

# THE PIPA/KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS POLL

## THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

### PIPA-Knowledge Networks Poll: Americans on Addressing World Poverty

#### Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: June 22–26, 2005  
Sample Size: 812

Margin of Error: +/- 3.5 % [full sample]  
+/- 4.0 % [3/4 sample]

*Q1-Q28: To be released separately*

Q29. As you may know, at the G8 Summit there will be discussion of the idea of all the wealthy countries committing at least seven tenths of one percent of their gross domestic product to reducing poverty and disease, and promoting economic development in poor countries, especially in Africa. If the other wealthy countries are willing to make this commitment, do you think the US should or should not be willing to make such a commitment?

Should .....	65%
Should not .....	29
(No answer).....	6

[3/4 SAMPLE A,B,C]

STATEMENT: The next questions are about farm subsidies. These are various forms of financial aid the US government gives to small farms and large farming businesses that produce a variety of crops.

Q30: Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to small farmers, who work farms less than 500 acres?

	<b>6/05</b>	<b>01/04</b>
Favor .....	74%	77
Oppose .....	21	19
(No answer).....	5	4

[THOSE WHO SAY FAVOR OR DK IN ABOVE]

Q30a: Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to small farmers:

	<b>6/05</b>	<b>01/04</b>
Only in bad years .....	47%*	44*
On a regular annual basis .....	28	34
(No answer).....	4	3

Q31: Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to large farming businesses?

	<b>6/05</b>	<b>01/04</b>
Favor .....	26%	31
Oppose .....	70	65
(No answer).....	4	4

[THOSE WHO SAY FAVOR OR DK IN ABOVE]

Q31a: Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to large farming businesses:

	<b>6/05</b>	<b>01/04</b>
Only in bad years .....	18%*	24*
On a regular annual basis .....	9	9
(No answer).....	3	3

Q32: Is it your impression that farm subsidies in the US:

Hurt farmers in poor countries .....	19%
Have no significant effect on farmers in poor countries.....	71
(No answer).....	10

Q33-Q38: *To be released separately*

[1/4 Sample]

Q39a. As you may know the US and other wealthy countries have set for themselves a series of goals, called the Millennium Development Goals. These call for reducing hunger by half, providing basic sanitation in poor countries, and other goals by the year 2015. Assuming the cost would be an average of \$15 a year per taxpaying household in the wealthy countries and the other countries were willing to give this much, do you think the US should or should not be willing to do so as well?

Should be willing .....	71%
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\* All numbers are a percentage of full sample

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Should not be willing .....25  
 (No answer).....4

[Half Sample]

Q39b. As you may, know the US and other wealthy countries have set for themselves a series of goals, called the Millennium Development Goals. These call for reducing hunger by half, providing basic sanitation in poor countries, and other goals by the year 2015. Assuming the cost would be an average of \$30 a year per taxpaying household in the wealthy countries and the other countries were willing to give this much, do you think the US should or should not be willing to do so as well?

Should be willing ..... 72%  
 Should not be willing .....24  
 (No answer).....4

[1/4 Sample]

Q39c. As you may, know the US and other wealthy countries have set for themselves a series of goals, called the Millennium Development Goals. These call for reducing hunger by half, providing basic sanitation in poor countries, and other goals by the year 2015. Assuming the cost would be an average of \$50 a year per taxpaying household in the wealthy countries and the other countries were willing to give this much, do you think the US should or should not be willing to do so as well?

Should be willing ..... 70%  
 Should not be willing .....27  
 (No answer).....4

**DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:**

D1. In politics today, do you think of yourself as:

Republican ..... 35%  
 Independent.....27  
 Democrat.....38

D2. What is your religious preference? Do you consider yourself:

Christian..... 68.9%  
 Jewish.....1.3  
 Muslim .....0.5  
 Buddhist .....0.8  
 Hindu.....0.2

Agnostic .....	1.9
Atheist .....	1.1
No religious preference .....	17.1
Other religion .....	6.0

[IF “CHRISTIAN”]

D3a. Would you describe yourself as:

Protestant.....	43%*
Catholic .....	17
Mormon.....	1.5
Orthodox .....	1.5

[IF “CHRISTIAN”]

D3b. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical?

Yes .....	24%*
No.....	30
No opinion .....	14

[IF ANSWER “CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, HINDU, OR OTHER RELIGION” IN QUESTION D3]

D4. How often do you attend church or attend religious services--at least once a week, almost every week, about once a month, seldom, or never?

Once a week.....	27%*
Almost every week .....	9
About once a month .....	8
Seldom .....	28
Never.....	6

D5. Age

18-29 .....	22%
30-44 .....	29
45-59 .....	27
60+ .....	22

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\* Percent of total

D6. Education

Less than high school.....	16%
High school.....	32
Some college.....	27
Bachelor’s degree or higher.....	25

D6. Race/Ethnicity

White, non-Hispanic.....	70%
Black, non-Hispanic.....	11
Other, non-Hispanic.....	6
Hispanic.....	12

D7. Gender

Male.....	48%
Female.....	52

D8. Region based on state of residence

Northeast.....	19%
Midwest.....	23
South.....	36
West.....	23