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Topic of the week: (Click for details)

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THIS WEEK'S REPORT CONSISTS OF **33** SURVEYS. **2** OF THESE ARE MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS, **1** IS A CYBER SURVEY, & THE REST ARE NATIONAL SURVEYS. **13** POLLING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED.

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## Asia zone

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



### ► WEST ASIA

#### ***Afghans, Pakistanis Critical of Efforts to Fight Terrorism*** (Click for Details)

After last month's leak of U.S. intelligence documents related to the war in [Afghanistan](#) suggested Pakistani collusion with the Taliban, Afghan President Hamid Karzai criticized the West, as well as Pakistan, for not doing enough to counter cross-border terrorist threats from within Pakistan. [Gallup](#) surveys conducted before the leak found **78%** of Afghans would agree Pakistan's efforts fall short.

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#### ***More Than One Third Of All Pakistanis (37%) Claim To Be Affected By The Recent Flood*** (Click for Details)

According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by [Gallup Pakistan](#), almost one third of all [Pakistanis](#) (**37%**) claim to be the victims of the flood water, **29%** state the affect on them has been very mild while only **31%** say they were not affected at all. **3%** have given no response. The figures reflect their perceptions and may or may not correspond with the actual flood situation.

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#### ***Turks Evenly Split On Constitutional Changes*** (Click for Details)

Results of an upcoming referendum on constitutional amendments in [Turkey](#) are hard to call at this point, according to a poll by [Sonar Arastirma](#). **49.1 %** of respondents would vote yes to enact the government-proposed changes, whereas **50.9 %** would vote to reject them.

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#### ***Turks Most Concerned with Economic Issues*** (Click for Details)

The governing Justice and Development Party has dominated [Turkey](#) for the past decade, but [IRI's poll](#) suggests there are opportunities for opposition parties to make up ground in the next general elections, particularly if they focus their efforts on the economy.

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### ► GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL

#### ***Two in five UAE residents support BlackBerry ban – survey*** (Click for Details)

Two in five [United Arab Emirates](#) residents support the decision by the country's telecom watchdog to suspend key BlackBerry services from October and two-thirds expect the announced ban to be implemented, a survey showed last week. [YouGov survey](#)

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### ► CENTRAL ASIA

**Multi Country Poll: In the CIS, Desired Migration Destinations Depend on Motive** (Click for Details)

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## Africa zone

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### ▶ SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

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## Euro Americas zone

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



### EUROPE

#### ▶ EAST EUROPE



**Russians Still Smitten with Putin, Medvedev** (Click for Details)

President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin remain highly popular in [Russia](#), according to a poll by the [Yury Levada Analytical Center](#). **72 %** of respondents approve of Medvedev's performance, and **77 %** endorse Putin's.

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**Poles Stand Behind Governing Civic Platform** (Click for Details)

The popularity of [Poland's](#) governing Civic Platform (PO) party is on the rise, according to a poll by [GfK Polonia](#) published in *Rzeczpospolita*. **48 %** of respondents would vote for the PO in the next legislative election, up four points since mid-June.

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#### ▶ WEST EUROPE

**Nurses are Most Respected Professionals in Britain** (Click for Details)

Most people in [Britain](#) hold nurses in a favourable light, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **94 %** of respondents have a great deal or a fair amount of respect for nurses.

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**Britons Still Think the Economy is in Shambles** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The mood of people in [Britain](#) regarding the national economy remains sour, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **82 %** of respondents say the economy is in poor or very poor shape, down six points since June.

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**Support For Female And Gay Bishops** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[British](#) adults are supportive of the appointment of female Bishops. To a lesser extent they are also supportive of homosexual Bishops to the Church of England. [YouGov survey](#)

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**Few Italians Want Berlusconi to Finish his Term** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Few people in [Italy](#) want Silvio Berlusconi to finish his current term in office, according to a poll by [Digis](#). Only **28 %** of respondents want the prime minister's government to stay in place until the end of the term.

