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Asia zone

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

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202-1 Arab Spring: Palestinians See Positive Impacts on Democracy & Human Rights (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) A recent survey shows that Palestinians are divided about the direction of the country. However they believe that the recent revolutions in Arab world will have positive impacts on democracy and human rights conditions in the region. ([AWRAD](#))

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Euro Americas zone

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LATIN AMERICA & AUSTRALASIA

EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE

202-2 North Poll: Childrens' Attitude To Christmas (Click for Details)

A new poll by Ipsos MORI has found that 83% of parents with a child aged 3 to 6 years old think their child believes in Father Christmas. This drops to just 8% of parents of 11 to 15 year old kids. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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202-3 Concern About Unemployment Continues To Rise Though General Economic Concerns Remain At The Forefront (Click for Details)

The December Economist/Ipsos MORI Issues index shows that a third of the public (33%) place unemployment amongst the most important issues facing the country, a one percentage point increase since November. Concern has been steadily increasing recently and this is now the highest percentage to mention this issue since November 1998. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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202-4 More Suffering Than Thriving in Some EU Countries (Multi-country survey) (Click for Details)

More Europeans are "suffering" than "thriving" in several countries hard-hit by the financial crisis, including a number that have already introduced or are introducing austerity measures. More than one in five residents rate their lives poorly enough to be considered suffering in Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Greece, Latvia, and Portugal. The largest gap between thriving and suffering is in Bulgaria, where 45% are suffering and 5% are thriving. (Gallup USA)

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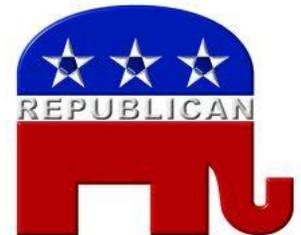
► NORTH AMERICA

202-5 Frustration with Congress Could Hurt Republican Incumbents (Click for Details)

(USA) Public discontent with Congress has reached record levels, and the implications for incumbents in next year's elections could be stark. Two-in-three voters say most members of Congress should be voted out of office in 2012 – the highest on record. And the number who say their own member should be replaced matches the all-time high recorded in 2010, when fully 58 members of Congress lost reelection bids – the most in any election since 1948. (Pew Research Center)

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**202-6 Iraq and Public Opinion: The Troops Come Home** (Click for Details)

More than eight years after U.S. troops entered Iraq, the United States military – with the exception of a few troops connected with the U.S. Embassy – will leave the country by the end of 2011. The public is overwhelmingly supportive of this action, with fully 75% saying in a national poll conducted in November by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press that they approve of President Barack Obama's decision to withdraw all U.S. combat troops from Iraq by the end of the year. (Pew Research Center)

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202-7 Gingrich Leads, But Likely GOP Primary Voters Have Not Ruled Out Romney (Click for Details)

Newt Gingrich holds a substantial 35% to 21% lead over Mitt Romney among Republican and Republican-leaning independent voters who say they are very likely to vote in the GOP primaries or caucuses. But clear majorities say there is at least a chance they would vote for either Gingrich or Romney in Republican primaries in their state. None of the other Republican candidates draws nearly as much potential support. (Pew Research Center)

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**202-8 Gingrich Continues to Lead GOP Field, but by Smaller Margin** (Click for Details)

(USA) Newt Gingrich continues to lead the field of candidates for the Republican nomination, though his lead over Mitt Romney has shrunk slightly from last week. Currently, 31% of Republican registered voters

nationwide say they are most likely to support Gingrich for the nomination, compared with 22% choosing Romney, with all other candidates in single digits. ([Gallup USA](#))

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202-9 **In U.S., Health Insurance Not Necessarily Related to Health** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans aged 18 to 64 with health insurance rate their overall health far more positively than those without coverage. Nearly 6 in 10 Americans younger than 65 with health insurance rate their health as either "excellent" or "very good," compared with 36% of those in the same age group without coverage. This relationship holds when controlling for socio-economic demographics such as age, education, and income. ([Gallup USA](#))

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202-10 **Romney, Gingrich Have Slight Edge Over Obama in Swing States** ([Click for Details](#))

Registered voters in 12 key swing states give a slight edge to the two leading Republican presidential candidates, Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich, over Barack Obama as their preference for president in the 2012 election. Nationally, Obama fares somewhat better, essentially tying Romney and leading Gingrich by a six-percentage-point margin. ([Gallup USA](#))

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202-11 **Economic Confidence Improving but Trails Year Ago** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Americans' economic confidence continued to improve during early December, reaching -39 during the week ending Dec. 11 -- its best level since July. Still, economic confidence remains weaker than the -32 of the same week a year ago. ([Gallup USA](#))

