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Pg 2 **Asia** zone *this week-*

4 national polls & 1 Global poll



Africa zone this week –

0 national polls & 1 Global Poll



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this week- 20 national polls,

2 Multi-Country Polls &

1 Global poll



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PHILIPPINES

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Polling organizations represented in pink
For reference to source of each poll clicks to detail are provided in the text





Asia zone

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

MIDDLE EAST



Security/IR » Middle East Conflict

Israeli Public's Support for Dismantling Most Settlements Has Risen to a Five-Year High (Click For Details)

A survey of the [Israeli](#) general public and Israeli settlers taken in early March shows three-fifths of the Israeli public (**60%**) support "dismantling most of the settlements in the territories as part of a peace agreement with the Palestinians." This is eleven points higher than the previous reading (**49%**) taken in December, 2009.

worldpublicopinion.org

April 15, 2010

Security/IR » Middle East Conflict

Israelis Reject Construction Freeze in Jerusalem (Click For Details)

A large proportion of adults in [Israel](#) would reject a prospective demand by U.S. president Barack Obama, according to a poll by [Maagar Mochot](#). **70%** of respondents think Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu should not freeze construction in Jerusalem for an unlimited period of time.

April 17, 2010

SOUT EAST ASIA



Politics » Elections

Aquino, Roxas Headed for Win in the Philippines (Click For Details)

The Liberal Party (PLP) could gain control of the two highest political offices in the [Philippines](#), according to a poll by [Pulse Asia](#). **37%** of respondents would vote for PLP presidential nominee Benigno Aquino III in next month's election.

April 16, 2010

NORTHEAST ASIA



Politics » Approval Ratings

Only A Third of Japanese Content with Cabinet (Click For Details)

Only a third of people in [Japan](#) are satisfied with the performance of the sitting government, according to a poll by [Kyodo News](#). **33%** of respondents approve of the cabinet, down three points since March.

April 13, 2010



Euro Americas zone



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

WEST EUROPE



EUROPE



Politics » Approval Ratings

Tories Lead by Ten Points in Britain (Click For Details)

The Conservative Party remains ahead of its competitors in **Britain**, according to a poll by **Angus Reid Public Opinion**. **38%** of respondents would support the Tories in next month's election to the House of Commons.

April 14, 2010

Politics » Health

Spaniards Reject Government's Abortion Law (Click For Details)

People in **Spain** are not satisfied with their government's new pregnancy termination regulations, according to a poll by **NC Report** published in *La Razón*. **54.2%** of respondents oppose the Abortion Law.

April 18, 2010

Politics » Approval Ratings

Spaniards Throw Support behind Opposition PP (Click For Details)

Spain's Popular Party (PP) is now stronger than the ruling Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), according to a poll by **NC Report** published in *La Razón*. **43.6%** of respondents would vote for the conservative PP in the next legislative election, while **37.6%** would vote for the PSOE.

April 13, 2010

Politics » Elections

French Socialists like Strauss-Kahn in 2012 (Click For Details)

International Monetary Fund (IMF) managing director Dominique Strauss-Kahn is a popular option to become the presidential candidate of **France's** Socialist Party (PS), according to a poll by **LH2**. **37%** of respondents say Strauss-Kahn should lead the left into the 2012 election.

April 16, 2010

EAST EUROPE



Politics » Approval Ratings

Many Russians Express Trust for Medvedev (Click For Details)

Many people in **Russia** express confidence in President Dmitry Medvedev, according to a poll by the **Russian Public Opinion Research Center**. **40%** of respondents say they completely trust him as a person and as a politician.

