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1 multi country poll

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Pro Democracy/Free
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on the rise.**

Brazil seen as leader

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Asia zone

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

► WEST ASIA

161-1 ***Pakistanis Associate Democracy with Equality, Elections and Parliament*** (Click for Details)

(Pakistan) According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, most Pakistanis (22%) say that equality of citizens comes to their mind when they hear word 'democracy', followed by elections and national assembly sessions (21% each). (Gallup Pakistan)

February 28, 2011

1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs

Multi Country- The Economic Pulse of the World (Click for Details)

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being



Africa zone

► WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA;
SOUTHERN AFRICA

► SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

Multi Country Poll-The Economic Pulse of the World (Click for Details)

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being



Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE

161-2 ***British economic pessimism is world class*** (Click for Details)



(UK) One in seven (15%) Britons rate the economy as good and the same number (13%) are optimistic about the next six months piling on the bad economic news in a week where it was announced that inflation reached 4% - double the government's target - and unemployment rose by 44,000 to almost 2.5 million. These announcements are likely to dent the optimism of the British public yet further. (Ipsos Mori)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

161-3 **Two Thirds of Britons Unaware Of New Product Placement on UK TV** (Click for Details)

(UK) According to the representative sample of 2,000 British adults, nearly two thirds (61%) are unaware that product placement will now be allowed. Just over half of respondents (54%) feel comfortable with product placement while one third (32%) are actively uncomfortable with it. (Vision critical)

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3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection



► EAST EUROPE

161-4 **Euro introduction in Estonia Ex-Post Citizen Survey** (Click for Details)

(Estonia) The vast majority (87%) thought that the changeover happened smoothly and efficiently, while only 8% thought the contrary. About 4 out of 10 respondents thought the changeover had been very smooth and efficient (41%). (Gallup Hungary)

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3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations

AMERICAS

► NORTH AMERICA



161-5 **Gingrich Support for 2012 Greater Among Fox News Viewers** (Click for Details)

(USA) Former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich – former employee of Fox News may have benefited from his exposure on Fox News. Among Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, 13% of regular Fox News viewers say they are most likely to support Gingrich for the 2012 presidential nomination, compared with 8% of occasional viewers and 6% of non-viewers. (Gallup USA)

March 3, 2011

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

161-6 **Public Employee Unions** (Click for Details)

(USA) Even though many Americans think public employees have advantages those in the private sector do not, most still support the right of those public employees to belong to unions. According to the latest *Economist/YouGov* Poll, public employees are seen as getting a better deal than workers in the private sector. (Yougov)

March 03, 2011

3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

161-7 **Watching Libya** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans are paying attention to the crisis in Libya - all but 16 say they have heard about the protests and fighting there - but according to the latest *Economist/YouGov* Poll, most really don't want the United States involved in any way that could be dangerous for Americans. (Yougov)

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[2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues](#)

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161-8 **Can The Public Choose?** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Americans want their leaders to represent them. By better than two to one, they want their representatives to follow the wishes of their constituents, even when constituent desires conflict with a representative's personal principles. ([Yougov](#))

March 03, 2011

[1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance](#)

161-9 **Worried about Egypt?** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) One in three Americans say the emotion they feel most when thinking about the protests in Egypt is worry, according to the latest *Economist/YouGov* Poll, with Republicans and those over 65 the most worried about the outcome. ([Yougov](#))

March 02, 2011

[2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues](#)

161-10 **A Government Shutdown?** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) More than two in three Americans - and even more Republicans - have heard about a possible shutdown of the federal government. And in the latest *Economist/YouGov* Poll, half of those aware of the possibility of a shutdown expect it will happen. ([Yougov](#))

March 03, 2011

[1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance](#)

161-11 **Same-Sex Marriage** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Americans may not be ready to legalize same-sex marriages, but they are ready for civil unions between people of the same sex. In the latest *Economist/YouGov* Poll, **38%** support giving homosexuals the right to marry, but when those who would favor civil unions are included, support rises to **62%**. ([Yougov](#))

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

161-12 **Shifting Political Winds** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) The public remains deeply frustrated with the federal government, but fewer Americans say they are angry at government than did so last fall. Overall, the percentage saying they are angry with the federal government has fallen from **23%** last September to **14%** today, with much of the decline coming among Republicans and Tea Party supporters. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

