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Topic of the week: (Click for details)

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THIS WEEK'S REPORT CONSISTS OF **20** SURVEYS. **2** OF THESE ARE MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS, **2** ARE CYBER SURVEYS, & THE REST ARE NATIONAL SURVEYS. **8** POLLING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED.

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1 National Poll & 1 Multi Country Poll

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1 Multi Country poll

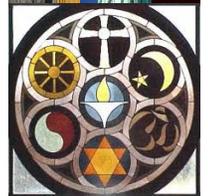
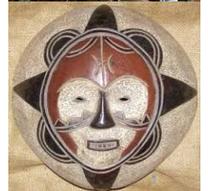
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Religiosity Highest in World's Poorest Nations

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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

Two Third Of Palestinians Support Direct Negotiations But Conditional (Click for Details)

A recent survey of **Palestinians** carried out by **AWARD (Arab World for Research & Development)** shows that a 2/3 majority of Palestinians support conditional direct negotiations with Israel while less than one in ten support unconditional direct negotiations.

28 August 2010

[Foreign Affairs & Security » Palestine/ Israel Conflict](#)

(Multi-country survey) Religiosity Highest in World's Poorest Nations (Click for Details)

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Africa zone

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

► SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

► EAST EUROPE



Russia: Abnormal Heat Or People? Who Is To Blame For Wildfires? (Click for Details)

Russians are divided over the reasons for wildfires this summer. A small majority of 43% say the main reason behind wildfires is natural disasters. While other 38% blame people who damage forests and only 11% put the blame on the authorities. [Russian Public Opinion Research Center \(VCIOM\)](#)

August 30, 2010

[Society](#) » [Environment/ Disasters](#)



► **WEST EUROPE**

Shift from New Labour 'backed by poll findings' (Click for Details)

A [YouGov](#) poll commissioned by Mr Miliband's campaign team in the [UK](#) found 72% of those considering voting Labour would be less likely to do so if the new leader adopted this position. But "moving on" from New Labour made 47% more likely to support the party.

September 04, 2010

[Domestic Politics](#) » [Political Parties](#)

United Kingdom: MediaCT Light Bites: More Good News For Digital Print (Click for Details)

The latest set of National Readership Survey (NRS) results in the [UK](#) published on 27 August shows that the nation is increasingly embracing technology and the digital world. [Ipsos Mori](#)

August 31, 2010

[Society](#) » [Media/ New Media](#)

Unemployment is Biggest Economic Concern for Britons (Click for Details)

The vast majority of people in [Britain](#) think the national economy is in poor shape and few expect a swift recovery, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#) poll has found. In the online survey of a representative sample of 2,006 British adults, 86 per cent of respondents say the economy is in poor or very poor shape. Almost two thirds of respondents (63%) feel the same way about their own financial situation.

August 29, 2010

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► **NORTH AMERICA**

Public Divided Over Tone of Mosque Fight (Click for Details)

No one story dominated the [US](#) public's news interest last week; about two-in-ten (19%) say they followed the debate over plans for an Islamic cultural center and mosque in downtown Manhattan more closely than other major stories. A comparable number (16%) say they followed the recall of more than half a billion eggs after an outbreak of salmonella most closely. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Americans Most Likely to Favor GOP Newcomers for Congress (Click for Details)

It appears that the best type of candidate to be this fall is a Republican challenger. Given a choice of four hypothetical candidates of differing party affiliations and experience, [Americans](#) are most likely to prefer "a Republican who has not served in Congress." Those who would prefer a Democratic candidate opt for an incumbent over a newcomer. [Gallup USA](#)

September 03, 2010

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Blacks, Young Voters Not Poised for High Turnout on Nov. 2 ([Click for Details](#))

In the US in contrast to 2008, when whites and blacks were about equally likely to say they were giving "quite a lot of" or "some" thought to the presidential election, whites are much more likely than blacks to be thinking about the 2010 elections: 42% vs. 25%, a gap exceeding those from recent midterm elections.

[Gallup USA](#)

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Anti-Democratic Sentiment Aids GOP Lead in 2010 Vote ([Click for Details](#))

The Republicans' lead in the congressional generic ballot over the past month may be due as much to voters' rejecting the Democrats as embracing the Republicans. Among voters backing Republican candidates, 44% say their preference is "more a vote against the Democratic candidate," while 48% say it is "more a vote for the Republican candidate." [Gallup USA](#)

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U.S. Unauthorized Immigration Flows Are Down Sharply Since Mid-Decade ([Click for Details](#))

The annual inflow of unauthorized immigrants to the [United States](#) was nearly two-thirds smaller in the March 2007 to March 2009 period than it had been from March 2000 to March 2005, according to new estimates by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the [Pew Research Center](#).

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Most 'Re-employed' Workers Say They're Overqualified for Their New Job ([Click for Details](#))

US Workers who suffered a spell of unemployment during Great Recession are, on average, less satisfied with their new jobs than workers who didn't. They are more likely to consider themselves over-qualified for their current position. Six-in-ten say they changed careers or seriously thought about it while they were unemployed, according to a recent survey from the [Pew Research Center's](#) Social & Demographic Trends project.

