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Abstract

- This paper will review the authors experience in running public opinion polls on peace processes in Asia (Israel, Palestine, Syria, Kashmir, Sri Lanka) and other countries around the world (Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, Macedonia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Kosovo, Sudan) with a focus on the politics of their timing, funding, publication and the interests of the commissioning agencies. A nations security, war and peace processes are arguably the most sensitive political issues that pollsters have to deal with, and it is to be expected that interested parties will want to manipulate the outcome of such research to meet the needs of their own political agendas. But is this in their 'true self best interest' or the best interests of the peoples that they are ultimately responsible for in a democracy? With all these points in mind various approaches to the management and implementation of peace polls will be considered with a view to exploring pragmatic solutions to this delicate political problem

Conflict Parties	Peace Poll Date	Third Parties	Funder	Outcome
<u>Northern Ireland (1969) Catholics/Protestants</u>	1996-2003	UK, Ireland, USA, EU	JRCT, UK and Ireland NGO	Belfast Agreement
<u>Macedonia (1991) Serb/Albanian</u>	2002	Balkan States, Kosovo NATO, EU	CDRSEE Open Society NGO	Elections
<u>Bosnia and Herzegovina (1991) Bosniaks/Serbs</u>	2004	EU	CDRSEE BBC	Post Conflict Report and BBC Production
<u>Kosovo and Serbia (1991) Albanians/Serbs</u>	2005	EU, NATO, US	CDRSEE, Germany, UNESCO, OSCE, USAID	Failed AED polls/ negotiations and unilateral independence
<u>Sri Lanka (1983) Tamil/Buddhist</u>	2008-2010	India	British Academy, Norway	Support for APRC Proposals
<u>Israel and Palestine (1948) Jews/Muslims</u>	2002 then 2008-2009	USA	British Academy, One Voice	Process poll and failure of process Shikaki EU polls
<u>Kashmir - IaK (1947) Muslims/Hindu</u>	2008	UN	Norway, CVoter Foundation	Report and W APOR Presentations
<u>Kashmir - PaK (1947) India/Pakistan</u>	2009	UN	CVoter Foundation	IPSOS/Mori/RIIA in 2010
<u>Sudan (2003) Darfur African/Arab</u>	2009	UN, US	Department of State/U Penn	Closed down and revolution
<u>Egypt (2011) Revolt (p191-192)</u>	2011	Arab Spring	CVoter Foundation	Closed down, elections and army coup
<u>Syria (2011) Revolt</u>	2014-2016	Arab Spring, Region, US, Russia	UK, TDA, USIP, Germany, Norway	Defeat of ISIS to Idlib and Assad in place
<u>UK Muslims (9/11 2001)</u>	2006	UK/USA	PIPA, GMI	Presentation House of Lords
<u>West and Muslim World (9/11 2001)</u>	2003-2007	UK/USA	Yaffe Centre at U of Michigan	Critical analysis of failed research
<u>Cyprus (1974) Turkish/Greek</u>	2002-Present	Greece, Turkey, UK, UN	British Academy, CDRSEE, US, Interpeace	Negotiations and CBMs
<u>Korea (1950) North/South</u>	2018	US, China, UN	None	CBMs and negotiations
<u>Peace Index</u>	2013/14/15	All States	CVoter and Gilani Foundations	ESRC Proposals

Agencies	Partners	States	Title	Year
<u>ESRC 2016</u>	Professors: Johnathan Tonge, Adrain Guelke, Michael Traugott, Gilani Research Foundation, Oxford Uni. DigitalGlobe, Institute for Economics and Peace	Global	Analyzing Violent 'Glocal' Conflicts in Global, Regional, Transnational, National and Local contexts using 'Global Centric' Samples	2016
<u>ESRC 2014</u>	Professors: Johnathan Tonge, Stefan Wolff, Adrain Guelke, Michael Traugott	Global	Development and Deployment of a Global Perceptions-Based 'People's Peace Index' (PPI)	2014
<u>FCO, EU and US State Department</u>	Albany Associates	Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt	Peace polling in the Middle East	2010
<u>FCO, EU and US State Department</u>	Albany Associates	Israel and Palestine	Peace polling in Israel and Palestine	2010
<u>EU, Canada and Germany</u>	Albany Associates	Lebanon	Palestinian refugees, the Lebanese and a poll	2010
<u>Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</u>	Dr. Mina Zemach and Dr. Nader Said	Israel and Palestine	A proposal to undertake 'peace polls' in support of renewed Israel/Palestine negotiations	2009
<u>AHRC/ESRC</u>	Professors Stephan Wolff and Adrian Guelke	Global	The politics of religious conflict in local, regional and global perspective	2007
<u>Leverhulme Trust</u>	Dr. Ghassan Khatib JMCC	Israel and Palestine	Public opinion and the Israel/Palestine peace process	2007
<u>JRCT</u>	Professor Adrian Guelke	UK	Muslim alienation, radicalisation, public opinion and public diplomacy	2004
<u>USIP/ Fulbright</u>		Global	Improving relations with, and within, the Muslim World: Applying lessons of public diplomacy from Northern Ireland	2004
<u>UK Home Office</u>	Professor Adrian Guelke	UK	British Muslims and the problems of radicalization	2004

Global peace poll strategies

- Save the Planet - Environment (Ask the hard questions)
- UN - SDGs (See Institute for Economics and Peace)
- UN - SC - P5
- Confidence Building Measure (CBMs)
- Private sponsor
- Conflict base line and tracking
- Conflict boosters
- Pilot with reduced Global Centric Sample
- WAPOR peace poll policy
- WAPOR global and/or regional peace poll