

Africa
(New Poll Results- August 2008)

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Darfur &
Intervention

Still thinking about international matters, how important is it to you that the (2008) presidential (election) candidates talk about what they would do as president to deal with the situations in each of the following countries--very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all? How about...Sudan?

- 39% Very important
- 41 Somewhat important
- 14 Not too important
- 4 Not important at all
- 1 No opinion

Organization: Gallup Organization
Dates: October 25-October 28, 2007

If you had to choose, which do you think should be the main issue for evangelical Christians to get involved in today? Is it trying to end poverty and hunger among the poor, trying to stop abortions from taking place in the US (United States), or trying to stop the genocide and violence in places like Darfur?

- 33% End poverty and world hunger
- 22 Try to stop abortions in the US
- 17 Darfur genocide
- 15 All (Vol.)
- 5 Combination (Vol.)
- 8 Don't know/No answer

Subpopulation/Note: White Evangelicals
Organization: CBS News
Dates: October 12-October 16, 2007

Now, the International Criminal Court is an independent, permanent court in Europe. It puts people accused of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes on trial. The International Criminal Court is supported by many countries, but not the United States government. Some people believe that the United States should help the International Criminal Court by sharing intelligence about genocide that would build its case against the government of Sudan's leaders, who are accused of planning and implementing the genocide.

Others believe that the United States should not help the International Criminal Court because there is some chance that, in the future, its prosecutors might try to prosecute the US military personnel for their actions in Iraq or in other military missions around the world. Which comes closer to your view?

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5%.

- 53% US should help the International Criminal Court
- 38 US should not help the International Criminal Court
- * Both (Vol.)
- 1 Neither (Vol.)
- 8 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Genocide Intervention Network
 Dates: December 14-December 17, 2006

As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month, tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely...Ethnic violence in the Darfur region of Sudan

	6/1 – 6/4 (2007)	12/6- 12/10 (2006)	5/2 – 5/14 (2006)	7/8- 7/18 (2004)*	
Very Closely	12%	13%	16%	14%	
Fairly Closely	22	23	22	22	
Not Too Closely	29	29	27	27	
Not at All Closely	36	34	33	35	
Don't Know/Refused	1	1	2	2	

Organization: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press

*Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form 1 half sample; Organization: Survey by Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, Council on Foreign Relations

Would you favor or oppose the use of US (United States) troops in the Darfur region of Sudan as part of a multinational force to help end the ethnic genocide there?

- 53% Favor
- 38 Oppose
- 9 No opinion

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form 2 half sample
Organization: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.
Dates: December 6-December 10, 2006

Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the ethnic genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

51% US has responsibility
36 Doesn't have responsibility
13 Don't know/Refused

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form 1 half sample
Organization: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.
Dates: December 6-December 10, 2006

Although all the following are important priorities, which one do you think should be the top foreign policy priority for President (George W.) Bush and his administration?...Stabilizing Iraq, fighting the war on terrorism, dealing with China as a growing superpower, negotiating peace between Israel and its neighbors, dealing with North Korea's weapons program, dealing with Iran's nuclear energy program, dealing with the genocide in Darfur, Sudan...(If More than one, ask:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would you say is the top priority?

20% Stabilizing Iraq
18 Fighting the war on terrorism
12 Dealing with China as a growing superpower
11 Negotiating peace between Israel and its neighbors
9 Dealing with North Korea's weapons program
8 Dealing with Iran's nuclear energy program
7 Dealing with the genocide in Darfur, Sudan
13 All (Vol.)
1 None/Other (Vol.)
1 Not sure

Organization: NBC News, Wall Street Journal.
Dates: July 21-July 24, 2006

Now thinking about the situation in Darfur, a region in the African country of Sudan...do you favor or oppose the presence of US ground troops, along with troops from other countries, in an international peacekeeping force in Darfur?

61% Favor
32 Oppose
7 Don't know/Undecided/Refused

Organization: Cable News Network
 Dates: October 12-October 14, 2007

There has been some discussion about what the US (United States) could do to stop genocide in the Darfur region of the Sudan. As I mention some possible steps, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each...Putting US troops on the ground in Darfur, as a small part of an international peacekeeping force. (If Favor/Oppose, ask:) (Is that strongly/somewhat favor/oppose?)

