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Asia zone

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

► MIDDLE EAST

Iraqis More Approving of Own Leadership Than of U.S. (Click for Details)

[Iraqis](#) approved more of their own country's leadership than U.S. leadership in early 2010 -- the reverse of their sentiment in 2008. Iraqis' relative confidence in their own leadership at the time of [Gallup's](#) most recent survey, which was conducted shortly before the elections in March, could be taken as a positive sign as the U.S. diminishes its military presence in the country and Iraqis take more control.

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► WEST ASIA

Trust In Military Fades Amid Coup Debates, Anti-Terror Weakness (Click for Details)

A recently conducted opinion poll in [Turkey](#) has shown that the General Staff is suffering from a significant loss of confidence in the eyes of the public, which observers believe is directly linked to the military's unappreciated aspiration to intervene in politics rather than focus on its fight against terror. [MetroPOLL Strategic and Social Research Center](#)

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Africa zone

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

► SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

Witchcraft Believers in Sub-Saharan Africa Rate Lives Worse (Multi-country survey) (Click for Details)

Belief in witchcraft is widespread throughout [sub-Saharan Africa](#), according to recent [Gallup](#) surveys, and potentially affects how those who believe see their lives. Studies in 18 countries show belief varies, but on average, **55%** of residents personally believe in witchcraft.

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

▶ WEST EUROPE



Most Britons Endorse the Creation of Social Mobility Tsar Position [\(Click for Details\)](#)

People in [Britain](#) are satisfied with the Coalition Government's decision to create a social mobility tsar position, but the politician who has been appointed to this job is a contentious choice, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#) poll has found.

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Britons Support Use of Speed Cameras [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Many adults in [Britain](#) believe relying on speed cameras to detect traffic violations is a good idea, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **53 %** of respondents support the use of these devices.

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▶ NORTH AMERICA

Animosity Over Potential Mosque Near Ground Zero Increases in United States [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The controversy over a plan to build a mosque and a 13-story community center in lower Manhattan, a few blocks from Ground Zero, shows no signs of slowing down, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#) poll has found.

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Public Remains Conflicted Over Islam [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The public continues to express conflicted views of Islam. Favorable opinions of Islam have declined since 2005, but there has been virtually no change over the past year in the proportion of [Americans](#) saying that Islam is more likely than other religions to encourage violence. As was the case a year ago, slightly more people say the Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than other religions (**42%**) than say that it does (**35%**). [Pew Research Center](#)

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Americans Oppose Renewing U.S. Combat Operations in Iraq [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[Americans](#) are about twice as likely to oppose as they are to favor renewing U.S. combat operations in Iraq if Iraqi forces are unable to maintain security there. These views are shared by Democrats and independents, but a slight majority of Republicans disagree. [Gallup USA](#)

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Islamic Center Tops Media Agenda ([Click for Details](#))

A statement of support for religious freedom by President Barack Obama fueled an ideologically driven debate in the media over a proposed Islamic center in New York last week. A milestone in the Iraq war, continued economic travails and a mostly hung jury in a corruption case involving a colorful former governor also vied for attention. [Pew Research Center](#)

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GOP Maintains Edge in Midterm Voting Preferences ([Click for Details](#))

[Gallup](#) tracking of 2010 midterm congressional election voting preferences shows **47%** of registered voters saying they would vote for the Republican candidate and **44%** for the Democratic candidate if the election were held today. Though down slightly from last week's seven-percentage-point Republican lead, the GOP has held an advantage each of the past four weeks, the first time either party has done so this year.

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Record Surge in Positive Ratings of Auto Industry ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans'](#) opinions of the automobile industry brightened considerably after reaching an all-time low last year, and now tilt more positive than negative for the first time in three years. The 15-point increase in the percentage rating the auto industry positively ties the largest one-year improvement in [Gallup's](#) 10-year history of measuring public opinion on major U.S. business industries.

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Americans' Views of Public Schools Still Far Worse Than Parents' ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans](#) continue to believe their local schools are performing well, but that the nation's schools are performing poorly. More than three-quarters of public school parents (**77%**) give their child's school an "A" or "B," while **18%** of all Americans grade the nation's public schools that well. [Gallup USA](#)

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U.S. Parents Want Teachers Paid on Quality, Student Outcomes ([Click for Details](#))

The large majority of parents with children in the public K-12 school system would like to see teacher pay revolve around teacher performance, not the standard scale of pay. Seventy-two percent of public school parents say teachers' salaries should be tied to the quality of their work. Additionally, **75%** say teachers' salaries should be somewhat or very closely tied to their own students' academic achievement. [Gallup USA](#)

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Economic Confidence Remains Low Throughout the United States ([Click for Details](#))

Most [Americans](#) remain worried about the current state of their country's economy and are becoming more pessimistic about the future, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion poll](#) has found.

