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Asia Zone

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

► SOUTHEAST ASIA

416-1 [Philippines: Binay leads over Poe, Roxas and Duterte in Presidential race](#) (Click for details)

(Philippines) The Business World-SWS Pre-Election Survey of January 8-10, 2016 has the following new national scores in the Presidential race: Jejomar "Jojo" Binay 31%, Grace Poe 24%, Manuel "Mar" Roxas 21%, Rodrigo "Rody" Duterte 20%, Miriam Defensor Santiago 3%, Roy Seneres 0.1%, Elly Pamatong 0%, Camilo Sabio 0%, and undecided/others 2%. (SWS)

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings



416-2 [Net satisfaction with National Administration at "Good" +39](#) (Click for details)

(Philippines) The Fourth Quarter 2015 Social Weather Survey, fielded from December 5-8, 2015, found 61% of adult Filipinos satisfied, 16% neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, and 23% dissatisfied with the general performance of the National Administration, for a net satisfaction rating of +39 (% satisfied minus % dissatisfied, correctly rounded), classified by SWS as good. (SWS)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance



Africa Zone

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

► SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

416-3 [Lived poverty drops in two-thirds of surveyed countries in Africa](#) (Click for details)

While adequate food and clean water remain daily challenges for millions of Africans, poverty at the household level – “lived poverty” – has declined in two-thirds of countries surveyed by Afrobarometer, newly released survey findings show. (Afrobarometer)

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3.5 Economy » Poverty



Euro Americas Zone

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

▶ EAST EUROPE

416-4 [Russia: Fighting Against Economy](#) (Click for details)

(Russia)The greatest Russians fears are related not to the economic crisis but to the escalation of international tensions. (VCIOM)

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2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues



416-5 [Russia: Ruble Vs Dollar: Bear Speculation](#) (Click for details)

(Russia)The three-month average forecast of the US dollar was 76 rubles at the end of December 51% of respondents keep track of the foreign exchange market news, 48% are not interested. The share of Russians who keep savings in rubles made up 52%, 43% do not have any savings. Russians expect further weakening of the ruble against the US dollar. (VCIOM)

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3.6 Economy » Economic Globalization

3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

▶ WEST EUROPE

416-6 [UK: Politicians are still trusted less than estate agents, journalists and bankers](#) (Click for details)

(UK)Politicians are still trusted less than estate agents, journalists and bankers, whilst hairdressers are amongst the top five most trusted professions. (Ipsos Mori)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

416-7 [Bullfighting in Spain](#) (Click for details)

(Spain) An online poll by Ipsos MORI, for World Animal Protection, found that 19% of adults in Spain aged 16-65 said they supported bullfighting, compared to 58% who opposed it. (Ipsos Mori)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

4.15 Society » Sports

4.16 Society » Entertainment

416-8 [UK: Overwhelming support for migrant English lessons policy](#) (Click for details)

(UK) 77% of British people support deporting migrants on spousal visas if they fail to learn English in two and a half years – but many doubt this would decrease radicalization.

(YouGov)

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4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees



4.10 Society » Education

416-9 [UK: Family First: Children would treat their families if they won the lottery](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

(UK) With £33 million still unclaimed from last week's record jackpot, YouGov asked children aged 11-16 what they would do if they had the winning ticket. (YouGov)

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4.2 Society » Family

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

416-10 [Paris wins back 'most admired city' from London](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

Paris, London and New York are top three cities for overall positive image; Berlin and Amsterdam make top 10 for first time; Vienna pushed out of the top 10. (GFK)

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2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

► NORTH AMERICA

416-11 [Obama Averages 46.2% Job Approval in Year Seven](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) Throughout his seventh full year in office, beginning Jan. 20, 2015, and ending on Tuesday, President Barack Obama averaged a 46.2% job approval rating. That marks a significant improvement from his 42.6% average during his sixth year in office, the lowest of his presidency to date. His first year (57.2%) remains his best and is the only year in which his approval consistently exceeded 50%. (Gallup USA)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

