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Asia zone

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NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA



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Public Opinion in Pakistan: Concern about Extremist Threat Slips (Click for Details)

[Pakistanis](#) remain in a grim mood about the state of their country. Overwhelming majorities are dissatisfied with national conditions, unhappy with the nation's economy, and concerned about political corruption and crime. Only one-in-five express a positive view of President Asif Ali Zardari, down from **64%** just two years ago. [Pew Research Center](#)

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► WEST ASIA

Turkey's Ruling AKP Trails Behind Republicans (Click for Details)

[Turkey's](#) governing party is not the most popular political organization in the country, according to a poll by [Sonar Arastirma](#). **33.5 %** of respondents would vote for the opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) in the next legislative election, up one point since May.

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► SOUTH EAST ASIA

Democracy is Top Wish for Malaysians (Click for Details)

Making the country more democratic tops the wish list of many people in [Malaysia](#), according to a poll by the [Merdeka Center for Opinion Research](#). **27 %** of respondents cite this as the most important issue to address in the country.

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Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

▶ WEST EUROPE



Most Britons Fear a Terrorist Attack in the Next Year (Click for Details)

Most people in [Britain](#) think it is likely that their country will be the target of a terrorist attack in the next 12 months, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 59 % of respondents share this view, whereas 28 % do not think this will be the case.

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[Foreign Affairs & Security](#) » [Terrorism](#)

Police Acted Properly on Moat Case, Say Britons (Click for Details)

Many people in [Britain](#) believe law enforcement authorities did a good job in dealing with a major operation earlier this month, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 61 % of respondents are satisfied with the way the Northumbria Police dealt with the Raoul Moat case.

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Cameron Keeps Stable Numbers in Britain (Click for Details)

A majority of [Britons](#) are satisfied with the way their prime minister is doing his job, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 53 % of respondents approve of David Cameron's performance.

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Most Italians Have Lost Confidence in Berlusconi (Click for Details)

A majority of people in [Italy](#) express no confidence in Silvio Berlusconi, according to a poll by [IPR Marketing](#) published in *La Repubblica*. 55 % of respondents lack trust in their prime minister, up one point since June.

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Merkel's Parties Keep Narrow Lead in Germany (Click for Details)

[Germany's](#) governing conservative parties are only slightly ahead in popularity, according to a poll by [Forsa](#) released by *Stern* and RTL. 30 % of respondents would vote for the Christian-Democratic Union (CDU) and

its associate Bavarian Christian-Social Party (CSU) in the next election to the Federal Diet, down two points since late June.

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AMERICAS

▶ NORTH AMERICA

Many Americans Dismayed Over NYC Mosque [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Many adults in the [United States](#) seem opposed to building a mosque and a 13-story community center in lower Manhattan, a few blocks from Ground Zero, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **42 %** of respondents think having a mosque close to one of the sites of the 9/11 attacks is a provocation.

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Gloomy Views on Economy Continue in U.S. [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A large proportion of [Americans](#) are dissatisfied with their country's financial situation, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **86 %** of respondents rate the economic conditions in the United States today as poor or very poor.

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Few Americans Have a Positive Opinion of Edwards [\(Click for Details\)](#)

John Edwards has become one of the most unpopular recent presidential hopefuls in the [United States](#), according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **56 %** of respondents have an unfavorable opinion of the former North Carolina senator, while 16 % hold positive views.

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Canadians Want to Keep Safe Injection Site [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Support for the city of Vancouver's safe injection site, Insite, is high across [Canada](#), according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **43 %** of respondents back the operations at Insite, while **24 %** oppose them.

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Three-in-Five Canadians Satisfied with Economy [\(Click for Details\)](#)

More people in [Canada](#) are content with their country's financial standing, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **59 %** of respondents rate the economic conditions in Canada today as good or very good, up eight points since June.

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U.S. Drinking Rate Edges Up Slightly to 25-Year High [\(Click for Details\)](#)

67 % of [U.S.](#) adults drink alcohol, a slight increase over last year and the highest reading recorded since 1985 by one percentage point. Beer remains the favorite beverage among drinkers, followed by wine and then liquor. [Gallup USA](#)

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Americans Three Times as Confident in Small vs. Big Business [\(Click for Details\)](#)

During the ups and downs of this U.S. recession, [Americans'](#) faith in small business has grown, while their faith in big business has not. Three times more Americans now say they have "a great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in small business (**66%**) than say this about big business (**19%**). And this gap has grown since the global financial collapse. [Gallup USA](#)

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Latino Digital Divide: Native Born vs. Foreign Born ([Click for Details](#))

In the [United States](#) technology use among foreign-born Latinos continues to lag significantly behind that of their U.S.-born counterparts, according to a new analysis of survey data from the [Pew Hispanic Center](#). The nativity differences are especially pronounced when it comes to internet use.

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Canadians Support Mandatory Long Form Census ([Click for Details](#))

Many adults in [Canada](#) believe the country should continue to have a long form census, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **58 %** of respondents believe this type of survey yields data that is important to make policy decisions in all areas of public service, and should remain mandatory.

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[Domestic Politics](#) » [Governance](#)

Most Canadians Would Directly Elect Senators ([Click for Details](#))

Many adults in [Canada](#) want to play an active role in choosing the members of the country's upper house, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **70 %** of respondents support allowing Canadians to directly elect their senators.

