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## Who are we?

**Gilani's Gallopedia** is a weekly digest of opinions in a globalized world. It provides a one window access to Global Opinion Polls on a weekly basis. It is produced by a team of researchers led by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, and is a not for profit public service. It is co-edited by Mohammad Zubair and Rushna Shahid.

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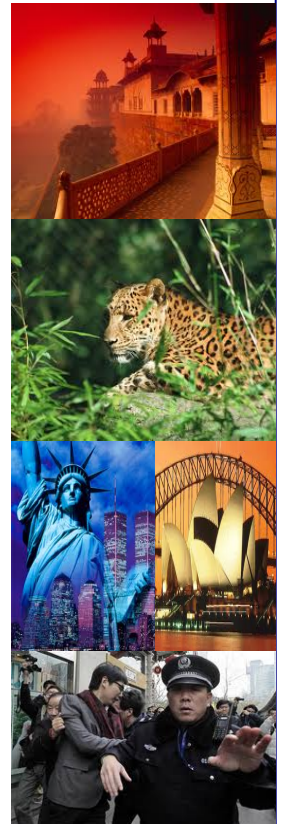


Topic of the week: (Click for details)

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THIS WEEK'S REPORT CONSISTS OF  
**28** NATIONAL & MULTI COUNTRY SURVEYS. **11**  
POLLING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN  
REPRESENTED.

- Pg 2 **Asia** zone this week-  
7 National Polls  
& 3 multi country poll
- Pg 3 **Africa** zone this week –  
1 National Polls  
2 multi country polls
- Pg 4 **Euro Americas** zone  
this week- 19 national polls  
& 2 multi country polls
- Pg Cyber Polls  
Nil
- Pg 8 Topic of the week-  
**Upbeat Chinese May  
Not Be Primed for a  
Jasmine Revolution**



Countries represented in blue  
Polling organizations represented in pink  
For reference to source of each poll clicks  
to detail are provided in the text



## Asia zone

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

### ► MIDDLE EAST

166-1 ***Public Demonstrations Not a Solution to Palestinian Israeli Problem*** (Click for Details)

(**Palestine**) Large majorities of both Palestinians (**66%**) and Israelis (**73%**) do not consider such demonstration in the West Bank to be capable of ending occupation or stopping settlements. Only **31%** among Palestinians and **13%** among Israelis think such demonstrations can end occupation and settlement activity. (**PCPSR**)

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

166-15 ***Before Jerusalem Bombing, Israelis More Skeptical About Peace*** (Click for Details)

(**Israel**) Prior to the renewed wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence that started earlier this year, Israelis had become more pessimistic about the possibility of achieving permanent peace between their country and the Palestinians. Two-thirds of Israelis surveyed in late 2010 said this will never come to pass, up from **60%** in 2009. (**Gallup USA**)

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### ► WEST ASIA

166-2 ***Prospects for Egypt like Popular Movement in Pakistan*** (Click for Details)

(**Pakistan**) According to Gallup Pakistan survey, **39%** of all Pakistanis across the country believed that if an Egypt like popular movement is brought about in Pakistan, like in Egypt, television will play the most important role in it, followed by those who believe newspaper (**19%**), internet (**12%**) and mobile phone (**9%**) will do so. (**Gallup Pakistan**)

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

166-3 ***Pakistani Anger Increasing, Highest in Region*** (Click for Details)

Amid economic and political instability, Gallup surveys show Pakistanis were angrier last year than they have been in the past several years. **43%** of Pakistanis polled in May 2010 said they felt angry a lot of the previous day, up from **31%** in 2007. Pakistanis were more likely to be angry than their neighbors in South Asia. (**Gallup USA**)

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### ► SOUTH EAST ASIA

166-4 ***Perceptions of Poverty & Hunger Rises in Philippines*** (Click for Details)

