

# Gallopedia

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## Who are we?

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## Asia zone

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



### ► WEST ASIA

#### ***Afghans Less Confident in Elections This Time*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

**Afghans'** increasing lack of confidence in the honesty of their elections, along with major security concerns, has been a pertinent issue in the country's second parliamentary elections. **Gallup** surveys show the percentage of Afghans who do not trust their electoral process spiraled from **49%** just after last year's fraud-marred presidential election to **67%** earlier this year.

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

#### ***Turks Downbeat about Their Institutions*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

As **Turks** debate an upcoming referendum that would modify the country's constitution, a recent **Pew Global Attitudes survey** reveals how much confidence in Turkish institutions has slipped over the last few years. Throughout the country's history, the military has played a major role in Turkish politics, and it continues to be a popular institution: **72%** say it is having a very or somewhat good influence on the way things are going in Turkey. However, this is down from **85%** in 2007.

September 7, 2010

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#### ***Multi country poll- Employed or Not, Many Young People Desire to Migrate*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

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## Africa zone

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

### ► SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

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## Euro Americas zone

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



### EUROPE

#### ▶ WEST EUROPE

##### **British Public Favours Cutting Government Debts** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A new **BBC World Service** poll revealed that six in ten (**60%**) people in **Britain** favour “taking steps to reduce the government’s budget deficit and debt.” However, when it comes to cutting spending on some of the largest government programs there is overwhelming opposition - **82 %** oppose cutting spending on education and healthcare, **80 %** oppose cutting spending on support for senior citizens, and **66 %** oppose cuts to spending on the military.

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##### **Papal Visit Poll** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The Pope, who was in **Britain** last week, is more widely recognized than the Archbishop of Canterbury. While one in four people (**25%**) British adults supported his visit, one in ten (**11%**) opposed it, according to an **Ipsos MORI** poll conducted exclusively for The Tablet.

September 07, 2010

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##### **Britons Laud Trade Unions, But Ponder if Strikes Should be Limited** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Many people in **Britain** believe that trade unions are necessary and important, but a majority also questions whether they have become too involved in political activities, a new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found that **28 %** of respondents think trade unions have too much influence in Britain, **22 %** say they have too little influence, and **33 %** claim they have about the right amount of influence.

September 07, 2010

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##### **Churchill as Best Prime Minister, Low Interest in Reading Tony Blair’s book** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A sizeable proportion of people in **Britain** maintain a positive opinion of Winston Churchill (**79%**) and two thirds believe that Gordon Brown has been the worst head of government since the end of the Second World War, a new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found. Meanwhile supporters of Labour party are more interested in reading Tony Blair’s book than others.

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### AMERICAS

#### ▶ NORTH AMERICA

***Nine Years After 9/11, Few See Terrorism as Top U.S. Problem*** (Click for Details)

Nine years after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, **1%** of **Americans** mention terrorism as the most important problem facing the country, down from **46%** just after the attacks. **Gallup USA**

September 10, 2010

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***Approval for President Obama Drops to New Low in United States*** (Click for Details)

The approval rating for **U.S.** President Barack Obama dropped this month, and half of Americans disapprove of his performance, a new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found. In the online survey of a representative national sample of 1,007 American adults, **43 %** of respondents (-2 since July) approve of Obama's performance, while **51 %** (+5) disapprove.

Aug. 31, 2010

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***Americans OK Allowing Tax Cuts for Wealthy to Expire*** (Click for Details)

A majority of **Americans** favor letting the tax cuts enacted during the Bush administration expire for the wealthy. While **37%** support keeping the tax cuts for all Americans, **44%** want them extended only for those making less than \$250,000 and **15%** think they should expire for all taxpayers. **Gallup USA**

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***Since the Start of the Great Recession, More Children Raised by Grandparents*** (Click for Details)

One child in 10 in the **United States** lives with a grandparent, a share that increased slowly and steadily over the past decade before rising sharply from 2007 to 2008, the first year of the Great Recession, according to a new **Pew Research Center** analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data.

