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## Asia zone

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

### ► MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

280-1 **Palestinians Weary of its Leadership & Palestinian Authority** (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) While a majority supports the appointment of Rami Al Hamdallah as Prime Minister, 40% believe the Palestinian Authority has become a burden on the Palestinian people and only 30% believe that it is an accomplishment. And while Ismail Haniyeh wins against Abbas in presidential elections in the Gaza Strip, half of the public believes that the Palestinian have a failed leadership. ([PCPSR](#))

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections



280-2 **Poll finds Egyptians divided, many disappointed** (Click for Details)

([Egypt](#)) Egyptians are deeply divided and many have no faith in any of the main political groups, creating a crisis for the state to build on the revolution of 2011, a new poll by Zogby Research Services found on Monday. ([Zogby](#))

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1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

### ► WEST ASIA

280-3 **Turks Grew Discontent with Leaders, Freedom before Unrest** (Click for Details)

([Turkey](#)) With protests in Turkey continuing for nearly two weeks, Gallup data reveal trends in residents' opinions that could be the undercurrents of the recent unrest. The most telling of these trends is Turks' growing dissatisfaction with their country's leadership -- particularly among those living in Istanbul. The percentage of Turks living in Istanbul who approve of the job performance of their country's leadership fell to 30% in 2012, from 59% in 2011. Among those living elsewhere in the country, leadership approval declined to 48% in 2012, from 57% in 2011. ([Gallup USA](#))

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1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

280-4 **Pakistanis are more hopeful about the country going in the right direction post-elections than they were pre-elections** (Click for Details)

([Pakistan](#)) According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, Pakistanis are more hopeful about the country going in the right direction post-elections than they were pre-elections. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

## ► SOUTHEAST ASIA

280-5 **Net satisfaction with National Administration at "very good" +53** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The First Quarter 2013 Social Weather Survey, fielded from March 19-22, 2013, found 68% of adults satisfied, 15% neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, and 15% dissatisfied with the general performance of the National Administration, for a very good net satisfaction rating of +53 (% satisfied minus % dissatisfied). (SWS)

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1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings



## Euro Americas zone

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

### ► WEST EUROPE

280-6 **Coming to terms with criminality** (Click for Details)

(UK) Ipsos Mori Index finds that public concern around crime is at its lowest level for 20 years. Indeed, the last time that so few of us highlighted crime as one of the key national issues, the country was just edging its way out of the last recession whilst the PM John Major was announcing plans to close coal mines and the Queen was about to famously surmise the year as Annus Horribilis. (Ipsos Mori)

June 13, 2013

4.12 Society » Crime

280-7 **Butter is still number one fatty spread** (Click for Details)

(UK) YouGov SixthSense's "Dairy 2013" report finds that more than four in ten (42%) consumers have butter in their homes, with 27% having spreadable butter. This compared with 25% who keep low fat spreads and 24% with buttery spreads. The continued popularity of butter comes as people significantly reduce the amount of spreads they consume. The survey finds that when the survey was last conducted in 2010, 17% didn't eat spreads, a figure that has now increased to three in ten (30%). (YouGov)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

4.11 Society » Health



280-8 **SME decision-makers: Corporate Social Responsibility important** (Click for Details)

(EU) YouGov's latest B2B Omnibus reveals that the majority of SME decision-makers place high importance on Corporate Social Responsibility and are dissatisfied with large multi-national corporations which avoid paying full tax. (YouGov)

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3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments

## ► NORTH AMERICA

280-9 **Fewer Americans expect to be better off in a Year** (Click for Details)

(USA) Fewer Americans are now optimistic about their future personal financial situations, with 57% saying they will be better off in a year, down from 66% who said so last October. Optimism still surpasses pessimism, as 29% expect to be worse off a year from now -- although that is up from 11% who said so last fall. (Gallup USA)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being



280-10 **A Survey of LGBT Americans Attitudes, Experiences and Values in Changing Times** (Click for Details)

