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Asia zone

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

► MIDDLE EAST

298-1 **Saudi Arabia's Image Falters among Middle East Neighbors** (Click for Details)

([Saudi Arab](#)) Each year, the world is reminded of Saudi Arabia's influential status as the birthplace of Islam, as hundreds of thousands of Muslims from across the globe make the Hajj, or pilgrimage, to the city of Mecca. Perhaps owing to its pivotal role within the Islamic faith, Saudi Arabia tends to be viewed favorably in countries that are home to large or majority-Muslim populations. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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► WEST ASIA

298-2 **Iranians Mixed on Nuclear Capabilities** (Click for Details)

([Iran](#)) As Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's recent diplomatic overtures raise the possibility of rapprochement between the U.S. and Iran, recent Gallup data show Iranians are divided on one of the major issues keeping these countries apart: the country's nuclear program. Though a majority of Iranians approve of their government developing nuclear capabilities for non-military use, fewer approve of their country developing these capabilities for military use, which Iran has repeatedly denied doing. A plurality of Iranians disapproves of developing nuclear abilities for military use. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► SOUTH ASIA



298-3 **New PM candidate boosts India's opposition BJP party: polls** (Click for Details)

([India](#)) India's opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has picked up support since naming Hindu nationalist Narendra Modi as its candidate for prime minister last month, but would need allies to form a government, two new opinion polls show. ([Team Cvoter](#))

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► SOUTHEAST ASIA

298-4 **Malaysians Are Second Most Avid Weekly Readers of Newspapers across Asia Pacific** (Click for Details)

([Malaysia](#)) Reading the newspapers appear to be one of the most common activities in Malaysia, with around four in five in the country claiming to do it weekly or more often; after listening to music and shopping for groceries. ([GFK](#))

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298-5 **PNoy satisfaction rating at Good net +49** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The Third Quarter 2013 Social Weather Survey, conducted from September 20-23, 2013, found 68% satisfied and 19% dissatisfied with President Benigno "Noinoy" Aquino III's performance, for a net rating of +49 (% satisfied minus % dissatisfied), termed as good. (SWS)

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Africa zone

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

▶ SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

298-6 **Nigeria Has the Ability to Feed Its Citizens despite Looming Food Insecurity** (Click for Details)

(Nigeria) A recent study revealed that most Nigerians, including Agricultural Sector Experts, are of the opinion that Nigeria has the ability of adequately feeding its growing population. However, experts claim that right policies need to be implemented and sustained in order to aver looming food insecurity. Interestingly, almost 7 in 10 Nigerians (68%), as well as Industry experts, affirm their support towards the on-going reforms in the agricultural sector; while acknowledging the contribution of the current Minister for Agriculture and the progress he has made so far. (NOI)



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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

298-7 **2013 Petroleum Pump Price Poll Report** (Click for Details)

The Third Quarter (Q3) results for the Petrol Pump Price Monitoring Polls conducted by NOI Polls Limited reveals there was a drastic 30 point decline in the proportion of Nigerians that purchase petrol above the official pump price of N97 (52% in Q2 and 22% in Q3). (NOI)

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Euro Americas zone

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

▶ WEST EUROPE

298-8 **Public sees both Miliband and Cameron drifting further to the left and right** (Click for Details)

(UK) Ipsos MORI's latest poll has Labour and the Conservatives tied for the first time since January 2012, though the movement from last month's poll is not



statistically significant. Both parties are on 35% among those who say they are certain to vote, UKIP is on 10% and the Liberal Democrats on 9%. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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298-9 **Austrians oppose repeat of two-party 'grand coalition'** ([Click for Details](#))

([Austria](#)) Three quarters of Austrian voters want the country's two main parties, in power together since 2006, to inject fresh blood into any new coalition by including a third partner, according to an opinion poll published on Monday. ([The Market poll](#))

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► NORTH AMERICA

298-10 **Tea Party's Image Turns More Negative** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) The Tea Party is less popular than ever, with even many Republicans now viewing the movement negatively. Overall, nearly half of the public (49%) has an unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party, while 30% have a favorable opinion. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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298-11 **As Debt Limit Deadline Nears, Concern Ticks Up But Skepticism Persists** ([Click for Details](#))

With just two days to go before an Oct. 17 deadline to raise the nation's debt limit, 51% of the public views a rise in the nation's debt limit as "absolutely essential" in order to avoid an economic crisis, while 36% think the country can go past the deadline without major problems. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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298-12 **Since End of U.S. Recession, More Seniors in Workforce** ([Click for Details](#))

