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Topic of the week: (Click for details)

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## Asia zone

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### ► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

213-1 **Qatar Leads Arab World in Youth Entrepreneurship** (Click for Details)

(Qatar) One in three Qatari nationals between the ages of 15 and 29 (33%) say they plan to start a business in the next 12 months, the highest percentage to say so in the Arab world in 2011. Across the Arab League, a median of 9% of young people are aspiring entrepreneurs. (Gallup USA)

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### ► WEST & CENTRAL ASIA

213-2 **Opinion Briefing: Iranians' Outlook for U.S. Relations** (Click for Details)

(Iran) Iranians' already low approval of U.S. leadership did not get worse after the U.S. toughened sanctions in late 2011. Eight percent of Iranians approved of U.S. leadership in late 2011 and early 2012 -- one of the lowest ratings the U.S. receives worldwide. While nearly half of Iranians (46%) support cutting ties with countries that impose economic sanctions on Iran, nearly one in three (31%) do not, showing a sizable minority of Iranians still value relations.

(Gallup USA)

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213-3 **Half of Pakistanis Show Their Intentions to Vote** (Click for Details)

(Pakistan) According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan 53% of eligible voters claim they will definitely vote; 26% give it a high chance; only 12% say they will definitely not vote; 9% are unsure. (Gallup Pakistan)

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213-4 **In Kazakhstan, Wellbeing Improves for Some but Not All** (Click for Details)

(Kazakhstan) Wellbeing is rebounding in Central Asia's economic powerhouse, Kazakhstan. After two consecutive years of strong economic growth, 31% of Kazakhstanis rate their lives positively enough to be considered "thriving," up from a low of 22% in 2009 amid the global financial crisis. The percentage of Kazakhstanis who are "suffering" has also increased in recent years, suggesting not all are reaping the benefits of their country's prosperity. (Gallup USA)

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► **SOUTH ASIA**

213-5 **Indian Concerns Over Water Insecurity Higher Than Ever** (Click for Details)

(India) A recent survey reveals that Indians consider fresh water shortages to be the most serious of a range of environmental problems, with nearly seven in ten (68%) rating them as “very serious”—up nearly ten percentage points since 2008. Furthermore, water pollution was cited this year as the second most serious environmental problem, with 59% rating it “very serious,” well ahead of problems like climate change (47%). (Globescan)

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► **SOUTH EAST ASIA**

213-6 **Majority of Voters Want Najib-Anwar Debate** (Click for Details)

(Malaysia) A recently concluded survey among voters in Peninsular Malaysia found that 54% of them want to see regular debates between prime minister Najib Razak and opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim. Support for the debate was especially high among young voters where 67% agreed that there should be a debate between the two leaders to showcase their “ideas and policies to the nation”. (Merdeka Center Malaysia)



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► **NORTH EAST ASIA**

213-7 **Low Support for Prime Minister Noda in Japan** (Click for Details)

(Japan) A recent survey shows that about three in ten Japanese are satisfied with Prime Minister Noda government. However Democratic Party of Japan is still the most popular political party in the country closely contested by Liberal Democratic Party. (Asahi Shimbun)

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**Euro Americas zone**

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

**EUROPE**

► **EAST EUROPE**

213-8 **Exit Poll Russia: 2012 Presidential Election** (Click for Details)

(Russia) VCIOM exit poll results show that V.Putin won the first round of presidential election gaining 58.3% of the vote. The closest rival, G.Zyuganov, won 17.7% of the vote. The other candidates had more modest results: M.Prokhorov 9.2%, V.Zhirinovskiy – 8.5%, S.Mironov – 4.8%. Invalid ballots



made up 1.5%. ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

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213-9 **Love Affairs At Work** ([Click for Details](#))

([Russia](#)) Four percent of working Russians admit to having a workplace romance. Most of them are Russians aged 18-24 (8%), representatives of business community (11%) and state servants (13%). Other 22% personally know those who have an office romance. Twenty-eight percent of respondents admit that some of their colleagues might have workplace romances but they do not know if it is true or not. ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

