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1 Multi National poll

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Asia zone

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NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA



► MIDDLE EAST

Abbas Would Clearly Win Palestinian Ballot (Click for Details)

Mahmoud Abbas would win a new election in the **Palestinian** territories, according to a poll by the **Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research**. **54 %** of respondents would vote for the current Palestinian Authority president and leader of Fatah in the next ballot, up four points since March.

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Palestinians See Turkey as Best Regional Ally (Click for Details)

Many people in the Palestinian territories consider Turkey as their closest ally in the region, according to a poll by the **Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research**. **43 %** of respondents believe Turkey is the most supportive of the Palestinians and their cause.

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Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

► WEST & CENTRAL ASIA

CHP Grows, Virtually Ties AKP in Turkey (Click for Details)

Turkey's governing Justice and Development Party (AKP) is technically tied with the Republican People's Party (CHP), according to a poll by **Sonar Arastirma**. **32.5 %** of respondents would vote for the CHP in the next legislative election, while **31.1 %** would support the ruling AKP.

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► EAST ASIA

Thais Urge for Dialogue, Not Elections, For Peace (Click for Details)

Many people in **Thailand** reject the notion that a new general election will achieve national reconciliation, according to a poll by **Bangkok University**. Only **16.6 %** of respondents think dissolving the legislature is the best way forward.

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Multi-Country poll- Global Economic Crisis Was Personal in Countries Far and Wide (Click for Details)

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Africa zone

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Multi-Country poll- Global Economic Crisis Was Personal in Countries Far and Wide (Click for Details)
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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

▶ EAST EUROPE

Most Czechs Agree with Euthanasia (Click for Details)

Most people in the [Czech Republic](#) support the practice of euthanasia, according to a poll by [CVVM](#). **61 %** of respondents share this point of view, down one point since May 2009.

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Czech Decidedly Favor Abortion (Click for Details)

A solid majority of people in the [Czech Republic](#) agree with legal abortions at the request of the mother, according to a poll by [CVVM](#). **70 %** of respondents share this point of view, down three points since May 2009.

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Society » Morality, Values & Customs

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▶ WEST EUROPE

Just Over a Third of French Happy with Sarkozy (Click for Details)

The popularity of [French](#) president Nicolas Sarkozy remains well below the **50 %** mark, according to a poll by [Ifop](#) published in *Paris Match*. **35 %** of respondents approve of Sarkozy's performance, up one point since May.

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AMERICAS



► NORTH AMERICA

Americans Blame BP for Oil Spill, Britons Divided (Click for Details)

People in the [United States](#) and [Britain](#) hold differing views on the main culprit of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). While **63 %** of Americans think BP Plc deserves most of the blame for the incident, only **31 %** of Britons concur.

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Verdict on Healthcare Reform Bill Still Divided (Click for Details)

In [America](#) the healthcare reform legislation Congress passed in late March divided the public then and has not gained significant support in the three months since. [Gallup USA](#)

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[Society](#) » [Health](#)

Obama's Rating Steady despite Tough Environment (Click for Details)

Since the beginning of this year, President Obama has signed a controversial health care measure, coped with a stubbornly high jobless rate and struggled to manage the largest environmental disaster in the nation's history. In that period, Obama's overall job approval rating has moved from **49%** to **48%**. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Obama Receives 44% Approval on Oil Spill While BP Gets 16% (Click for Details)

[Americans](#) give President Obama a **44%** approval rating on his handling of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, up slightly from **40%** in early June. Meanwhile, **16%** of Americans approve of BP's handling of the spill. [Gallup USA](#)

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Registered Voters' House Voting Preferences Tied at 46% (Click for Details)

Registered [American](#) voters divide evenly when asked which party's candidate they would vote for if the congressional elections were held today, with **46%** preferring the Republican candidate and **46%** the Democratic candidate. Registered voters' preferences have generally been closely divided since [Gallup](#) began tracking preferences in March.

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Americans' Church Attendance Inches Up in 2010 (Click for Details)

[Americans'](#) self-reported church attendance has continued to inch up in 2010, with **43.1%** of Americans reporting weekly or almost weekly attendance. This is up slightly from **42.8%** in 2009 and **42.1%** in 2008. The increase comes as Americans' economic confidence has also risen, suggesting that, instead of church attendance rising when economic times get bad, as some theorize,



the opposite pattern may be occurring. [Gallup USA](#)

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More Women without Children ([Click for Details](#))

Nearly one in five [American](#) women ends her childbearing years without having borne a child, compared with one-in-ten in the 1970s. While childlessness has risen for all racial and ethnic groups, and most education levels, it has fallen over the past decade for women with advanced degrees. [Pew Research Center](#)

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In 2010, Conservatives Still Outnumber Moderates, Liberals ([Click for Details](#))

Conservatives have maintained their leading position among [U.S.](#) ideological groups in the first half of 2010. [Gallup](#) finds **42%** of Americans describing themselves as either very conservative or conservative. This is up slightly from the **40%** seen for all of 2009 and contrasts with the **20%** calling themselves liberal or very liberal.

