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Asia zone

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

► SOUTHEAST ASIA

265-1 **PM's approval rating slides further** (Click for Details)

(Malaysia) Several weeks away from the general election, a survey concluded among voters in Peninsular Malaysia in early February 2013 found that the Prime Minister's approval rating had slipped further to 61% from 63% at the end of December 2012. (Merdeka Centre)

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265-2 **Pre-Election Survey: Independent candidates 3, Team PNoy 4, UNA 1 in the top 8** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The SWS-BW February 2013 Pre-Election Survey, fielded from February 15-17, 2013, has three independent candidates, four Team PNoy candidates, and one United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) candidate in statistical position to take the top eight seats in the May 2013 Senatorial elections. (SWS)

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Africa zone

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

► SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

265-3 **Almost half of the Nigerian population cannot access clean water** (Click for Details)

(Nigeria) Latest weekly poll results released by NOI Polls has revealed that access to clean water remains a major challenge to almost half of the populace (47%). In addition, 83% of Nigerians source their drinking water privately, while only about 1 in 10 respondents (9%) are connected to the public sewerage system. (NOI)

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4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters





Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE

265-4 **Immigration continues to be a top issue of importance to Britons** ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) This month's Ipsos MORI Issues Index shows a four point jump from January in the number of people who consider race relations/immigration an issue of importance to Britain. The issue is now on a par with unemployment and only the economy is seen by the public to be a more significant issue at present. Immigration is nearly twice as important as crime, education, inflation or poverty/inequality; it is three times more important an issue than the EU. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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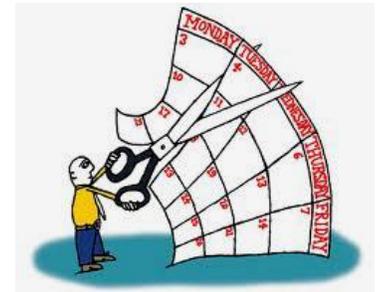
[4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees](#)

265-5 **Brits want 4 day week** ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) An overwhelming majority (72%) of Britons in employment would choose to work for two more hours each workday in exchange for another day off a week. In contrast, one-fifth (20%) would rather work their current hours, and 8% are unsure. Last month, the Gambia introduced a four day week for public sector workers, with Friday as an extra day off. ([YouGov](#))

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[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)



265-6 **Pope Benedict's last day** (*Multi-country surveys*) ([Click for Details](#))

Most people think that Pope Benedict XVI and leading Catholic bishops have not been influential in their societies, according to YouGov's latest EuroTrack survey, which tracks public opinion in Britain, France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Finland. ([YouGov](#))

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AMERICAS

► NORTH AMERICA

265-7 **Americans' Reactions to Sequester Include "Bad," "Disaster"** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Americans are much more likely to use negative words or phrases -- including "bad," "disaster," and "God help us" -- than positive ones to describe their views on the federal government budget sequester. ([Gallup USA](#))

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265-8 **Americans Shift to More Positive View of Foreign Trade** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans now hold a much more positive view of foreign trade than they have in recent years. Fifty-seven percent view trade as "an opportunity for economic growth through increased U.S. exports," while 35% see it as "a threat to the economy from foreign imports." During the prior two years, Americans were evenly divided in their opinions about trade. ([Gallup USA](#))

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265-9 **GOP Seen as Principled, But Out of Touch and Too Extreme** ([Click for Details](#))

At a time when the Republican Party's image is at a historic low, 62% of the public says the GOP is out of touch with the American people, 56% think it is not open to change and 52% say the party is too extreme. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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265-10 **Most Say Spending Cuts Would Have Major Impact on Economy, Military** ([Click for Details](#))

While many Americans may be resigned to seeing automatic spending cuts in the budget sequester go into effect, the public is concerned about the potential impact of the reductions. A new national survey by the Pew Research Center and The Washington Post, conducted Feb. 21-24 among 1,000 adults, finds that most say the budget sequester would have a major effect on the economy as well as on the U.S. military. And by more than three-to-one (62%-18%), the public sees the impact on the economy as mostly negative rather than mostly positive. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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265-11 **How Teachers Are Using Technology at Home and in Their Classrooms** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) A survey of teachers who instruct American middle and secondary school students finds that digital technologies have become central to their teaching and professionalization. At the same time, the internet, mobile phones, and social media have brought new challenges to teachers, and they report striking differences in access to the latest digital technologies between lower and higher income students and school districts. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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265-12 **Majority in U.S. Says Sequestration Will Harm the Economy** ([Click for Details](#))

A majority of Americans, 56%, believe the nation's economy will suffer this year if the federal budget sequestration scheduled for Friday goes into effect. At 44%, slightly fewer Americans believe sequestration will harm their own finances, while a nearly equal percentage say it will not. ([Gallup USA](#))

