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Asia zone

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

▶ SOUTH EAST ASIA

307-1 **PM's approval rating slides on increasing economic worries** (Click for Details)

(Malaysia) A survey carried among voters in Peninsular Malaysia found that the Prime Minister's approval rating had declined significantly to 52% in December 2013 from 62% in August 2013 with all segments having recorded significant declines over the period under review. (Merdeka Center)

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Euro Americas zone

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

▶ EAST EUROPE

307-2 **Shoygu: Results of a Year of Work as Minister of Defense** (Click for Details)

(Russia) The situation in the Russian army is assessed more positively by Russians than two years ago; the work of S. Shoygu get more approval than the work of A. Serdyukov as minister of defense. (VCIOM)

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307-3 **Ban on U.S. Dollars: Pro Et Contra** (Click for Details)

The initiative to ban the circulation and storage of U.S. dollars in Russia is supported by 28% and opposed by 39%. (VCIOM)

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▶ WEST EUROPE

307-4 **Stadium food is bottom of the league for sports fans** (Click for Details)

(UK) Sports event attendees expect food available at the venue to be over-priced, unhealthy and of limited choice, a recent YouGov report finds. (YouGov)

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307-5 **Consumer confidence falls for first time in 12 months** (Click for Details)

The Index decreased from 110.0 in November to 109.5 in December. The figures show that while people remain optimistic about the UK housing market after a year of robust growth in the price of bricks and mortar, consumers are still concerned about their personal economic situations. (YouGov)

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307-6 **More than 4m people will buy or receive a tablet this Christmas** (Click for Details)

New YouGov research, commissioned by Newsworks, shows that for the second year running, predictions of a 'tab-tastic' Christmas in the UK are likely to be proved correct, with current ownership up to almost 40% and many more consumers hoping to either buy or receive a tablet as a gift. (YouGov)

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307-7 **Economist/Ipsos MORI December 2013 Issues Index** (Click for Details)

The Economy remains the top issue facing Britain but only just - as concern about race/immigration continues to close the gap. (Ipsos Mori)

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► NORTH AMERICA

307-8 **"Engaged" Workers Would Keep Jobs upon Winning Lottery** (Click for Details)

(USA) The \$648 million Mega Millions jackpot this week had many Americans dreaming about how their lives would change if they had won. For U.S. workers whom Gallup classifies as "engaged" in their jobs, these dreams do not include quitting them. Nearly two-thirds say they would continue to work in their current job if they won a \$10 million lottery prize. (Gallup USA)

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307-9 **U.S. Investors Not Sold on Stock Market as Wealth Creator** (Click for Details)

U.S. investors are generally wary about stocks as a way for Americans to build wealth, as 37% say the stock market is an "excellent" or "good" way for average Americans to grow their assets, while 46% consider it "only fair," and 16% call it "poor." Large class investors -- those with \$100,000 or more in investable assets -- are significantly more upbeat about the market's value as a wealth generator than those with less than \$100,000 of such assets, but still only 50% rate it positively. (Gallup USA)

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307-10 **Celebrating Christmas and the Holidays, Then and Now** (Click for Details)

Nine-in-ten Americans say they celebrate Christmas, and three-quarters say they believe in the virgin birth of Jesus. But only about half see Christmas mostly as a



religious holiday, while one-third view it as more of a cultural holiday. Virtually all Christians (96%) celebrate Christmas, and two-thirds see it as a religious holiday. In addition, fully eight-in-ten non-Christians in America also celebrate Christmas, but most view it as a cultural holiday rather than a religious occasion.

([Pew Research Center](#))

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307-11 **In Deficit Debate, Public Resists Cuts in Entitlements and Aid to Poor** ([Click for Details](#))

As President Obama prepares to sign a bipartisan budget agreement that its proponents describe as a modest step toward addressing the deficit, the public shows little appetite for making some of the spending cuts often discussed as part of a broader “grand bargain” on the budget. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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307-12 **In U.S., 40% Get Less than Recommended Amount of Sleep** ([Click for Details](#))

Fifty-nine percent of Americans get seven or more hours of sleep at night, while 40% get less than seven hours. Those figures are largely unchanged from Gallup polls in the 1990s and 2000s, but Americans, on average, slept much more in the 1940s. Americans currently average 6.8 hours of sleep at night, down more than an hour from 1942. ([Gallup USA](#))

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307-13 **Half of Americans Take Vitamins Regularly** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) With a new medical study this week asserting that vitamins do not provide health benefits and may even cause harm, a Gallup poll conducted earlier this month shows that half of Americans report regularly taking vitamins or other mineral supplements. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)



307-14 **Honesty and Ethics Rating of Clergy Slides to New Low** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans' rating of the honesty and ethics of the clergy has fallen to 47%, the first time this rating has dropped below 50% since Gallup first asked about the clergy in 1977. Clergy have historically ranked near the top among professions on this measure, hitting a high rating of 67% in 1985. ([Gallup USA](#))