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213-10 **Russia-Inevitable Irresistibility: Putin Has No Major Shortcomings** ([Click for Details](#))

([Russia](#)) Romir research holding conducted a nationwide survey on the topic of Vladimir Putin's virtues and shortcomings in the eyes of the respondents in December 2011. The survey shows that half of Russians see no major shortcomings in Vladimir Putin. ([Romir](#))

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► **WEST EUROPE**

213-11 **The European Union: cross country poll (Multi-country study)** ([Click for Details](#))

A cross-country study has found that should there be a referendum for the European Union; Germans are more likely than a number of their European counterparts to vote to remain as members of the European Union, expressing the most optimism about the future of the organisation and preferring EU involvement in their national affairs. ([Yougov](#))

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[2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations](#)

213-12 **Eurobarometer: Women in Decision Making** ([Click for Details](#))

Europeans believe that women have less freedom because of their family responsibility. The business community is dominated by men who do not have sufficient confidence in women (76%). Similarly women are less willing than men to fight to make a career for themselves (29%) and are less interested than men in positions of responsibility (28%). ([TNS & Social/Eurobarometer](#))

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213-13 **Eurobarometer: Attitudes of European Towards Tourism** ([Click for Details](#))

Europeans mostly go on holidays for rest/recreation. A location's natural features and the quality of the accommodations are the features most likely to persuade holiday-makers to go back to a previously chosen destination, recommendations of friends and



colleagues along with information from the Internet help them in making decisions regarding their tours. (TNS & Social/Eurobarometer)

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213-14 **The Voters Love Me, The Voters Love Me Not** ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) Ipsos February Political Monitor shows Labour six ahead of the Conservatives at 41% to 35%, and the Liberal Democrats on 12%; a three-point swing to Labour from the Tories since January, and a return to the situation in November before the Conservative veto bounce. (Ipsos Mori)

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## AMERICAS

### ► NORTH AMERICA

213-15 **Four in 10 Americans Now Say Economy Is Growing** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Forty percent of Americans believe the U.S. economy is growing, up from 27% last April and 3% in 2008. While this represents a major shift in economic perceptions over the last four years, nearly half of Americans, 46%, still say the economy is in either a recession or a depression. An additional 13% say it is slowing down. (Gallup USA)

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213-16 **Half of Adults Cutting Back on Driving & Spending Due to Price of Gasoline** ([Click for Details](#))

The rising cost of gasoline is putting a drag on both the amount of driving and overall spending for one-half of U.S. adults, a new IBOPE Zogby survey finds. Respondents also say both Congress and President Barack Obama bear at least some responsibility for current gasoline prices, and that the U.S. government could do more to bring down prices. (Zogby-Ibope)

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[3.4 Economy » Inflation](#)

213-17 **U.S. University Towns Score High in Wellbeing** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Lancaster, Pa., had the highest Well-Being Index score in the U.S. across the 190 metropolitan areas that Gallup and Healthways surveyed in 2011. Four university towns -- Charlottesville, Va., Ann Arbor, Mich., Provo-Orem, Utah, and Boulder, Colo. -- round out the top five metro areas with the highest wellbeing. (Gallup USA)

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213-18 **Americans Continue to Tilt Pro-Israel** ([Click for Details](#))

The large majority of Americans continue to view Israel favorably, while far fewer say they view the Palestinian Authority or Iran very or mostly favorably. (Gallup USA)

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[2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues](#)**213-19 Romney Advances Lead Over Santorum** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Mitt Romney leads Rick Santorum by 16 percentage points in Feb. 29-March 4 Gallup Daily tracking of national Republican registered voters' preferences for their party's nomination. Romney is at 38%, Santorum 22%, Newt Gingrich 15%, and Ron Paul 12%. Santorum led Romney by 10 points as recently as Feb. 20. ([Gallup USA](#))

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**213-20 Public Views of the Divide between Religion and Politics** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Recent comments by presidential candidate Rick Santorum have brought renewed attention to the role of religion in politics. In both 2010 and 2008, narrow majorities said that churches and other houses of worship should keep out of political matters rather than express their views on social and political questions, according to polls by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press and the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.

