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Asia Zone

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

▶ MENA

408-1 **Formula 1 in pole position as most familiar and attended world sport in the Emirates** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UAE) A new study into the perception of major sporting events held in the UAE has found that the most familiar world sport currently hosted by the Emirates amongst residents is the Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (57%), followed by the Dubai World Cup (37%), and the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championship (36%).

(YouGov)

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[4.15 Society » Sports](#)

[4.16 Society » Entertainment](#)



408-2 **Over half of Emiratis more motivated to join national military service in wake of fallen UAE martyrs** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UAE) In the lead up to their nation's first Martyrs Day, also known as Commemoration Day, on 30 November 2015, a new YouGov study has revealed that 56% of Emiratis are more motivated to join their country's military service because of fallen UAE martyrs. (YouGov)

November 29, 2015

[2.10 Foreign Affairs & Security » Military Issues/ Defence](#)

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

▶ SOUTH ASIA

408-3 **Satisfaction with Personal Freedom Grows in Myanmar** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Myanmar) In the run-up to Myanmar's first free election in 25 years on Nov. 8, more residents than ever in the once-isolated country reported being satisfied with their personal freedom. In March 2015, nearly eight in 10 residents (79%) said they are satisfied with the freedom they have to choose what they do with their lives, considerably higher than previous measures in 2012 and 2013. (Gallup USA)

November 27, 2015

[4.4 Society » Civil Society](#)

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

▶ SOUTHEAST ASIA

408-4 **Filipinos Give China's Leadership Low Approval** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Philippines) As China and the U.S. sparred over the disputed South China Sea at the ASEAN summit over the weekend, tensions continue to simmer between China and the Philippines as well over the resource-rich body of water. Despite strong commercial ties between the two nations, Filipinos' disapproval of China's leadership has soared since tensions began to flare up again in 2011. (Gallup USA)

November 25, 2015



2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues
 2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations
 3.6 Economy » Economic Globalization

408-5 **49% of Pinoys very/somewhat closely follow the Maguindanao massacre case** (Click for Details)

([Philippines](#)) The Third Quarter 2015 Social Weather Survey, conducted from September 2-5, 2015, found that 49% of adult Filipinos followed the news on the court trial of the Maguindanao massacre case very closely/somewhat closely. ([SWS](#))

November 23, 2015

1.6 Domestic Politics » National History
 4.12 Society » Crime

► NORTHEAST ASIA

408-6 **Without one-child policy, China still might not see baby boom, gender balance**

(Click for Details)

([China](#)) The Chinese government recently announced it would further relax its decades-old one-child policy, but this shift might not dramatically affect the birth rate and the gender imbalance in China – at least not in the near term. ([Pew Research Center](#))

November 20, 2015

1.7 Domestic Politics >> Legislation
 4.2 Society » Family
 4.5 Society » Gender Issues



Africa Zone

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

► SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

408-7 **Public confidence in President Zuma declines significantly** (Click for Details)

([South Africa](#)) Public distrust of the president (66%), disapproval of the president's performance (62%), and perceived corruption in this Office (46%) are all at their highest levels since 2000. ([Afrobarometer](#))

November 2015

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings
 1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

408-8 **South Africans disapprove of government's performance on unemployment, housing and crime** (Click for Details)

([South Africa](#)) For two decades, South Africa has been grappling with the agonizing triple challenges of poverty, unemployment, and inequality. President Jacob Zuma's State of the Nation address in February 2015 called upon the nation to be united in advancing economic freedom. Most South Africans would acknowledge that despite gains in political freedom, much remains to be done to overcome poverty and bring economic independence to the Rainbow Nation. ([Afrobarometer](#))

November 24, 2015

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings



1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance
 3.3 Economy » Employment Issues
 4.12 Society » Crime

408-9 **In Africa, Pope Francis will find religious vibrancy and violence** (Click for Details)

Pope Francis later this week makes his first apostolic trip to sub-Saharan Africa – a part of the world where the number of Muslims and Christians is projected to increase dramatically over the next 35 years. It also is a region where the tension and distrust between these two religious groups has been rising. (Pew Research Center)

November 24, 2015

4.1 Society » Religion



Euro Americas Zone

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

▶ EAST EUROPE

408-10 **Russia: Day of Sociologist, Or Why We Need Surveys** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Today more Russians feel the need for conducting the public opinion polls than two years ago (84% in 2015; 69% in 2013); this record is close to a ten-year record (85% in 2005). Those who share this point of view think that sociological surveys help certain persons learning the public opinion on particular issues in general (37%), informing the authorities about the social problems (34%). (VCIOM)

