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Washington, DC – A new global Ipsos poll of the world's most engaged citizens across 22 countries, conducted for Al Jazeera English Network, finds that most citizens appear to be tuned in to the race for the U.S. Presidency, with a majority of global citizens being 'aware' of the three major contenders for the presidency: Hillary Clinton (92%), Barack Obama (82%) and John McCain (62%).

In fact, much of the world appears to be watching the race in the U.S., with eight in ten (80%) of these 'aware' global citizens indicating that they're following the presidential election 'closely' (15% very/65% somewhat). Just two in ten (20%) of those who are aware of all three candidates say that they're 'not following' the presidential election 'closely at all'.

Among those who are 'aware' of all three candidates, a majority (55%) would most like to see Barack Obama as the next President of the United States, placing him well ahead of his fellow Democratic rival Hillary Clinton, who is receiving 31% of the vote. Apparently, the global

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appetite for another Republican is not strong, with only 14% indicating that they would most like to see John McCain as the next U.S. President.

Global opinion appears to differ markedly from opinion within the United States, however. When considering which of the three candidates they would most like to see as President of the United States, 41% of Americans indicate they most prefer John McCain (compared to 14% globally), 33% would most like to see Barack Obama as President (55% globally), and 26% would most like to see Hillary Clinton as the next President of the United States (31% globally).

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of the Al Jazeera English Network involving a sample of 22,605 respondents, with a minimum of 1,000 interviews per country, across the Ipsos global online panel access network. The field window was April 15 through May 22, 2008. The margin of error per country is +/-3.1, 19 times out of 20.



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Those who are Aware of Hillary Clinton



92% Are Aware of Hillary Clinton, a Democratic Party Candidate , who is currently running to succeed U.S. President George Bush in the November U.S. election...



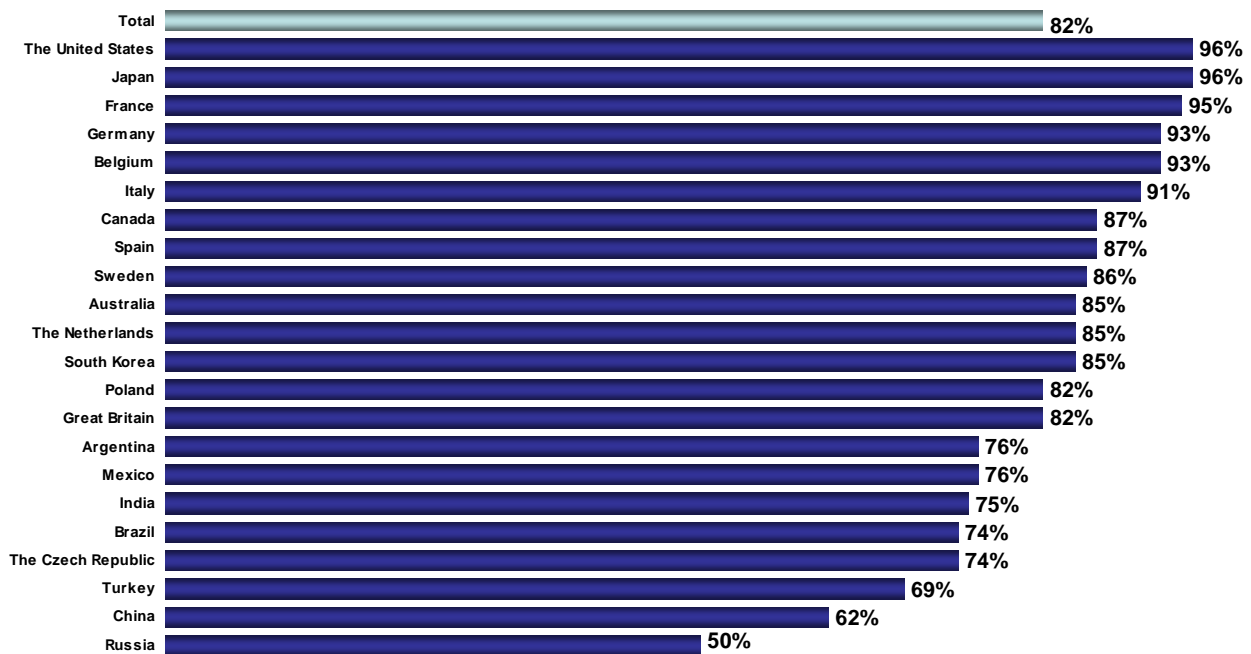
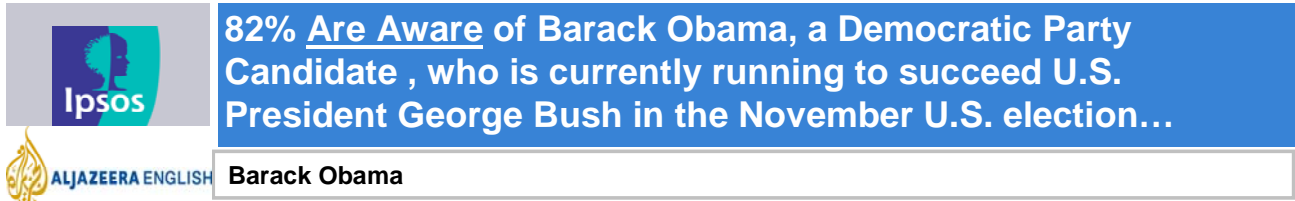
Hillary Clinton