([Pew Research Center](#))

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**213-21 Religion and the 2012 Republican Primaries: Arizona and Michigan** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Mitt Romney won the Arizona Republican primary by a large margin and secured a narrow victory in the Michigan Republican primary. In both states, Romney's support among born-again/evangelical voters was weaker than among non-evangelicals, continuing the pattern from previous primaries and caucuses in other states. Rick Santorum, who finished second in both Arizona and Michigan, received his strongest support from evangelicals and from voters who said it matters a "great deal" to them that a candidate shares their religious beliefs, according to results from the National Election Pool exit polls. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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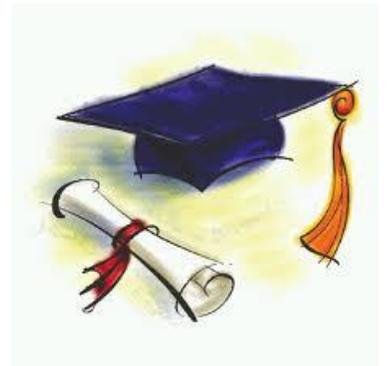
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**213-22 Colleges Viewed Positively, But Conservatives Express Doubts** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

([USA](#)) Americans generally think that colleges and universities have a positive impact on the country, and an overwhelming majority of college graduates say higher education is worth the investment. However, conservative Republicans are skeptical of colleges' effects on the country, even though most who have completed college view the experience as personally beneficial. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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### 213-23 **Hillary Clinton Edges Nancy Reagan as Best Recent First Lady in U.S.** (Click for Details)

A majority of Americans continue to hold positive views on current first lady Michelle Obama. However, Hillary Rodham Clinton is the top-ranked recent United States first lady, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. (Angus Reid)

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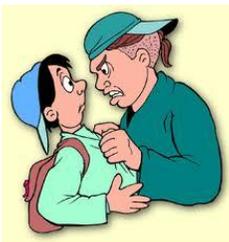


### 213-24 **Americans More Likely to Believe in Bigfoot than Canadians (Multi-country study)** (Click for Details)

People in the United States are more likely than Canadians to consider that Bigfoot is real, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Less than one-in-five Britons think the Loch Ness Monster is real—but one quarter of Scots do. (Angus Reid)

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### 213-25 **Many Canadians Believe Bullying Should Be Considered a Crime** (Click for Details)

(Canada) A large proportion of Canadians believe it is time for bullying to be regarded as a criminal activity, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Respondents overwhelmingly support provincial legislation that would curb “cyber-bullying.” (Angus Reid)

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## ► SOUTH AMERICA

### 213-26 **Pay TV and media consumption** (Click for Details)

(Argentina) In a recent survey TV viewers in South America say they have a digital signal at home: 43% in Brazil, 37% in Argentina and 28% in Mexico. Although, more and more homes begin to have access to high-definition signals (HD), with the help of the wide range of televisions capable of such technology, and driven by the continued growth of the variety of channels in that format. They spent 1-3 hours a day in watching TV. (Livrapanel)

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### 213-27 **Mexican Inflation Seen Slowing In Early February** (Click for Details)

(Mexico) The pace of increases in Mexican consumer prices likely eased in early February compared with previous months as agricultural prices are expected to have fallen sharply, although annual inflation would remain above Bank of Mexico's target ceiling. The consumer price index probably rose 0.17% in the first two weeks of February from the end of January, according to the median estimate in a Dow Jones Newswires survey of 17 economists. (Nasdaq)

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## ► AUSTRALASIA

213-28 **National Maintain Big Lead, But Labour Improves For Fourth Straight Morgan Poll** (Click for Details)

(Australia) A recent Roy Morgan Poll shows continuing strong support for Prime Minister John Key's National Party 45.5% (unchanged since January 30 — February 12, 2012). Support for Key's Coalition partners has changed little with the Maori Party 1.5% (unchanged), ACT NZ 0.5% (down 0.5%), and United Future 0.5% (unchanged). (Roy Morgan)