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307-15 **Honesty Ratings of Police, Clergy Differ Most by Party** ([Click for Details](#))

Reinforcing the power party identification has in shaping Americans' views of many aspects of the world around them, Republicans and Democrats differ by at least 10 percentage points in their honesty and ethics ratings of six of 22 professions included in Gallup's 2013 update. Republicans rate the honesty and ethical

standards of police officers, clergy, military officers, and pharmacists higher than Democrats do. In turn, Democrats are more positive about judges and TV reporters. ([Gallup USA](#))

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307-16 **Americans Still See College Education as Very Important** ([Click for Details](#))

Seven in 10 American adults believe that a college education is very important, up significantly since the 1970s and 1980s. In 1978, when Gallup first asked the question as part of a Phi Delta Kappa survey, just 36% of Americans considered a college education to be very important. ([Gallup USA](#))

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307-17 **Americans Slowly Regaining Confidence in the Economy** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans' confidence in the economy is still slowly recovering two months after the federal government shutdown ended. The Gallup Economic Confidence Index rose to -20 last week, a total improvement of 19 points since mid-October, and nearly back to the -15 measured in mid-September prior to the shutdown.

([Gallup USA](#))

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307-18 **In U.S., Big Gap between Personal and National Satisfaction** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans remain overwhelmingly satisfied with their personal lives (79%), while far fewer are satisfied with the way things are going in the United States (23%). The 56-percentage-point gap in Americans' satisfaction with personal lives versus the nation is among the highest Gallup has measured over the past 34 years, and may indicate that many do not see the problems facing the country as relevant to their own lives. ([Gallup USA](#))

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307-19 **Record High in U.S. Say Big Government Greatest Threat** ([Click for Details](#))

Seventy-two percent of Americans say big government is a greater threat to the U.S. in the future than is big business or big labor, a record high in the nearly 50-year history of this question. The prior high for big government was 65% in 1999 and 2000. Big government has always topped big business and big labor, including in the initial asking in 1965, but just 35% named it at that time. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust](#)

307-20 **Canadians generally oppose Canada Post changes** ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) Overall, Canadians are not in favour of service changes at Canada Post that would see home delivery phased out in urban areas. A new Angus Reid Global public opinion poll indicates 58 per cent of Canadians surveyed do not support the changes, while 38 per cent favour the end of door-to-door service in urban areas. ([Angus Reid](#))



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► MULTI-COUNTRY STUDIES

307-21 **It's "Christmas", not just a "Holiday Season" in the US, UK and Canada** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

In the US, UK and Canada over eight in ten prefer to call this time of year "Christmas", rather than the more neutral "Holiday Season". Having Christmas dinner and getting together with family and friends is something that will unite over eight in ten citizens in each one of these three countries. This rare display of cultural cohesion cuts across not just national but also age, gender and socioeconomic lines. ([Angus Reid](#))

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307-22 **Worldwide, Median Household Income about \$10,000** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The median annual household income worldwide is \$9,733, and the median per-capita household income is \$2,920, according to new Gallup metrics. Vast differences between more economically developed countries and those with developing or transitional economies illustrate how dramatically spending power varies worldwide. Median per-capita incomes in the top 10 wealthiest populations are more than 50 times those in the 10 poorest populations, all of which are in sub-Saharan Africa. ([Gallup USA](#))

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307-23 **Changing Patterns of Global Migration and Remittances** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Patterns of global migration and remittances have shifted in recent decades, even as both the number of immigrants and the amount of money they send home have grown, according to a new Pew Research Center analysis of data from the United Nations and the World Bank. ([Gallup USA](#))

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It's "Christmas", not just a "Holiday Season" in the US, UK and Canada

► 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.

Christmas uniquely brings whole nations together for family and religious reasons

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The religious aspect of Christmas is personally meaningful to large numbers in all countries. A full 72% in the US, 51% in Canada and 40% in the UK will “celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th”. Large swaths of each nation will go so far as to attend special Christmas services (40% US, 32% Canada, 25% UK).

More Americans and Canadians will say grace than go shopping for Boxing Day bargains (59% grace, 12% Boxing Day bargains in US, 39% grace and 37% Boxing Day sales in Canada). And even in the UK—the home of Boxing Day—the numbers are relatively close (20% grace vs. 29% Boxing Day).

“Christmas stands out as a uniquely unifying holiday in these countries,” says Angus Reid, Chairman, Angus Reid Global. “The fact that Christmas brings so many people together without losing its strong religious roots make it all the more unusual in our often fractured and divisive cultures.”

Source: <http://www.angusreidglobal.com/polls/48896/its-christmas-not-just-a-holiday-season-in-the-us-uk-and-canada/>



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

