## WORLD REFUGEE DAY

## **Global attitudes towards refugees**

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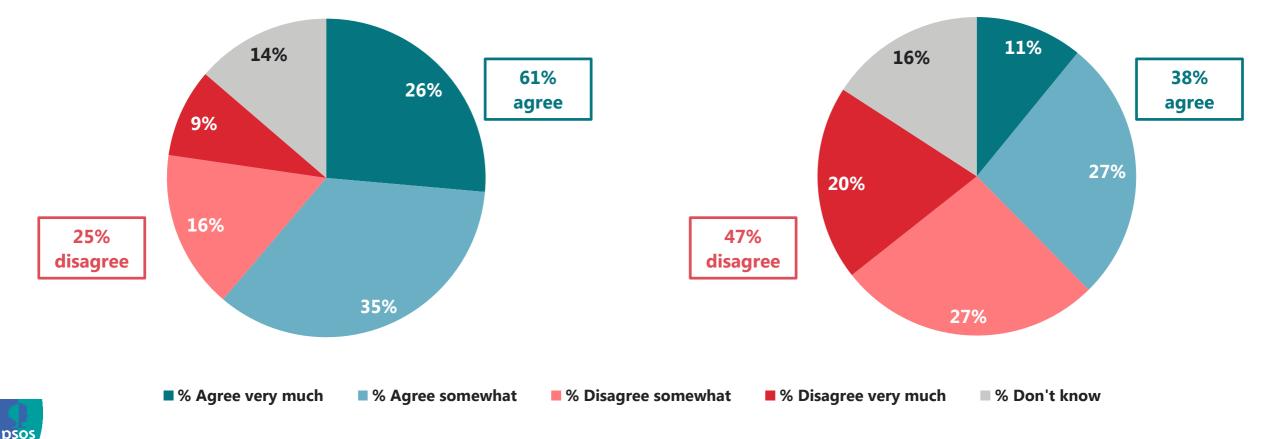
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## Six in ten globally agree that people should have the right to take refuge in other countries while four in ten think they will successfully integrate

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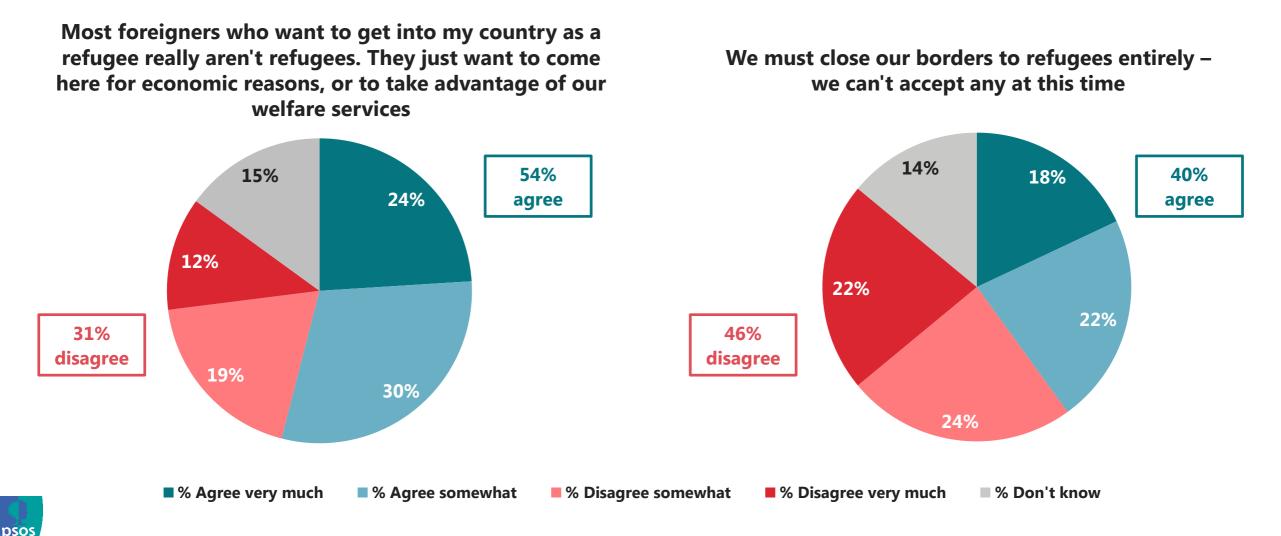
People should be able to take refuge in other countries, including in [COUNTRY], to escape from war or persecution