As the U.S. economy continues its sluggish recovery from the recession and global economic crisis, more seniors and fewer young adults are in the workforce now compared with 2010. There has been a three-point increase since 2010 in the percentage of Americans aged 65 and older who are in the workforce -- employed full time through an employer, self-employed, working part time, or unemployed but actively searching for work. At the same time, there has been a two-point decrease in the percentage of Americans aged 18 to 29 who are in the workforce. ([Gallup USA](#))

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298-13 **Snapshot: U.S. Flu Season Off to a Typical Start in 2013** ([Click for Details](#))

The percentage of Americans who report being sick with the flu on any given day in the first half of October averaged 2.2%, similar to the rates found in October 2011 and October 2012. The prevalence of flu is up from 1.5% in September, representing a typical increase for this time of year. ([Gallup USA](#))



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[4.11 Society » Health](#)298-14 **Government Corruption Viewed as Pervasive Worldwide** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) People in countries worldwide perceive government corruption as a widespread problem. This includes countries with a free press -- an indicator of good governance and development -- and those where media freedom is limited. Among countries with a free press, the percentage of adults who say corruption is widespread in their government reaches as high as 94% in the Czech Republic and as low as 14% in Sweden.

[\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance](#)[1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust](#)298-15 **Uninsured Americans Still Unfamiliar With Health Exchanges** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Although federal and state health insurance exchanges opened on Oct. 1, 71% of Americans who lack health insurance -- the primary target group for the exchanges -- say they are "not too familiar" or "not familiar at all" with them, little changed from last month. At the same time, 28% of uninsured Americans say they are very or somewhat familiar with the exchanges, up slightly from 25% last month. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)



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[4.11 Society » Health](#)298-16 **In U.S., Online Education Rated Best for Value and Options** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Still something of a novelty, online education is seen relatively positively by Americans for giving students a wide range of curricula options and for providing good value for the money. However, Americans tend to think it provides less rigorous testing and grading, less qualified instructors, and has less credence with employers compared with traditional, classroom-based education. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[4.10 Society » Education](#)298-17 **U.S. Standard of Living Index Sinks to 10-Month Low** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

In yet another sign that partisan wrangling over the federal budget is rattling the American consumer, Gallup's Standard of Living Index has tumbled eight points in the past month to 31, its lowest reading since January.

[\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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Six in 10 Americans believe that an economic crisis will result if Congress does not reach an agreement on the federal debt ceiling by Oct. 17, echoing the same sentiments Americans held as the country confronted the last debt ceiling situation in the summer of 2011. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

298-19 **Americans Report Worse Hiring Situation during Shutdown** (Click for Details)

(USA) Prior to Wednesday's agreement to end the federal shutdown, an average of 35% of U.S. workers in October said their employer was hiring workers and expanding the size of its workforce, compared with 17% who said their employer was letting workers go and reducing the size of its workforce. The resulting +18 Gallup Job Creation Index score is down three points from September. (Gallup USA)

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► AUSTRALASIA

298-20 **Satisfaction with performance of Industry Super Funds remains ahead of Retail Funds for the last 10 years** (Click for Details)

(Australia) Satisfaction with the financial performance of retail superannuation funds in the six months to August 2013 was only 45.5%, compared to 50.8% for Industry Funds and 71.6% for Self Managed Funds. Retail Funds have lagged behind the satisfaction with Industry Funds for the last 10 years. These are the latest findings from the August 2013 Roy Morgan Research 'Superannuation Satisfaction' report based on over 30,000 interviews with people per annum with Superannuation. (Roy Morgan)

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Topic of the week:

In U.S., Online Education Rated Best for Value and Options

- 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.

Viewed as weakest in terms of trusted grading and acceptance by employers

October 15, 2013



PRINCETON, NJ -- Still something of a novelty, online education is seen relatively positively by Americans for giving students a wide range of curricula options and for providing good value for the money. However, Americans tend to think it provides less rigorous testing and grading, less qualified instructors, and has less credence with employers compared with traditional, classroom-based education.



Americans' Views of Online Education vs. Traditional Classroom-Based Education

	Online better	The same	Online worse	Net better
	%	%	%	
Providing a wide range of options for curriculum	33	39	23	+10
Providing good value for the money	33	34	27	+6
Providing a format most students can succeed in	23	42	30	-7
Providing instruction tailored to each individual	23	31	41	-18
Providing high-quality instruction from well-qualified instructors	15	37	43	-28
Providing rigorous testing and grading that can be trusted	11	39	45	-34
Providing a degree that will be viewed positively by employers	13	33	49	-36

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Public perceptions about online education's ability to deliver education in a format most students can succeed in, as well as its ability to tailor instruction to the individual, are more mixed, but tilt negatively.

