

**Opinion
Poll**

**The Meeting of U.S. President Joe Biden
with Leaders of the GCC Countries,
Egypt, Iraq and Jordan**

Excutive Summary

- ❑ The sample size, at the UAE level, was 1069 individuals
- ❑ Participation of males reached 77%, while that of females reached 23%.
- ❑ Out of total respondents, 50% were Arabs, 43% Asians, 3% Westerners, 2% Africans, and 2% Americans.
- ❑ The age group '30-39' registered the highest participation in the survey (73%), followed by the age group '18-29' (15%), the age group '40-49' (10%), and finally the age group '50 & above' (2%).
- ❑ Participation of university degree holders reached 84%, while that of high school graduates reached 16%.
- ❑ 66% of the sample members did not hear about the meeting.
- ❑ 54% of total respondents follow news related to Gulf-US relations to an average extent.
- ❑ 60% see the Gulf-US relations as excellent.

Executive Summary

- ❑ Sample members evaluate the Gulf-US relations as excellent in the following fields:
 - ❑ Military and security field(57%).
 - ❑ Strategic field (60%).
 - ❑ Economic field (49%).
 - ❑ Political field (57%).
 - ❑ Cultural field (46%).
 - ❑ Humanitarian field (48%).
- ❑ Sample members attach high importance to this meeting for the following reasons:
 - ❑ Urging the countries involved in the meeting to increase oil production (78%).
 - ❑ Coordination with these countries on the issue of Iran (79%).
 - ❑ Asking for political support in the Russian-Ukrainian war (77%).
 - ❑ Reaching a settlement in Yemen (76%).
 - ❑ Expanding the Abraham Accords to include other Arab countries (59%).
- ❑ 75% of total respondents believe that the Gulf region today is very important to the US foreign policy.
- ❑ 79% of the respondents think that the neutral position of most of the Gulf countries toward the Russia-Ukraine war is very good.
- ❑ 89% believe that the United States is a reliable partner.
- ❑ 84% say the GCC foreign policy is fully independent of the American foreign policy.
- ❑ 81% of total respondents believe that the Gulf-US relations will strengthen in the future.

Introduction

As part of its opinion poll series, **TRENDS Research & Advisory Center** conducted a poll about “**the Meeting of U.S. President Joe Biden with Leaders of the GCC Countries, Egypt, Iraq and Jordan**”. The aim was to explore the opinions of residents of these countries about the meeting of the US President Joe Biden with the leaders of the GCC countries, Egypt, Iraq, and Jordan.

The poll contained the following 10 questions:

- 1- Have you heard of the expected meeting of the U.S. President with the leaders of the GCC countries, Egypt, Iraq, and Jordan during his scheduled visit to the region?
- 2- To what extent do you follow the news related to the Gulf-US relations?
- 3- Where do you get information about the Gulf-US relations?
- 4- How do you evaluate the Gulf-US relations in the following fields?
- 5- What is the importance of the following reasons for the meeting of President Biden with the leaders of the GCC countries, Egypt, Iraq and Jordan?
- 6- What is the importance of the Gulf region today to the US foreign policy?
- 7- What do you think about the neutral position taken by most of the GCC countries toward the Russian-Ukrainian war?
- 8- Do you think that the US is a reliable partner?
- 9- To what extent do you think the foreign policy of the Arab Gulf countries in general is independent of the US foreign policy?
- 10- How do you see the future of the Gulf-U.S. relations?

Objectives of the Poll

- 1- To know the percentage of those who follow the news about the meeting of the US President with the leaders of countries of the region.
- 2- To the percentage of those who follow the news related to the Gulf-US relations.
- 3- To understand how the sample members see the Gulf-US relations.
- 4- To know how the sample members evaluate the Gulf-US relations.
- 5- To know the importance of the reasons behind the meeting of President Biden with the leaders of the GCC countries, Egypt, Iraq, and Jordan.
- 6- To know the importance of the Gulf region today to US foreign policy.
- 7- To know the views of the public about the neutral position taken by most of the Gulf countries toward the Russian-Ukrainian war.
- 8- To know the percentage of those who see the United States as a reliable ally.
- 9- To the extent to which the GCC foreign policy in general is independent of the American foreign policy.
- 10- To find out how people see the future of the Gulf-US relations.

