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## US-Russia G8 Survey

### Questionnaire

#### US (Knowledge Networks)

Dates of Survey: 6/27/06-7/2/06  
Sample Size: 1059

Margin of Error: +/- 3.1 % [full sample]

#### Russia (Levada Center)

Dates of Survey: 6/9/06-6/14/06  
Sample Size: 1600

Margin of Error: +/- 2.5 % [full sample]  
+/- 3.5 % [half sample]

UR-Q1: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Democracy is the best form of government.

|                              | Americans | Russians |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Strongly agree .....         | 57%       | 15%      |
| Somewhat agree .....         | 34        | 37       |
| Somewhat disagree .....      | 5         | 23       |
| Strongly disagree .....      | 2         | 11       |
| (Don't know/No answer) ..... | 3         | 15       |

UR-Q2: I would like to know how much influence you think each of the following countries have in the world. Please answer on a 0 to 10 scale; with 0 meaning they are not at all influential and 10 meaning they are extremely influential.

[ALTERNATE RANDOM ORDER]

|                        | Americans (mean) | Russians (mean) |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| The United States..... | 8.77             | 8.74            |
| Russia.....            | 5.67             | 6.57            |
| Japan .....            | 6.20             | 6.18            |
| Germany.....           | 5.06             | 6.10            |
| China .....            | 6.63             | 6.10            |
| India .....            | 4.16             | 3.73            |
| European Union .....   | 5.78             | 7.14            |
| Great Britain.....     | 6.61             | 6.20            |
| France.....            | 4.45             | 5.83            |
| Italy .....            | 3.98             | 5.09            |
| Canada.....            | 4.65             | 4.76            |

UR-Q3: Thinking about the next ten years, for each of the following countries please tell me if you think that its influence in the world will increase, decrease, or stay about the same.

|                   | Increase | Decrease | Stay about the same |
|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| a. Russia         |          |          |                     |
| Americans         | 24%      | 18%      | 55%                 |
| Russians          | 60       | 7        | 22                  |
| b. US             |          |          |                     |
| Americans         | 33       | 22       | 43                  |
| Russians          | 31       | 23       | 33                  |
| c. China          |          |          |                     |
| Americans         | 70       | 3        | 24                  |
| Russians          | 50       | 6        | 27                  |
| d. India          |          |          |                     |
| Americans         | 38       | 8        | 51                  |
| Russians          | 21       | 9        | 50                  |
| e. European Union |          |          |                     |
| Americans         | 36       | 10       | 51                  |
| Russians          | 39       | 9        | 33                  |

UR-Q4: Do you think that 10 years from now, Russia will be:

|                               | Americans | Russians |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Much more democratic .....    | 8%        | 16%      |
| Somewhat more democratic..... | 63        | 34       |
| Somewhat less democratic..... | 19        | 13       |
| Much less democratic .....    | 6         | 8        |
| (Don't know/No answer) .....  | 5         | 28       |

INT-Q5: Please tell me whether you think that, in the area of advancing human rights in other countries, the United States does:

|                              | Americans | Russians |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| A very good job .....        | 14%       | 4%       |
| A good job.....              | 58        | 20       |
| A bad job.....               | 21        | 41       |
| A very bad job.....          | 5         | 15       |
| (Don't know/No answer) ..... | 3         | 20       |

UR-Q13: Have you heard about the G8 Summit of major countries, to be held in July with Russia as the chair?

|           | Americans | Russians |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Yes ..... | 27%       | 64%      |
| No.....   | 71        | 37       |

(Don't know/No answer) ..... 2 \*

[IF YES TO Q13a]

UR-Q13a: Please enter what city in Russia you think the summit will be held in.

|                        | <b>Americans</b> | <b>Russians</b> |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| In St. Petersburg..... | 8%*              | 39%             |
| Other .....            | 10               | 2               |
| (Don't know).....      | 10               | 23              |

UR-Q14: Please mark the box for each subject that you think would be particularly good to discuss at this summit.

[ALLOW MORE THAN ONE ANSWER]

|  | <b>Americans</b> | <b>Russians</b> |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| Development of world economy.....      | 67%              | 30%             |
| Energy security .....                  | 64               | 24              |
| Poverty .....                          | 61               | 46              |
| Democracy and human rights .....       | 74               | 14              |
| Problem of Iran .....                  | 65               | 16              |
| Struggle against terrorism.....        | 84               | 57              |
| Education .....                        | 50               | 21              |
| Prevention of infectious diseases..... | 73               | 36              |
| None of the above .....                | 2                | 1               |
| (Don't know/No answer) .....           | 3                | 16              |

URC-Q15: How important do you think it is to have Russia as a participating member of the G8 Summit?

|   | <b>Americans</b> | <b>Russians</b> |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| Very important .....                    | 41%              | 28%             |
| Somewhat important .....                | 47               | 37              |
| Neither important nor unimportant ..... | N/A <sup>†</sup> | 18              |
| Somewhat unimportant .....              | 5                | 5               |
| Not important at all .....              | 2                | 1               |
| (Don't know/No answer) .....            | 6                | 11              |

[ASKED ONLY IN RUSSIA]

URC-Q15a: Do you think the participation of Russia in the G8 is important for Russia and its future or not?<sup>‡</sup>

|                           | <b>Russians</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Definitely important..... | 40%             |

\* Percent of total.

