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Topic of the week: (Click for details)

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

THIS WEEK'S REPORT CONSISTS OF **24** SURVEYS. **1** OF THESE IS A MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEY & THE REST ARE NATIONAL SURVEYS. **7** POLLING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED.

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1 National Poll
& 1 Multi Country poll

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1 National Poll
& 1 Multi Country poll

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this week- **21** national polls
1 Multi Country poll

Pg 7 Topic of the week-

**Feeling Safe Walking Alone
at Night – Global Poll**

Countries represented in **blue**
Polling organizations represented in **pink**
For reference to source of each poll clicks
to detail are provided in the text





Asia zone

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

► SOUTH EAST ASIA

Filipinos Are Optimistic About Their Economic Future (Click for Details)

An SWS survey shows that **Filipinos** are very optimistic about the economy of their country in the next 12 months. **39%** were optimistic that it would get better and only **9%** were pessimistic it would get worse, for a very high Net Economic Optimism score of +29, after the record-high net +39 in June 2010. (**SWS- Social Weather Station Philippines**)

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Multi-Country Poll- Latin Americans Least Likely to Feel Safe Walking Alone at Night; Residents in Asia and the Middle East and North Africa region are the most likely to say they feel safe (Click for Details)

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Africa zone

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

► SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

Nigerians Divided Over Choice of Presidential Candidates (Click for Details)

Survey shows that **Nigerians** think 'being a Nigerian' is enough for getting the right to contest for the office of the President. It also shows that all the three contenders so far *Goodluck, Bukola Saraki*, and *General Buhari* are well known but Nigerians are divided over their favorability. (**NOI Polls Nigeria**)

October 18, 2010

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EUROPE



▶ EAST EUROPE

Population Census: Not Noticeable and Not Important? ([Click for Details](#))

Russians are not willing to participate in the census as they are not clear about its purpose. An overwhelming majority (**92%**) will like to see census taker at home; while **51%** will like to call a special phone and **50%** will like to visit especial enumeration centers. ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

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Origins and Purpose of Nationwide Population Census ([Click for Details](#))

Most of **Russians** understands what the national population census is intended for; however, the number of such respondents has considerably decreased over the recent eight years (from **84** to **71%**). The awareness about the purpose of census is high among educated and urbanized population. ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

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▶ WEST EUROPE

Two-in-Five Britons Believe Economic Problems Will Continue ([Click for Details](#))

Few people in **Britain** believe the country's economy is performing well, and a sizeable proportion of respondents expect the situation to worsen, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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AMERICAS



▶ NORTH AMERICA

Fewer Swing Voters in 2010 than in Prior Midterm Years ([Click for Details](#))

About one in five likely **American** voters have yet to solidify their 2010 vote for Congress, including **4%** who currently have no preference and **15%** who express a preference but say they could change their minds

between now and the elections. That is a lower proportion of swing voters than Gallup measured in the prior two midterm elections. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Continued Positive Marks for Government Anti-Terror Efforts ([Click for Details](#))

The federal government continues to get positive marks for efforts to reduce the threat of terrorism, but many [Americans](#) say luck is a big reason why the United States has not suffered a major attack at home since Sept. 11, 2001. ([Pew Research Center for People & Press](#))

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

Midterm Snapshot: Enthusiasm for Obama Reelection Bid Greater Than For Reagan In 1982 ([Click for Details](#))

Two years ahead of the next presidential election, the public is divided over whether Barack Obama should run for a second term as president. About half (**47%**) say they would like to see Obama run again in 2012, while **42%** say they would not. This is better than the outlook for Ronald Reagan in August 1982; at that point, just **36%** of the public said they wanted to see Reagan -- who subsequently went on to win his second term by an 18-point margin -- run for reelection. ([Pew Research Center for People & Press](#))

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Wide Partisan Divide over Global Warming ([Click for Details](#))

Views about the existence and causes of global warming have changed little in [America](#) over the past year. A new Pew Research Center poll finds that **59%** of adults say there is solid evidence that the earth's average temperature has been getting warmer over the past few decades. In October 2009, **57%** said this. Democrats are more pro-environment while Republicans are more suspicious about existence of the phenomenon and immediate actions required. ([Pew Research Center for People & Press](#))