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## ► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

213-29 **'The State of the World's Children 2012: Children in an Urban World'** (Click for Details)

UNICEF's flagship report, 'The State of the World's Children 2012: Children in an Urban World', was launched on February 28, in Mexico City. One billion children live in urban areas, a number that is growing rapidly. Yet disparities within cities reveal that many lack access to schools, health care and sanitation, despite living alongside these services. This story is part of a series highlighting the needs of these children. (UNICEF)

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## ► CYBER WORLD

213-30 **Millennials will benefit and suffer due to their hyperconnected lives** (Click for Details)



In a survey about the future of the internet, technology experts and stakeholders were fairly evenly split as to whether the younger generation's always-on connection to people and information will turn out to be a net positive or a net negative by 2020. They said many of the young people growing up hyperconnected to each other and the mobile Web and counting on the internet as their external brain will be nimble, quick-acting multitaskers who will do well in key respects. (Pew Research Center)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

213-31 **Bloggers Debate Global Warming And Scientific Ethics** (Click for Details)

Over the past three years, global warming has consistently proven to be one of the most debated and divisive subjects in the blogosphere. And last week, a new development in the conflict created another firestorm. (Pew Research Center)

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## Topic of the week:

### ***Inevitable Irresistibility: Putin Has No Major Shortcomings***

► This issue provides two interesting poll findings and buzz monitoring on this subject.

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#### ***50% of Russians still find that Vladimir Putin has no major shortcomings***



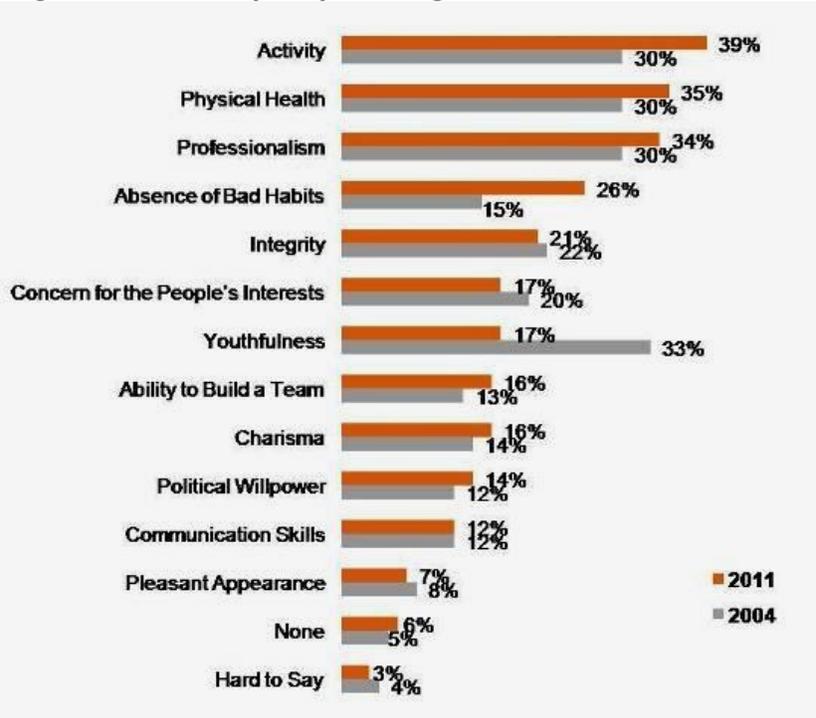
In December 2011, Romir research holding conducted a nationwide survey\* on the topic of Vladimir Putin's virtues and shortcomings in the eyes of the respondents. The company conducted an analogous survey prior to presidential elections in February 2004.



Speaking of the presidential candidate's virtues, significant changes were registered only for certain parameters related to V. Putin's personal image. Specifically, in the 8 years that passed since the previous survey, Russians started to perceive Putin as more active (39%), physically healthy (35%) and professional (34%) than before. Moreover, absence of bad habits started to play a much more significant role in the public's perception of Putin (26%).