Methodology

Data Collection:

Due to COVID-19 precautionary measures, electronic data collection method was used whereby the questionnaire was posted on the TRENDS website to ensure the ease and accuracy of responses.

The Sample:

a- Sample Selection:

Owing to the difficulty of reaching the target audience, snowball sampling method was used. A questionnaire link was sent to individuals whose information is available in the databases at TRENDS Research & Advisory Center. We requested them to share the link with other people in the UAE who fit the characteristics of the intended sample. We also used the services of **Surviv** company, which is specialized in data collection.

b- Characteristics of the Sample:

The sample consisted of community members, from different age groups and nationalities, who live in the UAE.

c- Margin of Error:

The margin of error was $\pm 4.0\%$, which fell within the statistically acceptable range in electronic surveys. This was accounted for in the analysis to ensure the accuracy of the results.

Questionnaire Format:

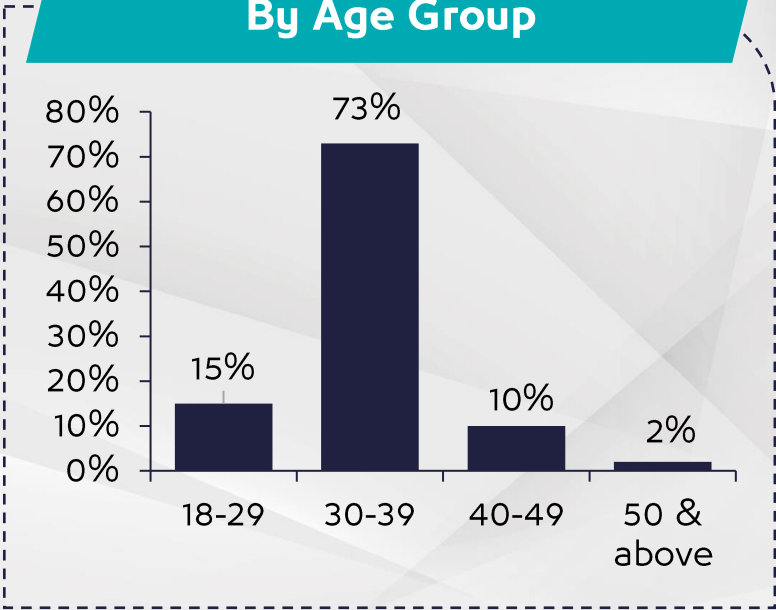
An electronic questionnaire was designed for the purpose of this survey. It consisted of 10 questions asking the UAE community members their opinion about the meeting of the US President Biden with the leaders of the GCC countries, Egypt, Iraq, and Jordan.

Data Analysis:

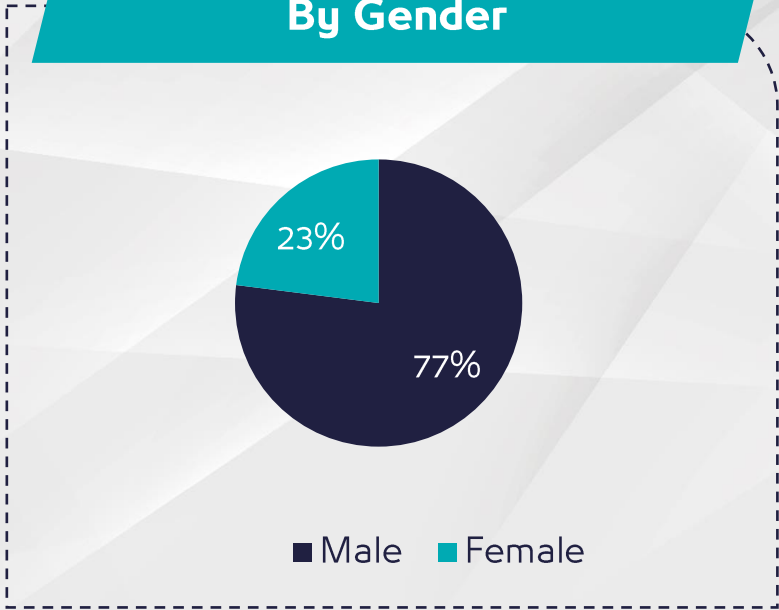
SPSS and Excel statistical programs were used to process and analyze the data, extract tables and graphs, and prepare the statistical report.

