Obama’s First 100 Days:
A Middle East Perspective

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Opinion of the U.S.

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Favorable Opinion of the U.S.

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Change in Opinion of U.S. Post-Obama Election

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Obama’s Actions Toward Arab World

- **Egypt**: 18 positive, 76 negative
- **Jordan**: 26 positive, 75 negative
- **KSA**: 51 positive, 49 negative
- **UAE**: 50 positive, 48 negative

Source: Zogby International 6 Nation Poll 2009
**Most Positive Actions By Obama - Egypt**

- Withdrawl from Iraq: 85
- Closing GITMO: 55
- First Int'l Interview: 37
- Diplomats To Syria: 8
- Appointed Mitchell: 7
- Nowruz Message: 3
- None of the Above: 
- No Positive Actions: 

*Respondents were asked to name top TWO actions from list of 7*

Source: Zogby International 6 Nation Poll 2009
**Most Positive Actions By Obama - Jordan**

- **Withdrawal from Iraq**: 55
- **Closing GITMO**: 57
- **First Int'l Interview**: 13
- **Diplomats To Syria**: 9
- **Appointed Mitchell**: 19
- **Nowruz Message**: 3
- **None of the Above**: 17
- **No Positive Actions**: 26

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## Most Positive Actions By Obama - KSA

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Source: Zogby International 6 Nation Poll 2009
Most Positive Actions By Obama - UAE

- Withdrawal from Iraq: 25
- Closing GITMO: 49
- First Int'l Interview: 54
- Diplomats To Syria: 23
- Appointed Mitchell: 28
- Nowruz Message: 12
- None of the Above
- No Positive Actions

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Greatest Obstacles To Peace In The Mid-East

Isr-Pal Conflict
Lack of Democracy
U.S. Interference
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Perception of President Obama in Egypt

- Obama Can Bring Positive Change
  - Agree: 37
  - Disagree: 32
  - No President Can: 27

- Obama Will Be Even Handed
  - Agree: 65
  - Disagree: 19
  - No President Can: 10

Source: Zogby International 6 Nation Poll 2009
Perception of President Obama in Jordan

- **Obama Can Bring Positive Change**
  - Agree: 31
  - Disagree: 39
  - No President Can: 26

- **Obama Will Be Even Handed**
  - Agree: 25
  - Disagree: 53
  - No President Can: 19

Source: Zogby International 6 Nation Poll 2009
Perception of President Obama in KSA

- Obama Can Bring Positive Change
  - Agree: 74
  - Disagree: 16
  - No President Can: 10

- Obama Will Be Even Handed
  - Agree: 33
  - Disagree: 59
  - No President Can: 7

Source: Zogby International 6 Nation Poll 2009
Perception of President Obama in UAE

- Obama Can Bring Positive Change:
  - Agree: 64
  - Disagree: 14
  - No President Can: 18

- Obama Will Be Even Handed:
  - Agree: 56
  - Disagree: 19
  - No President Can: 15

Source: Zogby International 6 Nation Poll 2009
Opinions in Lebanon
Opinion of the U.S. in Lebanon

- Lebanon Overall: 38 Favorable, 61 Unfavorable
- Shi'a: 18 Favorable, 80 Unfavorable
- Sunni: 42 Favorable, 58 Unfavorable
- Christian: 52 Favorable, 47 Unfavorable

Source: Zogby International 6 Nation Poll 2009
Change in **Lebanese** Opinion of U.S. Post-Obama Election

- **Lebanon Overall**
  - Better: 54
  - No Change: 44
  - Worse: 4

- **Shi'a**
  - Better: 57
  - No Change: 41

- **Sunni**
  - Better: 58
  - No Change: 41

- **Christian**
  - Better: 63
  - No Change: 35

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Obama Can Bring Positive Change To U.S.-Arab Relations

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Obama Can Be Even Handed On Isr-Pal Issue

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