September 9, 2010

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***A Third of Americans Regard Obama and Palin as Out of Touch*** (Click for Details)

More than half of **Americans** praise the intelligence of Barack Obama, but some cracks are appearing in the second year of his mandate, as a third of respondents believe that their president is out of touch, a new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found.

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***Americans Support Federal Involvement in Education*** (Click for Details)

**43 %** of **U.S.** adults want the federal government to be more involved in education than it is currently and **20%** want it to keep the same level of involvement, while **35%** want it less involved. Parents of school-aged children are particularly supportive of expanding the government's role in education, with **56%** favoring more involvement. **Gallup USA**

September 8, 2010

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***Americans Spending More Time Following the News*** (Click for Details)

There are many more ways to get the news these days, and as a consequence **Americans** are spending more time with the news than over much of the past decade. Digital platforms are playing a larger role in news consumption, and they seem to be more than making up for modest declines in the audience for traditional platforms. **Pew Research Center**

September 12, 2010

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**Americans Support Push to Shut down Adult Services Section of Craigslist** (Click for Details)

Many adults in the [United States](#) support a move to shut down the Adult Services section of the Craigslist classified advertisements website, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#) poll has found.

September, 02, 2010

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**Parties Tied at 46% in Generic Ballot for Congress** (Click for Details)

In [America](#), Republicans and Democrats are tied at **46%** among registered voters in [Gallup's](#) weekly tracking of congressional voting preferences, marking a shift after five consecutive weeks in which the Republicans held the advantage.

September 7, 2010

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**Almost Half of Americans Voice Dissatisfaction with Health Care Reform** (Click for Details)

[Americans](#) remain skeptical in their assessment of the health care legislation signed into law by U.S. President Barack Obama earlier this year, with a large proportion of Republican Party supporters expecting a decrease in the quality of medical services, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#) poll has found.

September 07, 2010

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**British Columbians Clearly More Upset than Ontarians Over HST** (Click for Details)

The recent implementation of a harmonized sales tax (HST) is affecting residents of two [Canadian](#) provinces in different ways, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#) poll has found. The online survey of representative provincial samples of 804 Ontarian and 803 British Columbian adults also finds that respondents question whether the promise of lower consumer prices down the road will actually materialize.

September 02, 2010

[Economy](#) » [Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)

**More Canadians Are Questioning the Benefits of Immigration** (Click for Details)

More [Canadians](#) are questioning whether immigration is benefiting the country, with Albertans and Ontarians voicing concern over the role of illegal immigrants in Canadian society, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#) poll has found. **46 %** of respondents (+5 since August 2009) say immigration is having a negative effect in Canada, while **34 %** (-3) believe it is having a positive effect.

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## GLOBAL/MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS

**Employed or Not, Many Young People Desire to Migrate** (Click for Details)

Millions of young people worldwide would move away from their countries permanently if they had the opportunity, regardless of whether they have jobs at home. In most places, except the [Middle East](#) and [North Africa](#), [Gallup](#) finds adults younger than 30 who are employed, underemployed, or not in the workforce are equally likely to desire to migrate.

September 8, 2010

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**Australia's Environment Admired by Americans, Britons and Canadians** (Click for Details)

[Australia](#) is regarded by many people in [Canada](#), the [United States](#) and [Britain](#) as an attractive destination due to its natural environment, but several misconceptions about life in the country persist, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#) poll has found.

September 08, 2010

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CYBER WORLD



**Bloggers Debate Growth of Government** (Click for Details)

Several controversies -- including the growth of anti-poverty programs, what liberals think of conservatives and the nature of President Obama's opposition -- stirred up divisive online conversation. Heated commentary and even inflammatory accusations ensued from both sides of the political spectrum and often seemed to result in the ideological foes talking past each other. **Pew Research Center**

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**Topic of the week:**

**Nine Years after 9/11, Few See Terrorism as Top U.S. Problem**

► 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: One percent see it as the top problem today, down from 46% in 2001**

by Frank Newport



**Gallup USA-** PRINCETON, NJ -- Nine years after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, 1% of **Americans** mention terrorism as the most important problem facing the country, down from 46% just after the attacks.

