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Topic of the week: (Click for details)

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THIS WEEK'S REPORT CONSISTS OF **29** SURVEYS. **2** OF THESE ARE MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS WHILE THE REST ARE NATIONAL SURVEYS. **13** POLLING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED

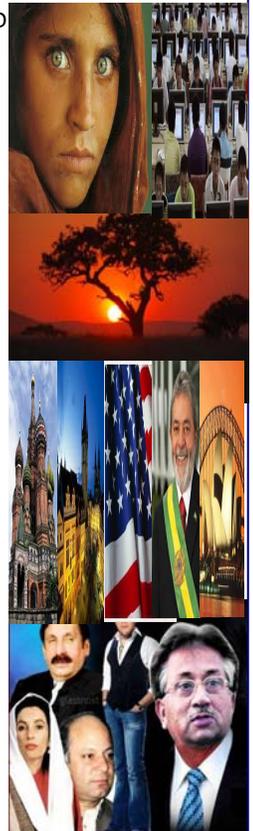
Pg 2 **Asia** zone this week-  
4 national polls

Pg **Africa** zone this week –  
*nil*

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this week- 23 national polls  
& 2 Multi national polls

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**Politics is Not a Very  
Popular Choice as  
Profession for Pakistanis**

Countries represented in blue  
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

***Afghans' Approval of Their Leadership Falls to 33%*** (Click for Details)

Afghans' approval of their country's leadership fell to 33% in April -- the lowest measured since 2008. More Afghans now approve of the job performance of U.S. leadership (43%) than they do their own. **Gallup USA**  
July 23, 2010

[Foreign Affairs & Security](#) » [Afghanistan War](#)

***Politics Turns Out To Be Not A Very Popular Choice As Profession For Pakistanis*** (Click for Details)

In a **Gallup Pakistan** survey almost eight in ten (77%) **Pakistanis** show complete disinclination to join politics as a professional career. Only 22 %age of Pakistanis have ever wished to join politics.

July 19, 2010

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### ► SOUTH EAST ASIA

***Filipinos Express Confidence in Aquino and Binay*** (Click for Details)

The vast majority of people in the **Philippines** trust new president Benigno Aquino III and vice-president Jejomar Binay to do a good job leading the country, according to a poll by **Social Weather Stations**. 88 % of respondents have confidence in Aquino, while 77 % trust Binay.

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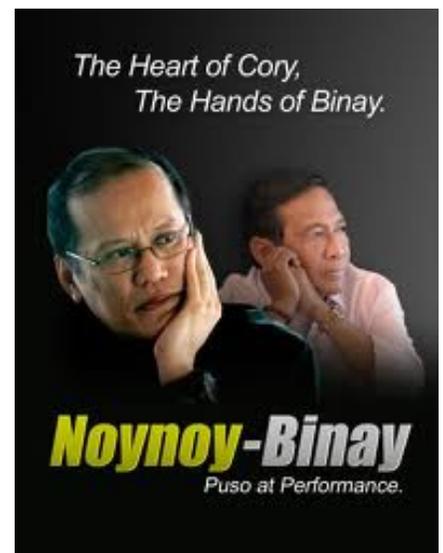
### ► NORTH EAST ASIA

***90 Million More Chinese Online at Home Now Than in 2007*** (Click for Details)

Signaling new opportunities for businesses to connect with millions more **Chinese** consumers, **Gallup** surveys document rising access to information technology. The %age of Chinese who report that they have computers at home doubled in the past several years, while home Internet access nearly tripled.

July 21, 2010

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► **EAST EUROPE**



**EUROPE**

***United Russia Keeps Dominating the Political Scene*** (Click for Details)

No other political party matches the popularity of the governing United Russia (YR) in the country, according to a poll by [the All-Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#). 55 % of respondents would vote for United Russia in the next election to the State Duma.

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***Russians Vehemently Oppose Nuclear Disarmament*** (Click for Details)

Over the past two decades, people in Russia have become averse to the pursuit of nuclear disarmament, according to a poll by [the All-Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#). Only 19 % of respondents want to discard all nuclear arms in the country, down 29 points since 1991.

July 18, 2010

[Foreign Affairs & Security](#) » [Energy/ Nuclear issues](#)

***VV Chairman John is Most Popular Czech Leader*** (Click for Details)

Radek John, chairman of the Public Affairs (VV) party, is the best ranked politician in the [Czech Republic](#), according to a poll by [STEM](#). 62 % of respondents approve of his performance.

