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THIS WEEK'S REPORT CONSISTS OF **18** SURVEYS. **2** OF THESE ARE MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS WHILE THE REST ARE NATIONAL SURVEYS. **11** POLLING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED

Pg 2 **Asia** zone *this week-*

2 national polls



Africa zone this week –

Nil



Pg 2 **Euro Americas** zone

this week- 16 national polls &

2 Multi-Country Polls



Pg 5 Country of the week-

TAIWAN

Countries represented in blue
Polling organizations represented in pink
For reference to source of each poll clicks to detail are provided in the text





Asia zone

► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA; WEST ASIA; SOUTH ASIA; NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA

► NORTHEAST ASIA

Politics » Approval Ratings

Majority in Japan Disapproves of Government (Click for Details)

Public confidence in the government headed by Yukio Hatoyama has eroded considerably in [Japan](#), according to a poll by [Mainichi](#). **51 %** of respondents disapprove of the current cabinet, up **34** points since October 2009.

May 02, 2010

Politics » Approval Ratings

Three-in-Five Taiwanese Dissatisfied with Ma (Click for Details)

Many adults in [Taiwan](#) remain critical of the way Ma Ying-jeou is handling his duties, according to a poll by [Global Views](#). **61.4 %** of respondents are dissatisfied with their president's performance, down **4.6** points since March.

May 06, 2010



Euro Americas zone

► WEST EUROPE; EAST EUROPE; NORTH AMERICA; LATIN AMERICA & AUSTRALASIA



EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE



Politics » Approval Ratings

Only a Third in France Approve of Sarkozy (Click for Details)

Public dissatisfaction with Nicolas Sarkozy has grown this year in [France](#), according to a poll by [Ifop](#) published in [Paris Match](#). **67 %** of respondents disapprove of their president's performance, up seven points since February.

May 05, 2010

Politics » Approval Ratings

Confidence in Berlusconi Below 50% in Italy (Click for Details)

A majority of [Italians](#) hold little trust in their prime minister, according to a poll by [IPR Marketing](#) published in [La Repubblica](#). **54 %** of respondents do not have confidence in Silvio Berlusconi.

May 06, 2010



► EAST EUROPE

Politics » Approval Ratings

Two-Thirds in Slovenia Dissatisfied with Government (Click for Details)

More people in [Slovenia](#) are unhappy with their national administration, according to a poll by [Ninamedia](#). **67.9 %** of respondents say the work of the government has been unsuccessful, up seven points since February.

May 02, 2010



AMERICAS

► NORTH AMERICA

Politics » Health

Americans No Less Worried About Healthcare Costs (Click for Details)

Despite the passage of highly publicized healthcare legislation into law in March, [Americans](#) are no less concerned about paying the costs of a serious illness or accident, or normal healthcare costs, than they were last year. **61%** are worried about the former, and **48%** are worried about the latter. [Gallup USA](#)

May 7, 2010

Society » Race & Religion

Few Americans Oppose National Day of Prayer (Click for Details)

Most [Americans](#) either support or are not bothered by the annual National Day of Prayer, which President Obama proclaimed will be celebrated on May 6 this year. Those who say religion is important in their lives widely support the day, while the majority of those who say religion is not important say it doesn't matter to them, rather than opposing it outright. [Gallup USA](#)

May 5, 2010

Economy » Economic Perceptions

U.S. Job Creation Best since November 2008 (Click for Details)

[Gallup's](#) Job Creation Index in the [United States](#) finds current job market conditions nationwide to be the best they have been since November 2008.

May 6, 2010

Society » Communication/Media/Technology

United We Stand ... on Technology (Click for Details)

While the [U.S.](#) public dissatisfaction with the state of the nation and federal government is very high, the satisfaction with news media, churches and religious institutions is in the low 30s or 20s, but the satisfaction with technology companies outranks all other institutions. [Pew Research Center](#)

May 5, 2010

Society » Demography

The New Demography of American Motherhood (Click for Details)

The demography of motherhood in the [United States](#) has shifted strikingly in the past two decades. Compared with mothers of newborns in 1990, today's mothers of newborns are older and better educated. They are less likely to be white and less likely to be married. [Pew Research Center](#)

May 6, 2010

Society » Political Perception

"Socialism" Not So Negative, "Capitalism" Not So Positive (Click for Details)

'Socialism' is a negative for most Americans, but certainly not all [Americans](#). "Capitalism" is regarded positively by a majority of public, though it is a thin majority. Among certain segments of the public -- notably, young people and Democrats -- both "isms" are rated about equally. And while most Americans have a negative reaction to the word "militia," the term is viewed more positively by Republican men than most other groups. [Pew Research Center](#)

May 4, 2010

Society » Religion

U.S Catholics Show Mixed Views on Pope (Click for Details)

Results of a new [Zogby Interactive survey](#) show mixed results among [American Catholics](#)' evaluations of Catholic Church leaders. Both Pope Benedict XVI and American Catholic Bishops receive largely negative ratings in their handling of the sexual abuse situation with the church. However, pluralities approve of the overall job performance of both the Pope and Bishops. In addition, a clear majority of American Catholics believe Pope Benedict XVI should continue to serve as Pope.

