Global Attitudes
Towards Immigration
EOY 2015

EAST ASIA & OCEANIA

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WIN/Gallup International's Global Poll Shows the World is divided on Immigration

WIN/Gallup International, the world's leading association in market research and polling, has published its 39th Annual Survey exploring the outlook, expectations, views and beliefs of 68595 people from 69 countries across the globe. The poll shows that of the 69 countries, popular opinion in 42 countries is opposed to immigration, while it is favourable in 27 countries.

Globalization and the possibilities of travel and relocation divide the world into three groups of countries: the Poor countries where the majority supports immigration, the Middle and Upper Income countries where the majority is in opposition to immigration and the Rich whose majorities are divided between supporting and opposing nations. Among the 18 Poor countries, where the average per capita annual income is less than 10,000 USD, the majority is opposed in only 3 of them. Among the Middle and Upper Income countries, that have an average annual per capita income of between 10,000 USD and 35,000 USD, the views held by the majorities are exactly the opposite: only 3 are in favour while 31 are opposed. Interestingly in the Rich countries with incomes above 35,000 USD, the majorities are divided: In 8 of the 17 countries polled, 9 were in favour of and 8 were opposed to immigration.

RICH COUNTRIES	
Annual per capita income > 35,000 USD	
COUNTRY NAME	NET SUPPORT
Iceland	+39%
Saudi Arabia	+39%
Finland	+35%
Sweden	+27%
Canada	+11%
Japan	+7%
Ireland	+7%
Germany	+5%
United States	+5%
Denmark	-11%
Austria	-12%
United Kingdom	-21%
Australia	-22%
Hong Kong	-23%
Netherlands	-28%
France	-37%
Belgium	-49%

MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES	
Annual per capita income between 10,000 USD and 35,000 USD	
COUNTRY NAME	NET SUPPORT
China	+74%
Mexico	+10%
Peru	+8%
Argentina	-3%
Spain	-5%
Portugal	-10%
Brazil	-11%
Panama	-11%
Korea, Rep (South)	-15%
Russian Federation	-17%
South Africa	-24%
Indonesia	-25%
Romania	-26%
Latvia	-33%
Azerbaijan	-33%
Colombia	-34%

Turkey	-35%
Poland	-38%
Czech Republic	-39%
Serbia	-40%
Tunisia	-41%
Italy	-44%
Greece	-45%
Macedonia	-46%
Lebanon	-50%
Bulgaria	-51%
Algeria	-51%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-53%
Ecuador	-53%
Slovenia	-55%
Mongolia	-58%
Iran	-59%
Iraq	-62%
Thailand	-65%

POOR COUNTRIES	
Annual per capita income < 10,000 USD	
COUNTRY NAME	NET SUPPORT
Pakistan	+65%
Ethiopia	+55%
Vietnam	+47%
Congo	+46%
Ghana	+45%
Nigeria	+44%
Bangladesh	+40%
Fiji	+38%
India	+28%
Philippines	+24%
Ukraine	+22%
Afghanistan	+19%
Morocco	+13%
Papua New Guinea	+13%
Armenia	+10%
Palestinian territories (West Bank and Gaza)	-20%
Georgia	-21%
Kosovo	-42%

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FROM GLOBAL FINDINGS

There are important differences in attitudes towards immigration across age and income groups. The Young, under Age 35 are globally more favourable than the older population towards immigration, the net support among them is +30%, compared to over Age 55, among whom the net support drops to +15%. Among the Bottom Income quintile, the net support globally is only +2%, but among the top quintile it is +53%. Thus globally as well as within regions, the Poor are more opposed to immigration than the Rich in the same societies.

REGIONAL OBSERVATIONS (EAST ASIA & OCEANIA)

At first sight, the findings show that attitudes on immigration are very favourable in this Region, scoring a net favourable rating of +48%. However, the findings for the Region as a whole only conceal an underlying variety among various countries of the Region. China is highly favourable (net favourable at +74%); so are Vietnam (+47%), Philippines (+24%); and surprisingly Japan (+7%). Attitudes are also net favourable among the thinly populated Fiji (+38%) and Papua New Guinea (+13%). Attitudes in all others are net negative: Thailand (-65%), Indonesia (-25%), Australia (-22%) and South Korea (-15%). Even though Mongolia is very thinly populated, attitudes towards immigration are highly unfavourable (-58%).

