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THIS WEEK'S REPORT CONSISTS OF **22** SURVEYS. **1** OF THESE IS A MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS, **1** IS A CYBER SURVEY, & THE REST ARE NATIONAL SURVEYS. **10** POLLING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED.

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1 Multi Country Poll

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Nil

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this week- **20** national polls
1 Multi national poll
& 1 Cyber poll

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1 polls

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**Merkel's Parties Stuck in the
Low 30s in Germany**

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Asia zone

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

► CENTRAL ASIA

Multi Country poll-70 Million in CIS Would Migrate Temporarily for Work, Study [\(Click for Details\)](#)

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE



French Distancing More from Sarkozy [\(Click for Details\)](#)

People in [France](#) are growing disappointed with Nicolas Sarkozy, according to a poll by [CSA](#) published in *Le Parisien*. 62 % of respondents have no confidence in their president, up three points since June.

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Merkel's Parties Stuck in the Low 30s in Germany [\(Click for Details\)](#)

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Britons Decry Release of Convicted Bomber Megrahi [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Three quarters of people in [Britain](#) reject the Scottish government's decision to release Libyan national Abdelbaset Ali Mohmet al-Megrahi from prison on compassionate grounds, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 75 % of respondents share this view.

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▶ NORTH AMERICA

Americans Divided on How Well Iraq War Is Going for U.S. (Click for Details)

Americans are about evenly divided as to whether things are going "well" or "badly" for the United States in Iraq. Since the fall of 2008, Americans have been a bit more positive than negative in their evaluations, after being largely negative for most of the period from September 2003 to August 2008. **Gallup USA**

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Blacks and Whites Continue to Differ Sharply on Obama (Click for Details)

US President Obama's job approval rating averaged 88% among blacks and 38% among whites in July, a 50-percentage-point difference that has been consistent in recent months but is much larger than in the initial months of the Obama presidency. Obama's job approval ratings among blacks, whites, and Hispanics in July are all at their lowest levels to date, although the overwhelming majority of blacks still approve. **Gallup USA**

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In U.S., New High of 43% Call Afghanistan War a "Mistake" (Click for Details)

After the Internet publication of tens of thousands of leaked classified documents on the war in Afghanistan, 43% of **Americans** now say the United States made a mistake in sending troops there, up slightly from just before the release (38%). While Americans are still more likely to support than oppose the war, the percentage who say it was a mistake to get involved is at a new high. **Gallup USA**

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Americans Split on Obama's Performance (Click for Details)

People in the **United States** are evenly split on their president's performance, according to a poll by **Angus Reid Public Opinion**. 45 % of respondents approve of the way Barack Obama has handled his duties, whereas 46 % disapprove.

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U.S. Congress Gets Slightly Better Marks (Click for Details)

A few more people in the **United States** are willing to grant Congress a good mark compared to last month, according to a poll by **Angus Reid Public Opinion**. 23 % of respondents approve of the performance of Congress, up five points since June.

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Palin, Huckabee Top Choice for U.S. Republicans (Click for Details)

American supporters of the Republican Party pick former presidential hopefuls Sarah Palin and Mike Huckabee as favourites to represent the GOP in the 2012 election, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 51 % of respondents say Palin would be a good president, up four points since November 2009.

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Americans Want Smoking Off the Menu at Restaurants (Click for Details)

When it comes to smokers lighting up in public, [Americans](#) are most accepting of smoking in bars and least accepting of it in restaurants. 59 % this year say smoking should be banned in restaurants, up from 54% in 2007. [Gallup USA](#)

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Earmarks Could Help Candidates in Midterms; Palin and Tea Party Connections Could Hurt (Click for Details)

A majority of [Americans](#) (53%) say they are more likely to vote for a candidate with a record of delivering earmarks for their districts; just 12% say they would be less likely to vote for such a candidate. A third of the public (33%) says this would make no difference in their vote either way. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Mixed Public Reaction to WikiLeaks (Click for Details)

The disclosure of more than 75,000 classified documents about the war in Afghanistan by the website WikiLeaks garnered significant media coverage last week, and those familiar with the story were split over the effect of the leak: about equal percentages say the release harms the public interest as say it serves the public interest. [Pew Research Center](#)

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WikiLeaks Puts Afghanistan Back on Media Agenda (Click for Details)

The war in Afghanistan-- a subject that has generated periodic spikes in media interest but not a high level of sustained coverage -- was back atop the mainstream news agenda last week. And this time, the catalyst was neither violence on the ground nor deliberations in Washington, but the leak of about 90,000 classified war reports by a whistleblower website. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Journalism Jobs Harder to Find (Click for Details)

The tight journalism job market in America is taking its toll on recent college graduates, according to a new report released today by the [University of Georgia](#). The survey of more than 2,700 journalism and mass communication students who graduated in 2009 found the lowest level of full-time employment in the 24-year history of the study.