- 17% Strongly favor
- 33 Somewhat favor
- 21 Somewhat oppose
- 24 Strongly oppose
- 6 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Genocide Intervention Network
 Dates: December 14-December 17, 2006

Question 130 (1-11): There has been some discussion about the circumstances that might justify using U.S. troops in other parts of the world. Please give your opinion about some situations. Would you favor or oppose the use of U.S. troops:

130/11. To be a part of an international peacekeeping force to stop the killing in Darfur (new)

<u>(N=1,227)</u>				
<u>Year</u>	Favor (%)	Oppose (%)	Not sure/Decline (%)	Total (%)
2006 (internet)	65	28	7	100

Organization: CCGA
 Dates: Jun 23- Jul 9, 2006

As you may know, some countries have troops currently engaged in different military operations around the world. To what extent, would you approve or disapprove of the deployment of United States troops for the following operations?...Approve very much, approve somewhat, disapprove somewhat, disapprove very much...To provide humanitarian assistance in the Darfur region of the Sudan

Subpopulation/Note: Respondents were asked about deployment of troops from their country.

43% Approve very much
32 Approve somewhat
11 Disapprove somewhat
10 Disapprove very much
2 I don't know anything about this topic
Vol.)
2 Don't know/Refused

Organization: German Marshall Fund of the US and the Compagnia di San Paolo, Italy
Dates: June 4-June 23, 2007

Do you think news organizations are giving too much coverage, too little coverage, or the right amount of coverage to...ethnic violence in the Darfur region of Sudan?

10% Too much coverage
49 Too little coverage
27 Right amount of coverage
14 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press
Dates: June 1-June 4, 2007

How much, if anything, have you read or heard about ethnic violence in the Darfur region of Sudan?...A lot, a little, nothing at all

22% A lot
47 A little
29 Nothing at all
2 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press
Dates: May 30-June 3, 2007

Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the ethnic genocide in Darfur, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

49% US has responsibility
34 Doesn't have responsibility
17 Don't know/Refused

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form 1 half sample
Organization: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press

Dates: May 30-June 3, 2007

Would you favor or oppose the use of US (United States) troops in Darfur as part of a multinational force to help end the ethnic genocide there?

45% Favor
37 Oppose
18 Don't know/Refused

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form 2 half sample
Organization: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press
Dates: May 30-June 3, 2007

How much have you heard about the situation in the Darfur region of the Sudan? Would you say you've heard a lot, some, a little, or nothing at all?

26% A lot
33 Some
24 A little
16 Nothing at all
1 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Genocide Intervention Network
Dates: December 14-December 17, 2006

In 2003, fighting broke out in Africa between the government of the Sudan and the rebels in the western region of Sudan, an area called Darfur. While putting down this rebellion, the Sudanese government has attacked not only these rebels but also ethnic groups in an effort to kill them or drive them out of the region. To date, two to four hundred thousand have been killed and over two and a half million have been driven from their homes. President (George W.) Bush and the Congress have called the situation genocide, but the violence continues today....Now thinking once again about the United States' foreign policy priorities, such as Iraq, the war on terrorism, North Korea, and Iran, how high of a priority do you think it should be for America to do something about the genocide happening in the Darfur region of the Sudan?

17% An absolute top priority
40 A high but not top priority
24 A medium priority
9 A lower priority
6 Not a priority at all
4 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Genocide Intervention Network

Dates: December 14-December 17, 2006

There has been some discussion about what the US (United States) could do to stop genocide in the Darfur region of the Sudan. As I mention some possible steps, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each...Preventing tankers that carry Sudanese oil from docking at US ports. (If Favor/Oppose, ask:) (Is that strongly/somewhat favor/oppose?)

19% Strongly favor
35 Somewhat favor
22 Somewhat oppose
14 Strongly oppose
10 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Genocide Intervention Network

Dates: December 14-December 17, 2006

There has been some discussion about what the US (United States) could do to stop genocide in the Darfur region of the Sudan. As I mention some possible steps, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each....Freezing assets of Sudanese leaders, even if they occasionally provide information to the US on al Qaeda activity. (If Favor/Oppose, ask:) (Is that strongly/somewhat favor/oppose?)

