

# Gallopedia

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## Who are we?

**Gilani's Gallopedia** is a weekly digest of opinions in a globalized world. It provides a one window access to Global Opinion Polls on a weekly basis. It is produced by a team of researchers led by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, and is a not for profit public service. It is co-edited by Mohammad Zubair and Rushna Shahid.

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Continue to Believe in God**



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## Asia zone

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

### ► WEST ASIA

#### 174-1 **Pakistanis Feel They Live In An Unjust World** (Click for Details)

According to a recent survey, more than three fourths of all Pakistanis (76%) feel they live in an unjust world. Survey results further reflect the opinion that Pakistani courts are unsuccessful in this regard as 76% think these courts fail to deliver justice and often let wrongdoers go unpunished. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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### ► SOUTH ASIA

#### 174-2 **Indians Give Environment Slight Edge Over Economy** (Click for Details)

India is one of the world's fastest growing economies, but it is also trying to become a green economy along the way. As the country hosts World Environment Day on Sunday, Gallup surveys show Indians narrowly prioritizes environmental protection (45%) over economic growth (35%). ([Gallup USA](#))

June 3, 2011

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### ► SOUTH EAST ASIA

#### 174-3 **Half Of Filipinos Agree On Legal Divorce** (Click for Details)

A recent survey in Philippines found that half (50%) of adult Filipinos agree and 33% disagree with the statement, "Married couples who have already separated and cannot reconcile anymore should be allowed to divorce so that they can get legally married again." Sixteen percent are undecided about the matter. ([SWS](#))

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### ► NORTH EAST ASIA

#### 174-4 **Japanese Resilient, but See Economic Challenges Ahead** (Click for Details)

In the aftermath of the devastating March 11 earthquake and tsunami that struck the northeast coast of Japan, the Japanese public is resilient. Indeed, a majority believe that as a result of the disaster, Japan will become a stronger, rather than weaker nation. And while personal pessimism about the future has crept up slightly, on

balance the public's overall sense of personal well-being appears little changed by the calamitous events of 2011. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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**Multi Country- UN Gets More Approval Than Disapproval Worldwide** ([Click for Details](#))

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## Africa zone

▶ WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA;  
SOUTHERN AFRICA

### ▶ SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

174-5 **A Third Of People In Gauteng Feel The Pothole Problem Is Improving** ([Click for Details](#))

A recent Survey amongst 2000 adults in metro areas in South Africa looking at perceptions on the pothole problem, TNS found that 33% of people in Gauteng had heard of the Direct Dial “pothole brigade” and that 31% felt that the pothole problem was improving. ([TNS South Africa](#))

May 31, 2011

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174-6 **Only a third of people support the Media Appeals Tribunal and the Protection of Information Bill** ([Click for Details](#))

Thirty-one percent of metro adults support the ANC’s proposed Media Appeals Tribunal (“MAT”) and 31% are in favour of the Protection of Information Bill according to a new study released today by TNS Research Surveys, South Africa’s leading marketing and social insights company. ([TNS South Africa](#))

May 25, 2011

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## Euro Americas zone

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

## EUROPE

### ► WEST EUROPE

174-7 **FIFA's Brand Health Damaged After Allegations** (Click for Details)

YouGov/SMG Insight SportsIndex is a daily measure of perception among the public, allowing 7 key metrics to be accurately tracked across 50 sporting events covering 17 sports simultaneously. Immediately after the story broke on May 10, Buzz scores for FIFA fell and failed to improve over the next two weeks, falling even further to -26 by May 30, the day of the Blatter news conference. (Yougov)

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## AMERICAS

### ► NORTH AMERICA

174-8 **Plurality Believes Obama Will Be Re-Elected; His Approval Rating Stays at 48%** (Click for Details)

Nearly half of likely voters believe President Barack Obama will be re-elected regardless of who they intend to vote for in 2012 (47%), while a third (33%) say he will, a new IBOPE Zogby Interactive poll finds. (Zogby-Ibope)

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174-9 **Conservative Republicans Largely Abstain From Obama Rally** (Click for Details)

All political subgroups were more approving of President Obama in May than they were in April. The recent rally includes a four-percentage-point increase in his job approval rating among Republicans, driven more by liberal and moderate Republicans than by conservative Republicans. Conservative Democrats' nine-point boost is the largest among party and ideological groups. (Gallup USA)

June 3, 2011

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174-10 **More Than 9 in 10 Americans Continue to Believe in God** (Click for Details)

