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Asia zone

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

▶ WEST ASIA

299-1 **The establishment of an independent Kurdish state dominates the threat perceptions of the Turkish public** (Click for Details)

(Turkey) The public opinion survey carried out by TNS in Turkey on behalf of the Centre for Economic and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM) has shown that the biggest threat perceived by the Turkish public remains the foundation of an independent Kurdish state in southern part of Turkey. For the expert community however the biggest threat is the dominance of Islamist extremists in Syria. (Edam)

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1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

4.1 Society » Religion



▶ SOUTHEAST ASIA

299-2 **67% say their area did not benefit from PDAF; 60% say a lot of the funds are wasted due to corruption** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The Third Quarter 2013 Social Weather Survey, conducted from September 20-23, 2013, found 67% of adults saying their area did not benefit from any project funded by their Congress Representative's Priority Development Assistance Fund or PDAF, compared to 32% saying their area benefitted. (SWS)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being



Africa zone

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

▶ SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

299-3 **Power Supply to Households Improve Slightly in Q3 2013** (Click for Details)

(Nigeria) Latest power sector poll results released by NOI Polls Limited for the 3rd Quarter of 2013 has revealed that more Nigerians experienced slight improvements in their power supply in Q3 (38%) compared to Q2 2013 (33%). (NOI)

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3.10 Economy » Energy/Nuclear Issues





Euro Americas zone

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

▶ EAST EUROPE

299-4 **Georgian President Saakashvili Exits with Few Fans** (Click for Details)

(Georgia) Georgians head to the presidential polls this weekend firmly supporting the ruling Georgian Dream coalition over outgoing President Mikheil Saakashvili's United National Movement (UNM). This is a positive sign for Georgian Dream's leading candidate Georgy Margvelashvili, but it is another blow to the UNM, which lost in parliamentary elections in October 2012. (Gallup USA)

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties



▶ WEST EUROPE

299-5 **Halifax Housing Market Confidence Tracker** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The latest Halifax Housing Market Confidence Tracker finds 70% of the public expecting the average UK house price to rise in the next 12 months (6% expect falls) up from 35% a year ago and the highest since the survey's inception over two years ago. (Ipsos Mori)

October 28, 2013

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.4 Economy » Inflation

3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments

299-6 **Public awareness of Freedom of Information (FOI)** (Click for Details)

(Scotland) A recent survey of Scottish citizens reveals that 78% of them have heard of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act, which is similar to 2011 where 80% had heard of the Act. 93% of respondents agreed that it is important for the public to be able to access information held by public authorities (compared with 89% in 2011). (Ipsos Mori)

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4.9 Society » Justice



299-7 **“Booming” consumer confidence set to spur GDP growth** (Click for Details)

YouGov/Cebr's Consumer Confidence Index for October reveals that UK households' economic optimism has improved for the tenth month in succession. (YouGov)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

299-8 **Students expect to apply for 24 jobs to land a position** (Click for Details)

The economy may be improving but students expect to have to fill out an average of 24 job applications before landing a job, new research from YouGov shows. ([YouGov](#))

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► NORTH AMERICA

299-9 **Obama's Job Approval Declines to 44.5% in 19th Quarter** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Barack Obama averaged a 44.5% job approval rating during his 19th quarter in office, a decline of more than three percentage points from his 18th quarter. That is one of the largest quarter-to-quarter declines of his presidency, behind a nine-point drop in his third quarter and a six-point drop in his 11th quarter.

([Gallup USA](#))

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[1.2 Domestic Politics](#) » [Performance Ratings](#)



299-10 **In U.S., Economic Confidence Improves After Fiscal Deal** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans' confidence in the U.S. economy appeared to be improving after the partial government shutdown ended Thursday and lawmakers reached an agreement to avoid defaulting on the nation's debt. Gallup's Economic Confidence Index averaged -36 last week, up from -39 the prior week. This marks the first time economic confidence has improved since the week ending Sept. 15, when federal budget and debt ceiling negotiations were intensifying. ([Gallup USA](#))