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37% Believe in Ghosts & 23% Say They Have Been Visited by the Dead ([Click for Details](#))

A Zogby Interactive poll found that 37% of [Americans](#) say they believe in human or animal ghosts, **23%** believe they have been visited by a dead relative or friend, and **20%** say they have seen or heard a ghost. Another **22%** say that while they have not experienced a ghost, they know someone who says they have. ([Zogby Interactive](#))

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Illegal Immigration Backlash Worries, Divides Latinos ([Click for Details](#))

In the [US](#) the national political backlash against illegal immigration has created new divisions among Latinos and heightened their concerns about discrimination against members of their ethnic group -- including those who were born in the United States or who immigrated legally. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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U.S. Consumers' Spending Anemic in October ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans'](#) self-reported spending in stores, restaurants, gas stations, and online averaged \$62 per day during the first four weeks of October. That figure is up from \$59 in September and is about the same as the \$63 figure from August. From a broader perspective, spending remains in the 2009-2010 new normal monthly average range of \$59 to \$72 and is far below the 2008 recessionary spending range of \$81 to \$114. ([Gallup USA](#))

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One in 4 Say Congress Accomplished Less Than Usual This Year ([Click for Details](#))

Despite the 111th Congress' passage of a lengthy list of legislation, including a massive healthcare bill, **37%** of [Americans](#) say it has accomplished less this year than in the past few years, and a smaller **23%** say it has accomplished more. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Religious Americans Enjoy Higher Wellbeing ([Click for Details](#))

A new analysis of more than 550,000 Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index interviews conducted over the last year and a half finds that [Americans](#) who are the most religious also have the highest levels of wellbeing. ([Gallup USA](#))

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New High of 46% of Americans Support Legalizing Marijuana ([Click for Details](#))

While California's marijuana ballot initiative is garnering a lot of attention this election cycle, Gallup finds that nationally, a new high of **46%** of [Americans](#) are in favor of legalizing use of the drug, and a new low of **50%** are opposed. The increase in support this year from **44%** in 2009 is not statistically significant, but is a continuation of the upward trend seen since 2000. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Slightly Fewer Satisfied With Conduct of Campaigns in 2010 ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans](#) are less satisfied with the way local congressional candidates are conducting their campaigns in 2010 than in any of the past four midterm election years. Though not appreciably different from the levels of satisfaction in 1998 and 2006, the current reading does mark the first time less than a majority is satisfied. Still, those who are satisfied continue to outnumber those who are dissatisfied. ([Gallup USA](#))

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More Than Half of Americans Say They Are Angry with Politicians ([Click for Details](#))

With only a few days left before [Americans](#) take part in the mid-term congressional election, the anti-incumbent feeling across the country is substantial, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Obama Has Underperformed as President for 44% of Americans ([Click for Details](#))

As the second anniversary of Barack Obama's electoral victory approaches, a considerable proportion of [Americans](#) believe that their President has not been able to fulfill their expectations, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Economic Confidence Remains Minimal in the United States ([Click for Details](#))

A large proportion of [Americans](#) believe the U.S. economy remains in bad shape, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Half of Canadians Think Khadr's Guilty Plea Was a Strategic Decision ([Click for Details](#))

The trial of Omar Khadr ended with a guilty plea, but many [Canadians](#) appear to be questioning whether the last westerner being held at Guantanamo Bay actually committed the crimes he was accused of, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Conservatives Extend Lead in Canada as Stagnation Hits Liberals ([Click for Details](#))

The Conservative Party holds a double-digit lead in [Canada](#) and overall voter preferences are very similar to the will expressed by the electorate in the last federal election, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Canadians Split on the Economy as Trust in Harper Falls Sharply ([Click for Details](#))

After several months of optimism, [Canadians](#) are now divided when assessing the state of their country's economy, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Half of Canadians Would Allow Cameras inside Courtrooms ([Click for Details](#))

Most [Canadians](#) feel the country's media outlets did a proper job in covering the trial of Colonel Russell Williams, but many are voicing support for lifting the ban on cameras and electronic devices in Canadian courtrooms, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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► **LATIN AMERICA**

Latin Americans Least Likely to Feel Safe Walking Alone at Night; Residents in Asia and the Middle East and North Africa region are the most likely to say they feel safe ([Click for Details](#))

