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1 single country Poll



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Polling organizations represented in pink

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Asia zone

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

Distribution of polls in **ASIA zone**- 2 national polls covering:

► MIDDLE EAST

Politics » Elections

Kadima Takes First Place Among Israeli Voters [\(Click For Details\)](#)

Israel's opposition Kadima party is ahead of the governing Likud, according to a poll by the **Dahaf Institute** published in *Yediot Ahronot*. A prospective tally of seats shows that Kadima would secure **32** seats in the Knesset, followed by Likud with **29**.

March 30, 2010

► CENTRAL ASIA

Politics » Governance

Turks Endorse Idea of Civilian Constitution [\(Click For Details\)](#)

Most people in **Turkey** think the country needs to enact a civilian constitution, according to a poll by **Pollmark**. **58 %** of respondents share this opinion, while **20 %** oppose the notion.

March 30, 2010



Africa zone

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

Distribution of polls in **AFRICA zone**- 1 national poll covering:

► SUBSAHARAN AFRICA

Society/IR » Race Relations

Race relations on the improve in South Africa [\(Click For Details\)](#)

Ipsos found that the majority of **South Africans** recently polled felt that relationships between the various race groups in South Africa are improving. This trend has continuously improved over the last few years and that the percentage of South Africans with a positive feeling far outweighs the prophets of gloom on this topic.

March 20, 2010



Euro Americas zone

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



Distribution of polls in **EURO-AMERICAS zone**-19 national polls covering:

EUROPE



▶ WEST EUROPE



Economy » Financial Crisis

Germans Reject Monetary Aid to Greece (Click For Details)

Over two thirds of people in [Germany](#) oppose a plan to give monetary aid to Greece, according to a poll by [Forsa](#) released by [Stern](#). **68 %** of respondents reject the notion of Germany providing Greece with financial assistance.

April 03, 2010

Politics » Elections

Tories No Longer Lead by Double-Digits in Britain (Click For Details)

The opposition Conservative Party remains ahead of its rivals in [Britain](#), according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **37 %** of respondents would support the Tories in this year's election to the House of Commons.

April 02, 2010



▶ EAST EUROPE

Security/IR » NATO/Russia

Ukrainians Likely Support Move Away From NATO (Click For Details)

[Ukrainians](#) may support their new government's plans to prohibit the country from joining military alliances, which would effectively end its six-year pursuit of NATO membership. Residents in May 2009 were more than twice as likely to see NATO as a threat (**40%**) than as protection (**17%**). One in three said it was neither. [Gallup USA](#)

April 2, 2010

Security/IR » NATO/Russia

Ukraine Says 'No' to NATO (Click For Details)

[Pew](#) found that half of [Ukrainians](#) (**51%**) opposed their country's admission to NATO, while only 28% favored such a step. Moreover, given the opposition to membership, it is not surprising that about half of [Ukrainians](#) (**51%**) gave NATO an unfavorable rating.

March 29, 2010

Security/IR » USA/Russia

Russians Don't Want Closer Ties with U.S. (Click For Details)

Few people in [Russia](#) want their country to seek improved relations with the United States, according to a poll by the [Yury Levada Analytical Center](#). Only **14 %** of respondents advocate for closer bi-lateral ties, down **10 points** since March 2003.

April 01, 2010



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▶ NORTH AMERICA

Economy » Economic Perceptions

Most Americans Worried About Economic Conditions (Click For Details)

Many adults in the [United States](#) remain concerned about the country's financial standing, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **81 %** of respondents rate the economic conditions in the U.S. as poor or very poor.

March 30, 2010

[Politics](#) » [Approval Ratings](#)

One-in-Four Americans Approve of U.S. Congress (Click For Details)

More [Americans](#) are content with the work of their legislative branch this month, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **24 %** of respondents approve of the performance of Congress, up six points since February.

March 29, 2010

[Politics](#) » [Approval Ratings](#)

Obama Approval Steady at 48% in U.S. (Click For Details)

Public support for Barack Obama did not go to any significant shifts in the [United States](#) this month, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **48 %** of respondents approve of their president's performance.

March 28, 2010

[Society](#) » [Health & Disease](#)

Chronic Conditions Linked to Cancer (Click For Details)

[Americans](#) who report having been diagnosed with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes are roughly twice as likely to report a cancer diagnosis as those who have not been diagnosed with these conditions, according to [Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index](#) data.

