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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.
- 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
Russia	Spring, 2012	46	45	9	100
	Spring, 2011	32	60	8	100
	Spring, 2010	34	59	7	100
	Fall, 2009	34	60	6	100
	Spring, 2009	27	65	9	100
	Spring, 2008	54	43	4	100
	Spring, 2007	36	56	9	100
	Spring, 2006	32	62	7	100
	Spring, 2005	23	71	6	100
	Spring, 2004	26	69	5	100
	May, 2003	27	64	9	100
	March, 2003	35	58	6	100
Summer, 2002	20	71	9	100	

		QRUS1 Overall, were you satisfied or dissatisfied with the results of the March 4th presidential elections?			
		Satisfied	Dissatisfied	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	56	33	10	100

		QRUS2 Do you think the March 4th presidential elections were fair, or don't you think so?			
		Yes, fair	No, not fair	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	47	35	18	100

		QRUS3 How do you think people in other countries of the world feel about Russia? Is Russia generally liked or disliked?			
		Generally liked	Generally disliked	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	31	55	14	100
	Spring, 2010	36	47	17	100
	Spring, 2005	32	57	11	100

		Q14 Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in Russia – is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	4	28	49	15	5	100
	Spring, 2011	5	24	46	19	6	100
	Spring, 2010	3	30	49	16	4	100
	Fall, 2009	3	25	50	18	4	100
	Spring, 2009	2	18	55	21	5	100
	Spring, 2008	5	47	37	6	4	100
	Spring, 2007	3	35	45	11	6	100
	Summer, 2002	0	13	57	26	4	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
Russia	Spring, 2012	5	26	44	11	4	9	100
	Spring, 2011	6	22	46	12	6	9	100
	Spring, 2010	3	36	42	8	3	7	100
	Spring, 2009	5	27	36	15	7	9	100
	Spring, 2008	8	34	39	10	3	6	100
	Summer, 2002	1	21	53	13	5	7	100

		Q20 And thinking about how you and your family were doing financially five years ago: Would you say you are better off today than you were five years ago, worse off today, or are you doing about the same today as you were five years ago?				
		Better off	Worse off	About the same	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	32	29	36	3	100

		Q40b 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: b. Dmitri Medvedev					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	25	34	24	9	8	100
	Spring, 2011	30	40	18	6	6	100
	Spring, 2010	36	38	15	4	7	100
	Spring, 2009	27	49	14	4	6	100

Previously, question asked about "Russian President Dmitri Medvedev"

		Q40c 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: c. Russian President Vladimir Putin					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	37	32	16	8	7	100
	Spring, 2011	36	39	14	5	6	100
	Spring, 2010	45	32	12	4	7	100
	Spring, 2009	39	42	11	3	4	100
	Spring, 2008	53	30	10	3	4	100
	Spring, 2007	46	38	8	2	6	100
	Spring, 2006	27	48	13	4	8	100
	May, 2003	28	48	19	3	1	100

From 2009 to 2011, question asked about "Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin"

		Q52a Now I'd like to ask your views about some political leaders in our country. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: a. Dmitri Medvedev					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	23	44	20	8	5	100

		Q52b Now I'd like to ask your views about some political leaders in our country. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: b. Vladimir Putin					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	31	41	16	8	4	100

		Q52c Now I'd like to ask your views about some political leaders in our country. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: c. Gennady Zyuganov					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	9	30	36	16	8	100

		Q52d Now I'd like to ask your views about some political leaders in our country. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: d. Sergey Mironov					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	5	31	36	15	14	100

		Q52e Now I'd like to ask your views about some political leaders in our country. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: e. Vladimir Zhirinovskiy					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	7	21	36	30	5	100

		Q52f Now I'd like to ask your views about some political leaders in our country. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: f. Mikhail Prokhorov					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	6	30	25	23	15	100

		Q52g Now I'd like to ask your views about some political leaders in our country. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: g. Alexei Navalny					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	3	13	18	13	54	100