An overwhelming share of America's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender adults (92%) say society has become more accepting of them in the past decade and an equal number expect it to grow even more accepting in the decade ahead. They attribute the changes to a variety of factors, from people knowing and interacting with someone who is LGBT, to advocacy on their behalf by high-profile public figures, to LGBT adults raising families. (Pew Research Center)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

280-11 **Majority Views NSA Phone Tracking as Acceptable Anti-terror Tactic**

(Click for Details)

A majority of Americans – 56% – say the National Security Agency's (NSA) program tracking the telephone records of millions of Americans is an acceptable way for the government to investigate terrorism, though a substantial minority – 41% – says it is unacceptable. And while the public is more evenly divided over the government's monitoring of email and other online activities to prevent possible terrorism, these views are largely unchanged since 2002, shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. (Pew Research Center)

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1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

2.4 Foreign Affairs & Security » Terrorism

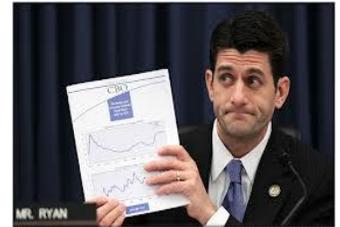


280-12 **Paul Ryan a Favorite of Republicans** (Click for Details)

Of five recent Republican newsmakers also mentioned as potential 2016 presidential candidates, Wisconsin Rep. and 2012 vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan is rated most positively by Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, with a 69% favorable rating and +57 net favorable score. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio is also relatively popular among the Republican rank-and-file, while Chris Christie is less so, given his higher unfavorable rating. (Gallup USA)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings



280-13 **Americans' Confidence in Banks Up for First Time in Years** (Click for Details)

Americans' confidence in U.S. banks increased to 26% in June, up from the record low of 21% a year ago. The percentage of Americans saying they have "a great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in U.S. banks is now at

its highest point since June 2008, but remains well below its pre-recession level of 41%, measured in June 2007. Between 2007 and 2012, confidence in banks fell by half -- 20 percentage points. (Gallup USA)

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[3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions](#)



280-14 **Americans' Confidence in Congress Falls to Lowest on Record** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans' confidence in Congress as an institution is down to 10%, ranking the legislative body last on a list of 16 societal institutions for the fourth straight year. This is the lowest level of confidence Gallup has found, not only for Congress, but for any institution on record. Americans remain most confident in the military, at 76%. (Gallup USA)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

280-15 **Americans Disapprove of Government Surveillance Programs** (Click for Details)

More Americans disapprove (53%) than approve (37%) of the federal government agency program that as part of its efforts to investigate terrorism obtained records from U.S. telephone and Internet companies to "compile telephone call logs and Internet communications." (Gallup USA)

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[2.10 Foreign Affairs & Security » Military Issues/ Defense](#)

280-16 **Former President George W. Bush's Image Ratings Improve** (Click for Details)

Americans' views of former president George W. Bush have improved, with 49% now viewing him favorably and 46% unfavorably. That is the first time since 2005 that opinions of him have been more positive than negative. (Gallup USA)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

280-17 **U.S. Economic Confidence Falls Slightly from Five-Year High** (Click for Details)

Gallup's U.S. Economic Confidence Index dipped to -7 last week from -3 the prior week, which is the highest weekly average since Gallup began tracking economic confidence daily in January 2008. The current score of -7 is the lowest Gallup has measured in roughly a month, but is still one of the best weekly scores in more than five years. (Gallup USA)

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



280-18 **In U.S., Economy Still Top Issue, but its Dominance Lessens** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans continue to name the economy as the biggest problem facing the country, followed by unemployment and dissatisfaction with government. These are trailed by concerns about healthcare, ethics and moral decline, the federal budget deficit, immigration, and education, each mentioned by at least 5% of Americans. (Gallup USA)

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

280-19 **Hillary Clinton Favorability Slips Slightly** (Click for Details)

