

# Gallopedia

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## Who are we?

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## Asia zone

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

### ► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

252-1 **Only One in Three Israelis Think Israel Benefited from Gaza Conflict** (Click for Details)

(Israel) In the aftermath of November's round of fighting with Hamas and other groups in the Gaza Strip, only 36% of Israelis think that Israel is better off than it was before the escalation, while a majority feels Israel is either about the same (38%) or worse off (21%), finds a new University of Maryland poll. (PIPA)

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2.3 Foreign Affairs & Security » Palestine/ Israel Conflict

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

252-2 **MENA Residents Put Onus on Government to Help the Poor (Multi-country survey)** (Click for Details)

At least eight in 10 adults in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Tunisia say their respective governments should bear the primary responsibility for helping the poor in their countries, according to a forthcoming World Bank MENA flagship report. Far fewer residents identified other social actors, such as religious or charitable organizations or friends and family, as the ones who should be most responsible for social assistance. (Gallup USA)



November 27, 2012

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

3.5 Economy » Poverty

### ► NORTHEAST ASIA

252-3 **Japan opposition LDP remains election favorite: poll** (Click for Details)

(Japan) Japan's opposition Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) held on to its comfortable lead ahead of the December 16 general election, an opinion poll by the Nikkei daily showed on Thursday, with the hawkish Japan Restoration Party firmly in second place ahead of the ruling Democratic Party. (Nikkei)

November 28, 2012

1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties



## Euro Americas zone

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



### EUROPE

#### ► EAST EUROPE

252-4 **The Way We Eat: Dietary Habits of Russians** (Click for Details)

(Russia) A study devoted to Russians' attitudes to food and nutrition reveals that respondents have a rather utilitarian approach to food. For nearly all of the respondents polled (97%) food is, first and foremost, a source of energy and working efficiency. And four out of ten respondents even say that they have no emotions whatsoever when it comes to their relationship with food. (Romir)

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252-5 **Wealth: Dream about it or earn it?** (Click for Details)

Can one become wealthy quickly in today's Russia? When answering that question, nearly a quarter of Russians hope for an inheritance. Just to compare, only 10% of all respondents polled hope to get wealthy by building a successful career at a large company. (Romir)

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## ► WEST EUROPE

252-6 **Possibility of an Independent Scotland Divides Views in Britain** (Click for Details)

(Britain) Britons and Scots differ greatly on the implications of Scotland becoming an independent state, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Bailout of Royal Bank of Scotland and revenues from North Sea oil reserves are the most contentious topics. (Angus Reid)

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[2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues](#)

252-7 **52% of Londoners want to leave** (Click for Details)

A YouGov poll has revealed that 52% of Londoners would choose to live in another region of Britain, while 48% say they would stay in the capital. The poll also found that just over half (51%) agree that you can only really enjoy living in London if you are rich. (YouGov)

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252-8 **Christmas too early in Northern Ireland** (Click for Details)

(Northern Ireland) Seven in ten (70%) people in Northern Ireland think that signs of Christmas, such as shops starting to stock Christmas items, Christmas-themed advertising, lights and decorations have appeared too soon this year. Only 21% of the Northern Irish public say Christmas has come at about the right time. (YouGov)

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[4.1 Society » Religion](#)

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252-9 **Music festivals to decline in 2013** (Click for Details)

(UK) The report reveals that just under a fifth (19%) of UK festival-goers surveyed (i.e. those who have attended at least one music festival in the past) plan on going to a music festival in 2013, while 54% say they won't be going at all in 2013. (YouGov)

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[4.16 Society » Entertainment](#)

252-10 **Child exploitation in Northern Ireland** (Click for Details)

(Northern Ireland) In Northern Ireland, 45% of parents aged 18 to 64 think there are children in their local area who are being sexually exploited. This is compared to less than one in seven (13%) who do not believe this is occurring. (YouGov)

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[4.12 Society » Crime](#)



## AMERICAS

### ► NORTH AMERICA

252-11 **Young Voters Supported Obama Less, But May Have Mattered More** (Click for Details)

(USA) In winning reelection, Barack Obama won 60% of the vote among those younger than 30. That was down somewhat from 2008, when Obama won nearly two-thirds (66%) of the votes of young people. However, Obama's youth support may have been an even more important factor in his victory this year than it was in 2008. (Pew Research Center)

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[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)

[1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties](#)

252-12 **The Day After: Obama Triumph Sobered by Unmet Global Expectations** (Click for Details)

(USA) Much of the world cheered the November 6 re-election of U.S. president Barack Obama. But the president's honeymoon may be short lived. Disappointment with Obama's first term foreign policy may challenge both his popularity and his ability to present a positive image of the United States around the globe. (Pew Research Center)

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[2.6 Foreign Affairs & Security » US image](#)