November 13, 2015

4.4 Society » Civil Society
 4.13 Society » Social Problems



408-11 **Russia: Police: Past and Present** (Click for Details)

(Russia) About 50% of Russians remain confident in police; most of them assess the work of the police as “medium” or “good”. (VCIOM)

November 09, 2015

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance
 4.12 Society » Crime

408-12 **Russia: Ukrainian Debt** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Most of Russians see no reasons to soften the conditions for Ukraine to help repay the debt granted by Russia two years ago. (VCIOM)

November 06, 2015

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues



▶ WEST EUROPE

408-13 **Scots believe independence is likely to happen in the next ten years** (Click for Details)

(Scotland) In the final release from our poll for STV News to mark 20 years of Ipsos MORI's permanent office in Scotland, more than half of Scots believe independence will happen in the next ten years. Looking

ahead to 2025, 54% of Scots think it is likely that Scotland will become independent, while 44% think it is unlikely and 2% don't know. (Ipsos Mori)

November 26, 2015

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

408-14 **Eurofound publishes the first findings of its sixth European Working Conditions Survey** (Click for Details)

Most workers are satisfied with their working time (58%), feel supported by their manager (58%) and colleagues (71%) and say their organization motivates them to give their best job performance (63%). At the same time, while female managers are on the increase, gender segregation remains persistent across the European labour market, younger workers experience greater work intensity and job insecurity, older workers report less access to training, physical risks remain and there are significant differences in job quality across occupations. (Ipsos Mori)



November 26, 2015

[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)

408-15 **Scots optimistic about the economy in Scotland over next ten years, but expect cost of living to increase** (Click for Details)

(Scotland) In the latest release from our poll for STV News to mark 20 years of Ipsos MORI's permanent office in Scotland, Scots are more optimistic than pessimistic about the economy in Scotland over the next ten years. However, most think that the cost of living will increase in the same period. (Ipsos Mori)

November 24, 2015

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

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

[3.4 Economy » Inflation](#)

408-16 **Economist/Ipsos MORI November 2015 Issues Index** (Click for Details)

(Britain) The Economist/ Ipsos MORI November 2015 Issues index – concern about housing, low pay, and poverty sit at historic highs though immigration still leads over all other issues. (Ipsos Mori)

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)

[3.5 Economy » Poverty](#)

► NORTH AMERICA

408-17 **Americans Evenly Split on Sending Troops to Fight Islamic State** (Click for Details)

(USA) Since the Islamic State terrorist attacks in Paris and Beirut, Americans' reaction to sending U.S. ground troops to assist groups fighting Islamic militants has shifted from majority opposition to an even divide. Forty-seven percent of Americans now favor committing U.S. ground troops to Iraq and Syria for this purpose, while 46% are opposed. In early November, opponents surpassed supporters by 10 percentage points.

(Gallup USA)

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[2.4 Foreign Affairs & Security » Terrorism/Extremism](#)

[2.10 Foreign Affairs & Security » Military Issues/ Defence](#)



408-18 **Americans Again Opposed to Taking In Refugees** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans, by 60% to 37%, oppose plans for the U.S. to take in at least 10,000 Syrian refugees who are trying to escape the civil war in their country. This is in keeping with Americans' historical tendency to oppose taking in large numbers of refugees, something that has been evident in similar situations as far back as the 1930s. (Gallup USA)

November 23, 2015

4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees

408-19 **In U.S., 51% Say Government Should Ensure Healthcare Coverage** (Click for Details)

(USA) U.S. adults are slightly more likely to say it is the responsibility of the federal government to ensure all Americans have health insurance coverage (51%) than to say it is not the government's responsibility (47%). The percentage who believes the government has that obligation is up six percentage points from 2014. This year marks the first time since 2008 that a majority of Americans say the government is responsible for making sure all citizens have health insurance. (Gallup USA)

November 23, 2015

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

4.11 Society » Health

408-20 **In politics, most Americans feel they're on the losing side** (Click for Details)

(USA) It could be a sign of the times – or something more lasting – but far more Americans today feel like their side is losing more often than winning in politics. (Pew Research Center)

November 25, 2015

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

408-21 **Millennials are less religious than older Americans, but just as spiritual** (Click for Details)

(USA) By many measures, Millennials are much less likely than their elders to be religious. For instance, only about half of Millennials (adults who were born between 1981 and 1996) say they believe in God with absolute certainty, and only about four-in-ten Millennials say religion is very important in their lives. By contrast, older generations are much more likely to believe in God and say religion is important to them. (Pew Research Center)



