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Asia zone

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164-1 *Threats for Hamas and Fateh* (Click for Details)

(**Palestine**) According to a recent survey youth revolts in the Arab World pose a threat to Hamas and its government in the Gaza Strip while al Jazeera leaks of PLO documents recording Palestinian-Israeli negotiations pose a threat to Fateh and the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank. (**PCPSR**)

March 22, 2011

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164-2 *Abbas' Speech: The President's Visit To Gaza & Palestinian Elections* (Click for Details)

(**Palestine**) In the post President Abbas speech period, his positive evaluation increased by 12 points—from **64 %** on 7 March to **76 %** on 16 March. In contrast, there was slight decline in the positive evaluation of Prime Minister Haniyeh; from **44 %** to **40 %**. About **81 %** gave the overall content of the President's speech a positive evaluation. About **9 %** said that it was fair and **4 %** were not sure. (**AWRAD**)

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► WEST ASIA

164-3 *Pakistani Optimism Inches Up In The Run Up To The Cricket World Cup Final* (Click for Details)

(**Pakistan**) According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, optimism in Pakistanis rises as the world cup final approaches. More than half of Pakistanis (**52%**) from across the country believe that Pakistan will win the world cup followed by those who think winner will be Australia (**11%**) or India (**10%**). (**Gallup Pakistan**)

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4.4 Society » Civil Society

► SOUTH ASIA

164-4 *Win the cup... for Sachin?* (Click for Details)

(**India**) Though Sachin Tendulkar is respected as god in India however Indians believe that their world cup campaign is about their team and not only about Sachin. Indians are divided on the issue that Sachin can be a successful captain. (**Cvoter**)

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164-5 *Compensate The Innocent, Apologise To Modi* (Click for Details)

(India) About **four in ten** Indians believe that Godhra incident was a conspiracy and not an accident. In response to the suggestion that the 63 people who had been let off by the court after spending nine years in jail should be compensated by the government for the loss of their liberty, more than **46 %** of the respondents replied in the affirmative. (Cvoter)

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164-6 **Indians Mixed Reaction to Manmohan Performance** ([Click for Details](#))

(India) A recent CVoter survey in India shows that Indians have mixed views about Manmohan performance in his second term as Primer Minister of India. More than **four in ten** say that he has not met their expectations and more than half believe he has failed as an economist. (Cvoter)

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164-7 **Indian Judiciary Needs To Be Overhauled Urgently** ([Click for Details](#))

(India) In a recent CVOTER survey an over whelming majority of Indians agreed with the statement that the judiciary needed to be overhauled at the earliest. As many as **85.5 %** of respondents across 21 states agreed definitely with this suggestion. More than three quarters believe that corruption is the most serious problem in the judiciary. (Cvoter)

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164-8 **Can Indian Government Check Inflation** ([Click for Details](#))

(India) In a recent survey **50 %** of middle class voters don't believe that the government can check inflation. (Cvoter)

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Africa zone

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

▶ SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

164-9 **President Zuma's Approval Level In Metro Areas Steady At 49% As Elections Loom** ([Click for Details](#))

(South Africa) After a year of volatility during 2010, President Zuma's approval level for February 2011 steadied at the same level as at the end of 2010 – **49%** of metro adults approve of the way the President is doing his job. (TNS South Africa)

March 17, 2011

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164-10 **Nigerian Presidential Poll** (Click for Details)

(Nigeria) A survey before Presidential elections in Nigeria shows that Nigerians are making their mind for Presidential candidates. Majority of the unregistered voters have got themselves registered and they have knowledge about the candidates. (NOI)

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Euro Americas zone

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LATIN AMERICA & AUSTRALASIA




EUROPE



▶ EAST EUROPE

164-11 **Arab World's Upheaval: Russian View** (Click for Details)

(Russia) The overwhelming majority of Russians know about the recent developments in the Arab world (**86%**). **35 %** of them keep a sharp eye on that; other **51%** know about the situation in general. (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)

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164-12 **Collapse Of USSR: Inevitable Or Accidental?** (Click for Details)

(Russia) There is no common opinion among Russians about the role of Gorbachev in the USSR's collapse. Some say that his role was crucial (**42%**). Others believe that the USSR would have collapsed anyway due to objective reasons, even if there were any other politician instead of Gorbachev (**37%**). (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)