<sup>†</sup> Response option not offered in the United States.

<sup>‡</sup> The Levada Center worded this question slightly different than in the US

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Probably important.....                 | 37 |
| Neither important nor unimportant ..... | 11 |
| Probably unimportant.....               | 3  |
| Definitely unimportant.....             | *  |
| (Don't know).....                       | 9  |

URC-Q16: Do you think of Russia:

**Americans**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| As a full member of the G8, like all the others ..... | 56% |
| As something less than a full member .....            | 31  |
| (No Answer).....                                      | 12  |

[ASKED DIFFERENTLY IN RUSSIA]

URC-Q16: Do you think Russia is perceived as a full member of the G8 by its other members or not? \*

**Russians**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Definitely yes ..... | 12% |
| Probably yes.....    | 37  |
| Probably no .....    | 33  |
| Definitely no .....  | 6   |
| (Don't know).....    | 12  |

URC-Q17: Do you think that the relationship between Russia and the US will become better, become worse, or not change as a result of this summit?

|                     | <b>Americans</b> | <b>Russians</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Become better ..... | 29%              | 46%             |
| Become worse.....   | 7                | 2               |
| Stay the same ..... | 58               | 39              |
| (No Answer).....    | 6                | 13              |

[ALTERNATE ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS]

UR-Q18: Please select whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:  
The member countries of NATO have reason to be afraid of Russia.

|                              | <b>Americans</b> | <b>Russians</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Agree strongly.....          | 5%               | 10%             |
| Agree somewhat.....          | 40               | 20              |
| Disagree somewhat .....      | 39               | 38              |
| Disagree strongly .....      | 7                | 22              |
| (Don't know/No answer) ..... | 9                | 10              |

UR-Q19: Please select whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:  
Russia has reason to be afraid of the member countries of NATO.

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|                              | <b>Americans</b> | <b>Russians</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Agree strongly.....          | 4%               | 21%             |
| Agree somewhat.....          | 36               | 40              |
| Disagree somewhat.....       | 38               | 22              |
| Disagree strongly .....      | 11               | 7               |
| (Don't know/No answer) ..... | 11               | 10              |

*The following questions were fielded only in Russia.*

Q4: I am going to ask about some recent developments in Russia. For each please tell me what you think: [hold up card]

Q4a: Increased government control of the media

|   | <b>Russians</b> |
|---|-----------------|
| Support it.....                                 | 37%             |
| Support it but only as a temporary measure..... | 19              |
| Oppose it .....                                 | 21              |
| Neutral.....                                    | 14              |
| (Don't know).....                               | 8               |

Q4b: Greater limits on the activities of international NGO's that promote human rights

|   | <b>Russians</b> |
|---|-----------------|
| Support it.....                                 | 28%             |
| Support it but only as a temporary measure..... | 15              |
| Oppose it .....                                 | 32              |
| Neutral.....                                    | 16              |
| (Don't know).....                               | 9               |

Q4c: Abrogation of the election of regional governors

|   | <b>Russians</b> |
|---|-----------------|
| Support it.....                                 | 26%             |
| Support it but only as a temporary measure..... | 11              |
| Oppose it .....                                 | 18              |
| Neutral.....                                    | 25              |
| (Don't know).....                               | 19              |

Q5: Do you favor or oppose the re-nationalization of Russia's oil and gas industries?

|                         | <b>Russians</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Definitely favor.....   | 56%             |
| Probably favor.....     | 29              |
| Probably oppose.....    | 5               |
| Definitely oppose ..... | 2               |
| (Don't know).....       | 7               |

Q6: Do you favor or oppose the nationalization of other industries that are presently in private hands?

|                        |  | <b>Russians</b> |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Definitely favor.....  |  | 34%             |
| Probably favor.....    |  | 31              |
| Probably oppose.....   |  | 16              |
| Definitely oppose..... |  | 7               |
| (Don't know).....      |  | 12              |

[HALF SAMPLE]

Q8a: Which government model do you think has more to offer Russia: A liberal democracy as in the United States or a more centrally controlled government as in China?

