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MALAYSIANS' 2018 PREDICTIONS: IPSOS STUDY REVEALS FUTURE PREDICTIONS ON WHAT THEY THINK WILL HAPPEN IN 2018

Kuala Lumpur, 25 January 2018 – Ipsos' latest Global Advisor study carried out in 28 countries, asked the online public on what they think will happen in 2018.

The study that included Malaysia, asked our fellow Malaysians on their predictions for 2018, revealing some interesting facts:

- Malaysians are optimistic that 2018 will be a better year than 2017
- Malaysians believe that China will become the world's biggest economy in 2018.
- Half of Malaysians believe a war between US and North Korea is likely to happen this year. Similarly, 50% believe a major stock market crash is around the corner.
- 4 out of 10 think Trump will be impeached in 2018.
- 1 out of 4 are concerned about a terrorist attack in Malaysian soil.

Arun Menon, Director, Ipsos Public Affairs, comments, "The Malaysian public is looking forward to 2018 with high sense of optimism. Most of us think that 2018 will be a better year than 2017, and Malaysia continues to be a safe country to live in, with only 27% being concerned that there will be a terrorist attack."

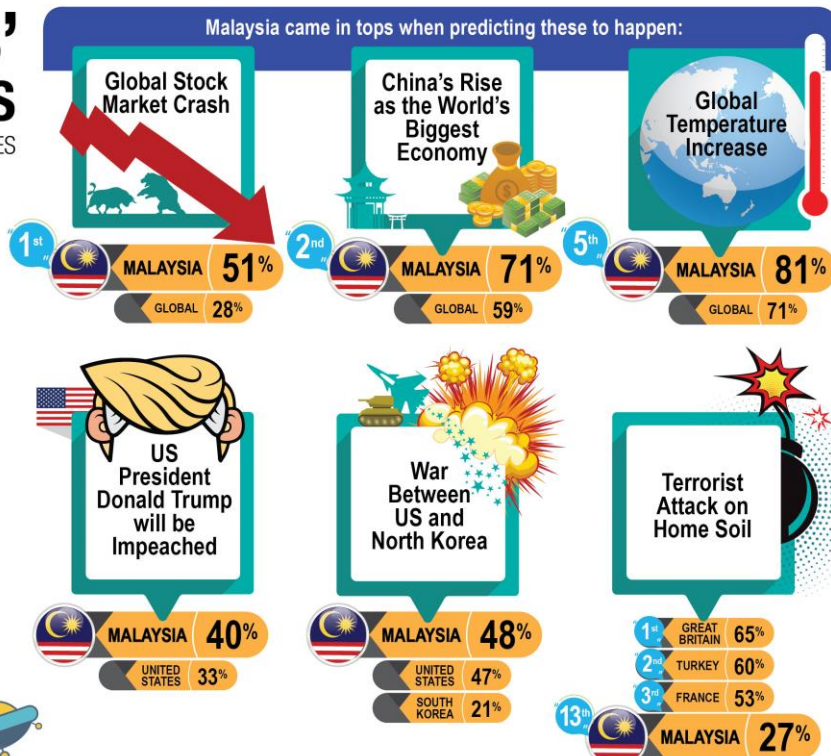
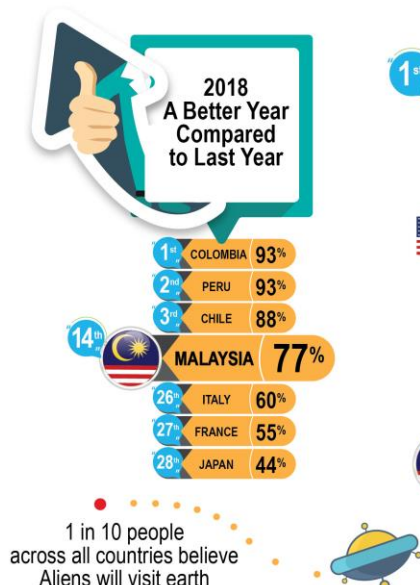
What Malaysians predict 2018 has in store

Malaysians are highly optimistic about 2018 - 77% believe 2018 will be a better year for them than last year. Malaysians are more optimistic compared to Western European countries, while Latin America, China and India took the lead as being the most optimistic countries. However, **Malaysians are not that confident about the global economy** – only 59% believe the global economy will be stronger.

China's rise to be the world's biggest economy and a global temperature increase seems to be inevitable to Malaysians – 71% predict that these will happen in 2018.

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COMPARED TO CITIZENS IN OTHER COUNTRIES



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Polarised prediction on the US President Donald Trump's future in 2018 – **40% believe that the president will be impeached**, whereas an equal number disagree on that. More Malaysians foresee this as a reality than US citizens.

Malaysians are most concerned about a global stock market crash with 51% predicting it will happen in 2018, higher than all other countries covered in the survey. **Equally high amongst Malaysians is the belief that a war between US & North Korea is likely to happen.** South Koreans were less likely to predict this compared to Malaysians. Unlike Europe and US citizens, **we are less worried about a terrorist attack in Malaysia** – with 1 out of 4 that believe this might happen in 2018.

Finally... 1 out of 10 across most countries, including Malaysia, believe Aliens will visit earth this year. Let's see how this will turn out!

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Technical notes:

- These are the findings of the Global @dvisor predictions survey for 2018. In total 21,548 interviews were conducted between, Nov 27 – Dec 8 2017 among adults aged 18-64 in the US and Canada, and adults aged 16-64 in all other countries.
- The survey was conducted in 28 countries around the world via the Ipsos Online Panel system. The countries reporting herein are Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States
- Approximately 1000+ individuals participated on a country by country basis via the Ipsos Online Panel with the exception of Argentina, Belgium, Hungary, Israel, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Chile, Malaysia and Turkey, where each have a sample approximately 500+. In all other countries the sample was 500+. The precision of Ipsos online polls is calculated using a credibility interval with a poll of 1,000 accurate to +/- 3.5 percentage points and of 500 accurate to +/- 5.0 percentage points. For more information on Ipsos' use of credibility intervals, please visit the Ipsos website.
- 17 of the 28 countries surveyed online generate nationally representative samples in their countries (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Poland, Serbia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and United States).
- Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, Chile, Colombia and Malaysia produce a national sample that is more urban & educated, and with higher incomes than their fellow citizens. We refer to these respondents as "Upper Deck Consumer Citizens". They are not nationally representative of their country.
- Where results do not sum to 100, this may be due to computer rounding, multiple responses or the exclusion of don't knows or not stated responses.
- Data is weighted to match the profile of the population.

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