Sample Distribution

By Age Group

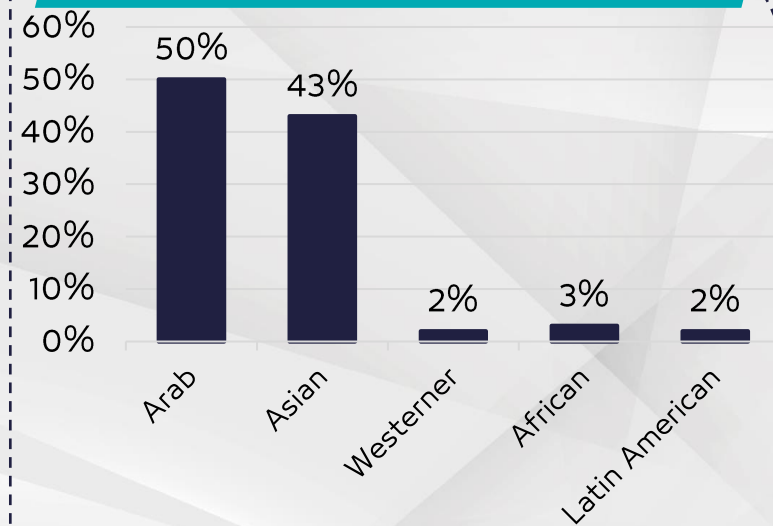


By Gender

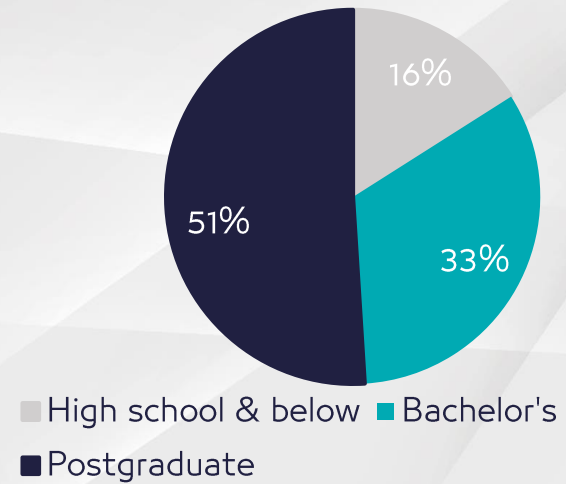


Sample Distribution

By Nationality



By Education Level



Third of the sample members heard about the meeting of US President with leaders of the leaders of the region's countries

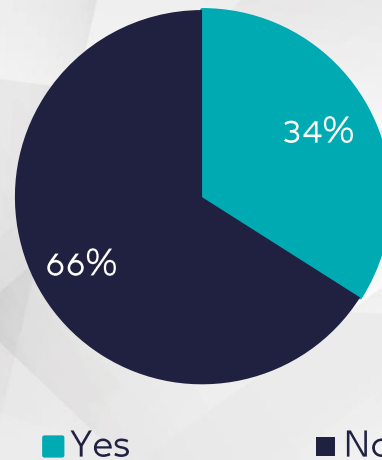
Have you heard about the expected meeting of U.S. President with the leaders of some of the region's countries during his scheduled visit?

Age group '18-29'
34% said "Yes".


Age group '30-39'
31% said "Yes".

Age group '40-49'
48% said "Yes".


Age group '50 & above'
76% said "Yes".



35% said "Yes".



30% said "Yes".



Americans

14% said "Yes".

Africans

77% said "Yes".

Westerners

35% said "Yes".