		Q64b Compared to your parents when they were the same age as you are now, do you think your own standard of living now is much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse than theirs was?							
		Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Somewhat worse	Much worse	Parents did not live to the age of respondent (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	19	37	21	12	7	1	3	100

		QRUS4 Which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right? Russia is as respected around the world as it should be OR Russia should be more respected around the world than it is?				
		Russia is as respected around the world as it should be	Russia should be more respected around the world than it is	Both/Neither (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	16	73	9	2	100

		Q68a Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following: a. Most elected officials care what people like me think					
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	4	29	32	28	7	100
	Fall, 2009	6	20	36	35	4	100
	Spring, 1991	4	14	46	26	10	100

		Q68b Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following: b. Voting gives people like me an opportunity to express their opinion about how the government runs things					
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	12	44	23	14	6	100
	Fall, 2009	10	34	28	26	3	100
	Spring, 1991	13	34	21	22	9	100

As asked in 2012, 2009, and 1991 the question has reflected the Russian translation: "Voting gives people like me an opportunity to express their opinion about how the government runs things." In 2009 and 1991, the translation was reported as, "Voting gives people like me some say about how the government runs things."

		Q68c Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following: c. Attending protests or demonstrations gives people like me an opportunity to express their opinion about how the government runs things					
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	16	48	19	8	8	100

		Q68d Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following: d. Russia should be for Russians					
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	23	30	25	15	6	100
	Fall, 2009	23	31	27	16	3	100
	Spring, 1991	13	13	26	43	6	100

		Q68e Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following: e. It's natural for Russia to have an empire					
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	15	29	17	14	25	100
	Spring, 2011	15	33	20	13	20	100
	Fall, 2009	16	31	23	12	18	100
	Spring, 1991	18	19	25	18	19	100

		Q69a How important is it to you to live in a country where a. you can openly say what you think and can criticize the state? 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
Russia	Spring, 2012	44	42	8	3	2	100
	Fall, 2009	37	44	12	5	2	100
	Spring, 2007	34	46	15	3	2	100
	Summer, 2002	30	46	16	6	2	100

		Q69b How important is it to you to live in a country where 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
Russia	Spring, 2012	52	36	6	3	3	100
	Fall, 2009	41	42	10	4	3	100
	Spring, 2007	41	41	12	3	3	100
	Summer, 2002	37	40	16	5	3	100

		Q69c How important is it to you to live in a country where 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
Russia	Spring, 2012	71	22	4	1	2	100
	Fall, 2009	69	24	5	1	1	100
	Spring, 2007	70	24	4	0	2	100
	Summer, 2002	68	29	2	0	1	100

		Q69d How important is it to you to live in a country where 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
Russia	Spring, 2012	41	28	11	8	12	100
	Fall, 2009	27	32	19	9	13	100
	Spring, 2007	34	35	16	8	7	100
	Summer, 2002	20	33	21	13	13	100

		Q69e How important is it to you to live in a country where e. the media can report the news without state 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	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	49	37	7	3	4	100
	Fall, 2009	37	41	14	4	4	100
	Spring, 2007	40	41	13	3	3	100
	Summer, 2002	31	44	14	6	5	100

		Q69f How important is it to you to live in a country where f. you can practice your 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
Russia	Spring, 2012	52	30	9	4	5	100
	Fall, 2009	47	37	9	4	3	100
	Spring, 2007	45	37	11	5	3	100
	Summer, 2002	35	42	13	7	3	100

		Q69g How important is it to you to live in a country where g. there is economic prosperity? 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
Russia	Spring, 2012	71	21	3	2	3	100
	Fall, 2009	71	22	4	2	1	100
	Spring, 2007	68	26	4	1	2	100
	Summer, 2002	79	19	1	0	2	100

		Q69h How important is it to you to live in a country where h. law and order is 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
Russia	Spring, 2012	75	19	3	1	2	100