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164-13 ***Recalling Gorbachev's Time: Success And Failure Of The First And The Last USSR President*** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Over the recent decade the opinion o Russians about Mikhail Gorbachev has considerably changed. Less Russians feel irritation (from 30% in 2001 to 20% in 2011) and disgust (from 9 to 5%). At the same time, less Russians like him (from 16 to 5%) and respect him (from 15 to 10%). The basic feeling most of Russians share today about Gorbachev is indifference (from 25 to 47%). (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)

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► WEST EUROPE

164-14 ***Coalition Government's Policies Have Been Bad For Small And Medium Businesses*** (Click for Details)

(UK) A new Yougov survey reveals that nearly half (48%) of senior decision makers in small and medium enterprises (SME) believe Government policies introduced since the 2010 election have been bad for small to medium businesses. However, 26% believe the new policies have been good for businesses, while just over a quarter (26%) disagree, believing on the contrary that the new policies have been good for business. (Yougov)

22 March 2011

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► NORTH AMERICA

164-15 ***Christie Tops Presidential Choice of GOP Primary Voters; Viewed as Most Likely to Beat Obama*** (Click for Details)

(USA) New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a man who says he has no plans to run in 2012, leads a field of hypothetical Republican presidential nominees, and is thought to have the best chance of knocking off President Obama. (Ibope-Zogyby)

March 23, 2011

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164-16 ***What do Americans think of military action in Libya?*** (Click for Details)

(USA) While polls in this country appear to show a public split on military action in Libya, across the pond there is significant support among Americans. The Ipsos poll for Reuters shows that 60% of Americans support US and allied military action in Libya, and eight in ten (79%) agree that the US and its Western allies should seek to remove Gaddafi. (Ipsos U.S)

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164-17 ***Support for Nuclear Power Down Somewhat from 2008*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Compared to identical questions asked in 2008, the percentages believing nuclear power is safe and that more nuclear plants should be built fall slightly, but still number at least 60% of likely voters. (Ibope-Zogyby)

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164-18 **Majority Supports No-Fly Zone in Libya** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) A small majority backs the U.S.-led no-fly zone in Libya, including a third who would consider taking additional military action according to the latest IBOPE Zogby Interactive poll. ([Ibope-Zogyby](#))

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164-19 **Obama Tests Well at Start of Reelection Run** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Nearly half (**47%**) of registered voters say they would like to see Barack Obama reelected, while **37%** say they would prefer to see a Republican candidate win the 2012 election, according to the survey by the Pew Research Center. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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164-20 **Wide Gulf in Health Coverage Persists Across U.S. Metro Areas** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Close to half of adults (**46.1%**) living in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas, had no healthcare coverage last year -- nearly three times the national average -- and the highest percentage across the 188 U.S. metropolitan areas that Gallup and Healthways surveyed. ([Gallup USA](#))

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164-21 **Americans Approve of Military Action Against Libya, 47% to 37%** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) A Gallup poll conducted Monday finds more Americans approving than disapproving of the military action against Libya by the United States and other countries. ([Gallup USA](#))

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164-22 **3% vs. 27% - Public Wary of U.S. Military Intervention in Libya** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) On the eve of the start of military intervention in Libya by the U.S. and its allies, the American public by a wide margin expressed the view that the United States did not have a responsibility to do something about the fighting between government forces and anti-government groups in Libya. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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164-23 **One Year Later, Americans Split on Healthcare Law** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) One year after President Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law, Americans are divided on its passage, with **46%** saying it was a good thing and **44%** saying it was a bad thing. Most Americans are skeptical that the law will improve medical care in the U.S. or their own personal medical care. ([Gallup USA](#))

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164-24 **Opposition to Nuclear Power Rises amid Japanese Crisis** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Not surprisingly, public support for the increased use of nuclear power has declined amid the ongoing nuclear emergency in Japan. Currently, **39%** say they favor promoting the increased use of nuclear power while **52%** are opposed. Last October, **47%** favored promoting the increased use of nuclear power and the same percentage (**47%**) was opposed. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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164-25 ***Huckabee Has Slight Edge, Palin Down, in GOP '12 Preferences*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Mike Huckabee tops a large list of potential GOP presidential candidates in current support for the party's 2012 nomination, with **19%** of Republicans saying they are most likely to back him. This gives Huckabee a slight edge over Mitt Romney (**15%**). Sarah Palin is now at **12%** after receiving **16%** support in three prior Gallup polls. Newt Gingrich is the only other potential candidate who registers double-digit support. **16%** of Republicans currently have no preference. ([Gallup USA](#))