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► **WEST EUROPE**

***The Economy Remains Britain's Chief Concern, Though Concern About Unemployment Increases*** (Click for Details)

[Ipsos MORI's](#) July Issues Index shows that the economy remains the public's most important issue facing Britain by some margin. Similarly to last month, around two-thirds (63%) feel that it is among the most important issues facing the country; 44% see it as the single most important issue, and 19% feel that it is among the most important issues. Those in Scotland (79%), the Midlands (68%), and those in the South

East (68%) are more likely to mention it than those in Wales, (56%), the north of England (54%) and London (53%)

[Economy](#) » [Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)

**Britons Call for Changes to National Health Care** ([Click for Details](#))

Many adults in [Britain](#) believe the National Health Service (NHS) could be better than it currently is, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 58 % of respondents think there are some good things in the NHS, but many changes are required.

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## AMERICAS

### ► NORTH AMERICA

**Government Economic Policies Seen as Boon for Banks and Big Business, Not Middle Class or Poor**

([Click for Details](#))

The public sees clear winners and losers from the economic policies the government has implemented since the recession of 2008. Most [Americans](#) say these policies have helped large banks, large corporations and the wealthy, while providing little or no help for the poor, the middle class or small businesses. [Pew](#)

[Research center](#)

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**Obama Averages 47.3% Approval in Sixth Quarter** ([Click for Details](#))

President Obama averaged 47.3% job approval during his sixth quarter in office, spanning April 20-July 19 - his lowest quarterly average to date. Americans' approval of Obama has declined at least slightly in each quarter of his presidency. [Gallup USA](#)

July 20, 2010

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**Lost Income, Lost Friends -- and Loss of Self-Respect** ([Click for Details](#))

Long-term unemployment takes a much deeper toll than short-term unemployment on a person's finances, emotional well-being and career prospects, according to a new [Pew Research Center](#) survey that explores the attitudes and experiences of workers who have lost jobs during Americas Great Recession.

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[Economy](#) » [Employment Issues](#)

**Democrats Jump Into Six-Point Lead on Generic Ballot** ([Click for Details](#))

In the same week the [U.S.](#) Senate passed a major financial reform bill touted as reining in Wall Street, Democrats pulled ahead of Republicans, 49% to 43%, in voters' generic ballot preferences for the 2010 congressional elections. [Gallup USA](#)

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**Congress Ranks Last in Confidence in Institutions** ([Click for Details](#))

[Gallup's](#) 2010 Confidence in Institutions poll finds Congress ranking dead last out of the 16 institutions rated this year. Eleven % of [Americans](#) say they have "a great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in Congress, down from 17% in 2009 and a %age point lower than the previous low for Congress, recorded in 2008.

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**Bill Clinton More Popular Than Barack Obama** ([Click for Details](#))

Former President Bill Clinton is currently more well-liked by [Americans](#) than both of his successors. Sixty-one % view him favorably, compared with 52% for President Barack Obama and 45% for former President George W. Bush. [Gallup USA](#)

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**Americans' Confidence in Banks Not Improving** ([Click for Details](#))

The %age of [Americans](#) saying they have a "great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in U.S. banks is at 23% this year -- essentially unchanged from 22% last year, and far below the pre-recession level of 41% in June 2007. [Gallup USA](#)

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[Economy](#) » [Financial systems & Institutions](#)

**Michelle Obama Outshines All Others in Favorability Poll** ([Click for Details](#))

America's First lady Michelle Obama's favorability rating among Americans tops that of several major political players who have called or might someday seek to call the White House home -- including her husband and his two predecessors, former first lady Hillary Clinton, three vice presidents, and a number of potential Republican presidential hopefuls. [Gallup USA](#)

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**Americans Blame Mexico for Growth of Drug Trade** ([Click for Details](#))

Half of people in the [United States](#) believe that Mexico is mostly to blame for the massive drug market involving the two countries, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 49 % of respondents say Mexico is at fault for allowing the drug cartels to grow and flourish.

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**Half of Americans Would Deport All Illegal Residents** ([Click for Details](#))

More people in the [United States](#) are expressing support for deporting all illegal immigrants currently working in the country, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 50 % of respondents share this opinion, up eight points since May.

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**One-in-Six Americans Would Ban Abortion** ([Click for Details](#))

Almost half of adults in the [United States](#) consent to pregnancy termination in specific cases, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 46 % of respondents think abortion should be legal only under certain circumstances.

