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**Public Confidence In
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Asia zone

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

► SOUTH EAST ASIA

184-1 **Public Confidence In State Of Ethnic Relations Decline** (Click for Details)

(Malaysia) A new survey has found that the number of Malaysians who felt that ethnic relations in the country was 'good' declined by 12% from 78% in February 2006 to 66% in May 2011. Malaysians who believed that ethnic unity (perpaduan kaum) as "sincere and friendly" declined markedly from 54% in 2006 to 35% in 2011, a drop of 19%. On the contrary, the number of people who felt ethnic unity was "superficial" rose from 29% to 44%. (Merdeka Center Malaysia)

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4.3 Society » Ethnicity

184-2 **82% Say Family Planning Method Is A Personal Choice** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The Second Quarter 2011 Social Weather Survey, fielded from June 3-6, 2011, found that 82% say "the choice of a family planning method is a personal choice of couples and no one should interfere with it" and 73% agree that "if a couple wants to plan its family, it should be able to get information from government on all legal methods." (SWS)

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Africa zone

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

► SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

184-3 **South Africans Rate Their Lives Worse in 2010** (Multi-country survey) (Click for Details)

South Africans rated their lives worse in 2010 than they have in the past several years, with their ratings dropping below a 5 on a scale from 0 to 10 for the first time. South Africans' mean score of 4.7 is still among the higher ratings in sub-Saharan Africa. (Gallup USA)

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE

184-4 **Europeans, The European Union and The Crisis (Multi-country survey)** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(EU) After the fairly strong revival in optimism between the spring Standard Eurobarometer (EB73) and the autumn 2010 survey (EB74), in spring 2011 a relative majority of Europeans think that the consequences of the economic crisis for employment have not yet been fully felt and that 'the worst is still to come'. Conversely 43% of Europeans (+1 point) think that 'the impact of the crisis on employment has already reached its peak'. Therefore, the results from spring 2011 have remained stable since autumn 2010. However, it should be noted that there has been a clear strengthening of this result since 2009. [\(TNS Opinion & Social\)](#)

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



184-5 **Europe 2020 (Multi-country survey)** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(EU) Europeans seem to believe that European Union 2020 targets are realistic. They give highest importance to help the poor and enabling them to be active part of the society. While European publics considers e-economy as the least important on the list. [\(TNS Opinion & Social\)](#)

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[2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations](#)

184-6 **Residents of UK Suggests Range of Tactics for Dealing with Riots** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UK) As rioting continues for a fourth night, a YouGov survey for The Sun has found that there is widespread support among British adults for a range of tactics to be made available to the police. 90% think the police should be able to use water cannons in the course of dealing with the rioters while 33% say police should be able to use firearms / live ammunition. [\(Yougov\)](#)

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[2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues](#)



184-7 **A Healthy Outlook – Nutrition And Eating Habits Important To Children** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

New research from YouGov's Parent and Children Omnibus suggests that children are adopting a healthier, more considered approach towards nutrition and healthy eating. Our research reveals that 87% of British children aged 8 to 15 believe that 'eating healthily' is important. And almost all British parents surveyed believe it is important for their child/children to eat healthily (97%). [\(Yougov\)](#)

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)**184-8 Public Attitudes To The Nuclear To The Nuclear Industry** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

An extra mid-year opinion survey for the Nuclear Industry Association, conducted in the wake of the Fukushima incident in Japan in March, has shown continued support among the British public for an energy policy that includes nuclear energy as well as renewable. Sixty-eight percent agree that "Britain needs a mix of energy sources to ensure a reliable supply of electricity, including nuclear power and renewable energy sources" while just 12% disagree. [\(Ipsos Mori\)](#)

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[3.10 Economy » Energy/Nuclear Issues](#)**184-9 A Quarter Of GPs (doctors) Surveyed Think Their Consortium Will Be Ready To Take On Full Commissioning Responsibility By April 2013** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(Britain\)](#) A snapshot of GPs in England shows that while many are involved in commissioning decisions to some extent, only a quarter think that their consortium will be ready to take on full commissioning responsibility by April 2013. [\(Ipsos Mori\)](#)

