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Russia's Main CIS partner- Kazakhstan

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Asia zone

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



► MIDDLE EAST

Palestinians Are Optimistic of Financial Situation in 2011 (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) Palestinians attach hopes with 2011. They feel their financial situation will be better in 2011 as compared to 2010. They also see positive impact of foreign aid on their lives. ([Palestinian Center for Public Opinion PCPO](#))

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► WEST & CENTRAL ASIA

Pakistanis Sense Conspiracy in Wikileaks (Click for Details)

([Pakistan](#)) More than half of all Pakistanis (**53%**) claim to be aware of the wikileaks episode, more than half of whom (**52%**) believe that the documents have been deliberately published by America. ([Gilani poll/Gallup Pakistan](#))

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► SOUTH EAST ASIA

New Year Hope Very High In Philippines (Click for Details)

([Philippines](#)) More Filipinos are hopeful of the coming New Year, the Social Weather Stations (SWS) said, with their number near a record high hit eight years ago. A Nov. 27-30 poll had **93%** saying they were entering 2011 with hope, up from 2009's **89%** and just two points off the **95%** peak hit in December 2002. ([SWS](#))

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Expectations of a happy Christmas improves to 69% (Click for Details)

([Philippines](#)) **69%** of adult Filipinos are expecting a happy Christmas, **7%** expect it to be sad and **24%** say their Christmas will be neither happy nor sad, according to the Fourth Quarter 2010 Social Weather Survey. ([SWS](#))

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Africa zone

- ▶ WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA; SOUTHERN AFRICA

▶ SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

Nigerians Annoyed of Excessive National Assembly Pay (Click for Details)

(Nigeria) An overwhelming majority of Nigerians are opposed to the huge salaries and allowances, which are currently being "earned" by members of the National Assembly. That is a major finding of the November edition of the groundbreaking monthly Snap Poll conducted by NOI Polls. (NOI POLLS)

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Nigerians Confident in Judiciary (Click for Details)

(Nigeria) Findings from the NOI Snap Poll for November show that the Nigerian public thinks very highly of the judicial arm of government. **81%** of respondents in the survey responded in the affirmative when asked if they have confidence in the judiciary. (NOI POLLS)

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

▶ EAST EUROPE

Kazakhstan: Main CIS Partner of Russia (Click for Details)

(Russia) According to Russians, Kazakhstan is the most stable and successful country among the CIS states (**34%**, a year ago - **29%**), followed by Belarus which was the leader a year ago (from 41 to **31%**). The third place is held by Ukraine which has strengthened its position (from 5 to **19%**). (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)



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Russia To Host World Cup: Turning Dreams Into Reality (Click for Details)

(Russia) Two-thirds **62%** of Russians support the idea of holding the 2018 World Cup in Russia, though only half of Russians were aware that Russia attended the World Cup host competition. Only **12%** perceive the idea negatively. (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)

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► **WEST EUROPE**

(UK) Mixed Start to Busiest Shopping Week of the Year (Click for Details)

(UK) Footfall data released for Boxing Day, Sunday 26th December 2010 by Synovate Retail Performance show a mixed bag of results. Synovate's Retail Traffic Index (RTI), which measures the number of shoppers entering over 6,000 non-food stores around the UK, shows that **22.8%** fewer shoppers ventured out yesterday, compared to Boxing Day 2009. (Synovate)

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Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

Two-in-Five Britons Reduced Their Charitable Donations in 2010 (Click for Details)

(UK) More than half of Britons gave the same amount to charitable causes in 2010 as they did in 2009, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Nearly one third of respondents have not donated to a charity at all this year. (Angus Reid)

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Society » Morality, Values & Customs

Britons Saddened, Ashamed and Disgusted by Student Demonstration (Click for Details)

(UK) Most people in Britain support the measures taken by the Metropolitan Police during a recent demonstration in London over tuition fees and many would consent to the use of the water cannon in future protests, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Most respondents believe "kettling" was justified during the 9 December demonstration in London. (Angus Reid)

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Society » Civil Society

Germans See Wikileaks Critically (Click for Details)

(Germany) The publication of reports from US-embassies on the internet platform WikiLeaks is seen very critically by the public: Two thirds of the Germans (**65 %**) are of the opinion that such diplomatic reports should be kept secret. **53 %** of the Germans do not find it that good that a platform like WikiLeaks exists. In contrast, **43 %** see WikiLeaks positively. (Infra Test Dimap)

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AMERICAS

► **NORTH AMERICA**



Upper-Income Shoppers Lead Strong Christmas Week Spending [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) An upper-income spending splurge led the way to strong self-reported spending during Christmas week 2010. Upper-income Americans' self-reported consumer spending in stores, restaurants, gas stations, and online averaged \$183 per day during the week ending Dec. 26 -- up from \$126 during the same week in 2009. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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Most Adults will make New Year's Resolutions [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Only 32% of American adults say that they will not be making any New Year's Resolutions this year, according to a recent Zogby International interactive poll. The poll also shows that people agree they will exercise more (41%), lose weight (36%) and/or save money (35%). The poll also finds that younger people are more likely to report that they plan to make New Year's resolutions. [\(Zogby International\)](#)

