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Russian Public Opinion on US Foreign Policy and Barack Obama

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Q1-CE1b. Please tell me if you think...the United States...is playing a mainly positive or mainly negative role in the world.

	Mainly positive	Mainly negative	Depends (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	DK/NR
Russia	15	49	25	2	9

Q2-CE2b. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of how...the United States...is dealing with the issue of climate change?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NR
Russia	18	31	51

Q3-CE3b. Please tell me if you think...the United States...is or is not generally respectful of human rights.

	Is	Is not	DK/NR
Russia	41	29	30

Q4-CE4b. Please tell me if you think...the United States...is or is not generally cooperative with other countries.

	Is	Is not	DK/NR
Russia	47	27	26

Q6-CE6a. Now I am going to read a list of political leaders from around the world. Tell me how much confidence you have in each leader to do the right thing regarding world affairs—a lot of confidence, some confidence, Not too much confidence, or no confidence at all.

Q6a-CE6a. US President Barack Obama 2009; US President George W. Bush (2008)

	A lot of confidence		Some confidence		Not too much confidence		No confidence at all		Depends / DK (vol.)	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
US*	38	13	32	29	16	24	13	32	1	2
Russia	2	2	21	12	36	30	19	36	23	19

Q6b-CE6d. Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin

	A lot of confidence		Some confidence		Not too much confidence		No confidence at all		Depends / DK (vol.)	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
US	3	1	24	23	42	43	27	28	5	5
Russia	51	57	31	23	8	9	2	2	8	10

Q7-US1. Which of these two views is closer to yours?

	A. The US tries to promote international laws for other countries, but is hypocritical because it often does not follow these rules itself.		B. The US has been an important leader in promoting international laws, and sets a good example by following them.		DK / NS	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
Russia	76	76	13	10	12	15

Q8-US2. In our government's relations with the US, do you think the US more often treats us fairly, OR abuses its greater power to make us do what the US wants?

	Treats us fairly		Abuses its greater power		DK / NS	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
Russia	12	19	75	69	13	12

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METHODOLOGY

Country	Sample Size (unweighted)	MoE (%)	Field dates	Survey methodology	Type of sample
Russia	800	3.5	May 22-26, 2009	Face-to-Face	National
United States	805	3.5	May 27 – Jun 4, 2009	Internet	National ¹

¹In the United States, the poll was an online survey drawn from a nationally representative sample of the Knowledge Networks online panel. This panel is probabilistically-based, selected from the population of US telephone households and subsequently provided with an Internet connection if needed.