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## Asia Zone

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

### ► MENA

431-1 [Palestinian Public Opinion: Evaluation of Institutions & Leaders](#) (Click for details)

(Palestine) The results of a recent survey show a continued decline in the levels of trust in the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), Fatah and Hamas and all other political groups. This trend is matched by a decline in the perceptions of political leaders from all political factions with the exception of Marwan Bargouthi and Mohammad Dahlan. (AWRAD)

May 03, 2016

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings  
1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance



### ► SOUTHEAST ASIA

431-2 [Duterte leads Poe, Roxas, and Binay in Presidential Race](#); (Click for details)

(Philippines) The latest national scores in the Presidential race are: Rody Duterte 33%, Grace Poe 22%, Mar "Daang Matuwid" Roxas 20%, Jojo Binay 13%, Miriam Defensor Santiago 2%, and undecided/others 4%, according to the BusinessWorld-SWS Pre-Election Survey of May 1-3, 2016. (SWS)

May 06, 2016

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



## Africa Zone

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

### ► SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

431-3 [World Press Freedom Day: Strong public support for 'watchdog' role backs African news media under attack](#) (Click for details)

(Malaysia) Amid growing concerns about government restrictions on media freedom, Africans overwhelmingly support an independent media that holds government accountable, according to new survey findings from Afrobarometer. (Afrobarometer)

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1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance  
4.6 Society » Media/ New Media



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## Euro Americas Zone

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

### ▶ EAST EUROPE

431-4 [New Data About Digital Literacy, Or How Russians Master Social Media](#) (Click for details)

(Russia)The number of Russian Internet users has slowed down in recent years. At the same time, Internet literacy levels have substantially increased. (VCIOM)

April 15, 2016

4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

4.10 Society » Education



431-5 [Russian Space: Moon, Mars, Then Everywhere...](#) (Click for details)

(Russia)Despite economic crisis in the country, as a year ago three-quarters of Russians oppose space programs' budget cuts (73% in 2016 and 76% in 2015). Seventeen percent of them support increase in space budget spending. (VCIOM)

April 11, 2016

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.11 Economy » Science & Technology

431-6 [IRI's Center for Insights Poll: Mongolia Faces Rising Pessimism Amid Struggling Economy](#) (Click for details)

(Mongolia)According to a new poll released today by IRI's Center for Insights in Survey Research, most Mongolians are feeling pessimistic about their country due to a mix of high unemployment, rising prices and corruption. (IRI)

May 02, 2016

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

### ▶ WEST EUROPE

431-7 [UK: Eurovision referendum: Leave lead at 20](#) (Click for details)

(UK)Excluding don't knows and wouldn't votes Leave has a 20 point lead over Remain in a hypothetical referendum on Britain's membership of the Eurovision Song Contest. (YouGov)

May 02, 2016

2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations

### ▶ NORTH AMERICA

431-8 [Americans' Views of Socialism, Capitalism Are Little Changed](#) (Click for details)

(USA)Even though Bernie Sanders, a self-described "Democratic socialist," has generated strong support for his presidential campaign, Americans' image of socialism is no better now than it was six years ago. Thirty-five percent of Americans have a positive view of the term socialism, similar to what was found in 2012 and 2010. The 60% who have a positive view of capitalism is also unchanged from six years ago. (Gallup USA)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

431-9 [Half of Americans Rate Their Financial Situation Positively](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Fifty percent of Americans rate their personal financial situation as either "excellent" or "good," slightly higher than the 46% recorded last year and the highest level recorded since before the Great Recession. (Gallup USA)

May 05, 2016



3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

431-10 [Most U.S. Students Don't Mind Taking Educational Assessments](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Debate over the amount of time students spend on standardized assessments has dominated education policy since the No Child Left Behind law defined high-stakes student testing as the core means of measuring school and district performance. But students are relatively positive about test taking. Three-quarters of the nation's students in grades five through 12 believe that they spend the right amount of time (66%) or too little time (9%) taking tests or assessments in class. Just 23% say they spend too much time. (Gallup USA)

May 05, 2016

4.10 Society » Education

431-11 [Economic Turmoil Stirs Retirement Plans of Young, Old](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Economic turmoil over the past eight years has reshaped the views of both older and younger American nonretirees on how they will pay for retirement -- but in decidedly different ways. Those younger than 40 are more likely now than before 2008 to view savings and part-time work as major sources of retirement income, while nonretirees in their 40s and 50s are now less likely to say they will rely heavily on pensions and home equity. (Gallup USA)

May 03, 2016

3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

4.2 Society » Family

431-12 [U.S. Economic Confidence Down in April](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Americans' confidence in the economy retreated in April, with Gallup's Economic Confidence Index averaging -14 for the month, down from -10 in March. The April average ties with September 2015 as numerically the worst since confidence started climbing toward positive territory in late 2014 and early 2015 after gas prices began to decline. (Gallup USA)

