	69	20	11
Tanzania	76	9	15	41	34	26
Togo	38	6	55	20	16	64
Uganda	85	8	7	51	43	7
Zambia	47	12	40	40	39	21
Zimbabwe	41	15	44	40	45	14

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Complete results for Americas

	Obama	McCain	Don't know/ Refused	Makes a difference	Does not make a difference	Don't know/ Refused
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Argentina	31	6	62	25	28	47
Canada	67	22	11	75	22	3
Chile	43	9	47	29	45	26
Colombia	38	16	46	49	29	22
Costa Rica	44	9	47	36	42	22
Ecuador	30	9	62	29	17	54
El Salvador	24	14	63	43	23	34
Guatemala	27	11	63	32	37	31
Honduras	27	9	64	37	28	35
Mexico	27	9	65	35	36	30
Nicaragua	23	7	70	35	25	41
Panama	35	10	55	38	28	33
Paraguay	26	11	62	22	25	53
Peru	31	11	58	27	37	36
Uruguay	39	7	55	27	34	39

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Complete results for Asia

	Obama	McCain	Don't know/ Refused	Makes a difference	Does not make a difference	Don't know/ Refused
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Australia	64	14	22	76	21	3
Bangladesh	19	8	73	33	16	50
Cambodia	4	9	86	22	15	63
India	7	2	91	6	8	87
Japan	66	15	18	42	46	12
Laos	24	25	52	36	28	36
Pakistan	5	5	91	10	18	72
Philippines	20	28	52	49	27	24
South Korea	50	24	25	79	12	9
Singapore	21	11	68	29	24	47
Kuwait (Nationals)	32	12	56	28	49	22
Lebanon	45	18	38	42	52	6
Palestine	33	11	56	16	72	12
Saudi Arabia	50	19	31	27	40	34

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	Obama	McCain	Don't know/ Refused	Makes a difference	Does not make a difference	Don't know/ Refused
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Austria	58	10	32	40	50	10
Belgium	64	6	30	56	30	14
Denmark	69	8	23	69	27	4
Finland	54	14	32	57	40	3
France	64	4	32	71	15	14
Germany	62	10	27	62	32	5
Ireland	67	19	14	77	21	2
Italy	56	6	38	41	33	26
Nether- lands	74	10	16	69	27	4
Norway	71	13	16	73	20	7
Poland	43	24	33	68	23	9
Spain	49	6	45	51	27	21
Sweden	64	6	29	56	38	6
Turkey	22	8	70	32	33	34
United Kingdom	60	15	25	80	17	3
Estonia	22	17	62	27	61	12
Georgia	15	23	62	55	22	23
Latvia	23	15	62	34	39	27
Lithuania	13	13	74	39	34	26

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