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NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA



► MIDDLE EAST

Conflict between Hamas & Fateh Continues With Pessimism among Palestinians (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) A recent survey of Palestinian public shows that Palestinians continue to remain pessimist about the unity between Hamas and Fateh. They remain fearful of criticizing any of these governments. ([Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research \(PSR\)](#))

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► SOUTH EAST ASIA

Malaysian PM's approval rating remains stable (Click for Details)

([Malaysia](#)) The prime minister's approval rating remained stable in positive territory despite a marginal decline as found in the opinion poll released by Merdeka Center for Opinion Research today. ([Merdeka Center Malaysia](#))

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Filipinos Satisfaction with How Democracy Works Reaches Near-Record High (Click for Details)

([Philippines](#)) Satisfaction with the way democracy works rose to near-record high **69%** in the Third Quarter 2010 Social Weather Survey, conducted from September 24-27, 2010, rising further from **68%** in June 2010. ([SWS](#))

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Africa zone

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

▶ SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

Nigerians Favour Strong Opposition (Click for Details)

([Nigeria](#)) As the tempo of political activities continues to surge in the run-up to the 2011 nationwide presidential and legislative elections, a significant proportion of **Nigerians** have expressed their preference for a strong opposition which can provide healthy competition for the dominant Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). ([NOI](#))

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SA- President Zuma's Approval Level In Metro Areas Rises To 49% As 2010 Ends (Click for Details)

([South Africa](#)) According to a recent TNS South Africa survey Jacob Zuma's approval ratings remains at about 50 percent by the end of year 2010. He has almost maintained this approval ratings for the last two years. ([TNS South Africa](#))

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

▶ EAST EUROPE



Russia- Presidential Address-2010: Public Assessment (Click for Details)

([Russians](#)) One-quarter of Russians expressed their interest in the address of the president. The same share of respondents is confident that the ideas outlined by the president will soon be implemented. ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

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▶ WEST EUROPE

European Students Are Interested In Politics But Distrust Politicians (Multi-country survey) ([Click for Details](#))

A study of European students, conducted by the BBVA Foundation shows that while students are interested in politics they do not place much trust in politicians. The way they relate to "the public space" differs from one country to another. While Britons and Swedes lean more towards membership of associations, the Spanish favour other routes, such as signing petitions. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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UK- Christmas Day Update: Final Few Days Deliver Some Cheer To Retailers ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) The latest retail footfall data from Synovate Retail Performance in the final few days trading before Christmas showed some relative improvement on recent times. Over the course of this week retail traffic steadily built up in the UK. ([Synovate](#))

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Rebuilding Banks' Reputation ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) With the relationship between banks, politicians and the general public likely to remain a dominant issue in 2011, a recent Populus study on the banking industry reveals that what matters to one set of stakeholders can be very different to what matters to others. ([Populus](#))

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Labour Closes Year on Top in Britain as Lib-Dems Fall to Single Digits ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) The opposition Labour Party maintains the upper hand in Britain, as support for the Liberal Democrats has plummeted to its lowest level since the General Election, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. All three main party leaders saw their approval rating drop in the last month of 2010. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Most Britons Continue to Regret Sending Soldiers to Afghanistan ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) Most people in Britain believe the country made a mistake in committing troops to the war in Afghanistan, and only a third support the current military effort, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. More than half of respondents understate the number of British casualties since the war began in 2001. ([Angus Reid](#))

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AMERICAS



▶ NORTH AMERICA

Americans See U.S. as Exceptional; 37% Doubt Obama Does ([Click for Details](#))

(US) Americans widely agree that the United States has a unique character because of its history and Constitution that sets it apart from other nations as the greatest in the world. This view, commonly referred to as "U.S. exceptionalism," is shared by at least **73%** of Americans in all party groups, including **91%** of Republicans. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Obama's Overall Job Approval Steady at 46% ([Click for Details](#))

(US) President Barack Obama's approval rating held steady in the mid-40s during the week ending Dec. 19, his 100th week in office and the week he signed the Bush tax-cut extension into law. Obama's average 46% approval rating for the week is similar to his 45% approval rating the previous week, and is within the 44% to 46% range seen since September. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Top Stories of 2010: Haiti Earthquake, Gulf Oil Spill ([Click for Details](#))