May 03, 2016

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

431-13 [Americans Buy Free Pre-K; Split on Tuition-Free College](#) (Click for details)

(USA) By more than 2-to-1 (59% vs. 26%), U.S. adults agree with the idea of providing free child care and pre-kindergarten programs for all Americans. They are divided, however, about eliminating tuition at public colleges and universities. (Gallup USA)

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4.10 Society » Education



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431-14 [Public Uncertain, Divided Over America's Place in the World](#) (Click for details)

(USA)The public views America's role in the world with considerable apprehension and concern. In fact, most Americans say it would be better if the U.S. just dealt with its own problems and let other countries deal with their own problems as best they can. (Pew Research Center)

May 05, 2016

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

2.6 Foreign Affairs & Security » US image

431-15 [Money and Politics: Most Canadians want bans on corporate & union donations, leader 'top-ups'](#) (Click for details)

(Canada)A new public opinion poll, self-commissioned and paid for by the Angus Reid Institute, finds people in this country strongly opposed to governing parties paying their leaders additional salaries beyond what they earn as publicly elected officials. (Angus Reid)

May 2016

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust



## ► AUSTRALASIA

431-16 [Keeping it clean: Australia's air-freshener buyers](#) (Click for details)

(Australia)Everyday life throws up enough challenges without having to contend with bad smells into the bargain. No wonder almost one in five Australians 14+ (or 3.8 million people) buy air fresheners or deodorisers in an average four weeks, as the latest findings from Roy Morgan research reveal. (Roy Morgan)

May 04, 2016

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters

431-17 [Turnbull 57% \(but down 19%\) still preferred Australian PM cf.](#) (Click for details)

(Australia)Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull 57% (down a large 19% since a telephone Morgan Poll in October, 2015) is still preferred to Opposition Leader Bill Shorten 24% (up 10%) as 'Better PM' but much less than he was at the time he became Prime Minister in September 2015 according to a special telephone Morgan Poll conducted over the last two nights of May 4-5, 2016 following the Federal Budget. (Angus Reid)

May 06, 2016

1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

## ► MULTI-COUNTRY STUDIES

431-18 [World's most admired 2016: Putin and the Queen up, Pope Francis and Malala down](#) (Click for details)

Stephen Hawking and Vladimir Putin push Narendra Modi and Pope Francis out of the men's top ten most admired – while Queen Elizabeth II takes Malala Yousafzai's place as the world's second most admired woman after Angelina Jolie. (YouGov)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

431-19 [Drivers of online and in-store shopping are not as sharply divided as you think](#) (Click for details)

The top five most important factors that shoppers say swayed their decision to make a purchase online rather than in-store, or in-store rather than on-line. (GFK)



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May 05, 2016

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

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

431-20 [Views of Media Freedom Declining Worldwide](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

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May 6, 2016

[4.6 Society » Media/ New Media](#)

## ► CYBER WORLD

431-21 [Long-Form Reading Shows Signs of Life in Our Mobile News World](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

In recent years, the news media have followed their audience's lead and gone mobile, working to make their reporting accessible to the roughly seven-in-ten American adults who own a smartphone. With both a smaller screen size and an audience more apt to be dipping in and out of news, many question what kind of news content will prevail. ([Pew Research Center](#))

May 05, 2016

[3.12 Economy » IT & Telecom](#)

## Topic of the week:

### *Views of Media Freedom Declining Worldwide*

► 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.

## [Views of Media Freedom Declining Worldwide](#)

May 6, 2016

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Although Internet access and mobile data services are available to more of the global population than ever before, residents of many countries are becoming less -- not more -- likely to say their media have a lot of freedom. Across 131 countries in 2015, a median 61% of residents said the media in their country have a lot of freedom -- a figure that has been edging downward since 2012.

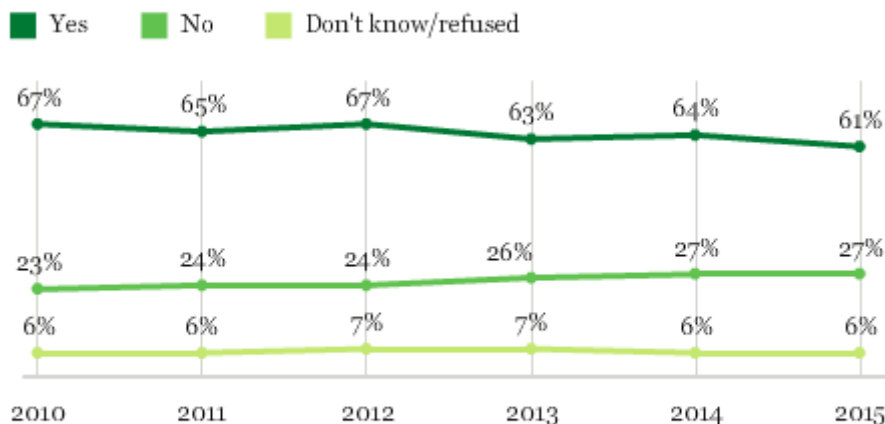


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*Do the media in this country have a lot of freedom, or not?*