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LATIN AMERICA

Guatemalans Expect Fraudulent Election ([Click for Details](#))

A large majority of people in [Guatemala](#) think the next general election will be marred by fraud, according to a poll by [Vox Latina](#) published in *Prensa Libre*. **63.9 %** of respondents share this opinion.

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GLOBAL/MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS

A Third of Americans Favour Same-Sex Marriage, In Britain 41%, Canada 61% ([Click for Details](#))

Adults in the United States remain divided on the legal recognition of gay and lesbian couples, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **36 %** of respondents believe same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry, while **23 %** think they should form civil unions. In Britain, 41 % of respondents support same-sex marriage, while in Canada, 61 % support the view.

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Few Sub-Saharan Africans Aware of Local Microfinance Options ([Click for Details](#))

Residents in sub-Saharan African countries report a wide range of awareness about the availability of microfinance lending in their communities, suggesting these institutions remain locally inaccessible to many who would benefit most from using them. [Gallup USA](#)

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CYBER WORLD

How Young Latinos Communicate with Friends in the Digital Age ([Click for Details](#))

When it comes to socializing and communicating with friends, young Latinos (ages 16 to 25) make extensive use of mobile technology. Half say they text message (**50%**) their friends daily, and **45%** say they talk daily with friends on a cell phone. Other communication platforms are less widely used for socializing. For example, fewer than one-in-five young Latinos (**18%**) say they talk daily with their friends on a landline or home phone, and just **10%** say they email their friends daily. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Countries with High Home Internet Access Span Regions Access drops sharply with per-capita income

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Among 116 countries and areas Gallup surveyed last year, a median proportion of **2 in 10** adults reported that they have Internet access at home, but the proportion was greater than **3 in 4** adults in 15 countries. These populations in the most connected countries span several global regions, including Europe, Asia, Northern America, and the Middle East. [Gallup USA](#)

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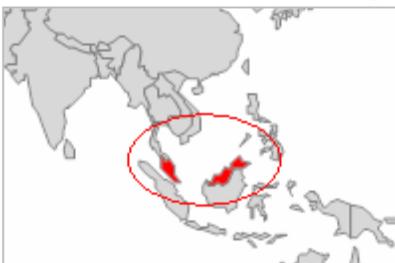


Country of the week: MALAYSIA

Democracy is Top Wish for Malaysians

- ▶ 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: *Democracy is Top Wish for Malaysians-* July 25, 2010



(*Angus Reid Global Monitor*) - Making the country more democratic tops the wish list of many people in **Malaysia**, according to a poll by the **Merdeka Center for Opinion Research**. **27 %** of respondents cite this as the most important issue to address in the country.

Making the education system "world class" is second with **20 %**, followed by reducing income inequality with **11 %**, and improving the income of ordinary Malaysians with **9%**. Other mentions include fighting crime, making the public servants more efficient, making the courts more

independent, and fighting corruption.

The United Malays National Organization (UMNO)—the biggest party in a coalition of 12 political factions known as the National Front (BN)—has formed the government after every election since the Asian country attained its independence from Britain in 1957.

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi took over as prime minister in October 2003, after the retirement of Mahathir Mohamad, who served for more than 22 years. In the March 2004 election, the National Front secured 198 of the 219 seats in the House of Representatives. Abdullah was sworn in as head of government with the biggest majority in three decades.

In the March 2008 ballot, the National Front won 140 seats in the legislature. The coalition's share of the vote dropped drastically, from 64.4 % in 2004, to 50.27 % in 2008. According to Human Rights Watch, the most recent election was "grossly unfair" and marred by irregularities.



Mahathir Mohamad, Abdullah Ahmad Badawi & Najib Razak

In September 2008, Abdullah announced his intention to step down. Najib Razak—who served as deputy prime minister and finance minister—took over as head of government in April 2009.

Earlier this month, a group of regional constitutional court justices met in Jakarta and signed a declaration to establish an Association of Asian Constitutional Courts.

The association will seek to promote the "progress of democracy and the promotion of human rights in Asia on the basis of mutual respect and judicial independence."

Zaki Azmi, chief justice of *Malaysia's* Federal Court and the head of the Malaysian delegation, urged other countries to protect the electoral process, saying, "Democracy, that is governing by the people and for the people, can only be achieved through a transparent election."

Polling Data

I am going to read you a list of issues that people feel needs to change, please tell me the top 2 which are the most important for you. Please also let me know if there are other issues in your mind than the ones I am reading to you.

Making the country more democratic	27%
Making our education system world class	20%
Reducing the income gap between the rich and the poor	11%
Improving the income of ordinary Malaysians	9%
Fighting crime	8%
Making our public servants more efficient	8%
Making the courts more independent	7%
Fighting corruption	6%
Don't know	2%
Others	1%
No response	1%

Source: Merdeka Center for Opinion Research

Methodology: Telephone interviews with 3,141 Malaysian adults, conducted from Jan. 21 to Apr. 26, 2010. Margin of error is 1.8 %.

SOURCE: http://www.angus-reid.com/polls/view/35807/democracy_is_top_wish_for_malaysians

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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