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## AMERICAS

### ▶ NORTH AMERICA

**The Vote for Congress: GOP Fares Better with Whites, Men, Independents and Seniors** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

In the [US](#) the Republican Party's prospects for the midterm elections look much better than they did four years ago at this time, while the Democrats' look much worse. Voter preferences for the upcoming congressional elections remain closely divided (**45%** support the Democratic candidate or lean Democratic, while **44%** favor the Republican or lean Republican). In polling conducted in August-September **2006**, the Democrats held an 11-point advantage (**50%** to **39%**). [Pew Research Center](#)

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**On the Issues, Obama Finds Majority Approval Elusive** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[US](#) President Barack Obama's **52%** approval rating for handling race relations is the only issue among **13** tested in two recent [Gallup](#) polls for which the president receives majority-level approval. In fact, a majority disapprove of the job the president is doing on eight of these issues, with his worst scores for his handling of immigration and the federal budget deficit.

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**Low Approval of Congress Not Budgeting, Now 19%** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Congress' job rating from the [American](#) people in August remains near the historical lows seen in recent months. **19%** of Americans now approve of the overall job Congress is doing, while **75%** disapprove.

[Gallup USA](#)

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***GOP Maintains Lead on Generic Ballot for Congress*** (Click for Details)

In [America](#) Republicans have a **49%** to **43%** lead over Democrats among registered voters in [Gallup's](#) generic ballot for Congress for the week of Aug. **2-8**, the second straight week in which Republicans have held an edge in projected voting. Gallup USA

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***In U.S., Confidence in Newspapers, TV News Remains a Rarity*** (Click for Details)

[Americans](#) continue to express near-record-low confidence in newspapers and television news -- with no more than **25%** of Americans saying they have a "great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in either. These views have hardly budged since falling more than **10 %**age points from **2003-2007**. [Gallup USA](#)

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***Economy Remains Top Concern as Nov. Elections Draw Nearer*** (Click for Details)

[Americans](#) of all political persuasions say the economy and jobs are the most important problems facing the country today. These concerns easily outpace all others, thus providing politicians seeking office in this fall's midterm elections with clear marching orders from their constituents: Fix the economy. [Gallup USA](#)

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***U.S. Approval of Labor Unions Remains Near Record Low*** (Click for Details)

A slim majority of **52%** of [Americans](#) say they approve of labor unions, the second lowest approval rating in [Gallup's](#) **70-year** history of this trend, behind only last year's **48%**.

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***Student Poll: 34% in Grades 5-12 Hopeful, Engaged, Thriving*** (Click for Details)

As students nationwide prepare to return to the classroom, a national [Gallup](#) Student Poll classifies one-third of [U.S.](#) students in grades **5-12** as "hopeful," "engaged," and "thriving" -- three metrics that pave the way for future achievement. While **53%** of students are hopeful, **63%** are engaged, and **70%** are thriving, many students fall short in at least one of these dimensions.

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***Spending Slumps Even With Back-to-School Underway*** (Click for Details)

[Americans'](#) self-reported spending in stores, restaurants, gas stations, and online averaged **\$62** per day during the week ending Aug. **8**. Early August consumer spending trends trail **2009** and will need to surge to match last year's anemic back-to-school results. [Gallup USA](#)

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***Unauthorized Immigrants and Their U.S.-Born Children*** (Click for Details)

An estimated **340,000** of the **4.3** million babies born in the [United States](#) in **2008** were the offspring of unauthorized immigrants, according to a new analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the [Pew Research Center](#).

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***Americans' Confidence in the Medical System on the Rebound*** (Click for Details)

Providing a benchmark as [America's](#) new healthcare reform law begins to take effect, **40%** of Americans express "a great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in the U.S. medical system, the highest percentage since **2005**. Americans' confidence in the medical system hit a low of **31%** in **2007**, at a time when confidence across almost all institutions was down, but has been steadily rebounding in the years since. [Gallup USA](#)

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***Religion in the 2008 Presidential Election*** ([Click for Details](#))

The Democratic Party made a concerted effort to court religious voters in the **2008** US presidential election that pitted Democrat Barack Obama against Republican John McCain. Led by Obama himself and aided by progressive religious activists, the Democrats reached out to numerous religious groups in hopes of narrowing the "God gap," a media catchphrase for a striking pattern in American politics: the more often [Americans](#) go to church or other worship services, the more likely they are to vote Republican. [Pew Research Center](#)

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***Americans Want to Scrap Electoral College*** ([Click for Details](#))

Most people in the [United States](#) would like to eliminate the Electoral College system to elect presidents, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **64 %** of respondents share this view, and think that whoever gets the most votes should be elected president.