Hillary Clinton's favorability rating fell slightly in June to 58%, from 64% in April. That is the first sub-60% rating Americans have given her since 2008. Clinton's unfavorable rating now stands at 39%, up from 31% in April. (Gallup USA)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

► **AUSTRALASIA**280-20 **Over half of New Zealanders are shopping online** (Click for Details)

(New Zealand) More than half of the population (54%) aged over 18 years is now shopping online, an increase from 38 percent of New Zealanders five years ago. The latest report from Nielsen, the leading global provider of information and insights, shows New Zealanders spent \$3.7 billion in the last 12 months purchasing via the internet. (Nielsen)

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[4.6 Society » Media/ New Media](#)

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

280-21 **The chips are down – but remain the No. 1 snack on both sides of the Tasman** (Click for Details)

(Australia) A recent study by Roy Morgan Research shows that potato chips are still Australia's most popular snack food, with a third of Australians aged 14+ in the year to March 2013 buying the product in an average four-week period (33% down from 36% in the year to March 2009). (Roy Morgan)

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

► **MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS**280-22 **Global Views of Iran Overwhelmingly Negative** (Click for Details)

As Iranians prepare to elect a new president, the country's international image is largely negative. Majorities in most of 39 countries surveyed have an unfavorable opinion of Iran, and most say Tehran does not respect the personal freedoms of its people. Meanwhile, any nuclear ambitions harbored by the Iranian government continue to draw strong opposition from Western countries, as well as neighboring states in the Middle East. (Pew Research Center)

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

► **CYBER WORLD**280-23 **Rise expected for devices bought through 'click and collect'** (Click for Details)

(UK) New research from YouGov SixthSense suggests there will be an increase in the number of UK consumers using 'click and collect' services when they buy their next consumer technology item. (YouGov)

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[3.12 Economy » IT & Telecom](#)

280-24 **Electronic 'snooping': 42% back police and security agencies breaking the law** ([Click for Details](#))

There is all to play for in the battle for public opinion over the right of the police and security agencies to access mobile phone, email and social media records. A simmering dispute over the Data Communications Bill, or 'snooper's charter', has roared to life following the disclosures by The Guardian that British security agencies have been obtaining information from a United States surveillance programme called Prism. ([YouGov](#))

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[3.12 Economy](#) » [IT & Telecom](#)

## Topic of the week:

### ***ELECTRONIC SNOOPING: Views in USA and UK***

▶ This issue provides three interesting poll findings and buzz monitoring on this subject.

## 1. Majority Views NSA Phone Tracking as Acceptable Anti-terror Tactic

*Public Says Investigate Terrorism, Even If It Intrudes on Privacy*

June 10, 2013



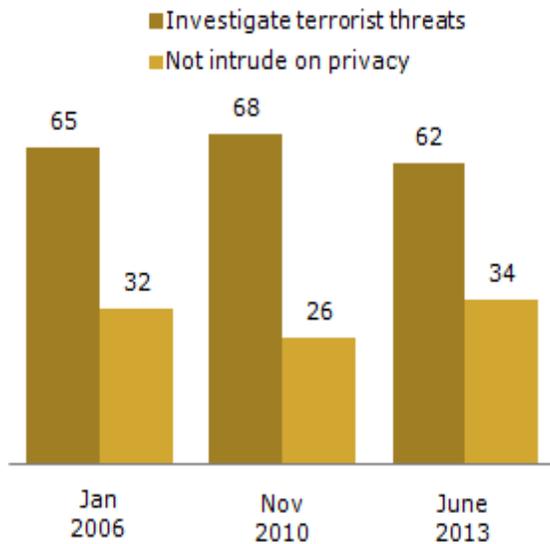
WASHINGTON, D.C. – A majority of Americans – 56% – say the National Security Agency's (NSA) program tracking the telephone records of millions of Americans is an acceptable way for the government to investigate terrorism, though a substantial minority – 41% – say it is unacceptable. And while the public is more evenly divided over the government's monitoring of email and other online activities to prevent possible terrorism, these views are largely unchanged since 2002, shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center and The Washington Post, conducted June 6-9 among 1,004 adults, finds no indications that last week's revelations of the government's collection of phone records and internet data have altered fundamental public views about the tradeoff between investigating possible terrorism and protecting personal privacy.



