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3 national polls
& **1** Global poll



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1 Global Poll



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this week- **19** national polls
2 Multi national polls &
1 Global poll



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Polling organizations represented in **pink**
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Asia zone

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



► WEST ASIA

Students in Turkey Disturbed by Military Intervention in Politics (Click for Details)

A public survey carried out by the Ankara-based **MetroPOLL polling company** among young people in **Turkey** ahead of the *May 19* Youth and Sports Day has revealed that the majority of the youth are concerned about the military meddling in political issues. **53.7%** of the youth are against the military voicing views on political issues.

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Majority in Turkey Disapproves of Baykal's Accusation against Gov't on Video Scandal (Click for Details)

A newly released opinion poll by the Ankara-based **MetroPOLL Strategic and Social Research Center** has shown that a majority of the **Turkish** public is critical of newly resigned Republican People's Party (CHP) leader Deniz Baykal holding the government responsible for the emergence of a video clip posted online last week that allegedly shows Baykal in a compromising position with a CHP deputy.

May 15, 2010

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► NORTHEAST ASIA

Japanese Condemn Hatoyama Cabinet (Click for Details)

The appointed cabinet of **Japanese** Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama is widely disliked, according to a poll by **Yomiuri**. **67%** of respondents disapprove of the sitting administration, up **16** points since April.

May 17, 2010

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE



Britons Want Changes to Voting System (Click for Details)

People in **Britain** are in favor of implementing specific guidelines to modernize the country's voting system, according to a poll by **Angus Reid Public Opinion**. **73 %** of respondents support counting ballots electronically, instead of by hand.

May 19, 2010

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Most Britons Approve of Governing Coalition (Click for Details)

A majority of people in **Britain** agree with the coalition agreement between the Conservative Party and the Liberal Democrats, according to a poll by **Angus Reid Public Opinion**. **57 %** of respondents approve of the alliance, whereas **31 %** disapprove of it.

May 21, 2010

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Two Thirds of French Reject Sarkozy (Click for Details)

French president Nicolas Sarkozy remains highly unpopular, according to a poll by **Ifop** published in *Paris Match*. **66 %** of respondents disapprove of Sarkozy's performance, down one point since April.

May 20, 2010

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Labour Party Sees Rebound in Ireland (Click for Details)

Ireland's Labour Party (Lab.) has gained a significant number of supporters over the past few weeks, according to a poll by **Red C**. **24 %** of respondents would vote for Labour in the next legislative election, up seven points since March.

May 22, 2010

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► **EAST EUROPE**

Riots in Kyrgyzstan: Popular Uprising or Anti-Constitutional Coup? (Click for Details)

Most of the **Russians** are unaware of the happenings in neighboring Kyrgyzstan. A majority of respondents say the mass protests are caused by the fall in living standards and wrong policy of the *Kyrgyzstani* authorities (**47%**). **Russian Public Opinion Research center (VCIOM)**

April 2010

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Thinking Of V.I. Lenin Today (Click for Details)

In anticipation of the 140th anniversary of Lenin's birth **Russian Public Opinion Research Center (VCIOM)** presented the information describing what **Russians** think about V.I. Lenin and his role in Russian history. By and large the modern Russians attitude is more of 'indifference' than any thing else. The response for 'respect' has declined though still more than **three in ten** respect him but do not like him as much.

May 11, 2010

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AMERICAS



► NORTH AMERICA

Three in Five Americans Give President Obama Negative Job Ratings (Click for Details)

According to the results of [The Harris Poll](#) currently, two in five [Americans \(42%\)](#) give President Obama positive ratings on the overall job he is doing while **58%** give him negative ratings. This is almost unchanged from last month when **41%** gave him positive ratings and **59%** gave him negative ones.

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In U.S., Increasing Number Have No Religious Identity (Click for Details)

[Americans](#) have become increasingly less tied to formal religion in recent decades, with the percentage saying they do not have a specific religious identity growing from near zero in the 1950s to **16%** this year and last. [Gallup USA](#).