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202-12 **In U.S., Fear of Big Government at Near-Record Level** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans' concerns about the threat of big government continue to dwarf those about big business and big labor, and by an even larger margin now than in March 2009. The 64% of Americans who say big government will be the biggest threat to the country is just one percentage point shy of the record high, while the 26% who say big business is down from the 32% recorded during the recession. Relatively few name big labor as the greatest threat. ([Gallup USA](#))

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202-13 **Gingrich Running Strong With Traditionally Reliable Voters** ([Click for Details](#))

Newt Gingrich's current lead in Republican preferences for the GOP presidential nomination is largely attributable to particularly high support from the types of Republicans who might be expected to turn out heavily in the upcoming primaries -- older Republicans and core identifiers with the Republican Party. Roughly 40% of Republicans aged 55 and older as well as core Republicans (as opposed to independents who lean Republican) and conservatives currently favor Gingrich for the nomination. This contrasts with 21% to 23% of each group backing Mitt Romney. ([Gallup USA](#))

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202-14 **In U.S., Many More Dreading Than Anticipating 2012 Campaign** ([Click for Details](#))

With the Jan. 3 Iowa caucuses serving as the kickoff of voting in the 2012 presidential election campaign, Americans would likely prefer to fast-forward to the end of the campaign than watch it unfold. Given a choice, 70% of Americans say they can't wait for the campaign to be over, while 26% can't wait for it to begin.

([Gallup USA](#))

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202-15 **U.S. Diabetes Rate Levels Off in 2011** ([Click for Details](#))

In the third quarter of 2011, 11% of Americans reported having ever been diagnosed with diabetes. This measurement and the 10.6% that Gallup and Healthways measured in the second quarter of this year are among the lowest levels recorded since 2009. The diabetes rate was below 11% throughout 2008, but then began to increase in 2009 and 2010. ([Gallup USA](#))

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202-16 **Americans Prioritize Economy Over Reducing Wealth Gap** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) More Americans say it is important that the federal government enact policies that grow the economy and increase equality of opportunity than say the same about reducing the income and wealth gap between the rich and the poor. ([Gallup USA](#))

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202-17 **Fewer Americans See U.S. Divided Into "Haves," "Have Nots"** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans are now less likely to see U.S. society as divided into the "haves" and "have nots" than they were in 2008, returning to their views prior to that point. A clear majority, 58%, say they do not think of America in this way, after Americans were divided 49% to 49% in the summer of 2008. ([Gallup USA](#))

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202-18 **Barely Half of U.S. Adults Are Married – A Record Low** ([Click for Details](#))

Barely half of all adults in the United States—a record low—are currently married, and the median age at first marriage has never been higher for brides (26.5 years) and grooms (28.7), according to a new Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Census data. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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202-19 **Record 64% Rate Honesty, Ethics of Members of Congress Low** (Click for Details)

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Sixty-four percent of Americans rate the honesty and ethical standards of members of Congress as "low" or "very low," tying the record "low"/"very low" rating Gallup has measured for any profession historically. Gallup has asked Americans to rate the honesty and ethics of numerous professions since 1976, including annually since 1990. Lobbyists also received a 64% low honesty and ethics rating in 2008. ([Gallup USA](#))

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202-20 **Public Consultation Finds Strong Bipartisan Support for Extending Employees' Payroll Tax Cut** (Click for Details)

(Click for Details)

When a representative sample of Americans was presented a detailed explanation of the costs and potential benefits of extending the payroll tax cut for employees, including strongly stated arguments for and against the idea, 68% favored the idea. This included 65% of Republicans as well as 74% of Democrats. (www.worldpublicopinion.org)

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202-21 **U.S. Seniors Maintain Happiness Highs With Less Social Time** (Click for Details)

The more time Americans spend socially with family and friends, the more likely they are to report enjoyment and happiness in their lives without a lot of stress and worry. Overall, Americans' self-reported mood improves with each hour of social time they spend in a day, up to about seven hours. Though the relationship is present among all age groups, Americans aged 65 and older are more likely than their younger counterparts to maintain a positive mood with fewer hours of social time. ([Gallup USA](#))

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202-22 **Romney and Gingrich Are Top Choices for Republicans Before 2012 Election** (Click for Details)

Herman Cain falls behind after his campaign is suspended, while there is little movement for Ron Paul and Rick Perry. With just a few weeks left before the United States presidential primaries and caucuses begin, two Republican Party contenders enter the race as favourites, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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► AUSTRAL ASIA

202-23 **More Than 8 Million Australians Renovated Or Redecorated Last Year Internet & Magazines Prove Handy For Home Renovators** (Click for Details)

(Australia) According to the latest Roy Morgan Single Source data (October 2010 — September 2011), Australians aged 14+ years consider magazines and the internet to be the most useful media for information on products and purchasing in the home improvement/renovations category. (Roy Morgan)

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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEY

202-24 **Financial Help More Often From Home Country Than Abroad** (Click for Details)