([Philippines](#)) According to a recent survey Filipinos self perception of hunger rises to **20.5%**. Similarly **51%** of Filipinos rate themselves As *Mahirap* Or Poor. ([SWS](#))

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► **NORTH ASIA**

166-5 ***Upbeat Chinese May Not Be Primed for a Jasmine Revolution*** ([Click for Details](#))

([China](#)) By comparing personal and economic satisfaction of Chinese with people in the Arab world, survey research can help compare Chinese attitudes and those in Arab countries, such as Egypt. Here, the polling suggests China may not be ripe for the kind of uprisings seen throughout the Middle East. ([Pew Research Center](#))

March 31, 2011

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***Multi Country- Sharp Drop in American Enthusiasm for Free Market, Poll Shows*** ([Click for Details](#))

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## Africa zone

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

► **SUB SAHARAN AFRICA**

166-6 ***South Africans Feel Very Strongly That Job Creation Is The Most Pressing Need*** ([Click for Details](#))

([South Africa](#)) According to a recent survey **90%** of metro adults feel that the most pressing need in South Africa is job creation, **77%** feel that it is housing, whereas a much smaller **54%** feel that the water supply will become a big problem in future. ([TNS South Africa](#))

March 30, 2011

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## Euro Americas zone

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



### AMERICAS

#### ▶ NORTH AMERICA

166-7 **Americans Divided on How Things Are Going in Afghanistan** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans are now about evenly split in their views of how things are going for the United States in Afghanistan, with **47%** saying things are going well and **49%** saying things are going badly. This marks the first time since July 2009 that fewer than half have said things are going badly. (Gallup USA)

April 8, 2011

2.2 Foreign Affairs & Security » Afghanistan War

166-8 **Obama Ratings Slip amid Economic Anxieties** (Click for Details)

(USA) With the public growing more anxious about the economy and concerned about overseas commitments, Barack Obama's job rating has edged lower. About as many now approve (**47%**) as disapprove (**45%**) of the way Obama is handling his job as president. On specific issues, Obama gets particularly negative ratings for his handling of the federal budget deficit (**59%** disapprove) and the overall economy (**56%** disapprove). He gets a mixed rating for his handling of the situation in Libya (**41%** approve, **46%** disapprove). (Pew Research Center)

April 7, 2011

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

166-9 **Most Want Budget Compromise but Split on Who's to Blame for a Shutdown** (Click for Details)

(USA) With an April 8 deadline approaching for a possible shutdown of the federal government, the public remains divided over whether congressional Republicans or the Obama administration would be more to blame if a shutdown occurs. Currently, **39%** say Republicans would be more to blame if the two sides cannot agree on a budget and the government shuts down, **36%** say the Obama administration, and **16%** volunteer both sides. (Pew Research Center)

April 4, 2011

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

166-10 **Fewer See Clear Goal in Libya; Opposition to Arming Rebels** (Click for Details)

(USA) Two weeks after U.S. and NATO forces began military operations in Libya, the public's reaction to the situation remains mixed. Half (**50%**) say the United States and its allies made the right decision in conducting airstrikes in Libya, while **37%** say it was the wrong decision -- a balance of opinion virtually unchanged from a week ago. (Pew Research Center)

April 5, 2011

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

166-11 **Americans' Views of Trump: 43% Favorable, 47% Unfavorable** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans have mixed opinions about businessman, television personality, and potential presidential candidate Donald Trump, with **43%** saying their opinion is favorable and **47%** holding an unfavorable opinion. Trump's public image is roughly the same now as it was in September 1999, just before the real estate mogul formed an exploratory committee to investigate the possibility of running for president on the Reform Party ticket. (Gallup USA)

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166-12 **In U.S., 1 in 4 Adults Have Government Health Insurance** (Click for Details)

(USA) As House Republicans put forth a budget proposal that seeks to reshape the government-run healthcare programs Medicare and Medicaid, Gallup finds that **1 in 4** U.S. adults, including at least **1 in 10** American adults across all age groups, benefit from one of these programs or military/veterans' benefits. Seniors and young adults are the most likely to report having government-based health insurance. (Gallup USA)