(US) Two major disasters TttT -- the earthquake in Haiti and the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico -- captured the public's attention more than any other major stories in 2010, but Americans also kept a consistent eye on the nation's struggling economy. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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Baby Boomers Approach Age 65 – Glumly ([Click for Details](#))

(US) The icon image of the Baby Boom generation is a 1960s-era snapshot of an exuberant, long-haired, rebellious young adult. That portrait wasn't entirely accurate even then, but it's hopelessly out of date now. This famously huge cohort of Americans finds itself in a funk as it approaches old age. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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Christmas Strongly Religious for Half in U.S. Who Celebrate It ([Click for Details](#))

(US) 95 % of Americans celebrate Christmas, and of these, 51% describe the holiday as "strongly religious" for them, continuing an upward trend seen since 1989. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Small-Business Owners' Optimism Surges in November ([Click for Details](#))

(US) The Wells Fargo/Gallup Small Business Index, a measure of small-business owners' perceptions of their operating environments, changed direction in November prior to the extension of the Bush tax cuts -- surging 24 points to -4. This represents a sharp improvement from the previous reading of -28 in July and suggests that small-business owners -- though still more pessimistic than optimistic overall -- are the most positive they have been since April 2009. ([Gallup USA](#))

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In U.S., Satisfaction Dips to 17% at Year's End ([Click for Details](#))

(US) 17 % of Americans say they are satisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time, the low point in a year when satisfaction levels generally have been in the 20% range. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Very Religious Americans Lead Healthier Lives ([Click for Details](#))

(US) Very religious Americans are more likely to practice healthy behaviors than those who are moderately religious or nonreligious. The most religious Americans score a 66.3 on the Gallup-Healthways Healthy

Behavior Index compared with **60.6** among those who are moderately religious and **58.3** for the nonreligious. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Nearly Half of Americans Report Giving Less to Charity in 2010 ([Click for Details](#))

([US](#)) Nearly two thirds of U.S. adults (**65%**) have supported a non-profit organization in the last 12 months with money, time or goods, according to a recent survey conducted by Vision Critical. This number tracks below the **70% to 75%** that was typical of non-profit giving earlier in the decade and is indicative of the anemic economic recovery, high unemployment, and economic turmoil still facing much of America.

([Angus Reid](#))

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Half of Canadians Want to Hold a Federal Election in 2011 ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) Half of Canadians would have no reservations about taking part in a federal election in 2011, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion / *Toronto Star* poll has found. **Two thirds** of respondents think it is likely that they will go to the polls in the New Year. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Charitable Giving Declines as Canadians Face Financial Woes ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) Most Canadians gave the same or less to charitable causes in 2010 than they did in 2009, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Nearly one-third of Canadians have not donated to a charity at all this year. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Little Growth in Planned Spending This Holiday Season in Canada ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) Canadians consider their personal financial situation to be the same or worse than last year, a situation that is affecting their planned holiday spending, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. **One third** of Canadians feel their personal finances are worse than this time last year. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Canadians Souring On the Economy: Survey ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) After months of ambivalence on the economy, Canadians' sentiment turned more negative in December – especially when it comes to perceptions of the current economy. These findings are consistent with our earlier results that indicated this will be the lowest-spending holiday season since 2005. ([TNS Canada](#))

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▶ AUSTRALASIA

New Zealand Government Popularity Slightly Down ([Click for Details](#))

([New Zealand](#)) The latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows support for John Key's National-led Government has fallen to **53.5%** (down **2%**). Support for Prime Minister Key's National Party is **48.5%**

(down 2.5%), the Maori Party 2.5% (down 0.5%), ACT NZ 1.5% (up 0.5%) with United Future 1% (up 0.5%). (Roy Morgan)

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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

Americans, Britons and Canadians Prefer Artificial Christmas Trees (Click for Details)

People in three countries are united in their choice to rely on artificial Christmas trees in 2010, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Nearly **one third** of respondents in each country will not have a Christmas tree at home at all this year. (Angus Reid)

