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Asia zone

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

► WEST ASIA

Turks Would Vote to Have a New Constitution (Click for Details)

Half of adults in [Turkey](#) are ready to endorse constitutional reform, according to a poll by [MetroPOLL Strategic and Social Research Center](#). **50.6 %** of respondents would back the changes in a referendum.

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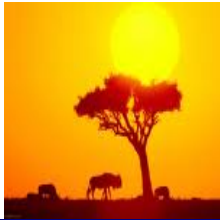
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Baykal garners increased trust as a 'victim,' poll shows (Click for Details)

A recent survey in [Turkey](#) has revealed that newly resigned Republican People's Party (*CHP*) leader Deniz Baykal's public image has improved compared to past months despite being at the center of a sex tape scandal, a finding that suggests that Baykal has been successful in portraying himself as a victim in the eyes of the public. Nevertheless Erdogan is still the most trustworthy politician for [Turks](#). [Ankara-based MetroPOLL Strategic and Social Research Center](#)

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Africa zone

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

► SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

South Africans Split on Zuma's Performance (Click for Details)

Public support for Jacob Zuma has dropped this year in [South Africa](#), according to a poll by [TNS Research Surveys](#). **43 %** of respondents approve of their president's performance, down 15 points since November.

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Euro Americas zone

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





EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE

Sarkozy Gains Three Points in France (Click for Details)

Public support for Nicolas Sarkozy improved slightly in [France](#), according to a poll by [CSA](#) published in *Le Parisien*. **37 %** of respondents have confidence in their president to face the country's problems, up three points since April.

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► EAST EUROPE

Ukrainians Have Patience with New Government (Click for Details)

More than a third of people in [Ukraine](#) believe their new national administration needs time to deal with the country's problems, according to a poll by [Research & Branding Group](#). **37.8 %** of respondents think it will take more than two years to improve the current situation.

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President, PM Still Very Popular in Russia (Click for Details)

Many [Russian](#) adults are content with their prime minister, according to a poll by the [Yury Levada Analytical Center](#). **78 %** of respondents approve of Vladimir Putin's performance.

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AMERICAS

► NORTH AMERICA

Obama Approval Continues to Show Party, Age, Race Gaps (Click for Details)

[US](#) President Barack Obama's approval ratings remain polarized by political party and race, and continue to show a significant gap between younger and older Americans. [Gallup USA](#)

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Americans Reject Censorship in South Park (Click for Details)

Many adults in the [United States](#) believe the animated sitcom South Park should be allowed to feature any images they want, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **51 %** of respondents agree with this view, while **28 %** believe South Park should not feature any images that may offend specific religions.

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Americans Value Both Aspects of Immigration Reform (Click for Details)

As President Obama and Congress consider whether and how to go forward with comprehensive immigration reform in an election year, a new [USA Today/Gallup poll](#) finds [Americans](#) placing about equal importance on the two sides of the immigration-policy coin; controlling the further inflow and dealing with the already present illegal immigrants.

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Public Supports Arizona Immigration Law [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The [US](#) public broadly supports a new Arizona law aimed at dealing with illegal immigration and the law's provisions giving police increased powers to stop and detain people who are suspected of being in the country illegally. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Oil Spill Seen As Ecological Disaster [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A majority of [Americans](#) see the massive oil leak in the *Gulf of Mexico* as a major environmental disaster, but nearly as many voice optimism that efforts to control the spill will succeed. [Pew Research Center](#)

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The New Normal on Abortion: Americans More "Pro-Life" [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The conservative shift in Americans' views on abortion that Gallup first recorded a year ago has carried over into 2010. Slightly more [Americans](#) call themselves "pro-life" than "pro-choice," **47%** vs. **45%**, according to a May 3-6 [Gallup poll](#). This is nearly identical to the **47%** to **46%** division found last July following a more strongly pro-life advantage of **51%** to **42%** last May.

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"Jobs" Drops to No. 2 on Americans' List of Top Problems [\(Click for Details\)](#)

After two months as the clear No. 1 perceived problem facing the country, US unemployment/jobs dipped to No. 2 in May, while "the economy" in general moved back into the top position. At the same time, [Americans](#) grew more likely to name immigration (including illegal immigration) as the nation's most important problem, moving that issue into fifth place. [Gallup USA](#)

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Economic Confidence Remains at High for the Year [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Despite the financial crisis in *Greece* and the *European Union*, extreme stock market volatility, and the surging price of gold, [Americans'](#) economic confidence remains at its best level of the year in early May. [Gallup's Economic Confidence Index](#) is at **-22** for the week ending May 9 -- matching its April level and representing an improvement of **8 %** points compared with March.

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U.S. Wellbeing Ties Highest Level Recorded [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans' wellbeing score climbed to **67.0** in April, the highest level so far in 2010 and tying the all-time high scores found in August 2009 and February 2008 for this measure initiated in January 2008. The April **Well-Being Index score** is an improvement from the **65.8** in April 2009 and the **66.7** in April 2008.

