

# Topline Questionnaire

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## Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see Methodology section and our [international survey methods database](#).
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Throughout this report, trends from India in 2013 refer to a survey conducted between December 7, 2013, and January 12, 2014 (Winter 2013-2014).
- For some countries, trends for certain years are omitted due to differences in sample design or population coverage. Omitted trends often reflect less representative samples than more recent surveys in the same countries. Trends that are omitted include:
  - India prior to Winter 2013-2014
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2016 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
India	Spring, 2016	65	33	2	100
	Spring, 2015	56	43	1	100
	Spring, 2014	36	60	4	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	29	70	1	100

		Q3. Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in (survey country) — is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	35	45	11	6	3	100
	Spring, 2015	27	47	16	8	2	100
	Spring, 2014	10	54	19	11	5	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	10	47	24	18	2	100

		Q7. When children today in (survey country) grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?				
		Better off	Worse off	Same (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	72	20	5	4	100
	Spring, 2015	74	18	4	4	100
	Spring, 2014	67	24	4	4	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	64	23	5	8	100

		Q10a. 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
India	Spring, 2016	33	23	9	4	31	100
	Spring, 2015	44	26	5	3	22	100
	Spring, 2014	30	25	9	7	29	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	30	26	9	6	28	100

		Q10b. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. b. China					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	8	23	21	15	32	100
	Spring, 2015	13	28	15	17	28	100
	Spring, 2014	12	19	16	23	30	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	13	22	19	22	23	100

		Q10d. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. d. the United Nations					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	15	25	13	4	43	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	14	26	13	9	38	100

		Q10f. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. f. India					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Canada	Spring, 2016	8	44	20	4	24	100
Australia	Spring, 2016	5	48	28	8	11	100
	Spring, 2015	6	52	22	9	11	100
	Spring, 2013	6	48	26	10	9	100
	Spring, 2008	7	64	17	3	9	100
China	Spring, 2016	4	22	44	17	13	100
	Spring, 2015	4	20	41	21	15	100
	Spring, 2014	3	27	40	15	14	100
	Spring, 2013	2	21	40	21	16	100
	Spring, 2012	3	20	38	24	16	100
	Spring, 2011	2	25	32	21	19	100
	Spring, 2010	4	28	32	19	18	100
	Spring, 2008	2	27	38	12	20	100
	Spring, 2007	2	27	45	12	15	100
	Spring, 2006	2	31	38	5	24	100
India	Spring, 2016	83	7	1	2	6	100
	Spring, 2015	85	9	2	1	2	100
	Spring, 2014	72	10	2	3	13	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	77	11	3	4	5	100
Japan	Spring, 2016	4	50	20	4	21	100
	Spring, 2015	8	55	22	5	9	100
	Spring, 2014	7	56	23	3	11	100
	Spring, 2013	6	56	23	3	12	100
	Spring, 2012	8	62	20	2	8	100
	Spring, 2011	7	52	20	3	18	100
	Spring, 2010	6	56	22	5	12	100
	Spring, 2008	5	55	26	4	10	100
	Spring, 2007	7	44	30	5	14	100
	Spring, 2006	8	57	26	2	7	100

		Q10g. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. g. Pakistan					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	5	9	18	55	14	100
	Spring, 2015	5	13	13	51	18	100
	Spring, 2014	5	10	13	49	23	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	6	13	17	54	11	100

		Q10h. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. h. Japan					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	15	29	14	8	35	100
	Spring, 2015	18	28	11	5	38	100
	Spring, 2014	15	28	12	8	37	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	15	34	15	10	26	100

		Q10i. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____. i. South Korea					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	7	23	14	10	45	100
	Spring, 2015	8	20	13	6	52	100

		Q22a. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? a. China's emergence as a world power				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	45	23	6	25	100

		Q22b. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? b. the United States' power and influence				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	27	24	18	31	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	27	29	19	25	100

		Q22c. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? c. tensions with Russia				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	28	25	16	31	100

		Q22d. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? d. global climate change				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	53	18	8	21	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	53	25	5	17	100

		Q22e. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? e. the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria known as ISIS				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	52	13	6	29	100

		Q22f. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? f. cyberattacks from other countries				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	43	16	6	34	100