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Some Canadians Want Limits on Abortion Funding (Click for Details)

Two-in-five adults in [Canada](#) think the national health care system should only fund abortions in the case of medical emergencies, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). 39 % of respondents share this view.

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▶ LATIN AMERICA

Serra, Rousseff Battle for Brazil's Presidency (Click for Details)

The race to succeed [Brazilian](#) president Luis Inacio Lula da Silva remains tight, according to a poll by [Datafolha](#) published in *Folha de Sao Paulo*. 37 % of respondents would vote for conservative candidate Jose Serra of the Brazilian Party of Social Democracy (PSDB) in this year's election, down two points since June.

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Lula Continues to Draw High Numbers in Brazil (Click for Details)

The popularity of [Brazilian](#) president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva remains sky-high, according to a poll by [Datafolha](#) published in *Folha de Sao Paulo*. 77 % of respondents say the president has done a good job, down one point since June.

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▶ AUSTRALASIA

***Australians' Views Shift on Climate Change*** (Click for Details)

[Australians'](#) attitudes about global warming could be a factor later this month in the general election where climate change has emerged as an issue. The percentage of Australians who are aware of climate change and say it results from human activities fell from 52% in June 2008 to 44% in March 2010, while the number attributing it to natural causes increased 10 percentage points. [Gallup USA](#)

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Labor Leads Two-Party Vote in Australia (Click for Details)

[Australia's](#) upcoming election looks tight but the governing Australian Labor Party (ALP) holds an advantage in the two-party preferred vote system, according to a poll by [Newspoll](#) published in *The Australian*. 42 % of respondents would vote for the Coalition of Liberals and National in next month's election to the House of Representatives, up four points since mid-July.

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National Slips, Stays Ahead in New Zealand (Click for Details)

The popularity of **New Zealand's** conservative government is shrinking but the National party remains the favourite, according to a poll by **Roy Morgan International**. 49 % of respondents would vote for National in the next election to the House of Representatives, down four points since early July.

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GLOBAL/MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS

70 Million in CIS Would Migrate Temporarily for Work, Study (Click for Details)

Roughly one in four adults in 12 **former Soviet nations** say they would like to move to another country for temporary work (24%) or to study or take part in a work-study program (25%) if they had the opportunity to do so. Together, an estimated 70 million desire to migrate for either of these reasons or for both. Half has many -- approximately 30 million -- would like to leave their countries permanently. **Gallup USA**

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CYBER WORLD

"Cyberchondriacs" on the Rise? (Click for Details)

Number of **Americans** who look for health related information on the Internet is continuing to increase. Fully 32% of all adults who are online say they look for health information "often," compared to 22% last year.

The Harris poll

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Country of the week: GERMANY

Merkel's Parties Stuck in the Low 30s in Germany

► 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: Merkel's Parties Stuck in the Low 30s in Germany

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(Angus Reid Global Monitor) - **Germany's** governing conservative parties retain a third of the population's following, according to a poll by FG Wahlen released by ZDF. 33 % of respondents would vote for the Christian-

Democratic Union (CDU) or its associate Bavarian Christian-Social Party (CSU) in the next election to the Federal Diet, unchanged since mid-June.

The Social Democratic Party (SPD) is a close second with 32 %, followed by the Green Party (Grüne) with 15 %, the Left Party (Linke) with 10 %, and the Free Democratic Party (FDP)—junior partner in the governing coalition—with five %.

	33%
	32%
	15%
	10%
	5%

In November 2005, CDU leader Angela Merkel was sworn in as Germany's first female head of government following a federal election. Her "Grand Coalition" administration featured members of the CDU, CSU and SPD.

In September 2009, German voters participated in a new federal



election. Final results gave the CDU-CSU 33.8 % of the vote and 239 seats, followed by the SPD with 23 % and 146 mandates. This time, Merkel invited the FDP to form a government. FDP leader Guido Westerwelle serves as foreign minister.

On Aug. 4, Westerwelle spoke of an increasing need for Germany to lure skilled immigrants, saying, "It is of course right that we intelligently invite citizens to work in our country who are positive for us and for our development."

Polling Data

What party would you vote for in the next federal election?

	Jul. 15	Jun. 17	Jun. 2
Christian-Democratic Union (CDU) / Bavarian Christian-Social Party (CSU)	33%	33%	34%
Social Democratic Party (SPD)	32%	31%	29%
Green Party (Grüne)	15%	15%	15%
Left Party (Linke)	10%	10%	10%
Free Democratic Party (FDP)	5%	5%	5%

Source: *FG Wahlen / ZDF*

Methodology: *Telephone interviews with 1,178 German adults, conducted from Jul. 13 to Jul. 15, 2010.*

Margin of error is 3.1 %.

SOURCE: http://www.angus-reid.com/polls/view/merkelaas_parties_stuck_in_the_low_30s_in_germany

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