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164-26 ***Jobs Key to Residents' Satisfaction With Their Communities*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Lincoln, Neb., residents are close to unanimous in saying they are satisfied with the city or area where they live, according to 2010 Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index data -- **96.7%** respond this way, the highest proportion across 188 U.S. metropolitan areas. Lincoln is also the metro area with the lowest current unemployment rate in the country, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. ([Gallup USA](#))

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164-27 ***Democrats Lead Ranks of Both Union and State Workers*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Union members, whether they work for the government or the private sector, are more likely than nonunion workers to be Democrats than Republicans. The gap is greatest among unionized state government workers, who are twice as likely to be Democrats. ([Gallup USA](#))

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164-28 ***Pawlenty Begins Race With 41% GOP Name Recognition*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, who this week became the first major Republican to announce the formation of a presidential exploratory committee, has **41%** name recognition among Republicans nationwide. He trails a number of other potential GOP presidential candidates on this measure. ([Gallup USA](#))

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164-29 ***Americans' Worries About Economy, Budget Top Other Issues*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Nearly three in four Americans (**71%**) say they worry about the economy "a great deal," more than worry about 13 other issues Gallup measured in a March 3-6 poll. Nearly two in three (**64%**) worry a great deal about federal spending and the budget deficit. ([Gallup USA](#))

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164-30 ***After Government Falls, Half (49%) of Canadians Believe Harper would be Best Prime Minister for Canada*** (Click for Details)

(Canada) After the fall of Government in Canada, new Ipsos Reid poll has revealed that, heading into Canada's fourth General Election in seven years, one half (**49%**, up 1 point since early February) of Canadians believe that Stephen Harper would make the best Prime Minister of Canada. In second position is NDP leader Jack Layton (**34%**, down 1 point) who has garnered twice as many votes as Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff (**17%**, up 1 point). ([Ipsos Canada](#))

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► AUSTRALASIA

164-31 **8% of Australians support UN Intervention in Libya But majority (55.5%) don't want Australian Involvement** (Click for Details)

(Australia) An overwhelming majority of Australians (78%) support the UN Resolution to implement a 'No Fly Zone' over Libya and for Coalition forces to take 'all necessary measures to protect civilians under threat of attack in Libya.' They are equally supportive of US & Coalition military forces using their airforce however a majority (55.5%) do not support Australian involvement in it. (Roy Morgan)

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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

164-32 **Worldwide Approval of U.S. Leadership Tops Major Powers** (Click for Details)

(Global) The United States continues to achieve higher global approval ratings than China, Russia, Japan, France, the United Kingdom, and Germany. Gallup's worldwide surveys document a noticeable change in the U.S. global leadership position from 2007 and 2008, when the U.S. trailed other major powers. (Gallup USA)

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2.6 Foreign Affairs & Security » US image

164-33 **Before Conflict, Many Young Libyans Doubted Role in Progress** (Click for Details)

(Multi Country) Ahead of the uprising in Libya, majorities of young Libyans believed young men and young women could help the country make substantial progress in the next decade. 66% of 15- to 29-year-olds surveyed in the areas of Tripoli, Benghazi, and Al Kufrah in 2010 said young men could further the country's advancement and 55% said this about young women. (Gallup USA)

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Topic of the week:

**GODHRA INCIDENT: Terrorism Blamed
Regretted 9 Years Later- Majority of Indians (46%)
Think the 'Accused' Were Innocent**

► 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.

Majority of Indians (46%) Think the 'Accused' Were Innocent
Compensate the Innocent, Apologize To Modi

After the special court ruling on the Godhra case, the court of the people makes its own recommendations, a CVOTER survey finds

BACKGROUND- Godhra Incident:

The Godhra train burning was a 2002 incident in which a sleeper coach on a passenger train was burned by Islamists in Godhra, Gujarat, India. 59 passengers died, all of them Hindu pilgrims coming from Ayodhya, and the event triggered widespread violence in Gujarat, resulting in the deaths of about 790 Muslims and 254 Hindus. (Source- Wikipedia)

CVoter:



At a time when democracy in multicultural, multireligious India is being held up as a shining example in Asia, particularly with the Jasmine Revolution changing the political and social order in much of the Arab world, the much-awaited Godhra verdict, pronounced by a special court recently, has been under sharp focus not just in the country but internationally too. The judgement, by a special “fasttrack” court set up to deal with the nine-year-old incident of the burning, in Godhra, of a bogey of the Sabarmati Express, carrying kar sevaks, headed to the temple town of Ayodhya, was eagerly awaited not merely in the interest of justice but also because this was an important case with a potential to rip the secular fabric of the country. The burning of the S6 bogey was followed by a horrible communal onslaught against the Muslims in Ahmedabad, largely believed to have been promoted by the Narendra Modi led government. The memory of that massacre in which thousands died is still a blot on the face of the nation and stirs debates in the international community even today.

