Methods in Detail

About the 2011 Pew Global Attitudes Survey

Results for the survey are based on telephone and face-to-face interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. Survey results are based on national samples except in China. For further details on sample designs, see below.

The descriptions below show the margin of sampling error based on all interviews conducted in that country. For results based on the full sample in a given country, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling and other random effects is plus or minus the margin of error. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

Country: **Brazil**

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Brazil's five regions and

proportional to population size and urban/rural population

(excluding municipalities with a population below 5,000 — about

2%)

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Portuguese

Fieldwork dates: March 19 – April 5, 2011

Sample size: 802

Margin of Error: ± 4.5 percentage points

Representative: Adult population

Country: **Britain**

Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample representative of all

telephone households (roughly 99% of all British households)

Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus

Languages: English

Fieldwork dates: March 22 – April 13, 2011

Sample size: 1,000

Margin of Error: ± 3.5 percentage points

Representative: Telephone households (including cell phone only households)

Country: China¹

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by China's three regional-

economic zones (which include all provinces except Tibet,

Xinjiang, Hong Kong and Macao) with disproportional sampling of the urban population. Twelve cities, towns and villages were sampled covering central, east, and west China. The cities sampled

were Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Nanjing, Hefei, Harbin, Nanchang, Taiyuan, Chongqing, Guiyang, Kunming, and Xining. The towns covered were Jiangyin, Wuxi, Jiangsu; Pulandian, Dalian, Liaoning; Linan, Hangzhou, Zhejiang; Tengzhou,

Zaozhuang, Shandong; Conghua, Guangzhou, Guangdong; Xinji, Shijiangzhuang, Hebei; Tongcheng, Anqing, Hefei; Shangzhi, Harbin, Heilongjiang; Leping, Jingdezhen, Jiangxi; Gujiao, Taiyuan, Shanxi; Xuanwei, Qujing, Yunnan; Chishui, Zunyi, Guizhou. Two or three villages near each of these towns were

sampled.

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Chinese (Mandarin, Guangdong, Yunnan, Shandong, Guizhou,

Hebei, Chongqing, Shanxi, Jiangsu, Shanghai, Qinghai, Jiangxi,

Anhui, Beijing, and Zhejiang dialects)

Fieldwork dates: March 18 – April 6, 2011

Sample size: 3,308

Margin of Error: ± 2.5 percentage points

Representative: Disproportionately urban (the sample is 66% urban, China's

population is 47% urban). The sample represents roughly 57% of

the adult population.

¹ Data were purchased from Horizon Research Consultancy Group based on their self-sponsored survey "Chinese People View the World."

Country: **Egypt**

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by governorates (excluding

Frontier governorates for security reasons — about 2% of the population) proportional to population size and urban/rural

population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Arabic

Fieldwork dates: March 24 – April 7, 2011

Sample size: 1,000

Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Representative: Adult population

Country: France

Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) sample representative of all telephone

households (roughly 99% of all French households) with quotas for gender, age and occupation and proportional to region size and

urban/rural population

Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus

Languages: French

Fieldwork dates: March 21 – April 5, 2011

Sample size: 1,004

Margin of Error: ± 3.5 percentage points

Representative: Telephone households (including cell phone only households)

Country: **Germany**

Sample design: Random Last Two Digit Dial (RL(2)D) probability sample

representative of roughly 95% of the German population

proportional to population size

Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus

Languages: German

Fieldwork dates: March 21 – April 11, 2011

Sample size: 1,001

Margin of Error: ± 4.5 percentage points

Representative: Telephone households (excluding cell phone only households —

between 5% and 10%)

Country: India

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample in 14 states and all four regions

Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, and Punjab in the North; Bihar, West
Bengal, Jharkhand, and Orissa in the East; Gujarat, Maharashtra,
Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh in the West; Andhra Pradesh,
Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka in the South — with disproportional

sampling of the urban population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Kannad, Telugu, Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya,

English

Fieldwork dates: March 26 – April 23, 2011

Sample size: 4,029

Margin of Error: ± 3.5 percentage points

Representative: Sample is disproportionately urban, but data are weighted to

reflect the actual urban/rural distribution in India. Sample covers

roughly 86% of the adult population.