|   |  | <b>Russians</b> |
|---|--|-----------------|
| Definitely a liberal democracy.....                     |  | 12%             |
| Probably a liberal democracy.....                       |  | 18              |
| Probably a more centrally controlled government.....    |  | 26              |
| Definitely a more centrally controlled government ..... |  | 18              |
| (Don't know).....                                       |  | 27              |

[HALF SAMPLE]

Q8b: Which government model do you think has more to offer Russia: A liberal democracy as in Britain or France or a more centrally controlled government as in China?

|   |  | <b>Russians</b> |
|---|--|-----------------|
| Definitely a liberal democracy.....                     |  | 9%              |
| Probably a liberal democracy.....                       |  | 24              |
| Probably a more centrally controlled government.....    |  | 25              |
| Definitely a more centrally controlled government ..... |  | 19              |
| (Don't know).....                                       |  | 24              |

## **US DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:**

[FULL SAMPLE]

50. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Republican .....   | 26% |
| Independent.....   | 20  |
| Democrat.....      | 29  |
| Other .....        | 2   |
| No preference..... | 20  |
| (No answer).....   | 3   |

[IF REPUBLICAN ON 50]

51. Would you call yourself a...:

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Strong Republican .....          | 13% |
| Not very strong Republican ..... | 13  |
| (No answer).....                 | *   |

[IF DEMOCRAT ON 50]

52. Would you call yourself a...:

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Strong Democrat.....             | 16% |
| Not very strong Republican ..... | 13  |
| (No answer).....                 | *   |

[IF NEITHER DEMOCRAT NOR REPUBLICAN ON 50]

53. Do you think yourself closer to the...:

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Republican Party.....  | 8% |
| Democratic Party ..... | 9  |
| Neither .....          | 25 |
| (No answer).....       | 3  |

[FULL SAMPLE]

D1. (Combined Q50 + Q53). Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Republican ..... | 34% |
| Independent..... | 28  |
| Democrat.....    | 38  |

D2. Age

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| 18-29 ..... | 22% |
| 30-44 ..... | 28  |
| 45-59 ..... | 28  |
| 60+ .....   | 22  |

D3. Education level (categorical)

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Less than High School ..... | 15% |
| High School Graduate.....   | 32  |
| Some College .....          | 28  |
| College Graduate .....      | 26  |

D4. Race/Ethnicity

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| White, Non-Hispanic .....    | 70% |
| Black, Non-Hispanic.....     | 11  |
| Other, Non-Hispanic .....    | 5   |
| Hispanic .....               | 13  |
| 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic ..... | 1   |

**D5. Gender**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Male .....  | 48% |
| Female..... | 52  |

**D6. Region**

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Northeast ..... | 19% |
| Midwest.....    | 22  |
| South .....     | 36  |
| West .....      | 23  |

**RUSSIA DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:****D1. Age**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| 18-29 ..... | 26% |
| 30-44 ..... | 25  |
| 45-59 ..... | 29  |
| 60+ .....   | 20  |

**D2. Gender**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Male .....  | 45% |
| Female..... | 55  |

**METHODOLOGY**

The poll was fielded by Knowledge Networks, a polling, social science, and market research firm in Menlo Park, California, with a stratified random sample of its large-scale nationwide research panel. This panel itself has been randomly recruited from the national population of households having telephones; households without internet access are subsequently provided with free web access and an internet appliance. Thus the panel is not limited to those who already have home internet access. The distribution of the sample in the Web-enabled panel closely tracks the distribution of United States Census counts for the US population on age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, geographical region, employment status, income, education, etc. Upon survey completion, the data were weighted by gender, age, education, and ethnicity. For more information about the methodology, please go to: [www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp](http://www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp).

The Russian survey was conducted by the Levada Center—a research institute in Moscow that follows principles of scientific objectiveness and observes the rules of ESOMAR. The sample generated is a four-stage stratified sample of face-to-face interviews with adult residents aged 18 years or older.

Russia is divided into 128 sampling units, which include 86 urban/rural communities with populations greater than 10,000 and 42 rural/urban communities of 10,000 or less. The sample was stratified across regions within Russia, with the specific features of the population's distribution in each region taken into consideration. Within the subdivided regions that constitute sampling units, households are randomly selected. The respondents within the household are selected by the "last birthday" method—with control of sex-age and sex-education quotas.

The sample does not include areas of military conflict, such as the Chechen and Ingush Republics, Dagestan, North Ossetia, and difficult to access and sparsely-populated areas. Overall, only 5% of the adult population of Russia resides in these excluded areas.

The survey data are coded, entered, cleaned from accidental errors, data omissions and discrepancies and weighted by gender, age, level of education, federal okrug, type of community and voting results in the last national election.