416-12 [Americans' Satisfaction With Ability to Get Ahead Edges Up](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) Sixty-two percent of Americans are satisfied with the ability of a person in the U.S. to get ahead by working hard. These views are more positive now than a few years ago when this figure dipped to 53%, but still well below the high point of 77% measured in the early 2000s. (Gallup USA)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

416-13 [Engaging Employees: Big Companies Need the Most Improvement](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

(USA) Employees who work for larger companies with more than 1,000 workers report lower levels of engagement than those who work for smaller firms with fewer than 1,000 employees. The engagement gap widens for employees who work for companies with more than 5,000 workers, as these individuals report lower average results on nearly all of Gallup's engagement items than in firms with fewer than 1,000 employees. (Gallup USA)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues



416-14 [Blacks Least Likely Among U.S. Racial Groups to Say Home Ideal](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Blacks are less likely than other major U.S. racial groups to be happy with their homes. Sixty-four percent of blacks agree that their house or apartment is ideal for them and their family, significantly lower than the 75% of whites, 71% of Asians and 70% of Hispanics who say the same. (Gallup USA)

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[4.2 Society » Family](#)

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

416-15 [Personal Satisfaction in U.S. High, but Not Fully Recovered](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Americans' satisfaction with how things are going in their personal life continues to recover after the percentage very satisfied dipped below 50% during the 2008 Wall Street economic crisis. Still, at 53%, personal satisfaction falls short of the 55% to 59% range in the years leading up to 2008. More broadly, 85% of U.S. adults are either very or somewhat satisfied with the direction of their personal life. (Gallup USA)

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[4.4 Society » Civil Society](#)

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

416-16 [Majority of Americans Dissatisfied With Corporate Influence](#) (Click for details)

(USA) A majority of U.S. adults, 63%, say they are dissatisfied with the size and influence of major corporations, while 35% are satisfied. This is largely consistent with what Gallup has found over the past decade, but Americans were more divided between 2001 and 2003. (Gallup USA)

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

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

416-17 [Eight in 10 U.S. Investors Can Stomach Market Downturns](#) (Click for details)

(USA) U.S. investors are likely paying close attention to the sharp downturn in U.S. equities in January, with the Dow Jones industrial average tumbling nearly 8% in the past month. However, a recent Wells Fargo/Gallup Investor and Retirement Optimism survey suggests investors are likely abiding the slump fairly well. The vast majority of U.S. investors say they have high (25%) or moderate (56%) tolerance for a 5% to 10% decline in the stock market. Just 18% have little or no tolerance. (Gallup USA)

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[3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments](#)

416-18 [At Least One Candidate Would Be Good President, 66% in U.S. Say](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Two in three Americans (66%) believe there is at least one presidential candidate in this year's field who would make a good president. This is lower than the percentage who said the same during January of the 2000 (75%) and 2008 (84%) presidential elections -- also races without an incumbent. (Gallup USA)

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[1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust](#)



416-19 [Budget Deficit Slips as Public Priority](#) (Click for details)

(USA) As Barack Obama begins his final year in office, the goal of reducing the budget deficit, which the public once ranked among the most pressing objectives for his administration, has continued its recent decline in perceived importance. (Pew Research Center)

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1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

416-20 [Voters Skeptical That 2016 Candidates Would Make Good Presidents](#) (Click for details)

(USA) A year before the next president takes office, voters are skeptical that any of the leading 2016 candidates would make a good president. Moreover, of nine candidates included in the survey, far more voters say each would make a “terrible” than “great” president. (Pew Research Center)

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1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

416-21 [Millennials Make Up Almost Half of Latino Eligible Voters in 2016](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Hispanic millennials will account for nearly half (44%) of the record 27.3 million Hispanic eligible voters projected for 2016—a share greater than any other racial or ethnic group of voters, according to a new Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data. (Pew Research Center)

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

4.4 Society » Civil Society

► AUSTRALASIA

416-22 [National lead down slightly over Labour/Greens opposition in New Year](#) (Click for details)

