

WORLD OPINION

Anti-American Feeling Abroad

Two years ago, American ships and aircraft were headed to Indonesia and other areas devastated by the Asian tsunami. They carried supplies, expertise and good will. Partly because of those efforts, opinions of the United States improved slightly around the world, according to surveys taken a few months later for the Pew Global Attitudes Project.

By 2006, the war in Iraq seemed to have darkened America's global image again. But not everywhere. Views have improved marginally since 2005 in Britain and Pakistan. Pakistani opinion may have been influenced by American aid for victims of the 2005 earthquake there.

There was room only for improvement in Jordan, where just 1 percent of respondents said they had a positive view of the United States in the months after the Iraq invasion. Now 15 percent do.

In a few months, Pew will begin its 2007 polling, paying particular attention to changes in Muslim attitudes, which it began to track in 2002. **BILL MARSH**

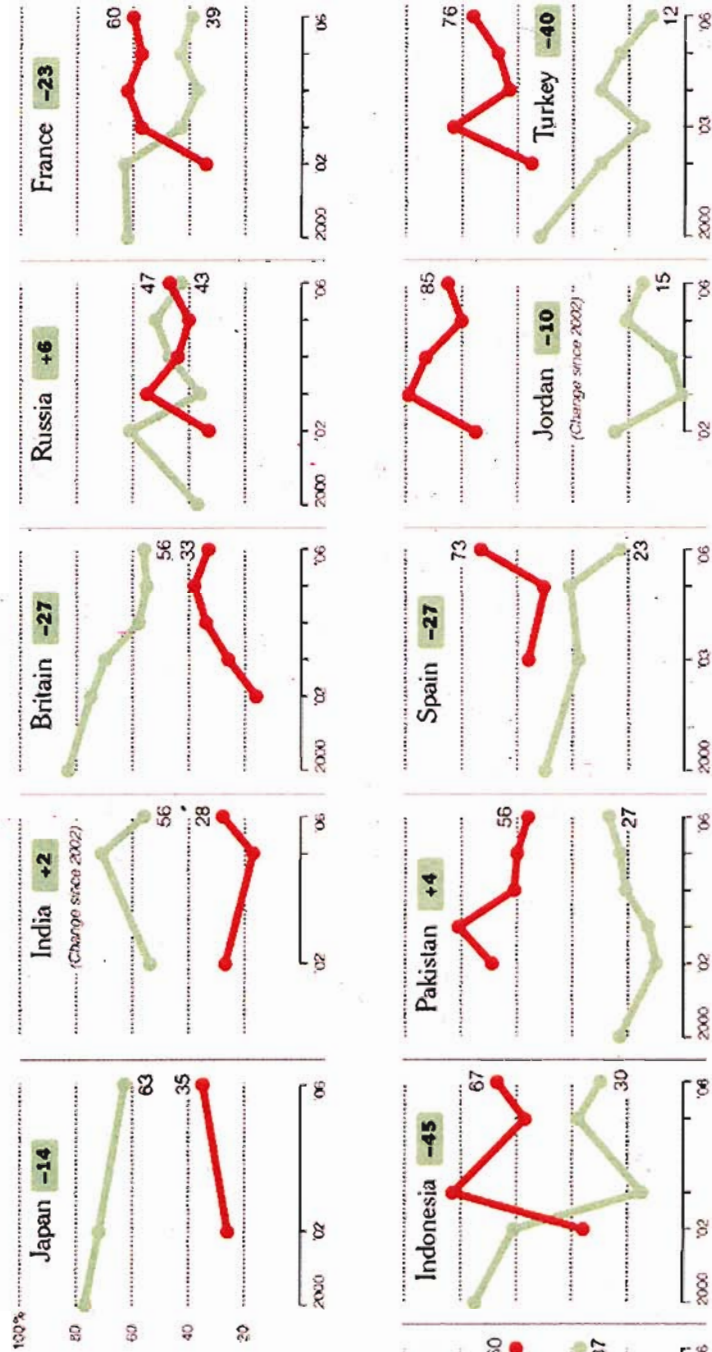
Percentage of people in each country whose view of the United States was:

FAVORABLE (green line)

UNFAVORABLE (red line)

Change in favorable views since 2000, in percentage points: **-14**

Countries appear in descending order of most favorable views (Japan is highest, Turkey lowest).



Sources: 2000 figures are from State Department surveys conducted in 1999 and 2000; all others from the Pew Global Attitudes Project.

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