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Defamation of Religion

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Q1-R1. Currently there is a controversy about criticizing religions. Which position is closer to yours:

	A: People should have the right to publicly criticize a religion, because people should have freedom of speech	B: The government should have the right to fine or imprison people who publicly criticize a religion, because such criticism could defame the religion.	DK/NR
Chile	82	11	8
Mexico	81	12	7
US	89	9	2
France	66	26	8
Germany	76	16	8
Great Britain	81	13	6
Poland	68	22	9
Russia	61	13	26
Ukraine	53	17	30
Azerbaijan	67	24	9
Egypt	29	71	0
Iraq	26	57	17
Palest. ter.	46	51	3
Turkey	54	37	9
Kenya	54	46	1
Nigeria	44	54	2
India	33	59	8
Indonesia	31	49	20
Pakistan	34	62	5
S Korea	59	38	4
Hong Kong*	81	10	10
Taiwan*	68	18	14
Average	57	34	9

Publics marked with an * excluded from the average for that question.

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METHODOLOGY

Country	Sample Size (unweighted)	MoE (%)	Field dates	Survey methodology	Type of sample
Azerbaijan	600	4	May 26 – Jun 5, 2009	Face-to-face	National
Chile	1000	3.1	June 25 – July 9, 2009	Face-to-face	National
<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>1003</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>May 18 – Jun 3, 2009</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Representative of Hong Kong</i>
<i>Taiwan</i>	<i>808</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>May 13-26, 2009</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Representative of Taiwan</i>
Egypt	600	4	Apr 25 – May 12, 2009	Face-to-face	Urban ¹
France	600	4	May 25-29, 2009	Telephone	National
Germany	1008	3.1	Apr 29 – May 14, 2009	Telephone	National
Great Britain	600	4	May 13 – Jun 4, 2009	Telephone	National
India	1049	3	June 4-6, 2009	Face-to-face	National ²
Indonesia	712	3.7	May 12-21, 2009	Face-to-face	National ³
Iraq	1235	2.8	Apr 29 – May 15, 2009	Face-to-face	National ⁴
Kenya	1000	3.1	May 7-14, 2009	Face-to-face	National
Mexico	816	3.4	May 23 – Jun 12, 2009	Telephone	National ⁵
Nigeria	1000	3.1	May 31 – Jun 6, 2009	Face-to-face	National ⁶
Pakistan	1000	3.1	May 17-28, 2009	Face-to-face	National
Palestinian territories	500	4.4	May 20 – Jun 1, 2009	Face-to-face	National ⁷
Poland	1038	3	May 27-Jun 3, 2009	Face-to-face	National
Russia	799	3.4	May 22-26, 2009	Face-to-Face	National
South Korea	600	4	May 6, 2009	Telephone	National

Turkey	720	3.7	May 13-23, 2009	Face-to-face	National
Ukraine	1007	3.1	May 21-31, 2009	Face-to-face	National
United States	791	3.5	May 27 – Jun 4, 2009	Internet	National ⁸

¹ In Egypt, the survey was executed in the urban areas of Cairo, Alexandria, Giza, and Subra. These four urbanized areas represent 75 percent of Egypt's urban population, which is 42 percent of the national population.

² In India, a face-to-face survey was conducted in urban and rural areas in 14 of the largest Indian states; these states comprise 77 percent of India's population. The sample is 60 percent urban, India's population is approximately 30 percent urban.

³ In Indonesia, a national probability sample was conducted in both urban and rural areas and covering approximately 87 percent of Indonesia's population.

⁴ In Iraq, the survey was a national sample conducted across all 18 Iraqi provinces.

⁵ In Mexico, a random telephone sample of adults who had landline telephones was conducted in all 31 states and the Federal District. Telephone penetration in Mexico is 55 percent.

⁶ In Nigeria, the sample was developed by selecting six states, one per geographic region, based upon their size and representativeness. Within each state, sampling points were selected by means of a multi-stage random sample which disproportionately sampled urban areas. The final sample is 75 percent urban; Nigeria is approximately 50 percent urban.

⁷ In the Palestinian territories, a face-to-face national probability survey was conducted among the population of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip.

⁸ In 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.