REGIONAL INTERPRETATIONS (EAST ASIA & OCEANIA)

A quick summary:

 While the region as a whole reflects a favorable attitude towards immigration (with a net score of +48%), opinions are polarized both on a sub region, and country level.

 Top 3 countries favorable opinion towards immigration

- **China 74%**
- **Vietnam 47%**
- **Fiji 38%**

 Bottom 3 countries unfavorable opinion towards immigration

- **Thailand – 65%**
- **Mongolia – 58%**
- **Indonesia – 25%**

Table 1:

Results in alphabetical order

Question: Generally speaking do you think the immigration of foreign workers is a good thing or a bad thing for [insert your country]?

Percent of Respondents

	All					Net Support
	Unweighted Count	Col%	A good thing	A bad thing	I don't' know / I prefer not to answer	4=2-1
			1	2	3	
Global average	**68896**	**100.00**	**56%**	**32%**	**12%**	**25%**
Australia	1190	.43	29%	51%	20%	-22%
China	1150	26.95	81%	7%	12%	74%
Fiji	1022	.01	66%	28%	7%	38%
Hong Kong	497	.15	31%	54%	14%	-23%
Indonesia	500	4.04	35%	59%	6%	-25%
Japan	1157	2.74	22%	15%	63%	7%
Korea, Rep (South)	1500	1.07	39%	54%	7%	-15%
Mongolia	1000	.05	20%	78%	2%	-58%
Papua New Guinea	597	.09	55%	42%	3%	13%
Philippines	1000	1.46	58%	34%	7%	24%
Thailand	614	1.21	13%	78%	9%	-65%
Vietnam	569	1.53	68%	21%	10%	47%

Weighted according to Adult Population 18+
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***COMPARATIVE PICTURE; global sample**

Table 2:

Net Indicator in Rank Order

Question: Generally speaking do you think the immigration of foreign workers is a good thing or a bad thing for [insert your country]?

Percent of Respondents

		Net Support
Global average		**25%**
	China	74%
	Vietnam	47%
	Fiji	38%
	Philippines	24%
	Papua New Guinea	13%
	Japan	7%
	Korea, Rep (South)	-15%
	Australia	-22%
	Hong Kong	-23%
	Indonesia	-25%
	Mongolia	-58%
	Thailand	-65%

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Table 3:

Regional Results (East Asia & Oceania)

Question: Generally speaking do you think the immigration of foreign workers is a good thing or a bad thing for [insert your country]?

Percent of Respondents

		Unweighted Count	Col%	A good thing	A bad thing	I don't' know / I prefer not to answer	NET SUPPORT 4=2-1
				1	2	3	
ALL EAST ASIA AND OCEANIA		**10796**	**100.00**	**67%**	**19%**	**15%**	**48%**
	East Asia Sub-Region	2683	20.73	42%	51%	7%	-9%
	North Asia Sub-Region	5304	77.93	74%	10%	17%	64%
	Oceania Sub-Region	2809	1.34	34%	49%	17%	-14%
East Asia Sub-Region		**2683**	**20.73**	**42%**	**51%**	**7%**	**-9%**
	Indonesia	500	10.16	35%	59%	6%	-25%
	Philippines	1000	3.69	58%	34%	7%	24%
	Vietnam	569	3.84	68%	21%	10%	47%
	Thailand	614	3.03	13%	78%	9%	-65%
North Asia Sub-Region		**5304**	**77.91**	**74%**	**10%**	**17%**	**64%**
	China	1150	67.82	81%	7%	12%	74%
	Japan	1157	6.91	22%	15%	63%	7%
	Korea, Rep (South)	1500	2.69	39%	54%	7%	-15%
	Hong Kong	497	.39	31%	54%	14%	-23%
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Table 4:

Demographics-wise results (East Asia & Oceania)

Question: Generally speaking do you think the immigration of foreign workers is a good thing or a bad thing for [insert your country]?

