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Asia Zone

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

► MENA

426-1 [Religious groups in Israel keep to themselves when it comes to marriages and friendships](#) (Click for details)

(Israel) Israelis are a religiously diverse people who live in close proximity to one another. But when it comes to marriage, they rarely cross religious lines – not only between Judaism, Islam and Christianity, for example, but also across the country's four major categories of Jewish identity. (Pew Research Center)

April 04, 2016

4.1 Society » Religion
4.2 Society » Family



Euro Americas Zone

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

► EAST EUROPE

426-2 [Vladimir Putin's public trust rating drops 10 percent in a year: poll](#) (Click for details)

(Russia) Vladimir Putin's trust rating among ordinary Russians has fallen by 10 percent in the past year even though the numbers who want to see him re-elected as president have grown, two opinion polls showed on Monday. (Levada Center)

March 21, 2016

1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections
1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings
1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

426-3 [Crimea: Two Years Together With Russia](#) (Click for details)

(Russia) Two years after Crimea's accession, Russians still consider it as a right decision that meets national interests. (VCIOM)

March 17, 2016

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust
2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues
2.11 Foreign Affairs and Security >> Bi/Tri-lateral Relations



426-4 [USSR And Referendum On Its Future](#) (Click for details)

(Russia) Twenty-five years after the referendum on the preservation of the USSR took place (March 17, 1991), most of citizens are still ready to give an affirmative answer. Today 64% admit that they would vote for the preservation of the Soviet Union. (VCIOM)

March 16, 2016

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

426-5 [Russia: Spring Traditions: From Easter To Fasting](#) (Click for details)

(Russia) Russians fast rarer but all other spring-related rites and traditions are practiced more than before. (VCIOM)

March 11, 2016

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

4.16 Society » Entertainment



426-6 [Ukrainians Struggle against Corruption While Seeing Modest Improvements in Local Government](#)

(Click for details)

(Ukraine) A new poll released today by IRI's Center for Insights in Survey Research shows that corruption remains a serious problem across Ukraine. In the poll, conducted in 24 of the country's largest cities, an overwhelming majority of citizens rank corruption as a significant or serious problem, including more than 70 percent of people in the nation's capital, Kyiv. (IRI)

March 28, 2016

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

► WEST EUROPE

426-7 [Half think David Cameron should resign as Prime Minister if Britain votes to leave the EU](#) (Click for details)

(UK) As David Cameron continues to campaign for Britain to stay in the European Union, Ipsos MORI's Political Monitor finds that almost half of the public believes he should step down from being Prime Minister if the British people choose Brexit on 23 June. (Ipsos Mori)

March 29, 2016

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

426-8 [Europe would elect Hillary Clinton by a landslide](#) (Click for details)

(US) If Europeans had a vote in the US 2016 election they would choose Hillary Clinton by a landslide – and they are terrified of a President Trump. (YouGov)

March 31, 2016

1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

426-9 [UK: Sugar tax leaves a sour taste for fizzy drinks brands](#) (Click for details)

(UK) For all the headlines about the Budget in the past couple of weeks, there was one policy announcement that could have a major impact on brands – the sugar tax. (YouGov)

March 30, 2016

3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments/ Business

3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions



426-10 [Eurotrack: majority of French favour moving border to Dover](#) (Click for details)

Most French people would prefer the British border to be in Dover – and most British expect this to happen if we leave the EU. (YouGov)

March 29, 2016

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues
 2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations

► NORTH AMERICA

426-11 [Democrats Increasing Their Edge in U.S. Party Affiliation](#) (Click for details)

(US) Forty-six percent of Americans now identify politically as Democrats or say they lean Democratic, while 40% identify as Republican or lean Republican. As recently as October, the parties had equal levels of support. (Gallup USA)

April 01, 2016

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings
 1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

426-12 [Seven in 10 Women Have Unfavorable Opinion of Trump](#) (Click for details)

(US) Donald Trump's image among U.S. women tilts strongly negative, with 70% of women holding an unfavorable opinion and 23% a favorable opinion of the Republican front-runner in March. Trump's unfavorable rating among women has been high since Gallup began tracking it last July, but after rising slightly last fall, it has increased even further since January. (Gallup USA)

April 01, 2016

1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections
 1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust



426-13 [Clinton Preferred for Experience; Sanders, for Care](#) (Click for details)

(US) Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents who would like to see Hillary Clinton win the Democratic presidential nomination most frequently cite her qualifications, White House experience and care for the needs of the people as the reasons they favor her over Sen. Bernie Sanders. (Gallup USA)

March 31, 2016

1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections
 1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings
 1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

426-14 [Americans' Views of Trump, Cruz at New Lows in March](#) (Click for details)

(US) The primary and caucus season is taking its toll on the images of three of the major presidential candidates. Republicans Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, in particular, have suffered significant drops in their images over the past two months. Trump continues to have the most negative image of any of the five active presidential candidates. Cruz's image has suffered as much as Trump's, although he remains the better liked of the two GOP contenders. (Gallup USA)

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections
 1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings



426-15 [Trump and Clinton Supporters Lead in Enthusiasm](#) (Click for details)

(US) As the 2016 primaries continue, with neither party's nominee yet decided, Gallup finds sharp differences in the enthusiasm expressed by supporters of the various candidates. Among Republicans and Republican leaners, voters who support Donald Trump are the most enthusiastic by far, with a combined 65% describing themselves as extremely or very enthusiastic. This is nearly twice the level of fervor expressed by Republicans

backing Gov. John Kasich (33%), and well eclipses the enthusiasm from those backing Sen. Ted Cruz (39%).
([Gallup USA](#))