While international remittances dominate the global dialogue about migration and development, they are only part of the conversation. Gallup's surveys in 135 countries between 2009 and 2010 reveal households worldwide are three times more likely get financial help from individuals within the same country (9%) than from outside the country (3%). (Gallup USA)

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202-25 **Review of Polling Finds International and American Support for World Order Based on International Law, Stronger UN** (Click for Details)

Newly updated digests of American and international public opinion polls reveal substantial consensus on concepts of world order. Large majorities support a world order based on international law and a stronger United Nations. American as well as international opinion favors the United States playing a less dominant but still active role in world affairs. (www.worldpublicopinion.org)

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202-26 **Widespread Support for Arab Spring Protests: Global Poll** (Click for Details)

At the end of a year that has seen multiple revolutions in the Middle East, a new BBC global poll across 22 countries shows that a narrow majority thinks the Arab Spring protests were a good thing. The poll, conducted by GlobeScan among 21,558 people, reveals that 55% on average see the protests as "mostly positive," with just over a quarter (28%) feeling they were "mostly negative", and the rest undecided. (GlobeScan)

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202-27 **Frugal Shopping Season Underway in Britain, Canada and the U.S.** (Click for Details)

The concept of gift cards is very popular in the two North American countries, but not in Britain. Many people in Britain, Canada and the United States are going to become frugal consumers this holiday season, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. (Angus-Reid)

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202-28 Troubled European Economies Stifle Entrepreneurship (Click for Details)

Residents in wealthier EU countries with the most unsustainable debt burdens -- including Greece, Italy, Spain, and Ireland -- are also among the most likely to say their government makes it hard to start and manage a business. The climate for entrepreneurs is most inhospitable in Greece, where more than 8 in 10 residents see their government as an obstacle. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► CYBER WORLD

202-29 The Rise of Smartphones, Apps and the Mobile Web (Click for Details)

Nielsen's State of the Media: The Mobile Media Report provides a snapshot of the current mobile media landscape and audiences in the U.S. and highlights the potential power of mobile commerce in the near future. The report shows that a majority of 18-34 year olds now own a smartphones (64% and 53% respectively); and mobile Internet usage has increased by 45 percentage points. ([Nielsen](#))

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**202-30 New Mobile Obsession: U.S. Teens Triple Data Usage** (Click for Details)

Teens have officially joined the mobile Data Tsunami, more than tripling mobile data consumption in the past year while maintaining their stronghold as the leading message senders. ([Nielsen](#))

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202-31 Internet Addiction Sets In, As Brics Countries Benefit From Online Confidence Boost (Click for Details)

Consumers in fast-growth markets are hungry for greater access to the internet and once they have it, find that it quickly begins to change their lives – according to the latest findings released from Digital Life, a global study by TNS. ([TNS](#))

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202-32 Over 5 million Australians now own a Smartphone (Click for Details)

In the 12 months to September 2011, 29% of Australians aged 14+ (5.3 million) own a Smartphone. Nearly two thirds (61%) of Australians who earn over \$150,000 own a Smartphone, according to the Roy Morgan Mobile Phone Monitor. ([Roy Morgan](#))

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Topic of the week:

Widespread Support for Arab Spring Protests: Global Poll

► This issue provides two interesting poll findings and buzz monitoring on this subject.

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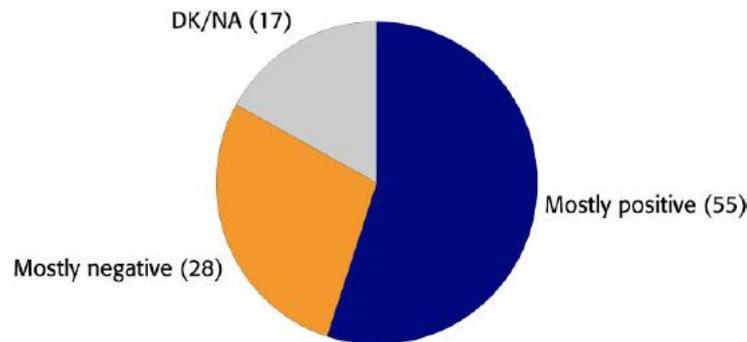
The poll, conducted by GlobeScan among 21,558 people, reveals that 55% on average see the protests as “mostly positive,” with just over a quarter (28%) feeling they were “mostly negative”, and the rest undecided.

The European nations polled are most likely to be upbeat about the Arab Spring. More than three-quarters of Germans (78%) and French (76%) say they see the protests as mostly positive—the highest proportions in the survey. Egyptians themselves are also mostly positive (72%)—though more than one in four disagrees (26%).