Asians

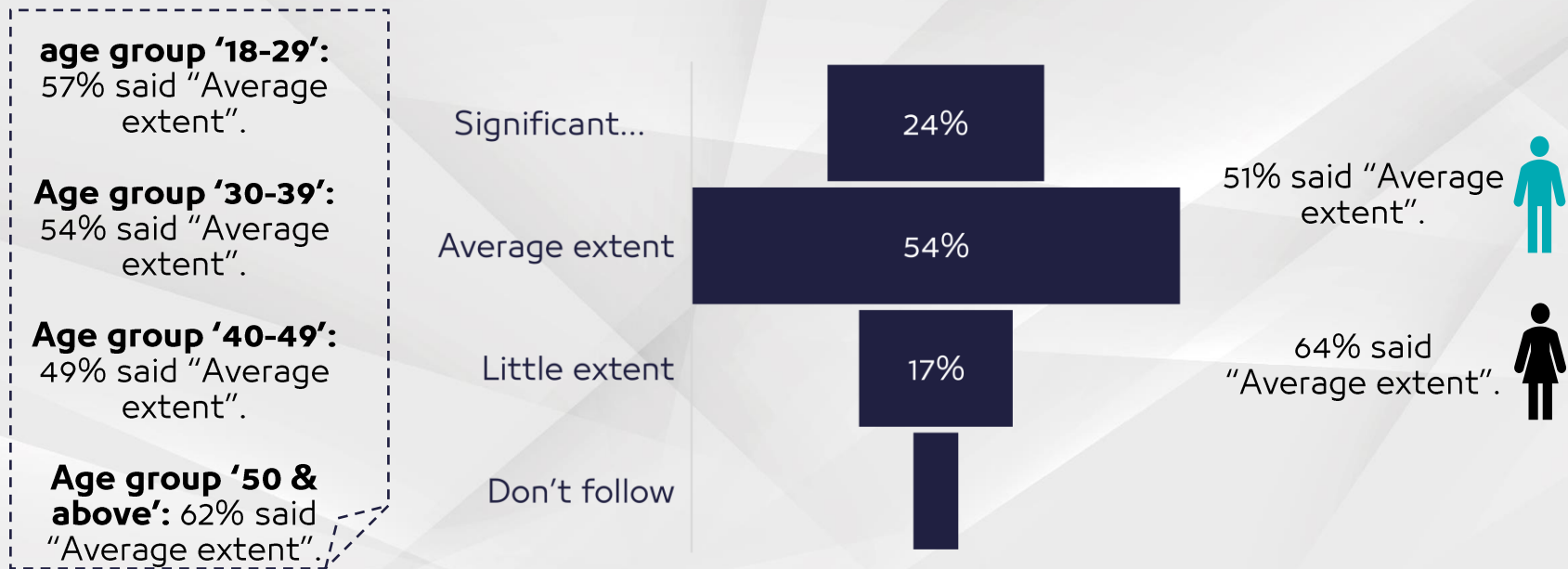
27% said "Yes".

Arabs

38% said "Yes".

54% of the sample members follow the news related to the Gulf-US relations to an average extent

To what extent do you follow the news related to the Gulf-US relations?



Americans
27% said "Average extent".

Africans
68% said "Significant extent".

Westerners 58%
said "Average extent".

Asians
75% said "Average extent".

Arabs
39% said "Average extent".

60% See the Gulf-US relations as excellent

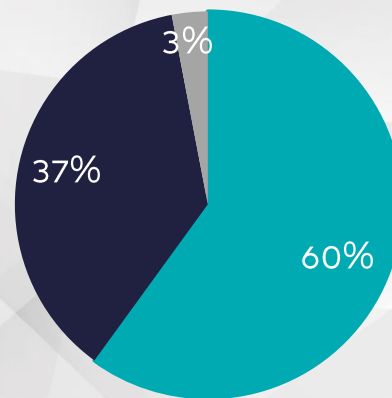
How do you see the Gulf-US relations?

Age group '18-29':
63% said "Excellent".

Age group '30-39':
62% said "Excellent".

Age group '40-49':
48% said "Excellent".

Age group '50 & above': 52% said "Excellent".



■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Neither good nor bad

51% said "Excellent".



68% said "Excellent".



Americans: 64% said "Excellent".