Just before the attacks, in a Gallup poll conducted Sept. 7-10, 2001, less than one-half of **1%** of Americans mentioned terrorism as the nation's most important problem. One month later, in October 2001, **46%** named terrorism, the highest in Gallup's history.

From that point on, terrorism slowly faded as a response to this question. At the one-year anniversary of the attacks, in September 2002, **19%** of Americans mentioned terrorism as the country's top problem, already eclipsed by the economy at the top of the list. By the five-year anniversary of the attacks in September 2006, **11%** of Americans mentioned terrorism. Terrorism continued to drop from that point, albeit with an uptick to **8%** mentions in January of this year, reflecting the widespread news coverage of the "Christmas Day bomber" who allegedly attempted to detonate explosives on a Northwest Airlines plane headed for Detroit.

As terrorism has faded, other concerns have risen in importance. Over the past nine years, Americans have most commonly mentioned the **war in Iraq** (from 2003 to early 2008) and the **economy or jobs** (from 2008 to the present) as



the top problem facing the country.

Despite the drop in top-of-mind mentions of terrorism, Americans still say it is an important issue when they are reminded of it. **Gallup** recently asked Americans to rate the importance of a number of issues to their vote in this year's midterm elections, and **75%** rated terrorism as an extremely or very important issue. Still, Americans rated economic issues such as the economy, jobs, and federal spending, as well as corruption in government and healthcare, even higher. They rated *terrorism* as more important than *immigration*, *Afghanistan*, and the *environment*.

The Sept. 11 attacks took place during the Republican Bush administration, which soon thereafter launched a "war on terrorism." Republicans have consistently been given more credit than Democrats for handling terrorism over the years since; in an August *USA Today*/Gallup poll, **55%** of Americans say the Republicans in Congress are better able to handle the issue of terrorism, while **31%** choose the Democrats.

**Bottom Line**

The low top-of-mind salience of terrorism as the top problem facing the nation no doubt reflects the absence of major terrorist attacks on U.S. soil in the nine years since 2001, although there have been occasional news reports of thwarted attacks. It may also reflect the degree to which *economic concerns* are crowding out most other issues at this point in the nation's history.

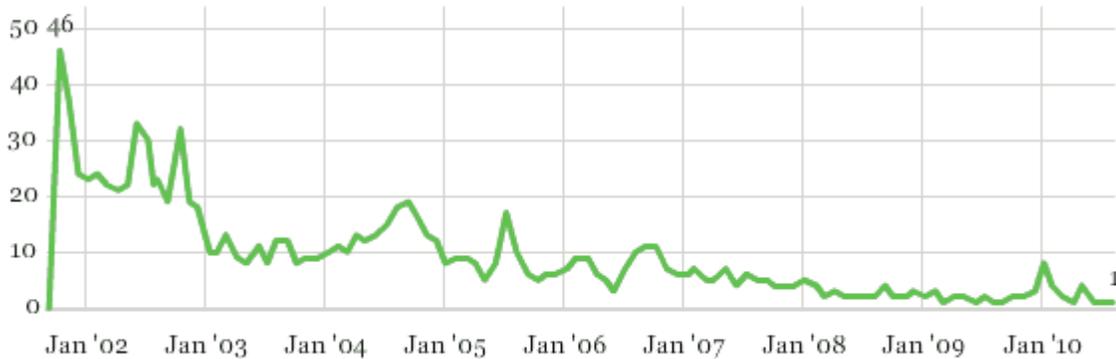
The dramatic jump in perceptions of terrorism as the most important problem between September and October 2001, however, serves as a reminder of the potential for terrorism to reclaim its prominence as a concern should there be new terrorist incidents in the future.



*Terrorism as Most Important U.S. Problem*

September 2001-August 2010

■ % Naming terrorism



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**SOURCE:** <http://www.gallup.com/poll/142961/nine-years-few-terrorism-top-problem.aspx>

# Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2010)

## A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 –August 2010

### KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*):  $\approx$  2,500 polls during the period 2007-2010
- 2- Number of questions:  $\approx$  30,000 during the period 2007-2010
- 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 2007-2010
- 5- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited:  $\approx$  150 during the period 2007-2010

