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Washington, DC – More than half of all Americans (52%) feel that the world would be a safer place with John McCain elected as president, according to a new Ipsos Public Affairs poll, conducted on behalf of The Munk Debates. This is compared to the slightly smaller percentages who feel that Hillary Clinton (45%) or Barack Obama (44%) would make the world safer, were they elected to the same office.

Americans in the South (59%) and the Midwest (57%) are more likely than those in the West (44%) or the Northeast (43%) to think that John McCain would make the world safer as president. Men (57%) are more likely than women (47%) to feel the same way.

On the other hand, Americans living in the West (55%) are more likely than those living in the Northeast (47%), the Midwest (43%), or the South (40%) to think that Hilary Clinton would make the world safer.

Regarding Barack Obama, Americans between the ages of 18 and 34 (50%) are more likely than those between the ages of 35 and 54 (46%) and those over the age of 54 (36%) to think that he would make the world a safer place. As well, Western Americans (52%) are more likely than Northeastern (44%), Midwestern (43%), and Southern (40%) Americans to feel the same way.



In addition, Hispanic Americans are more likely to agree that the world would be a safer place with either Hilary Clinton (72%) or Barack Obama (56%) as U.S. President than with John McCain (40%) in the Oval Office. Similarly, African-Americans are more likely to agree the world would be safer with Barack Obama (72%) or Hilary Clinton (62%) in the Oval Office than with John McCain (18%) as U.S. President.

These are the findings of an Ipsos Public Affairs poll conducted on behalf of the Munk Debates from 04/07 to 04/09, 2008 throughout the United States. This survey of 1,005 adult Americans was conducted via telephone. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population of the United States been polled. The margin of error will be larger within regions and for other subgroupings of the survey population. These data were weighted to ensure that the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual American population according to Census data.

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