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## Who are we?

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Topic of the week: (Click for details)

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## Asia Zone

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

### ▶ SOUTH EAST ASIA

373-1 [60% favor legalization of divorce; was 50% in 2011 and 43% in 2005](#) (Click for Details)

([Philippines](#)) Public support for legalization of divorce for irreconcilably separated couples grew to a clear majority of 60% in December 2014, from a plurality of 50% in March 2011 and a split opinion of 43-44% in May 2005. ([SWS](#))

March 23, 2015

1.7 Domestic Politics >> Legislation  
4.2 Society » Family



## Africa Zone

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

### ▶ SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

373-2 [Mauritians Still Trust Their Institutions But Think Corruption Is Strongly Affecting Them](#) (Click for Details)

([Mauritius](#)) Afrobarometer's latest survey shows that although Mauritians still trust their political institutions, they are increasingly concerned about corruption. In this context, six in 10 (60%) Mauritians said in the latest report by the Independent Commission against Corruption that it was their opinion that high level and small scale corruption had increased over the past three years. ([Afrobarometer](#))



March 2015

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust  
4.13 Society » Social Problems



## Euro Americas Zone

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

### ▶ EAST EUROPE

373-3 [Russia: External Threat And How To Face It](#) (Click for Details)

([Russia](#)) Russians are confident that Russia is facing more threats today but its army is ready to protect the population. ([VCIOM](#))

February 2015

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

373-4 [Price Increase And How To Fight It](#) (Click for Details)

(Russia) Sharp increase of food prices in recent months makes every fifth Russian switch to cheaper items or refuse to buy certain products. (VCIOM)



February 2015

3.4 Economy » Inflation

373-5 [Russia: National Problems And Ways To Solve Them](#) (Click for Details)

(Russia) Most of Russians do not think that rallies and demonstrations are a good way to tackle even the most acute social problems. (VCIOM)

February 2015

4.13 Society » Social Problems

## ► WEST EUROPE

373-6 [Travellers Plan To Take More International Leisure Trips In 2015](#) (Click for Details)

(UK) Ipsos MORI have conducted TripAdvisor's latest TripBarometer1 study on the Global Travel Economy which reveals worldwide travel trends at country, region and global levels. The survey highlights year-on-year changes in consumer spending plans and trip planning. (Ipsos Mori)



March 25, 2015

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

373-7 [Increase In Buying And Selling Sentiment As House Price Optimism For 2015 Recovers](#) (Click for Details)

(UK) The second monthly wave of the Halifax Housing Market Confidence Tracker in 2015 shows nearly two thirds of Britons (64%) expect the average UK property price to rise this year, up from 60% who said this in January 2015. (Ipsos Mori)

March 25, 2015

3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments/ Business

373-8 [New Poll Shows UK Voters Disillusioned With Political System](#) (Click for Details)

(UK) On the eve of the general election campaign, dissatisfaction with the UK political system is at high levels. Over seven in ten UK citizens (73%) say that their country is not "governed by the will of the people," according to a new GlobeScan survey of 1,000 British adults. (Ipsos Mori)

March 25, 2015

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance  
1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

## ► NORTH AMERICA

373-9 [Clinton Favorability Among Dems Better Than Last Campaign](#) (Click for Details)

(USA) Hillary Clinton's net favorability rating among Democrats -- defined as the percentage who have a favorable opinion of her minus the percentage with an unfavorable opinion -- is higher now than at a similar point leading up to the 2008 presidential election. Her net favorability is also similar to Al Gore's rating early on in the 2000 presidential campaign. The current Democratic field does not appear to present as much competition for Clinton as she faced in 2008. (Gallup USA)



March 27, 2015

1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections  
1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

373-10 [Americans Continue to View Energy Situation as Less Serious](#) (Click for Details)

(USA) Fewer than three in 10 Americans (28%) say the energy situation in the U.S. is "very serious," one of the lowest figures in Gallup's history of asking the question. While this figure has varied widely over the past few decades, the percentage of Americans who feel the energy situation is very serious has declined consistently over the past four years. In Gallup's 38-year trend, only in 2002 did fewer Americans think the U.S. energy situation was very serious. (Gallup USA)