April 15, 2010



AMERICAS



NORTH AMERICA

Politics » Approval Ratings

Voters Currently Divided on Second Obama Term (Click For Details)

Registered [American](#) voters are about evenly divided over whether President Barack Obama is deserving of a second term in office. Currently, **46%** say he deserves re-election and **50%** say he does not. Predictably, Democrats are one-sided for Obama's re-election and Republicans are one-sided against it, while independents lean against a second Obama term. [Gallup USA](#)

April 16, 2010

Economy » Economic Perceptions

Making Ends Meet Is a Threshold for Personal Wellbeing (Click For Details)

Having enough money to "buy the things you need" is a strong correlate of [Americans'](#) broad perception of their own wellbeing. Overall, **60%** of Americans who say they have enough money for their needs rate their lives well enough to be considered "thriving." By contrast, **27%** of those who can't meet their needs are thriving. This pattern is generally seen at each income level. [Gallup USA](#)

April 16, 2010

Politics » Health

Americans' Views on Healthcare Law Remain Stable (Click For Details)

[Americans](#) remain divided on the merits of the new healthcare law, with **45%** saying it was a good thing that Congress passed the legislation and **49%** saying it was a bad thing. This assessment from an April 8-11 [Gallup](#) poll shows little change from two weeks ago.

April 15, 2010

Politics » Approval Ratings

Republicans Lead by 48% to 44% on Congressional Ballot (Click For Details)

In [America](#), [Gallup](#) Daily tracking for the week ending April 11 puts Republicans slightly ahead of Democrats, **48%** to **44%**, in the congressional voting preferences of registered voters nationally. This marks the third week since the U.S. House passed healthcare reform on March 21 that the Republicans have tied or led the Democrats.

April 13, 2010

Economy » Economic Perceptions

Americans Blame President Bush for the Bad State of the Economy (Click For Details)

According to the latest [Harris Poll](#), the Republicans are a long way from convincing the [American](#) people that it is time to return the GOP back to power in Washington. The public may have serious doubts and reservations about the Democrats, but the memories of Bush era are still haunting Republicans.

April 07, 2010

Economy » Economic Perceptions

Americans Split on Whether Their Income Taxes Are Too High (Click For Details)

For the second straight year, slightly less than half of [Americans](#) say the amount of federal income tax they have to pay is too high, while almost as many say the amount they pay in taxes is about right. [Gallup USA](#)

April 14, 2010

Economy » Economic Perceptions

Six in 10 Americans Expect Their Taxes to Increase (Click For Details)

Sixty-three percent of [Americans](#) believe their taxes will increase in the next 12 months, while **4%** expect a change that will reduce their taxes. Majorities of all income groups share this view, though it is more common among Americans in upper-income households. [Gallup USA](#)

April 14, 2010

Economy » Economic Perceptions

Most Americans See Home Prices Stable or Rising (Click For Details)

Lower but stabilizing home prices combined with continued low mortgage interest rates have persuaded **72%** of [Americans](#) that now is a "good time" to buy a house -- essentially the same percentage as a year ago, but up 19 points from 2008. [Gallup USA](#)

April 15, 2010

Society » Communication/Media

Tomorrow's News (Click For Details)

[America's](#) news executives are hesitant about many of the alternative funding ideas being discussed for journalism today and are overwhelmingly skeptical about the prospect of government financing. Fewer than half of all those surveyed are confident their operations will survive another 10 years -- absent significant new sources of revenue. Nearly a third believe their operations are at risk in just five years or less. And many blame the problems not on the inevitable effect of technology but on their industry's missed opportunities. [Pew Research Center](#)

April 12, 2010

Security/IR » Terrorism

Americans Dread Foreign and Domestic Terrorism (Click For Details)

Many adults in the [United States](#) foresee an act of terrorism taking place on U.S. soil in the next year, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **69%** of respondents think an attack carried out by foreigners is likely to happen, while **58%** feel foresee an act of terrorism carried out by Americans.

April 14, 2010

Security/IR » Nuclear Issues

Americans in Tune with Obama on Nuclear Weapons (Click For Details)

Most people in the [United States](#) agree with the notion that there should be fewer nuclear weapons in the world, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **36%** of respondents think the U.S. government should focus on eliminating weapons worldwide, while 35 per cent think it should try to reduce the number of nuclear arms in the world.