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Americans See Congress as Ineffective, Self-Serving, Entrenched ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans](#) who believe most members of Congress do not deserve to be re-elected support their position by saying representatives are simply doing a bad job, that they have been in office too long, that they are not making decisions based on what's best for the country, or that they are too focused on self-interest, special interests, and partisanship. Relatively few cite Congress' performance on specific issues. [Gallup USA](#)

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Public Uncertain How to Improve Job Situation ([Click for Details](#))

In [America](#) there is broad public agreement that past government policies intended to address the financial crisis and recession have not worked. At the same time, there is very little agreement about what the government should do now to deal with the nation's biggest economic concern -- the job situation. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Public Sees a Future Full of Promise and Peril ([Click for Details](#))

In the public's view, this promises to be an era of technological progress. Large majorities expect that computers will be able to carry on conversations (81% say this definitely or probably will happen) and that there will be a cure for cancer (71%). About two-thirds (66%) say that artificial arms and legs will outperform real limbs while 53% envision ordinary people traveling in space. [Pew Research Center](#)

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System Fails to Reform Prisoners, Say Americans ([Click for Details](#))

A large majority of people in the [United States](#) say the country's penitentiary system fails at helping prisoners become law-abiding citizens, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **75 %** of respondents share this point of view.

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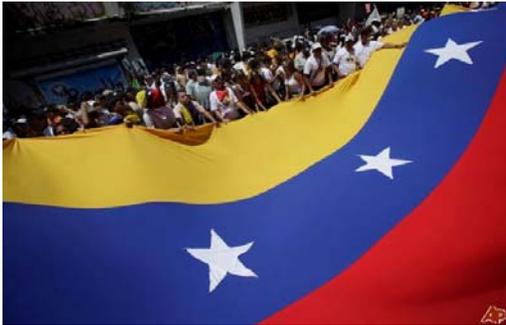
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Canadians Want Deeper Inquiry into MP Expenses (Click for Details)

The terms of the proposal to review the way federal lawmakers spend their allowances did not please many people in [Canada](#), according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **57 %** of respondents think the probe announced recently does not go far enough.

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► **LATIN AMERICA**



Most Venezuelans Want Chávez Out in 2012 (Click for Details)

Most people in [Venezuela](#) are hoping to see president Hugo Chávez leave in 2012 when his current term expires, according to a poll by [Hinterlaces](#). **64 %** of respondents want Chávez to step down in two years, up three points since October 2008.

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► **AUSTRALASIA**

Most Australians Were Unhappy with Rudd (Click for Details)

Just as Kevin Rudd stands down as leader of the [Australian](#) Labor Party (ALP) and prime minister, the majority of people in the country were expressing dissatisfaction with his work, according to a poll by [Newspoll](#) published in *The Australian*. **55 %** of respondents were unhappy with Rudd's leadership, up one point since late May.

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Australian Opposition Maintains Lead (Click for Details)

[Australia's](#) political scene is definitely experiencing a shift away from the governing party, according to a poll by [Newspoll](#) published in *The Australian*. **40 %** of respondents would vote for the opposition alliance of Liberals and Nationals.

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New Zealanders Welcome Three-Strike Law (Click for Details)

Most people in [New Zealand](#) agree with the plan to apply the "Three Strikes and you are out" guidelines in the country, according to a poll by [Research New Zealand](#). **81 %** of respondents are in favor of this proposal. The law imposes maximum jail terms and no parole for 40 different offences, including murder, aggravated burglary and robbery, for people convicted for the third time.

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GLOBAL/MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS

Global Economic Crisis Was Personal in Countries Far and Wide (Click for Details)

[Gallup's](#) Personal Economy Index before and after the global economic meltdown in 2008 shows the crisis touched everyday lives around the world. In **61** out of **96** countries, scores fell significantly, documenting a



decline in economic situations at the personal and community level. [Ireland](#) led the declines, followed by other major economies such as [Singapore](#), [Spain](#), and the [United Kingdom](#).