March 27, 2015

3.10 Economy » Energy/Nuclear Issues

373-11 [College-Educated Republicans Most Skeptical of Global Warming](#) (Click for Details)

(USA) Republicans with higher levels of education are more likely than those in their parties with less education to say that the seriousness of global warming is "generally exaggerated." By contrast, Democrats with some college or more are less likely than those with less education to believe the seriousness of global warming is exaggerated. (Gallup USA)



March 26, 2015

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties  
4.10 Society » Education  
4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters

373-12 [Share of Unauthorized Immigrant Workers in Production, Construction Jobs Falls Since 2007](#) (Click for Details)

(USA) In a reflection of changes in the overall economy since the Great Recession, the U.S. unauthorized immigrant workforce now holds fewer blue-collar jobs and more white-collar ones than it did before the 2007-

2009 recession, but a solid majority still works in low-skilled service, construction and production occupations, according to new Pew Research Center estimates. ([Pew Research Center](#))

March 26, 2015

[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)  
[4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees](#)

373-13 [Majority of U.S. Investors Anticipate Interest Rate Hike](#) ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Before the Federal Reserve recently indicated that it may start raising interest rates this summer, the majority of U.S. investors already thought interest rates would go up. About half said they think interest rates will "go up a little" and another 5% said they will "go up a lot." While few investors expected rates to drop, one-third thought they would stay the same. ([Gallup USA](#))

March 26, 2015

[3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments/ Business](#)

373-14 [U.S. Views on Climate Change Stable After Extreme Winter](#) ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Although climate scientists have been in the news describing this winter as a strong signal that global warming is producing more extreme weather, Americans are no more likely today (55%) than in the past two years to believe the effects of global warming are occurring. ([Gallup USA](#))



March 25, 2015

[4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters](#)

373-15 [In U.S., Concern About Environmental Threats Eases](#) ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Americans' concern about several major environmental threats has eased after increasing last year. As in the past, Americans express the greatest worry about pollution of drinking water, and the least about global warming or climate change. ([Gallup USA](#))

March 25, 2015

[4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters](#)

373-16 [U.S. Economic Confidence Index Retreats Slightly](#) ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Gallup's U.S. Economic Confidence Index dipped below zero to -3 for the week ending March 22. This is down from the prior week's +1, but is consistent with the three negative weekly scores from late February and early March. Since December, the Economic Confidence Index has straddled the zero line, which is the midpoint for the index. ([Gallup USA](#))

March 24, 2015

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

373-17 [Americans' Rating of Environment Inches Up to Record High](#) (Click for Details)

(USA) Half of Americans rate the overall quality of the environment as "excellent" or "good," the most positive views of the environment since Gallup began asking this question in 2001. (Gallup USA)

March 24, 2015

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

[4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters](#)

373-18 [Americans Split on Support for Fracking in Oil, Natural Gas](#) (Click for Details)

(USA) The practice of hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," has emerged as a divisive issue across the U.S., reflected in Americans' opinions about it; 40% of Americans say they favor the procedure, while 40% oppose it, and a substantial 19% do not have an opinion. This is amid the Obama administration last week announcing the first nationwide safety rules for fracking. (Gallup USA)



March 23, 2015

[3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments/ Business](#)

[3.11 Economy » Science & Technology](#)

## ► AUSTRALASIA

373-19 [Australia: Married Bliss More Than A Myth](#) (Click for Details)

(Australia) Your spouse may drive you nuts sometimes, but the latest findings from Roy Morgan Research show that being married is actually better for your mental health than any other marital status! (Roy Morgan)

March 24, 2015

[4.2 Society » Family](#)

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

[4.11 Society » Health](#)

## Topic of the week:

### ***Married Bliss More Than A Myth***

► 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.