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Obama's Middle East Problem ([Click for Details](#))

President Barak Hussein Obama's meetings with Middle Eastern leaders next week will be his most extensive engagement yet with an issue that has been a weak spot in his largely positive international image.

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Americans Continue to Rate Real Estate Industry Negatively ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans](#) rate the real estate industry much more negatively than positively, the third year in a row [Gallup](#) has found a net-negative evaluation of this industry.

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Five Years After Hurricane Katrina ([Click for Details](#))

Five years after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, a majority of Americans (**57%**) say that the nation is no better prepared for hurricanes and other natural disasters than it was in 2005. However, the public does see progress in rebuilding New Orleans and the Gulf region: **69%** say there has been a lot or some progress made rebuilding New Orleans and the Gulf, up from **56%** in 2006. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Muslims Give Obama Highest Job Approval; Mormons, Lowest ([Click for Details](#))

Muslim [Americans](#) continue to give President Barack Obama the highest job approval rating of any major religious group in the U.S., while Mormons give the president the lowest ratings. [Gallup USA](#)

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Adult Smoking Ranges From 13% to 31% Across U.S. States ([Click for Details](#))

Roughly one in five adult [Americans](#) smokes, according to [Gallup-Healthways Well Being Index](#) data from 2009. At the state level, the percentage of adult smokers ranges from **13%** in Utah to **31%** in Kentucky and West Virginia.

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Airline Industry Image Grounded in Negative Territory ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans'](#) general displeasure with the airline industry continues for a fourth straight year, with **41%** viewing it negatively and **30%** viewing it positively. [Gallup USA](#)

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Americans Praise Flight Attendants for Their Courtesy and Respect ([Click for Details](#))

In the wake of the highly publicized incident involving Steven Slater, American flyers express a high level of satisfaction with the way flight attendants perform their duties, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#) poll has found.

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Confidence Takes a Dip as Canadians Remain Anxious About Economy ([Click for Details](#))

Although a majority of [Canadians](#) think the national economy is in good shape, people are still anxious about the future and confidence in federal politicians to make the right decisions is low, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion poll](#) has found.

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Canadians See More Benefits from NAFTA than Americans (Click for Details)

Canadians offer a more positive review of their participation in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) than Americans do, a new two-country **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found.

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Two-in-Five Canadians Would Scrap Long Gun Registry (Click for Details)

As a decision on the future of the Canadian Firearms Registry draws near, Canadians hold differing views on whether the so-called long gun registry should be scrapped, a new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found.

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▶ **LATIN AMERICA**

Brazil's Lula Keeps Solid Ratings (Click for Details)

Brazilian president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva remains highly popular, according to a poll by **Ibope**. **78 %** of respondents say Lula's performance has been good or very good, up three points since June.

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Almost Two Thirds of Peruvians Dismiss Garcia (Click for Details)

Most people in Peru continue to disapprove of President Alan García's performance, according to a poll by **Ipsos**, Apoyo, Opinión y Mercado published in *El Comercio*. **63 %** of respondents express dissatisfaction with García's leadership, down two points since July.

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Argentineans Expect Néstor Kirchner Comeback (Click for Details)

Most people in Argentina think former president Néstor Kirchner—also the husband of current president Cristina Fernández de Kirchner—will run for office in the 2011 election, according to a poll by **Poliarquía Consultores**. **54 %** of respondents expect Kirchner to be the ruling party's candidate.

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GLOBAL/MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS

Majorities of Americans and Britons Believe the War in Iraq Was a Mistake (Click for Details)

People in the United States and Britain regret the decision of their respective governments to engage militarily in Iraq in 2003, and are now more likely to brand the war as a failure rather than as a success, a new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found.

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Canadians Hold Better View of Obama's Performance than Britons (Click for Details)

Canadians hold a much more positive view of United States President Barack Obama than Britons, a new two-country **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found.

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Canada, U.S. and Britain Reject Smoking Ban (Click for Details)

Most people in the [United States](#), [Canada](#) and [Britain](#) are against legislation that would completely ban smoking, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **61 %** of Americans, **47 %** of Canadians and **54 %** of Britons share this point of view.