Perceptions of Protests across the Middle East This Year

“Positive” vs “Negative,” Average of 22 countries, 2011



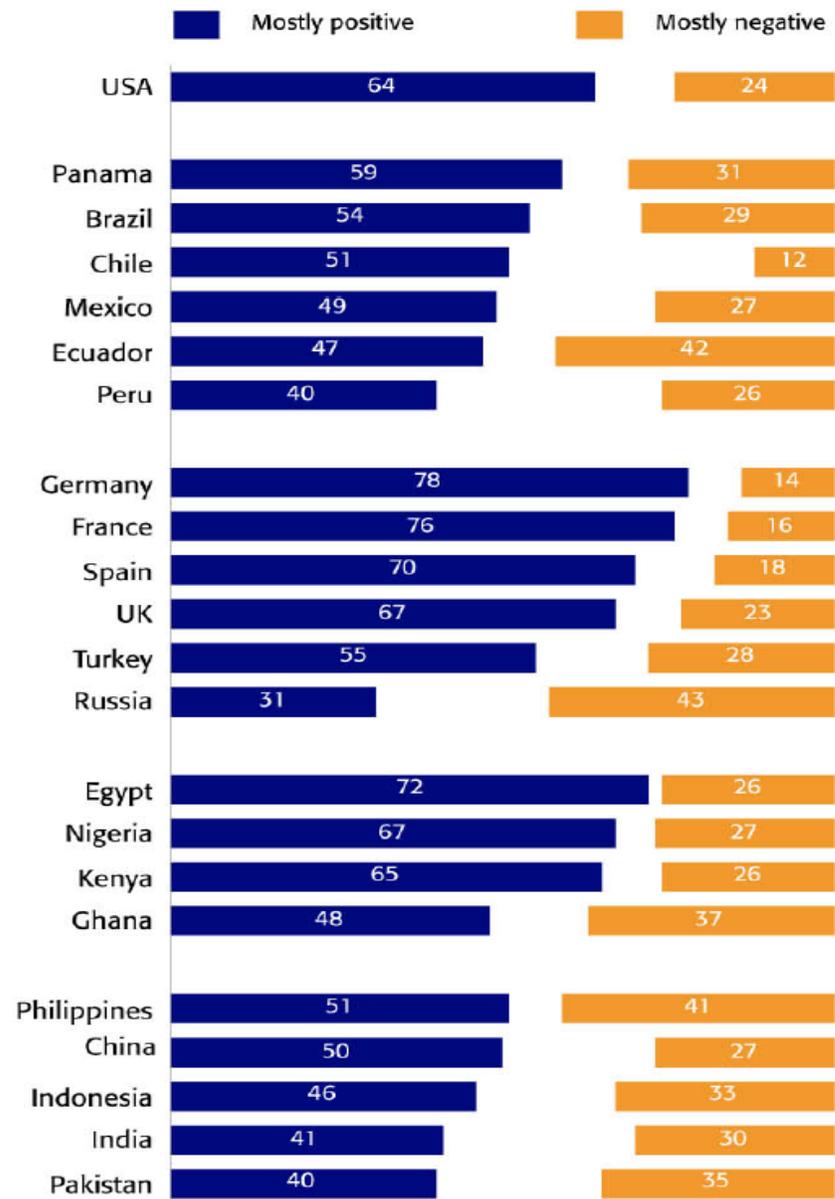
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The poll was conducted before the fall of the Gaddafi regime in Libya and recent renewed unrest in Egypt and Syria.

Two of the three other African nations in the sample—Nigeria and Kenya—also have large majorities (67% and 65% respectively) who feel that the Arab Spring protests were mostly positive. Apart from those countries, however, the developing-world and middle-income countries polled are more ambivalent about the protests.

Perceptions of Protests across Middle East This Year

"Positive" vs "Negative," by Country, 2011



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The white space in this chart represents "DK/NA."

Russia is the only country where the balance of opinion is that the protests were mostly negative (31% positive, 43% negative). But there is significant ambivalence as well in Pakistan (40% positive, 35% negative) and in India (41% positive, 30% negative).

In contrast, the clear balance of opinion in China is that the protests were a good thing (50% positive, 27% negative.) GlobeScan Chairman Doug Miller says: "Support for the Arab Spring is widespread, but cautious. The findings suggest that outside of the stable democracies of Europe and North America, concerns about the potential of post-revolution instability may be moderating positive views—particularly in Russia, Pakistan, and India, three countries particularly sensitive to the threat of internal unrest."

In total 21,558 citizens across 22 countries were interviewed face-to-face or by telephone between July 3, 2011 and September 16, 2011. Polling was conducted for BBC World Service by the international polling firm GlobeScan and its research partners in each country. In eight of the 22 countries, the sample was limited to major urban areas. The margin of error per country ranges from +/- 2.0 to 4.4 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

Source: http://www.globescan.com/pdf/BBC11_ArabSpring.pdf

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A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 –August 2011

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

