

## Public Opinion on Legitimacy of UN Sanctions



### ITALY REPORT (ENGLISH)

## ITALIANS' OPINION STRONGLY FAVORS UN SANCTIONS AGAINST NATIONS VIOLATING ITS COMMANDS

If a referendum was held in Italy, the pro-sanctions vote will be ahead of the anti-sanctions vote by 53%, with 72% being pro-sanctions and 19% being anti-sanctions. This is the highest figure among the European “big five”: Germany 51%, UK 39%, Spain 38% and France 21%.

Out of Europe, the popular opinion in some nations of the world is opposed to UN Sanctions, while the balance of opinion is in favor of these sanctions in other countries, with huge differences also in the largest countries as the 40% for India and 39% for China. On a world-wide basis, pro-sanction populations will be roughly 11% ahead of the anti-sanctions populations (50% pro-sanctions and 39% anti-sanctions).

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.

The world-wide poll surrogating as a global referendum was conducted among more than 60,000 men and women, living in 61 countries all over the world. In each country a national representative random sample of adults has been interviewed.

Italy is at the eight position of the global ranking, where top 10 nations most supportive of sanctions are: Armenia, South Korea, Finland, Austria, Vietnam, Portugal, Lebanon, Italy, Ukraine, Germany. And the bottom 10 nations

opposing sanctions are: Thailand, Indonesia, China, Morocco, Panama, Argentina, Colombia, Philippines, Palestine, Serbia.

Average of Net Averages of 6 Type of Sanction for ITALY: **53**

Average of Net Averages of 6 Type of Sanction for WEST EUROPE: **44%**

Average of Net Averages of 6 Type of Sanction for ALL REGIONS: **11%**

Looking more in detail at the Italian results, the highest figure (56%) has been registered with reference to UN sanctions or punishment against a nation in case of genocide or systematic killing of any group in its own country, especially on the target of people aged 35-44 years and in the North-West region.

There was a very similar figure (55%) for violation of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty obligations or prevention of nuclear arms inspections.

Slightly lower figure (53%) with reference to the removal of a democratically elected government, with higher level of favour in the North-West region.

Finally, same level of favour (52%) in case of unprovoked military attack on another country, provision of financial support to terrorist groups and violation of the treaties on environmental protection.

## COUNTRY-WISE (RANK ORDER RESULTS- HIGH TO LOW)

### GLOBAL PUBLIC OPINION ON LEGITIMACY OF INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS (June 2015)

**Q19.** Sometimes the United Nations (UN) imposes sanctions or punishments against a country by banning other countries to trade with certain individuals, groups or businesses in that country. For each of the following, do you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose such punishment by the United Nations if a country?

		Average of Net Averages of 6 Type of Sanction
<b>Global average</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Rank Order Results (High to Low)</b>	Armenia	89
	Korea, Rep (South)	77
	Finland	68
	Austria	66
	Vietnam	64
	Portugal	60
	Lebanon	59
	<b>Italy</b>	<b>53</b>
	Ukraine	53
	Germany	51
	Netherlands	51
	Latvia	48
	Iceland	48
	Australia	48
	Sweden	47
	Fiji	45
	Canada	45
	Czech Republic	44
	Switzerland	43
	Ireland	42
	Bulgaria	41
	India	40
	Kenya	39
	Turkey	39
Nigeria	39	
United Kingdom	39	

Spain	38
United States	35
Bangladesh	34
Kazakhstan	31
Mexico	30
Belgium	30
Ecuador	29
Greece	27
Japan	26
Poland	26
Afghanistan	26
Bosnia and Herzegovina	25
Pakistan	25
Brazil	24
Algeria	24
Russian Federation	23
France	21
Peru	21
Hong Kong	20
Romania	17
Malaysia	14
Kosovo	9
Georgia	8
Macedonia	0
South Africa	-3
Serbia	-5
Palestinian territories (West Bank and Gaza)	-11
Philippines	-12
Colombia	-15
Argentina	-16
Panama	-16
Morocco	-25
China	-39
Indonesia	-46
Thailand	-52

**Weighted according to total national population of each country in the sample  
SOURCE: WIN Gallup International Annual Global Poll/ EOY, December 2014**

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**METHODOLOGY:**

Country	Firm	Email	Methodology	Sample	Coverage	Population	Pop.represented by sample	Field Dates	Age Brackets	Weighting factors
ITALY	DOXA	<a href="mailto:Vilma.scarpino@doxa.it">Vilma.scarpino@doxa.it</a>	F2F/CAPI	1000	National	59,700,000	51,100,000	October 16th-October 30th, 2014	15+	Yes

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