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Asia zone

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



► MIDDLE EAST

156-1 **Majority of Palestinians Doubt Al-Jazeera Leaks** (Click for Details)

(**Palestine**) Over two-thirds of Palestinians living in the occupied territories doubted the accuracy of leaked PLO documents shortly after they were published by Al-Jazeera, the results of a recent poll said. The Qatar-based satellite network has published over 1,600 confidential documents relating to over a decade of negotiations with Israel. According to the poll, conducted just after the series, **99 %** of Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem heard about the leaked documents, dubbed the Palestine Papers, but **68 %** did not believe them. (**Near East Consulting**)

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► SOUTH EAST ASIA

156-2 **Cambodians Feel the Country Is Going In the Right Direction** (Click for Details)

(**Cambodia**) A recent IRI poll reveals strong approval of the direction in which the country is going. **76%** of Cambodians think their country is moving in the right direction, only six points down from a peak in 2008. The top reasons cited for right direction were the building of infrastructure, primarily roads and schools. The top reason cited for wrong direction was corruption. The top issues facing Cambodians are health, jobs and natural disasters, with younger Cambodians putting jobs first. (**IRI**)

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156-3 **Political Leaders in Philippines Enjoying Approval of their Citizens** (Click for Details)

(**Philippines**) The Fourth Quarter 2010 Social Weather Survey, conducted from November 27-30, 2010, found **69%** satisfied and **13%** dissatisfied with the performance of Vice-President Jejomar Binay, **55%** satisfied and **21%** dissatisfied with Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, **33%** satisfied and **26%** dissatisfied with Speaker Sonny Belmonte, and **26%** satisfied and **33%** dissatisfied with Chief Justice Renato Corona. (**SWS**)

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

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Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

▶ **EAST EUROPE**



156-4 **Political Aggression in Poland** (Click for Details)

(Poland) Recently in Poland, Marek Rosiak (Law and Justice party, PiS) an assistant of Janusz Wojciechowski- a member of the European Parliament was shot in his Office. Many people see this tragedy as the result of the growing aggression in politics. Others however, downplay the incident, emphasizing the fact that the person who committed the crime was, most probably, mentally unstable. According to over half of respondents (58%), political aggression is more common in Poland than in other countries with well

established democracies. As many as three quarters of respondents (**76%**) believe that it is higher now than in the past, for instance before 2005 elections. (CBOS)

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156-5 ***Foreign Employees in Poland*** (Click for Details)

(Poland) According to the data from the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, 29,340 work permits for foreigners were issued in 2009. A vast majority of respondents (**81%**) do not object to foreigners working in Poland. Among them half (**50%**) do not mind any type of job being taken by foreigners and about a third (**31%**) do not object only if some types of jobs are occupied by them. An opposite view is held by every seventh respondent (**14%**). (CBOS)

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► WEST EUROPE

156-6 ***Athletics Now the Biggest Growth Sport In England*** (Click for Details)

(UK) **Athletics** has emerged as the biggest growth sport from ASP3 to APS4, perhaps with London 2012 in mind, and there are now 1.9 million participants in England. In the space of just 2 years, over a quarter of million people (263,400) have become Athletics participants. (Ipsos Mori)

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156-7 ***Labour Ahead By Eight Points As Half of Britons Disapprove Of Cameron*** (Click for Details)

(UK) In an online survey of a representative sample of 2,010 British adults, **50 %** of respondents disapprove of the way Cameron is handling his duties. Since a survey conducted in the first weeks of the new Government—in May 2010—the proportion of respondents who disapprove of the Prime Minister has doubled. (Angus Reid)

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156-8 ***Economic Confidence Declines in Britain with the Decrease in Support for the Government*** (Click for Details)

(UK) According to Ipsos Mori Political Monitor confidence in Britain's economic prospects falls away, as support for the government decreases. However, Cameron remains liked and the public have not yet made up their minds about Ed Miliband. (Ipsos Mori)

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156-9 ***Huge majority oppose England forest sell-off plans*** (Click for Details)

(UK) YouGov poll finds **84 %** of British public agree that woods and forests should be kept in public ownership for future generations. The vast majority of the public oppose the government's plan to sell off all or part of the publicly owned forests and woodland in England. (Yougov)