May 05, 2010

Society » Health & Disease

The Flu Season That Wasn't (Click for Details)

Despite initial concerns about the rampant spread of H1N1 heading into the 2009-2010 cold and flu season, flu reports have been consistently lower throughout this flu season compared with the last according to the [Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index](#). April marks the sixth consecutive month in which fewer [American](#) adults in Gallup's tracking have reported having the flu the prior day compared with the corresponding months' estimates from one year ago.

May 6, 2010

Politics » Political Institutions

Approval for Congress Steady in United States (Click for Details)

Only one-in-four [Americans](#) are satisfied with the way the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate are doing their jobs, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **24 %** of respondents approve of the performance of Congress.

May 03, 2010

► **LATIN AMERICA**

Politics » Approval Ratings

Brazil's Lula Heads to Retirement with High Numbers (Click for Details)

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva remains particularly popular in [Brazil](#), according to a poll by [Ibope](#). **76 %** of respondents rate their president's performance as good or very good.

May 04, 2010

► **AUSTRALASIA**

Society » Immigration

Australians Want Immigrants in Specific Regions (Click for Details)

People in [Australia](#) believe their government should provide incentives for new migrants to settle in specific regions of the country which need and can cope with higher populations, according to a poll by [Essential Research](#). **55 %** of respondents agree with this view.

May 07, 2010

MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS/ GLOBAL POLLS



Society » Crime

Many See Drug Trafficking Widespread, Rising in Latin America (Click for Details)

[Gallup](#) surveys suggest illicit drug trafficking is common in communities throughout much of [Latin America](#), including in some of the most well-developed countries such as Chile and Costa Rica. At least half of residents in [Brazil](#), [Costa Rica](#), [Argentina](#), [Chile](#), [Panama](#), [Venezuela](#), and [Uruguay](#) say illicit drug trafficking or drug sales are taking place in their neighborhoods.

May 7, 2010

Society » Crime

Colombia Eclipses Mexico in Murders Close to Home (Click for Details)

Despite frequent news of drug war-related deaths in [Mexico](#), [Gallup](#) polls show the average Mexican is less likely than those in several other [Latin American](#) countries to say a close friend or relative was murdered in the past year. **5%** of Mexicans interviewed in August 2009 said someone close to them was murdered in the past 12 months -- about average for the region.

May 5, 2010 §



COUNTRY of the week- TAIWAN

► This page is devoted to opinions of countries whose polling activity is generally not known very widely or where a recent topical issue requires special attention .

Three-in-Five Taiwanese Dissatisfied with Ma

May 06, 2010

([Angus Reid Global Monitor](#)) - Many adults in Taiwan remain critical of the way Ma Ying-jeou is handling his duties, according to a poll by Global Views. **61.4 %** of respondents are dissatisfied with their president's performance, down **4.6** points since March.



In **1895**, following a military defeat, *China* ceded *Taiwan* to *Japan*. At the end of World War II, the island was returned to Chinese control. In **1949**, as Mao Zedong's communists were gaining prominence in mainland China, Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek established the *Republic of China* in *Taiwan*.



A series of democratic reforms implemented by *Taiwanese* president Lee

Teng-hui in the early **1990s** allowed **Taiwan's** residents to take part in free and fair elections. To this date, the People's Republic of China considers **Taiwan** a "renegade province" and reserves the right to bring it under control.

In March **2008**, Ma won the presidential election with **58.45 %** of the vote as a candidate for the **Kuomintang Party (KMT)**. Frank Hsieh of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) finished second with **41.55 %**.

The KMT advocates for maintaining the status quo with the Chinese central government, while the DPP has aggressively pursued independence from Beijing. Last month, Ma discussed the current state of relations with China, saying:

"This is a very meaningful job for Taiwan at a historic juncture. If we can contribute to peace and prosperity across the Taiwan Straits, the accomplishments would be historic...Diplomatic isolation can be handled, and we handle it well, but with economic isolation we have to be very careful. If we lose the market share in a given country it will be very difficult to get it back."

Polling Data

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Ma Ying-jeou's performance as president?

	Apr. 2010	Mar. 2010	Jan. 2010
Satisfied	26.6%	23.8%	23.2%
Dissatisfied	61.4%	66.0%	66.3%

Source: Global Views

Methodology: Telephone interviews with 1,001 Taiwanese adults, conducted from Apr. 14 to Apr. 16, 2010. Margin of error is 3.1 %.

http://www.angus-reid.com/polls/view/three_in_five_taiwanese_dissatisfied_with_ma



Taiwanese Premier **Ma Ying-jeou**

Rocky relationship

- China has claimed sovereignty over self-ruled Taiwan since the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949
- Three military Taiwan Straits crises: 1954-55, 1958-59, 1995-96



Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-09)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 3 year period January 2007 – December 2009

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 2,000 polls during the period 2007-09
- 2- Number of questions: \approx 25,000 during the period 2007-09
- 3- Subjects of Interest (*we have made a list of 125 subjects, further grouped into 9 broad categories, namely: **Governance, Globalization** (inclusive of global economic issues) **Global Conflicts** (conflict zones), **Global leaders** (USA and Emerging powers), **Global Environment, Family, Religion**, and other miscellaneous*)
- 4- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys: \approx 150 during the period 2007-09
- 5- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 100 during the period 2007-09

