Public Opinion on the Legitimacy of the United Nations Sanctions

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GLOBAL SURVEY SHOWS WORLD FAVOURS SANCTIONS AGAINST UNITED NATIONS VIOLATIONS

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The survey from WIN shows that if a global referendum was to be held, the pro-sanctions vote would be 11% ahead of anti-sanctions. Among large nations, India leads the pro-sanctions group while China leads the anti- sanctions group.

Our survey shows that the world favours the imposed United Nations' Sanctions. According to our study, which will be presented to the United Nations Secretary General on September 15th, out of the 61 countries surveyed, 49 are pro-sanctions, 11 are anti-sanctions and 1 is on the fence.

If a mock referendum was held among the over 7 billion people of the world on this issue, the report predicts that, pro-sanction populations would be roughly 11% ahead of the anti-sanctions populations, with 50% being pro-sanctions and 39% being anti-sanctions.

The worldwide polling network, WIN is producing the report, in collaboration with the Geneva based Global Governance Unit.

The report will be presented as a policy note to the United Nations Secretary General at the opening of this year's Annual General Assembly of the United Nations in New York. The worldwide poll surrogating as a global referendum was conducted among more than 60,000 men and women.

The study focused on 6 types of issues which can theoretically trigger sanctions. These are unprovoked military aggression against another state; genocide of groups within the country; violation of nuclear non-proliferation treaties; support for terrorists; removal of a democratically elected government and the violation of environmental protection treaties. The Index is constructed by aggregating the views on all 6 types of sanctions.

Those surveyed were selected through a worldwide lottery or random sampling to represent the views of a cross-section of the world's population, as opposed to the states to which they belong, and whose official delegations will be making speeches and voting in the chambers of the United Nations around the same time as the presentation of this report.

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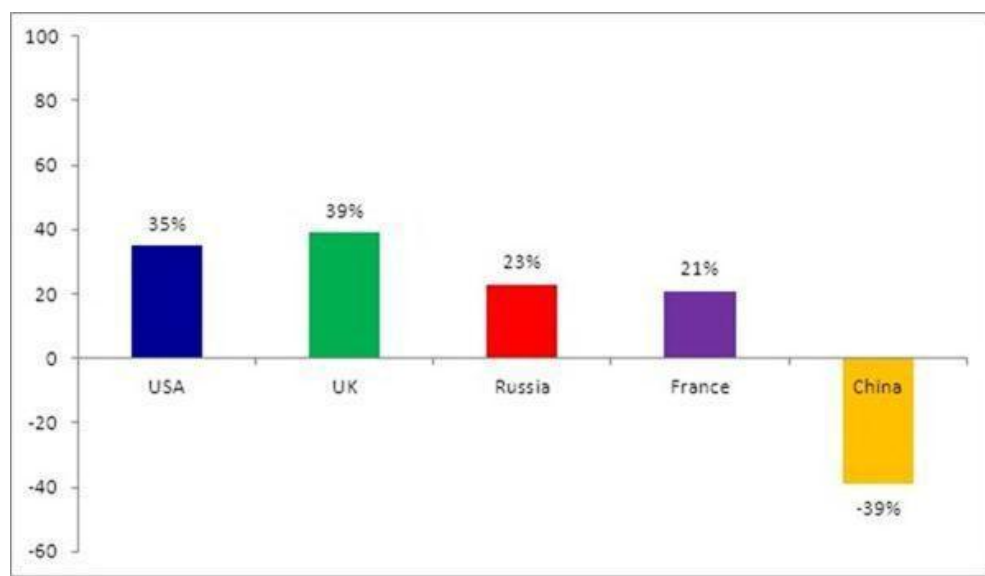
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The report predicts a tough task ahead for the United Nations Secretary General on getting both a worldwide and regional consensus, because of strong national and regional polarization on the legitimacy of United Nations Sanctions.

The report shows that even though sanctions enjoy an overall majority, some segments of global population hold polar opposite views on the subject. For example, while the balance of opinion, or net support, in India weighs heavily in favour of sanctions at + 40%, the balance of opinion in its neighbouring China is highly opposed to sanctions with a score of -39%.