Median results among all countries in which the question was asked each year



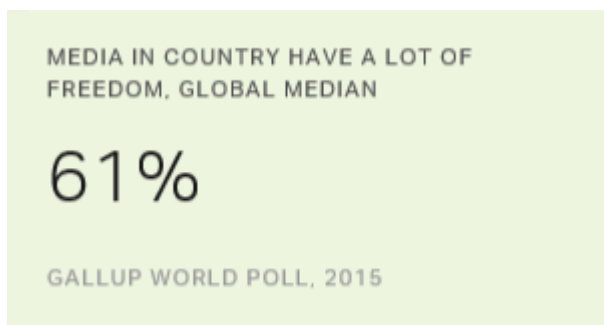
Data collected in 131 countries in 2015

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These worsening public perceptions of media freedom coincide with declining worldwide ratings from Freedom House, the watchdog organization that released its 2016 Freedom of the Press report Tuesday on World Press Freedom Day. The report states that 2015 was the worst year for global press freedom in more than a decade, citing the influence of extreme political polarization in media outlets in many countries and the effects of violence and intimidation against journalists from governments and extremist groups.

Gallup's 2015 country-level survey results correspond fairly closely with the expert assessments that Freedom House compiled, suggesting that in many cases, residents are well-attuned to the problems in their country's media environment and make decisions about which news sources to rely on accordingly.

"We expect some correspondence [between the Gallup and Freedom House results], but we have not been surprised that there is not a perfect match," said Lee Becker, a media expert at the University of Georgia. "The elite evaluators are assessing aspects of performance, market forces and regulation that the public might not see. It also is possible that the public understands some aspects of their media system and how to read and evaluate it that the elite evaluators miss."



**Perceptions of Media Freedom Weakest in Syria, Gabon**

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Many of the countries in which perceptions of media freedom are weakest are those where government control over mainstream media remains prevalent. Tied with Gabon for the country in which residents are least likely to say their media are free is Syria, where society has been torn apart by warring factions over the past five years. Fewer than one in four in either of these countries perceive their media as having a lot of freedom. (It should be noted that in several countries, such as China and Iran, the question was too sensitive to include in the survey.)

In countries with relatively transparent democratic institutions, including the U.S., Canada, Australia and most Western European nations, residents are far more likely to say their media have a lot of freedom. Scandinavia leads the world on this measure: the perception is nearly universal in Finland (97%), Denmark (95%), Sweden (95%) and Norway (94%). All four countries are also among the six most highly rated by Freedom House. Americans are somewhat less united in this perception; 81% say the country's media have a lot of freedom.

### Perceived Media Freedom Falls Most Sharply in Zambia, Sierra Leone

Comparing Gallup's 2015 results with those from 2014 shows perceived media freedom fell by more than 10 percentage points in nine countries. Seven of the nine are in sub-Saharan Africa. In some cases, an event or crisis highlighted the vulnerability of media sources to outside influence; for example, during Zambia's January 2015 presidential election, the ruling Patriotic Front was criticized for harassment and threats against independent journalists and news outlets. In Sierra Leone, the Ebola crisis of 2014-2015 led the government to declare a state of emergency and grant the president additional powers, which he later used to target journalists critical of the government.

In Ukraine, the proportion of residents saying the country's media have a lot of freedom dropped from about half in 2014 (49%) to one-third (33%) in 2015. According to Tudor Vlad, a media expert at the University of Georgia and former journalist with extensive experience in Eastern Europe, "the Ukrainian population's hopes that the [Poroshenko] regime would bring more transparency and less corruption have not been confirmed by reality, so there is a lot of disappointment. The same oligarchs control major media."

Do the media in this country have a lot of freedom, or not?

Percentage 'yes' among countries in which perceived media freedom dropped most in 2015

Country	2014%	2015%	Change since 2014Pct.	Current Freedom House status
Zambia	70	48	-22	Not Free
Sierra Leone	65	44	-21	Partly Free
Thailand	77	58	-19	Not Free
Benin	68	51	-17	Partly Free
Chad	44	27	-17	Not Free
Ukraine	49	33	-16	Partly Free
Liberia	51	40	-11	Partly Free
Senegal	90	79	-11	Partly Free

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Country	2014%	2015%	Change pts.	since 2014	Pct.Current status	Freedom House
Niger	66	55	-11		Partly Free	

The media freedom question was not asked in several countries in the Middle East, North Africa and Asia.