(New Zealand) During January support for National was down 2% to 47% although still well ahead of a potential Labour/Greens alliance 41.5% (unchanged) in the first Roy Morgan New Zealand Poll for 2016. If a New Zealand Election were held now the latest NZ Roy Morgan Poll shows National would be re-elected with the support of minor parties. (Roy Morgan)

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

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1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties



► MULTI-COUNTRY STUDY

416-23 [Iranians, Egyptians Give China's Leadership Higher Marks](#) (Click for details)

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both Egyptians (31%) and Iranians (30%) approving. Still, these ratings are higher than the ones for the U.S., the European Union and Russia. (Gallup USA)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

Topic of the week:

Iranians, Egyptians Give China's Leadership Higher Marks

► 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.

Iranians, Egyptians Give China's Leadership Higher Marks

January 22, 2016

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- As Chinese President Xi Jinping visits Egypt and Iran on his Middle East tour this week, based on approval ratings, China is on stronger footing with the publics in these countries than are other major world powers. Ratings of China's leadership in these two countries are statistically tied, with slightly less than one-third of both Egyptians (31%) and Iranians (30%) approving. Still, these ratings are higher than the ones for the U.S., the European Union and Russia.



Egyptian and Iranian Approval of the Leadership of China

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused
Egypt			
2015	31%	36%	33%
2014	32%	44%	24%
2013	24%	45%	31%
2012	25%	47%	29%
2011	22%	43%	35%
Iran			
2015	30%	32%	39%
2014	32%	33%	35%
2013	26%	40%	34%
2012	23%	42%	35%
2011	18%	46%	36%

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Xi is expected to use the trip to assert China's role in the region and on Friday will be the first major world leader to visit Iran since the U.S. and the EU lifted sanctions last weekend. This may be a chance for him to further build China's brand. Although their approval ratings are higher, considerable numbers of Egyptians (33%) and Iranians (39%) don't know enough about the leadership of China to answer the question. And about as many Egyptians (36%) and Iranians (32%) affirm that they disapprove of China's leadership.

U.S. Approval Dismal Among Egyptians, Stronger in Iran

Despite decades of close cooperation, significant military aid and choosing Cairo as President Barack Obama's platform from which to speak to the Muslim world, a majority of Egyptians (62%) continue to disapprove of U.S. leadership. And the 10% of Egyptians who approve of U.S. leadership is one of its worst ratings in years. In fact, Egyptians are now less likely than Iranians (19%) to say they approve of U.S. leadership.

Egyptian and Iranian Approval of the Leadership of the U.S.

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused
Egypt			
2015	10%	62%	28%
2014	20%	58%	22%
2013	16%	57%	26%
2012	17%	62%	21%
2011	19%	55%	26%
Iran			
2015	19%	51%	30%
2014	14%	61%	25%
2013	15%	56%	29%
2012	12%	61%	28%
2011	9%	65%	25%

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While a majority of Iranians (51%) also disapprove of the U.S., ratings have improved considerably since 2011, and disapproval is at its lowest point in years. U.S. approval among Iranians saw an increase of five percentage points after Iran reached a nuclear deal with world powers, and it is at its highest point in years. As with China's leadership, roughly three in 10 Iranians (30%) and Egyptians (28%) don't offer an opinion about U.S. leadership.

Russia's Second Wind in the Region

Since the Soviet era, when it had stronger ties with a number of countries in the Middle East, Russia's presence in the region has been relatively obscure -- until recently. Russia's resurgence is apparent not only in the Syrian civil war theater and in Moscow's support of Iran, but also in strengthening economic and military ties with Arab nations such as Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Egyptian and Iranian Approval of the Leadership of Russia

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused
Egypt			
2015	27%	39%	34%
2014	25%	48%	26%
2013	13%	52%	36%
2012	11%	56%	33%
2011	15%	48%	37%
Iran			
2015	24%	37%	39%
2014	26%	37%	37%
2013	19%	45%	37%
2012	19%	46%	35%
2011	13%	52%	35%

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Approval ratings of Russia's leadership in both Egypt and Iran have increased since 2011. After approval ratings in Egypt dropped to an all-time low of 11% in 2012, a revived Cairo-Moscow relationship is apparent in the 27% of Egyptians who now approve of Russia's leadership. While 24% of Iranians share that view, it is important to consider that Russia has been a steadfast ally of Iran, particularly in the latter's policies in the Syrian war. It is also important to note that the Egyptian survey predates the Sharm el-Sheikh terrorist attack that downed a Russian Airbus flight.