## Public Says Investigate Terrorism, Even if it Intrudes on Privacy

Which is more important?



PEW RESEARCH CENTER/WASHINGTON POST June 6-9, 2013. Jan 2006 and Nov 2010 data from ABC/WP. Don't know responses not shown.

## Most Back NSA Phone Monitoring

NSA getting secret court orders to track calls of millions of Americans to investigate terrorism ...	June 6-9 %
Acceptable	56
Not acceptable	41
Don't know	2
	100

Should the gov't be able to monitor everyone's email to prevent possible terrorism?	July 2002	June 7-9 2013
Yes	45	45
No	47	52
Don't know	8	3
	100	100

PEW RESEARCH CENTER/WASHINGTON POST June 6-9, 2013. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

Currently 62% say it is more important for the federal government to investigate possible terrorist threats, even if that intrudes on personal privacy. Just 34% say it is more important for the government not to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible terrorist threats.

These opinions have changed little since an ABC News/Washington Post survey in January 2006. Currently, there are only modest partisan differences in these opinions: 69% of Democrats say it is more important for the government to investigate terrorist threats, even at the expense of personal privacy, as do 62% of Republicans and 59% of independents.

However, while six-in-ten or more in older age groups say it is more important to investigate terrorism even if it intrudes on privacy, young people are divided: 51% say investigating terrorism is more important while 45% say it is more important for the government not to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible threats.

### Public's Views of NSA Surveillance Programs under Obama, Bush

<i>NSA has been getting secret court orders to track calls of millions of Americans to investigate terrorism ...</i>	<b>June 2013</b>
	%
Acceptable	56
Not acceptable	41
Don't know	<u>2</u>
	100
<i>NSA has been investigating people suspected of terrorist involvement by secretly listening in on phone calls &amp; reading emails without court approval...</i>	<b>Jan 2006</b>
	%
Acceptable	51
Not acceptable	47
Don't know	<u>2</u>
	100

PEW RESEARCH CENTER/WASHINGTON POST June 6-9, 2013. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding. Jan. 2006 data from ABC NEWS/WASHINGTON POST.

The survey finds that while there are apparent differences between the NSA surveillance programs under the Bush and Obama administrations, overall public reactions to both incidents are similar. Currently, 56% say it is acceptable that the NSA “has been getting secret court orders to track telephone calls of millions of Americans in an effort to investigate terrorism.”

In January 2006, a few weeks after initial new reports of the Bush administration’s surveillance program, 51% said it was acceptable for the NSA to investigate “people suspected of involvement with terrorism by secretly listening in on telephone calls and reading e-mails between some people in the United States and other countries, without first getting court approval to do so.”

### Partisan Shifts in Views of NSA Surveillance Programs

*Views of NSA surveillance programs (See previous table for differences in question wording)*

	January 2006		June 2013	
	Acceptable %	Un-acceptable %	Acceptable %	Un-acceptable %
Total	51	47	56	41
Republican	75	23	52	47
Democrat	37	61	64	34
Independent	44	55	53	44

PEW RESEARCH CENTER June 6-9, 2013. Figures read across. Don't know/Refused responses not shown.

However, Republicans and Democrats have had very different views of the two operations. Today, only about half of Republicans (52%) say it is acceptable for the NSA to obtain court orders to track phone call records of millions of Americans to investigate terrorism. In January 2006, fully 75% of Republicans said it was

acceptable for the NSA to investigate suspected terrorists by listening in on phone calls and reading emails without court approval.

Democrats now view the NSA's phone surveillance as acceptable by 64% to 34%. In January 2006, by a similar margin (61% to 36%), Democrats said it was unacceptable for the NSA to scrutinize phone calls and emails of suspected terrorists.