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[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)

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

426-16 [Americans Believe 2015 Was Record-Warm, but Split on Why](#) ([Click for details](#))

(US) U.S. government scientists recently reported that 2015 was the Earth's warmest year since reliable record keeping began. Majorities of U.S. adults surveyed in Gallup's annual Environment poll are aware of this finding and believe it is accurate, but they are almost evenly divided on whether the record-high temperatures are attributable mainly to human-caused climate change (49%) or natural variability (46%). ([Gallup USA](#))



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

[4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters](#)

426-17 [U.S. Economic Confidence Index Dips to -13](#) ([Click for details](#))

(US) Americans' confidence in the economy dipped last week, with the U.S. Economic Confidence Index averaging -13 for the week ending March 27. This score is down from -9 the previous week. ([Gallup USA](#))

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

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

426-18 [Opposition to Fracking Mounts in the U.S.](#) ([Click for details](#))

(US) Opposition to the practice of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" has increased significantly in the past year as environmental concerns, such as earthquakes, have grown, even though the procedure has helped keep oil prices low. ([Gallup USA](#))

March 30, 2016

426-19 [Campaign Exposes Fissures Over Issues, Values and How Life Has Changed in the U.S.](#) ([Click for details](#))

(US) The 2016 presidential campaign has exposed deep disagreements between – and within – the two parties on a range of major policy issues. But these divisions go well beyond the issues and extend to fundamentally different visions of the way that life in the United States has changed. ([Pew Research Center](#))

March 31, 2016

426-20 [Garland Nomination to Supreme Court Gets Positive Reception From Public](#)

([Click for details](#))

(US) Although Merrick Garland's nomination to the Supreme Court faces an uncertain fate in the Senate, more Americans say they favor (46%) than oppose (30%) Garland's confirmation to the high court. About a quarter (24%) offer no opinion. ([Pew Research Center](#))



March 28, 2016

[1.7 Domestic Politics >> Legislation](#)

[4.9 Society » Justice](#)

► AUSTRALASIA

426-21 [Business Confidence rises again in March – up 2.4pts to 115.7](#) (Click for details)

(Australia) Roy Morgan Research's Business Confidence rose 2.4pts in March (up 2.1% to 115.7) and has now risen 5.1 pts over the last two months of February and March. The rise in Business Confidence comes after steady improvement on the Australian share-market in March – the All Ordinaries ended yesterday at 5,081.3 (up 1.8% or 91.7pts from March 1, 2016) after the Index dropped in both January and February to start the year amid global economic concerns. (Roy Morgan)

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Topic of the week:

USSR And Referendum on Its Future

► 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.

[USSR And Referendum on Its Future](#)

MOSCOW, March 16, 2016.

Today 64% admit that they would vote for the preservation of the Soviet Union.



Russian Public Opinion Research Centre (VCIOM) presents the data describing how Russians would answer to the question on the preservation of the USSR.



Twenty-five years after the referendum on the preservation of the USSR took place (March 17, 1991), most of citizens are still ready to give an affirmative answer. According to the Central Commission of the Referendum of USSR, 76% of the voters marked "yes" in the ballot (71% of the citizens of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic). Today 64% of Russians would vote for the preservation of the USSR. This share makes up 47% among those aged 18-24, 76% among persons aged 60 and over and 81% among the CPRF supporters. Today 20% of Russians would give a negative answer.

Russians believe that the reasons for failure to fulfill the outcomes of the referendum are internal. They blame the USSR leader (27%) and supreme power in general (17%). According to the results of a recent opinion poll, it is the USSR disintegration which is considered to be the biggest Gorbachev's failure (36%). Thirteen percent blame Boris Yeltsin and his team. Two percent of respondents cite the United States and Western countries; and only 1% of respondents consider that there is no one to blame. Many Russians still remain undecided (40% fail to give any answer).

The VCIOM opinion poll was conducted on March 5-6, 2016. A total of 1600 respondents were interviewed in 130 settlements in 46 regions and republics of Russia. The margin of error does not exceed 3.5%.

If a referendum on the preservation of the USSR was held today, what would be your answer to the question: "Do you consider necessary the preservation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as a renewed federation of equal sovereign republics in which the rights and freedom of an individual of any nationality will be fully guaranteed?" (close-ended question, one answer, %)						
	Total respondents	Aged 18-24	Aged 25-34	Aged 35-44	Aged 45-59	Aged 60 and above
Yes	64	47	51	65	70	76
No	20	24	25	20	19	13
Don't know	16	29	24	15	12	11
An overwhelming majority of the Soviet Union citizens voted for the preservation of the USSR, however this decision was not implemented, and the USSR ceased to exist several months later. In your opinion, who is to blame for the fact that the referendum results were not implemented? (open-ended question, any number of answers; answers of at least 1% of respondents)						
						Total respondents
«Inside» influence						
Gorbachev / Gorbachev's team						27
Supreme power / deputies / Government						17
Yeltsin / Yeltsin's team						13
Participants of the Bialowieza forest meeting / CIS leaders						3
Politicians ("internal political competition")						2
Time has come ("USSR economic situation", "life is to blame", "historical process", "circumstances")						1
Soviet period politicians (Andropov, Shevarnadze, Kuchma, Khrushchev, Brezhnev, Lukashenko, Nazarbaev)						1
Other people who benefited from that ("elite's interests", oligarchs")						1
Other						2
«Outside» influence						
U.S.A. and Western countries ("impact of international relations", "pressure from abroad")						2
No one to blame						1
Don't know						40

Source: <http://www.wciom.com/index.php?id=61&uid=1248>

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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