		Q22g. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? g. a large number of refugees leaving countries such as Iraq and Syria				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	39	20	7	34	100

		Q22h. I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns. Do you think that ____ is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to (survey country)? h. global economic instability				
		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	40	19	7	34	100

		Q29. Which of these statements comes closer to your view?					
		(Survey country) should deal with its own problems and let other countries deal with their own problems [OR]	(Survey country) should help other countries deal with their problems	Neither (VOL)	Both (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	53	23	1	12	11	100

		Q31a. Do you think ____ plays a more important role in the world today compared to 10 years ago, a less important role or about as important a role in the world as it did 10 years ago? a. (Survey country)				
		More important role	Less important role	As important as 10 years ago	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	68	15	4	13	100

		Q32. Please tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.				
		In foreign policy, (survey country) should take into account the interests of its allies, even if it means making compromises	In foreign policy, (survey country) should follow its own national interests, even when its allies strongly disagree	Neither/Both equally (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	49	28	5	18	100

		Q38Na. 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
India	Spring, 2016	34	24	5	4	33	100
	Spring, 2015	45	29	4	4	17	100
	Spring, 2014	22	26	8	7	37	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	19	34	10	11	27	100

In 2013, item asked as a standalone question.

		Q38Nb. 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. U.S. presidential candidate Hillary Clinton					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	8	20	12	4	56	100

		Q38Nc. 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. U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	4	10	10	8	67	100

		Q38Ng. 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. g. Chinese President Xi Jinping					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	4	11	10	10	64	100
	Spring, 2015	8	21	14	15	42	100
	Spring, 2014	3	10	12	13	62	100

		Q38Nh. 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. h. Russian President Vladimir Putin					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	10	14	9	6	62	100
	Spring, 2015	14	22	8	7	49	100
	Spring, 2014	9	15	10	6	60	100

		Q40. Now thinking about (survey country), do you think that we should increase our spending on national defense, keep it about the same or decrease it?				
		Increase	Keep same	Decrease	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	63	20	6	12	100

		Q43. Which statement comes closer to your view about (survey country)'s involvement in the global economy, even if neither is exactly right?				
		It is a good thing because it provides (survey country) with new markets and opportunities for growth	It is a bad thing because it lowers wages and costs jobs in (survey country)	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	52	25	3	20	100

		Q45. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?					
		Improving human rights around the world should be one of (survey country)'s most important foreign policy goals	Improving human rights is important, but many other foreign policy goals should be more important	Improving human rights around the world should not be an important foreign policy goal for (survey country)	None of the above (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	46	27	5	2	20	100

		Q59a. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. a. crime					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	82	13	3	0	1	100
	Spring, 2015	93	6	1	0	1	100
	Spring, 2014	85	9	2	0	4	100

		Q59b. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. b. corrupt officials					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	80	15	3	0	3	100
	Spring, 2015	86	11	1	0	2	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	83	11	3	0	3	100

		Q59c. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. c. air pollution					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	68	19	6	1	6	100
	Spring, 2015	74	19	4	1	2	100
	Spring, 2014	52	31	9	3	5	100

		Q59d. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. d. a lack of employment opportunities					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	81	14	2	0	3	100
	Spring, 2015	87	10	1	1	2	100
	Spring, 2014	79	16	4	0	1	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	85	10	3	1	1	100

		Q59e. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. e. terrorism					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	78	14	4	1	3	100
	Spring, 2015	85	9	3	0	4	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	88	7	2	1	2	100

		Q59f. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all. f. communal relations					
		Very big problem	Moderately big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	54	22	11	5	8	100
	Spring, 2015	59	29	6	1	5	100

		Q62. Which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right?					
		We should reduce air pollution even if it means slower economic growth	Air pollution is the price we have to pay for continued economic growth	Both (VOL)	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	47	24	12	1	16	100

		Q73a. 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. Rahul Gandhi					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	25	38	18	14	5	100
	Spring, 2015	20	42	18	15	5	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	23	27	22	21	6	100

		Q73b. 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. Sonia Gandhi					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	28	37	17	14	4	100
	Spring, 2015	21	37	21	17	5	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	19	30	19	27	5	100

