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Topic of the week: (Click for details)

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THIS WEEK'S REPORT CONSISTS OF **20** SURVEYS. **2** OF THESE ARE MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS & THE REST ARE NATIONAL SURVEYS. **6** POLLING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED.

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1 National Poll
& 2 Multi Country polls

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Struggled to Afford
Food in 2009*

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Asia zone

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

► WEST ASIA

FATA Residents Oppose U.S. Operations (Click for Details)

A recent survey of **TFT** shows that residents of FATA (*Federally Administered Tribal Areas*) in **Pakistan** are highly opposed to U.S. military and drone attacks in the border areas of Pakistan. They are equally against the presence of Taliban or Al-Qaeda in the region. However, there is some support for Pakistani military operations.

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Africa zone

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

► NORTH AFRICA

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

▶ WEST EUROPE

Half of Britons Foresee Economic Recession Lasting Until 2012 [\(Click for Details\)](#)

There are no signs of optimism regarding an economic recovery in **Britain**, a new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found. In the online survey of a representative sample of 2,006 British adults, the vast majority of Britons (82%) describe the United Kingdom's economy as being in poor or very poor condition.

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Coalition Partners Cameron and Clegg Drop Below 50% in Britain [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The proportion of **British** respondents who are dissatisfied with the two leaders has increased by double-digits since May. For the first time since the Coalition Government took office earlier this year, public approval for its two main players has dropped below the 50 % mark, a new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found.

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UK: Most blame bankers for recession [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A recent poll of **Britons** by **ORB** found that blame for the recession is still pinned on "bankers" – whom 54% think are responsible for the mess we're in. This is higher than last year's figure.

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▶ NORTH AMERICA

Americans Predict GOP Will Win Control of House in fall [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans are much more likely to believe the Republicans rather than the Democrats will win control of the U.S. House of Representatives in this fall's midterm elections. More than 8 in 10 Republicans believe their party will win, while 62% of Democrats think their party will win. Independents by almost 2 to 1 (50% to 28%) think Republicans will win. **Gallup USA**

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Nearly Half of Small-Business Owners May Never Retire [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Nearly half, 47%, of small-business owners in [America](#) now plan to never retire until forced to do so for health reasons -- up from about 4 in 10 in 2005 and 2007 -according to a recent Wells Fargo/[Gallup](#) Small Business Index poll. Another 41% plan to cut back on work but stay involved with their business when they retire.

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Romney, Palin at Front of GOP Presidential Field ([Click for Details](#))

In [America](#) Mitt Romney and Sarah Palin lead other potential candidates in Republicans' preferences for the party's 2012 presidential nomination. Mike Huckabee, Newt Gingrich, and Ron Paul also receive more than 5% support from Republicans nationwide. [Gallup USA](#)

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GOP Retakes Congressional Generic Ballot; Obama Approval Drops to 45% ([Click for Details](#))

In [America](#) Republicans now have a 46%-41% lead over Democrats in a generic congressional ballot test, and President Barack Obama's approval rating has dropped to 45%, a new [Zogby Interactive](#) survey finds.

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In Midterms, Dems Gain With Young Voters, Slip With Hispanics ([Click for Details](#))

Registered [American](#) voters aged 18 to 29 were more likely in September than in August to favor the Democratic candidate in their congressional district, resulting in the widest generational gaps so far this year in the vote for Congress. [Gallup USA](#)

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Distrust in U.S. Media Edges Up to Record High ([Click for Details](#))

For the fourth straight year, the majority of [Americans](#) say they have little or no trust in the mass media to report the news fully, accurately, and fairly. The 57% who now say this is a record high by one %age point.

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Obama 52%, Clinton 37% for 2012 Democratic Nomination ([Click for Details](#))

If [US](#) Secretary of State Hillary Clinton were to challenge President Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2012, she would currently have the support of 37% of Democrats nationally, while 52% would support Obama. [Gallup USA](#)

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One Recession, Two Americas ([Click for Details](#))

The Great Recession has divided [America](#) into two groups that are roughly the same size but that experienced very different economic downturns. For 55 % of Americans recession brought a variety of economic difficulties but for 45 % it was free of such difficulties as mentioned by the other group. [Pew Research Center](#)

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No Recovery for President Obama or Congress in United States ([Click for Details](#))

The approval rating for U.S. President Barack Obama remained stable month, and half of [Americans](#) continue to disapprove of his performance, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#) poll has found.

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Americans Praise Carter for Work Done After Leaving White House (Click for Details)

Earlier this month, former president Jimmy Carter stated that his role as a former president is “probably superior to that of other presidents.” A new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll shows that Carter indeed outranks six other former **American** heads of state in this indicator. (32%) think Carter has done the most for the world after leaving office. Bill Clinton is second with 29%, followed by Ronald Reagan with 9 %.

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Americans Paint Bleak Picture of Own Finances and National Economy (Click for Details)

People in the **United States** almost unanimously describe the country's economic situation as poor and few believe a swift recovery will materialize, a new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found. In the online survey of a representative national sample of 1,012 American adults, 88 % of respondents say economic conditions are bad or very bad at the moment, up three points since the August Economic Panorama.