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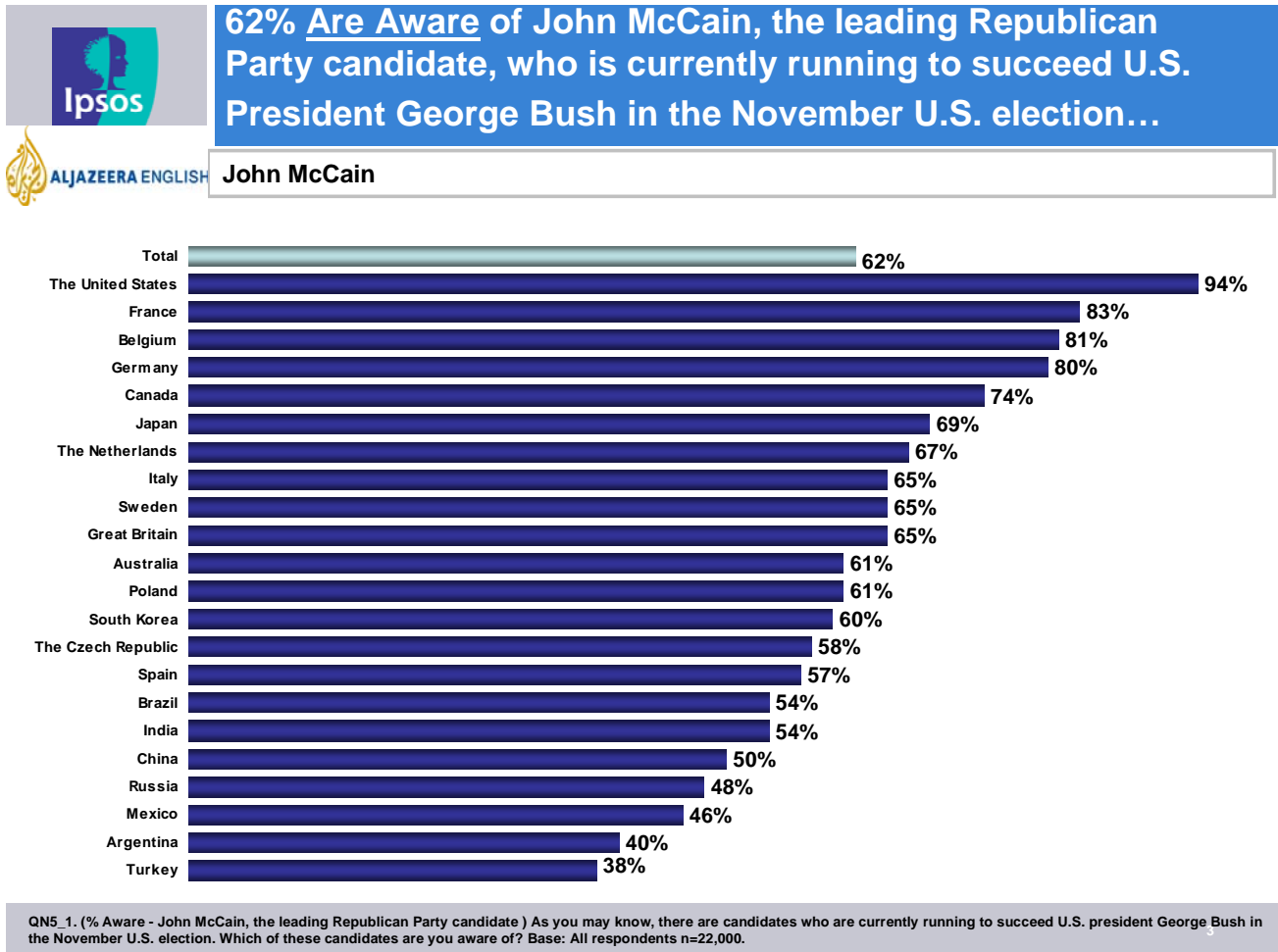