In line with these views, Americans' overall assessment of Internet-based college programs is tepid at best. One-third of Americans, 34%, rate such online programs as "excellent" or "good." The majority calls them "only fair" or "poor." In contrast, two-thirds of Americans (68%) rate four-year colleges and universities as excellent or good, and nearly as many (64%) rate community colleges this highly.



Quality of Education Ratings

From what you know, how would you rate the quality of education offered by each of the following -- as generally excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	No opinion
	%	%	%	%	%
Four-year colleges and universities	16	52	22	8	2
Community colleges	13	51	27	6	3
Internet-based college programs, in which the courses are conducted entirely online	5	29	34	18	13

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Education leaders see skyrocketing college tuition, student debt, and uncertain job prospects for many graduates as an untenable situation that could soon accelerate the adoption of online learning as a credible alternative to traditional college programs.

In addition, half of Americans currently believe that obtaining the knowledge and skills needed to perform a specific job are more important for young people today than earning a college degree from a well-respected university. This broadly suggests that online programs offering more targeted curriculum -- distinct from a traditional bachelor's degree -- or even certification in specific skills, could ultimately transform how students approach postsecondary education.

Perceived Educational Priority for Young People

Next, if you had to choose, which do you think is more important for young people to succeed today -- [earning a college degree from a well-respected university (or) obtaining the knowledge or skills needed to do a specific job]?

	College degree	Knowledge/ Job skills	No opinion
	%	%	%
National adults	47	50	4
18 to 29 years	43	53	4
30 to 49 years	47	52	1
50 to 64 years	47	48	5
65 and older	49	45	6
White (non-Hispanic)	41	55	4
Nonwhite	61	37	2
Postgraduate	59	39	3
College graduate only	44	54	2
Some college	44	53	3
No college	45	50	5
Democrat	52	45	3
Independent	46	50	5
Republican	42	56	2

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Notably, while there are minimal differences by age in perceptions of what the educational priority should be for young people, nonwhites are significantly more likely than whites to believe that obtaining a degree from a well-respected university is more important than becoming prepared for a specific job. The majority of those with postgraduate degrees and Democrats also attach greater importance to respected degrees, while Republicans and Americans with at most an undergraduate degree or less believe obtaining the knowledge and skills needed for work is more important.

Five Percent of Adults and One in Five Students Are Now Taking an Online Course

Five percent of all national adults saying they are currently taking an online course of any kind, which could include professional development or enrichment courses, as well as formal college classes. However, given the higher rate among young adults, it is likely that the bulk of current enrollees are focused on schoolwork. Eight percent of 18- to 29-year-olds and 5% of those 30- to 49-year-olds are currently enrolled, versus less than 5% of those aged 50 and older.

Are you currently taking an online course, or not?

	Yes	No
	%	%
U.S. adults	5	95
Men	6	94
Women	4	96
18 to 29 years	8	92
30 to 49 years	5	95
50 to 64 years	4	96
65 and older	2	98
White	4	96
Nonwhite	6	94
East	3	97
Midwest	3	97
South	5	95
West	8	92

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Bottom Line

Online courses and degrees offer immense potential for increasing college access, decreasing the cost of education, and providing expanded options for learning. Still, overcoming the public's views on technology could be difficult. For instance, despite lots of media and industry buzz about the personalized nature of online instruction, Americans still view traditional, classroom-based education as better tailored to each individual.



Although online education is in relatively nascent stages of development and acceptance, many Americans already see benefits in the lower cost and diverse coursework it offers. That is powerful. But if leaders in the field want online learning to have equal status with campus-based programs, they need to do more to demonstrate high standards for instruction, testing, and grading. With this, greater public appreciation for the benefits of online learning, and greater employer acceptance of online educational qualifications, will likely follow.

Survey Methods

Results from the Oct. 3-6, 2013, Gallup poll are based on telephone interviews with a random sample of 1,028 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 error is ± 4 percentage points.

Results from the Oct. 5-6, 2013, Gallup poll are based telephone interviews with a random sample of 1,025 national adults, aged 18+ 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 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 and cell telephone 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, and cellphone mostly). 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.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

Source: http://www.gallup.com/poll/165425/online-education-rated-best-value-options.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=Americas%20-%20Business%20-%20Northern%20America%20-%20USA

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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

