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Asia zone

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NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA

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171-1 ***Palestinians Supportive of Cairo Reconciliatory Agreement*** (Click for Details)

(Palestine) A recent survey of Palestinians shows that they are highly supportive of Cairo reconciliatory agreement. **69.9%** oppose to varying degrees the launching of Al-Qassam rockets from Gaza into Israel. Over seven in ten believe that military escalation is in Israel's interest. (PCPO)

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► WEST ASIA

171-2 ***Over Four in Ten Pakistanis Believe That the Influence of Religion in Pakistanis Society is on the Rise*** (Click for Details)

(Pakistan) The results of a recent Gallup Pakistan survey show that views about the influence of religion in Pakistani society are tilted slightly in favor of the view that this influence is on the rise; **43%** Pakistanis think the role of religion in our society is increasing while **35%** feel it is decreasing and a significant **21%** feel there has been no change. (Gallup Pakistan)

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► SOUTH ASIA

171-3 ***India- Civil Society comes of age.*** (Click for Details)

(India) A recent CVOTER survey tracked the sense of frustration in the public and the reaction to Hazare's campaign and its aftermath. An overwhelming majority of almost **90 %** of the respondents agreed with the fact that though most people who joined the movement didn't quite know about the Lokpal Bill, wide-spread anger against politicians and bureaucrats amassing wealth through corrupt means led people to come out in huge numbers to support the cause. (CVoter)

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171-4 ***India Wants Younger Politicians*** (Click for Details)

(India) A CVOTER survey finds **60 %** of the people polled saying that politicians above 80 should not stand for public office. (CVoter)

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Africa zone

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

▶ SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

171-5 **South Africa- People Happy With Their Choice Of Party In 2009 More Than Twice As Likely To Vote As Those No Longer Happy With Their 2009 Choice** (Click for Details)

(South Africa) A survey of 2 000 metro adults conducted mid-February showed that, amongst those happy with their choice of political party in 2009 and who would vote for the same party on 18 May, **89%** claimed that they would vote. This drops to **43%** amongst those no longer happy with their previous vote and who would change the party they vote for. (TNS South Africa)

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE



▶ EAST EUROPE

171-6 **Chernobyl: A Quarter-Century Later** (Click for Details)

(Russia) The level of anxiety of Russians about the power plants has sharply increased: today Russians think these facilities are the most threatening to ecology (**59%**, in previous years **29-39%**). The importance of transportation and disposing of nuclear waste has considerably increased (from **29** to **40%**). Russians also think the attention should be drawn to the deforestation (**43%**), followed by the problem of domestic waste which is seen as important again (from **27** to **38%**). (Russian Public Opinion Research Centre)

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3.10 Economy » Energy/Nuclear Issues

1.6 Domestic Politics » National History

171-7 **De-Stalinization: Pro Et Contra** (Click for Details)

(Russia) The de-Stalinization course is supported by only **26%** of Russians. Others think this program is nothing but verbiage and mythmaking. A quarter of Russians (**24%**) report their families suffered from Stalin's repressions (**27%** five years ago). **10 %** of them know about the fate of the repressed relatives; other **14%** know only about their prosecution. Almost half of respondents report there were no repressed persons in their families (**46%**). (Russian Public Opinion Research Centre)

April 27, 2011

1.6 Domestic Politics » National History

171-8 **Will Expense Declaration Of State Officials Help in Combating Corruption?** (Click for Details)

(Russia) **67%** of respondents support the initiative of Vladimir Putin to oblige officials report revenues and expenditures. However, **42%** are confident that this measure will not help combat corruption. (Russian Public Opinion Research Centre)

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4.13 Society » Social Problems

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

▶ WEST EUROPE

171-9 **The Attitudes of Europeans Towards Tourism** (Click for Details)

(EU) Almost three-quarters (**73%**) of EU citizens said they had travelled, either for business or private purposes, at least once in 2010; **32%** had made at least one holiday trip and at least one "short private" trip, **24%** had made at least one holiday trip but no "short private" trips and **12%** had made at least one "short private" trip but no holiday trips. Slightly less than 3 in 10 (**29%**) EU citizens had not travelled for leisure purposes in 2010. (Gallup Hungary)

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3.6 Economy » Economic Globalization

171-10 **Youth On The Move** (Click for Details)

(EU) Almost 8 in 10 (**78%**) of the young adults surveyed thought that vocational education and training was an attractive option for young people in their country; a figure similar to the one observed for the attractiveness of higher education (**76%**). (Gallup Hungary)

