

GDEL T EVENT DATABASE

GLOBAL DATABASE OF EVENTS, LANGUAGE, AND TONE

GDEL T World Leaders Index: 6/20/2019

This report reflects major trends in the average emotional context of global news media coverage of the world's heads of state as reported by the GDEL T (Global Database of Events, Language, and Tone) (<http://gdeltproject.org/>) Global Knowledge Graph database. Each day, the average "tone" of all articles mentioning a recognized world leader is computed, from "extremely positive" (a value of +100) to "extremely negative" (a value of -100). In practice, given the massive variation in how world leaders are viewed across the globe, tone usually ranges between +10 and -10. Leaders are only included in a given day's ranking if they received sufficient news coverage during the previous day to yield a measurable tonal score. Tone synthesizes both emotion expressed about a leader and the emotional context of events the leader is currently involved with or being contextualized within. This report is provided as a highly experimental prototype service to demonstrate the use of emotional response and the other latent dimensions of the GDEL T Global Knowledge Graph in examining global trends, so please use caution when utilizing its findings.

Rank (Most to Least Popular)	Name	Country	Average Tone	
1	Ilham Aliyev	Azerbaijan	0.6824	
2	John Key	New Zealand	0.0362	
3	Narendra Modi	India	-0.4818	
4	Stephen Harper	Canada	-0.9527	
5	Sheikh Hasina	Bangladesh	-1.0525	
6	Macky Sall	Senegal	-1.0834	
7	Goodluck Jonathan	Nigeria	-1.4831	
8	Nicos Anastasiades	Cyprus	-1.4972	
9	David Cameron	United Kingdom	-1.5501	
10	Donald Tusk	Poland	-1.5502	
11	Uhuru Kenyatta	Kenya	-1.6314	
12	Mahmoud Abbas	State of Palestine	-1.6808	
13	Jacob Zuma	South Africa	-1.6883	
14	Mark Rutte	Kingdom of the Netherlands	-1.7423	
15	Angela Merkel	Germany	-2.0108	
16	Rafael Correa	Ecuador	-2.2833	
17	Paul Kagame	Rwanda	-2.2983	
18	Dilma Rousseff	Brazil	-2.3076	
19	Barack Obama	United States	-2.5013	
20	Mahinda Rajapaksa	Sri Lanka	-2.5254	
21	Yoweri Museveni	Uganda	-2.5758	
22	Najib Razak	Malaysia	-2.7881	
23	Vladimir Putin	Russia	-3.1998	
24	Shinzo Abe	Japan	-3.3413	
25	Benjamin Netanyahu	Israel	-3.3669	
26	Nawaz Sharif	Pakistan	-3.6283	
27	Ali Khamenei	Iran	-3.9083	
28	Hassan Rouhani	Iran	-3.9796	
29	Nicolas Maduro	Venezuela	-4.0519	
30	Bashar Al-Assad	Syria	-4.3323	
31	Robert Mugabe	Zimbabwe	-4.5740	
32	Michelle Bachelet	Chile	-5.2119	
33	Edi Rama	Albania	-5.2622	
34	Tayyip Erdogan	Turkey	-5.4450	
35	Abdelaziz Bouteflika	Algeria	-5.4754	
36	Omar Al-Bashir	Sudan	-5.6347	
37	Daniel Ortega	Nicaragua	-5.8703	
38	Ibrahim Boubacar Keita	Mali	-9.1831	

World Leaders Index Timelines

The table below shows a timeline of the last 90 days of the average emotional context of global news media coverage of each leader.

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19	Barack Obama	United States	
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21	Yoweri Museveni	Uganda	
22	Najib Razak	Malaysia	
23	Vladimir Putin	Russia	

24	Shinzo Abe	Japan	
25	Benjamin Netanyahu	Israel	
26	Nawaz Sharif	Pakistan	
27	Ali Khamenei	Iran	
28	Hassan Rouhani	Iran	
29	Nicolas Maduro	Venezuela	
30	Bashar Al-Assad	Syria	
31	Robert Mugabe	Zimbabwe	

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33	Edi Rama	Albania	
34	Tayyip Erdogan	Turkey	
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