

# 2012 U.S.-China Security Perceptions Project

## General Public Topline

	Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?			
	Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
General public	51	40	9	100

	Q2_GP Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?			
	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	DK/Refused	Total
General public	28	66	5	100

	Q4_GP Right now, which is more important for President Obama to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?					
	Domestic policy	Foreign policy	Neither (Volunteered)	Both (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
General public	80	8	1	7	4	100

	Q5_GP Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statement: Our people are not perfect, but our culture is superior to others.					
	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
General public	12	40	25	18	6	100

	Q6 What kind of leadership role should the United States play in the world? Should it be the SINGLE world leader, or should it play a SHARED leadership role, or should it not play any leadership role?				
	Be the single world leader	Play a shared leadership role	Not play any leadership role	DK/Refused	Total
General public	9	74	12	5	100

	Q7 ASK IF "SHARED LEADERSHIP ROLE": Should the United States be the most assertive of the leading nations, or should it be no more or less assertive than other leading nations?				
	The most assertive of the leading nations	No more or less assertive than other leading nations	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	33	62	4	100	744

	Q8 In general, does the United States rely on military strength too much, too little or about the right amount to achieve its foreign policy goals?				
	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	DK/Refused	Total
General public	40	10	44	6	100

	Q9 COMBINED: What country in the world, if any, represents the greatest danger to the United States?															
	Afghanistan	China	Iran	Iraq	Israel	Japan	Mexico	North Korea	Pakistan	Russia	United States	Al Qaeda/Terrorism/Terrorist group mentions	None	No one country	Other (Specify)	DK/Refused
General public	7	26	16	7	0	1	2	13	3	3	4	0	3	1	4	16

Total adds to more than 100% because of multiple responses.

	Q10_GP Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in the United States – is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					
	Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
General public	1	22	42	33	1	100

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Q11A Generally speaking, how much do you think the United States can trust a. China – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?						
	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	5	21	39	29	5	100

Q11B Generally speaking, how much do you think the United States can trust b. Japan – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?						
	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	19	43	22	10	6	100

Q11C Generally speaking, how much do you think the United States can trust c. France – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?						
	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	17	42	22	10	9	100

Q11D Generally speaking, how much do you think the United States can trust d. Britain – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?						
	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	39	39	10	5	7	100

Q11E Generally speaking, how much do you think the United States can trust e. Russia – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?						
	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	4	29	37	23	7	100

Q11F Generally speaking, how much do you think the United States can trust f. Saudi Arabia – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?						
	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	4	21	41	27	8	100

Q11G Generally speaking, how much do you think the United States can trust g. Israel – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?						
	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	21	35	24	13	8	100

Q11H Generally speaking, how much do you think the United States can trust h. Pakistan – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?						
	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	1	9	38	45	7	100

Q11I Generally speaking, how much do you think the United States can trust i. India – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?						
	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	8	42	30	8	12	100

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	Q13A I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that a. China's emergence as a world power is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well-being of the United States?				
	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
General public	52	35	9	5	100

	Q13B I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that b. political instability in Pakistan is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well-being of the United States?				
	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
General public	47	39	7	7	100

	Q13C I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that c. North Korea's nuclear program is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well-being of the United States?				
	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
General public	69	22	5	5	100

	Q13D I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that d. Iran's nuclear program is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well-being of the United States?				
	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
General public	70	21	4	5	100

	Q13E I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that e. international financial instability is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well-being of the United States?				
	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
General public	65	24	5	6	100

	Q13F I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that f. global climate change is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well-being of the United States?				
	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
General public	45	32	19	3	100

	Q13G I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that g. Islamic extremist groups are a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well-being of the United States?				
	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
General public	70	21	4	5	100

	Q13H I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that h. drug-related violence in Mexico is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well-being of the United States?				
	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
General public	61	32	6	2	100

	Q16_GP Do you think relations between the U.S. and China are generally very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					
	Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
General public	5	60	23	6	6	100

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	Q17AF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? A.F1 Generous. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	28	57	15	100	477

	Q17BF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? B.F1 Violent. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	24	67	9	100	477

	Q17CF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? C.F1 Arrogant. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	36	56	9	100	477

	Q17DF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? D.F1 Tolerant. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	38	52	11	100	477

	Q17EF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? E.F1 Hardworking. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	93	4	3	100	477

	Q17FF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? F.F1 Nationalistic. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	63	21	17	100	477

	Q17GF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? G.F1 Modern. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	57	34	9	100	477

	Q17HF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? H.F1 Aggressive. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	43	50	7	100	477

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	Q171F2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? I.F2 Greedy. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	40	51	9	100	527

	Q17JF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? J.F2 Honest. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	44	43	12	100	527

	Q17KF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? K.F2 Selfish. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	31	58	11	100	527

	Q17LF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? L.F2 Rude. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	28	60	12	100	527

	Q17MF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? M.F2 Sophisticated. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	49	42	9	100	527

	Q17NF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? N.F2 Inventive. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	73	21	7	100	527

	Q17OF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the Chinese people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the Chinese people? O.F2 Competitive. Do you associate this with the Chinese people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	89	8	3	100	527

	Q18AF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? A.F1 Generous. Do you associate this with the American people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	78	19	3	100	477

	Q18BF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? B.F1 Violent. Do you associate this with the American people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	44	53	3	100	477

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	Q18CF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? C.F1 Arrogant. Do you associate this with the American people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	63	34	3	100	477

	Q18DF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? D.F1 Tolerant. Do you associate this with the American people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	68	29	3	100	477

	Q18EF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? E.F1 Hardworking. Do you associate this with the American people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	78	20	2	100	477