		Q73c. 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. Narendra Modi					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	57	24	10	6	3	100
	Spring, 2015	68	19	6	5	2	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	60	18	9	7	7	100

		Q73d. 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. Arvind Kejriwal					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	19	31	14	13	23	100
	Spring, 2015	25	35	16	10	14	100

		Q74a. Now I am going to read you a list of groups and organizations. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of ____. a. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	53	27	10	6	4	100
	Spring, 2015	65	22	6	5	3	100

		Q74b. Now I am going to read you a list of groups and organizations. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of ____. b. Indian National Congress (INC)					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	28	39	15	14	5	100
	Spring, 2015	16	45	20	15	5	100

		Q74c. Now I am going to read you a list of groups and organizations. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of ____. c. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	15	32	16	16	21	100
	Spring, 2015	20	38	17	11	14	100

		Q75a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling each of the following areas? a. unemployment			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	62	32	7	100
	Spring, 2015	67	29	4	100

		Q75b. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling each of the following areas? b. terrorism			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	61	31	8	100
	Spring, 2015	66	28	6	100

		Q75c. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling each of the following areas? c. corruption			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	59	33	8	100
	Spring, 2015	61	33	6	100

		Q75d. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling each of the following areas? d. helping the poor			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	62	31	8	100
	Spring, 2015	63	32	5	100

		Q75e. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling each of the following areas? e. communal relations			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	53	33	13	100
	Spring, 2015	53	35	12	100

		Q75f. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling each of the following areas? f. air pollution			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	53	33	14	100

		Q76a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling relations with ____? a. China			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	38	32	30	100
	Spring, 2015	39	30	31	100

		Q76b. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling relations with ____? b. Russia			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	43	25	32	100
	Spring, 2015	37	29	34	100

		Q76c. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling relations with ____? c. Pakistan			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	22	50	29	100
	Spring, 2015	25	50	25	100

		Q76d. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling relations with ____? d. the United States			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	54	15	31	100
	Spring, 2015	66	13	22	100

		Q77a. As I read some pairs of phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Narendra Modi. Do you think Narendra Modi is ____? a. someone who cares about people like me OR someone who doesn't care about people like me				
		Statement #1	Statement #2	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	56	29	4	11	100

		Q77b. As I read some pairs of phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Narendra Modi. Do you think Narendra Modi is ____? b. someone who is able to get things done OR someone who is not able to get things done				
		Statement #1	Statement #2	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	49	33	4	13	100

		Q77c. As I read some pairs of phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Narendra Modi. Do you think Narendra Modi is ____? c. someone who brings people together OR someone who is divisive				
		Statement #1	Statement #2	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	49	29	7	15	100

		Q77d. As I read some pairs of phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Narendra Modi. Do you think Narendra Modi is ____? d. someone who stands up for what he believes in OR someone who doesn't stand up for what he believes in				
		Statement #1	Statement #2	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	51	28	5	16	100

		Q86. Which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right?			
		Using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism around the world	Relying too much on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more terrorism	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	62	21	17	100

		Q95a. For each one, please tell me if you think it is a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious or not a problem at all. a. China's economic impact on India					
		Very serious problem	Somewhat serious problem	Not too serious a problem	Not a problem	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	45	25	6	3	21	100

		Q95b. For each one, please tell me if you think it is a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious or not a problem at all. b. China's relationship with Pakistan					
		Very serious problem	Somewhat serious problem	Not too serious a problem	Not a problem	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	48	21	7	2	22	100

		Q95c. For each one, please tell me if you think it is a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious or not a problem at all. c. China's growing military power					
		Very serious problem	Somewhat serious problem	Not too serious a problem	Not a problem	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	46	23	6	2	23	100

		Q95d. For each one, please tell me if you think it is a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious or not a problem at all. d. China's territorial disputes with India					
		Very serious problem	Somewhat serious problem	Not too serious a problem	Not a problem	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	45	24	6	2	23	100

		Q96. Would you favor or oppose further talks between India and Pakistan to try to reduce tensions between the two countries?			
		Favor	Oppose	DK/Refused	Total
India	Spring, 2016	56	36	8	100
	Spring, 2015	60	33	7	100
	Winter, 2013-2014	53	30	17	100