April 1, 2010

[Politics](#) » [Health](#)

Blame Spread Around for Post-Healthcare Vandalism, Threats (Click For Details)

[Americans](#) hold all sides of the healthcare reform battle responsible for the rash of threatening e-mails, phone calls, and vandalism that erupted last week after the healthcare bill passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. Roughly half (**49%**) say controversial political maneuvers by Democratic leaders to secure the votes they needed were a major reason. Nearly as many blame harsh criticism of the bill by both conservative media commentators and Republican leaders. [Gallup USA](#)

March 30, 2010

[Economy](#) » [Health](#)

Americans Remain Concerned About Costs of Healthcare Bill (Click For Details)

One week after the passage of historic new healthcare legislation, [Americans](#) remain worried about the bill's effect on costs -- both for the nation as a whole and for them personally. A majority of Americans say healthcare costs in the U.S. and the federal budget deficit will get worse as a result of the bill. Half of Americans believe that healthcare costs for themselves and their families will get worse.

[Gallup USA](#)

March 30, 2010

[Society](#) » [Religion](#)

Pope Benedict Favorable Rating Drops to 40% in U.S. (Click For Details)

A new low of **40%** of [Americans](#) view Pope Benedict XVI favorably amid new criticism about the Roman Catholic Church's handling of child sex abuse by priests. Now, nearly as many Americans have an unfavorable view of the pope as have a favorable view. [Gallup USA](#)

March 31, 2010

[Politics](#) » [Elections](#)

Republicans Move Ahead in 2010 Vote for Congress (Click For Details)

Registered voters in the [USA](#) now say they prefer the Republican to the Democratic candidate in their district by **47%** to **44%** in the midterm congressional elections, the first time the GOP has led in

2010 election preferences since [Gallup](#) began weekly tracking of these in March.
April 1, 2010

[Politics](#) » [Political Institutions](#)

Congress in a Word ([Click For Details](#))

When [Pew](#) asked [Americans](#) to provide a one word description of their impression of Congress, **86 %** of respondents said something negative while just **4 %** gave a positive word. The three most frequently offered terms were dysfunctional (**21** people offered this), corrupt (**20**) and some version of selfish (**19**). Many of the words reflected perceptions that Congress has been unable or unwilling to enact legislation (inept, confusing, gridlock, etc.).

March 22, 2010

[Society](#) » [Religion](#)

Most Canadians Support Quebec's Veil Ban ([Click For Details](#))

People in [Canada](#) agree with Quebec's proposal to instruct people to show their faces in order to receive government services, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **80 %** of respondents approve of this legislation.

March 29, 2010

[Security/IR](#) » [Afghanistan Conflict](#)

Canadians Oppose Afghan Combat Beyond 2011 ([Click For Details](#))

People in [Canada](#) reject the possibility of extending the country's military commitment in Afghanistan beyond the current timetable, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **79 %** of respondents oppose Canadian troops taking part in a combat mission after 2011.

April 03, 2010

[Economy](#) » [Economic Perceptions](#)

Most Canadians Pleased with Economic Conditions ([Click For Details](#))

A majority of people in [Canada](#) believe the country's financial standing is satisfactory, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **54 %** of respondents rate the economic conditions in Canada today as good or very good, up two points since February.

April 01, 2010

► LATIN AMERICA



[Politics](#) » [Approval Ratings](#)

Brazilians Just Enamoured with Lula ([Click For Details](#))

With a presidential election in the horizon for [Brazil](#), the popularity of Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva keeps growing, according to a poll by [Datafolha](#) published in *Folha de Sao Paulo*. **76 %** of respondents say Lula's presidency has been good or very good, up four points since February.

April 03, 2010

[Politics](#) » [Elections](#)

Brazil's Rouseff is Becoming a Stronger Contender ([Click For Details](#))

The first round of the next presidential election in [Brazil](#) could be a tight contest, according to a poll by [Ibope](#). **35 %** of respondents would vote for Jose Serra of the Brazilian Party of Social Democracy (PSDB), while **30 %** would support Dilma Rouseff of the Workers' Party (PT).