161-13 **Wisconsin Unions Favored Over Walker in Showdown** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) By a modest margin, more say they back Wisconsin's public employee unions rather than the state's governor in their continuing dispute over collective bargaining rights. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

161-14 **Americans Maintain Broad Support for Israel** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Americans' views toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict held fairly steady over the past year, with a near record-high **63%** continuing to say their sympathies lie more with the Israelis. **17%** sympathize more with the Palestinians. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[2.3 Foreign Affairs & Security » Palestine/ Israel Conflict](#)

161-15 ***Voters Remain Pessimistic about Economy and Future*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Less than **30%** of voters with children believe their offspring will have a better life than them, and **25%** do not feel secure in their jobs, a new Zogby Interactive Survey finds. (Zogby Interactive)

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

161-16 ***Disconnect Evident Between Voters and House*** (Click for Details)

(USA) A Zogby Interactive poll of likely voters which tested nine budget proposals voted on by the House of Representatives finds just one of four that passed has majority approval among respondents, while all five that were voted down by the House are approved by more than **50%** of voters. (Zogby Interactive)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

161-17 ***How the Public Perceives Community Information Systems*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Those who think local government does well in sharing information are also more likely to be satisfied with other parts of civic life. However broadband users are sometimes less satisfied than others with community life. That raises the possibility that upgrades in a local information system might produce more critical, activist citizens. (Monitor Institute U.S)

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[4.4 Society » Civil Society](#)

[4.6 Society » Media/ New Media](#)

161-18 ***Public Proposes Federal Budget Dramatically Different Than House or White House*** (Click for Details)

(USA) An innovative study has found that when a representative sample of the American public was presented the federal budget, they proposed changes far different from those the Obama administration or the Republican-led House have proposed. (worldpublicopinion.org)

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[3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions](#)

► LATIN AMERICA

161-19 ***The Democratic Routine (Multi-country survey)*** (Click for Details)

(Multi Country) Support for democracy in Latin America continues to edge up as does backing for private enterprise. For the first time crime is a bigger worry in the region than unemployment. And Brazil is seen as more influential than the United States across much of the region. (Latinobarometer)

December 2010

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

[3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments](#)

► AUSTRALASIA

161-20 ***New Zealand Government Confidence Rating down after Christchurch Earthquake*** (Click for Details)

(New Zealand) The latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows the Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating has fallen 21 points to 114.5 with **49.5%** (down **10.5%**) of New Zealanders saying New Zealand is 'heading in the right direction' compared to **35%** (up **10.5%**) that say New Zealand is 'heading in the wrong direction.' The large fall in the GCR follows last week's devastating earthquake in Christchurch, the largest city on the South Island. (Roy Morgan)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings



► **MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS**

161-21 ***The Economic Pulse of the World*** (Click for Details)

(Multi Country) Citizens in 24 Countries Assess the Current State of their Country's Economy for a Total Global Perspective. The global average across all three assessments of national, local and the future of the economy has stood still from last month to this current survey despite individual country movements. Only four in ten global citizens describe economic conditions in their country as 'good'. Canada is the superstar this wave, showing the highest cumulative growth on all three measures. India, while still a world leader, drops significantly on all three measures. Saudi Arabia & China remain stable world leaders on all three measures. Sweden jumps seven points on national economic confidence but does not predict a bright local future. Meanwhile Poland's declines this wave represent steady downward slopes over the past year. (Ipsos Global)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being



► **CYBERWORLD**

161-22 ***Three in four British adults are online*** (Click for Details)

(UK) Recently published data from the National Readership Survey (NRS Jan-Dec 2010) tell us that an important milestone in the history of the internet has been reached. For the first time, three quarters of the adult 15+ population of Great Britain have accessed the internet in the past 12 months. (Ipsos Mori)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media §



Topic of the week: LATIN BAROMETER

Pro Democracy/Free Enterprise Sentiments on the rise. Brazil seen as leader

► 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.



A good crisis and a robust economic recovery have brought a sunnier mood

December 2010 -Support for democracy in **Latin America** continues to edge up as does backing for private enterprise. For the first time crime is a bigger worry in the region than unemployment. And **Brazil** is seen as more influential than the *United States* across much of the region. These are some of the findings of the latest Latinobarómetro poll taken in 18 countries across the region and published exclusively by *The Economist*.