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CYBER WORLD

Older Adults and Social Media (Click for Details)

While social media use has grown dramatically across all age groups, older users have been especially enthusiastic over the past year about embracing new networking tools. Although email continues to be the primary way that older users maintain contact with friends, families and colleagues, many users now rely on social network platforms to help manage their daily communications -- sharing links, photos, videos, news and status updates with a growing network of contacts. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Blogs Debate New York Mosque (Click for Details)

For the second week in a row, the debate over a planned mosque near the World Trade Center site raged in the blogosphere. But this time, a different set of voices dominated the conversation in support of Muslims right to build mosque as a legal right. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Topic of the week:

Turkey's Trust in military fades amid coup debates, anti-terror weakness

► 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: *Today's Zaman:* A recently conducted opinion poll has shown that the **General Staff** is suffering from a significant loss of confidence in the eyes of the public, which observers believe is directly linked to the military's unappreciated aspiration to intervene in politics rather than focus on its fight against terror.

The General Staff ranked third last among all other state institutions, according to the poll conducted by the *Ankara-based MetroPOLL Strategic and Social Research Center* between Aug. 5 and 11. The General Staff was preceded by the police force, the Presidency, Parliament, the Prime Ministry and the government. Pollsters said the General Staff recorded the lowest in the surveys of the past three years. "The decline in public confidence in the General Staff has two main reasons: the military's attempts to intervene in politics and the coup plots it is said to have prepared to this end, and its failure in the fight against terror," stated Mehmet Metiner, a *Star* daily columnist. For the columnist, the General Staff loses more prestige in the eyes of the public the more it strives to become an actor in politics.

The General Staff is often associated with the military in **Turkey**. In other words, people usually think of the military itself when the case is related to the General Staff.

"The attempts by the military to stage coups d'état against democratically elected governments, and the right it sees itself as having to take necessary action to unseat the governments [it considers dangerous to its existence] has significantly changed people's perception of the military. Such factors have created social unease," Metiner noted.

The *Turkish military*, which played a role in the establishment of the Turkish Republic, has long seen itself as the protector of the regime and the secular order in the country. It has ousted four governments thus far, and is believed to be engaged in plans to “get rid of” the **Justice and Development Party (AK Party)**, which it considers a threat to “secular Turkey.”

Civilian prosecutors have exposed many plans, believed to have been drafted by members of the military, to overthrow the AK Party government. The General Staff, however, denies their authenticity. It argues that the plans were fabricated by “enemies of the military” to discredit the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK). However, separate examinations by the *Istanbul Council of Forensic Medicine (ATK)*, the *Istanbul Police Crime Laboratory* and the *Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)* vouched for the authenticity of the plots.



According to *Metiner*, the General Staff's attempts to influence the judiciary over the course of the *Ergenekon* case has also led to a decline in people's confidence in the General Staff. *Ergenekon* is a clandestine criminal organization accused of working to overthrow the government. Dozens of its suspected members, including those from the military, academia and the business world, are currently in jail on coup charges.

On various occasions, Chief of General Staff Gen. İlker Başbuğ defied the law and stood by military members on trial. Observers believe the self-positioning of the general against the law is a covert message for the judiciary to stop future indictments of military officers on coup charges.

“There is also the impact of the military's failure to achieve success in its fight against the Kurdistan Workers' Party [PKK] terror in the recent decline in public confidence in the General Staff. People have started to question why the war against the PKK has not ended in 26 years. The General Staff is, however, silent on many issues,” *Metiner* added.

The terrorist PKK was set up in 1984 as a result of **Turkey's** long-standing Kurdish question. The organization has sought to establish an autonomous Kurdish state in eastern Turkey since then. More than 40,000 civilians and security forces have been killed in clashes thus far. The General Staff is frequently the target of harsh criticism due to its inability to end the PKK terror.

Gülây Gökçürk, a columnist for the *Bugün* daily, agreed with *Metiner* on the point of a loss of public confidence in the General Staff because of the **Turkish** military's failure to end PKK terror. She also said the General Staff's refusal to communicate with the public on military failures in counter-terrorism efforts has shaken people's trust in the General Staff.

According to the columnist, the General Staff made a critical mistake by not responding to the public's questions on allegations that the military failed to act against PKK terrorists at the Hantepe outpost last month despite intelligence provided by Heron unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

“There is still no military explanation on the Heron allegations. ... The damn silence persists. And as the silence persists, suspicions in the hearts of millions of people leave a place for disappointment and frustration,” *Gökçürk* wrote in her column last week.

Turkey was shaken by claims that surfaced in early August suggesting that the military failed to act against terrorists in Hantepe despite intelligence provided by Herons to 30 security units during every second of a terrorist attack on an outpost in the area in mid-July. The attack resulted in the deaths of seven soldiers. According to the claims, security units, including the General Staff, watched the attack live through intelligence provided by the Herons but did not send any additional firepower to the scene of the assault to save the wounded soldiers.

Although nearly one month has passed since these claims were first voiced, the General Staff has not issued a single statement on the matter.

SOURCE: <http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/news-219711-trust-in-military-fades-amid-coup-debates-anti-terror-weakness.html>

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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