### How Partisans View Monitoring of Emails

Should gov't be able to monitor emails if it might prevent future terror attacks?	July 2002		June 2013		Change in 'No'
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	%	%	%	%	
Total	45	47	45	52	+5
Republican	53	38	45	51	+13
Democrat	41	51	53	43	-8
Independent	45	49	38	60	+11

PEW RESEARCH CENTER June 6-9, 2013. Question asked Friday through Sunday only. Figures read across. Don't know/Refused responses not shown.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER June 6-9, 2013. Figures read across. Don't know/Refused responses not shown.

The public is divided over the government's monitoring of internet activity in order to prevent possible terrorism: 45% say the government should be able to "monitor everyone's email and other online activities if officials say this might prevent future terrorist attacks." About as many (52%) say the government should not be able to do this.

These views are little changed from a July 2002 Pew Research Center survey. At that time, 45% said the government should be able to monitor everyone's internet activity if the government said it would prevent future attacks; 47% said it should not.

### Young Differ on Principle, but Less on Practice

Younger Americans are more likely than older age groups to prioritize protecting personal privacy over terrorism investigations. Among people ages 18-29, 45% say it is more important for the federal government NOT to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible terrorist threats. That view falls to 35% among those ages 30-49 and just 27% among those ages 50 and older.



There are smaller age differences when it comes to the specific policies in the news this week. When it comes to whether the NSA tracking of phone records is acceptable, nearly the same share of 18-to-29 year-olds (55%) say the program is acceptable as those ages 65 and older (61%). Younger Americans are as divided as the nation overall about whether the government should or should not monitor email and online activities in the interest of preventing terrorism.

**Young Place Higher Priority on Privacy, But Most Back NSA Phone Tracking**

<i>More important for the federal government...</i>	Total	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%
To investigate possible terrorist threats, even if that intrudes on personal privacy	62	51	63	67	68
Not to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible terrorist threats	34	45	35	28	26
Don't know	4	5	2	5	5
	100	100	100	100	100
<i>NSA getting secret court orders to track phone call records of millions of Americans in an effort to investigate terrorism</i>					
Acceptable	56	55	55	56	61
Unacceptable	41	45	42	42	34
Don't know	2	1	3	2	4
	100	100	100	100	100
<i>Do you think the government should be able to monitor everyone's email and other online activities if officials say this might prevent future terrorist attacks?*</i>					
Should	45	46	44	39	55
Should not	52	51	54	56	41
Don't know	3	2	2	5	4
	100	100	100	100	100

PEW RESEARCH CENTER/WASHINGTON POST June 6-9, 2013. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding. \*Asked June 7-9 only.

**One-in-Four Following NSA News ‘Very Closely’**

Roughly a quarter (27%) of Americans says they are following news about the government collecting Verizon phone records very closely. This is a relatively modest level of public interest. Only another 21% say they are following this fairly closely, while about half say they are following not too (17%) or not at all (35%) closely.

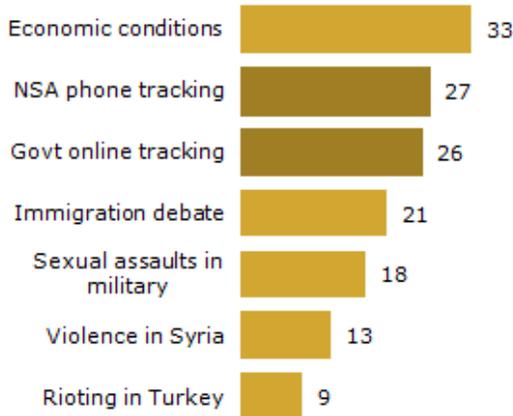
Interest in reports about the government tracking of e-mail and online activities is almost identical: 26% say they are following this story very closely, 33% not closely at all.

As with most news stories, interest is far higher among older Americans than the young: one-in- three (33%) Americans ages 50-and-older are following news about the government tracking phone records very closely. Among those ages 18-29, just 12% are following very closely, while 56% say they are not following closely at all.