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

299-11 **In U.S., Fewer Believe "Plenty of Opportunity" to Get Ahead** ([Click for Details](#))

Fewer Americans believe there is "plenty of opportunity" to get ahead in America today than have said so across three previous measurement points over the last 59 years. A bare majority (52%) say the country has plenty of economic opportunity, down from 57% in 2011 and more substantially from 81% in 1998. ([Gallup USA](#))

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

[4.13 Society](#) » [Social Problems](#)

299-12 **U.S. Remains Divided Over Passing Stricter Gun Laws** ([Click for Details](#))

Nearly a year after the Newtown, Conn., school shootings spawned considerable U.S. debate about passing stricter gun control laws, almost half of Americans believe the laws covering the sale of firearms should be strengthened and half say they should stay the same or be less strict. ([Gallup USA](#))

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299-13 **U.S. Internet Users Less Concerned About Gov't Snooping** ([Click for Details](#))

Despite revelations this year that the National Security Agency has been monitoring Americans' activities online, U.S. Internet users are not as concerned about the government's having access to suspects' home computers or email accounts as they were in 2000 -- during an earlier Internet age. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.6 Society » Media/ New Media](#)

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

299-14 **Approval of Affordable Care Act Inches up** ([Click for Details](#))

Despite the highly publicized technical issues that have plagued the government's health insurance exchange website that went live on Oct. 1, Americans' views of the Affordable Care Act are slightly more positive now than they were in August. Forty-five percent now approve of the law, while 50% disapprove, for a net approval score of -5. In June and August, net approval was slightly lower, at -8. ([Gallup USA](#))



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299-15 **Harm to Child at School a Top Crime Concern for U.S. Parents** ([Click for Details](#))

Parents in Nevada this week faced one of parents' biggest crime fears -- having their child harmed at school -- during a shooting that left two students injured and the gunman and a teacher dead. Prior to that attack, 25% of U.S. parents said they "frequently" worry about their child being harmed at school. Their concern is up from 2009-2011, but in line with what Gallup has measured previously. ([Gallup USA](#))

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

299-16 **Canadians view non-Christian religions with uncertainty, dislike** ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) Last of three national surveys about values and religion in Canada shows English and French Canadians most favourable towards Christianity, least favourable towards Islam. Favourability of all religions is down since 2009. ([Angus Reid](#))

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

299-17 **Notable Canadians: How do you feel about them?** ([Click for Details](#))

David Suzuki has earned the admiration of 57 per cent of Canadians surveyed in the first of a series of studies investigating perceptions towards noteworthy personalities in this country. ([Angus Reid](#))

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

[4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters](#)



299-18 **Three-Fourths of Hispanics Say Their Community Needs a Leader** ([Click for Details](#))

Three-quarters of Latinos living in the U.S. say that their community needs a national leader, but about the same share either cannot name one or don't believe one exists, according to a new national survey of 5,103 Latino adults conducted by the Pew Research Center from May 24 to July 28, 2013. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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299-19 **Public Registers Bumpy Launch of Health Care Exchange Websites** ([Click for Details](#))

A few weeks after the launch of the state-level online health insurance exchanges that are a cornerstone of the Affordable Care Act, the public's impression is that it has been a bumpy launch. About three-in-ten Americans (29%) say the online health insurance exchanges are working very or fairly well while 46% say they are not. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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299-20 **For First Time, Americans Favor Legalizing Marijuana** ([Click for Details](#))

For marijuana advocates, the last 12 months have been a period of unprecedented success as Washington and Colorado became the first states to legalize recreational use of marijuana. And now for the first time, a clear majority of Americans (58%) say the drug should be legalized. This is in sharp contrast to the time Gallup first asked the question in 1969, when only 12% favored legalization. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► LATIN AMERICA

299-21 **Mexicans and Salvadorans Have Positive Picture of Life in U.S. (Multi-country survey)** ([Click for Details](#))