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► NORTH AMERICA

156-10 ***A Third of Americans Would Give Obama a New Term In 2012*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Despite a continuing call for political unity, Barack Obama remains a polarizing figure in United States politics, with a majority of Democrats believing that he should be re-elected as President in 2012, but just one-in-ten Republicans and one-in-four Independents sharing the same opinion, a new Vision Critical poll has found. (Angus Reid)

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156-11 ***Ready For Contact with Cuba*** (Click for Details)

(USA) The latest *Economist/YouGov* Poll finds a majority in favor of resuming diplomatic relations with Cuba. **52%** of Americans would resume diplomatic relations with Cuba today, and just **16%** oppose relations now. Majorities of Democrats (**64%**), independents (**57%**) and Hispanics (**55%**) support diplomatic relations with Cuba. Republicans who have an opinion about this, though more divided, narrowly support resuming diplomatic relations (**37%** of them favor it; **34%** oppose it). (Yougov)

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156-12 ***Guantanamo: Keep It Open but Try the Prisoners*** (Click for Details)

(USA) One area where public opinion has consistently differed with that of the Obama Administration is on what should be done with Guantanamo --- the U.S. military base in Cuba. The President promised to close the base; in the latest *Economist/YouGov* Poll, Americans want to keep it open, just as they did a year ago. (Yougov)

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156-13 ***Americans Divided on Obama, Republican Spending Proposals*** (Click for Details)

(USA) President Obama's proposal to freeze discretionary domestic spending for five years was one of the key elements of his State of the Union address. Americans are generally divided when asked whether they favor his proposal (**39%**) or the Republicans' plan (**41%**) to roll discretionary domestic spending back to 2008 levels. Democrats and Republicans generally line up behind their party's plan. Independents tilt toward the GOP proposal, though many do not have an opinion either way. (Gallup USA)

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156-14 ***Unemployed Americans Face Challenging Job Search*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Six in 10 unemployed Americans say the next job they get is not likely to be one they want; instead, they'll have to settle for one they don't really want. Four in 10 underemployed adults have similar expectations about a full-time job. (Gallup USA)

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156-15 ***Americans Link Gun Laws, Mental Health to Mass Shootings*** (Click for Details)

(USA) In perspective of Tucson shootings when Americans are asked what they think would work, they are most likely to make suggestions relating to guns, including stricter gun control laws, education about guns and violence, background checks for guns, and allowing more Americans to carry guns for protection. The second-most-frequently mentioned response involves improving the mental health system. (Gallup USA)

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156-16 ***U.S. Satisfaction with Gov't, Morality, Economy down since '08*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans' satisfaction with six of seven different economic, moral, or governmental aspects is down significantly compared with Gallup's prior measurement three years ago, as the economy was slowing down but before the financial crisis hit. (Gallup USA)

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156-17 ***Post-State of Union Obama Approval Uptick Would Be Atypical*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Last year, Barack Obama's job approval rating in the days just prior to his first official State of the Union address was **48%**, and it remained at that level for the first three days after the speech. U.S. presidents rarely see a spike in public support after their delivery of State of the Union addresses. Since 1978, Gallup has measured only four instances when a president's approval rating increased by at least four percentage points after a State of the Union address, with Bill Clinton the president in three of these instances and George W. Bush in the other. (Gallup USA)

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156-18 ***U.S. Economic Confidence at Three-Year High in January*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Gallup's Economic Confidence Index improved to an average of -21 in Gallup Daily tracking so far in January, up from -28 in December. If these optimism levels continue through the end of the month, January 2011 will have the most positive economic confidence score since Gallup began daily measurement in January 2008. (Gallup USA)

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156-19 ***In U.S., One in Four Unemployed Adults in Financial Distress*** (Click for Details)

(USA) About one in four unemployed adults in the United States today, **26%**, report they are either falling behind on their bills or facing more serious financial difficulties such as bankruptcy or foreclosure. This compares with **21%** of underemployed Americans and **8%** of adults who are neither unemployed nor underemployed. (Gallup USA)