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Americans' Outlook for U.S. Morality Remains Bleak (Click for Details)

[Americans](#) are three times more likely to describe the current state of moral values in the United States as "poor" than as "excellent" or "good." Americans' assessment of U.S. morality has never been positive, but the current ratings rank among the worst [Gallup](#) has measured over the past nine years.

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White Gender Gap in Obama Approval Widens With Education (Click for Details)

Approval of [US](#) President Barack Obama among white U.S. adults has held fairly steady around the **41%** mark in 2010, after a gradual decline from **62%** in January 2009. At the same time, a gender gap among whites, averaging six percentage points, has persisted throughout Obama's presidency. Thus far in May, his approval rating is **44%** among white women vs. **39%** among white men. [Gallup USA](#).

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Public's Priorities for Congress: Jobs and Energy Top Immigration (Click for Details)

The [America](#) public views tougher regulations on financial institutions as an important priority for Congress, but far more want Congress to take action on the job situation and energy policy. The [Pew Research/National Journal Congressional Connection Poll](#)

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Smoking and Age: The Baby Boomer Bulge (Click for Details)

Older [Americans](#) are generally less likely than those who are younger to report that they smoke, but the age/smoking relationship is not uniform. Smoking is higher among younger baby boomers between the ages of 44 and 54 than it is among those in their 30s and those 55 and older. After peaking in the high **20%** range for Americans in their 20s, smoking rates drop to **21%** at age 40. [Gallup USA](#).

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Conservatives Most Enthusiastic About Voting in 2010 Midterm (Click for Details)

Registered [American](#) voters who identify themselves as conservatives are significantly more enthusiastic about voting in this fall's congressional elections than are liberals or moderates. Those who say they are "very" conservative are the most enthusiastic of all, with substantially higher enthusiasm than those who say they are "very" liberal. [Gallup USA](#).

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Most Americans Endorse Terrorist Expatriation Act [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A large proportion of people in the [United States](#) would support a proposed law that would strip all Americans with links to terrorist organizations of their U.S. citizenship, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **77 %** of respondents approve of the bill currently being discussed in Congress.

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Canadians Back New Rules for Criminal Pardons [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The recent proposal to modify the rules regarding criminal pardons is supported by a large proportion of [Canadians](#), according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **81 %** of respondents agree with the bill recently introduced by Canadian public safety minister Vic Toews.

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► [LATIN AMERICA](#)

President Calderón Gains Two Points in Mexico [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Public support for Felipe Calderón remains stable in [Mexico](#), according to a poll by [Consulta Mitofsky](#). **55.5%** of respondents agree with the way their president is governing, up 2.1 points since February.

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Mockus Jumps to First Place in Colombia [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Former Bogota mayor Antanas Mockus is now leading the presidential race in [Colombia](#), according to a poll by [Datexco](#) released by El Tiempo and W Radio. **32.8 %** of respondents would vote for Mockus of the Green Party (PV) in this month's ballot, up eight points since early April.

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Lula Remains Immensely Popular in Brazil [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Public support for [Brazil's](#) Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva continues to grow as he heads to the final days of his tenure, according to a poll by [Instituto Sensus](#). **83.7 %** of respondents approve of Lula's performance as president, up two points since January.

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► [AUSTRALASIA](#)

PM Rudd Losing Appeal for Australians [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The popularity of [Australian](#) Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has taken a hard blow, according to a poll by [Newspoll](#) published in The Australian. 50 % of respondents are dissatisfied with Rudd's performance, up nine points since mid-April.

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GLOBAL/MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS



Country's Leadership Matters to Potential Migrants ([Click for Details](#))

[Gallup](#) survey of [148 countries](#) shows that the potential migrants give positive ratings to the leadership of those countries where they want to go to. This is true among migrants who would like to move to the [United States](#) -- the No. 1 desired destination worldwide -- and six other top destination countries that Gallup asked adults to rate the leadership of, including [Canada](#), the [United Kingdom](#), [Japan](#), [Russia](#), [France](#), and [Germany](#).