### Similar Interest in Phone and Online Stories

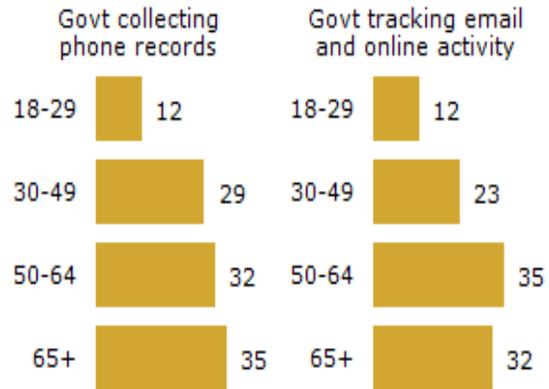
Percent following news about each very closely



PEW RESEARCH CENTER June 6-9, 2013.

### Few Young People Following Reports Very Closely

Percent following news about each very closely



PEW RESEARCH CENTER June 6-9, 2013.

Attention to these stories is higher among Republicans and Republican-leaning independents: 32% are following reports about the government tracking phone records very closely, compared with 24% of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents. The partisan gap in interest is almost identical when it comes to reports about government collecting email and other online information: 30% of Republicans and Republican-leaning are following very closely compared with 20% of Democrats and Democratic-leaning.

Overall, those who disagree with the government's data monitoring are following the reports somewhat more closely than those who support them. Among those who find the government's tracking of phone records to be unacceptable, 31% are following the story very closely, compared with 21% among those who say it is acceptable. Similarly with respect to reports about government monitoring of email and online activities, 28% of those who say this should not be done are following the news very closely, compared with 23% of those who approve of the practice.

Source: <http://www.people-press.org/2013/06/10/majority-views-nsa-phone-tracking-as-acceptable-anti-terror-tactic/terror-tactic/>

## 2. Americans Disapprove of Government Surveillance Programs

Americans split on whether leaker did the right or wrong thing

June 12, 2013

PRINCETON, NJ -- More Americans disapprove (53%) than approve (37%) of the federal government agency program that as part of its efforts to investigate terrorism obtained records from U.S. telephone and Internet companies to "compile telephone call logs and Internet communications."

*As you may know, as part of its efforts to investigate terrorism, a federal government agency obtained records from larger U.S. telephone and Internet companies in order to compile telephone call logs and Internet communications. Based on what you have heard or read about the program, would you say you approve or disapprove of this government program?*

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
National adults	37%	53%	10%
Democrats	49%	40%	11%
Independents	34%	56%	10%
Republicans	32%	63%	5%

June 10-11, 2013

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These results are from a June 10-11 Gallup poll. Although the current survey context was different, these results are similar to those obtained in a May 2006 Gallup poll measuring support for a government program that "obtained records from three of the largest U.S. telephone companies in order to create a database of billions of telephone numbers dialed by Americans." In that survey, 43% approved and 51% disapproved.

There are significant partisan differences in views of the government's program to obtain call logs and Internet communication. Democrats are more likely to approve, by 49% to 40%. Independents (34% vs. 56%) and Republicans (32% to 63%) are much more likely to disapprove than approve.

In 2006, when Gallup asked the similar question about a program that came to light at that point, Republicans were significantly more likely to approve than Democrats. The differences in partisan reaction between 2006 and 2013 reflect the party of the president under whose watch the programs were carried out at those two points in time.



Twenty-one percent of Americans disapprove of the government's actions, but say there could be circumstances in which it would be right for the government to carry out such a program, yielding a combined total of 58% of all Americans who either approve or could theoretically approve under certain circumstances.

*Reasons for Approving/Disapproving*

Asked of those who approve: Is that mainly because you do not think the program seriously violates Americans' civil liberties, (or is it mainly because) you think investigating terrorism is the more important goal, even if it violates some Americans' civil liberties?