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4.10 Society » Education

AMERICAS

▶ NORTH AMERICA

171-11 **Obama's Approval Bump Hasn't Transferred to 2012 Prospects** (Click for Details)

(USA) Given a choice between Barack Obama and an unnamed Republican, **43%** of registered voters say they are more likely to vote for Obama and **40%** are more likely to vote for the Republican. This is essentially unchanged from April and February, when voters' preferences were evenly split. (Gallup USA)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

171-12 **Americans More Positive on Afghanistan After Bin Laden Death** (Click for Details)

(USA) After the death of Osama bin Laden, a slim majority of Americans now say things are going well for the United States in Afghanistan, a 4-%age-point increase from late March. This marks the first time in nearly

two years that the majority has held this view, and only the second time since Gallup began tracking these opinions on the war in 2006. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[2.2 Foreign Affairs & Security » Afghanistan War](#)

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171-13 ***Approval of Congress, U.S. Satisfaction Rally on Bin Laden Death*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Americans' approval of Congress increased to **24%** after the death of Osama bin Laden, up from **17%** in April, and the highest it has been since January 2010 by 1 %age point. ([Gallup USA](#))

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171-14 ***U.S. Economic Confidence Spikes on Bin Laden Death*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Gallup's Economic Confidence Index improved **10 %age** points in the week after Osama bin Laden's death, May 2-8. This surge in confidence brought the Index up to **-25**, the highest weekly confidence level since mid-February and just three points shy of what it was during the same week in 2010. The question is whether this sharp improvement is a temporary "halo effect" or a key turning point in consumer optimism. ([Gallup USA](#))

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171-15 ***Support for Third U.S. Party Dips, but Is Still Majority View*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) **52 %** of Americans believe the Republican and Democratic parties do such a poor job of representing the people that a third party is needed. **40 %** believe they do an adequate job. The percentage calling for a third party is down from August, when it tied its high of **58%**. ([Gallup USA](#))

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171-16 ***Romney's GOP Supporters Tilt Upscale; Palin's, Downscale*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Republican college degree holders are more likely than those without a degree to support Mitt Romney for the Republican presidential nomination in 2012, **21%** vs. **13%**. Similarly, Romney's support climbs from **9%** of Republicans earning less than \$24,000 annually to **21%** of those earning \$90,000 or more. The reverse is true for Sarah Palin, who is favored by nearly twice as many Republicans without a college degree as those with one, **16%** vs. **9%**, and her support decreases by income from **22%** among the lowest income group to **7%** among the highest. ([Gallup USA](#))

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171-17 ***Cain Now Second to Christie As Top Choice Of GOP Primary Voters*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Herman Cain trails only Chris Christie as the top choice among Republican primary voters in the race for the 2012 Presidential nomination. Mitt Romney ranks fourth, but voters see him as the most likely nominee by a wide margin over the rest of a 13-person field. ([Zogby-Ibope](#))

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171-18 ***Obama Approval Continues Rise to 48%; His Highest So Far This Year*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Barack Obama continues to see a rise in his job approval rating from likely voters after the successful mission that killed Osama bin Laden, as he hit the highest mark so far this year in an IBOPE Zogby interactive poll, **48%**. ([Harris Interactive](#))

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171-19 ***Post Bin Laden Death, President Obama's Job Rating Rises 8 points*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) With the news that the most wanted man in America had been killed by Navy Seals, President Obama had one reason to breathe a sigh of relief last week. Now, he has another as Americans seemed to rally around not only him but also feel better about the state of the country. Currently, just under half (**46%**) of U.S. adults give President Obama positive ratings on the overall job he is doing. ([Gallup USA](#))

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171-20 ***Osama bin Laden's Death Dominates the News*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) The death of Osama bin Laden drove unprecedented amounts of coverage last week, making it the biggest story in a single week since the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism began tracking mainstream media coverage in January 2007. Coverage of the May 1 raid in Abbottabad, Pakistan, and its aftermath, accounted for **69%** of the newshole during the week of May 2-8, according to PEJ's News Coverage Index. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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171-21 ***Gingrich Begins With High Recognition, Low Positive Intensity*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, expected to announce his presidential candidacy on Wednesday, is well-known among Republicans, but has a below-average -- and declining -- Positive Intensity Score. Mike Huckabee receives the highest Positive Intensity Score among Republicans nationwide who recognize him. Donald Trump, although universally recognized by Republicans, has the lowest Positive Intensity Score of any of the 13 candidates tested in Gallup's April 25-May 8 tracking. ([Gallup USA](#))

