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Scope of Study

Summary: This survey, conducted February 2 to May 2, 2006, was used to gather public opinion data in Ghana on issues such as the global threat of terrorism, the United States foreign policy, and questions pertaining to the Middle East and Africa. Respondents were asked to give their opinion on which two countries they thought were the greatest threats to international stability. Many questions focused on the United States' involvement in the war on terrorism. Those surveyed were also queried on whether they thought if they agreed that United States' troops should be brought in to reduce ethnic violence in Africa and the Middle East if attempts were unsuccessful by the United Nations. They were also asked to state if they thought the United States should fight terrorism even if no other country supported them. The issue of the United States' use of torture centers in foreign countries as part of its strategy on terrorism was also asked. Respondents were queried if they thought that the United States' involvement in Iraq has left it better or worse and if the overthrow of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was worth it. Some questions dealt with Islam and its relationship to modernity and democracy. Respondents were asked if they thought George W. Bush's administration had a policy of democratizing the region of the Muslim world and whether the democratization of that region of the Muslim world will increase or decrease violent aggression against western interests. Demographic variables included sex, age, marital status, nationality, religion, education level, employment status, and political ideology.

Subject Term(s): Bush Administration (George W., 2001-), culture change, democracy, foreign policy, Hussein, Saddam, Iraq War, Islam, Israeli Palestinian conflict, Middle East, public opinion, terrorism, violence

Geographic Coverage: Ghana

Time Period: 2006

Date(s) of Collection: February 2, 2006 - May 2, 2006

Unit of Observation: individual

Universe: Persons aged 18 and over in the Upper West, Greater Accra and Cape coast regions of Ghana.

Data Type: survey data

Methodology

Sample: The nonprobability purposive sampling strategy was used for this study. Attempts to conduct a random/probability sampling technique in Ghana were difficult because of the dilemma of obtaining a complete sampling list of the population, whereby everyone in the population would have an equal or known chance of being included in the sample. Given this sampling limitation, the study used purposive sampling, allowing the researcher to use his or her judgment when selecting cases that were both difficult and informative regarding the specific content under investigation.

Mode of Data Collection: self-enumerated questionnaire

Response Rates: 93 percent

Extent of Processing: CDBK.ICPSR/ DDEF.ICPSR/ FREQ.ICPSR/ REFORM.DATA/
REFORM.DOC

Access and Availability

Extent of Collection: 1 data file + machine-readable documentation (PDF) + SAS setup file + SPSS setup file + Stata setup file + SAS supplemental syntax file + Stata supplemental syntax file + data collection instrument

Data Format: Logical Record Length with SAS, SPSS, and Stata setup files, and SAS transport (XPORT) file, SPSS portable file, and Stata system file

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