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)**AMERICAS****► NORTH AMERICA****184-10 Obama Job Approval 50% or Higher in 16 States and D.C.** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(USA\)](#) Residents of 16 states and the District of Columbia gave President Obama approval ratings of 50% or higher during the first half of 2011, led by the District of Columbia, Connecticut, Maryland, and Delaware. Idaho residents had the least positive appraisal of his performance, with 27% approving. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)**184-11 Democrats Enjoy Slight Edge on 2012 Congressional Ballot** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Gallup's first measure of the 2012 congressional elections shows Democrats leading Republicans, 51% to 44%, in registered voters' preferences for which party's candidate they would support in their district "if the elections for Congress were being held today." [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)[1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties](#)**184-12 Emotional Health Higher Among Older Americans** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans aged 60 and older demonstrate significantly better emotional health than those younger than 60 years. In fact, a septuagenarian is far more likely than someone in their 30s to have high emotional health. These results hold true even after statistically controlling for gender, race, education, marital status, employment, income, and regional location. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)**184-13 As Economic Confidence Drops, Obama Approval Fairly Stable** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Obama's job approval rating for the first 10 days of August is 4 percentage points lower than it was in the first week of July, significantly less of a drop than the 19-point decline in Gallup's Economic Confidence Index over the same period. ([Gallup USA](#))

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184-14 Small-Business Owners' Revenue and Hiring Expectations Down ([Click for Details](#))

Small-business owners turned less optimistic about future revenues and new hiring even prior to the events of recent weeks and the plunge in economic confidence. The percentage of owners anticipating that their revenues would increase over the next 12 months fell to 42% in July, down from 49% in April and 54% in January. At the same time, 18% expect their revenues to decrease. Small-business-owner revenue expectations are no better now than they were in October 2010. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments](#)

184-15 Majority of Americans Ready to Legalize Marijuana ([Click for Details](#))

Many Americans continue to believe that marijuana should be legalized, but are not supportive of making other drugs readily available, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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

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**184-16 Conservatives Ahead, Turmel Debate Does Not Affect the NDP in Canada** ([Click for Details](#))

(Canada) The Conservative Party remains popular three months after its election victory, and the New Democratic Party (NDP) has not lost ground since the appointment of a new interim leader, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll conducted in partnership with the Toronto Star has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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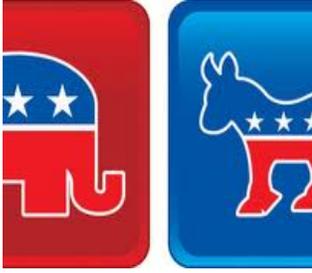
184-17 Democrats Not Eager for an Obama Challenger ([Click for Details](#))

Despite speculation that the Democratic base has become increasingly disillusioned with Barack Obama, rank-and-file Democrats are not eager to see other candidates challenge him for their party's nomination in 2012. Just 32% of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents say they would like other Democrats to take on Obama for the nomination, while 59% say they would not. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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184-18 **D.C., Hawaii Most Democratic, Utah Most Republican State in '11** ([Click for Details](#))

Hawaii shows the largest advantage for the Democratic Party over the Republican Party among U.S. states, along with the District of Columbia, in the first half of 2011. The most Republican state is Utah. ([Gallup USA](#))

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184-19 **Americans Want New Debt Super committee to Compromise** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Six in 10 Americans say members of the new bipartisan "supercommittee" mandated to find new ways of reducing the federal budget deficit should compromise, even if the agreement reached is one they personally disagree with. This includes a majority of Republicans, independents, and Democrats. A majority of Tea Party supporters, however, say the committee should hold out for a plan they agree with, even if no agreement is reached. ([Gallup USA](#))