April 13, 2010

Politics » Political Institutions

Few Canadians Endorse Bigger House of Commons (Click For Details)

Few people in [Canada](#) support a government proposal to increase the number of seats in the lower house of Parliament from **308** to **338**, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **17%** of respondents think this would be beneficial for Canada, whereas **31%** say it would be detrimental.

April 12, 2010

Society » Health & Disease

Canadian Majority Would Legalize Marijuana (Click For Details)

Many adults in [Canada](#) believe marijuana should be legalized, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **53%** of respondents agree with this idea.

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[Politics](#) » [Approval Ratings](#)

NDP Holds Double-Digit Lead in British Columbia (Click For Details)

The opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) has extended its advantage in *British Columbia*, [Canada](#), according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **47%** of respondents would vote for the NDP in the next provincial election, up four points since March.

April 18, 2010

LATIN AMERICA

[Politics](#) » [Approval Ratings](#)

Serra Barely Ahead of Rouseff in Brazil (Click For Details)

[Brazilians](#) could be facing a tight first round in this year's presidential election, according to a poll by [Vox Populi](#) released by Bandeirantes. **34%** of respondents would vote for Jose Serra of the Brazilian Party of Social Democracy (PSDB) in the upcoming ballot.

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MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS

[Society](#) » [Religion](#)

Tolerance and Tension: Islam and Christianity in Sub-Saharan Africa (Click For Details)

As compared with other parts of the world, [sub-Saharan Africa](#) is the most religious zone in the world. The vast majority of people in many sub-Saharan African nations are deeply committed to the practices and major tenets of one or the other of the world's two largest religions, Christianity and Islam, though traditional African religious beliefs and practices have not disappeared. Rather, they coexist with Islam and Christianity. [Pew Research Center](#)

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[Security/IR](#) » [Middle East Conflict](#)

Little Hope for Middle East Peace in Three Nations (Click For Details)

People in three countries hold little hope in the success of a potential *Middle East peace process*, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). At least **40%** of respondents in [Canada](#), the [United States](#) and [Britain](#) believe there will never be a solution to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

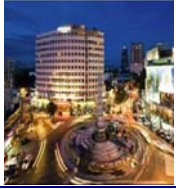
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[Society](#) » [Crime](#)

Bullying is a Crime for Canadians and Americans (Click For Details)

People in two [North American](#) countries believe bullying should be considered a crime even if no physical violence is involved, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **62%** of respondents in [Canada](#)—and **52%** in the [U.S.](#)—agree with this notion.

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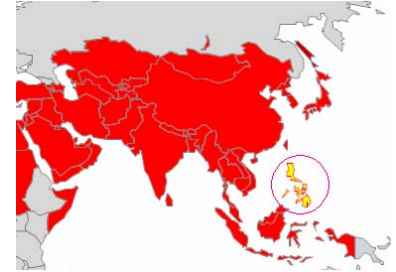


COUNTRY of the week- PHILIPPINES

► 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 .

Philippines' Democratic Credentials

After gaining independence in the wake of the Second World War, the Philippines adopted U.S.-style democracy. With elections scheduled for **May 10** this year, polling organizations have been tracking approval ratings of candidates in the country. According to a poll by *Pulse Asia* the Liberal Party (PLP) could gain control of the two highest political offices in the Philippines garnering **37%** of the votes for PLP presidential nominee **Benigno Aquino III**. **Senator Manuel Villar** of the Nacionalista Party (PNP) is second with **25%**, followed by former president **Joseph Estrada** of the Force of the Filipino Masses (PMP) with **18%**.



Given the competitive nature of political activity, the multiplicity of representation and active public campaigns, many would deem the *Philippines* political system as exuding healthy signs of democratic maturity. However many believe the country is still infested by clan-politics and election- related violence.

Aquino III is the son of former president **Corazon Aquino**, the widow of murdered opposition leader **Benigno Aquino**, who came to power through a series of massive demonstrations known as "People Power", toppling the regime of democratic ruler turned Dictator, **Ferdinand Marcos**. *Corazon* remained an extremely popular figure in the country, until her death in August 2009 following which her son *Aquino III* officially launched his bid as a Liberal Party (PLP) candidate.