The poll has been taken regularly since 1995, and it tracks changes in attitude across the region.

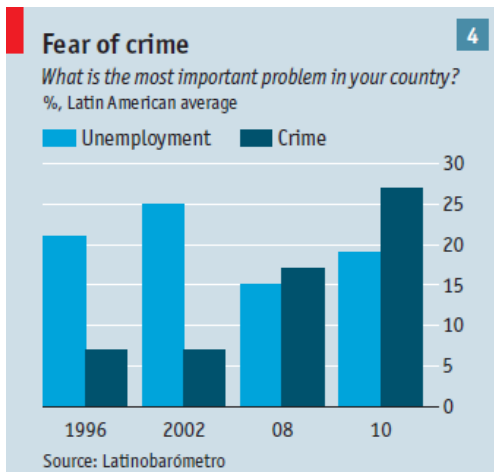
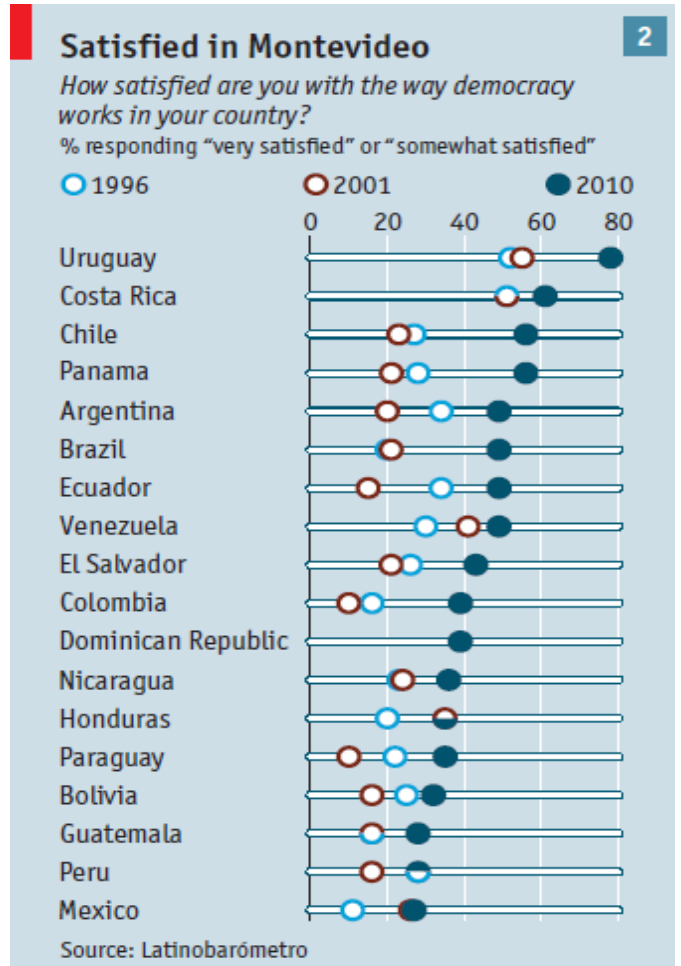
Two related things stand out in the results of this year's poll, taken in September and early October. The first is the region's fairly sunny mood. The second is the in-creasing stability of attitudes towards

democracy and its core institutions. Support for democracy has risen noticeably in several countries on the Pacific rim of **South America**. For example in Peru, where economic growth has averaged **6%** a year since 2002, support for democracy has risen from a low of **40%** in 2005 to **61%** this year. It also rose in **Mexico**, where the economy has recovered after suffering a big drop in output last year.

But only around half of respondents in **Mexico** and **Brazil**, the region's two most populous countries, are convinced democrats, which drags down the regional average (see Chart 1; the online version of this article includes a table with results for individual countries.) Some **44%** of respondents across the region pronounced them-selves satisfied with how their country's democracy works in practice, the same figure as last year but a big increase on the **25%** in 2001 (Chart 2). Some **34%** said they had confidence in their country's Congress and **45%** in their government, the same as last year in both cases but up sharply from 2003 (**17%** and **24%** respectively).

A decade ago economic woes in **Latin America** undermined support for democracy. That it has held up during the world financial crisis is probably because many **Latin American** countries suffered only a brief recession and have enjoyed a strong recovery. In addition, a stronger social safety net has helped to shield the poor. (The United Nations' Economic Commission for Latin America reported this week that the proportion of Latin Americans living in poverty rose only marginally in 2009 and has fallen again this year, to **32%**.)

