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Asia zone

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

► MIDDLE EAST

310-1 **Palestinians Have Mixed Views about Negotiations & Settlements with Israel** (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) While half of the public favors negotiations with Israel, three quarters reject a permanent settlement if it includes a 10-year transitional phase during which the Israeli army remains deployed in the Jordan Valley; and while fewer people believe that Hamas' way is the best way to end occupation and build a state, satisfaction with the performance of Abbas and Hamdallah increases and more people believe that Abbas' is the best way. (PSR)



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2.3 Foreign Affairs & Security » Palestine/ Israel Conflict
2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

► SOUTHEAST ASIA



310-2 **The 2013 SWS Survey of Enterprises on Corruption** (Click for Details)

([Philippines](#)) Those seeing "a lot" of corruption in the public sector rose to 56% in 2013, from the record-low 43% in 2012. Nevertheless, the 56% in 2013 is the second-lowest since 2000. Forty-two percent* say "most/almost all" companies in their own sector of business give bribes to win government contracts, practically the same as the record-low 41% in 2012. (SWS)

January 15, 2014

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle
4.13 Society » Social Problems

310-3 **Families rating themselves as Mahirap or Poor at 55%** (Click for Details)

([Philippines](#)) The last quarter of 2013 saw Self-Rated Poverty and Self-Rated Food up from the previous quarter, according to the Fourth Quarter 2013 Social Weather Survey, fielded over December 11-16, 2013. Both Self-Rated Poverty and Self-Rated Food Poverty rose from the previous quarter, and are above their four-quarter averages for 2013. (SWS)



January 03, 2014

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being
3.5 Economy » Poverty



Euro Americas zone

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

► EAST EUROPE

310-4 **"Iron Felix": Time to Return to Lubyanka?** (Click for Details)



(Russia) Most of Russians know who Felix Dzerzhinsky was (79%). The share of those who know well who he was famous for is 45%; the same share of respondents assesses his activity in a positive way (46%). Young Russians know him worse; those who know well who he was are elderly respondents (11% of young Russians aged 18-24 and 71% of Russians aged 60 and over know well who he was). (VCIOM)

December 05, 2014

[1.6 Domestic Politics » National History](#)

310-5 **Terrorist Threat: Yesterday, Today... Tomorrow?** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Most of Russians are afraid of being the victims of terrorist attacks. Over the recent years the share of those who think so has not changed much, however in August 2013 this share made up 71%; in November – 78%. (VCIOM)

December 02, 2014

[2.4 Foreign Affairs & Security » Terrorism](#)

► **WEST EUROPE**

310-6 **King's College London / Ipsos MORI political leadership poll** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UK) It seems that the British public agrees with Winston Churchill that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others. Few of us (18%) think the quality of political leadership today is better than in the past – but only one in four (24%) of us want to replace the elected politicians who run Britain with professional managers. (Ipsos Mori)

January 14, 2014

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

310-7 **State of the Nation 2014** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Half of Britons (50%) are optimistic about 2014 for themselves and their family, compared with 20% who are pessimistic. The public is also on balance optimistic about 2014 for their local area (by 36% to 29% pessimistic), but less so about the year ahead for Britain (29% optimistic, 39% pessimistic), or for Europe (by 14% to 42%). (Ipsos Mori)

January 12, 2014

[3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)



310-8 **Horsemeat in the food supply: one year on** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

An Ipsos MORI survey reveals that as many as 31% of British adults have changed the way they choose or buy food in the past 12 months, and almost all adults in the UK (95%) remember the horsemeat incident. (YouGov)

January 11, 2014

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

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310-9 **Engaging voters in the Scottish Independence Referendum debate** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

With fewer than nine months to go until referendum polling day, new research reveals that over four in 10 voters in Scotland do not feel well informed about the issues being debated in the campaign. (Ipsos Mori)



January 08, 2014

[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)

310-10 **Housing key issue for Londoners who want to see financial freedom for local government** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Without prompting, a quarter, 27%, mention the affordability of housing as the most important issues/among the important issues facing London, above any other issue including transport/public transport (23%), crime (14%) and immigration (10%). [\(Ipsos Mori\)](#)

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[3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments](#)