As for the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, who hold the right to veto United Nations Resolutions, the split of popular opinion among their people is also worth noting.
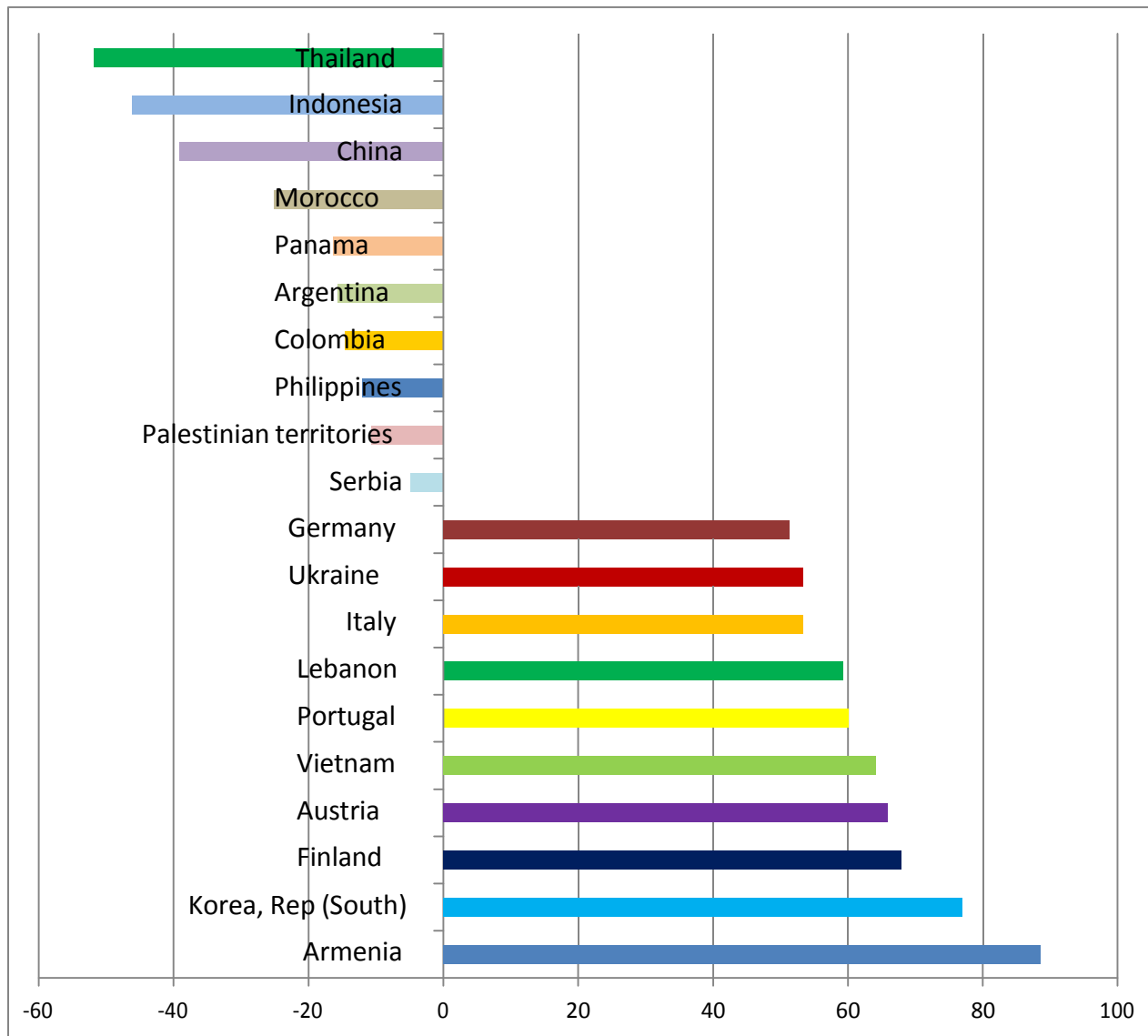
USA (+35%); UK (+39%); RUSSIA (+23%); FRANCE (+21%); CHINA (-39%).

TOP 10 NATIONS MOST SUPPORTIVE OF SANCTIONS are the following:
Armenia, South Korea, Finland, Austria, Vietnam, Portugal, Lebanon, Italy, Ukraine, Germany.

THE BOTTOM 10 NATIONS OPPOSING SANCTIONS are Thailand, Indonesia, China, Morocco, Panama, Argentina, Colombia, Philippines, Palestinian Territories, Serbia.

President of WIN, Jean-Marc Leger has made the following comment on the findings of the survey:

The poll we release today presents the global views on the legitimacy of the imposed United Nations' Sanctions. It is essential that the overall public opinion be taken into account in the decision making process of major debates in our society, such as this one. We are proud at WIN to provide a scientific window into the thoughts and behaviors of the world's population and thus hope to make our contribution as global citizens.

About the WIN:

WIN is the leading association in market research and polling and is made up of the 75 largest independent market research and polling firms in their respective countries with combined revenue of over €500 million and covering 95% of the world's market.

For more than 60 years WIN Members have demonstrated their expert ability to conduct multi-country surveys on a comparable basis and deliver the highest quality. Their Members are leading national institutes with a profound local knowledge of research methods and techniques, statistical sources, customs and culture differences of its own country and carefully selected by the Association Board. With only one Member agency per country, Members work together on a daily basis to share knowledge, new research techniques and tools, as well as to provide the most appropriate solutions to international research projects and service our clients to the best of our abilities.

The accumulated expertise of the Association is formidable - they have internationally renowned experts in public opinion, Third World issues, advertising, and media research as well as in commercial fields such as IT/telecommunications, healthcare, retail, economics, corporate research and so on. Members are at the leading edge of technical and methodological developments, which have impacted on not only the research industry but also the whole commercial world.