## GALLUP WORLD POLL/FREEDOM HOUSE

Notably, among the six countries in which perceived media freedom increased by more than 10 percentage points, three are in sub-Saharan Africa, with Nigeria topping the list. The 22-percentage-point gain in that country could be attributed to the optimism surrounding the peaceful election in March 2015 of opposition candidate Muhammadu Buhari, who ran on an anti-corruption platform.

Do the media in this country have a lot of freedom, or not?

Percentage 'yes' among countries in which perceived media freedom increased most in 2015

Country	2014%	2015%	Change pts.	since 2014	Pct.Current status	Freedom House
Nigeria	38	60	22		Partly Free	
Somalia	37	56	19		Not Free	
Greece	50	64	14		Partly Free	
Kyrgyzstan	54	67	13		Not Free	
Haiti	48	60	12		Partly Free	
Congo Brazzaville	20	32	12		Partly Free	

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## GALLUP WORLD POLL/FREEDOM HOUSE

### Implications

The erosion of media freedom in many countries over the past few years demonstrates that the spread of Internet access, which has risen most sharply in the former Soviet Union over the past decade, and mobile data services, which are sweeping across sub-Saharan Africa, hardly guarantee increased access to reliable news and information. Rather, new media platforms are, in many cases, proving as susceptible to adverse political conditions and the threat of violence as the old ones. Though the method of obtaining news and information is changing for much of the world's population, it remains just as important as ever to monitor global trends in overall media freedom.

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### **Survey Methods**

Results are based on telephone and face-to-face interviews with approximately 1,000 adults in each country, aged 15 and older, conducted between 2010 and 2015. For results based on the total sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error ranged from  $\pm 2.3$  percentage points for India to  $\pm 5.6$  percentage points for Switzerland at the 95% confidence level. All reported margins of sampling error include computed design effects for weighting.

Source: [http://www.gallup.com/poll/191366/views-media-freedom-declining-worldwide.aspx?g\\_source=World&g\\_medium=newsfeed&g\\_campaign=tiles](http://www.gallup.com/poll/191366/views-media-freedom-declining-worldwide.aspx?g_source=World&g_medium=newsfeed&g_campaign=tiles)

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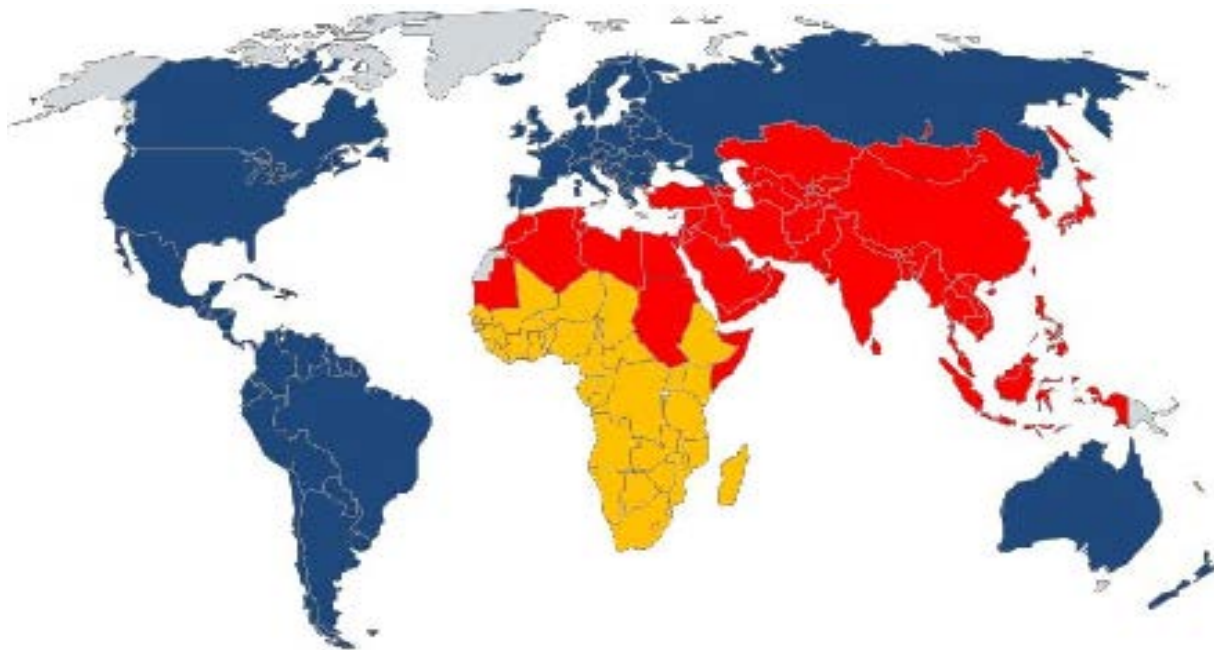
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## A Quantitative Analysis

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



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