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156-20 ***Americans Oppose Cuts in Education, Social Security, Defense*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Prior to the State of the Union address, a majority of Americans said they favor cutting U.S. foreign aid, but more than 6 in 10 opposed cuts to education, Social Security, and Medicare. Smaller majorities objected to cutting programs for the poor, national defense, homeland security, aid to farmers, and funding for the arts and sciences. (Gallup USA)

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156-21 ***In U.S., Adult Obesity Stabilizes in 2010, at 26.6%*** (Click for Details)

(USA) More than 6 in 10 American adults (**62.9%**) were either overweight (**36.3%**) or obese (**26.6%**) in 2010, on par with 2009, but still slightly more than the **62.2%** in 2008. The corollary of this is that the percentage of Americans of normal weight, now **35.4%**, was also about the same last year as in 2009, but down slightly from 2008. (Gallup USA)

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4.11 Society » Health

156-22 ***GOP Image Net-Positive for First Time Since 2005*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans' opinions of the Republican Party have improved to the point where now more have a favorable rather than unfavorable opinion of the party. The last time more Americans viewed the GOP more positively than negatively was in 2005. (Gallup USA)

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156-23 ***Despite Media Coverage, Few Interested in Hu's Visit*** (Click for Details)

(USA) The public continued to show strong interest last week in news about the shooting rampage in Tucson, Ariz., though the story did not dominate media coverage as it had one week earlier. Among the other top stories for the public -- both well behind the Arizona rampage -- were news about the economy (**14%** most closely) and news about Republican efforts to repeal the health care law enacted in 2010 (**12%** most closely). These stories each accounted for **8%** of coverage. Few Americans say they followed news about the visit to this country by Chinese President Hu Jintao most closely (**3%**). Still, news about the visit accounted for **11%** of the newshole, making the trip the second most covered story of the week. (Pew Research Center)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media



► LATIN AMERICA

156-24 ***Brazilians Optimistic About Their Country and Personal Finances*** (Click for Details)

(Brazil) A recent survey of Brazilians shows that Brazilians are optimistic about the economic future of their country and themselves. Majority of them believe their personal finances and employment conditions in the country will improve in the coming year. Half of the respondents (**51%**) believe that Brazil's economic situation will improve, while for **9%**, it will get worse and for **33%** it will stay as it is today. (Datafolha)

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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

156-25 ***Worldwide, Personal Wellbeing Related to Civic Engagement*** (Click for Details)

(Global Poll) Gallup surveys in 130 countries show people with higher personal wellbeing are more likely to say they give something -- time, money, or help to a stranger -- back to their communities. Civic

Engagement Index scores, which measure people's likelihood to do all three, are twice as high among those who are "thriving" compared with those who are "suffering." ([Gallup USA](#))

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156-26 ***The Future of the Global Muslim Population*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Global Poll](#)) The world's Muslim population is expected to increase by about **35%** in the next 20 years, rising from 1.6 billion in 2010 to 2.2 billion by 2030, according to new population projections by the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life. Globally, the Muslim population is forecast to grow at about twice the rate of the non-Muslim population over the next two decades- an average annual growth rate of **1.5%** for Muslims, compared with **0.7%** for non-Muslims. A majority of the world's Muslims (about **60%**) will continue to live in the Asia-Pacific region, while about **20%** will live in the Middle East and North Africa, as is the case today. Muslims will remain relatively small minorities in Europe and the Americas, but they are expected to constitute a growing share of the total population in these regions. In Europe as a whole, the Muslim share of the population is expected to grow by nearly one-third over the next 20 years, rising from **6%** of the region's inhabitants in 2010 to **8%** in 2030. The Muslim share of the U.S. population (adults and children) is projected to grow from **0.8%** in 2010 to **1.7%** in 2030, making Muslims roughly as numerous as Jews or Episcopalians are in the United States today. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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156-27 ***Group Buying Trend Is Changing How Americans, Britons and Canadians Shop*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Multi Country Poll](#)) Group buying is beginning to have an effect in the mindset of consumers across three countries, with people in the United States, Britain and Canada becoming more price sensitive after taking advantage of a group buying offer, a new Vision Critical poll has found. ([Vision Critical/Angus Reid](#))