More than 9 in 10 Americans still say "yes" when asked the basic question "Do you believe in God?"; this is down only slightly from the 1940s, when Gallup first asked this question. (Gallup USA)

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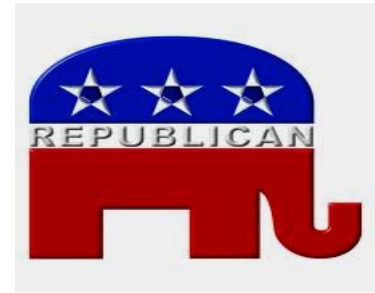
174-11 **Republican Candidates Stir Little Enthusiasm** ([Click for Details](#))

The emerging Republican presidential field draws tepid ratings. Just a quarter of voters (25%) have an excellent or good impression of the possible GOP candidates, and a separate survey conducted jointly with The Washington Post finds that negative descriptions of the field far outnumber positive ones. Asked for a single word to describe the GOP field, the top response is "unimpressed." ([Pew Research Center](#))

June 2, 2011

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174-12 **Top Reaction to GOP Field -- "Unimpressed"** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans have decidedly negative reactions to the candidates running for the Republican presidential nomination. Asked for a single word to describe the GOP field, the top response is a variation on "unimpressed," with 42 mentions. ([Pew Research Center](#))

June 1, 2011

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174-13 **Americans Divided on Taxing the Rich to Redistribute Wealth** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans break into two roughly evenly matched camps on the question of whether the government should enact heavy taxes on the rich to redistribute wealth in the U.S. Forty-seven percent believe the government should redistribute wealth in this way, while 49% disagree, similar to views Gallup found four years ago. ([Gallup USA](#))

June 2, 2011

[3.4 Economy » Poverty](#)

174-14 **U.S. Unemployment Stagnant in May** ([Click for Details](#))

Unemployment, as measured by Gallup without seasonal adjustment, stood at 9.2% at the end of May -- unchanged from mid-May and down slightly from 9.4% at the end of April. It is also slightly lower than it was at the same time last year (9.5%). ([Gallup USA](#))

June 2, 2011

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174-15 **Doctor-Assisted Suicide Is Moral Issue Dividing Americans Most** ([Click for Details](#))

Doctor-assisted suicide emerges as the most controversial cultural issue in Gallup's 2011 Values and Beliefs poll, with Americans divided 45% vs. 48% over whether it is morally acceptable or morally wrong. Having a baby out of wedlock and abortion also closely divide Americans. However, stronger public consensus exists on 14 other issues tested. ([Gallup USA](#))

May 31, 2011

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)**174-16 U.S. Job Satisfaction Struggles to Recover to 2008 Levels** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Fewer American employees are satisfied with their jobs today than were before the 2008 economic crisis, though the vast majority of American workers remain satisfied with their jobs. The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index found 87.5% of workers satisfied with their job in April, continuing the trend of lower levels found since early 2009. Satisfaction is, however, up from the low of 86.9% in July and August 2010, but still below the high of 89.4% in February 2008. ([Gallup USA](#))

May 31, 2011

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**174-17 U.S. Military Personnel, Veterans Give Obama Lower Marks** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

U.S. military veterans and those currently on active military duty are less likely to approve of President Obama's job performance than are Americans of comparable ages who are not in the military. ([Gallup USA](#))

May 30, 2011

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**174-18 Most Workers Expect to Keep Working After Retirement Age** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A combined 8 in 10 American workers think they will continue working full or part time after they reach retirement age. Proportionately more of these workers, 44% to 36%, say they will do so because they "want to" rather than because they "will have to." ([Gallup USA](#))

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**174-19 GOP Cold-Hearted; Democrats Weak** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Voters are significantly more likely to say Republicans are cold-hearted and Democrats are weak when the two parties are compared, a new IBOPE Zogby Interactive survey finds. ([Zogby-Ibope](#))

June 1, 2011

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**174-20 Younger U.S. Workers More Likely to Feel Overqualified, Yet More Eager to Acquire New Skills**

[\(Click for Details\)](#)

One third of full-time employees (33%) consider themselves to be overqualified for their job, while only 3% feel they are under qualified, according to a new Ipsos Public Affairs-Randstad survey of over 1,000 employed U.S. adults. The vast majority (65%) view themselves as neither over- nor under qualified. ([Ipsos US](#))

June 01, 2011

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**Multi Country- UN Gets More Approval Than Disapproval Worldwide** (Click for Details)