	Q18FF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? F.F1 Nationalistic. Do you associate this with the American people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	62	25	12	100	477

	Q18GF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? G.F1 Modern. Do you associate this with the American people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	84	12	3	100	477

	Q18HF1_GP ASK IF FORM 1: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? H.F1 Aggressive. Do you associate this with the American people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	58	38	4	100	477

	Q18IF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? I.F2 Greedy. Do you associate this with the American people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	68	29	3	100	527

	Q18JF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? J.F2 Honest. Do you associate this with the American people or not?				
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	64	31	4	100	527

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Q18KF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? K.F2 Selfish. Do you associate this with the American people or not?					
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	62	34	4	100	527

Q18LF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? L.F2 Rude. Do you associate this with the American people or not?					
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	51	45	5	100	527

Q18MF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? M.F2 Sophisticated. Do you associate this with the American people or not?					
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	61	33	5	100	527

Q18NF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? N.F2 Inventive. Do you associate this with the American people or not?					
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	82	15	3	100	527

Q18OF2_GP ASK IF FORM 2: Now/And thinking about the American people...Which of these characteristics do you associate with the American people? O.F2 Competitive. Do you associate this with the American people or not?					
	Yes	No	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	89	10	1	100	527

Q19 In general, to what extent do you think China takes into account the interests of other countries around the world in making international policy decisions – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?						
	Great deal	Fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	10	23	41	18	7	100

Q20 In general, to what extent do you think the United States takes into account the interests of other countries around the world in making international policy decisions – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?						
	Great deal	Fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	41	39	14	3	2	100

Q21 On balance, do you think of China as a partner of the United States, as a competitor of the United States or as an enemy of the United States?							
	Partner	Competitor	Enemy	None of the above (Volunteered)	All of the above (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
General public	16	66	15	0	1	3	100

Q22_GP Which concerns you more about China - its economic strength OR its military strength?						
	Its economic strength	Its military strength	Both (Volunteered)	Neither (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
General public	59	28	7	4	2	100

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Q25A And thinking about U.S. policy toward China, how important do you think each of the following is? A. Build a strong relationship with China							
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Should not be done (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
General public	55	33	5	4	0	2	100

Q25B And thinking about U.S. policy toward China, how important do you think each of the following is? B. Be tough with China on economic and trade issues							
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Should not be done (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
General public	56	30	5	4	0	4	100

Q25C And thinking about U.S. policy toward China, how important do you think each of the following is? C. Promote human rights in China							
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Should not be done (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
General public	53	28	10	5	0	4	100

Q25D And thinking about U.S. policy toward China, how important do you think each of the following is? D. Advocate for more freedom for Tibet							
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Should not be done (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
General public	36	34	13	7	0	10	100

Q25E And thinking about U.S. policy toward China, how important do you think each of the following is? E. Continue selling arms to Taiwan							
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Should not be done (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
General public	21	27	19	16	6	10	100

Q26 ASK IF MORE THAN ONE ITEM IN Q25 CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT: And of the items you mentioned as very important, which is the most important for the U.S. to do?								
	Build a strong relationship with China	Be tough with China on economic and trade issues	Promote human rights in China	Advocate for more freedom for Tibet	Continue selling arms to Taiwan	None	DK/Refused	Total
General public	28	25	19	8	3	15	2	100

Figures in the table are based on the total sample. Those who said 'very important' to only one item in Q25 are coded in Q26 as choosing the policy which they said was 'very important.'

Q29 In your opinion, is the Obama administration being too tough, not tough enough or about right in its dealings with China?					
	Too tough	Not tough enough	About right	DK/Refused	Total
General public	2	45	39	14	100

Q30A Now I am going to read you a list of things that may be problems for the U.S. A. The loss of U.S. jobs to China. Do you think this is a...						
	Very serious problem	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	71	19	6	2	2	100

Q30B Now I am going to read you a list of things that may be problems for the U.S. B. The U.S. trade deficit with China. Do you think this is a...						
	Very serious problem	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	61	28	4	3	4	100

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	Q30C Now I am going to read you a list of things that may be problems for the U.S. C. China's policies on human rights. Do you think this is a...					
	Very serious problem	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	48	33	10	4	6	100

	Q30D Now I am going to read you a list of things that may be problems for the U.S. D. Tensions between China and Taiwan. Do you think this is a...					
	Very serious problem	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	27	39	15	6	13	100

	Q30E Now I am going to read you a list of things that may be problems for the U.S. E. China's impact on the global environment. Do you think this is a...					
	Very serious problem	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	50	31	10	4	6	100

	Q30F Now I am going to read you a list of things that may be problems for the U.S. F. The large amount of American debt that is held by China. Do you think this is a...					
	Very serious problem	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	78	14	3	2	3	100

	Q30G Now I am going to read you a list of things that may be problems for the U.S. G. China's growing military power. Do you think this is a...					
	Very serious problem	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	49	33	11	4	4	100

	Q30H Now I am going to read you a list of things that may be problems for the U.S. H. Cyber attacks from China. Do you think this is a...					
	Very serious problem	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	50	29	10	2	8	100

	Q31_GP How much, if anything, have you heard about relations between China and Taiwan? Have you heard...				
	A lot	A little	Nothing at all	DK/Refused	Total
General public	10	54	34	1	100

	Q32_GP ASK IF HEARD "A LOT": If China were to use military force against Taiwan, should the United States use military force to defend Taiwan, or not?				
	Should use force	Should not use force	DK/Refused	Total	N=
General public	48	43	9	100	131