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Congress Holds Healthcare Bump, Save for Independents (Click for Details)

In the **US** Democrats continue to rate Congress more favorably than before it passed healthcare reform, but independents' ratings have retreated to their pre-healthcare low of **13%**. Democrats and Republicans are relatively steady compared with last month, at **38%** and **10%**, respectively. [Gallup USA](#)

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55% Not Very Concerned About Being Terror Victim (Click for Details)

A majority of likely **US** voters say they are not very concerned or not at all concerned that they or a family member could be the victim of a terrorist attack. [The Zogby Interactive poll](#) also found **50%** would support increasing federal homeland security funding to New York City, even if that meant their community might see a decrease in such spending.

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Almost Half of Canadians OK Khadr's Gitmo Trial (Click for Details)

More people in **Canada** believe Omar Khadr should face trial by military commission in Guantanamo Bay, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **46 %** of respondents agree with this course of action, up six points since February.

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► **LATIN AMERICA**

Serra Leads Rouseff, Run-Off Imminent in Brazil (Click for Details)

Jose Serra of the **Brazilian** Party of Social Democracy (PSDB) is ahead in the South American country's presidential race, according to a poll by [Ibope](#). **36 %** of respondents would vote for Serra in this year's election.

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President García Keeps Low Numbers in Peru (Click for Details)

Less than a third of **Peruvians** are satisfied with the way their president is doing his job, according to a poll by [CPI](#). **27.3 %** of respondents approve of Alan García's performance as president.

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► **AUSTRALASIA**

Australian Coalition Pushes Labor to Second Place (Click for Details)

Australia's governing party is now trailing its conservative opponents, according to a poll by **Newspoll** published in *The Australian*. **43 %** of respondents would vote for the opposition Coalition of Liberals and National, up three points since mid-April.

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MULTI-COUNTRY POLL



Few in Sub-Saharan Africa Have Money in a Bank (Click for Details)

Gallup surveys in **18 sub-Saharan African** countries show few residents put money in the bank: **19%** overall say they have personal bank accounts. **South Africans (49%)** are the most likely to say they have a bank account, while **1%** of respondents in **Niger** and the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** say the same.

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COUNTRY of the week- TURKEY

► 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 .

Constitutional Reforms and the Future of Turkey- 'The Most Democratic Muslim State'

Turkey is among the most prosperous and democratic Muslim countries. However it also has a long history of military involvement in politics as well as restricting political activity by way of banning political parties in the name of preserving the secular traditions of the Turkish Republic established by Kemal Attaturk. Given this dichotomous history the current constitutional reform package has initiated a hot debate in all the political circles in the country. Some critics are of the view that it will result in the banning of the ruling **AKP** leading to early parliamentary elections. Given such a scenario how would **Turkey's** bid for the EU fair? Or conversely are such aspirations a credible deter for any drastic steps



in the national arena?

Since **AKP** came to power in **2003** there have been several occasions when it came into conflict with the constitutional courts and the military. Despite holding a majority in parliament, several of the initiatives of **AKP** have been stopped by the judiciary. In 2008, the constitutional court annulled a bill aimed at ending the ban

on Islamic headscarves at universities. This year, the **AKP** was irked by the decision of the HSYK, a panel of the judiciary known for its anti-government stance, to fire a prosecutor who was investigating an alleged coup attempt against the government. Now the AKP says the *constitutional court* and **Turkey's** Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors (**HSYK**) need to be reformed. Critics say the government wants to control the judiciary. In the same stead it is feared that if such an amendment is passed the secular nature of the **Turkish** republic will cease to exist.



The ongoing clash between the Erdogan government and the military brass has spotlighted longstanding tensions in Turkey's political and social culture

The proposed reforms will make some *30 amendments* to **1982** constitution. These deal with the appointment of judges, banning of political parties, and trying the military leaders in civilian courts along with several other changes suggested in the package. Primarily the package directly hurts the interest of the constitutional courts and military leaders.

European Union, U.S, and legal scholars have welcomed the reforms. The **Turkish** public too seems to support the reforms package. The polls indicate that in the case of a referendum, half of the **Turks** will vote in favor of the reforms.¹ Meanwhile the opposition parties and circles of constitutional courts seem to oppose the package staunchly. *Tayyip Eurdogan*, still widely deemed as the most trustworthy politician² in the country, vows that his party 'will either write history or become history'.



Amid this situation, is it likely that the constitutional courts will follow through on dismantling the AKP's efforts once again as they did in case of efforts to lift the *hijab* ban from universities? Will **AKP** also become history as was the case with *Rifah* and other political parties? *Or conversely would the AKP's stance drastically harm the nation's secular setup?*

Polling Data

Would you back constitutional changes if a referendum were held today?

Yes	50.6%
No	39.2%
Not sure	10.2%

Source: MetroPOLL Strategic and Social Research Center

Methodology: Interviews with 1,004 Turkish adults, conducted on Apr. 7 and Apr. 8, 2010. Margin of error is 3.1 per cent.

¹ http://www.angus-reid.com/polls/view/35473/turks_would_vote_to_have_a_new_constitution

² <http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/news-210402-103-local-party-leaders-to-decide-baykals-fate.html>

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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

