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India

Image of the United States

- Fully 71% in India express a positive opinion of the United States, up from 54% three years ago.
- Indians show high regard for the American people with 71% having a favorable opinion, up from 58% in 2002.
- Solid majorities in India view Americans as “inventive” (86%) “hard-working” (81%) and “honest” (58%). Fewer than half associate the negative traits “greedy” (43%), “violent” (39%), “immoral” (36%), and “rude” (27%) with Americans.
- In response to an open-ended question on where a young person should go to lead a good life, 38% of Indians named the U.S., far more than any other nation named. Indians were more likely to name the U.S. in this regard than any other public surveyed.

India’s image, national conditions

- Fully 83% of Indians believe their country is generally liked in other countries around the world; just 13% believe India is disliked by people in other nations.
- A majority of Indians (57%) say they are dissatisfied with the way things are going in their country, while 41% are satisfied. This represents a significant improvement from the summer of 2002 when 83% were dissatisfied and just 9% were satisfied.

Iraq war and U.S. policies

- Three-quarters of the Indian public believe their country made the right decision not to use military force against Iraq.
- India is the only country, aside from the U.S., in which a plurality (45%) believes war with Iraq that removed Saddam Hussein from power made the world a safer place. But, just 27% say the elections held in Iraq last January will lead to a more stable situation there while two in ten think the situation in Iraq will not change much and three in ten think it be less stable.
- India is one of only three countries surveyed in which a majority (63%) says the U.S. pays a great deal or a fair amount of attention to the ir country’s interests when making international policy decisions; 59% in Indonesia and 53% in China said the same.

About the Survey

- The Global Attitudes Project conducted personal interviews with a random sample of 2,042 Indian residents aged 18 to 64 from May 1- 29, 2005. The sample was drawn exclusively from urban areas. For results based on the total sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling is plus or minus 2 percentage points.