November 23, 2015

4.1 Society » Religion

► AUSTRALASIA

408-22 **Majority of Australians (61%) against sending ground troops to Iraq & Syria** (Click for Details)

(Australia) A special snap SMS Morgan Poll shows a majority of Australians (61%) disapprove of Australia sending ground combat troops to fight the Islamic State in Iraq & Syria and 39% approve. This special SMS Morgan Poll was conducted last night (Thursday) with a cross-section of 973 Australians. (Roy Morgan)

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2.4 Foreign Affairs & Security » Terrorism/Extremism

2.10 Foreign Affairs & Security » Military Issues/ Defence

► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

408-23 **Wealthy Countries Less Concerned about Climate Change: Global Poll** (Click for Details)

Global public concern about climate change has declined over the past six years, especially in industrialized countries, and support for national governments leading on ambitious climate targets at next month's Paris Climate Conference is down from levels measured prior to the 2009 Copenhagen Summit. ([Globescan](#))

November 26, 2015

[4.14 Society](#) » [Environment/ Disasters](#)



Topic of the week:

In Africa, Pope Francis will find religious vibrancy and violence

► 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.

In Africa, Pope Francis will find religious vibrancy and violence

November 24, 2015

Pope Francis later this week makes his first [apostolic trip to sub-Saharan Africa](#) – a part of the world where the number of Muslims and Christians is projected to increase dramatically over the next 35 years. It also is a region where the tension and distrust between these two religious groups has been rising.



Not surprisingly, the three countries on the pope's itinerary all have sizable Catholic populations. Catholics in Uganda numbered 14 million as of 2010, making up 42% of the population, while Catholics made up 22% of the population in Kenya (9 million) and 29% in the Central African Republic (1.3 million), according to a Pew Research Center report on [Global Christianity](#). All in all, more than 170 million or about one-in-five (21%) of sub-Saharan Africa's inhabitants were Catholic in 2010.

A majority of all people in the region (63%) are Christians. More than half of the Christians in sub-Saharan Africa are Protestants (including Pentecostals and evangelicals), while about a third are Catholics and a smaller share are Orthodox Christians. Among non-Christians in the region, most (about 30% of the total population) are Muslims.

Due to rapid population growth, both Islam and Christianity are expected to have more than twice as many adherents in the region by 2050 as they did in 2010, according to [our April report this year](#). Christians will increase from 517 million to more than 1.1 billion, and Muslims will go from 248 million to 670 million.

As a result, the importance of sub-Saharan Africa in the global religious community will be elevated as it becomes home to larger global shares of both faiths by midcentury. By 2050, the region will account for 38% of the world's Christians and 24% of the world's Muslims (as opposed to 24% and 16%, respectively, in 2010).

But this growth among sub-Saharan Africa's religious communities has, in recent years, been accompanied by violent clashes, including in all of the countries the pope is visiting. In the Central African Republic, for instance, a mostly Muslim rebel coalition overthrew the country's Christian president in 2013, sparking violent attacks on civilians by both Muslim and Christian militias. And in Kenya, members of Somalia's extremist Islamist group al-Shabab attacked a Nairobi shopping mall in 2013, gunning down at least 60, and a university in Garissa in 2015, leaving nearly 150 people dead, most of them Christians.

As in all of his travels, Francis will be promoting interreligious dialogue and understanding. But on this trip, he will encounter wariness among sub-Saharan Africa's major religious communities. Pew Research Center's 2010 [study of Islam and Christianity in sub-Saharan Africa](#) found that in eight of the 19 nations surveyed, at least three-in-ten people said that religious conflict was a "very big" problem in their country. The study also found mutual perceptions of hostility: A median of 28% of Christians said that many or most Muslims are hostile to Christians, and a median of 23% Muslims said that many or most Christians are hostile to Muslims.

In addition, many Africans have incompatible religious aspirations. For instance, substantial majorities of both faith groups said they would like to see their civil law systems based on religion. A median of 60% of Christians in the 19-nation survey reported they would like civil law based on the Bible, and a median of 63% of Muslims said they would like Islamic law, or sharia, to become the law of the land.

Source: http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/11/24/in-africa-pope-francis-will-find-religious-vibrancy-and-violence/?utm_source=Pew+Research+Center&utm_campaign=09e922f7fb-Weekly+Nov+24+201511+24+2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3e953b9b70-09e922f7fb-399609121

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2015)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 8 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

