

# Gallopedia

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## Who are we?

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**2** national poll  
& **2** Multi-National polls



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**1** National Poll



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this week- **14** national polls  
& **4** Multi-National polls



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**Nigeria**



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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

#### ***Turkey's Reaction to Israeli Raid Not Strong Enough, Say Turks*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A recent survey by the **MetroPOLL Research Company** of **Turkish** population show that *six in ten* Turks believe their state's reaction to Israeli attack on Gaza bound flotilla was not strong enough. Turks also perceive the attack as a move by Israel to put Erdogan in a difficult situation at home and abroad.

June 04, 2010

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### ► SOUTH ASIA

#### ***Increase in Green Behavior Seen, As Indians Rank Most Sustainable, Americans Rank Lowest, In 2010 Greendex Survey*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)



### ► NORTHEAST ASIA

#### ***Japanese Government Cannot Stop Freefall*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

People in **Japan** are decidedly rejecting the government, according to a poll by **Asahi**. **64%** of respondents disapprove of the administration led by prime minister Yukio Hatoyama, up three points since April.

May 31, 2010

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#### ***Chinese Consumers Increasingly Sceptical of Companies' CSR Communications*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)



## Africa zone

► WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA; SOUTHERN AFRICA

### ► WEST AFRICA

#### ***Nigerians want Mr. President to Solve Power Problems*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A recent survey of **Nigerians** conducted by **NOI Polls** shows that the President Goodluck Jonathan's targets are in line with the key concerns of the citizenry. A majority of the respondents (**45%**) said he should focus on power. **20%** of Nigerians believe that the president should concentrate on jobs/employment, **12%** listed electoral reform as priority while infrastructural development was mentioned by **9%** of the respondents.

May 2010

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## Euro Americas zone

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



### EUROPE

#### ► WEST EUROPE



#### ***Britons Decidedly Reject Adopting the Euro*** ([Click for Details](#))

Very few people in [Britain](#) are interested in adopting the euro as the national currency, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **79 %** of respondents would vote against this idea in a referendum.

June 02, 2010

[Economy](#) » [Economic Perceptions](#)



#### ► EAST EUROPE

#### ***Poland Not Keen on Euro Adoption Yet*** ([Click for Details](#))

While most of the recent discussions related to [Poland's](#) political life have centered on the upcoming presidential election, the country has to make a major decision related to the adoption of the euro. In April 2010, two-in-five Poles (**41%**) said they supported the adoption of the euro as the national currency, while half (**49%**) voiced opposition. Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk had established 2015 as the target date for the euro to replace the zloty. [Angus Reid Global Monitor](#)

June 03, 2010

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### AMERICAS

#### ► NORTH AMERICA

#### ***President Obama Back at 48% in U.S.*** ([Click for Details](#))

Public backing for Barack Obama increased this month in the [United States](#), according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **48 %** of respondents approve of their president's performance, up two points since April.

May 31, 2010

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#### ***Federal Debt, Terrorism Considered Top Threats to U.S.*** ([Click for Details](#))

Terrorism and federal government debt tie as the most worrisome issues to [Americans](#) when they consider threats to the future wellbeing of the U.S. **4 in 10** Americans call each an "extremely serious" threat, with healthcare costs ranking a close third. [Gallup USA](#)

June 4, 2010

[Society » Social Perceptions](#)***Marrying Out: One-in-Seven New U.S. Marriages is Interracial or Interethnic*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A record **14.6%** of all new marriages in the [United States](#) in 2008 were between spouses of a different race or ethnicity from one another. This includes marriages between a Hispanic and non-Hispanic (Hispanics are an ethnic group, not a race) as well as marriages between spouses of different races -- be they white, black, Asian, American Indian or those who identify as being of multiple races or "some other" race. [Pew Research Centre](#)

June 4, 2010

[Society » Social issues](#)***Firm Support for Arizona Immigration Law in U.S.*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A month has passed since the Arizona State Legislature first gave the go-ahead to the controversial Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhood Act. a large majority of respondents are in favor of implementing four of its key components in their own state. Three-in-four [Americans \(76%\)](#) believe that transporting someone who is an illegal immigrant should be a crime; **two thirds** would arrest people who are unable to provide documentation to prove they are in the U.S. legally (**69%**). [Angus Reid Global Monitor](#)

June 04, 2010

[Society » Immigration](#)***Republicans Move Ahead in Generic Ballot for Congress*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[Gallup](#) tracking of 2010 congressional voting preferences in the [US](#) shows Republicans moving back ahead of Democrats, **49%** to **43%**, by two points their largest lead of the campaign to date. Registered voters' preferences had been closely divided for the last several weeks.