But the mood varies widely from country to country (see Chart 3).



Brazil's strong economic performance and the popularity of its outgoing president, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, is reelected in a widely shared sense of progress. That is scarcer in **Mexico** and **Central America**, where the recession was more severe and violent crime has worsened. For the first time most respondents across **Latin America** as a whole cite *crime*, rather than unemployment, as the most important problem facing their country (see chart 4). Some **31%** say that either they or a close relative have been a victim of crime over the past year, but that is down from **38%** last year and is the lowest figure since 1995.

A more robust economic performance is reflected in rising

support for private enterprise and the market economy: some **71%** of respondents across the region say that private enterprise is indispensable for development, up from **56%** in 2007. Some **58%** agree that the market economy is the only system that will make their country developed, up from **47%** last year. Interestingly, **62%** of respondents in **Venezuela** hold that view (and **80%** there back private enterprise) even though their left-wing president, Hugo Chávez, is expropriating many private companies.

Brazil is the country which exercises most leadership in the region, mentioned by **19%** of respondents (up from **18%** last year), followed by the *United States* (**9%**, unchanged from last year) and **Venezuela** (**9%**, down from **11%** last year). But the United States is seen as the most influential country by respondents in **Mexico** and much of **Central America**, while **Venezuela** enjoys that distinction in **Ecuador**, the **Dominican Republic** and **Nicaragua**.

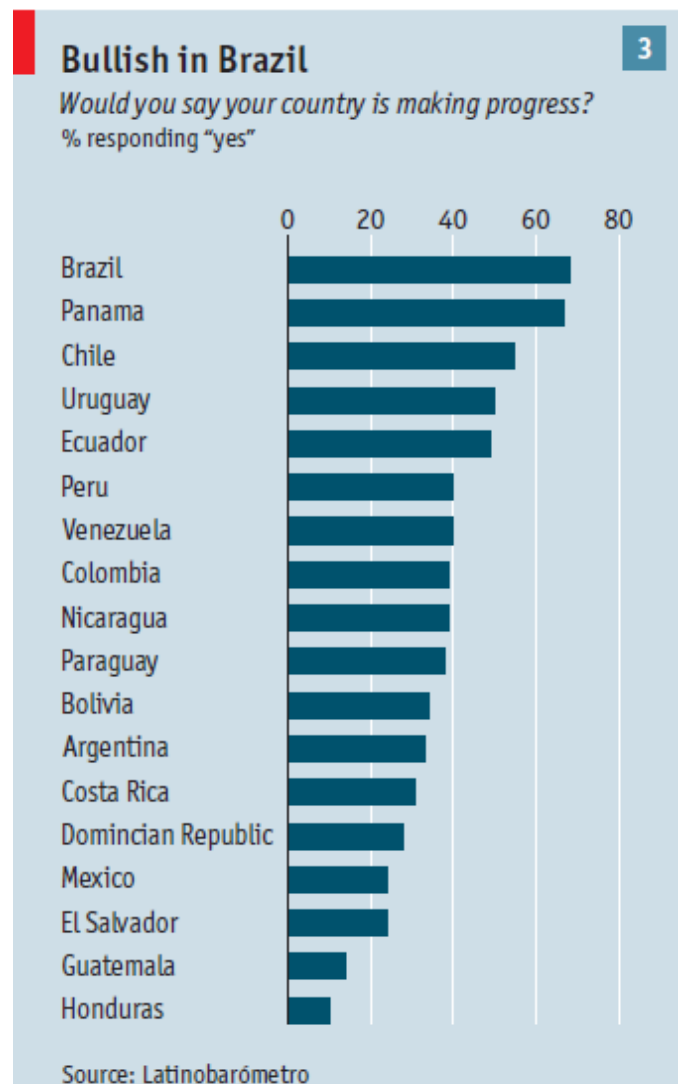
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Latin America leaders attending the Rio Group summit pose for the summit's official photo on the outskirts of Playa del Carmen, Mexico



Latin America leaders (clockwise): Venezuela's Chavez, Mexico's Calderon, Argentina's Fernandez, Colombia's Santos, Honduras' Zelaya, Chile's Bachelet, Cuba's Castro & Brazil's Rouseff & Lula



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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