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Republicans Hold Wide Lead in Key Voter Turnout Measure ([Click for Details](#))

Two months before this year's midterm congressional elections, [Gallup](#) finds 54% of Republicans, compared with 30% of Democrats, already saying they have given "quite a lot of" or "some" thought to the contests.

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Republicans Remain Disproportionately White and Religious ([Click for Details](#))

About 9 out of 10 Republicans are non-Hispanic whites, and more than half of these are highly religious. That compares with 62% of the Democratic rank-and-file that is white and largely less religious, with blacks and Hispanics making up a much more substantial part of that party's base. [Gallup USA](#)

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Americans Give GOP Edge on Most Election Issues ([Click for Details](#))

A new [USA Today/Gallup poll](#) finds [Americans](#) saying the Republicans in Congress would do a better job than the Democrats in Congress of handling seven of nine key election issues. The parties are essentially tied on healthcare, with the environment being the lone Democratic strength.

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[Domestic Politics](#) » [Elections](#)**British Columbians Troubled by Competing Pipeline Projects** ([Click for Details](#))

People in [British Columbia](#) are not currently embracing either of the two proposals to transport crude from Alberta to facilitate its export to China and other Asian destinations, a new [Angus Reid Public Opinion](#) poll has found.

August 30, 2010

[Economy](#) » [Energy/Nuclear Issues](#)▶ **AUSTRALASIA****Unemployment on Decline in Australia** ([Click for Details](#))

[Roy Morgan](#) survey shows that Unemployment in [Australia](#) declined in the month of August. However there has been decrease in full time employment and increase in part time employment.

September 02, 2010

[Economy](#) » [Employment Issues](#)**GLOBAL/MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS****Religiosity Highest in World's Poorest Nations** ([Click for Details](#))

[Gallup](#) surveys in 114 countries in 2009 show that religion continues to play an important role in many people's lives worldwide. The global median proportion of adults who say religion is an important part of their daily lives is 84%, unchanged from what Gallup has found in other years. The data shows a strong relationship between socio-economic conditions and religiosity in a country.

August 31, 2010

[Society](#) » [Religion](#)**Kosovo: Mixed views on the long-term impact of independence** ([Click for Details](#))

When, shortly after the declaration of independence, the [Gallup](#) Balkan Monitor asked people in [Kosovo](#) for their assessment of the territory's secession from [Serbia](#), the verdict of Kosovo's ethnic Albanians was clear: 93% said that independence had turned out to be a good thing. Not surprisingly, Kosovo Serbs did not agree: hardly any of them shared that view and three-quarters (74%) took a totally opposite view, seeing Kosovo's independence as a bad thing. A year later, in 2009, the percentage of Kosovo Serbs giving such a negative assessment had risen by six percentage points to 80%. In parallel, fewer Kosovo Albanians now thought that independence had turned out well: down 18 percentage points to 75%.

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[Foreign Affairs & Security](#) » [Regional Conflicts/ Issues](#)**CYBER WORLD****Blogs Continue Islamic Center Debate** ([Click for Details](#))

To a degree not seen in the mainstream press, the controversy over the lower Manhattan Islamic center has touched a raw nerve in the social media. Indeed, Aug. 23-27 marked the third straight week that the intersection of politics, religion, terrorism and 9/11 memories has made the issue one of the top subjects in the blogosphere. [Pew Research Center](#)

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Adults, Cell Phones and Texting (Click for Details)

Texting by adults has increased over the past nine months from 65% of adults sending and receiving texts in September 2009 to 72% texting in May 2010. Still, adults do not send nearly the same number of texts per day as teens ages 12-17, who send and receive, on average, five times more texts per day than adult texters.

Pew Research Center

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Topic of the week:

Religiosity Highest in World's Poorest Nations

► 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: United States is among the rich countries that buck the trend

by Steve Crabtree

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Gallup surveys in 114 countries in 2009 show that religion continues to play an important role in many people's lives worldwide. The global median proportion of adults who say religion is an important part of their daily lives is 84%, unchanged from what Gallup has found in other years. In 10 countries and areas, at least 98% say religion is important in their daily lives.

Each of the most religious countries is relatively poor, with a per-capita GDP below \$5,000. This reflects the strong relationship between a country's socioeconomic status and the religiosity of its residents. In the world's poorest countries -- those with average per-capita incomes of \$2,000 or lower -- the median proportion who say religion is important in their daily lives is 95%. In contrast, the median for the richest countries -- those with average per-capita

Is religion an important part of your daily life?

	Yes
Bangladesh	99%+
Niger	99%+
Yemen	99%
Indonesia	99%
Malawi	99%
Sri Lanka	99%
Somaliland region	98%
Djibouti	98%
Mauritania	98%
Burundi	98%

2009

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incomes higher than \$25,000 -- is 47%.

Is religion an important part of your daily life?