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Adequate Housing Unaffordable for Many Worldwide (Click for Details)

At a time of year when people's thoughts often turn to those less fortunate, Gallup finds many people worldwide struggle to put adequate roofs over their families' heads, particularly adults in former Soviet countries and in sub-Saharan Africa. A median of **31%** of adults in each region say there have been times in the past year when they did not have enough money to provide adequate shelter or housing for themselves or their families. (Gallup USA)

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Economic Prospects in 2011: Optimism in Asia and Pessimism in Europe (Click for Details)

Global Survey confirms the shift of power and prosperity from G7 to New Members of G20 Rising Powers of Asia and Latin America are Hopeful scoring 35 % on Net Hope; the G7 are Gloomy, scoring minus (-) 19 % on Net Hope. (Gallup International)

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► CYBERWORLD

U.S. Internet Users Ready to Limit Online Tracking for Ads (Click for Details)

(US) U.S. Internet users would likely welcome a "Do Not Track" measure like the one the Federal Trade Commission is currently considering to keep advertisers from tracking their movements online. Gallup finds Internet users largely aware that advertisers use their online browsing history to target ads to their interests, but largely opposed to such tactics -- even if they help to keep websites free. (Gallup USA)

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High Speed Internet Tops Other Technologies as Most Impactful Development of Past Decade (Click for Details)

(US) A Zogby International interactive survey finds adults agree that the expansion of high speed internet has had the greatest technological impact on society over the past decade, and it is the technology most believe they cannot live without. The poll of 1,950 adults was conducted from Dec. 8 - Dec. 10, 2010. (Zogby International)

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Topic of the week:

Philippines- Satisfaction with How Democracy Works Reaches Near-Record High

► 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: Philippines- Satisfaction with How Democracy Works Reaches Near-Record High

Social Weather Stations - Satisfaction with the way democracy works rose to near-record high **69%** in the Third Quarter 2010 Social Weather Survey, conducted from September 24-27, 2010, rising further from **68%** in June 2010.

The latest satisfaction rate of **69%** is the highest, next to the record **70%** in July 1998. From October 1999 to June 2009, it exceeded **50%** only three times, before recovering to **68%** in June 2010 [Chart 1, Table 1].

The September 2010 survey also found a majority **56%** saying "democracy is always preferable to any other kind of government," compared to **27%** saying "under some circumstances, an authoritarian government can be preferable to a democratic one" and **16%** saying "for people like me, it does not matter whether we have a democratic or a non-democratic regime" [Table 2].

Public preference between democracy and authoritarianism is a different issue from the degree of satisfaction with how democracy works, and is probed by a separate question, also standard in many national surveys.

Peaks after the 1992, 1998, and 2010 Presidential elections

Satisfaction with the way democracy works spiked to peaks of **70%** in October 1992, **70%** in July 1998, and **68%** in June 2010, obviously related to the successful process of the presidential elections of 1992, 1998, and 2010 respectively.

In contrast, satisfaction with the way democracy works was a disappointing **44%** in June 2004, after the presidential election of that year.

Majority say democracy is always preferable to any other form of government

The proportion of adult Filipinos saying "democracy is always preferable to any other kind of government" has steadily increased from **49%** in June 2008 to **56%** in September 2010.

The latest preference for democracy rate is similar to levels of 2002-2005 and 2007, when it ranged from **52%** to **64%**, and a recovery from **49%** both in September 2006 and June 2008.

Those who say that "under some circumstances, an authoritarian government can be preferable to a democratic one" rose to a record-high **27%** in September 2010, surpassing the previous record-high of **26%** in March 2004. It ranged from **15%** to **23%** in 2007-2009.

Those who say "for people like me, it does not matter whether we have a democratic or a non-democratic regime" fell to **16%** in September 2010 after ranging from **25%** to **28%** from 2006-2009.

Euro and LatAm comparisons

The "Euro 27" refers to the average in 27 European Union countries. The Eurobarometer survey of 2010 found that **54%** of Europeans are satisfied with the way democracy works in their country. It has been over **50%** since 2006, an improvement from the **40%** to **49%** levels in 1995-2005.