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Blizzard-Hit Regions See Consumer Spending Plummet [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) In the first two days of the day-after-Christmas blizzard that affected more than 20 states east of the Missouri River, consumers' average daily spending fell by nearly 50% in the East and by 55% in the Midwest, compared with their average spending over the four days prior to Christmas. By contrast, spending in the South and West fell by no more than 11% over the same time period. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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Concerns for the Country [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) The economy remains the country's most important problem, and American perceptions of it continue to be negative. 30% today think the economy is getting worse, although that is down from the 36% who thought so a year ago. However, there are also fewer Americans today who think things are getting better than there were a year ago. 25% say that is the case today; last year 30% said the economy was getting better. [\(Yougov\)](#)

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2010: Bad, But Not As Bad As 2009 [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) 2010 was not a good year but, according to the Americans interviewed in the latest *Economist/YouGov* Poll, it was better than 2009. 72% say that 2010 was a "bad" year for the world, but that is nine points fewer than the 81% who thought 2009 was a bad year when they were interviewed in December, 2009. More than one in four say 2010 was a good year for the world, up from the 19% who felt that way about 2009. [\(Yougov\)](#)

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U.S. Economic Confidence Improves During Christmas Week [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Gallup's Economic Confidence Index averaged -26 during the week ending Dec. 26 -- better than earlier in the month, but not enough improvement to bring the month's average up to that of November 2010. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton Are 2010's Most Admired [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) President Barack Obama is Americans' Most Admired Man of 2010, substantially ahead of the former presidents, iconic religious leaders, and others who fill out the top 10 list. Obama first became Americans' Most Admired Man in 2008, shortly after his election as the nation's 44th president, and has held the title since then. (Gallup USA)

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All 10 States Losing Congressional Seats Tilt Democratic (Click for Details)

(USA) Each of the 10 states losing congressional seats as a result of the newly announced 2010 census reapportionment process is politically Democratic, based on a Gallup political identification measure from the first six months of this year. Five of the eight states gaining seats skew Republican. (Gallup USA)

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"Season of Progress" Does Little for Obama's Approval Rating (Click for Details)

(USA) President Barack Obama's job approval rating for Dec. 26-28 is **47%**, down slightly from his post-midterm-election peak of **49%** recorded last week, and close to his average level of approval since November. Currently, **46%** of Americans disapprove of Obama's job performance. (Gallup USA)

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Near-Record High See Religion Losing Influence in America (Click for Details)

(USA) Seven in 10 Americans say religion is losing its influence on American life -- one of the highest such responses in Gallup's 53-year history of asking this question, and significantly higher than in the first half of the past decade. (Gallup USA)

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2010 Poll Findings that Will Matter in 2011 (Click for Details)

(USA) On issues ranging from the rising power of China to the desirability of bipartisan cooperation and the outlook for the nation's future, Americans expressed views over the course of the past year that are likely to have consequences for the future course of U.S. policy and governance. (Pew Research Center)

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Public's Top Stories of the Decade -- 9/11 and Katrina (Click for Details)

(USA) The 9/11 terrorist attacks drew more public interest than any other story in the past decade. In October 2001, a month after the attacks, **78%** said they were following news about the story very closely, up slightly from the week after the attacks (**74%**). (Pew Research Center)

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Most Americans Remain Suspicious of Iran's Nuclear Aspirations (Click for Details)

(USA) More than two thirds of Americans believe the Government of Iran is actively pursuing a nuclear weapons program, but only one-in-four believe the United States should rely on military force to deal with this threat, a new survey has found. Iran rated as most unfavorable nation out of 12 tested, but only about one-in-four Americans believe it is time to use military force. (Angus Reid)

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American Views on Immigration Temper Slightly Since the Summer (Click for Details)

(USA) While more than half of Americans continue to have negative views on immigration, the attitudes of respondents have softened since the heated public debates of summer regarding the Arizona immigration law, a new survey has found. Two-in-five Americans would deport all illegal immigrants currently working in the U.S., while three-in-ten endorse the “path to citizenship.” (Angus Reid)

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Most Canadians Indifferent to Monarchy and Royal Wedding (Click for Details)

(Canada) The share of Canadians who want the country to remain a monarchy in the future has dropped significantly, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Most respondents believe Prince William's wedding day should not be a holiday in Canada. (Angus Reid)

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Half of Canadians Ready to Wave Goodbye to the Penny (Click for Details)

(Canada) More than half of Canadians believe the penny should be abandoned, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Younger respondents are evenly split on whether the one cent coin should be taken out of circulation. (Angus Reid)