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184-20 **Record-Low 21% Say Most in Congress Deserve Re-Election** ([Click for Details](#))

About one in five U.S. registered voters (21%) say most members of Congress deserve re-election, the lowest percentage Gallup has found in the 20-year history of asking this question. The prior lows of 28% were recorded in 2010 and earlier this year. ([Gallup USA](#))

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184-21 **U.S. Economic Confidence Plunges in Past Two Weeks** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans' economic confidence plunged to -53 in the week ending Aug. 7, a level not seen since the recession days of March 2009. This deterioration coincided with the final wrangling over the U.S. debt ceiling and Standard and Poor's downgrade of the United States' debt rating. Economic confidence is now far worse than the -43 of two weeks ago and the -34 of a month ago. ([Gallup USA](#))

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184-22 **Engaged Workers Report Twice as Much Job Creation** ([Click for Details](#))

Employees who are engaged in their work and workplace are twice as likely to report their organization is hiring new workers as those who are actively disengaged. Workers who are emotionally disconnected from their work and workplace are far more likely to report their organization is letting people go than those who are engaged. ([Gallup USA](#))

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184-23 **Plenty of Common Ground Found in Abortion Debate** ([Click for Details](#))

Self-described "pro-choice" and "pro-life" Americans agree about nine major areas of abortion policy, while disagreeing on eight others. Among the areas of consensus, in which a majority of both groups hold the same opinion, especially large percentages are in favor of requiring informed consent for women (86% of pro-choice adults and 87% who are pro-life) and making abortion illegal in the third trimester (79% and 94%). ([Gallup USA](#))

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184-24 **Tea Party Sparks More Antipathy Than Passion** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) More Americans consider themselves strong opponents of the Tea Party movement than strong supporters, by 20% to 14%, and the ratio is a similar 22% to 15% among registered voters. When factoring in those who support or oppose the movement but not strongly, the opposing groups are more evenly matched, with 25% of Americans in total classified as Tea Party supporters and 28% as opponents. About 4 in 10 Americans as well as registered voters say they neither support nor oppose the Tea Party. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► LATIN AMERICA

184-25 **65% of Dominican Drivers Admit Breaking Traffic Laws** ([Click for Details](#))

([Dominican Republic](#)) 65% of Dominican drivers admit to have broken a traffic law in a daily manner, according to a survey conducted by the polling firm Asisa, in the Dominican Republic. ([ASISA](#))

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[4.4 Society » Civil Society](#)

► AUSTRALASIA

184-26 **L-NP (57%) Still Has Clear Winning Lead Over ALP (43%)** ([Click for Details](#))

([Australia](#)) The latest telephone Morgan Poll conducted over two nights this week, August 9/10, 2011, show 57% of electors would vote L-NP 57% while only 43% ALP. (A result virtually unchanged from the face-to-face Morgan Poll conducted over the last two weekends — July 30/31 & August 6/7, 2011 — L-NP (56.5%) cf. ALP (43.5%)). ([Roy Morgan](#))

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184-27 **New Zealand National-Led Govt. Down But Has Winning Lead** ([Click for Details](#))

([New Zealand](#)) The latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows support for Prime Minister John Key's National-led Government is at 55.5% (down 2%). Support for Key's National Party is 51.5% (down 0.5%), ACT NZ 2% (unchanged), the Maori Party 1.5% (down 1.5%), and United Future 0.5% (unchanged). ([Roy Morgan](#))

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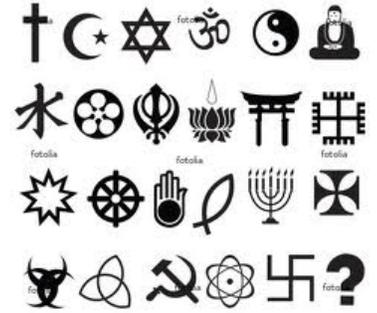
► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

184-28 **Rising Restrictions on Religion** (Click for Details)

