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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on a national sample. For further details on sample designs, see Survey Methods section.
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Since 2007, the Global Attitudes Project has used an automated process to generate topline. As a result, numbers may differ slightly from those published prior to 2007.
- Trends from Egypt in 2002 are not shown because those results were based on a less-representative sample of the population. Since 2006, the samples have been more representative of the Egyptian population.
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2012 survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

		Q2 Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?			
		Satisfied	Dissatisfied	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	53	41	6	100
	Spring, 2011	65	34	2	100
	Spring, 2010	28	69	3	100
	Spring, 2009	31	67	2	100
	Spring, 2008	40	57	4	100
	Spring, 2007	47	51	2	100
	Spring, 2006	55	42	2	100

		Q3 And now thinking about the future, overall, today are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the country?				
		Optimistic	Pessimistic	Neither (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	52	18	28	2	100
	Spring, 2011	57	16	26	1	100

		Q8a Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of: a. The United States					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	7	12	28	51	3	100
	Spring, 2011	9	11	30	49	1	100
	Spring, 2010	4	13	34	48	1	100
	Spring, 2009	12	15	31	39	3	100
	Spring, 2008	10	12	35	40	4	100
	Spring, 2007	7	14	32	46	2	100
	Spring, 2006	5	25	33	36	1	100

		Q12 In your opinion, now that Hosni Mubarak is not in power, is Egypt better off or worse off?				
		Better	Worse	Both/Neither (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	44	26	26	3	100

		Q14 Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in Egypt – is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	4	23	40	31	2	100
	Spring, 2011	6	28	36	28	2	100
	Spring, 2010	2	18	47	33	0	100
	Spring, 2009	3	24	29	44	0	100
	Spring, 2008	10	34	29	25	2	100
	Spring, 2007	13	40	23	23	2	100

		Q15 And over the next 12 months do you expect the economic situation in our country to improve a lot, improve a little, remain the same, worsen a little or worsen a lot?						
		Improve a lot	Improve a little	Remain the same	Worsen a little	Worsen a lot	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	19	31	28	16	4	2	100
	Spring, 2011	22	34	26	13	4	2	100
	Spring, 2010	3	22	35	22	16	4	100
	Spring, 2009	3	23	32	32	9	1	100
	Spring, 2008	1	14	35	31	19	2	100

		Q21 And which of these three statements is closest to your own opinion...?				
		Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government	In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable	For someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	67	19	13	1	100
	Spring, 2011	71	17	10	3	100
	Spring, 2010	60	22	16	2	100

		Q36c As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Egypt: c. the military					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	43	32	18	4	5	100
	Spring, 2011	53	35	10	1	1	100
	Spring, 2007	30	40	21	7	3	100

		Q36d As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Egypt: d. the media - such as television, radio, newspapers and magazines					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	27	43	24	6	1	100
	Spring, 2011	24	45	24	7	1	100
	Spring, 2007	30	36	20	11	3	100

		Q36e As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Egypt: e. religious leaders					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	36	47	9	7	2	100
	Spring, 2011	29	52	13	5	1	100
	Spring, 2007	43	34	14	7	2	100

		Q36f As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Egypt: f. court system					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	23	38	33	4	2	100
	Spring, 2011	29	38	27	5	1	100

		Q36h As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Egypt: h. the Central Security Forces					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	26	37	23	13	2	100

		Q36i As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Egypt: i. the local police					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	15	22	27	35	2	100

		Q36jEGY As I read a list of groups and organizations, for each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in Egypt: jEGY. the People's Assembly					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	17	43	27	12	1	100

		Q39 Which of the following three statements comes closer to your view?				
		Laws should strictly follow the teachings of the Quran	Laws should follow the values and principles of Islam but not strictly follow the teachings of the Quran	Laws should not be influenced by the teachings of the Quran	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	60	32	6	3	100
	Spring, 2011	62	27	5	5	100