Percent of Respondents

		Unweighted Count	Col%	A good thing	A bad thing	I don't' know / I prefer not to answer	NET SUPPORT 4=2-1
				1	2	3	
Gender		10796	100.00	67%	19%	15%	48%
D1. Gender	**Male**	5496	49.82	67%	18%	15%	49%
	Female	5300	50.18	66%	19%	15%	47%
Age		10796	100.00	67%	19%	15%	48%
D2A. Age.	**Under 34**	4155	40.07	67%	20%	14%	47%
	35 - 54	4200	42.76	66%	20%	15%	46%
	55+	2441	17.17	69%	13%	18%	56%
Monthly Household Income		10796	100.00	67%	19%	15%	48%
D3. Income	**Low**	3525	12.76	41%	37%	22%	4%
	Medium	3100	20.51	50%	33%	17%	16%
	High	3485	64.97	78%	10%	12%	68%

	DK/NR	686	1.76	29%	29%	42%	1%
Education		10796	100.00	67%	19%	15%	48%
D4. Education: Highest attained	**Low**	1126	3.62	43%	40%	18%	3%
	Medium	4742	27.13	61%	22%	17%	40%
	High	4877	69.16	70%	16%	14%	54%
	DK/NR	51	.09	31%	34%	36%	-3%
Religion		10796	100.00	67%	19%	15%	48%
D6. Do you consider yourself:	**All christian**	3216	5.62	53%	39%	8%	13%
	Muslims	614	10.24	36%	58%	6%	-23%
	Others religion	2399	6.74	45%	47%	8%	-2%
	No religion	3146	69.30	79%	8%	12%	71%
	DK/NR	1421	8.10	24%	18%	58%	6%

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Table 5:

National Income-Wise Results

Question: Generally speaking do you think the immigration of foreign workers is a good thing or a bad thing for [insert your country]?

Percent of Respondents

	GNI per capita, PPP (current international $)	Net Support
Hong Kong	56,570	-23%
Australia	42,880	-22%
Japan	37,920	7%
Korea, Rep (South)	34,620	-15%
Thailand	13,840	-65%
China	13,130	74%
Mongolia	11,120	-58%
Indonesia	10,190	-25%
Philippines	8,380	24%
Fiji	8,030	38%
Vietnam	5,350	47%
Papua New Guinea	2,510	13%

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	Country	Company name	Method	Sample	Coverage	Population	Pop.represented by sample	Field Dates	Weighting factors
1	**AUSTRALIA**	Colmar Brunton	Online	1000	National	22 229 000	16 691 756	November 4-11, 2015	Yes
2	**CHINA**	WisdomAsia	Online	1150	Urban, up to Tier 6 cities	1 39 000 000	400 000 000	October 27-November 10, 2015	Yes
3	**FIJI**	Tebbutt Research	CATI	1000	National	890 057	581 118	October 22- 31, 2015	Yes
4	**HONG KONG**	CSG (Consumer Search Group)	CATI	500	National (all of Hong Kong)	7 298 600	6 473 858	October 26-November 8, 2015	No
5	**INDONESIA**	Deka	F2F	500	Urban area in 5 main cities	240 574 650	157 945 918	October 17-November 3, 2015	Yes
6	**JAPAN**	NRC (Nippon Research Center)	F2F	1200	National	128 000 000	102 000 000	November 3- 15, 2015	No
7	**KOREA**	Gallup Korea	F2F	1500	National	51 500 000	41 800 000	October 29-November 26, 2015	Yes
8	**MONGOLIA**	MMCG	CATI	1200	National	2 937 927	1 972 104	October 23-November 5, 2015	Yes
9	**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**	Tebbutt Research	CATI	597	National	6 310 129	3 521 052	October 22-31, 2015	Yes
10	**PHILIPPINES**	PSRC (Philippines Survey & Research Center Inc.)	F2F	1000	National	101 699 001	57 270 762	October 24-November 3, 2015	Yes

11	**THAILAND**	Infosearch co.ltd	CATI	600	National	67 091 089	47 152 071	October 19-November 2, 2015	Yes
12	**VIETNAM**	Indochina Research	F2F	600	Urban	85 789 573	58 629 184	October 21th to November 11 2015	Yes

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