In the 2010 Latinobarómetro survey of 18 Latin American countries, an average 44% of Latin Americans are satisfied with the way democracy works in their country, similar to 44% in 2009. It has ranged from 25% to 37% in 1998-2008. § Chart 1

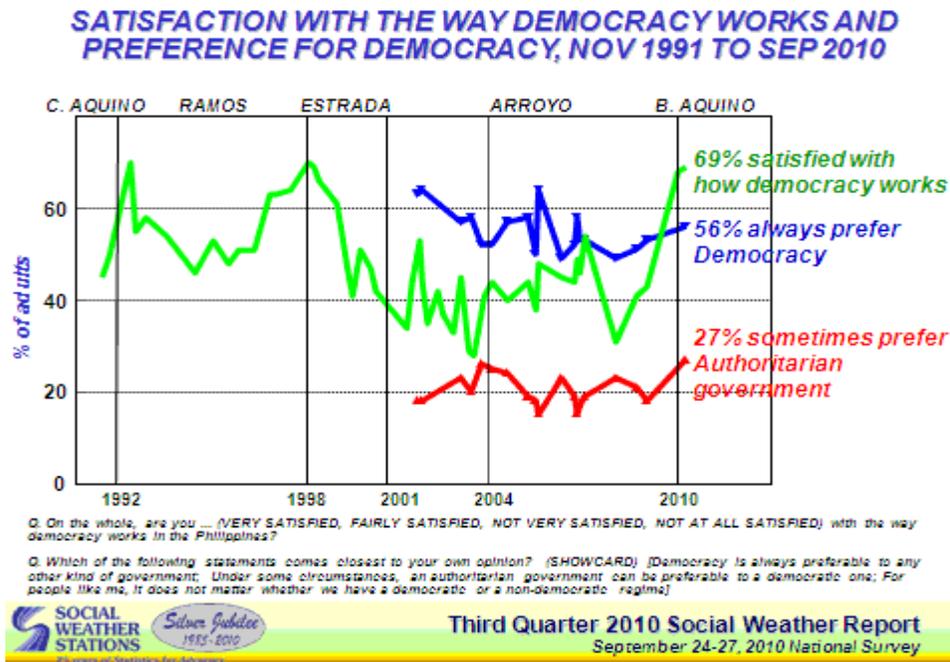


Table 2

DEMOCRATIC VS AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT, PHILIPPINES, MAR 2002 TO SEP 2010

	Always prefer Democracy	Sometimes prefer Authoritarian	It does not matter for a person like me		Always prefer Democracy	Sometimes prefer Authoritarian	It does not matter for a person like me
Mar 02	64%	18%	18%	Feb 07	52%	19%	28%
Jun 03	57	23	20	Mar 07	58	15	25
Nov 03	58	20	21	Apr 07	53	17	27
Mar 04	52	26	22	Jun 07	53	19	27
Jun 04	52	25	20	Jun 08	49	23	28
Dec 04	57	24	19	Feb 09	51	21	28
Aug 05	58	19	22	Jun 09	53	18	28
Dec 05	64	15	20	Sep 10	56	27	16
Sep 06	49	23	28				

Note: Don't Know and Refused responses are not shown.

Q. Alin sa mga sumusunod na pangungusap ang pinakamalapit sa inyong opinyon? (SHOWCARD) (ANG DEMOKRASYA AY PALAGING MAS KANAIIS-NAIS KAYSA SA ISANG KLASE NG PAMAHALAAN; SA MGA ILANG SITUWASYON, ANG PAMAHALAANG DIKTATURYA AY MAS KANAIIS-NAIS KAYSA SA ISANG DEMOKRATIKO; PARA SA MGA TAONG KATULAD KO, WALANG KABULUHAN SA AKIN KUNG ANG ATING PAMAHALAAN AY DEMOKRATIKO O HINDI DEMOKRATIKO)



SOURCE: <http://www.gmanews.tv/story/208854/sws-satisfaction-with-democracy-nears-record-highs>

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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