Most refugees who come to [COUNTRY] will successfully integrate into their new society



Over half are not convinced that refugees that come to their country are genuine and four in ten believe their borders should be closed entirely to refugees

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# While people support the principle of people seeking refuge, concerns about refugees remain and signs that attitudes hardening since 2017

**Q** Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

% agree very much/somewhat % disagree somewhat/very much 2019 54% 31% 36% 2017 52% 2019 40% 46% 2017 39% 51% 2019 38% 47% 44% 2017 43% 2019 25% 61%

Most foreigners who want to get into my country as a refugee really aren't refugees. They just want to come here for economic reasons, or to take advantage of our welfare services

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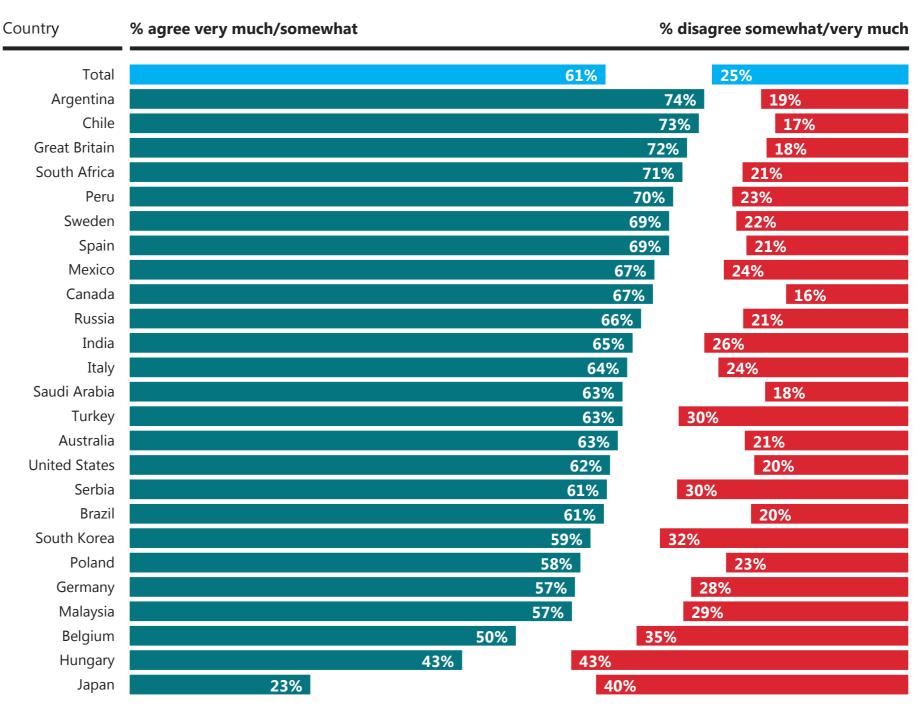
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People should be able to take refuge in other countries, including in [COUNTRY], to escape from war or persecution

Q. Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements? People should be able to take refuge in other countries, including in [COUNTRY], to escape from war or persecution

Respondents in Argentina, Chile, Great Britain are more likely to agree that people have the right to seek refuge – whereas levels of agreement much lower in Japan as well as many European countries – Hungary and Belgium

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Base: 18,027 online adults aged 16-74, 19th April - 3 May 2019

Q. Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements? We must close our borders to refugees entirely – we can't accept any at this time Co

Globally, people are split on whether their country can accept any refugees at this time. Those most likely to want to close borders are in India, Turkey and Sweden



ountry	% agree very much/somewhat	% disagree somewhat/very much	Agree c since	
Total	40%	6%	39%	+1
India		64% 28%	60%	+4
Turkey	59%	6 33%	63%	-4
Sweden	51%	37%	43%	+8
Serbia	51%	41%	38%	+13
Italy	48%	41%	50%	-2
Belgium	45%	39%	45%	0
Germany	45%	41%	44%	+1
Russia	45%	41%	48%	-3
Hungary	44%	44%	61%	-17
Malaysia	43%	43%	n/a	
Peru	40% 51%		40%	+2
Australia	40%	44%	25%	+15
South Africa	39% 52%		35%	+5
Argentina	39% 53%		40%	-1
Poland		15%	32%	+7
Mexico	38% 53%		45%	-6
Saudi Arabia	36%	5%	22%	+16
United States		6%	26% 40%	+10
Spain	35% 54%		40% 31%	-4 +4
South Korea	34% 56%		28%	+4
Great Britain	33% 54%		32%	+0
Canada	29% 55%		25%	+4
Chile	28% 60%		n/a	
Brazil	28% 53%		25%	+3