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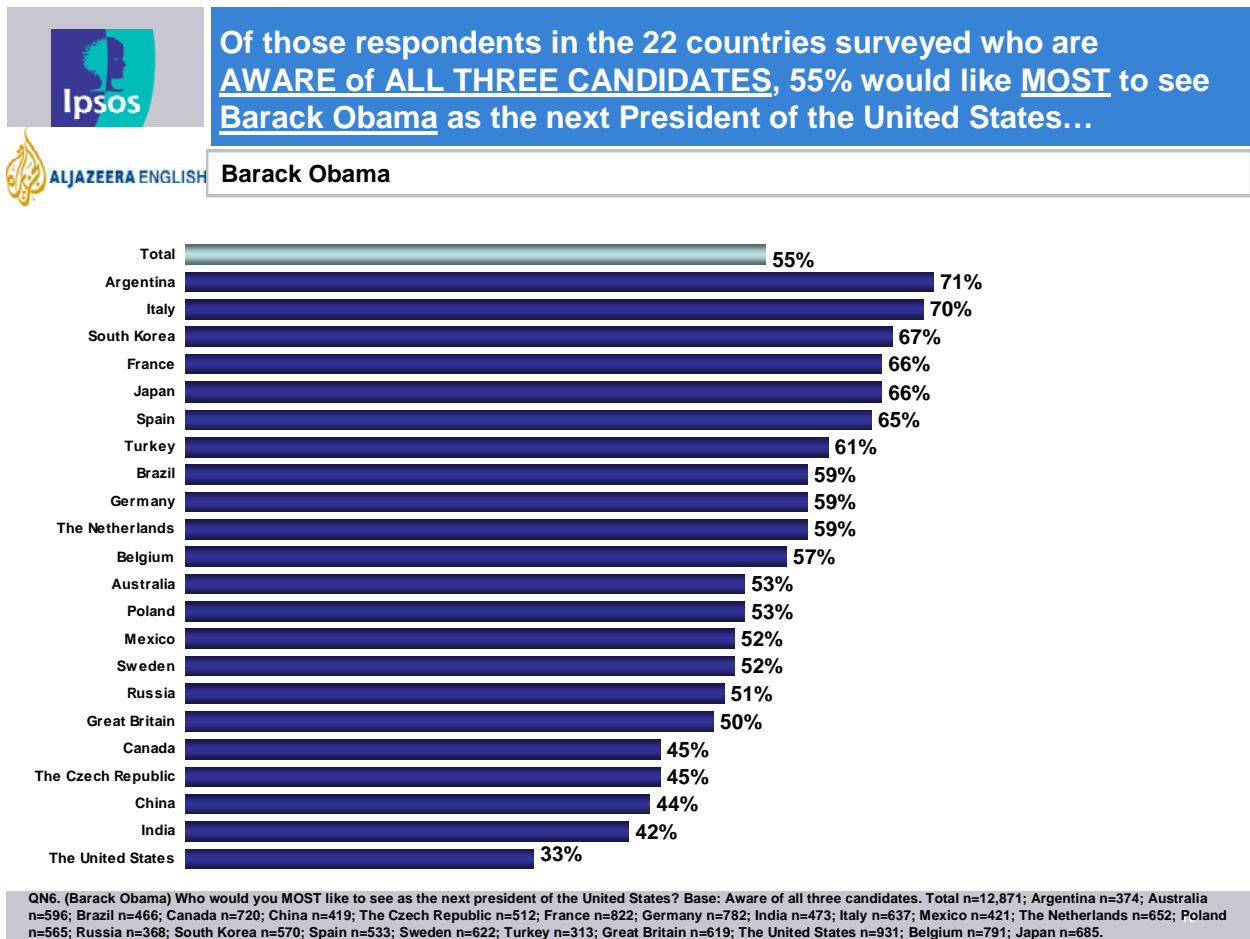
Those who are Aware of John McCain