Africans 73% said "Excellent".

Westerners: 92% said "Good".

Asians 91% said "Excellent".

Arabs 61% said "Good".

75% see the Gulf region today as very important to US foreign policy

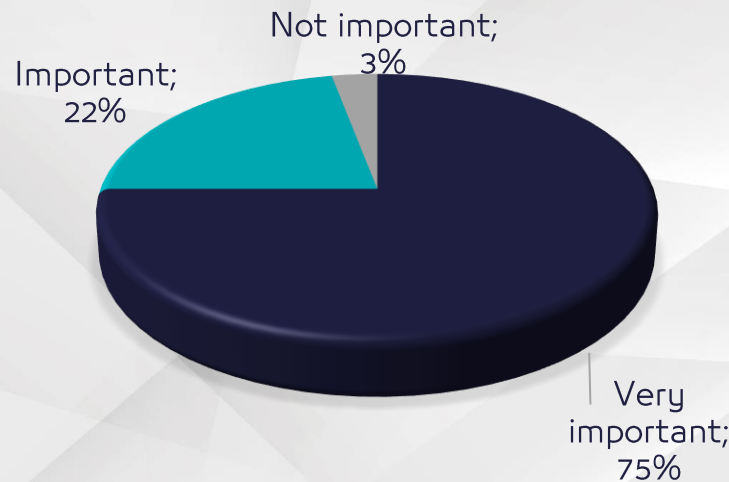
What is the importance of the Gulf region today to US foreign policy?

age group '18-29': 98% said "Very important".

Age group '30-39': 97% said "Very important".

Age group '40-49': 9% said "Very important".

Age group '50 & above': 95% said "Very important".



97% said "Very important".



98% said "Very important".



Americans

100% said "Very important".

Africans

87% said "Very important".

Westerners

100% said "Very important".

Asians

99% said "Very important".

Arabs

96% said "Very important".

The Gulf-US relations are excellent in the strategic field

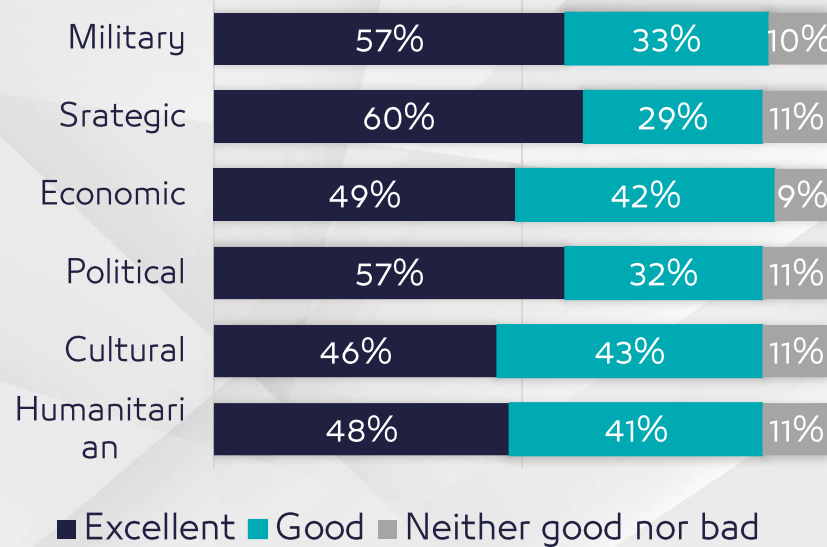
How do you evaluate the Gulf-US relations in the following fields?

Age group '18-29': Excellent in the military field.

Age group '30-39': Excellent in the strategic field.

Age group '40-49': Excellent in the strategic field.

Age group '50 & above': Excellent in the military field.



Excellent in the strategic field



Excellent in the strategic field



Americans
Excellent in the military and strategic fields.

Africans
Excellent in the economic field.