Median responses among countries at each per-capita income level

Per-capita income	Yes	No
\$0-\$2,000	95%	5%
\$2,001-\$5,000	92%	7%
\$5,001-\$12,500	82%	17%
\$12,501-\$25,000	70%	28%
\$25,001+	47%	52%

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The United States is one of the rich countries that bucks the trend. About two-thirds of Americans -- 65% -- say religion is important in their daily lives. Among high-income countries, only Italians, Greeks, Singaporeans, and residents of the oil-rich Persian Gulf states are more likely to say religion is important.

Most high-income countries are further down the religiosity spectrum. In 10 countries, no more than 34% of residents say

religion is an important part of their daily lives. Six of those are developed countries in Europe and Asia with per-capita incomes greater than \$25,000.

In three of the four lower income countries on the list -- Estonia, Russia, and Belarus -- the Soviet government restricted religious expression for decades until the U.S.S.R.'s collapse in 1991. The final country is Vietnam, where the government also has a history of limiting religious practice.

Implications

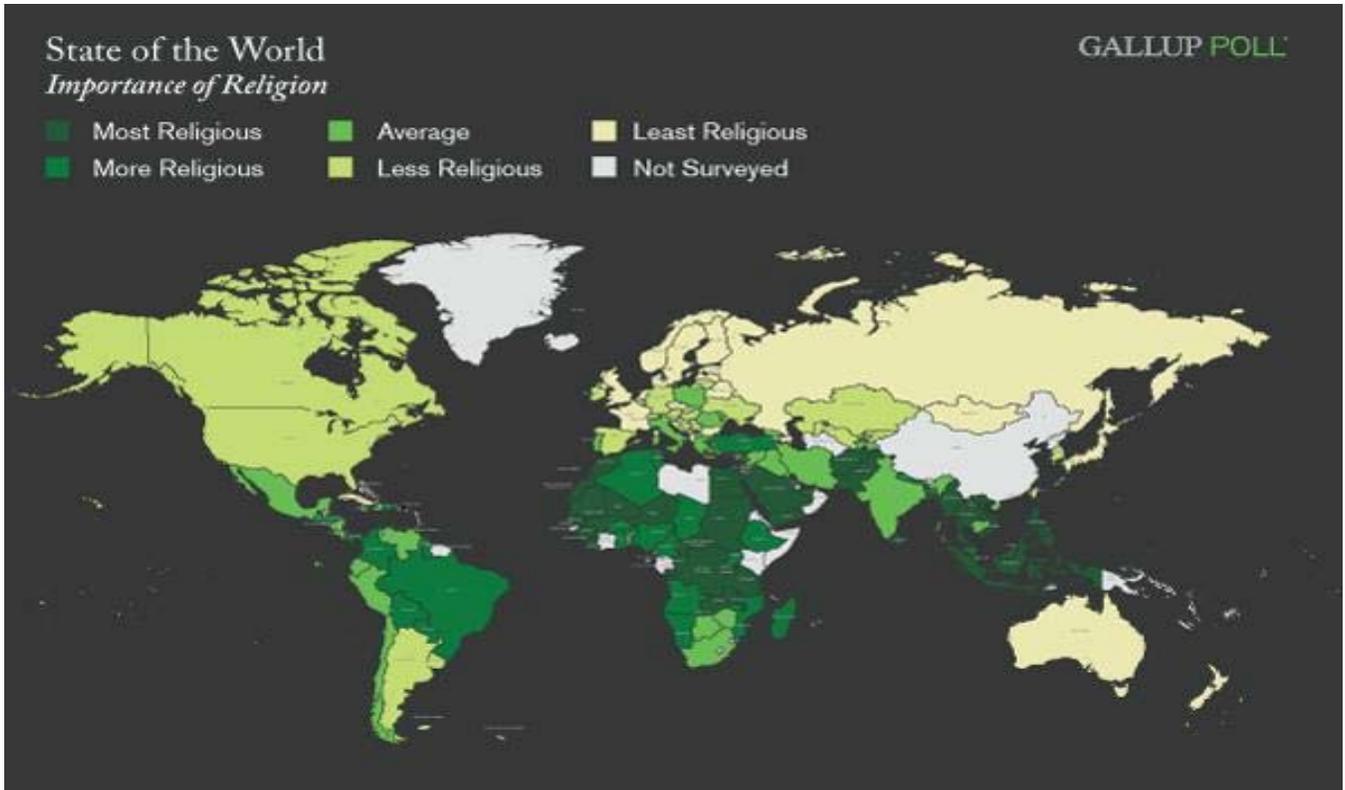
Social scientists have put forth numerous possible explanations for the relationship between the religiosity of a population and its average income level. One theory is that religion plays a more functional role in the world's poorest countries, helping many residents cope with a daily struggle to provide for themselves and their families. A previous Gallup analysis supports this idea, revealing that the relationship between religiosity and emotional wellbeing is stronger among poor countries than among those in the developed world.

Is religion an important part of your daily life?

	Yes
Estonia	16%
Sweden	17%
Denmark	19%
Japan	24%
Hong Kong	24%
United Kingdom	27%
Vietnam	30%
France	30%
Russia	34%
Belarus	34%

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State of the world's religiosity courtesy of Gallup USA

SOURCE: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/142727/religiosity-highest-world-poorest-nations.aspx>

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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