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***Americans Back Extending Jobless Benefits*** ([Click for Details](#))

Most people in the [United States](#) want the government to extend jobless benefits for those who have been unable to find a position, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **71 %** of respondents share this view.

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***Half of Canadians Oppose Mission in Afghanistan*** ([Click for Details](#))

A majority of people in [Canada](#) reject their country's participation in Afghanistan, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **53 %** of respondents oppose the military operation involving Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan.

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***Canadian Tories Lose Steam, Liberals Gain Ground*** ([Click for Details](#))

[Canada's](#) governing Conservative Party has lost popularity and is seeing its main opponent get closer, according to a poll by [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#). **33 %** of respondents would support the Tories in the next election to the House of Commons, down three points since early July.

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## ▶ **LATIN AMERICA**

***President Piñera Stumbles in Chile*** ([Click for Details](#))



Fewer people in [Chile](#) are expressing support for Sebastián Piñera, according to a poll by [Adimark Gfk](#). **46%** of respondents approve of their president's performance, down six points since June.

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***Brazilians Reject Lula's Anti-Spanking Law*** ([Click for Details](#))

Most people in [Brazil](#) disagree with a proposed law to ban spanking, pinching and other forms of physical punishment for children and teenagers, according to a poll by [Datafolha](#) published in *Folha de Sao Paulo*. **54%** of respondents are against the idea, sponsored by the government of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

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## ▶ AUSTRALASIA

***Smoking continues to decline, but quitters in regional Australia lag behind*** ([Click for Details](#))

According to the latest [Roy Morgan Research Health Monitor](#), the four years to March 2010, have shown a **3%** point reduction in the incidence of smoking (estimated as **260,000** fewer smokers aged 18 plus) in [Australia](#) down to a level of **17%** of the overall population (an estimated **2,860,000** smokers).

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## GLOBAL/MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS



***In the CIS, Desired Migration Destinations Depend on Motive*** ([Click for Details](#))

**35%** of adults in **12 former Soviet nations** say they would like to migrate to another country -- either permanently, for temporary work, or for study or work study -- if they had the opportunity. They express the most interest in moving to Russia, Germany, the United States, and the United Kingdom, but each nation's popularity depends on people's motives for migrating. [Gallup USA](#)

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***Many Africans Say Foreigners Traffic Drugs in Their Countries*** ([Click for Details](#))

As the United Nations observes the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking on June 26, [Gallup](#) surveys in eight [sub-Saharan African](#) countries in **2009** and **2010** show that a median of **54%** of respondents say foreigners are using their country as a place to move illegal drugs and **66%** say this increases corruption.

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## CYBER WORLD



***Broadband 2010: A Big Slowdown*** ([Click for Details](#))

After several consecutive years of modest but consistent growth, broadband adoption slowed dramatically in **2010**. Two-thirds of [American](#) adults (**66%**) currently use a high-speed internet connection at home, a figure that is not statistically different from what the [Pew Research Center's](#) Internet & American Life Project found at a similar point in **2009**, when **63%** of Americans were broadband adopters.

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## Country of the week: AUSTRALIA

### Smoking continues to decline, but quitters in regional Australia lag behind

► 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 .