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**▶ AUSTRALASIA****174-21 L-NP (59%) Has Its Biggest Recorded Lead Ever Over The Alp (41%) Majority Of Australians (53%) Do Not Want The Carbon Tax** (Click for Details)

The latest telephone Morgan Poll shows the L-NP (59%) with its biggest winning lead over the ALP (41%) since the Morgan Poll began recording Two-Party preferred results in early 1993. A clear majority of Australian electors (53%, down 1% since March 2011) oppose the Gillard Government's plan to introduce a carbon tax, 37% (down 1%) support the proposed carbon tax and 10% (up 2%) can't say. (Roy Morgan)

June 03, 2011

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1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

**Multi Country- UN Gets More Approval Than Disapproval Worldwide** (Click for Details)

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**▶ MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS****174-22 UN Gets More Approval Than Disapproval Worldwide** (Click for Details)

The leadership of the United Nations has more fans than critics worldwide, netting more approval than disapproval in 106 out of 126 countries Gallup surveyed from 2007 to 2010. A median of 44% approved of the U.N., while 17% disapproved and 33% didn't have an opinion. (Gallup USA)

May 31, 2011

2.8 Foreign Affairs &amp; Security » International / Regional Organizations

**174-23 Britons Lack Confidence In Economy** (Click for Details)

New research by Ipsos MORI shows that only one in ten Britons rate the economy as 'good'. The latest Ipsos Global @divsor survey conducted in 24 countries ranks Britain amongst the most negative nations in the world. (Ipsos Mori)

June 02, 2011

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

**▶ CYBER WORLD****174-24 Internet Phone Calls** (Click for Details)

After years of modest activity, online phone calling has taken off as a quarter of American adult internet users (24%) have placed phone calls online. That amounts to 19% of all American adults. (Pew Research Center)

May 31, 2011

4.6 Society » Media/ New Media



## Topic of the week:

# More than 9 in 10 Americans Continue to Believe in God

► 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.

June 3, 2011.



***Professed belief is lower among younger Americans, Easterners, and liberals.***

PRINCETON, NJ -- More than 9 in 10 Americans still say "yes" when asked the basic question "Do you believe in God?"; this is down only slightly from the 1940s, when Gallup first asked this question.

*Do you believe in God?*

	Yes	No	No opinion
	%	%	%
2011 May 5-8 ^	92	7	1
1967 Aug 24-29	98	1	*
1965 Nov	98	2	1
1954 Nov 11-16	98	1	1
1953 Mar 28-Apr 2	98	1	*
1947 Nov 7-12 †	94	3	2
1944 Nov 17-22 ‡	96	1	2

\* Less than 0.5%

^ Asked of a half sample

† WORDING: Do you, personally, believe in God?

‡ WORDING: Do you, personally, believe in a God?

### GALLUP'

Despite the many changes that have rippled through American society over the last 6 ½ decades, belief in God as measured in this direct way has remained high and relatively stable. Gallup initially used this question wording in November 1944, when 96% said "yes." That percentage dropped to 94% in 1947, but increased to 98% in several Gallup surveys conducted in the 1950s and 1960s. Gallup stopped using this question format in the 1960s, before including it again in Gallup's May 5-8 survey this year.





In 1976, Gallup began using a slightly different question format to measure belief in a deity -- "Do you believe in God or a universal spirit?" -- and found that 94% of Americans agreed. That percentage stayed fairly steady through 1994, and is at 91% in the May 2011 survey.

*Do you believe in God or a universal spirit?*

	Yes	No	No opinion
	%	%	%
2011 May 5-8 ^	91	8	1
1994 Dec 16-18	96	3	1
1988 Dec 21-22 †	95	5	1
1983 ‡	95	3	2
1978 Nov 10-13	94	4	2
1976 Jun	94	3	2

^ Asked of a half sample

† Gallup/Newsweek poll

‡ Gallup/Associated Press: Religion in America 1983

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### Young Americans, Liberals, Easterners Least Likely to Believe in God

Responses to the two slightly different question formats from Gallup's May 5-8 survey can be combined to provide a larger sample for subgroup analysis. The results show that belief in God appears to be generally high across most subgroups of the American population.

Belief in God drops below 90% among younger Americans, liberals, those living in the East, those with postgraduate educations, and political independents. However, belief in God is nearly universal among Republicans and conservatives and, to a slightly lesser degree, in the South.



Keep prayer and God in school, where they belong!

*Belief in God, by Demographic Categories*

Combined sample for two questions: "Do you believe in God?" and "Do you believe in God or a universal spirit?"