Arroyo her self is the daughter of former *Philippine* President **Diosdado Macapagal**. She was elected to the vice presidency under *President Joseph Estrada* in 2001, despite having run on an opposing ticket. Following corruption allegations against the president, *Arroyo* resigned and joined the growing opposition. She was elected to a full six-year presidential term in the controversial *May 2004 Philippine*

elections. At present the second longest serving president *Arroyo* is constitutionally barred from seeking a reelection.

A nation with a turbulent political history, the *Philippines* has weathered martial law, coup attempts, emergency impositions, political assassinations and election violence.

The first martial law was imposed in the post colonial state in September 1972 under the 10th President **Ferdinand E. Marcos**, widely deemed as a ploy to prolong his reign beyond the term limit imposed by law.

Meanwhile despite her popularity **Maria Corazon** had to face a series of nine coup attempts against her administration during her tenure.

There were also rumors following *President Arroyo's* controversial election regarding plans to impose martial law to put an end to military coup plots, general civilian dissatisfaction, and criticism of the legitimacy of her presidency. Instead, a "*State of National Emergency*" was imposed which lasted from February 24, 2006 until March 3 of the same year.



Following the election-related massacre of 57 people on November 23, 2009 in **Maguindanao**, President *Gloria Arroyo* imposed martial law in the southern province. *Andal Ampatuan Jr.*, a local mayor and the alleged mastermind of the massacre, belongs to the powerful **Ampatuan clan**, Arroyo's major ally in *Mindanao*. Meanwhile some Opponents accuse President Arroyo of fomenting a political crisis in the *Philippines* to discredit the electoral process and continue to rule, even though the constitution prohibits continuation beyond one 6 year presidential term.

Violence in the run-up to elections is not uncommon in the country. The *Maguindanao* massacre, however, was deemed the worst politically motivated violence in recent *Philippine* history. At present despite a state of *Red Alert* in the country, the highest security level, with all military and police personnel on constant stand-by, reportedly election related violence continues. Police figures released on April 26 showed that 27 people, including city councilors, village councilors, village leaders and common people were killed and 37 people were injured between Jan. 10, when election campaigns started, and April 25.

However the *Philippine* nation continues to tout '*democratic governance*' and seems steady on the path of *popular voting*. One however questions whether the political institutions have acquired the requisite degree of stability in order to override the effects of popular agency in the political arena. *At what stage of maturity should one deem the Philippine political systems? §*

Polling Data

Of the people in this list, for whom would you vote for as president of the Philippines if the elections of 2010 were held today and they were presidential candidates?

	Mar. 2010	Feb. 2010	Jan. 2010
Benigno Aquino III	37%	36%	37%
Manuel Villar	25%	29%	35%
Joseph Estrada	18%	18%	12%
Gilberto Teodoro	7%	7%	5%
Eddie Villanueva	2%	2%	2%
Richard Gordon	2%	1%	1%
Other / None / Undecided	9%	7%	8%

If the coming 2010 elections were held today, whom would you vote for as vice-president?

	Mar. 2010	Feb. 2010	Jan. 2010
Mar Roxas	43%	43%	47%
Loren Legarda	23%	27%	28%
Jejomar Binay	19%	15%	13%
Bayani Fernando	3%	4%	2%
Eduardo Manzano	2%	2%	2%
Perfecto Yasay	1%	1%	1%
Jose Sonza	0.5%	1%	0.2%
Dominador Chipeco	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Undecided / Other	9%	7%	7%

Source: Pulse Asia

Methodology: Face-to-face interviews with 3,000 Filipino adults, conducted from Mar. 21 to Mar. 28, 2010. Margin of error is 2 per cent.

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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*): \approx 2,000 polls during the period 2007-09
- 2- Number of questions: \approx 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: \approx 150 during the period 2007-09
- 5- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 100 during the period 2007-09