27% Strongly favor
35 Somewhat favor
17 Somewhat oppose
10 Strongly oppose
11 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Genocide Intervention Network

Dates: December 14-December 17, 2006

Suppose the only way to end the violence in Darfur involved sending roughly ten thousand US troops to the Darfur region of the Sudan on an aggressive peace keeping mission that may cost more than one hundred US lives. Would you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose sending troops, in order to end the genocide in Darfur?

12% Strongly favor
25 Somewhat favor
21 Somewhat oppose
37 Strongly oppose
5 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Genocide Intervention Network

Dates: December 14-December 17, 2006

Do you think the U.S. should or should not intervene when crises occur in Africa?

- 67% Should
- 20 Should not
- 7 It depends (Vol.)
- 6 Don't know/No answer

Subpopulation/Note: Registered voters
Organization: BET/CBS
Dates: July 6-July 15, 2004

128. UN Security Council and Darfur intervention

(N=1,227)

<u>Year</u>	Does not have the right to authorize intervention (%)	Has the right, but not a responsibility, to authorize intervention (%)	Has a responsibility to authorize intervention (%)	Not sure/Decline (%)	Total (%)
2006 (internet)	10	35	48	7	100

Organization: CCGA
Dates: Jun 23- Jul 9, 2006

If there was UN approval, would you be willing to use the United States armed forces to establish peace in a civil war in an African country?

- 66% Yes
- 27 No
- 6 Don't know/Refused

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of partial sample (15% of sample)
Organization: German Marshall Fund of the US and the Compagnia di San Paolo, Italy
Dates: June 6-June 26, 2004

If there was NATO approval, would you be willing to use the United States armed forces to establish peace in a civil war in an African country?

- 60% Yes

34 No
6 Don't know/Refused

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of partial sample (18% of sample)
Organization: German Marshall Fund of the US and the Compagnia di San Paolo, Italy
Dates: June 6-June 26, 2004

If there was approval of the main European allies, would you be willing to use the United States armed forces to establish peace in a civil war in an African country?

52% Yes
39 No
9 Don't know/Refused

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of partial sample (17% of sample)
Organization: German Marshall Fund of the US and the Compagnia di San Paolo, Italy,
Dates: June 6-June 26, 2004

Favorability

Next, I'd like your overall opinion of some foreign countries. What is your overall opinion of...Kenya? Is it very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

5% Very favorable
37 Mostly favorable
28 Mostly unfavorable
10 Very unfavorable
21 No opinion

Organization: USA Today
Dates: February 11-February 14, 2008

Aid & Alliances

In recent years, China has expanded aid and investment in Africa. Do you think this poses a threat to US interests or an opportunity for US-China cooperation?

26% A threat to US
66 An opportunity
7 Not sure

Organization: Zogby International
Dates: August 20-September 4, 2007

Do you feel that...South Africa is a close ally of the US (United States), is friendly but not a close ally, is not friendly but not an enemy, or is unfriendly and is an enemy of the US?

	7/10-7/16, (2007)	7/5 - 7/11 (2006)	8/9- 8/16 (2005)	8/10- 8/15 (2004)
Close Ally	10%	25	11	16

Friendly Not Close Ally	42	40	42	35
Not Friendly, Not Enemy	31	30	24	22
Unfriendly/Enemy	5	4	6	2
Not Sure/Refused	12	13	18	24

Organization: Harris Interactive

News Coverage

Now, as I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month, tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. (If necessary, ask:) Did you follow...the US air strikes on suspected terrorist sites in Somalia very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?

- 17% Very closely
- 32 Fairly closely
- 27 Not too closely
- 23 Not at all closely
- 1 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Dates: January 10-January 15, 2007

Aids & Health

For each of the following health conditions, please say whether you think it is a very serious problem in Africa, a somewhat serious problem, or not a serious problem? How about...HIV or AIDS?