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Canadians Split on What the Next Federal Budget Should Address (Click for Details)

(Canada) Canadians have identified three priorities as the country awaits the next federal budget, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion / *Toronto Star* poll has found. Balancing the budget, creating jobs and spending on health care are the most important issues. (Angus Reid)

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Economy » Employment Issues

Society » Health



▶ CYBERWORLD

Cash for Content Online (Click for Details)

(USA) Nearly two-thirds of internet users (65%) have paid to download or access some kind of online content from the internet, ranging from music to games to news articles. Music, software, and apps are the most popular content that internet users have paid to access or download, although the range of paid online content is quite varied and widespread. (Pew Research Center)

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Society » Media/ New Media

Mobile Politics 2010 (Click for Details)

(USA) More than a quarter of American adults (26%) used their cell phones to learn about or participate in the 2010 midterm election campaign. In a post-election nationwide survey of adults, the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project found that 82% of adults have cell phones. Of those cell owners, 71% use their phone for texting and 39% use the phone for accessing the internet. . (Pew Research Center)

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

(USA) 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. (Zogby International)

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Topic of the week:

Russia's Main CIS partner- Kazakhstan

► 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: Russia's Main CIS partner- Kazakhstan

13.12.2010



Russians regard Kazakhstan as the most reliable partner of Russia among the CIS countries (37%). The leader of the previous year Belarus is ranked second (23%).

MOSCOW, December 13, 2010. Russian Public Opinion Research Center (VCIOM) presents the data of the yearly study describing which countries Russians think are most reliable for Russia.

According to Russians, Kazakhstan is the most stable and successful country among the CIS states (34%, a year ago - 29%), followed by Belarus which was the leader a year ago (from 41 to 31%). The third place is held by Ukraine which has strengthened its position (from 5 to 19%). This is followed by Armenia (9%), Azerbaijan (6%), Moldavia and Turkmenistan (5% for each), Uzbekistan and Georgia (3% for each). Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan was assessed as being least stable states (2% and 1% respectively).

Kazakhstan is regarded to be the most reliable partner of Russia among the CIS states (37%); the share of such respondents has increased over the recent year (from 31% in 2009). The previous leader Belarus is mentioned rarer (from 43 to 23%). On the contrary, Ukraine's position has considerably strengthened having reached the third place (from 4% to 21%). The rest CIS counties are mentioned much rarer such as Armenia (6%), Moldavia (4%), Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan (3% for each), Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan (2% for each). And only 1% of Russians trust Georgia and Tajikistan.

IN BRIEF:

- ✓ Russians believe that Kazakhstan is the most reliable partner of Russia among the CIS countries (37%).
- ✓ Belarus, the leader of the previous year, is ranked second (from 43 to 33%); Ukraine, on the contrary, has strengthened its position (from 4 to 21%).
- ✓ Among the leaders of the CIS countries Russians trust the president of Kazakhstan N. Nazarbaev most (32%).

The president of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbaev holds the

leading position among the leaders of the CIS countries (32%), followed by V. Yanukovich on the second place (17%) - his rating is much higher compared to the rating of the previous Ukrainian leader V.Yuschenko (3%). Vice versa, the Belarus leader A.Lukashenko was ranked lower (from 33 to 16%). They are followed by the president of Azerbaijan Ilkham Aliev (5%), the president of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan (4%), the president of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov, the president of Kyrgyzstan Roza Otunbaeva, the president of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymukhammedov - they are trusted by only 2% of Russians (for each). Least reliable leaders are the leader of Moldavia Mikhai Gimpu, the leader of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon and the leader of Georgia Mikhail Saakashvili - only 1% of Russians (per each) trust them.

Asked what CIS country ensures political, social, civil and other rights of the Russian-speaking population, Russians pointed out Belarus (27%), Kazakhstan (21%) and Ukraine (17%). Remarkably, compared to 2009, twice less Russians mentioned Belarus (47% in 2009), and much more Russians mentioned Ukraine (6% in 2009). Other countries of the CIS scored not more than 5%.

Asked if they are interested to know more about the history and culture of the CIS countries, most of respondents said they were attracted by the culture and history of Ukraine, Belarus (15% for each) and Kazakhstan (14%). Respondents are also interested in the cultural heritage of Armenia (12%) and Moldavia (10%).

The initiative Russian opinion polls were conducted on 23-24 October, 2010. 1600 respondents were interviewed at 138 sampling points in 46 regions of Russia. The margin of error does not exceed 3.4%.

SOURCE: <http://wciom.com/news/press-releases/press-release/single/111162.html>



Kazakh President Nursultan Abishuly Nazarbayev with his Russian Counter part Dmitry Medvedev



Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko with his Russian Counter part Dmitry Medvedev



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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*): \simeq 2,500 polls during the period 2007-2010
- 2- Number of questions: \simeq 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: \simeq 150 during the period 2007-2010
- 5- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \simeq 150 during the period 2007-2010