**Commentary:** *Smoking continues to decline, but quitters in regional Australia lag behind*



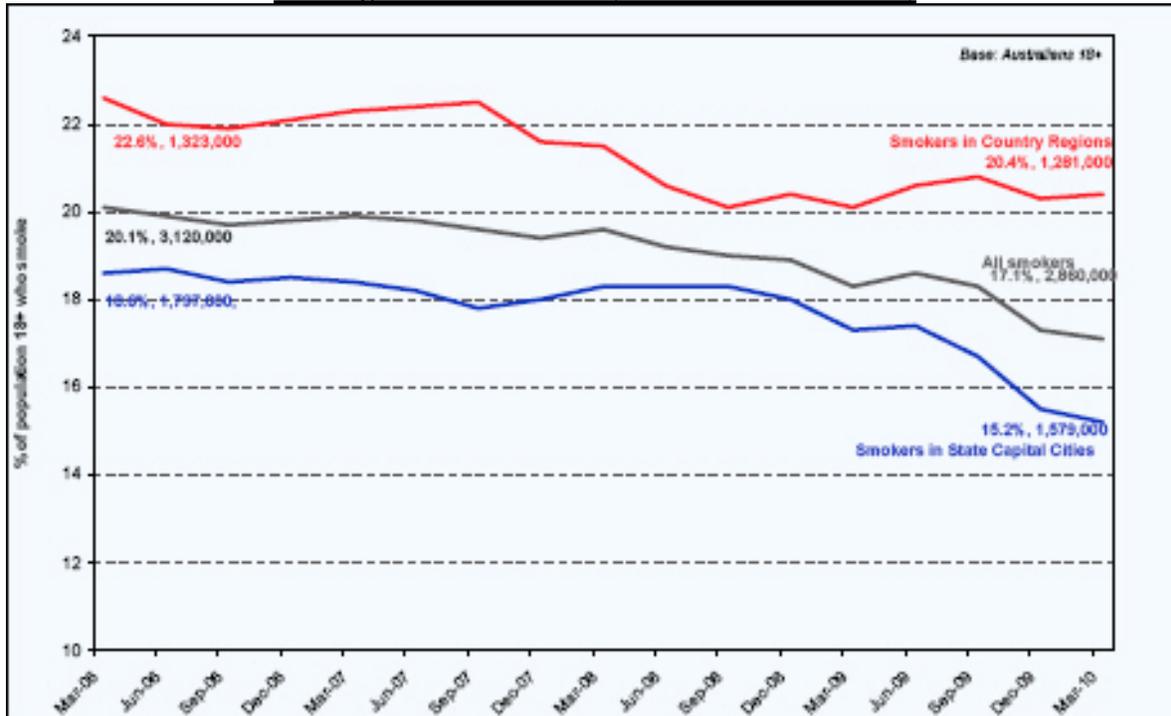
**NOTE:** While Australian Elections make the big news this week, we are focusing on a less glamorous but consequential subject of *Health* with particular reference to Smoking in Australia. Are attitudes changing, and is the Incidence of smoking on the decline? A recent poll reveals the declining trend to smoke among Australians.

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According to the latest Roy Morgan Research Health Monitor, the four years to March 2010, have shown a 3% point reduction in the incidence of smoking (estimated as 260,000 fewer smokers aged 18 plus) down to a level of 17% of the overall population (an estimated 2,860,000 smokers).

Smokers living in capital cities have led the trend to quit with a 3% drop in incidence over the period. This equates to an estimated 218,000 fewer smokers in city areas, whereas amongst Australian country dwellers, smoking showed a solid decrease until 2008, but that decrease has stopped and smoking appears to be on the increase again in country areas.