252-13 **Americans Most Likely to Say They Belong to the Middle Class** (Click for Details)

Americans are most likely to identify themselves as middle class, a trend that has remained essentially unchanged throughout the past decade. Another 31% identify as "working class" and 13% see themselves as "upper-middle class." Ten percent say they are "lower class," a slight decrease from 14% in April. Two percent identify themselves as upper class. (Gallup USA)

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[4.4 Society » Civil Society](#)

252-14 **U.S. Birth Rate Falls to a Record Low; Decline Is Greatest Among Immigrants** (Click for Details)

The U.S. birth rate dipped in 2011 to the lowest ever recorded, led by a plunge in births to immigrant women since the onset of the Great Recession. (Pew Research Center)



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[4.11 Society » Health](#)

252-15 **Majority in U.S. Still Satisfied With Own Healthcare Costs** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Fifty-nine percent of Americans are satisfied with the total cost they pay for healthcare, precisely in the middle of the 54% to 64% range in satisfaction Gallup has found since 2001. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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252-16 **Democrats, Republicans Diverge on Capitalism, Federal Gov't**

[\(Click for Details\)](#)

Exemplifying a major partisan divide in modern politics, Democrats react significantly more positively to the term "federal government" than they do to the term "capitalism," while the opposite is true for Republicans. But both Democrats and Republicans are highly positive about the terms "small business," "free enterprise," and "entrepreneurs." [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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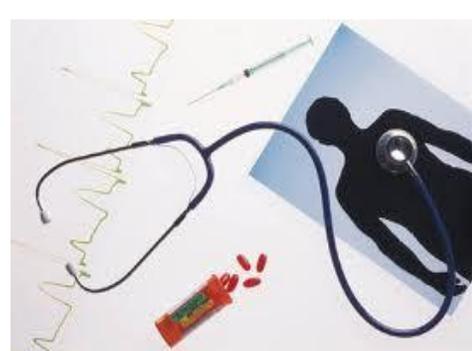


252-17 **Americans See Best Job Climate since the Financial Crisis** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Nearly one in four Americans (24%) say it is a good time to find a quality job, triple the 8% who said the same a year ago and reflecting the most positive job market perceptions since March 2008. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)



252-18 **In U.S., Majority Now Against Gov't Healthcare Guarantee**

[\(Click for Details\)](#)

For the first time in Gallup trends since 2000, a majority of Americans say it is not the federal government's responsibility to make sure all Americans have healthcare coverage. Prior to 2009, a majority always felt the government should ensure healthcare coverage for all, though Americans' views have become more divided in recent years. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)

252-19 **Congress Approval at 18%, Stuck in Long-Term Low Streak** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(USA\)](#) Eighteen percent of Americans approve of the job Congress is doing, down slightly from 21% shortly before the election. But approval is still improved over the record-low 10% readings Gallup recorded earlier in 2012, as recently as August. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)



252-20 **Thanksgiving Week Spending in U.S. Down From a Year Ago** (Click for Details)

Self-reported U.S. consumer spending in stores, restaurants, gas stations, and online averaged \$67 per day in the week ending Nov. 25, including Black Friday weekend. This is down from \$83 a year ago and the \$79 comparable for 2010, and essentially matches the 2009 weekly comparable of \$69. (Gallup USA)

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[3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)

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252-21 **Most Americans and Canadians Are Ready to Legalize Marijuana** (Click for Details)

A majority of people in the United States and Canada believe cannabis should be readily available for those who want to use it, a new two-country Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Two thirds of respondents in the two countries describe the “war on drugs” as a failure. (Angus Reid)

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252-22 **Most Canadians Dissatisfied with the State of the Justice System** (Click for Details)

(Canada) Canadians are not particularly thrilled with the inner workings of their justice system, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll conducted for Maclean's has found. Paul Bernardo and Karla Homolka regarded as the country's most notorious criminals. (Angus Reid)

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► **MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS**

252-23 **As Holiday Shopping Season Begins, Study Finds Consumers Buying Less and Buying Better** (Click for Details)

According to The Regeneration Consumer Study, two-thirds of consumers in six countries say that “as a society, we need to consume a lot less to improve the environment for future generations” (66%), and that they feel “a sense of responsibility to purchase products that are good for the environment and society” (65%). (GlobeScan)

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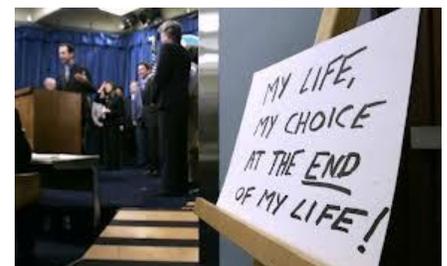
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252-24 **Large Europe majorities for assisted suicide – survey** (Click for Details)

Large majorities of west Europeans favor the legalization of assisted suicide, now allowed only in four countries on the continent, according to a new survey. (Isopublic)

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## ► CYBER WORLD



### 252-25 **The Best (and Worst) of Mobile Connectivity** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Some 85% of American adults own a cell phone, and these mobile devices now play a central role in many aspects of their owners' lives according to a new survey. For many cell owners, their phone is an essential utility that they check frequently, keep close at all times, and would have trouble functioning without it. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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[4.6 Society](#) » [Media/ New Media](#)

## Topic of the week:

### **Only One in Three Israelis Think Israel Benefited from Gaza Conflict**

► 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.