April 7, 2011

[4.11 Society » Health](#)

166-13 **Obama Approval Slips Among Blacks, Hispanics in March** (Click for Details)

(USA) Though majorities of blacks (**85%**) and Hispanics (**54%**) continue to approve of the job Barack Obama is doing as president, his ratings among these groups slipped in March and have set or tied new lows. His approval rating among whites, at **39%**, remains above where it was in the latter part of 2010. (Gallup USA)

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166-14 **Americans Favor Budget Compromise over Shutdown, 58%-33%** (Click for Details)

(USA) With Congress facing a midnight Friday deadline to pass a federal budget before a partial government shutdown occurs, a new Gallup poll finds Americans rooting for a deal. By **58%** to **33%**, more Americans want government leaders who share their views on the budget to back a compromise and avert a shutdown rather than hold out for a budget they agree with. (Gallup USA)

April 6, 2011

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166-16 **Americans Give Equally Low Ratings to Both Parties in Congress** (Click for Details)

(USA) As Congress attempts to come up with a budget agreement to avoid a government shutdown, Americans' views of both parties in Congress are equally negative -- **31%** approve of the Republicans in Congress and **32%** approve of the Democrats in Congress. Each party's rating is among the lowest Gallup has found since the question was first asked in 1999. (Gallup USA)

April 4, 2011

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[1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties](#)

166-17 **Majority of Americans Say Nuclear Power Plants in U.S. Are Safe** (Click for Details)

(USA) Despite concerns about a possible nuclear disaster in the U.S., **58%** of Americans think nuclear power plants in the U.S. are safe, while **36%** say they are not. Americans are divided on the issue of increasing the number of nuclear power plants in this country, but these attitudes have not changed from 10 years ago. (Gallup USA)

April 4, 2011

[3.10 Economy » Energy/Nuclear Issues](#)

166-18 ***Obama Still Fares Better on Foreign Than on Domestic Issues*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Americans continue to generally rate President Barack Obama's handling of international issues better than his handling of domestic issues. Forty-six percent approve of the president's handling of foreign affairs and **44%** his handling of Libya, while his highest rating on three domestic issues is **40%** for healthcare policy. ([Gallup USA](#))

April 1, 2011

[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

166-19 ***More Americans Back Unions than Governors in State Disputes*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) With political battles over state budgets and collective bargaining still playing out to varying degrees in Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Maine, and several other states, **48%** of Americans say they agree more with the unions in these disputes, while **39%** agree more with the governors. **13%** favor neither side or have no opinion. ([Gallup USA](#))

April 1, 2011

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[1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance](#)

166-20 ***Americans' Top Job-Creation Idea: Stop Sending Work Overseas*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) One in four Americans say the best way to create more jobs in the U.S. is to keep manufacturing in this country and stop sending work overseas. Americans also suggest creating jobs by increasing infrastructure work, lowering taxes, helping small businesses, and reducing government regulation. ([Gallup USA](#))

March 31, 2011

[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)

[3.6 Economy » Economic Globalization](#)

166-21 ***Modest Support for Libya Airstrikes, No Clear Goal Seen*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) After several days of airstrikes on Libya by the United States and its allies, the public has mixed reactions to the military operation. Nearly half of Americans (**47%**) say the United States made the right decision in conducting air strikes in Libya, while **36%** say it was the wrong decision. Fully one-in-six (**17%**) express no opinion. ([Gallup USA](#))

March 28, 2011

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

166-22 ***Obama Approval Slips To 43%; Low Marks Given to His Economic And Libyan Policies*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Barack Obama's approval rating among likely voters has slipped three points over the past week, and low marks have been handed out on his handling of many issues. ([Zogby-Ibope](#))