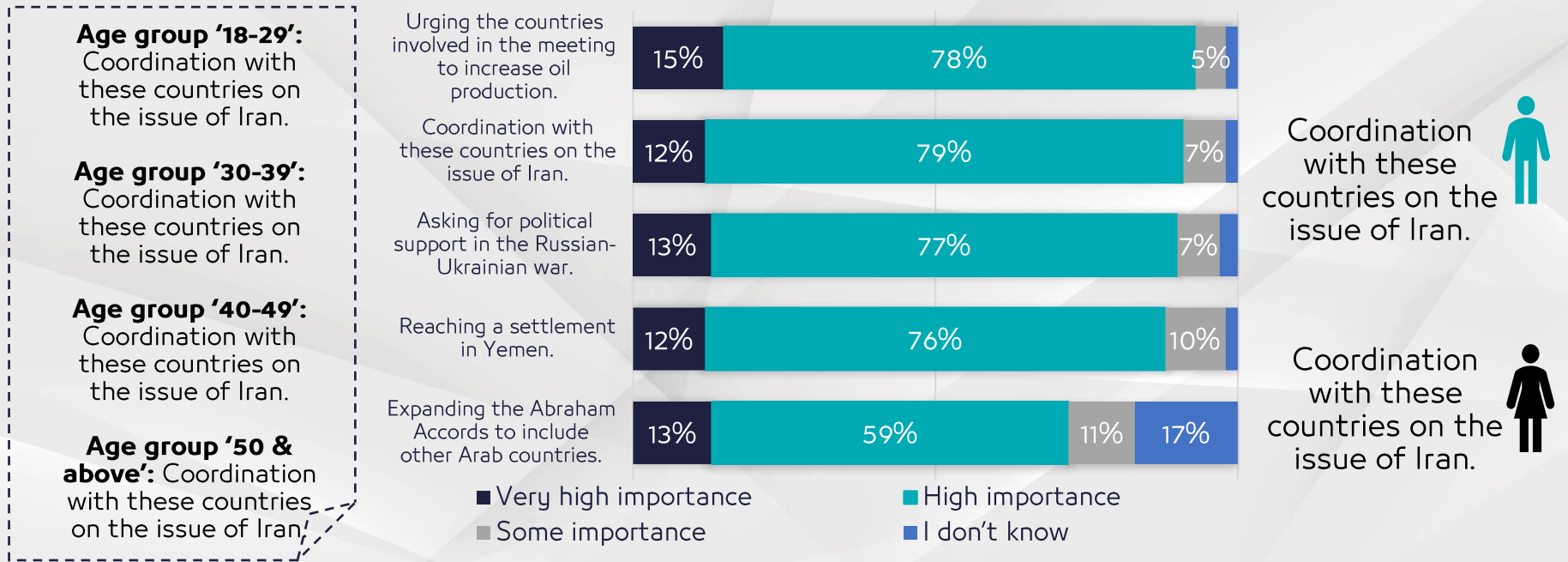
Westerners
Excellent in the military field.

Asians
Excellent in the economic field.

Arabs
Excellent in the strategic field.

Sample members see coordination on the issue of Iran as the highly important reason behind the meeting of US President with leaders of the region's countries

What is the importance of the following reasons for the meeting of President Biden with the leaders of the GCC countries, Egypt, Iraq and Jordan?



Americans: Coordination with these countries on the issue of Iran.

Africans: Urging these countries involved in the meeting to increase oil production.

Westerners: Coordination with these countries on the issue of Iran.

Asians: Coordination with these countries on the issue of Iran.

Arabs: Coordination with these countries on the issue of Iran.

79% think that the neutral position taken by most of the Gulf countries toward the Russian-Ukrainian is very good

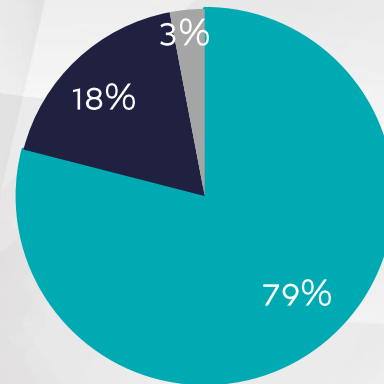
What do you think of the neutral position taken by most of the Gulf countries toward the Russian-Ukrainian war?

Age group '18-29'
77% said "Very good position".