June 2, 2010

[Politics » Political Affiliation](#)***Hope of Finding Work Halved After 6 Months of Unemployment*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Unemployed [Americans'](#) hopes for finding work in the next four weeks drop sharply as their length of unemployment increases, from **71%** for those who have been unemployed less than a month to **36%** among those unemployed for more than six months. [Gallup USA](#)

June 3, 2010

[Society » Unemployment](#)***Many Americans Would Modify Oil Pollution Act*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Many [Americans](#) would like to increase the civil liability for companies responsible for oil spills off the U.S. coast, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **65 %** of respondents support raising the \$75 million cap on damages under the Oil Pollution Act.

June 02, 2010

[Society » Environment](#)***Views of Canadians on Economy Remain Steady*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

As was the case last month, a majority of [Canadians](#) are content with their national economy, and concerns over the future are significantly lower than in the United States or Britain. [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#)

June 04, 2010

[Economy » Economic Perceptions](#)

**Canadian Tories Lead, But Merger Could Sway Voters** ([Click for Details](#))

The Conservative Party is still in first place in [Canada](#), according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **35 %** of respondents would support the Tories in the next federal election.

June 01, 2010

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► **LATIN AMERICA**

**Peruvian Race Lacks Clear Frontrunner** ([Click for Details](#))

No candidate is commanding the early stages of [Peru's](#) next presidential election, according to a poll by [Datum Internacional](#). **22 %** of respondents would vote for Lima city mayor Luis Castañeda Lossio of the National Solidarity Party (PSN) in next year's ballot, down four points since December.

June 02, 2010

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**Serra Drops, Presidential Race in Brazil is Tied** ([Click for Details](#))

This year's presidential election in [Brazil](#) promises to be a tight contest, according to a poll by [Datafolha](#) published in *Folha de Sao Paulo*. **37 %** of respondents would vote either for Jose Serra of the Brazilian Party of Social Democracy (PSDB) or Dilma Rousseff of the ruling Workers' Party (PT) in the October ballot.

May 30, 2010

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► **AUSTRALASIA**

**New Zealanders Urge Rise of Drinking Age** ([Click for Details](#))

[New Zealanders](#) are renewing calls for the return of a higher drinking age following the death of a teenager who chugged a bottle of vodka at a party. Three quarters of respondents to a May 2010 poll (**74%**) would support increasing the drinking age by two years to 20—just as it was before being lowered 11 years ago.

[Angus Reid Public Opinion](#)

June 05, 2010

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## GLOBAL/MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS

**Child Abuse Underreported in Latin America** ([Click for Details](#))

Forty million children younger than age 15 are victims of violence, abuse, and neglect in [Latin America](#) and the [Caribbean](#), according to a 2006 [UNICEF](#) report. Much of this violence takes place in the home, but [Gallup surveys](#) in the region show most adults who know of a child who was beaten or physically mistreated by a family member in the past month say this incident went unreported.

June 4, 2010

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**Most Europeans See Biodiversity Loss as Serious Problem** ([Click for Details](#))

As millions worldwide celebrated World Environment Day last week and reflected on how they can conserve the diversity of life on Earth, a **Flash Eurobarometer** survey finds more than **9 in 10** adults in the **European Union** agree that biodiversity loss is a very or fairly serious problem globally.

June 2, 2010

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### **Chinese Consumers Increasingly Sceptical of Companies' CSR Communications** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Chinese consumers are becoming as cynical as those in the West about the way companies communicate about their social and environmental performance, according to the latest wave of **GlobeScan's** annual global tracking research on public views of corporate social responsibility.

June 01, 2010

Economy » Economic Perceptions

### **Increase in Green Behavior Seen, As Indians Rank Most Sustainable, Americans Rank Lowest, In 2010 Greendex Survey** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Environmentally friendly behavior among consumers in 10 of 17 countries has increased over the past year, according to the third annual survey by the **National Geographic Society** and international polling firm **GlobeScan**.