		Q40a For each, tell me how much confidence you have in each leader to do the right thing regarding world affairs – a lot of confidence, some confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all: a. U.S. President Barack Obama					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	5	24	33	36	2	100
	Spring, 2011	7	28	26	38	0	100
	Spring, 2010	4	29	25	34	9	100
	Spring, 2009	7	35	18	29	11	100

		Q47a And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: a. Mohamed Tantawi					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	24	39	20	16	1	100
	Spring, 2011	45	45	6	2	2	100

		Q47b And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: b. Mohamed ElBaradei					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	15	33	27	23	2	100
	Spring, 2011	25	32	22	17	4	100

		Q47c And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: c. Amr Moussa					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	36	45	10	6	3	100
	Spring, 2011	41	48	8	3	1	100

		Q47d And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: d. Ayman Nour					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	25	36	25	10	5	100
	Spring, 2011	32	38	21	8	1	100

		Q47e And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: e. Hazem Salah Abu Ismail					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	14	38	26	16	7	100

		Q47f And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: f. Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	22	36	21	16	5	100

		Q47g And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: g. Fayza Abul Naga					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	10	25	26	24	15	100

		Q47h And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: h. The Muslim Brotherhood					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	30	40	18	9	4	100
	Spring, 2011	37	38	13	7	5	100

		Q47i And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: i. The April 6 Movement					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	33	35	18	9	4	100
	Spring, 2011	38	32	16	8	7	100

		Q47j And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: j. al-Nour Party					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	14	30	26	18	13	100

		Q47k And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: k. The Egyptian Bloc					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	8	30	28	19	16	100

		Q47l And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: l. The Freedom and Justice Party					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	18	38	27	13	5	100

		Q47m And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: m. al-Wafd Party					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	16	36	27	16	5	100

		Q47n And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: n. al-Wasat Party					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	14	32	29	19	6	100

		Q47o And thinking about some political leaders and organizations in our country, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: o. Supreme Council of the Armed Forces					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	20	43	25	9	4	100

		Q62 How much of a role do you think Islam plays in the political life of our country – a very large role, a fairly large role, a fairly small role, or a very small role?					
		Very large role	Fairly large role	Fairly small role	Very small role	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	20	46	29	6	0	100
	Spring, 2010	12	35	30	18	5	100

		Q63LARGE ASK IF LARGE ROLE IN Q62: In your opinion – is this good or bad for our country?					
		Good	Bad	Neither (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total	N=
Egypt	Spring, 2012	61	30	7	1	100	651
	Spring, 2010	95	2	3	0	100	475

		Q63SMALL ASK IF SMALL ROLE IN Q62: In your opinion – is this good or bad for our country?					
		Good	Bad	Neither (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total	N=
Egypt	Spring, 2012	14	69	13	3	100	349
	Spring, 2010	3	77	15	6	100	478

		QEGY1 Overall, would you say U.S. economic aid to Egypt is having a mostly positive impact, a mostly negative impact, or no impact on the way things are going in Egypt?				
		Mostly positive	Mostly negative	No impact	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	21	61	17	1	100

		QEGY2 Overall, would you say U.S. military aid to Egypt is having a mostly positive impact, a mostly negative impact, or no impact on the way things are going in Egypt?				
		Mostly positive	Mostly negative	No impact	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	11	61	25	3	100

		QEGY3 Would you say that U.S. aid to Egypt is mostly military aid, mostly aid to help Egypt develop economically or both equally?				
		Mostly military	Mostly to help Egypt develop economically	Both equally	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	23	34	28	14	100

		Q71 Some feel that we should rely on a democratic form of government to solve our country's problems. Others feel that we should rely on a leader with a strong hand to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your opinion?			
		Democratic form of government	Strong leader	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	61	33	6	100
	Spring, 2011	64	34	2	100
	Spring, 2007	50	47	4	100