([Mexico](#)) Mexicans and Salvadorans share a positive image of the U.S. Many believe that people who move to the U.S. lead a better life, and most of those who have family or friends who migrated say they have accomplished their goals while there. Salvadorans, 67% of whom have family or friends in the U.S., express particularly favorable opinions of the U.S.; nearly six-in-ten would move to there if they could. Many fewer Mexicans (35%) say the same. ([Pew Research Center](#))



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[4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees](#)

► CYBER WORLD

299-22 **Half of mobile phone owners have never switched operator** ([Click for Details](#))

The "Mobile Phones: The Purchase Path" report assesses the extent of ownership and types of use of mobile phones and examines the relationship users have with their network providers and handset suppliers. ([YouGov](#))

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[3.12 Economy » IT & Telecom](#)

299-23 **Online Dating & Relationships** (Click for Details)

One in ten Americans have used an online dating site or mobile dating app; 66% of these online daters have gone on a date with someone they met through a dating site or app, and 23% have met a spouse or long term partner through these sites. Public attitudes toward online dating have become more positive in recent years, but many users also report negative experiences. (Pew Research Center)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle



Topic of the week:

In U.S., Fewer Believe "Plenty of Opportunity" to Get Ahead

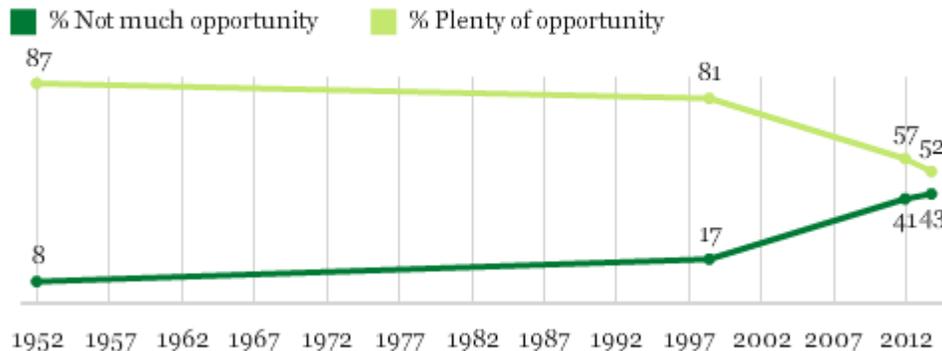
► This page is devoted to opinions of countries whose polling activity is generally not known very widely or where a recent topical issue requires special attention.

Similarly, only half say the U.S. economic system is fair



PRINCETON, NJ -- Fewer Americans believe there is "plenty of opportunity" to get ahead in America today than have said so across three previous measurement points over the last 59 years. A bare majority (52%) say the country has plenty of economic opportunity, down from 57% in 2011 and more substantially from 81% in 1998.

Some people say there's not much opportunity in America today -- that the average person doesn't have much chance to really get ahead. Others say there's plenty of opportunity and anyone who works hard can go as far as they want. Which one comes closer to the way you feel about this?



1952 polling based on University of Michigan National Election Survey

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These results come from a Sept. 25-Oct. 2 poll that updated several long-standing trends relating to Americans' views of economic opportunity.

While the U.S. has historically prided itself on its open-ended economic mobility -- celebrating famous "rags to riches" stories like those told by Horatio Alger or lived by **Oprah Winfrey** -- rising income inequality and abnormally high unemployment rates have caused some to call into question just how accurate this nationally cherished belief is. Along these lines, many politicians have focused on reducing societal inequality as a key part of their policy initiatives, and President Barack Obama has repeatedly called for creating a society that allows ordinary Americans to have more of a chance to succeed.



Obama has also spoken frequently about the need for a "fairer" society -- one in which the prospect of social mobility and the ability of all groups in society to get ahead is spread equally. American attitudes about this aspect of U.S. society have changed significantly over the past decade and a half. Today, just half say "the economic system in the United States is basically fair, since all Americans have an equal opportunity to succeed," while 44% instead see it as basically unfair, and lacking such opportunity. This is a significant change of attitudes compared with the economically heady and dot-com boom year of 1998, when nearly seven in 10 Americans saw the economic system as fair.

Do you think the economic system in the United States is basically fair, since all Americans have an equal opportunity to succeed, or basically unfair, since all Americans do not have an equal opportunity to succeed?