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Czechs' Commitment to Free Markets and Democracy Stays Strong amidst Troubled Economic and Political Waters- comparative study ([Click for Details](#))

A fall 2009 survey by the [Pew Research Center's](#) Global Attitudes Project found broad-based [Czech](#) discontent with the country's economic situation and the way democracy is working. Nonetheless, the data also showed a strong commitment among Czechs to free markets and democratic values. Moreover, Czechs ranked high among their peers in the region in terms of happiness with the transition to free market economics and multiparty politics.

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Vast Majorities on Both Sides of the Border Place Responsibility for Mexico's Drug War on America's Drug Consumption ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans](#) and [Mexicans](#) have strikingly similar attitudes about the drug war in Mexico, according to a study conducted by [Harris Interactive](#) and its global network partner, Indemerc, in early May 2010. But neither Americans nor Mexicans support U.S. intervention.

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COUNTRY of the week- Mexico

► 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 .

Commentary:

Mexico's Drug War: View's on both sides of the Border

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¹<http://www.harrisinteractive.com/NewsRoom/PressReleases/tabid/446/mid/1506/articleId/392/ctl/ReadCustom%20Default/Default.aspx>

39 % of both *American* and *Mexican* adults believe **Mexico** is a *failed state*, which is a striking characterization of the **Mexican** government; notably, its policies and the potential solutions it offers to the **Mexican drug war**.

Both *American* and *Mexican* adults agree that the **Mexican drug cartels** and **drug lords** bear responsibility for the current drug war. **90 %** of *Americans* say the drug lords are very or somewhat responsible for the current drug war and **87%** of *Mexicans* say the same. However, **American drug consumption** is cited widely as a cause, as well: **88%** of *Americans* and **75%** of *Mexicans* say it is very or somewhat responsible for the drug war.

Mexicans also place a significant amount of blame for the **Mexican drug war** on **American gun dealers**. **81 %** of *Mexican* adults say *American gun dealers* are very or somewhat responsible for the problem, compared to **54%** of *Americans* who say the same.



Mexican adults also blame **corrupt U.S. authorities** for the problem more than Americans do with **85%** of *Mexicans* saying the corrupt U.S. authorities are to blame, compared to **60%** of *Americans*. However, majorities of both Americans and Mexicans feel that **corrupt Mexican authorities** are responsible for the drug war - **84%** percent of *Americans* and **88%** of *Mexicans* say this.



"The enormous coincidences in opinion between Mexicans and Americans are surprising with respect to the war on drugs," commented *Dr. Carlos Moreno Jaimes*, Chief of the Social, Political, and Judicial Studies Department for ITESO. *Dr. Moreno* continued, "Citizens from both countries think that **drug lords** are the main cause of the war and also accept that *both societies have contributed to the problem*: Americans for their

Upper Left: Mexican President Felipe Calderon
Upper Right: Mexican Security Forces arrest cartel members
Center: Mexican soldiers during a gun battle in Apatzingan
Lower Left: Packs of drugs seized from cartels.
Lower Right: Drug lord Joaquin Guzman

high consumption of narcotics and Mexicans for the corruption of authorities. The most important implication of the poll is that the **solution to the problem** should come from a **joint effort** of the two countries, but **not a military intervention**. It is also clear that the Mexican government's strategy is not perceived as an effective one." §

► **Thinking about the possible causes for the war on drugs in**

Mexico, for each of the following statements, please tell me if you think that the possible cause is Very responsible, Somewhat responsible, Not very responsible or Not at all responsible."

Percentage of those who say "Very/Somewhat Responsible"

USA	MEXICO	
90%	87%	Mexican drug cartels or drug lords
88%	75%	American drug consumption
84%	88%	Corruption of Mexican authorities
77%	63%	Mexican poverty
67%	81%	Mexican drug consumers
60%	85%	Corruption of American authorities
55%	80%	Mexican President Calderon
54%	81%	American gun dealers
N/A	76%	Mexican State Governors

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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