310-11 **Voter's top priority for 2014: two-year ban on migrant benefits** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(UK\)](#) Voters know what David Cameron should make his New Year resolution. They want him to ban new immigrants from claiming welfare benefits during their first two years in Britain. [\(YouGov\)](#)

January 06, 2014

[1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance](#)[4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees](#)

► NORTH AMERICA

310-12 **U.S. Economic Indicators Improve in 2013** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(USA\)](#) Three key Gallup consumer-based measures of the U.S. economy showed overall growth in 2013, despite monthly fluctuations. Gallup's U.S. Economic Confidence Index averaged -16 for 2013, up five points from 2012; its Job Creation Index averaged +20, up two points from 2012; and average daily self-reported spending increased to \$88, up \$16 from 2012. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)

310-13 **Americans Still Say Health Law More Harmful Than Helpful** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Nearly half of Americans say the Affordable Care Act will make the healthcare situation in the U.S. worse in the long run, while slightly more than one-third think it will make the situation better. These attitudes have changed little since late November. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)

310-14 **Liberal Self-Identification Edges Up to New High in 2013** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans continue to be more likely to identify as conservatives (38%) than as liberals (23%). But the conservative advantage is down to 15 percentage points as liberal identification edged up to its highest level since Gallup began regularly measuring ideology in the current format in 1992. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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

310-15 **Why it's great to be the Boss** (Click for Details)

In addition to bigger paychecks, America's bosses are more satisfied with their family life, jobs and overall financial situation than are non-managerial employees, according to a recent Pew Research Center survey. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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310-16 **In New Year, Half Are Looking Forward to Midterm Elections** (Click for Details)

As 2014 begins and the midterm election campaigns heat up, about half of the public (51%) is especially looking forward to November's congressional elections while 49% are not looking forward to them. (Pew Research Center)

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[1.1 Domestic Politics](#) » [Elections](#)

310-17 **U.S. Flu and Cold Levels Rise, but Are Typical for Season** (Click for Details)

The average percentage of U.S. adults who report being sick with the flu "yesterday" increased to 2.8% in Gallup's December polling, up from 2.0% in November. The prevalence of flu has ticked up every December since Gallup and Healthways began daily tracking in 2008. Flu reports from December 2013 were lower than in December 2012, but similar to the prior four Decembers. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.11 Society](#) » [Health](#)

310-18 **Three in 10 in U.S. Own an Array of Consumer Electronics** (Click for Details)

([USA](#)) As electronics enthusiasts gather in Las Vegas for the International Consumer Electronics Show this week, a new Gallup analysis finds Americans falling into four groups according to their ownership levels of the electronic devices already available. At one end of the spectrum, 31% are "Super Tech Adopters," who report broad ownership of the major computing and entertainment devices on the market. At the other extreme, 28% are "Tech-Averse Olders," who own little more than a basic cellphone and DVD player. ([Gallup USA](#))

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

310-19 **Record-High 42% of Americans Identify as Independents** (Click for Details)

Forty-two percent of Americans, on average, identified as political independents in 2013, the highest Gallup has measured since it began conducting interviews by telephone 25 years ago. Meanwhile, Republican identification fell to 25%, the lowest over that time span. At 31%, Democratic identification is unchanged from the last four years but down from 36% in 2008. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[1.4 Domestic Politics](#) » [Political Parties](#)



[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)310-20 **Americans' Tech Tastes Change With Times** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) this week allows technology developers to showcase the latest gadgets that may become must-haves for many Americans. As attendees get a glimpse of the industry's future, Gallup finds that the devices Americans own have changed over the past decade, with ownership of laptops (64%) and iPods/MP3 players (45%) up most dramatically from 2005. Meanwhile, far smaller proportions of Americans now own VCRs and basic cellphones, which were a staple to many in the past. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

January 6, 2014

[3.12 Economy » IT & Telecom](#)[4.6 Society » Media/ New Media](#)310-21 **U.S. Economic Confidence Improved Again in December** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Gallup's Economic Confidence Index improved to -19 in December from -25 in November, and is now much higher than the -35 found in October amid the federal government shutdown. While the December index matches September's score, it remains below the improved monthly readings that prevailed from October 2012 through August 2013. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)310-22 **U.S. Consumer Spending in December Highest Since 2008** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans reported spending \$96 per day in December -- the highest monthly average since September 2008, when the reality of the depth of the recession and economic crisis began to be felt across the nation. This is also the highest average for any December across the six years that Gallup has been tracking daily spending. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)► **MULTI-COUNTRY STUDIES**310-23 **How people in Muslim countries prefer women to dress in public** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