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► **CYBER WORLD**

Oil Leak Spreads Online (Click for Details)

Eight weeks after the oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico triggered one of the largest environmental catastrophes in the country's history, attention to the subject hit unprecedented levels in social media last week. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Society » Environment/ Disasters

Society » Media/ New Media



Adults Text While Driving Too! (Click for Details)

Adults are just as likely as teens to have texted while driving and are substantially more likely to have talked on the phone while driving. [Pew Research Center](#)

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COUNTRY of the week- THAILAND

► 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: *Thais Urge for Dialogue, Not Elections, For Peace*

(Angus Reid Global Monitor) June 23, 2010



- Many people in **Thailand** reject the notion that a new general election will achieve national reconciliation, according to a poll by *Bangkok University*. Only **16.6 %** of respondents think dissolving the legislature is the best way forward.

Conversely, **28 %** of respondents think the government should listen to representatives from all political parties in order to foster unity and stability, and **24.9 %** believe the best course of action is to help the poor and create jobs.

Thailand has experienced more than three years of political instability, including the *dissolution* of the lower house, a *cancelled national election*, a *military coup* and the enactment of a *new constitution*. In December 2007, **Thailand** held a legislative ballot. Final results gave the People's Power Party (PPP) 232 of the 480 seats, followed by the Democratic Party (PP) with 165 mandates. In **January 2008**, PPP leader Samak Sundaravej became prime minister.

Samak's government faced fierce opposition and major street protests led by the civic organization People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD). The group accused Samak of being a puppet of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was deposed in a 2006 military coup.

In **August 2008**, the PAD occupied the Government House in Bangkok, demanding Samak's resignation. Samak stepped down in September after the national Constitutional Court found that he violated

conflict of interest laws when he received payments for hosting two television *cooking shows*. Then Deputy Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat took over as acting head of government.

In **November**, PAD yellow-clad activists took over Bangkok's international airport—where the government had been working from after its offices were invaded in August—demanding Somchai's resignation. The airport was forced to shut down entirely, stranding thousands of tourists.

In **December**, the Constitutional Court ordered the PPP and its two coalition partners, the Machima Thipatai Party and the Chart Thai Party, to disband after it found them guilty of voter fraud in the **2007** ballot. The court also banned Somchai and executives from the three parties from participating in politics for five years. Somchai accepted the verdict and stepped down. Protesters at the airport ended the siege. PP leader Abhisit Vejjajiva became prime minister, with the support of 235 lawmakers in the House of Representatives.

In **March 2009**, Thaksin accused Privy Council president Prem Tinsulanonda of masterminding the 2006 military coup, and openly called for a "people's revolution" to topple the Abhisit government. In **April**, the National United Front of Democracy Against Dictatorship (UDD)—an extension of the Puea Thai Party led by Thaksin and whose followers wear *red shirts*—organized protests in Bangkok and Chonburi.

In **June**, the PAD's Yellow Shirts formally created a political party, *the New Politics Party*, and chose labour activist Somsak Kosaisuk as its leader.

On **Mar. 12, 2010**, the Red Shirt movement took control of Ratchaprasong, an area in the heart of Bangkok's commercial district, demanding early legislative elections and the resignation of Prime Minister Abhisit.

On **May 13**, after issuing several public warnings, the government ordered the military to enter the Red Shirts' camp in Ratchaprasong and disperse the dissidents. Power, water and food supplies were cut from the camp. *Eighty-five* people died in the confrontations, which went on for days. The Red Shirts eventually surrendered. As they were leaving, some of them lit **36** buildings on fire, including a major shopping mall, and looted stores and banks. Another **54** people died in these events.

On **May 25**, a Thai court issued an arrest warrant against Thaksin on terrorism charges for his alleged participation in the Red Shirts' actions.

Prime Minister *Abhisit* has set up four separate panels to study the incidents that led to last month's violence.

On **Jun. 22**, Chaturon Chaiseng, a former cabinet member under Thaksin, warned that the government has appointed only loyalists to these commissions, adding, "Abhisit's plan excludes the opposition totally. The people he picked mostly supported the coup and the present constitution, which is the fundamental problem."

◆ **Polling Data**

What should be the main priority for the government to achieve reconciliation?

Listening to the opinion of all parties	28.0%
Helping the poor, creating jobs	24.9%
Dissolving the legislature	16.6%
Launching an impartial investigation into recent political violence	9.5%
Arrest and punish terrorists	6.6%

Source: Bangkok University

Methodology: Interviews with 1,628 Thai adults, conducted on Jun. 16 and Jun. 16, 2010. No margin of error was provided.

SOURCE: http://www.angus-reid.com/polls/view/35669/thais_urge_for_dialogue_not_elections_for_peace

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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