	12/8- 12/10 (2006) Gallup ½ Sample	5/7- 5/12 (2004) Kaiser Family Foundation			
Very Serious	96%	83%			
Somewhat Serious	2	10			
Not too Serious	n/a	1			
Not at all Serious	n/a	1			
Don't Know	n/a	6			
Refused	n/a	*			
No Opinion	2				

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5 percent

For each of the following health conditions, please say whether you think it is a very serious problem in Africa, a somewhat serious problem, or not a serious problem?) How about...poor nutrition?

88% Very serious
11 Somewhat serious
1 Not serious
1 No opinion

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form A half sample
Organization: Conducted by Gallup Organization,
Dates: December 8-December 10, 2006

For each of the following health conditions, please say whether you think it is a very serious problem in Africa, a somewhat serious problem, or not a serious problem? How about...malaria?

62% Very serious
26 Somewhat serious
3 Not serious
8 No opinion

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form A half sample
Organization: Gallup Organization
Dates: December 8-December 10, 2006

For each of the following health conditions, please say whether you think it is a very serious problem in Africa, a somewhat serious problem, or not a serious problem? How about...tuberculosis?

53% Very serious
30 Somewhat serious
5 Not serious
13 No opinion

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form A half sample
Organization: Gallup Organization
Dates: December 8-December 10, 2006

For each of the following health conditions, please say whether you think it is a very serious problem in Africa, a somewhat serious problem, or not a serious problem? How about...cancer?

30% Very serious

- 37 Somewhat serious
- 14 Not serious
- 19 No opinion

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form A half sample
 Organization: Gallup Organization
 Dates: December 8-December 10, 2006

I'm going to read you a list of people, and I'd like you to tell me for each one whether you think this person stands out as a leader in the fight against global AIDS. If you don't know who the person is, just tell me and I'll go on to the next question. What about...former South African President Nelson Mandela? (Read as necessary:) Does this person stand out as a leader in the fight against global AIDS, or not?					
	3/24- 4/18 (2006)	3/15- 5/11 (2004)			
Yes	50%	55%			
No	20	22			
DK/ Refused	30	23			

Organization: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

To the best of your knowledge, have there been cases of the avian or bird flu among humans in...Africa?

- 18% Yes
- 56 No
- 26 Don't know
- * Refused

Organization: Harvard School of Public Health Project on the Public and Biological Security
 Dates: January 17-January 25, 2006

Now I'm going to read you a list of some stories covered by news organizations in the last month or so. As I read each one, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. How closely did you follow this story?...Reports of polio outbreaks in Asia and Africa. Did you follow this story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

- 5% Very closely
- 16 Fairly closely
- 27 Not too closely
- 52 Not at all closely
- 1 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation
Dates: June 2-June 5, 2005

Do you support or oppose the President George W. Bush increasing assistance to Africa and other places being hit hard by HIV/AIDS during his next term in office? (If Support/Oppose, ask:) Is that strongly support/oppose or somewhat support/oppose?

42% Strongly support
30 Somewhat support
12 Somewhat oppose
11 Strongly oppose
5 Undecided/Don't know

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form A half sample
Organization: The ONE Campaign
Dates: November 3-November 4, 2004

Assorted

Do you think the number of immigrants now entering the US (United States) from each of the following areas is too many, too few, or about the right amount? How about immigrants from...African countries?

19% Too many
20 Too few
53 About right
8 No opinion

Organization: Gallup Organization
Dates: June 8-June 25, 2006
As far as you know, does...South Africa now have nuclear weapons, or not?

18% Yes
46 No
36 Don't know/Refused

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form 1A quarter sample
Organization: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, Council on Foreign Relations.
Dates: October 12-October 24, 2005

I'm going to mention several nations around the world. For each one, please tell me whether you think that country or countries are currently a serious economic competitor of the United States, will be a serious economic competitor to the United States in the future, or will never really be a serious economic competitor to the United States?...African nations

3% Currently an economic competitor

- 20 Economic competitor in the future
- 68 Will never be an economic competitor
- 9 Not sure

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form B half sample
 Organization: NBC News, Wall Street Journal.
 Dates: May 12-May 16, 2005

I'm going to mention several nations around the world. For each one, please tell me whether you think that country poses an immediate military threat to the United States, a long-term military threat, or no real military threat to the United States...African nations, such as South Africa and Ethiopia