Asked of those who disapprove: Do you think there would ever be circumstances in which it would be right for the government to create a database of telephone logs and Internet communications, or would it not be right for the government to do this under any circumstances?

	%
Approve of program	37
(Does not violate liberties)	11
(Terrorism more important)	23
(Unspecified)	4
Disapprove of program	53
(Are circumstances when it would be right)	21
(No circumstances when it would be right)	30
(Unspecified)	2
No opinion	10

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A June 9-10 CBS News poll also found a majority (58%) of Americans disapproving of the government "collecting phone records of ordinary Americans." A June 6-9 survey conducted by Pew Research Center and The Washington Post found that 56% of Americans said a program in which the National Security Agency "has been getting secret court orders to track telephone call records of millions of Americans in an effort to investigate terrorism" was "acceptable." The combined 58% in the Gallup survey who either approve or say there might be circumstances in which such a program would be right is similar to the acceptable percentage in the Pew/Post wording.

### Thirty-Five Percent of Americans Very Concerned About Violation of Their Privacy Rights

A separate question included in Gallup's survey found that 35% of Americans said they would be "very concerned" about violation of their own privacy rights if the government had computerized logs of their telephone calls or Internet communications. Another 22% said they would be "somewhat concerned."

*If you knew that the federal government had computerized logs of your telephone calls or Internet communications stored in a database that it uses to track terrorist activity, how concerned would you be that your privacy rights had been violated -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not concerned at all?*

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	No opinion
Jun 10-11, 2013	35%	22%	21%	21%	1%

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Sixty-four percent of Americans are following news about this issue very or somewhat closely, which is slightly above average for all news stories tested by Gallup over the past two decades.

### Mixed Sentiment about the Leaker's Action

U.S. officials are engaged in a manhunt for Edward Snowden, the former U.S. government contractor who claimed to be the source of the leak. Americans break roughly even when asked if it was right (44%) or wrong (42%) for Snowden to share that information with the press.

A plurality of Republicans said he did the right thing in leaking the news of the surveillance programs, while a plurality of Democrats said he did the wrong thing.

*[Asked of a half sample] As you may know, a former U.S. government contractor named Edward Snowden has claimed to be the source of the information about the government program reported in The Guardian and Washington Post newspapers. Do you think it was right or wrong for him to share that information?*

	Right	Wrong	No opinion
National adults	44%	42%	14%
Democrats	39%	49%	12%
Independents	47%	41%	12%
Republicans	49%	38%	14%

June 10-11, 2013

Based on 479 national adults in form A; margin of sampling error is ±6 percentage points

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Americans are more positive about the media's actions in this matter, with 59% saying it was right for *The Guardian* and *The Washington Post* newspapers to publish the information once they received it.

*[Asked of a half sample] As you may know, the information about the government program was leaked to The Guardian and Washington Post newspapers by a former U.S. government contractor. Do you think it was right or wrong for the newspapers to publish that information?*

	Right	Wrong	No opinion
National adults	59%	33%	8%
Democrat	54%	37%	9%
Independent	65%	30%	4%
Republican	58%	35%	8%

June 10-11, 2013

Based on 479 national adults in form A; margin of sampling error is ±6 percentage points

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### Implications

Results from the Gallup poll indicate that Americans have somewhat flexible views about the government's surveillance program and/or that they are still forming their opinions on the issue. A majority of Americans say that they might find the type of government surveillance program that has come to light in recent days as acceptable under some circumstances, but less than half say they approve of the program as it stands.

The reactions to these types of government programs have remained constant over the past seven years, although Republicans and Democrats have essentially flipped their attitudes over that time period, reflecting the change from Republican President George W. Bush to Democratic President Barack Obama.

Americans are divided as to whether the self-confessed leaker, Edward Snowden, is a hero or a villain, while one-third of Americans fault the press for advancing the story.