April 01, 2010. §



COUNTRY of the week- UKRAINE

► 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 .

Is Ukrainian ‘No’ to NATO, Part of Russian Resurgence?

Ukraine has pursued a policy to be part of NATO for six years but the current government of Viktor Yanukovich decided to make a major shift. **Ukrainian** parliament is going to pass a law that will restrict the nation from joining the military alliance. This government decision also seems to enjoy popular support. A *Pew Research Center* survey shows that more than half of the **Ukrainian** respondents have an unfavorable opinion of **NATO** and they are opposed to their nation’s entry into the force.¹ This opposition is highest in ethnically *Russian* areas of

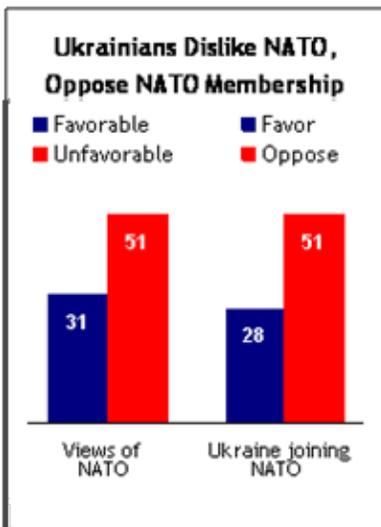
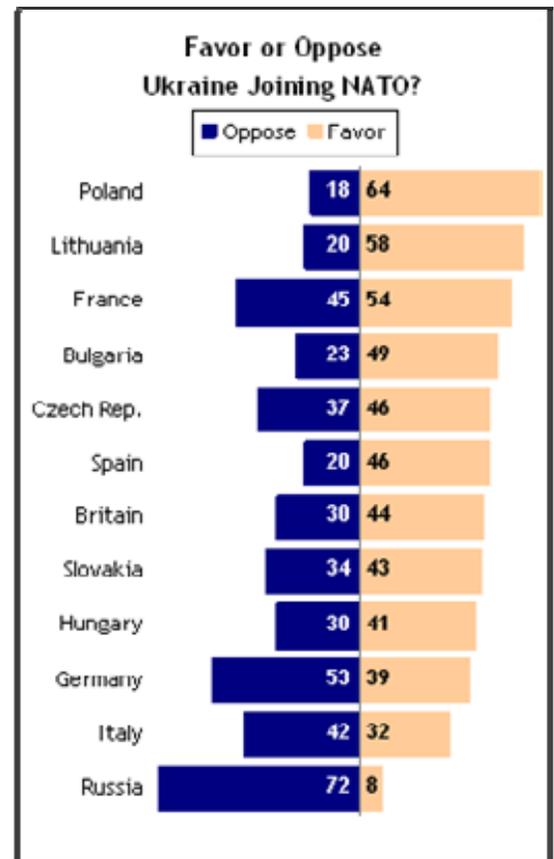


Ukraine. Somewhat similar are the views about **NATO** in **Belarus**, another neighbor of **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

The surveys show that **Ukrainians** have a very positive opinion of **Russia**. It seems that all immediate neighbors of Russia with the exception of Georgia entertain a favorable inclination towards it, considering its influence positive. The opinions on the Central Asian side are somewhat mixed.

Keeping in view the fact of stabilizing **Russian** economy and military strength reflected in its foreign policy, *Russian* resurgence seems to be underway. Will *Russia* be able to extend its positive image beyond these immediate neighbors in East Europe? Are Russians still thinking of a Greater Russia including integrating some parts of Soviet Union back to its territory? Public support for *United Russia* has been on the rise for the last few years but can it really be translated into *political ambitions*?

SOURCE: *Pew Research Centre*



Views in Ukraine: Join NATO?

	Favor %	Oppose %	DK %
Total	28	51	21
Region			
Central	33	51	16
West	59	15	26
East	11	72	17
South	11	60	29
Ethnicity			
Ukrainian	33	46	21
Russian	6	74	19

¹ <http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1542/ukraine-president-blocks-nato-membership-russia-influence>

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-09)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 3 year period January 2007 – December 2009

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \simeq 2,000 polls during the period 2007-09
- 2- Number of questions: \simeq 25,000 during the period 2007-09
- 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 2007-09
- 5- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \simeq 100 during the period 2007-09