		Q69i How important is it to you to live in a country where i. 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
Russia	Spring, 2012	43	27	12	7	11	100

		Q70a I am going to read you the same list. Does a. you can openly say what you think and can criticize the state describe our country very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?					
		Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	28	46	16	6	4	100
	Fall, 2009	22	45	23	5	4	100
	Spring, 2007	25	48	19	4	3	100
	Summer, 2002	20	53	15	5	7	100

		Q70b I am going to read you the same list. Does b. honest elections are held regularly with a choice of at least two political parties describe our country very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?					
		Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	16	36	27	14	6	100
	Fall, 2009	16	38	27	15	5	100
	Spring, 2007	17	40	26	12	5	100
	Summer, 2002	15	42	22	12	9	100

		Q70c I am going to read you the same list. Does c. there is a judicial system that treats everyone in the same way describe our country very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?					
		Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	17	21	30	26	6	100
	Fall, 2009	19	22	28	26	4	100
	Spring, 2007	25	26	23	22	3	100
	Summer, 2002	20	19	25	28	8	100

		Q70d I am going to read you the same list. Does d. the military is under the control of civilian leaders describe our country very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?					
		Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	14	29	24	15	18	100
	Fall, 2009	12	32	26	12	18	100
	Spring, 2007	14	35	27	13	11	100
	Summer, 2002	12	30	28	11	19	100

		Q70e I am going to read you the same list. Does e. the media can report the news without state censorship describe our country very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?					
		Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	15	41	23	12	9	100
	Fall, 2009	15	40	28	10	7	100
	Spring, 2007	20	43	21	10	6	100
	Summer, 2002	14	44	22	8	13	100

		Q70f I am going to read you the same list. Does f. you can practice your religion freely describe our country very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?					
		Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	46	41	6	2	5	100
	Fall, 2009	43	40	9	4	5	100
	Spring, 2007	40	43	8	5	4	100
	Summer, 2002	35	53	5	1	6	100

		Q70g I am going to read you the same list. Does g. there is economic prosperity describe our country very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?					
		Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	17	23	35	20	5	100
	Fall, 2009	18	26	28	23	4	100
	Spring, 2007	23	34	22	16	5	100
	Summer, 2002	19	20	29	26	6	100

		Q70h I am going to read you the same list. Does h. law and order is maintained describe our country very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?					
		Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	18	22	32	23	5	100

		Q70i I am going to read you the same list. Does i. people have access to the internet without government censorship or interference describe our country very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?					
		Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	22	37	15	5	21	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
Russia	Spring, 2012	32	57	11	100
	Spring, 2011	32	57	11	100
	Fall, 2009	29	60	11	100
	Spring, 2008	33	57	10	100
	Spring, 2007	27	63	11	100
	Spring, 2006	29	61	10	100
	Spring, 2005	28	66	6	100
	Summer, 2002	21	70	9	100
	Fall, 1992	31	51	18	100
Spring, 1991	51	39	10	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
Russia	Spring, 2012	19	75	7	100
	Spring, 2011	21	73	6	100
	Fall, 2009	14	78	7	100
	Spring, 2007	15	74	11	100
	Spring, 2005	14	81	5	100
	Summer, 2002	11	80	8	100

		Q73 How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in our country – very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied or not at all satisfied?					
		Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not too satisfied	Not at all satisfied	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	5	26	45	18	6	100
	Spring, 2011	4	23	37	26	9	100
	Fall, 2009	3	29	38	23	7	100

		Q82 In general, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the protests for fair elections that have occurred since the parliamentary elections in December?					
		Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	23	33	22	11	10	100

		Q82b Some people say the protests for fair elections are the result of efforts by Western powers to destabilize Russia. Others say the protests are the result of genuine Russian dissatisfaction with the conduct of the elections. Which comes closer to your view?			
		Result of efforts by Western powers	Result of Russian dissatisfaction	DK/Refused	Total
Russia	Spring, 2012	25	58	17	100