(EU) The kinds of social hostilities that recently erupted in violence in Norway have been rising across Europe, a new report by the Pew Forum shows. Social hostilities involving religion have risen substantially in a number of European countries, including Sweden, Denmark and the U.K. The report also looks at government restrictions on religious beliefs and practices around the world. (Pew Research Center)

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4.1 Society » Religion



► CYBER WORLD

184-29 **Social Media Users Blast The Debt Deal** (Click for Details)

(USA) The August 2 agreement on raising the country's debt ceiling was a leading topic of conversation on both blogs and Twitter last week. And in a rarity for a partisan political issue, the news managed to unite both sides of the political spectrum. Liberal and conservative social media users agreed the deal was a bad one-albeit for different reasons. Indeed, both sides seemed to think they came out on the short end. (Pew Research Center)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

184-30 **Search and Email Still the Most Popular Online Activities** (Click for Details)

Search and email remain the two online activities that are nearly universal among adult internet users, as 92% of online adults use search engines to find information on the Web, and a similar number (92%) use email. Since the Pew Internet Project began measuring adults' online activities in the last decade, these two behaviors have consistently ranked as the most popular, even as new platforms, broadband and mobile devices continue to reshape the way Americans use the internet and web. (Pew Research Center)

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184-31 **60% Say Internet Anonymity Makes Us Less Civil, But Just 21% Want to Require Using Real Names** (Click for Details)

Even though 60% of U.S. adults believe that anonymity on the internet has made us less civil, only 21% agree with a statement suggesting it "has to go away." There is also a very high level of skepticism that requiring real names is even possible.

(Ibope-Zogby)

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184-32 **Disproportionately High Number Of 18-25 Year Olds Download Blackberry Apps** (Click for Details)

A new report from YouGov SixthSense into the handsets and apps market has revealed that while the Apple Store is still the most popular choice for handset users when downloading apps, a disproportionately high number of 18-25 year olds download apps from BlackBerry App World. (Yougov)

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Topic of the week:***Public Confidence In State Of Ethnic Relations Decline***

- ▶ 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.

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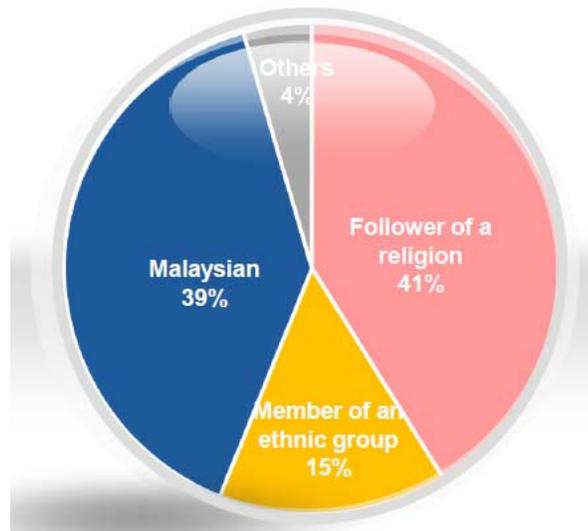
BANGI – A new Merdeka Center survey has found that the number of Malaysians who felt that ethnic relations in the country was ‘good’ declined by 12% from 78% in February 2006 to 66% in May 2011.

The same survey also found that the number of Malaysians who believed that ethnic unity (perpaduan kaum) as “sincere and friendly” declined markedly from 54% in 2006 to 35% in 2011, a drop of 19%. On the contrary, the number of people who felt ethnic unity was “superficial” rose from 29% to 44%.

The opinion poll was carried out by the Merdeka Center between 24th May and 8th June 2011 to gauge voters’ perceptions of the state of ethnic relations in the country. 1,013 registered Peninsular Malaysia voters comprising 602 Malay, 322 Chinese and 89 Indian respondents were interviewed by telephone in the poll. Respondents were selected on the basis of random stratified sampling along ethnicity, gender and state of residence. The survey was funded internally by the Merdeka Center for release to the public. This survey was a follow up of a similar poll conducted in June 2006 (available on our website www.merdeka.org).