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156-28 ***British Economic Optimism Is Among Lowest In the World*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Global Poll](#)) Britons are among the most negative about the economy in the world – ranking alongside Italy, France and Japan according to January's Economic Global Pulse from Ipsos' Global advisor, online research conducted in 24 countries. ([Ipsos Global](#))

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► CYBERWORLD

156-29 ***Twitter and Social Networking in the 2010 Midterm Elections*** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Some **21%** of online adults used social networking sites such as Facebook or MySpace in the months leading up to the November 2010 elections to connect with a campaign or the election itself, and **2%** of online adults did so using Twitter. That works out to a total of **22%** of adult internet users who engaged with the political campaign on Twitter or social networking sites. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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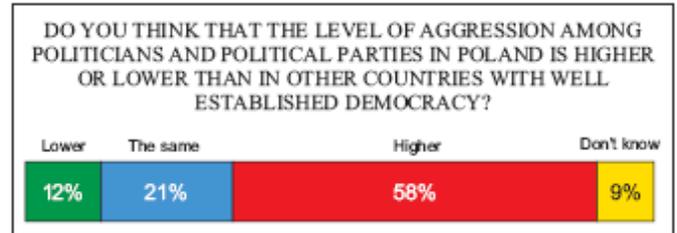
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► This page is devoted to opinions of countries whose polling activity is generally not known very widely or where a recent topical issue requires special attention.

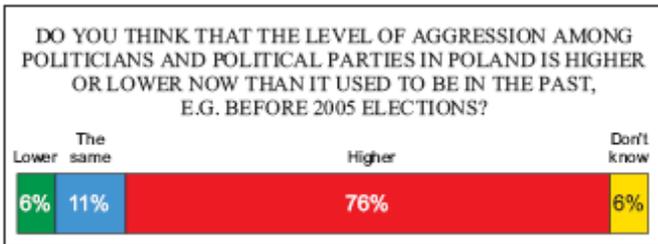


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For some time now, Polish political life has seen the growth of verbal aggression. The language used by politicians in public debates and discussions involving representatives of major political parties is becoming ever more offensive.



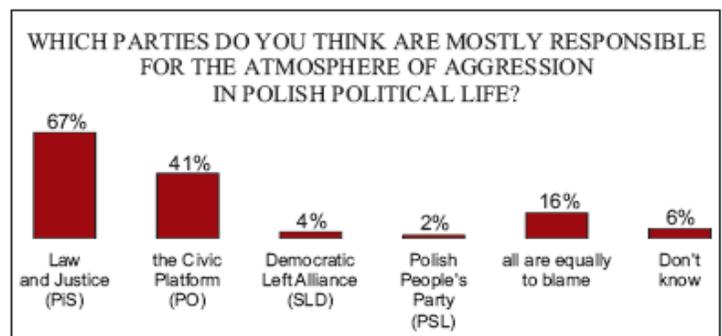
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Others however, downplay the incident, emphasizing the fact that the person who committed the crime was, most probably, mentally unstable. According to over half of respondents (58%), political aggression is more common in Poland than in other countries with well established democracy.

A vast majority of Poles notice the growth of aggression in political life that has taken place in recent years. As many as three quarters of respondents (76%) believe that it is higher now than in the past, for instance before 2005 elections.

The parties mostly responsible for the growing atmosphere of aggression are, according to the respondents, Law and Justice (PiS) and the Civic Platform (PO). However, the prevailing opinion is that Law and Justice is far more to blame. Only a small percentage of people claim that Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) and Polish People's Party (PSL) create this atmosphere. One in six respondents blame all the parties equally.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: Political aggression in Poland, November 2010. Fieldwork for national sample: November 2010, N=999. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland. §

SOURCE: http://www.cbos.pl/PL/publikacje/public_opinion/2010/11_2010.pdf

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2010)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 –August 2010

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \simeq 2,500 polls during the period 2007-2010
- 2- Number of questions: \simeq 30,000 during the period 2007-2010
- 3- 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*)
- 4- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys: \simeq 150 during the period 2007-2010
- 5- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \simeq 150 during the period 2007-2010