Of Those Aware, Majority (55%) Would Most Like to See Obama as President of the United States...

Those Who Would Most Like to See Barack Obama as President of the United States



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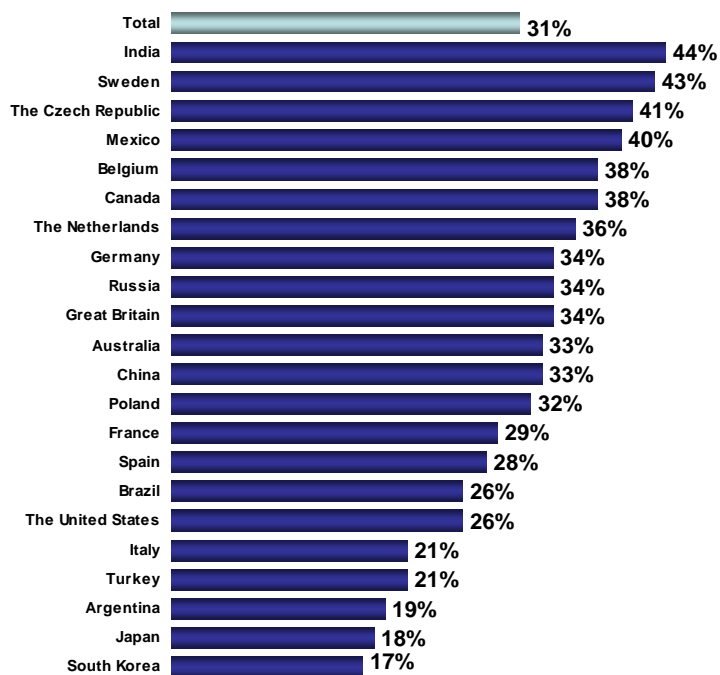


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Hillary Clinton



QN6. (Hillary Clinton) Who would you MOST like to see as the next president of the United States? Base: Aware of all three candidates. Total n=12,871; Argentina n=374; Australia n=596; Brazil n=466; Canada n=720; China n=419; The Czech Republic n=512; France n=822; Germany n=782; India n=473; Italy n=637; Mexico n=421; The Netherlands n=652; Poland n=565; Russia n=368; South Korea n=570; Spain n=533; Sweden n=622; Turkey n=313; Great Britain n=619; The United States n=931; Belgium n=791; Japan n=685.