Worldwide, residents of [Latin America](#) are the least likely to personally feel safe in their communities. Across 18 Latin American countries surveyed in 2009, a median of **42%** of residents say they feel safe walking alone at night where they live. Residents in [Asia](#) and the [Middle East](#) and [North Africa](#) region are the most likely to say they feel safe. [Singaporeans](#) almost universally feel safe, at **98%** -- the highest level of security of any country or area surveyed. However, less than half of adults in several countries and areas in conflict in these two regions say they feel safe: [Iraq](#) (**34%**), [Afghanistan](#) (**37%**), [Pakistan](#) (**42%**), [Nepal](#) (**43%**), and the [Palestinian Territories](#) (**47%**).([Gallup USA](#))

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Topic of the week:

Feeling Safe Walking Alone at Night

Latin Americans Least Likely to feel safe, Asia

Middle East and North Africa most likely

► 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: Latin Americans Least Likely to Feel Safe Walking Alone at Night

A median of 56% fear for their safety

October 28, 2010- Worldwide, residents of Latin America are the least likely to personally feel safe in their communities. Across 18 Latin American countries surveyed in 2009, a median of 42% of residents say they feel safe walking alone at night where they live.

Less than half of adults in all 18 Latin American countries say they feel safe, but their sense of security varies and is lowest in **Venezuela**, at **23%**. Venezuelans are among the least likely in the world to say they feel safe, which likely reflects the worsening crime situation in the last decade.

Do you feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where you live?

Medians

	Yes	No
WORLD	60%	36%
Latin America	42%	56%
Former Soviet Union countries	52%	40%
Sub-Saharan Africa	59%	41%
Europe	62%	31%
Asia	72%	27%
Middle East and North Africa	73%	27%
U.S. and Canada	76%	23%

Based on surveys conducted in 105 countries from February to December 2009.

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Women Feel Less Safe Than Men

In **93 of the 105** countries and areas surveyed, women are significantly less likely than men to say they feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live. While this is not that surprising, the striking differences between men and women in some developed countries are. There is at least a 20-percentage-point difference between men and women in **21** countries, including *Canada, France, Japan, the United Kingdom,* and the *United States*.

Bottom Line

Along with **Venezuelans**, **South Africans** are among the least likely in the world to say they feel safe. How secure residents across the sub-Saharan Africa region feel differs dramatically, however -- ranging from a high of **84%** in **Djibouti** to a low of **20%** in **South Africa**. South Africa is known for its high incidence of violent crime, including one of the highest murder rates in the world.

Residents in **Asia** and the **Middle East** and **North Africa** region are the most likely to say they feel safe walking alone at night in their communities. **Singaporeans** almost universally feel safe, at **98%** -- the highest level of security of any country or area surveyed. However, less than half of adults in several countries and areas in conflict in these two regions say they feel safe: **Iraq (34%), Afghanistan (37%), Pakistan (42%), Nepal (43%),** and the **Palestinian Territories (47%)**.



While many factors contribute to feelings of personal insecurity or security, a median of 36% adults worldwide are afraid to walk alone at night in their communities, with women in nearly every country surveyed significantly more fearful than men. Gallup's data show fear hinders people's freedom in many countries and the huge disparities within regions show this is an issue that likely needs to be addressed at the local level.

Do you feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where you live?

% Yes

	Men	Women	Difference (pct. pts.)
Italy	82%	43%	39
Ireland	82%	45%	37
Saudi Arabia	93%	58%	35
United Kingdom	80%	51%	29
Tajikistan	88%	60%	28
Yemen	79%	51%	28
Sweden	83%	56%	27
France	74%	47%	27
Canada	89%	64%	25
United States	87%	64%	23
Japan	84%	62%	22
South Korea	71%	49%	22
Czech Republic	71%	49%	22
Slovenia	91%	69%	22
Austria	86%	65%	21
Spain	69%	48%	21
Malaysia	60%	39%	21
Uruguay	57%	37%	20
Thailand	76%	56%	20
Romania	61%	41%	20
Belarus	59%	39%	20

Based on surveys conducted in 105 countries from February to December 2009.

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SOURCE: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/144083/latin-americans-least-likely-feel-safe-walking-alone.aspx>

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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