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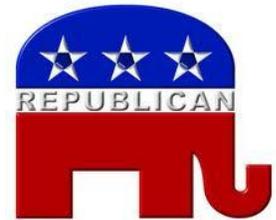
Given a choice, Americans would by a modest margin tell their representatives in Congress to vote to pass legislation this week that would avoid the scheduled March 1 sequestration (45%) rather than let the budget sequestration go into effect as planned (37%). Democrats prefer the legislative option that would avoid sequestration and independents tilt that way, but Republicans are essentially divided on the question. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions](#)265-14 **Republicans Put More Emphasis on U.S. Being No. 1 Militarily** ([Click for Details](#))

Republicans (80%) are much more likely than Democrats (48%) to say it is important that the U.S. be No. 1 in the world militarily. Independents' views (62%) reflect Americans' views overall. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[2.10 Foreign Affairs & Security » Military Issues/ Defence](#)[1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties](#)265-15 **In U.S., Majority Still Names China as Top Economic Power** ([Click for Details](#))

For the third consecutive year, a slim majority of Americans, 53%, say China is the leading economic power in the world today. Thirty-two percent believe the United States is, with relatively few naming other countries. In 2008-2009, Americans were more evenly divided in their views of whether China or the United States was the leading economic power. Back in 2000, Americans overwhelmingly said the United States was. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)265-16 **U.S. Economic Confidence Wobbly as Sequester Approaches** ([Click for Details](#))

Gallup's Economic Confidence Index was -13 in the week ending Feb. 24. That compares with the previous week's -11 and reflects a decline in Americans' confidence from the five-year weekly high of -8 during the week ending Feb. 3. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)265-17 **U.S. Catholic Hispanic Population less Religious, Shrinking** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Although the majority of Hispanics in the U.S. are Catholic, the smaller group of Hispanics who are Protestant are significantly more likely to be very religious (60%) than those who are Catholic (43%). ([Gallup USA](#))

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265-18 **Americans Split on Whether Cell Phones Should Be Used on Flights** (Click for Details)

Americans are divided when assessing the notion of airline passengers having conversations on their cell phones, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Men are more likely than women to support a regulation that would enable passengers to make phone calls during a flight. ([Angus Reid](#))

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► **AUSTRALASIA**265-19 **National (47.5%) Has Huge Lead over Labour (30.5%) Biggest Since July 2012 & Would Win Election** (Click for Details)

([New Zealand](#)) New Zealand Roy Morgan recent poll shows a large gain in support for Prime Minister John Key's National Party to 47.5% (up 3.5% since early February and the highest since July 9-22, 2012). Support for Key's Coalition partners shows the Maori Party 2.5% (up 2%), ACT NZ 0.5% (unchanged) and United Future 0.5% (up 0.5%). ([Roy Morgan](#))

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Topic of the week:

Pope Benedict's last day

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A majority of people in several European countries say Benedict XVI was not influential.

Most people think that Pope Benedict XVI and leading Catholic bishops have not been influential in their societies, according to YouGov's latest EuroTrack survey, which tracks public opinion in Britain, France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Finland.

Benedict XVI, who announced his resignation because of "lack of strength" on 11 February, will officially cease to be the head of the Roman Catholic Church tonight at 8pm.

Asked how much notice they think leading politicians have paid to the views of Pope Benedict and Catholic bishops in their respective countries, and a majority of people in every country surveyed say either "not much" or "none at all".



In Britain, 71% say Pope Benedict has not been influential, while only 9% say he was and 21% are undecided. Amongst British Roman Catholics, 78% say politicians have not paid attention to the views of Pope Benedict, while 17% say they have and 4% aren't sure. In predominantly Roman Catholic France, 61% of people believe the Pope has not been influential compared to 18% who believe he has been, and 21% who are undecided.

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Also, a majority of people in every country except for Germany say leading politicians in their respective countries were right to not pay much notice to the Pope's views. In Germany the public is divided with 43% believing the Pope should have been listened to, 40% saying he should have been ignored and 16% undecided.

In most of the countries surveyed by YouGov people tend to have a more positive than negative view of Benedict's performance during his eight years as Pope. However, questioned on specific issues, ranging from allowing women priests to homosexuality and birth control, and either a majority or plurality of people tend to agree that Pope Benedict has been "too conservative and changed things too little".

Church attendance

Only a small proportion of people in every country surveyed say they attend church once a week or more. In Britain, 30% of people say they never attend church services.

Amongst British Roman Catholics, 23% say they never go to church, 13% go less than once a year, 6% go at least once a year, 21% say they go at least twice a year, 11% attend church at least twice a month, 6% go at least once every two weeks and 19% of Roman Catholics in Britain say they attend church services once a week or more.



Benedict right to resign

Strong majorities of people in every country surveyed say the Pope was right to resign. Support for the Pope resigning was highest in Germany, at 82%, and lowest in Britain, at 68%, although only 8% of Brits say Benedict was wrong to resign and a quarter (25%) are undecided.

Source: <http://research.yougov.co.uk/news/2013/02/28/pope-benedicts-last-day-job/>

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2013)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 – January 2013

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 6,805 polls during the period 2007-2013
- 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 2007-2013
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 358 during the period 2007-2013