27%

Japan

Brackets indicate countries with a difference of 10%+ since 2017 Base: 18,027 online adults aged 16-74, 19th April - 3 May 2019

36%

21%

+6

Q. Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Most foreigners who want to get into my country as a refugee really aren't refugees. They just want to come here for economic reasons, or to take advantage of our welfare services

Globally, half are not convinced that refugees coming to their country are genuine and those most sceptical are in India, Turkey and South Africa

Country	% agree very much/somewhat		% disagree somewhat/very much	Agree of since	
Total	54	<mark>%</mark>	31%	52%	+2
India			70% 20%	71%	-1
Turkey		(	<b>22%</b>	66%	+3
South Africa		66%	<mark>6 26%</mark>	64%	+2
Russia		64%	18%	71%	-7
Malaysia		61%	24%	n/a	
Peru		60%	31%	61%	-1
Germany		59%	26%	54%	+5
Mexico		59%	32%	49%	+10
Italy		58%	30%	61%	-3
Poland		57%	26%	61%	-4
Belgium		56%	26%	58%	-2
Hungary	5!	5%	31%	66%	-11
Argentina	55	5%	36%	49%	+6
Great Britain	51%		37%	47%	+4
Saudi Arabia	50%		32%	52%	-2
Sweden	50%		37%	46% 38%	+4 +12
Serbia	50%	3	9%	42%	+12
South Korea	49%		38%	42%	+7
Chile	49%	3	38%	n/a	
Australia	49%		33%	47%	+2
United States	49%		32%	51%	-2
Canada	45%		37%	41%	+4
Spain	45%	42%	6	37%	+8
Brazil	40%		38%	38%	+2
Japan	37%		21%	35%	+2

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Q. Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Most refugees who come to [COUNTRY] will successfully integrate into their new society

Two in five think that most refugees coming to their country will successfully integrate – and people are less convinced than two years ago. Those most optimistic are in India, Argentina and Saudi Arabia

Country	% agree very much/somewhat % disagree somewhat/very much	Agree c since	
Total	38% 47%	43%	-5
India	<b>68% 23%</b>	63%	+5
Argentina	<b>58% 30%</b>	54%	+4
Saudi Arabia	55% 29%	62%	-7
Peru	<b>52% 36%</b>	65%	-13
South Africa	49% 41%	47%	+2
Canada	48% 36%	54%	-6
Brazil	47% 31%	51%	-4
Great Britain	45% 38%	42%	+3
United States	44% 34%	48%	-4
Australia	42%	45%	-3
Chile	42% 47%	n/a	
Russia	41% 46%	41%	0
Mexico	<b>39% 49%</b>	57%	-18
Spain	38% 49%	39%	-1
Malaysia	38% 44%	n/a	
Serbia	34% 56%	69%	-35
Italy	33% 55%	31%	+2
Germany	31% 55%	37% 36%	-6 -7
Poland	29% 52%	36% 27%	-7 +2
Turkey	29% 63%	33%	+2 -7
Sweden	26% 64%	25%	-7
Belgium	25% 56%	25%	-3
South Korea	<b>22% 67%</b>	43%	-24
Hungary	<b>19% 61%</b>	28%	-11
Japan	14%	16%	-2

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- This survey is an international sample of 18,027, adults aged 18-64 in the US, South Africa, Turkey and Canada, and age 16-64 in all other countries, were interviewed. The Fieldwork was conducted from 19<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019. Approximately 1000+ individuals participated on a country by country basis via the Ipsos Online Panel with the exception of Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Hungary, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Serbia, Sweden and Turkey, where each have a sample approximately 500+.
- 15 of the 26 countries surveyed online generate nationally representative samples in their countries (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and United States).

Brazil, China, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Serbia, South Africa and Turkey 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.

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