#### Smoking Trends in Australia (March 2008- March 2010)

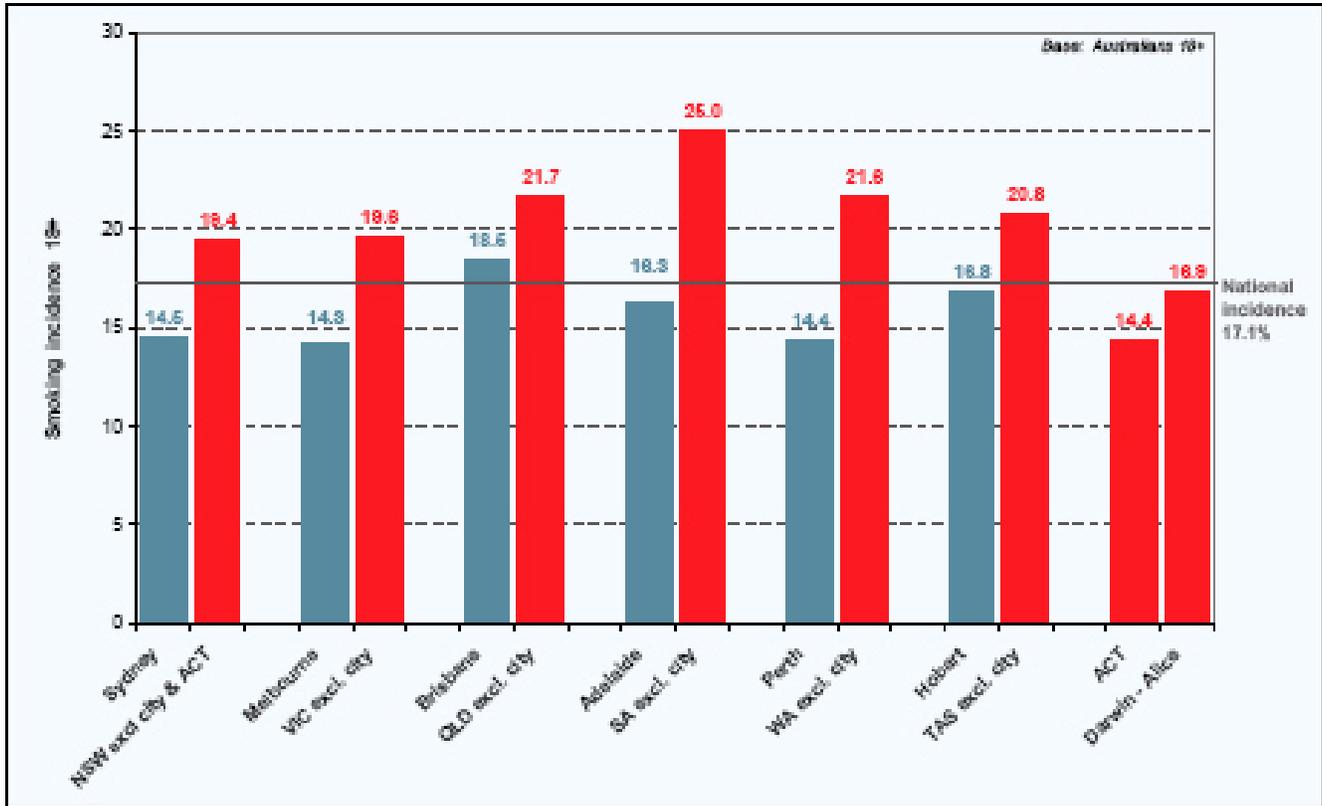


Source: Roy Morgan Single Source (Australia) April '05 – March '10, 12 month moving averages Australians aged 18+ n= 20,800.

Whilst all state capitals except Brisbane show lower smoking incidence than the national figure of 17%, regional Australia shows a higher than average incidence in every state except for the Northern Territory.

**Incidence of Smoking in Capital Cities and Country Regions of Australia**

**REGIONAL BEHAVIOR WITHIN AUSTRALIA**



Source: Roy Morgan Single Source (Australia) April 2009 – March 2010, Incidence of smoking in population aged 18+, n = 18,364.

**Nick Williams, Healthcare Consumer Consultant, Roy Morgan Research, says:**

*“Overall incidence of smoking amongst Australians has declined from 20% to 17% over the past 4 years. However, smoking in regional Australia remains higher than for the capital cities and the rate at which regional smokers are quitting is also slower. This indicates scope for stronger targeted regional implementation of the National Quit campaign and represents an opportunity for improved target marketing from the pharmaceutical marketers of medications that treat nicotine dependence.”*



**SOURCE:** <http://www.roymorganonlinestore.com/News/1144---Smoking-continues-to-decline,-but-quitters-.aspx>

## 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*):  $\approx$  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