April 04, 2011

[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

166-23 ***Most Say it is Time for Someone New as President*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) A new IBOPE Zogby Survey finds a majority of likely voters are ready for someone new in the White House, as just **38%** say Obama deserves to be re-elected and **55%** say it is time for someone new. ([Zogby-Ibope](#))

April 05, 2011

[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

166-24 ***Voters Split on Government Shutdown Harming Recovery*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) A new IBOPE Zogby Interactive poll finds likely voters split over whether or not a government shutdown would be harmful to the economic recovery. **49%** say they agree a government shutdown would hurt the recovery, **45%** say they disagree and **6%** are not sure. (Zogby-Ibope)

April 07, 2011

3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions



## ► LATIN AMERICA

166-25 ***Emerging LatAm Consumers on the Internet*** (Click for Details)

(Latin America) A recent survey shows that Internet access is rapidly expanding its reach in Latin America, providing more opportunities and a better economic future for many. Almost **four in ten** have access to Internet in Latin America. The highest level of access is found in Chile where **50 %** people have access to Internet. (TNS Global)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media



## ► AUSTRALASIA

166-26 ***New Zealand National-led Government support virtually unchanged*** (Click for Details)

(New Zealand) The latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows support for Prime Minister John Key's National-led Government is up **0.5%** to **55%**. Support for Key's National Party is **51%** (down **1.5%**), ACT NZ **2%** (up **1.5%**), the Maori Party **1.5%** (unchanged), and United Future **0.5%** (up **0.5%**). (Roy Morgan Research)

April 08, 2011

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## ► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

166-27 ***Sharp Drop in American Enthusiasm for Free Market, Poll Shows*** (Click for Details)

(Multi Country) According to a recent survey American public support for the free market economy has dropped sharply in the past year, and is now lower than in China. The poll was conducted by telephone in China and the US, and by telephone, in-person, or online in the 23 other countries. (Globescan)

April 6, 2011

3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

166-28 ***Women and Older Consumers Are Generally More Environmentally Conscious*** (Click for Details)

(Multi Country) A new study by Synovate on 'green' behaviour shows that women and older consumers across the world are generally more environmentally conscious overall, and that how people feel about the future and their family, and which country they live in, are less important factors in determining their green habits. (Synovate)

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4.5 Society » Gender Issues §



## Topic of the week:

### **Upbeat Chinese May Not Be Primed for a Jasmine Revolution**

► 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 31, 2011

The democratic uprisings in Tunisia, Egypt and elsewhere have led to speculation that a wave of pro-democracy movements could spread as far as China. The government in Beijing, for its part, has acted swiftly to quash the possibility of anti-government protests inspired by the Middle East's popular revolts. How much China's leadership has to worry about a mass uprising is an open question, as judging the Chinese appetite for democracy is not easy. Unlike in the Arab world, where opinion surveys over the years have demonstrated public support for such basic democratic rights as free elections and freedom of speech, in China it is not possible to ask citizens about their views on democracy. The government won't allow it. However, on another critical dimension in gauging public enthusiasm for political change -- personal and economic satisfaction -- surveys do allow for comparisons between Chinese attitudes and those in Arab countries, such as Egypt. Here, the polling suggests China may not be ripe for the kind of uprisings seen throughout the Middle East.

#### **Chinese Very Happy With Course of Nation**

Unlike the Egyptian public in recent years, the Chinese public has been overwhelmingly content with the direction in which their country is headed. In a spring 2010 survey by the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project, 87% of Chinese said they were satisfied with the way things were going in their country.<sup>1</sup> Just 28% of Egyptians said the same, compared with 69% who were dissatisfied with their country's direction. In both countries these findings were closely linked to views on the economy: 91% of Chinese characterized their country's economic situation as good, compared with only 20% of Egyptians who said the same. The number of Egyptians describing their country's economic situation as good fell by more than half, from 53% in 2007.