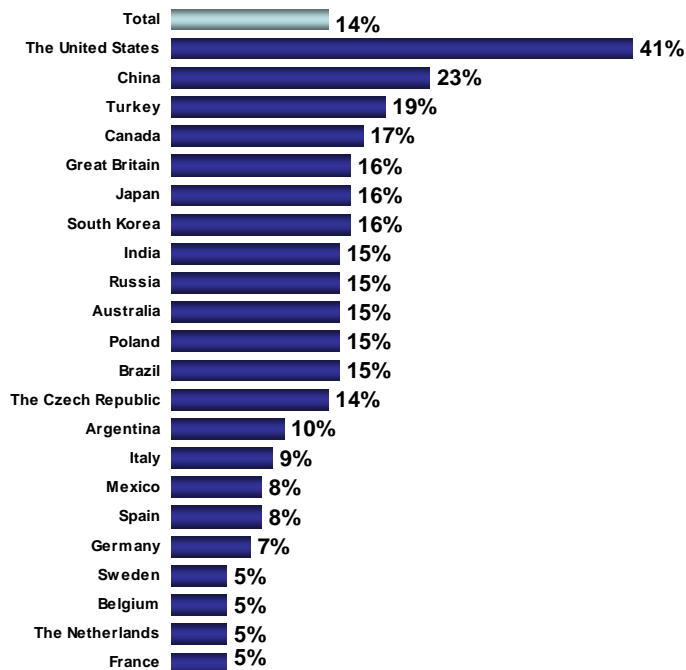
Those Who Would Most Like to See John McCain as President of the United States



Of those respondents in the 22 countries surveyed who are AWARE of ALL THREE CANDIDATES, 14% would like MOST to see John McCain as the next President of the United States...



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The Eyes of the World are Focused on the U.S. Election...

Those Who are Following the Election 'Very Closely'

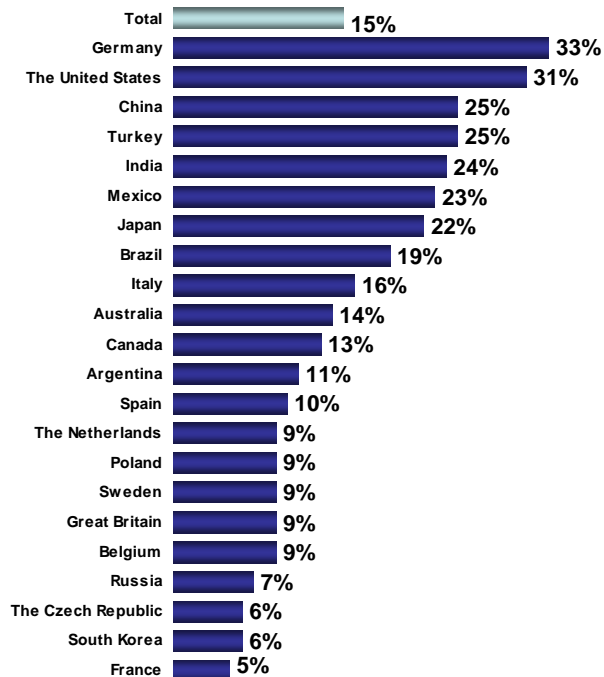


Of those respondents in the 22 countries surveyed who are AWARE of ALL THREE CANDIDATES, 15% are following the 2008 Presidential election in the United States Very Closely:



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Very Closely



QN7. (Very closely) How closely are you following the 2008 Presidential election in the United States? Base: Aware of all three candidates. Total n=12,871; Argentina n=374; Australia n=596; Brazil n=466; Canada n=720; China n=419; The Czech Republic n=512; France n=822; Germany n=782; India n=473; Italy n=637; Mexico n=421; The Netherlands n=652; Poland n=565; Russia n=368; South Korea n=570; Spain n=533; Sweden n=622; Turkey n=313; Great Britain n=619; The United States n=931; Belgium n=791; Japan n=685.