	Basically fair	Basically unfair	No opinion
	%	%	%
Sep 25-Oct 2, 2013	50	44	5
Apr 23-May 31, 1998	68	29	3

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Belief that the U.S. economy is rooted in fairness is strongly tied to partisan identification. Currently, Republicans are most likely to see the economy as basically fair, while Democrats are the least likely. Although all partisan groups are less likely now than in 1998 to say the economy is fair, Democrats are slightly more likely to have lost faith, with a 20-percentage-point drop, compared with losses of 16 points among independents and 14 points among Republicans.

Do you think the economic system in the United States is basically fair, since all Americans have an equal opportunity to succeed, or basically unfair, since all Americans do not have an equal opportunity to succeed?

	Fair	Unfair
	%	%
Sep 25-Oct 2, 2013		
Republicans	67	31
Independents	52	43
Democrats	38	54
Apr 23-May 31, 1998		
Republicans	81	17
Independents	68	30
Democrats	58	39

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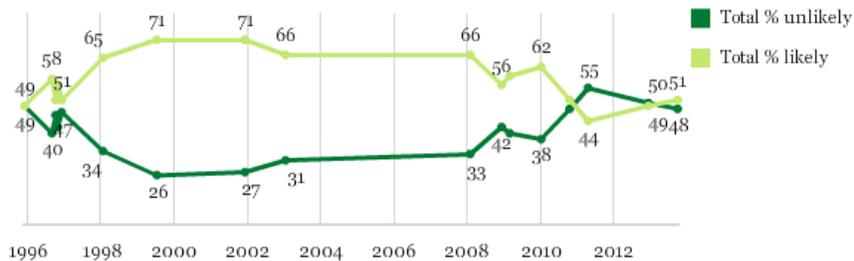
Both lower-income Americans making less than \$36,000 a year and higher-income Americans making at least \$90,000 are significantly less likely than those in the middle-income group to say the economic system is fair. Thus, despite the focus on the middle class' inability to get ahead today, those in the middle of the income spectrum are actually the most positive about equal opportunity to succeed.

Views That Today's Youth Will Have a Better Life Are Low, but Not Historically So

About half of Americans believe it is very or somewhat likely that today's youth will have a better life than their parents. This figure is roughly in line with where it has been since October 2010, and roughly similar to points in 1995 and 1996, but below the level of these positive attitudes in a broad period from 1998 through early 2010. In 2008, for example, just before the mortgage crisis and recession, 66% of Americans thought the next generation would be better off, and those positive attitudes were an extension of even more positive ones at points going back a decade. Thus, Americans' views of the prospects for the next generation, quite positive from the late 1990s through 2010, have essentially dropped back to the more negative views held in the mid-1990s.

Chances That Today's Youth Will Have Better Life Than Their Parents

In America, each generation has tried to have a better life than their parents, with a better living standard, better homes, a better education, and so on. How likely do you think it is that today's youth will have a better life than their parents -- very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?



September/October 1996, 1998, 2001, and 2003 trends based on CBS News/New York Times surveys; 1995, December 1996, and 1999 trends based on New York Times surveys.

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Implications

Many political leaders and other observers believe economic mobility in the United States is declining. It would appear that a significant portion of the population agrees -- nearly half of Americans believe future generations will enjoy less economic opportunity than the current generation does, and a record number say there is not much economic opportunity in the country.

Underpinning this declining sense of economic mobility is the question of whether the economy operates on the principal of fairness -- that hard work will pay off and that individuals, no matter their background, can succeed with enough effort. Only half of Americans today subscribe to this idea, far fewer than was the case 15 years ago. This could mean that for a large swath of the country, one of the essential aspects of the American dream -- limitless economic opportunities -- seems strangely foreign.

Survey Methods

Results for this Gallup poll are based on telephone interviews conducted Sept. 25-Oct. 2, 2013, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with each question asked of a randomly selected quarter sample of approximately 1,000 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 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/165584/fewer-believe-plenty-opportunity-ahead.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