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**Canadians Ponder Future of Governor General** ([Click for Details](#))

People in [Canada](#) hold differing views on the existence of a Governor General in the country, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 33 % of respondents would keep the appointed position, 22 % would prefer to elect the Governor General, and 31 % believe the position should be abolished.

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**Canadians Think Oka Clashes Could Happen Again** ([Click for Details](#))

A large majority of [Canadians](#) think there could be another clash between an Aboriginal group and the police, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 79 % of respondents think a crisis similar to the one that took place in Oka in 1990 is likely to happen again.

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► **LATIN AMERICA**

**Half of Brazilians Reject Adoption by Gay Couples** ([Click for Details](#))

Half of people in [Brazil](#) oppose allowing gay couples to adopt children, according to a poll by [Datafolha](#) published in *Folha de Sao Paulo*. 51 % of respondents share this opinion, while 39 % disagree.

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**Lula Soars to New Approval High in Brazil** ([Click for Details](#))

[Brazilians](#) are growing fonder of their president as his second term winds down, according to a poll by [Datafolha](#) published in *Folha de Sao Paulo*. 78 % of respondents rate Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's performance as very good or good, up three points since May.

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► **AUSTRALASIA**

**National Up, Labour Falls Back in New Zealand** ([Click for Details](#))

[New Zealand's](#) governing party has gained strength and is widening the gap with the opposition, according to a poll by [Roy Morgan International](#). 53 % of respondents would vote for the conservative National party in the next election to the House of Representatives, up 2.5 points since mid-June.

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**New Zealanders Split on Emissions Trading Scheme** ([Click for Details](#))

People in [New Zealand](#) are divided about the country's Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), according to a poll by [Research New Zealand](#). 49 % of respondents are in favour of the ETS, while 44 % oppose it.

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**Many Australians See Gillard as Similar to Rudd** ([Click for Details](#))

Almost half of people in [Australia](#) say the change in the leadership of the Australian Labor Party (ALP) will not make any difference, according to a poll by [Newspoll](#) published in *The Australian*. 47 % of respondents say new leader Julia Gillard will be about the same as her predecessor and former prime minister, Kevin Rudd.

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## GLOBAL/MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS



### *Canadians Want More Action on the Environment* (Click for Details)

Many adults in [Canada](#) believe their federal administration is not dealing properly with environment, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 66 % of respondents think the government is paying too little attention to this issue.

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### *Britons and Canadians Side with Evolution, Not Americans* (Click for Details)

Many people in [Britain](#) and [Canada](#) believe in the theory of evolution, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 68 % of Britons—and 61 % of Canadians—believe human beings evolved from less advanced life forms over millions of years.

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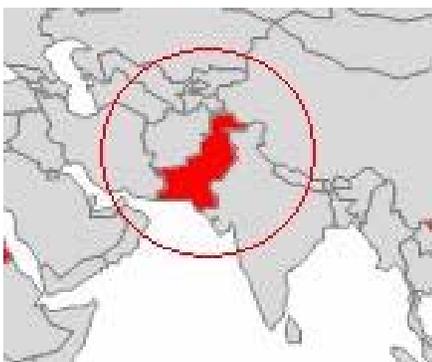


## Topic of the week:

### ***Politics is Not a Very Popular Choice as Profession for Pakistanis***

► 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 .

## ***Politics is Not a Very Popular Choice as Profession for Pakistanis***



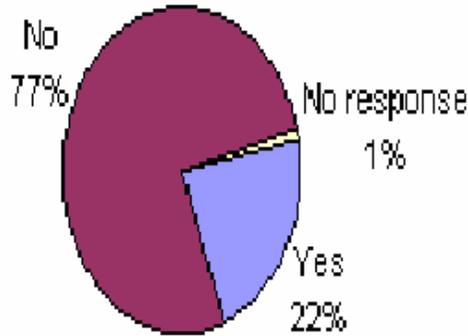
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According to a survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan , politics as a profession is not very popular among the average Pakistani men and women. Only 22% have ever wished to join politics and even if they were offered an opportunity, only 9% say they will have a strong inclination to take up the profession, another 19% express some inclination. But the vast majority of both men and women show complete disinclination to join politics as a professional career.

### **Only 22% have ever wished to join politics**

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked the following question “*Have you ever wished to join politics?*” More than three quarters (77%) of the respondents had no such desire of joining politics where as 22% were interested in taking part in politics. 1% gave no response.