- 2% Immediate military threat
- 9 Long-term military threat
- 84 No real military threat
- 5 Not sure

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form A half sample
 Organization: NBC News, Wall Street Journal.
 Dates: March 31-April 3, 2005 and

Would you favor or oppose adding each of the following specific countries as permanent members of the United Nations Security Council?...South Africa

- 62% Favor
- 30 Oppose
- 8 Don't know/No answer

Subpopulation/Note: Those who support expanding the permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council/Depends/Don't know/No answer (77%)
 Organization: BBC World Service/ Program On International Policy Attitudes
 Dates: November 17-December 12, 2004

Globalization

Overall, do you think freer international trade increases a lot, increases somewhat, decreases somewhat or decreases a lot the number of...jobs in Africa?

- 8% Increases a lot
- 43 Increases somewhat
- 12 Decreases somewhat
- 4 Decreases a lot
- 33 Don't know/Refused

Organization: German Marshall Fund of the US
 Dates: September 16-October 3, 2005

Do you think...people in Africa will benefit a great deal, benefit somewhat, suffer somewhat or suffer a great deal from freer international trade?

- 15% Benefit a great deal
- 44 Benefit somewhat
- 13 Suffer somewhat
- 5 Suffer a great deal
- 6 Neither benefit nor suffer/Stay the same (Vol.)
- 18 Don't know/Refused

Subpopulation/Note: Asked of Form B half sample
Organization: German Marshall Fund of the US
Dates: September 16-October 3, 2005

Democracy
&
Development

I will now read some statements regarding development assistance to sub-Saharan Africa. For each statement, please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with this statement?...The level of aid to African countries has to be linked to the efforts these countries make to fight poverty and promote democratic government.

- 40% Strongly agree
- 38 Somewhat agree
- 11 Somewhat disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree (Vol.)
- 4 Don't know/Refused

Organization: German Marshall Fund of the US.
Dates: September 16-October 3, 2005

I will now read some statements regarding development assistance to sub-Saharan Africa. For each statement, please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with this statement?...African countries should set the priorities for how foreign development assistance is spent in their own countries.

- 21% Strongly agree
- 42 Somewhat agree
- 18 Somewhat disagree
- 13 Strongly disagree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree (Vol.)
- 3 Don't know/Refused

Organization: German Marshall Fund of the US
Dates: September 16-October 3, 2005

I will now read some statements regarding development assistance to sub-Saharan Africa. For each statement, please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with this statement?...In general, African countries should receive more development assistance than the level given to other poor countries.

- 13% Strongly agree
- 20 Somewhat agree
- 38 Somewhat disagree
- 22 Strongly disagree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree (Vol.)
- 4 Don't know/Refused

Organization: German Marshall Fund of the US
Dates: September 16-October 3, 2005

The leaders of rich countries recently agreed to double development aid to sub-Saharan Africa over the next 5 years, meaning that by 2010 the region will receive an additional 25 billion US (United States) dollars each year. Now I'm going to give you a list of possible ways to spend this new aid for sub-Saharan Africa. Please tell me which ones you personally think should be the top three priorities?...Education and training, promoting democracy and tackling corruption, helping Africans grow more food for themselves, fighting diseases, improving infrastructure like roads and access to electricity, helping African businesses and farmers engage in trade.

- 78% Education and training
- 33 Promoting democracy and tackling corruption
- 55 Helping Africans grow more food for themselves
- 62 Fighting diseases
- 36 Improving infrastructure like roads and access to electricity
- 24 Helping African businesses and farmers engage in trade
- 1 None of these (Vol.)

Note: Adds to more than 100% due to multiple responses.
Organization: German Marshall Fund of the US
Dates: September 16-October 3, 2005

Again, using the same ten-point scale, where 1 means no risk of loss and 10 means very high risk of loss, how would you rate the level of risk for investing in the following geographical areas?...Africa

- 46% High risk (10-8)
- 38 Medium risk (7-4)
- 13 Low risk (3-1)
- 3 Don't know/Refused

Note: Mean = 6.8

Organization: UBS

Dates: August 1-August 14, 2005