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U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey (Click for Details)

In **America** atheists and agnostics, Jews and Mormons are among the highest-scoring groups on a new survey of religious knowledge, outperforming evangelical Protestants, mainline Protestants and Catholics on questions about the core teachings, history and leading figures of major world religions. **Pew Research Center**

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In Canada, People in BC and Quebec are more concerned About Corruption (Click for Details)

A majority of residents of three **Canadian** provinces express concern about the level of corruption they perceive, a new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll conducted for Maclean's has found. 55 % of Canadians are worried about corruption in their province. The areas registering the highest level of concern are Quebec (68%), British Columbia (61%), and Ontario (56%).

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Conservatives Lead by Eight Points in Canada as Greens Gain (Click for Details)

The Conservative Party maintains the upper hand in **Canada** as the Green Party reaches double-digits for the first time this year, a new **Angus Reid Public Opinion** poll has found. In the online survey of a representative national sample of 1,008 Canadian adults, 34 % of respondents (+1 since August) would support the governing Conservative Party in the next federal election.

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GLOBAL/MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS**U.S. Approval Gains Nearly Erased in Middle East/North Africa** (Click for Details)

Approval of U.S. leadership is now similar or lower than what it was in 2008 in several of the **Middle East** and **North African** countries **Gallup** surveyed in 2010, erasing gains seen after the transition from the Bush administration to the Obama administration. **Egypt**, **Syria**, and **Algeria** are the exceptions, though in all cases approval remains relatively low.

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Estimated 1 Billion Adults Struggled to Afford Food in 2009 (Click for Details)

While the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization reported last week that the recent volatility in food prices is not a sign of an impending food crisis, **Gallup** surveys in 113 countries in 2009 underscore people's vulnerability to such fluctuations. An estimated 1 billion adults worldwide reported not having enough money at times to buy the food they or their families needed. A disproportionate percentage of people in **sub-Saharan Africa** are affected.

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► 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: In 22 countries, more than half didn't have enough money to buy food at times

By Cynthia English and Julie Ray-- While the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization reported last week that the recent volatility in food prices is not a sign of an impending food crisis, Gallup surveys in 113 countries in 2009 underscore people's vulnerability to such fluctuations. An estimated 1 billion adults worldwide reported not having enough money at times to buy the food they or their families needed. A disproportionate percentage of people in sub-Saharan Africa are affected.

Have there been times in the past 12 months when you did not have enough money to buy food that you or your family needed?

Regional medians

	Yes	No
World*	26%	73%
Sub-Saharan Africa	56%	44%
Americas	32%	67%
Former Soviet Union	32%	67%
Asia	23%	77%
Middle East/North Africa	15%	83%
Europe	13%	87%

*Based on surveys conducted in 113 countries in 2009.

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afford food are not new to citizens in most of these countries. Food riots took place and there were fears of unrest in several countries, such as *Cameroon* and the *Philippines*, when global food prices surged in 2008.

Across the 113 countries surveyed, a median of 26% adults reported struggling at times to afford food for themselves or their families. Consistent with what **Gallup** has documented in previous years, the percentage of adults struggling in 2009 was highest in *sub-Saharan Africa*. At least 4 in 10 adults in every country surveyed in this region, with the exception of Djibouti, reported problems.

In fact, of the 22 countries where more than half of adults reported difficulties affording food at times in 2009, 15 are in *sub-Saharan Africa*. Struggles to

Countries in Which Half or More Residents Struggle to Afford Food

Have there been times in the past 12 months when you did not have enough money to buy food that you or your family needed?

	Yes (2008)	Yes (2009)	Change from 2008
Cameroon	66%	73%	+7
Zimbabwe	79%	73%	-6
Comoros	-	72%	-
Niger	68%	71%	+3
Zambia	67%	69%	+2
Philippines	58%	68%	+10
Burundi	74%	67%	-7
Kenya	67%	64%	-3
Congo (Kinshasa)	-	61%	-
Azerbaijan	60%	60%	0
Tanzania	62%	60%	-2
Malawi	-	60%	-
Nigeria	55%	59%	+4
Ecuador	46%	58%	+12
Georgia	51%	56%	+5
Chad	54%	56%	+2
South Africa	56%	55%	-1
Dominican Republic	59%	55%	-4
Cambodia	53%	55%	+2
Ivory Coast	-	53%	-
Uganda	62%	52%	-10
Honduras	48%	51%	+3

- Survey not conducted in 2008.

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hungry. The United Nations' recent announcement that the number of undernourished worldwide has declined so far in 2010 is a positive indicator for the future.

SOURCE: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/143255/estimated-billion-adults-struggled-afford-food-2009.aspx>

In several of these countries, the proportion of residents reporting problems with affording food in 2009 remained relatively flat or declined since 2008. But the situation worsened by at least 10 percentage points between 2008 and 2009 in the *Philippines* and *Ecuador*.

Adults in *Europe* and the *Middle East* and *North Africa* region generally fared much better than respondents from other regions, with medians of 13% and 15%, respectively, struggling to afford food at times. However, residents in some countries in these regions were more likely than others to report problems affording food. At least 3 in 10 adults in *Yemen* (45%), the *Palestinian Territories* (43%), *Romania* (40%), *Turkey* (37%), and *Albania* (30%) said there were times when they didn't have enough money to buy food.



Bottom Line

Gallup's global surveys in 2009 suggest higher or lower food prices could mean the difference in whether billions around the world go

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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