Country: Indonesia

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample representative of roughly 88% of the

population (excluding Papua and remote areas or provinces with

small populations) proportional to population size and

urban/rural population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Indonesian

Fieldwork dates: March 23 – April 6, 2011

Sample size: 1,000

Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Representative: Adult population (excludes 12% of population)

Country: Israel

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Israel's six districts

proportional to population size and urban/rural population with

an oversample of Arabs

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Hebrew, Arabic

Fieldwork dates: March 22 – April 5, 2011

Sample size: 907 (504 Jews, 381 Arabs, 22 others)

Margin of Error: ± 5.0 percentage points

Representative: Adult population

Country: **Japan**

Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample representative of all

landline telephone households stratified by region and population size (excluding 5.4% of the population living in areas most affected

by the earthquake)

Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus

Languages: Japanese

Fieldwork dates: April 8 - April 27, May 13 – May 24, 2011

Sample size: 700

Margin of Error: ± 4.5 percentage points

Representative: Telephone households (excluding cell phone only households—

less than 5%, households with no telephones—about 5%, and the population living in areas most affected by the earthquake—5.4%)

Country: **Jordan**

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and Jordan's 12

governorates and proportional to population size and urban/rural

population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Arabic

Fieldwork dates: March 21 – April 7, 2011

Sample size: 1,000

Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Country: Kenya

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by all eight regions and

proportional to population size and urban/rural population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus Languages: Swahili, English, Somali Fieldwork dates: March 24 - April 5, 2011

Sample size: 1,002

Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Representative: Adult population

Country: **Lebanon**

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Lebanon's seven major

regions (excluding a small area in Beirut controlled by a militia group and a few villages in the south Lebanon, which border Israel and are inaccessible to outsiders) and proportional to population

size and urban/rural population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Arabic

Fieldwork dates: March 21 – April 7, 2011

Sample size: 1,000

Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Representative: Adult population

Country: Lithuania

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Lithuania's 10 counties

and proportional to population size and urban/rural population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Lithuanian

Fieldwork dates: March 23 – April 7, 2011

Sample size: 750

Margin of Error: ± 4.5 percentage points

Country: **Mexico**

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Mexico's geographical

regions and urban/rural population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Spanish

Fieldwork dates: March 22 – April 7, 2011

Sample size: 800

Margin of Error: ± 4.5 percentage points

Representative: Adult population

Country: Pakistan – April

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample of all four provinces stratified by

province (the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, Gilgit-

Baltistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir were excluded for security reasons as were areas of instability in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa [formerly the North-West Frontier Province] and Baluchistan—roughly 15% of the population) with disproportional sampling of

the urban population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Urdu, Punjabi, Pashto, Sindhi, Saraiki, Hindko, Chitrali

Fieldwork dates: April 10 – April 26, 2011

Sample size: 1,970

Margin of Error: ± 3.0 percentage points

Representative: Sample is disproportionately urban, but data are weighted to

reflect the actual urban/rural distribution in Pakistan. Sample

covers roughly 85% of the adult population.

Country: Pakistan – May

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample of all four provinces stratified by

province (the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, Gilgit-

Baltistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir were excluded for security reasons as were areas of instability in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa [formerly the North-West Frontier Province] and Baluchistan—roughly 15% of the population) with disproportional sampling of

the urban population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Urdu, Punjabi, Pashto, Sindhi, Saraiki, Hindko, Brahavi

Fieldwork dates: May 8 – May 15, 2011

Sample size: 1,251

Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Representative: Sample is disproportionately urban, but data are weighted to

reflect the actual urban/rural distribution in Pakistan. Sample

covers roughly 85% of the adult population.

Country: Palestinian territories

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by 17 districts in Gaza Strip

and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem and proportional to

population size and urban/rural population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Arabic

Fieldwork dates: March 22 – April 12, 2011

Sample size: 825

Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Representative: Adult population

Country: **Poland**

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Poland's 16 provinces and

proportional to population size and urban/rural population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Polish

Fieldwork dates: March 21 – April 15, 2011

Sample size: 750

Margin of Error: ± 4.5 percentage points

Country: Russia

Sample design Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Russia's eight regions

(excluding a few remote areas in the northern and eastern parts of the country and Chechnya) and proportional to population size

and urban/rural population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Russian

Fieldwork dates: March 21 – April 4, 2011

Sample size: 1,000

Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Representative: Adult population

Country: Spain

Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample representative of

telephone households (about 99% of Spanish households) stratified by region and proportional to population size

Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus

Languages: Spanish/Castilian

Fieldwork dates: March 22 – April 5, 2011

Sample size: 1,000

Margin of Error: ± 3.5 percentage points

Representative: Telephone households (including cell phone only households)

Country: **Turkey**

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample in all 26 regions (based on geographical

location and level of development [NUTS 2]) and proportional to

population size and urban/rural population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Turkish

Fieldwork dates: March 21 – April 12, 2011

Sample size: 1,000

Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Country: Ukraine

Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Ukraine's four regions and

proportional to population size and urban/rural population

Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus

Languages: Russian, Ukrainian

Fieldwork dates: March 22 – April 7, 2011

Sample size: 1,000

Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Representative: Adult population

Country: United States

Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample representative of all

telephone households in the continental U.S. stratified by county

Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus

Languages: English

Fieldwork dates: March 25 – April 14, 2011

Sample size: 1,001

Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points

Representative: Telephone households in continental U.S. (including cell phone

only households)