The Chinese were equally enthusiastic about the future of their economy. In spring 2010, nearly nine-in-ten (87%) expected the economic situation in China to improve over the next 12 months. This upbeat forecast echoed optimism found in earlier surveys. In Egypt, just 25% thought the economic situation would improve in the coming year, compared with 35% who said it would remain the same and 38% who anticipated the economic situation would actually worsen.

#### **Chinese Sense Personal Progress**

Divergent attitudes on broad issues, such as the economy and direction of the country, point to important contrasts between the public mindset in China and Egypt. That contrast is even starker at a more personal level. In spring 2010, the Pew Global Attitudes survey asked respondents to place themselves on a "ladder of life," where zero represents the worst possible life and 10 the best possible life. Respondents were also asked to describe where they stood five years ago and where they guessed they would stand five years in the future.

#### **Chinese More Satisfied With Their Country's Direction**

	% Satisfied			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
	%	%	%	%
China	83	86	87	87
Egypt	47	40	31	28

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On balance, both Chinese and Egyptians rated their lives much less positively than Western Europeans or Americans. However, three times as many Chinese as Egyptians reported a high level of personal satisfaction.



And while the Egyptian and Chinese publics rated their current lives comparably, Chinese reported much more personal progress over the past five years and much more optimism looking ahead. The prevailing feeling in Egypt was one of losing ground. In fact, between 2007 and 2010, the number of Egyptians reporting a low quality of life doubled, suggesting that in the lead-up to this year's popular revolt frustrations may have been mounting not only with respect to democratic yearnings, but in terms of personal aspirations.

By contrast, nearly two-thirds of Chinese judged their lives to be better than five years ago. This number out-stripped even the personal progress reported in the U.S. and Western Europe. Fewer than a fifth of Egyptians (18%) registered an improvement in life satisfaction, with nearly half actually reporting a decline in life quality.

The Chinese were decidedly upbeat about the future as well. In spring 2010, 74% believed their lives would be better in five years - an impressive level of optimism compared with opinions in the U.S. and Western Europe. In Egypt, only 23% anticipated a higher quality of life, while 40% predicted a lower quality. In China, just 6% believed their lives would worsen over the next five years.

### Sustained Optimism in China

Arguably, widespread optimism in China could inflate popular expectations, which if unmet could lead to personal or social frustration. So far, China seems to have escaped this scenario. Since 2002, a majority of Chinese have consistently predicted that they would have a better life in five years. This suggests an enduring confidence among most Chinese that their personal aspirations will be met.

It would be wrong to assume that the Chinese public is indifferent to the performance of their national or local governments. In fact, news reports indicate that a good number of Chinese care enough about official corruption and government accountability to voice their concerns online or in other forums. But the Chinese public's overall state of mind is very distant from the pessimism that helped set the stage for massive protests in Egypt. Confident that their country is on the right path, and optimistic that their own lives will improve, the Chinese public might not be so likely to embrace a Jasmine-style revolution.

### Chinese See More Progress, Greater Hope

	Western			
	U.S.	Europe*	Egypt	China
	%	%	%	%
<i>Rate life today... **</i>				
<b>High (7-10)</b>	64	53	10	31
<b>Medium (4-6)</b>	30	41	62	63
<b>Low (0-3)</b>	5	7	28	5
<i>Perceive progress past five years ...</i>				
<b>Made progress</b>	49	37	18	66
<b>Stayed same</b>	26	31	33	15
<b>Lost ground</b>	23	32	49	20
<i>Expect progress next five years ...</i>				
<b>Optimistic</b>	52	40	23	74
<b>No change</b>	29	29	31	16
<b>Pessimistic</b>	13	18	40	6

\* Western Europe is based on the median percentage from Britain, France, Germany, and Spain.

\*\* Percent rating life satisfaction on a scale from 0-10.

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Source: <http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1945/chinese-may-not-be-ready-for-revolution>

# 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