	<b>Belief in God</b>
	%
National adults	92
Men	90
Women	94
18 to 29	84
30 to 49	94
59 to 64	94
65+	94
High school or less	92
Some college	93
College grad	94
Postgraduate education	87
East	86
South	96
Midwest	91
West	92
Conservatives	98
Moderates	91
Liberals	85
Republicans	98
Independents	89
Democrats	90

May 5-8, 2011

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**Belief in God Lower When Other Alternatives Offered**

Gallup has asked about belief in God using different question wordings in past surveys, all of which give respondents expanded response alternatives. One such question includes the explicit choice of belief in a universal spirit or higher power, while another allows respondents to express doubts about belief in God. Using these questions, the percentages of Americans who say they believe in God without doubts or as separate from a universal spirit have ranged from 73% to 86%.

The percentages who more definitively say there is no God are generally 6% or 7% across these questions, similar to the 7% or 8% who do not believe in God in the questions asked this year. This suggests that most Americans do believe in God, but when given the opportunity to express some uncertainty, a modest percentage opt to do so.

*Which of the following statements comes closest to your belief about God -- you believe in God, you don't believe in God, but you do believe in a universal spirit or higher power, or you don't believe in either?*

	<b>Believe in God</b>	<b>Believe in universal spirit</b>	<b>Don't believe in either</b>	<b>Other (vol.)</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2010 May 3-6	80%	12	6	1	1

(vol.) = Volunteered response

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*For each of the following items I am going to read you, please tell me whether it is something you believe in, something you're not sure about, or something you don't believe in. First, God.*

	<b>Believe in</b>	<b>Not sure about</b>	<b>Don't believe in</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2007 May 10-13	86%	8	6	*

\* Less than 0.5%

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*Which comes closest to describing you -- [ROTATED: you are convinced that God exists, you think God probably exists, but you have a little doubt, you think God probably exists, but you have a lot of doubt, you think God probably does not exist, but you are not sure, (or) you are convinced that God does not exist]?*

2006 May 8-11

	Convinced God exists	Probably exists, have a little doubt	Probably exists, have a lot of doubt	Probably does not exist, but not sure	Convinced God does not exist	No opin- ion
2006 May 8-11	73%	14	5	4	3	2

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None of these expanded question formats was used by Gallup before the late 1990s, leaving open the question of how Americans would have responded to these wordings in the 1940s or 1950s.

**Implications**

Americans' self-reported belief in God has been relatively constant over the last 6 ½ decades. The percentage of Americans who say "yes" when asked if they believe in God is just a few percentage points lower today than it was in the 1940s, and within six points of the all-time high in the 1950s and 1960s.

However, past Gallup surveys have shown that not all Americans are absolutely certain in their beliefs about God. Given the ability to express doubts about their beliefs, the percentage who stick to a certain belief in God drops into the 70% to 80% range. Additionally, when Americans are given the option of saying they believe in a universal spirit or higher power instead of in "God," about 12% choose the former. Still, the May 2011 poll reveals that when given only the choice between believing and not believing in God, more than 9 in 10 Americans say they do believe.



Other indicators of religiosity in America have shown more dramatic changes in recent decades, most significantly Americans' self-identification with a religion. At some points in the 1950s, almost all Americans identified themselves with a particular religion. In recent years, more than 1 in 10 Americanstall survey interviewers they have no formal religious identity.

Those under 30 are significantly less likely than older Americans to say they believe in God. It remains to be seen whether these young Americans will move toward a belief in God as they age, or instead stick with their current beliefs. Regionally, the data confirm the religious potency of the "Bible Belt," with Southerners 10 points more likely than Easterners to say they believe in God.

**Survey Methods**

Results for this Gallup poll are based on telephone interviews conducted May 5-8, 2011, with a random sample of 1,018 adults, aged 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points.



Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents per 1,000 national adults, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline telephone numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers. Cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit-dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, cell phone mostly, and having an unlisted landline number). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.



Source:

[http://www.gallup.com/poll/147887/Americans-Continue-Believe-God.aspx?utm\\_source=alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=syndication&utm\\_content=morelink&utm\\_term=Americas%20-%20Northern%20America%20-%20Religion%20and%20Social%20Trends%20-%20USA](http://www.gallup.com/poll/147887/Americans-Continue-Believe-God.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=Americas%20-%20Northern%20America%20-%20Religion%20and%20Social%20Trends%20-%20USA) §

# 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