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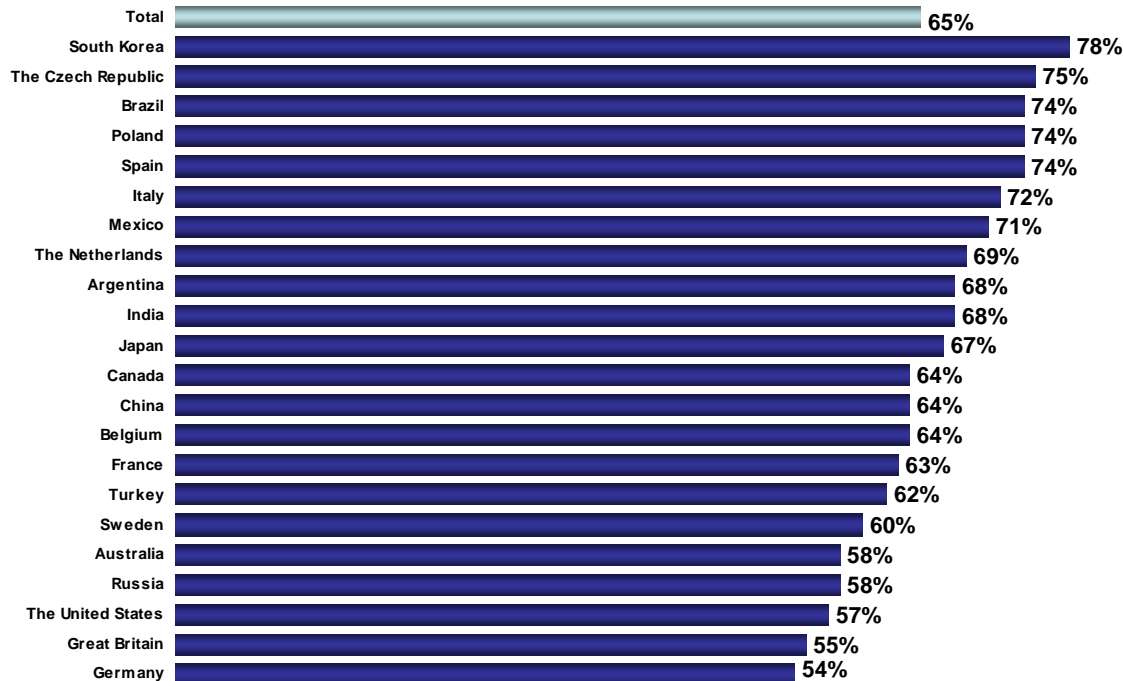


Of those respondents in the 22 countries surveyed who are AWARE of ALL THREE CANDIDATES, 65% are following the 2008 Presidential election in the United States Somewhat Closely:



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Somewhat Closely



Q7. (Somewhat closely) How closely are you following the 2008 Presidential election in the United States? Base: Aware of all three candidates. Total n=12,871; Argentina n=374; Australia n=596; Brazil n=466; Canada n=720; China n=419; The Czech Republic n=512; France n=822; Germany n=782; India n=473; Italy n=637; Mexico n=421; The Netherlands n=652; Poland n=565; Russia n=368; South Korea n=570; Spain n=533; Sweden n=622; Turkey n=313; Great Britain n=619; The United States n=931; Belgium n=791; Japan n=685.



Those Who are NOT Following the Election 'Closely at All'

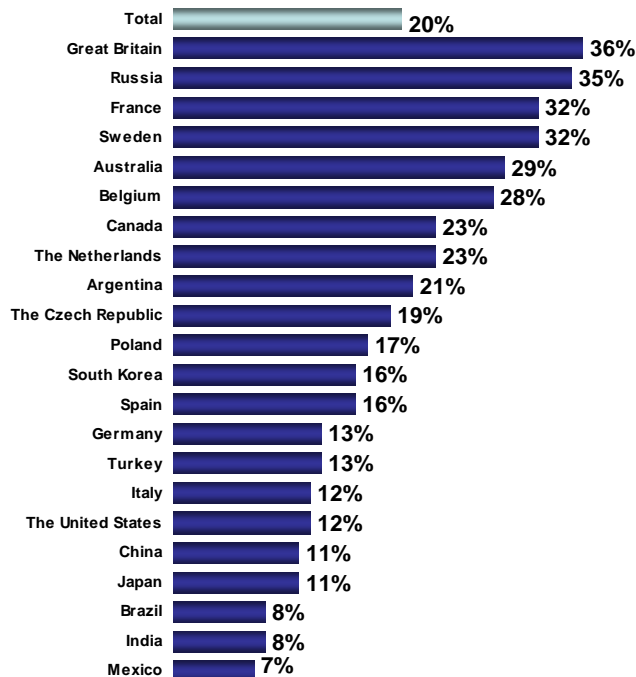


Of those respondents in the 22 countries surveyed who are AWARE of ALL THREE CANDIDATES, 20% are NOT Following the 2008 Presidential election in the United States Closely At All:



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Not Closely At All



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