**November 30, 2012**

### *Three in Five Now View Obama Favorably*



In the aftermath of November's round of fighting with Hamas and other groups in the Gaza Strip, only 36% of Israelis think that Israel is better off than it was before the escalation, while a majority feel Israel is either about the same (38%) or worse off (21%), finds a new University of Maryland poll.

Four in ten (40%) said Israel "won the combat in the Gaza Strip." A majority said either that no side won (45%) or that Hamas won (11%). "Clearly most Israelis are not feeling victorious," said Shibley Telhami one of the primary investigators of the poll.

"There are distinct warming trends toward the United States in Israeli opinion and, somewhat surprisingly, toward President Obama," said Steven Kull the other primary investigator. Sixty percent of Israelis now have a positive view of President Obama. Among Israeli Jews, positive views have risen over the past year from 54% to 62%. President Obama is identified as the most admired leaders by more Israeli Jews than any other leader.

More Israelis think that American public support for Israel's security needs is growing than think it is receding. Forty percent say such support has increased over the last few years, while only 21% say it has decreased (about the same: 36%).

On Iran, Israelis continue to believe that Iran is on its way to developing a nuclear weapon, but support for an Israeli attack on Iranian nuclear facilities is only at 38%, with 50% opposed. Only one in five favor proceeding without US support. Among Israeli Jews, those ready to go ahead without US support has dropped from 22% a year ago to 18% now.



These are some of the findings of a new poll conducted by the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland and the Program on International Policy Attitudes (PIPA). The polling project was directed by Shibley Telhami, Anwar Sadat Professor at the University of Maryland and Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution and Steven Kull, Director of PIPA.

The poll of 600 Israelis has a margin of error of +/-4.0% and was fielded on November 21 and November 24-25 by the Dahaf Institute in Israel.

Of the 510 interviews with Israeli Jews, 156 were obtained on November 21 in the hours before the ceasefire took effect at 9 pm that evening, making possible a check for any effects from the ceasefire. While there were slight changes, with Israeli Jews becoming less positive about the escalation's outcome, these changes were not statistically significant.

Further on the subject of Iran, only a quarter of Israelis believe that an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities would delay Iran's nuclear capabilities by more than five years. However, there has been a drop over the last twelve months in the number who think Iran's capabilities would simply not be affected (from 19% down to 8%), and a rise in those who think Iran would be set back by one or two years (from 9% to 19%).



About half of Israelis (46%) support a possible UN deal whereby Iran would be allowed to enrich uranium at low levels, provided that it allows intrusive inspections to ensure that it is not developing nuclear weapons. Approximately the same number (47%) are opposed.

A substantial majority favors a Middle East Nuclear-Free Zone that would include Israel. Support for this plan, which was described in detail, is at 58%--both among Israelis overall and Israeli Jews, though in the latter group support is down slightly from 64% in 2011.

Regarding Syria, Israelis have mixed views about the possibility of the opposition taking power. Forty-two percent say this would be worse for Israel, while 30% say it would be better. Israelis do not see the Syrian situation as primarily a political Islamist struggle. Only 27% thought this, while 37% thought it was about ordinary Syrians seeking freedom from the regime, and another 28% saw it as primarily an ethnic conflict.



A majority of Israelis say the government should at least accept the Arab Peace Initiative as the basis for negotiations if it is offered again. Fifty-two percent either take this position (39%) or go farther and say the offer should be accepted outright (13%).

At the same time, Israeli Jews' readiness to accept the basic conditions of such a deal has declined since last year. In another question, just 33% of Israeli Jews say they "are prepared for...peace with the Arabs based on the 1967 borders with agreed

modifications and the establishment of a peaceful Palestinian state"--down 10 points from November 2011. Thirty percent chose a statement opposing this, while another 33% chose neither statement (up 9 points from last year).

In the Israeli debate about whether Jewish identity or democracy is more important to the country's identity, Israeli Jews are closely divided, with 33% saying democracy is more important, 31% saying Jewish identity is more important, and 35% saying both are equally important.

**Source:**

<http://www.worldpublicopinion.org/pipa/articles/brmiddleeastnafricara/732.php?nid=&id=&pnt=732&lb>

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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 – November 2012

#### KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*):  $\approx$  6,805 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:  $\approx$  358 during the period 2007-2012