Still, many in Egypt (34%) and Iran (39%) don't have an opinion about Russia's leadership. And it's important to point out that residents in each country are more likely to disapprove than approve of the country's leadership. Nearly four in 10 Egyptians (39%) and Iranians (37%) affirm their disapproval of Russian leadership.

EU Leadership Approval on the Rise in Iran

The EU has played a key role in the nuclear deal negotiations that paved the way for the removal of sanctions related to the country's nuclear program. Most Iranians saw these sanctions that the U.S., the United Nations and Western Europe imposed as [hurting their livelihood](#). Since 2011, and as various stages in the nuclear negotiations have unfolded, EU leadership approval has increased steadily among Iranians. Although the agreement was reached in July, in September 2015, Iranians were about as likely to approve of EU leadership (26%) as they were the year before (24%) -- but both ratings are still about twice as high as they were in 2011 and 2012.

Egyptian and Iranian Approval of the Leadership of the European Union

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know/ Refused
Egypt			
2015	19%	46%	35%
2014	22%	51%	27%
2013	15%	50%	35%
2012	10%	67%	23%
2011	16%	47%	36%
Iran			
2015	26%	34%	39%
2014	24%	42%	34%
2013	20%	45%	35%
2012	14%	50%	35%
2011	12%	49%	39%

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Egyptians (19%) were slightly less likely than Iranians to approve of EU leadership in 2015. While 34% of Iranians disapproved of EU leadership in 2015, a plurality of Egyptians (46%) shared that view. However, a considerable amount of ambiguity about EU leadership remains, as many Iranians (39%) as well as Egyptians (35%) don't offer an opinion.

Bottom Line

Xi has set out to increase China's geopolitical footprint throughout the world in 2016. As the country currently holds the leadership seat for the G-20, and sees a shifting landscape in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, various economic opportunities will likely present themselves in the coming years. Despite its decades-long track record of heavy diplomatic and military involvement in the region, the U.S. fares worse than both China and Russia on leadership approval.

However, while strong government-to-government relations do not necessarily manifest positive approval ratings among citizens, some countries such as Russia have perhaps seen their approval ratings improve from strengthening leader-to-leader relations. It is interesting to note that Egyptian perceptions of Russia may be driven more by Moscow's direct relationship with Cairo than by Russia's involvement and alignment with Syria and Iran throughout the broader region.

The current rising tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran present Xi with a unique opportunity to begin wading his feet into the warm waters of Middle East power jostling. Similarly to Pakistan, China finds itself as one of few global actors with strong economic and geopolitical interests in strengthening its relations with both Iran and Saudi Arabia. As China's president tours the region to announce major trade cooperation and infrastructure project initiatives, it is no coincidence that he will arrive in Tehran just days after

Implementation Day, when the International Atomic Energy Agency certified that Iran is in compliance with the required restrictions on its nuclear capabilities. This year will likely prove to be one of a balancing act of interests for China in the MENA region, one that requires improved relations with Riyadh, Cairo *and* Tehran.

These data are available in Gallup Analytics.

Survey Methods

Results in Egypt are based on face-to-face interviews with 1,000 adults, aged 15 and older, conducted Aug. 7-15, 2015. For results based on the total sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 3.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Results in Iran are based on telephone interviews with 1,001 adults, aged 15 and older, conducted Sept. 4-22, 2015. For results based on the total sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 3.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Source: http://www.gallup.com/poll/188774/iranians-egyptians-give-china-leadership-higher-marks.aspx?g_source=World&g_medium=newsfeed&g_campaign=tiles

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