The only Putin's virtue the rating of which dropped significantly in the past 8 years according to the nation, is youthfulness (17% compared to 33% in 2004).

**Diagram 1: Which of the following virtues characterize Vladimir Putin?**

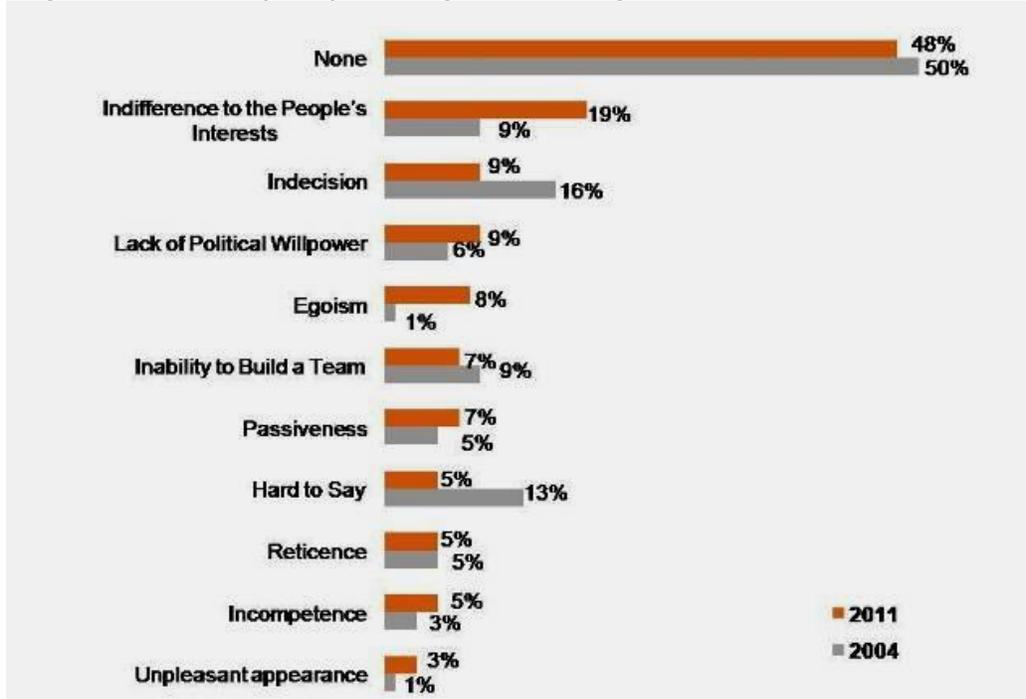


Source: Romir Holding, December 2011

That said, the public's perception of the candidate's shortcomings underwent some substantial changes. Specifically, in 8 years that passed, the share of respondents who consider Putin to be indifferent to the people's interests doubled (19% vs. 9% in 2004). Also, outside the statistical error, we saw an increase in the share of Russians who picked egotism as one of the prime minister's main shortcomings (8% vs. 1% in 2004). In both cases, the highest share of such responses was registered among respondents aged 25 years or less and among middle income earners.

Over the course of those 8 years, the one drawback Vladimir Putin was truly able to dissuade Russians from imputing upon him is indecision. Only 9% of respondents selected that trait in 2011, although it made the list for 16% back in 2004.

**Diagram 2: Which of the following shortcomings characterize Vladimir Putin?**



Source: Romir Holding, December 2011

Meanwhile, about 50% of respondents still consider Putin to have no major shortcomings whatsoever. The highest share of such 'unconditional' supporters was registered among women, respondents over 60 and low income earners.

\*The survey was conducted among 1500 persons residing in various cities and rural areas representing all 8 federal districts, aged 18 to 60 plus.

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## Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2012)

### A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 –February 2012

#### KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*):  $\approx$  3,861 polls during the period 2007-2012
- 2- 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***)
- 3- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys:  $\approx$  178 during the period 2007-2012
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited:  $\approx$  305 during the period 2007-2012