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171-22 ***Obama Bump Recedes a Bit*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Barack Obama's job approval rating has fallen slightly since the day after Osama bin Laden's death was announced. But the balance of opinion regarding Obama's job performance remains more positive than it was in early April. There also continues to be more optimism about the U.S. achieving its goals in Afghanistan than there was prior to bin Laden's killing. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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171-23 ***Obama's Birth Certificate Convinces Some, but Not All, Skeptics*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Barack Obama's release of his long-form birth certificate in late April appears to have removed some -- but not all -- doubt among Americans about where the president was born. More Americans now say he was definitely born in the United States (**47%**) than did so before its release (**38%**) and they are joined by **18%** who say this is probably the case. Significantly fewer -- but still **13%** -- say he was probably or definitely born in another country. ([Gallup USA](#))

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

171-24 ***Americans Oppose Raising Debt Ceiling, 47% to 19%*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) By a **47% to 19%** margin, Americans say they would want their member of Congress to vote against raising the U.S. debt ceiling, while **34%** don't know enough to say. Republicans oppose raising the debt

ceiling by **70%** to **8%** and independents by **46%** to **15%**. Democrats favor raising the ceiling by **33%** to **26%**. (Gallup USA)

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3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

171-25 **Confidence declines among affluent investors** (Click for Details)

(USA) In a reversal of trends, a new TNS survey shows a decrease in confidence among affluent investors. In its first decline in nearly a year, the TNS Investor Confidence Index declined to 113 in April. Optimism over the direction of the economy and the stock market has eroded despite overall investor confidence remaining in positive territory. (TNS US)

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3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments



► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

171-26 **Worldwide, Peace and High Wellbeing Generally Coexist** (Click for Details)

(Global) As leaders including the Dalai Lama gather in Newark, N.J., to discuss ways to cultivate peace-building, a new Gallup analysis finds countries with the highest wellbeing tend to be the most peaceful countries in the world and those with the lowest wellbeing are the least likely to be peaceful. (Gallup USA)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being



► CYBER WORLD

171-27 **The Social Life of Health Information, 2011** (Click for Details)

(USA) The internet has changed people's relationships with information. Our data consistently show that doctors, nurses and other health professionals continue to be the first choice for most people with health concerns, but online resources, including advice from peers, are a significant source of health information in the U.S. (Pew Research Center)

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4.11 Society » Health

171-28 **Mobile Banking Surges As Emerging Markets Embrace Mobile Finance** (Click for Details)

(Multi-Country) Global use of 'mobile finance' surged in the past year as the spread of new technology and mobile banking infrastructure drove a huge increase in take-up rates around the world, new research from TNS, the world's largest custom research company, reveals. Mobile phones set to become the 'virtual debit card' in rapid growth markets where demand exceeds developed markets by **18%**. (TNS Global)

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3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

171-29 **Google Ranks Highest on Corporate Reputation** (Click for Details)

(USA) Google ranked highest, supplanting Berkshire Hathaway, which falls to the 4th position. Johnson & Johnson ranked second again, followed by 3M Company at 3rd. Apple continues a steady rise begun in 2002, ranking 5th, as its corporate reputation catches up with its elite brand status. (Harrisinteractive)

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3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection §



Topic of the week:

India- Civil Society comes of age

- 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.

More than the Lokpal Bill per se, Anna Hazare's call against the government found resonance because of the public's frustration with corrupt politicians



Activism in India seems to have finally come of age with the Lokpal Bill. When veteran Gandhian Anna Hazare began his fast unto death at Delhi's Jantar Mantar to force the government's hand into drafting a more powerful Jan Lokpal Bill widely seen as a potent tool against corruption in public life at the highest level no one could have imagined the huge public response this frail old activist would garner.

The Indian middle class, for once, prefers to notoriously exist in a bubble with little political or social engagement beyond its own daily and petty concerns. In the last few years, of course, candle light vigils and campaigns such as "Justice for Jessica" or for Nitish Katara and so on have become almost fashionable and young civil society members taking part in these have managed to exert pressure on the state to resolve some of these matters. Yet, no one could have imagined the stupendous response to Anna Hazare's battle to fight corruption in public life would get.

As the fast progressed, it became clear that this was an issue with a huge public resonance. School teachers and kids from the suburbs, the young and the old, corporate executives and businessmen not to mention aspiring social workers all assembled at various central points in cities across India to show their support for Hazare and the Congress-led government at the centre was suddenly fearful of the adverse public mood should it be seen to refuse to entertain what it had termed as strong arm, extra-Constitutional tactics.