### Survey Methods

Results for this Gallup poll are based on telephone interviews conducted June 10-11, 2013, with a random sample of 1,008 adults, aged 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cellphone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline telephone numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers. Cellphone numbers are selected using random



digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, nonresponse, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cellphone only/landline only/both, cellphone mostly, and having an unlisted landline number). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2012 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2011 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

**Source:** [http://www.gallup.com/poll/163043/americans-disapprove-government-surveillance-programs.aspx?utm\\_source=alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=syndication&utm\\_content=morelink&utm\\_term=Americas%20-%20Northern%20America%20-%20Politics%20-%20USA](http://www.gallup.com/poll/163043/americans-disapprove-government-surveillance-programs.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=Americas%20-%20Northern%20America%20-%20Politics%20-%20USA)

### 3. UK: Electronic 'snooping': 42% back police and Security agencies breaking the law

June 10, 2013

LONDON--There is all to play for in the battle for public opinion over the right of the police and security agencies to access mobile phone, email and social media records. A simmering dispute over the Data Communications Bill, or 'snooper's charter', has roared to life following the disclosures by The Guardian that British security agencies have been obtaining information from a United States surveillance programme called Prism.

On behalf of the Huffington Post, YouGov has conducted the first survey into British attitudes since these reports surfaced. First, we asked about the main provisions of Data Communications Bill, which has divided the coalition, with Conservative ministers in favour and Liberal democrats against.

Thus 51% either back the main thrust of the bill, or would like to go even further, as opposed to the 38% who think the powers proposed by the Bill go too far. Women divide almost two-to-one (55-30%), while men divide almost exactly evenly (48-46%). This gender difference is very different from what YouGov invariably finds on military matters. Men have always been keener than women on British forces going to Iraq or Afghanistan, or supporting the anti-Gaddafi forces two years ago in Libya. It seems that many women fear for the consequences of going to war, but feel reassured by our security services having extra information with which to fight terrorism.

Overall, it's worth noting that backing is less than that on two previous occasions when government plans for combatting terrorism has collided with concerns for civil liberties. In 2005, 72% backed the right of the police, subject to court approval, to extend the time that terrorist suspects could be held, from 14 days to 90 days; just 22% opposed this.



Then, in 2011, by 73-15%, the public backed the use of control orders, limiting the freedom of movement and communication if people that ministers suspect of posing a terrorist threat, but where there is insufficient evidence to prosecute.

Compared with those findings, support for the Data Communications Bill is significantly down.

Next, we asked about the recent reports that the US has been providing Britain's security agencies with information from Prism:

Once again, the public is divided, with slightly more people pleased rather than sorry.

Finally, we posed one dilemma that some people think is hypothetical but others believe to be all too real – whether security agencies should operate completely within the law at all times, or whether advances in technology mean that they should be able, as some might put it, to do their work without one arm tied behind their backs.



So there is no majority for insisting on the rule of law – but neither do most people back GCHQ, MI5 or MI6 taking the law into their own hands. It is a moot point whether we should be reassured or appalled by the fact that law-breaking is backed four out of ten Britons. If the proportion is regarded as alarmingly high, this may reflect the fact that politicians and Parliament these days are held in such low regard.

These are early days in an argument that may well rumble on for months, even years. Indeed, the trade-off between security-driven rules and individual liberty will, and should, be something that we never stop debating. What this poll suggests is that neither side has a clear lead. Views may change as the arguments unfold and new facts emerge.

One thing that is likely to sway public attitudes is evidence that electronic ‘snooping’ either has, or has not, managed to stop terrorism and / or serious crime. Past YouGov research for Liberty suggests that perceptions of effectiveness are crucial. We value our civil liberties and would not surrender them lightly. We want our ministers and spooks to be smart, not hot-headed. That said, millions of us are willing to give our security agencies extra powers if, and only if, this really does repel the dangers we face. The public is likely to turn against these powers if it becomes apparent that our civil liberties are being eroded without any gain to our safety.

**Source:**

<http://research.yougov.co.uk/news/2013/06/10/electronic-snooping-42-back-police-and-security-ag/>

## 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