But according to the recent court ruling, the attack on the train was part of a larger, planned conspiracy too. While the court let off the main accused for lack of evidence, it convicted 31 people for the heinous crime giving life imprisonment to 20, and death to 11, in what was described as an instance of the “rarest of the rare” depravity to merit the sentence. However, as many as 63 people were let off after having spent nine years in prison, their fundamental right to liberty having been overrun by a law which allowed the police at that time to arrest anyone on the basis of mere suspicion.

In this context, the Godhra verdict throws up a lot of important and interesting questions. While the BJP whose government was (and is) in power in Gujarat at the time of the attack on the train and the carnage has welcomed the judgement, there are two issues arising from this that are more worrying: One is the tendency to justify the subsequent communal riots as just retribution and a natural consequence of the train attack. And two, the fact that justice took almost a decade in being meted out (and even now, the parties concerned can appeal in higher courts) makes the citizens of the country understandably wary. For those who were wrongfully accused and let free after almost 10 years of their lives had gone by, can the state be brought to book and made to compensate?

The trial court has ruled that the Godhra incident was a conspiracy and not an accident. Do you agree?

	Valid Percent
Can't Say	28.2
Yes	39.6
No	21.1
I do not want to comment on court decision	11.1
Total	100

Should the 63 people who have been acquitted be given compensation in lieu of the nine years they've spent in jail?

	Valid Percent
Can't Say	18.1
Yes	46.2
No	20.1
It should apply in all cases, not only in this case.	15.6
Total	100

Politically, the BJP's communal stance in linking the Godhra attack to the subsequent carnage that followed needs to be condemned. Violence of any kind, by any community cannot be justified by the state, whose fundamental duty is to protect its citizens. Do India's political parties at either end of the spectrum understand or value such a dictum? It is hard to say.

The court letting off the main accused due to inadequate proof also puts a question mark on the methods of policing employed in the country. The special court's verdict has been seen as having surprising loose ends: the chief conspirators were found to have been not present at the site of the alleged conspiracy, but the confession which named these individuals as chief conspirators have been relied upon, in the main, to assert a conspiracy. These loose ends will be up for further legal scrutiny when the verdict is appealed in higher courts.



Both the police and judiciary are vital to the functioning of a vibrant democracy, but reforms are clearly needed, urgently, in both these areas in India. But while political will may be lacking to tackle such big issues, it is really the court of the people that can force the hands of the "system". So what do the people of India think about the verdict and its repercussions? A recent CVOTER survey, across 21 states, found that out. While a majority of respondents polled (39.6 %) agreed with the court's decision that the Godhra incident was a conspiracy, never mind legal experts pointing to the lacunae in the recorded evidence and scope for further appeal, what was also clear was that a majority of people felt that justice had been served but way too late. In response to the suggestion that the 63 people who had been let off by the court after spending nine years in jail should be compensated by the government for the loss of their liberty, more than 46 % of the respondents replied in the affirmative.

An overwhelming majority of 84 % agreed that the legal process in India takes too long to settle issues



and that there should be a way to expedite judgement on such cases. Clearly, the people of India want reforms in the judiciary and fast whether or not politicians are willing to take action in the matter.

But surprisingly, BJP's bid to justify the communal riots that followed the train-burning incident seems to have found favour with the masses. A majority of 47.2 % said that the UPA government at the centre should now apologize to Modi. However, 29.8 % denied this while 23 % were undecided and said "can't say". The court of the people will

obviously have its own say and it is only election time that will decide the political fates of many. §

Methodology

National representative sample of 1657 randomly selected respondents by CATI across 21 states in India during 20th to 22nd and 24th Jan 2011. Data weighted to known census profile. Margin of error +\ -3% at national level.

Source: http://teamcvoter.com/2011/newsletter3i1/newsletter_3issue1_2011.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