Since then, both the government's and Hazare's appointees (in equal numbers) have come together to form a committee to draft a more powerful version of this landmark bill. And though there seems to have been a smear campaign launched against some of Hazare's team including the father-son duo of lawyers Shanti and Prashant Bhushan and there have been controversies on whether former jurist Santosh Hegde would continue on the panel and whether judges should also come under the ambit of the bill (the prime minister himself will), it is being hoped that a credible draft would soon be in the offing.

There is no denying the urgent need for a powerful ombudsman as proposed under the bill to tackle corruption in politics and public life. The bill draft proposed by the government prior to Hazare's fast was criticized as weak and toothless, which was not serious in its intent to wipe off corruption. But the way Hazare and his team went about forcing the hand of an elected government has also been criticized. The essence of democracy, experts point out, is that people exercise their choice at the time of polls and then leave it to the elected government functioning under the Constitution to draft laws and policies.

However fair in their intent, Hazare's method is seen as extra-constitutional and analysts point out that this may set a precedence for anyone wanting to subvert the functioning of the government/state by arm-twisting it through popular opinion.

Do you support Anna Hazare's anti-corruption campaign?

| | Valid Percent |
|-----------|---------------|
| Can't Say | 7.1 |
| Yes | 76.5 |
| No | 16.4 |
| Total | 100 |

Base: All Respondents

On the other hand, what the government and so-called experts seem to have missed seeing is the extent of public anger on the issue of corruption. While the technicalities of the Lokpal Bill may elude the masses, a spate of recent scams touching the highest corridors of power in the UPA regime mean that the public has lost faith in the transparency of the present government and its will to tackle corruption. This is exactly what gave such a wide resonance to the Hazare movement, which was undoubtedly timed well to capture the anti-government/anti-politicians mood that prevails in India today.

A recent CVOTER survey tracked this sense of frustration in the public and the reaction to Hazare's campaign and its aftermath. An overwhelming majority of almost 90% of the respondents (756 randomly selected were polled across 21 states) agreed with the fact that though most people who joined the movement didn't quite know about the Lokpal Bill, wide-spread anger against politicians and bureaucrats amassing wealth through corrupt means led people to come out in huge numbers to support the cause.

Almost two thirds (64.7%) of the people saw the government's agreement with Hazare's team as a victory for the latter, while most (more than 92%) also agreed that the movement would not have been possible without the media. It was only because of media coverage that so many people became aware of the fight and joined in. An earlier survey done during the fast had tracked almost three-fourth (more than 76%) of the respondents coming out in Hazare's support. Hazare's personal integrity and by extension that of his team seems to be vindicated despite the present smear campaigns with a conclusive majority of 42% of respondents rejecting the contention that his movement may have been politically motivated.

In the earlier survey, while the majority of 47.2% of respondents had said that the government's version of the Bill was an eyewash, post the victory for the Hazare movement, there seems to be more hope with about 40% of the respondents saying that they feel the government will now give its full-fledged support to anti-corruption measures and pass strong bills in this regard. Whether or not we agree with his tactics, what Hazare seems to have done is to have made those in power hear India's voice. Here's hoping that politics doesn't ruin the drafting of this bill.

Methodology

National representative sample of 1271 randomly selected respondents by CATI across 21 states in India during 7th to 9th April 2011. Data weighted to known census profile. Margin of error +/-3% at national level.

Source: http://teamcvoter.com/2011/newsletter4i2/newsletter_4issue2_2011.pdf

| "Do you believe that Anna Hazare's campaign is politically motivated?" | |
|--|---------------|
| | Valid Percent |
| Can't Say | 19.2 |
| Yes | 38.9 |
| No | 41.9 |
| Total | 100 |

| "Do you feel the Lokpal Bill drafted by the government is an eyewash?" | |
|--|---------------|
| | Valid Percent |
| Can't Say | 32.1 |
| Yes | 47.2 |
| No | 20.6 |
| Total | 100 |

Government has agreed to the demands of Anna Hazare to include Civil Society's members in the Drafting committee of Lokpal Bill. How do you see this?

| | Valid Percent |
|---|---------------|
| Can't Say | 11.2 |
| This is a victory of movement led by Anna Hazare | 64.7 |
| This shows Government's Generosity | 10 |
| This is a victory of both Government and Movement | 14.1 |
| Total | 100 |



Social activist Anna Hazare rests during a "fast unto death" campaign in New Delhi

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