Age group '30-39'
79% said "Very good position".

Age group '40-49'
86% said "Very good position".

Age group '50 & above'
62% said "Very good position".



■ Very good position ■ Good position ■ Bad position

79% said "Very good position".



79% said "Very good position".



Americans
77% said "Good position".

Africans
60% said "Good position".

Westerners
73% said "Good position".

Asians
99% said "Very good position".

Arabs
68% said "Very good position".

89% think that the United States is a reliable partner

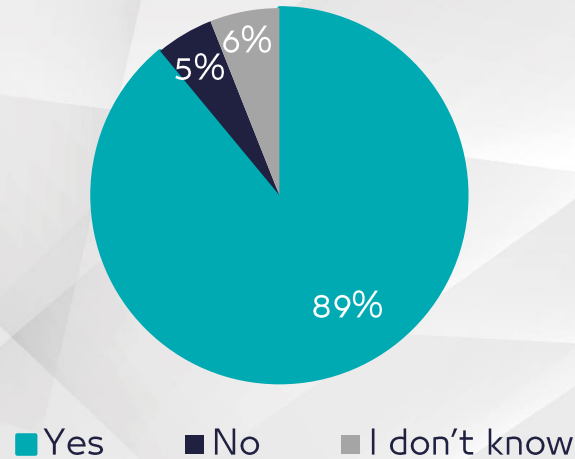
Do you think that the United States is a reliable partner?

Age group '18-29'
87% said "Yes".

Age group '30-39'
92% said "Yes".

Age group '40-49'
78% said "Yes".

Age group '50 & above'
48% said "Yes".



88% said "Yes".



91% said "Yes".



Americans
100% said "Yes".

Africans
60% said "Yes".

Westerners
89% said "Yes".

Asians
94% said "Yes".

Arabs
86% said "Yes".

84% think that the GCC foreign policy is fully independent of the American foreign policy

To what extent do you think the GCC foreign policy is independent of the American foreign policy in general?

Age group '18-29'

78% said "Full independence".

Age group '30-39'

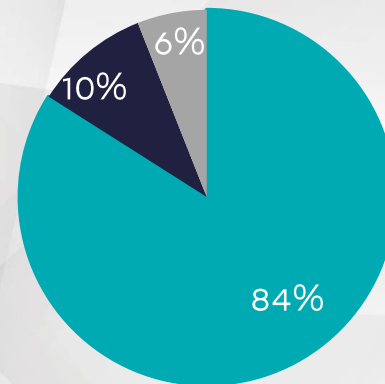
89% said "Full independence".

Age group '40-49'

68% said "Full independence".

Age group '50 & above'

68% said "Significant independence".



■ Full independence
■ Significant independence
■ I don't know

82% said "Full independence".



88% said "Full independence".



Americans
68% said "Full independence".

Africans
68% said "Significant independence".

Westerners
69% said "Full independence".

Asians
90% said "Full independence".

Arabs
84% said "Full independence".

81% believe that the Gulf-US relations will strengthen in the future

How do you see the future of the Gulf-U.S. relations?

Age group '18-29'

83% said "Will strengthen".

Age group '30-39'

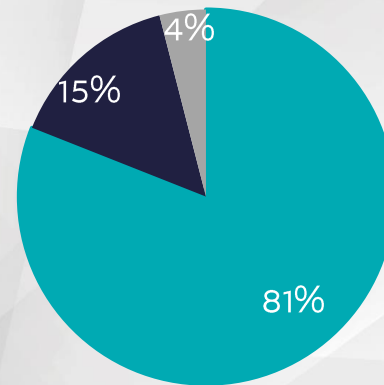
82% said "Will strengthen".

Age group '40-49'

75% said "Will strengthen".

Age group '50 & above'

52% said "Will remain unchanged".



■ Will strengthen
■ Will remain unchanged
■ Will weaken

78% said "Will strengthen".



89% said "Will strengthen".



Americans
86% said "Will strengthen".

Africans
70% said "Will strengthen".

Westerners
65% said "Will strengthen".

Asians
82% said "Will strengthen".

Arabs
75% said "Will strengthen".