June 3, 2010

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## **CYBER WORLD**

### **Your New Tube: Online Video Continues to Grow** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

**Seven-in-ten** adult internet users (**69%**) -- or roughly half (**52%**) of all U.S. adults -- have used the internet to watch or download videos. Meanwhile Young adult internet users, 18-29 year-olds, continue to be the heaviest consumers of online videos. **Pew Research Center**

June 3, 2010

Society » Communication/Media

### **Blogs Poke Facebook, Apple Leads on Twitter Again** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

When the oil spill in the *Gulf of Mexico* dominated the mainstream press, the social media was focused on news that revolved around computer technology. Privacy of facebook users remained the top issue on blogs followed by computer virus infecting human. Meanwhile on Twitter, apple dominated again last week. **Pew Research Center**

June 3, 2010

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## **COUNTRY** of the week- Nigeria

► 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: May 2010 Snap Poll Nigerians want Mr President to Solve Power Problems<sup>1</sup>**

Following the death of *President Umaru Musa Yar Adua*, Acting President *Goodluck Jonathan* was sworn in as the 14th Head of State of the Federal Republic of **Nigeria** on the *6th of May, 2010*. President

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.noi-polls.net/Poll-Results/may-2010-snap-poll-nigerians-want-mr-president-to-solve-power-problems.html>

Jonathan has cited anti-corruption, power and electoral reform as the key issues he hopes to tackle between now and next year, when elections are scheduled to hold.

A recent survey of **Nigerians** conducted by **NOI Polls** shows that the President's targets are in line with the key concerns of the citizenry. When asked the question 'What policy area do you think the president should focus on in the remaining months of his tenure?', a majority of the respondents (45% to be precise) said he should focus on power. 20% of Nigerians believe that the president should concentrate on jobs/employment, 12% listed electoral reform as priority while infrastructural development was mentioned by 9% of the respondents.

**Future Elections and the Emergence of Presidential Candidates in Nigeria**

As part of the poll, Nigerians were also quizzed about the application of a Zoning Formula in selecting Presidential candidates. To the question 'Do you think/agree that there should be a zoning formula for the emergence of Presidential candidates in Nigeria?', more than 6 in 10 (63%) respondents answered 'No'. 33% responded in the affirmative while 4% either didn't know or refused to answer the question.



**Competence is more important.....**

Rather than zoning, Nigerians consider other factors to be more significant when choosing the country's president. In response to the question 'What do you consider to be the most important criteria that should be applied in choosing/selecting the Nigerian President?', 38% of respondents answered 'perceived competence'.

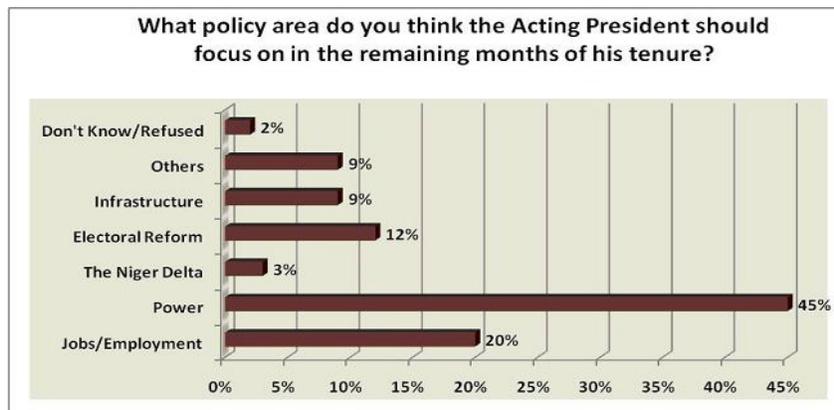
Also considered to be important by respondents is the level of education of the candidates (22%) and election manifesto/promises (20%). Ethnicity was considered the least significant factor (2% of respondents), while religion polled just 7% amongst the respondents.

**Survey Results:**

This survey shows that Nigerian's want the President to prioritize tackling the problems in the nation's power industry. In addition, a majority of **Nigerians** do not consider a zoning formula necessary in the emergence of presidential candidates but feel that selection of candidates should be based on their level of competence.

**Survey Methods:**

Respondents for the snap poll were randomly selected from a database of phone-owning Nigerians aged 15 and above, compiled by NOI Polls. 1,207 people took part in the telephone interviews from the 27th and 30th of April, 2010. For a sample of this size, we can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error is ±2.82 percentage points. The margin of error reflects the influence of data weighting. In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.



Source: <http://www.noi-polls.net/Poll-Results/may-2010-snap-poll-nigerians-want-mr-president-to-solve-power-problems.html>

## 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