“*Have you ever wished to join politics?*”

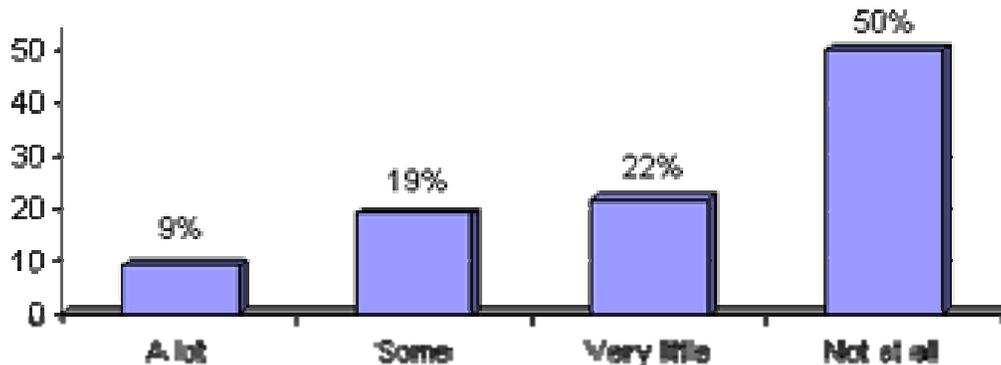


Source: Gallup Pakistan ,the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association ([www.gallup-international.com](http://www.gallup-international.com); [www.gallup.com.pk](http://www.gallup.com.pk))

**Only 9% are keen on adopting politics as a professional career**

In a follow up question the respondents were asked “*Suppose you get a chance of joining politics, what are the chances that you will adopt it as a profession?*” Only 9% showed great enthusiasm and said that they are a lot of chances that they will take up politics as a profession, 19% mentioned there are some chances of this, 22% stated there are very little chances while half of the respondents (50%) stated that there is no likelihood at all of them entering the field of politics.

“*Suppose you get a chance of joining politics, what are the chances that you will adopt it as a profession?*”



Source: Gallup Pakistan , the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association ([www.gallup-international.com](http://www.gallup-international.com); [www.gallup.com.pk](http://www.gallup.com.pk))

### **Gender difference is small**

It is interesting to note that the gender difference on politics as a professional career is smaller than one would expect. Thus 7% of women (as opposed to 10% of men) are highly inclined towards politics as a career.

### **Only 3% of with Post Graduate Education are keen on adopting politics as a professional career**

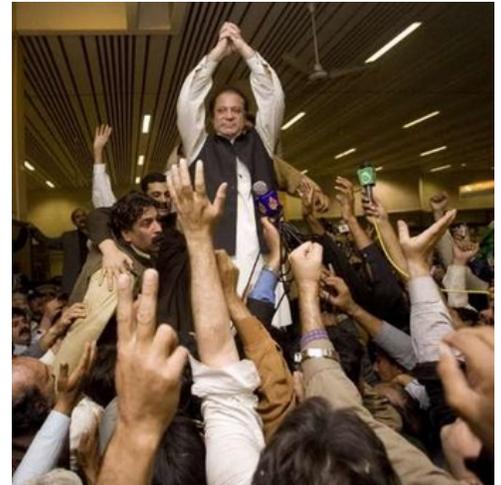
On the other hand interest in Politics as a professional career takes a sharp dip among Pakistanis with post graduate education, as only 3% of them said they were keen on politics as a professional career.

### **Commentary by Gallup Pakistan ; BEYOND THE DEBATE ON FORGED COLLEGE DEGREES OF PARLIMENTARIANS:**

The findings of the survey are a sad commentary on the prospects of building a civilian political leadership for a democratic Pakistan. A successful democracy requires talented people from all sections of the society to be attracted to politics as an engaging commitment and profession. Pakistan needs to deliberate why politics appeals to and attracts people with low levels of education; after all so many of those elected to the parliament had to forge basic college degrees to qualify for parliament membership according to the law at the time. Pakistan also needs to deliberate why voters prefer the lowly educated politicians to those with higher qualifications and why political parties are



unable to recruit the better educated into their ranks. While the current blame game on forged degrees of parliamentarians may even be counter-productive, it does provide a serious occasion for deliberating on how can Pakistan build an educated political class and what would induce a larger section of the society to aspire for politics as a career.



The study was carried out by Gallup Pakistan , the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 2757 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during July 2010. Error margin is estimated to be approximately  $\pm 2-3$  % at 95% confidence level.

**SOURCE:** <http://www.gallup.com.pk/Polls/19-7-10%20%20Joining%20Politics.pdf>

## 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

