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2012 Public Opinion Survey

Survey Conducted in Egypt (both Cities and Rural Areas)

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*Sample size: 773
Margin of error: +/- 3.6%*

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Egyptian Elections
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For which of the Presidential candidates do you intend to vote?

Abdel-Men'em Abul-Fotouh: 32%
Amr Moussa: 28%
Ahmed Shafiq: 14%
Mohamed Morsi: 8%
Hamdeen Sabahi: 8%
**Egyptian Elections**

If you intend to vote in the Presidential elections, which of the following will be the most important issue in determining your vote?

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Most important factor while voting in the Parliamentary elections

- **Political party**: 24%
- **Candidate's personal record/experience**: 22%
- **Position on the economy**: 19%
- **Personal Trust**: 15%
- **Position on the role of religion in politics**: 9%
- **Unemployment**: 8%
- **Foreign policy issues**: 4%
Egyptian Elections

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- They made a mistake by reversing themselves: 71%
- They made the right decision: 28%
Role of Religion

Do you support making Sharia as the basis of Egyptian law?

- Yes: 66%
- No: 34%
Role of Religion

When you think of applying Sharia, what is your preference?

- Applying the spirit of Sharia but with adaptation to modern times: 83%
- Applying Sharia literally, including to the penal code: 17%
Role of Religion

Which of the following models (Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Tunisia, Morocco) is closest to your aspiration in thinking about the role Islam should play in the Egyptian political system?

- Turkey: 54%
- Saudi Arabia: 32%
- None: 7%
- Tunisia: 4%
Whom among world leaders do you admire most (outside your own country)?

- Erdogan: 63%
- King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz: 5%
- Obama: 5%
Leadership

The leader you would like the next Egyptian president to be most like

- Anwar Sadat: 35%
- Gamal Abdel Nasser: 26%
- Erdogan: 15%
- Umar Ibn Khattab: 5%
Military Council

Opinion of the Supreme Military Council

- **They are neutral**: 44%
- **They are aiming to slow or reverse the aims of the revolution**: 38%
- **They are advancing the aim of the revolution**: 18%
Nuclear Program in Iran

If Iran succeeds in developing a nuclear weapons program, what should Egypt do?

- Build its own weapons program: 61%
- Push for a nuclear-weapons-free zone in the Middle East that includes Iran, Israel, and Arabs: 32%
- Do nothing: 7%
Nuclear Program in Iran

If Iran reaches an agreement with the international community that places verifiable limits on its program, leaving Israel the only nuclear power in the region, what do you think Egypt should do?

- Build its own weapons program: 49%
- Push for a nuclear-weapons-free zone in the Middle East that includes Iran, Israel, and Arabs: 45%
- Do nothing: 7%

[Bar chart showing the percentages for each option]
When you look at the American Presidential elections, who do you prefer to be the next American President?

- Likely Republican Candidate, Mitt Romney: 73%
- President Barack Obama: 25%
The United States

Views of the United States today

- Very unfavorable: 68%
- Somewhat unfavorable: 17%
- Somewhat favorable: 14%
- Very favorable: 1%
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In a world where there is only one superpower, which country (outside your own) would you like that superpower to be

- Turkey: 41%
- Saudi Arabia: 25%
- France: 5%
- America: 5%
- China: 4%
Crisis in Syria

When you look at the crisis in Syria today, what would you like to see?

- I don't want to see any external military intervention: 43%
- An international military intervention on behalf of the rebels, but only with UN Security Council support: 18%
- Turkish-Arab military intervention: 15%
- International or Arab arming of the rebels: 14%
- Western military intervention even without UN support on behalf of the rebels: 8%
International Role in Syria

Country that is playing the most constructive role in international handling of the Syrian crisis

- **Turkey**: 31%
- **Saudi Arabia**: 26%
- **The United States**: 20%
International Role in Syria

Country that is playing the most detrimental role in international handling of the Syrian crisis

- The United States: 38%
- Iran: 21%
- Russia: 18%
The United States

What two steps by the United States would improve your views of the United States most?

- Brokering Middle East Peace by Israel withdrawing to 1967 border & creating a Palestinian state with Jerusalem capital: 66%
- Stopping economic and military aid to Israel: 46%
- Withdrawal of American forces from the Arabian Peninsula: 44%
- Providing more economic assistance to the region: 18%
- Pushing to spread democracy in the Middle East: 12%
Threat Perceptions

Name two countries that you think pose the biggest threat to you?

- Israel: 94%
- United States: 80%
- Iran: 20%
Arab-Israeli Conflict

View about the prospects of lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians

- I don't believe it will ever happen: 55%
- It is inevitable, but it will take more time: 40%
- It will happen in the next five years: 5%
Peace Treaty with Israel

With regard to the Egyptian-Israeli Peace treaty, would you like to see Egypt...

- Maintain the treaty: 46%
- Cancel the treaty: 44%
- Amend it: 10%