When thinking about your identity, how would you like to be identified first?



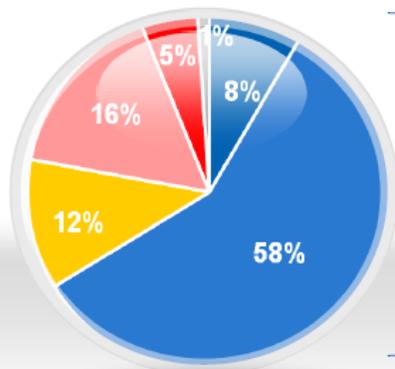
Compounding the perception that ethnic relations have taken a turn for the worse, the number of Malaysians polled who felt that people in the country were “getting closer together” declined from 64% in 2006 to 36% in 2011. Looking, only 37% of those polled felt that ethnic relations would “improve in the next ten years” compared to 43% in 2006.

It is likely that the pessimistic results of the survey could be due to the intensified discourse in the media on race and religious politics as well as the impact of incidents that have taken place since 2008 which included arson attacks on places of worship, public debate over school text books and controversial statements by public personalities.

Beneath the surface, a society still riven by distrust.

The survey also found that the level of trust placed on of the three main communities had also declined. Overall trust among respondents towards members of the Indian community declined from 37% to 31% while trust towards members of the Chinese community decreased from 47% to 42%. Trust towards the Malay community also declined marginally from 66% to 65%.

Majority feel that ethnic relations is good but numbers have fallen



66% decried ethnic relations in Malaysia as "good" but only 8% stated 'very good'.

- Very good
- Good
- Neither good nor bad
- Not good
- Bad
- Don't know

A significant factor noted in this particular query was the high level of distrust reported by respondents on their fellow Malaysians from a different ethnic background. For example, 60% of Malay respondents reported that they "somewhat distrusted" or "strongly distrusted" members of the Chinese community. Correspondingly, 42% of Chinese respondents along with 16% of the Malay respondents reported distrusting "people from the Malay community".



Unsurprisingly, the survey also found that adherence to derogatory racial stereotypes continued to remain persistent. Belief in racial stereotypes declined only marginally since the last survey in 2006. For example, belief in such racist stereotypes such as "The Malays are lazy", "The Chinese are greedy" and that "The Indians cannot be trusted" declined only by 2%, 3% and 2% respectively. It is important to note that each of these stereotypes was believed by a majority of the respondents. Ironically and perhaps as a marker of how deeply ingrained these stereotypes are, even members of the stereotyped community also accepted them. For example, 57% of Malays, 50% of Chinese and 36% of Indians, respectively report acceptance of the negative stereotypes of their communities.

Nearly a quarter of the respondents report that their views on stereotypes were shaped by their own personal observations along with a slightly higher number (26%) who said they were influenced by friends while one in five noted that it was derived largely by what they consumed from the media.

Overall 82% of Malaysians polled in this survey said they were "happy to live in a multi-ethnic society like Malaysia" however this represented a 10% decline compared to 2006.

Decline in society's self efficacy in addressing race and religious issues

The survey also found that public view of the Malaysian society's maturity in handling racial and religious issues has also suffered during in the intervening years. Only 38% of respondents agreed that "our society is matured enough to discuss racial and religious matters openly" compared to 46% in 2006. On the

obverse, 55% of respondents polled agree that racial and religious issues are too sensitive to be discussed openly.

In our view, the survey findings reflect a significant shift in Malaysian public thinking – the optimism of the mid-2000s appears to have given way to increased insecurities and distrust which is in part due to the current competitive political environment.



Source: <http://www.merdeka.org/>

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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*): \approx 3,861 polls during the period 2007-2011
- 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 2007-2011
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 160 during the period 2007-2011