An important issue in the Muslim world is how women should dress in public. A recent survey from the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research conducted in seven Muslim-majority countries (Tunisia, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey), finds that most people prefer that a woman completely cover her hair, but not necessarily her face. Only in Turkey and Lebanon do more than one-in-four think it is appropriate for a woman to not cover her head at all in public. [\(Pew Research Center\)](#)

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[4.5 Society » Gender Issues](#)[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)► **CYBER WORLD**310-24 **African Americans and Technology Use** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(USA\)](#) This report on African Americans and technology is the first in a series of demographic snapshots of technology use and adoption among different groups of



adults in the United States. Based on a survey of 6,010 American adults, including 664 who identify as African American, it offers a detailed look at a number of key subgroups within the black population such as: men vs. women, old vs. young, low income vs. high income, and parents vs. non-parents. (Pew Research Center)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

Topic of the week:

How people in Muslim countries prefer women to dress in public

► 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.

January 08, 2014



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The survey treated the question of women's dress as a visual preference. Each respondent was given a card depicting six styles of women's headdress and asked to choose the woman most appropriately outfitted for a public place. Although no labels were included on the card, the styles ranged from a fully-hooded burqa (woman #1) and niqab (#2) to the less conservative hijab (women #4 and #5). There was also the option of a woman wearing no head covering of any type.

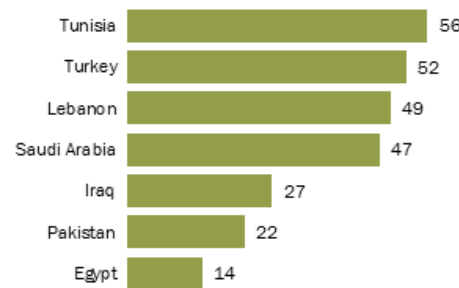
Overall, most respondents say woman #4, whose hair and ears are completely covered by a white hijab, is the most appropriately dressed for public. This includes 57% in Tunisia, 52% in Egypt, 46% in Turkey and 44% in Iraq. In Iraq and Egypt, woman #3, whose hair and ears are covered by a more conservative black hijab, is the second most popular choice.

In Pakistan, there is an even split (31% vs. 32%) between woman #3 and woman #2, who is wearing a niqab that exposes only her eyes, while nearly a quarter (24%) choose woman #4. In Saudi Arabia, a 63%-majority prefer woman #2, while an additional 11% say that the burqa worn by woman #1 is the most appropriate style of public dress for women.

In several countries, substantial minorities say it is acceptable for a woman to not cover her hair in public. Roughly a third (32%) of Turks take this view, as do 15% of Tunisians. Nearly half (49%) in Lebanon also agree that it is acceptable for a woman to appear in public without a head covering, although this may partly reflect the fact that the sample in Lebanon was 27% Christian. Demographic information, including results by gender, were not included in the public release of this survey.

Should Women Be Able to Choose Their Own Clothing?

% agree it is up to a woman to dress whichever way she wants



Source: The Birthplace Of The Arab Spring: Values And Perceptions Of The Tunisian Public In A Comparative Perspective. From the Middle Eastern Values Study, University of Michigan Population Studies Center.

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Even as publics in many of the surveyed countries express a clear preference for women to dress conservatively, many also say women should be able to decide for themselves what to wear. This attitude is most prevalent in Tunisia (56%), Turkey (52%) and Lebanon (49%) – all countries where substantial percentages are open to women not covering their heads in public. But nearly as many in Saudi Arabia (47%) also say a women should be free to choose how she dresses. Smaller, but sizable percentages agree in Iraq (27%), Pakistan (22%) and Egypt (14%). What the survey leaves unanswered is whether respondents think social or cultural norms will guide women in their choice to wear more conservative or less conservative attire in public.

Source: <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2014/01/08/what-is-appropriate-attire-for-women-in-muslim-countries/>

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2014)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 5 year period January 2007 – January 2014

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 6,805 polls during the period 2007-2014
- 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 2007-2014
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 358 during the period 2007-2014