		Q72 If you had to choose between a good democracy or a strong economy, which would you say is more important?			
		A good democracy	A strong economy	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	48	49	4	100
	Spring, 2011	47	49	4	100
	Spring, 2007	42	53	5	100

		Q74 Do you think Egypt should maintain its peace treaty with Israel or do you think Egypt should annul its peace treaty with Israel?			
		Maintain treaty	Annul treaty	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	32	61	7	100
	Spring, 2011	36	54	10	100

		QEGY4 Some people say the protests that are taking place in our country today are the result of efforts by Western powers to destabilize Egypt. Others say the protests are the result of genuine Egyptian dissatisfaction with the political situation in our country. Which comes closer to your view?			
		Result of efforts by Western powers	Result of Egyptian dissatisfaction	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	21	74	5	100

		Q97 Regarding the role of religion in government in our country, which do you think is the better model for Egypt – to become a society more like Turkey today or more like Saudi Arabia today?				
		Turkey	Saudi Arabia	Neither (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	17	61	22	0	100

		Q103 Overall, do you think the U.S. response to the political situation in Egypt has had a positive impact or a negative impact on the way things are going now in Egypt?				
		Positive	Negative	Neither (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	15	21	62	2	100

		Q103b Thinking of Egypt's relationship with the United States, in the future, would you like Egypt to be closer, about as close, or less close to the United States than it has been in recent years?				
		Closer to the United States	About as close to the United States	Less close to the United States	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	20	35	38	7	100
	Spring, 2011	15	40	43	2	100

		Q115a Thinking about Egypt's future, how important is it that a. anyone can openly criticize the government. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	60	33	5	1	1	100
	Spring, 2011	63	30	6	0	1	100

		Q115b Thinking about Egypt's future, how important is it that b. honest elections are held regularly with a choice of at least two political parties. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	58	38	3	0	1	100
	Spring, 2011	55	40	3	1	1	100

		Q115c Thinking about Egypt's future, how important is it that c. there is a judicial system that treats everyone in the same way. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	81	16	2	0	2	100
	Spring, 2011	79	18	1	1	1	100

		Q115d Thinking about Egypt's future, how important is it that d. the military is under the control of civilian leaders. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	24	38	16	18	5	100
	Spring, 2011	27	35	19	15	5	100

		Q115e Thinking about Egypt's future, how important is it that e. Copts and other religious minorities can practice their religion freely. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	38	46	11	3	2	100
	Spring, 2011	36	48	11	2	3	100

		Q115f Thinking about Egypt's future, how important is it that f. religious parties are allowed to be part of the government. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	50	40	4	2	4	100
	Spring, 2011	50	38	7	2	3	100

		Q115g Thinking about Egypt's future, how important is it that g. economic conditions improve. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	81	13	4	0	2	100
	Spring, 2011	82	15	2	0	1	100

		Q115h Thinking about Egypt's future, how important is it that h. women have the same rights as men. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	41	39	15	3	2	100
	Spring, 2011	39	37	19	3	2	100

		Q115i Thinking about Egypt's future, how important is it that i. law and order be maintained. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	60	38	1	0	2	100
	Spring, 2011	63	36	2	0	0	100

		Q115j Thinking about Egypt's future, how important is it that j. the media can report the news without government censorship. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?				
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	62	27	10	2	100

		Q115k Thinking about Egypt's future, how important is it that k. people have access to the internet without government censorship or interference. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	35	52	8	2	4	100

		Q116 Overall, do you think women will have more rights, fewer rights, or about the same rights under the Freedom and Justice Party-led government as they had in the past?				
		More rights	Fewer rights	About the same rights	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	40	27	31	2	100

		Q116b Overall, do you think religious minorities will have more rights, fewer rights, or about the same rights under the Freedom and Justice Party-led government as they had in the past?				
		More rights	Fewer rights	About the same rights	DK/Refused	Total
Egypt	Spring, 2012	22	40	35	4	100