March 24, 2015

#### Married Bliss More Than A Myth

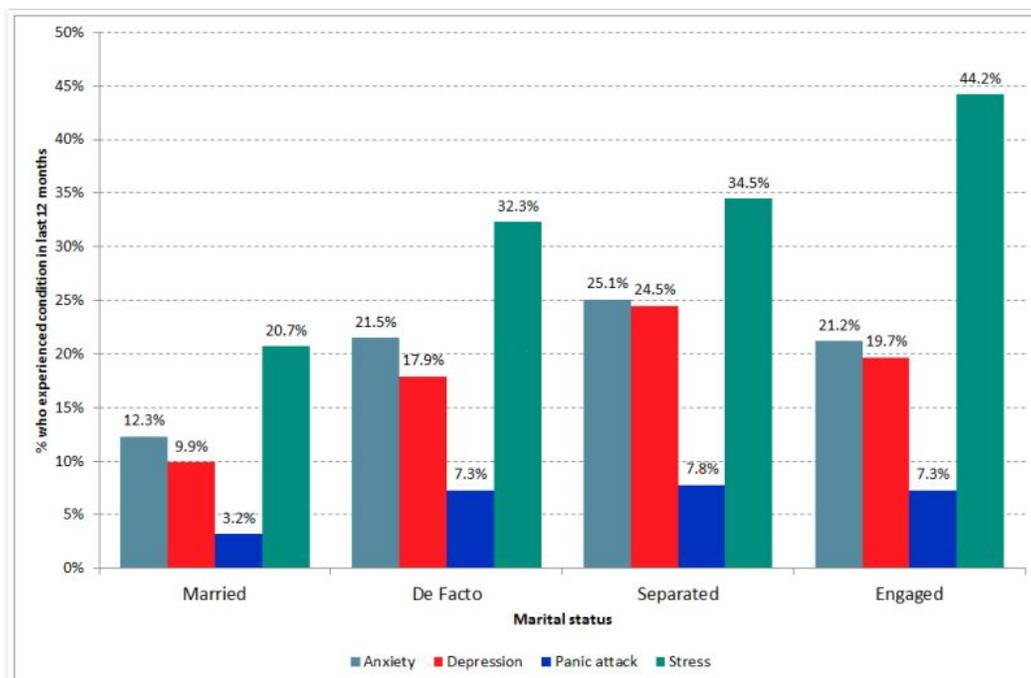


**Your spouse may drive you nuts sometimes, but the latest findings from Roy Morgan Research show that being married is actually better for your mental health than any other marital status!**

Australia's married people are much less likely to experience anxiety, depression and panic attacks than those who are single, separated, divorced, widowed, engaged or de facto. Their stress levels are also dramatically lower, second only to widowed people.

But while few would be surprised that people going through a separation are more likely to experience stress, depression and other mental health conditions, the comparatively high rate of these illnesses among people in de facto relationships, and those who are engaged to be married, is not so immediately understandable.

## Incidence of mental health conditions by marital status



**Source:** Roy Morgan [Single Source](#) (Australia), January– December 2014 (n=51,969). **Base:** Australians 14+

Just like their married peers, de facto couples live together. They may own property together, have children together and/or share finances, and have much the same legal rights as married couples. And yet, people in de facto relationships are much more likely than married couples to experience anxiety (21% vs 12%), depression (18% vs 10%), panic attacks (7% vs 3%) and stress (32% vs 21%).

People who are engaged to be married have a similarly high incidence of mental health issues: last year, 21% reported experiencing anxiety, 20% were affected by depression, and a hefty 44% suffered from stress.

**Angela Smith, Group Account Director, Roy Morgan Research, says:**

*“Despite what comedians around the world may say, our findings show that marriage is more beneficial for a person’s mental health than any other marital status.*

*“It makes sense that separated and divorced people have higher rates of anxiety, stress, depression and panic attacks: the breakdown of a marriage is not pleasant at the best of times, and can be downright traumatic. But the elevated incidence of mental health conditions among people who are engaged and in de facto relationships raises a few questions.*

*“In theory, being engaged should be a blissfully happy and romantic time in someone’s life. But organising a wedding is extremely hard work, often subject to family politics, budget constraints, disagreements about everything from flower arrangements to what kind of music the DJ should play at the reception. No wonder some couples choose to elope!*

*“The reason for the increased likelihood of mental health problems among de factos is less obvious, but one thing is for sure: suddenly that old chestnut about marriage being ‘just a piece of paper’ no longer sounds quite as convincing...”*

Source: <http://www.roymorgan.com/findings/6124-married-bliss-more-than-myth-201503232221>

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# 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

