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Asia zone

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NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA



WEST & SOUTH ASIA

Standard of Public Hospitals Has Deteriorated Over the Last Nine Years [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(*Pakistan*) A recent survey of Pakistani public shows that 48% of Pakistanis perceive the quality of treatment at government hospitals to be bad. There has been an 11 percentage point decline in this perception over the last 9 years when Gallup Pakistan asked the same question in 2001 when only 37% held this view. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

Islamabad, November 29, 2010

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Turks Highly Supportive of Removing Ban on Headscarf [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(*Turkey*) A recent survey shows that people in Turkey are highly supportive of removing ban on wearing headscarf in universities and public offices. They believe women should themselves be given right to make this decision. ([Metropoll Turkey](#))

November 24, 2010

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Indians Have High Hopes for Obama Visit [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(*India*) In a pre-visit survey 34% Indians claimed that Obama's visit will bring about a positive impact to the Indo US ties. However only high income group had a reasonable level of trust in U.S. and Indians have mixed views about significance of Pakistan as a U.S. ally weighing more than India itself. ([Cvoter India](#))

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Indians and Their gods [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(*India*) Shiva is the most popular deity among Indians. However a majority of Indians worship more than one deity. But whatever the deity they chose they are very regular in its worship and more than 9 in 10 say they worship it daily. ([Cvoter India](#))

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SOUTH EAST ASIA

Filipinos Are Highly Satisfied With the National Administration [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(*Philippines*) The Third Quarter 2010 Social Weather Survey, found 73% of adults satisfied and 9% dissatisfied with the general performance of the National Administration, for a record-high very good net satisfaction rating of +64. ([SWS](#))

November 30, 2010.

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

▶ EAST EUROPE

How Russians Handle Stress and Life's Problems (Click for Details)



([Russia](#)) A recent survey shows that if Russians feel stressed, they consult a psychologist, whereas when they have children issues or problems in family, they search for help from relatives, spouses and colleagues rather than professionals. ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

November 18, 2010.

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Auto-mobilization Vs. Ecology ([Click for Details](#))

([Russia](#)) Russians propose to tackle the problem of fast and non-ecological *automobilizaion* by the methods of expansion of roads and stricter environmental requirements. Least popular proposal is to increase the prices for cars and fuel to make them less available for Russians. ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

November 10, 2010.

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Georgians Feel the Pinch of Economic Problems ([Click for Details](#))

([Georgians](#)) A recent IRI survey shows that for Georgians believe economic issues to be their highest concern followed by territorial integrity. They are highly supportive of economic relations with Russia.

([Baltic Surveys Ltd](#))

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► WEST EUROPE

Eight in Ten Want Tighter Controls on Immigration ([Click for Details](#))

([UK](#)) A recent YouGov survey found **81 %** of public support for the government's cap on economic migration - which will slash the number of non-EU workers given visas by a fifth. ([Yougov](#))

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The Vast Majority of Brits Want the Government to Keep Control Orders for Terror Suspects ([Click for Details](#))

([UK](#)) A YouGov poll for The Sun shows **73 %** believe the tough powers, which severely restrict the movements of a handful of dangerous fanatics, should be retained. And just **14 %** want them scrapped.

([Yougov](#))

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Economic Confidence Remains below the 20% Mark in Britain ([Click for Details](#))

([UK](#)) Many people in Britain remain disappointed with the state of the country's economy, but Londoners are clearly more confident about a recovery than respondents in other areas, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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Most Britons Interested in Royal Wedding, But Prefer Low Key Affair ([Click for Details](#))

([UK](#)) While a large proportion of Britons are interested in the upcoming wedding of Prince William, only **one-in-four** would consent to Parliament providing additional funding for the event, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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Opposition Labour Extends Advantage over Tories in Britain ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) **Two-in-five** voters in Britain are ready to support the opposition Labour Party in the next general election, and the approval rating for the two main players in the Coalition Government took a noticeable drop, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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Germans Feeling Economically Confident but Not Happy With Coalition Cabinet ([Click for Details](#))

(Germany) A survey by Infratest dimap shows that Germans now feel confident of the economic conditions in the country, however dissatisfaction with the coalition government is also very high. Almost **8 in 10** are dissatisfied with the government. ([Infratest Dimap](#))

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▶ NORTH AMERICA

Seven-in-Ten Americans Expect War to Break Out in the Korean Peninsula ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) More than two thirds of Americans expect armed conflict to break out in the Korean Peninsula over the next year and more than half are in favor of allowing U.S. soldiers to provide assistance to South Korea, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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Just 12% of Americans Think the U.S. Economy is in Good Shape ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) As country heads to holiday season, more than half of respondents describe their own financial situation as “poor” or “very poor. The level of confidence that Americans express on the country’s economy remains low, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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Oil, Pharmaceutical, Health Insurance, and Tobacco Top the List of Industries That People Think Should Be More Regulated ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) A new Harris Poll finds that the oil, pharmaceutical, health insurance and tobacco industries top the list of industries that people believe should be more regulated. These industries, as well as the telecommunications and automobile industries, are the least likely to be thought of as honest and trustworthy. ([Harris Interactive](#))

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American Public Vastly Overestimates Amount of U.S. Foreign Aid ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) As debates about how to deal with the budget deficit have heated up in recent weeks, a new WorldPublicOpinion.org/Knowledge Networks poll finds that Americans continue to vastly overestimate the amount of the federal budget that is devoted to foreign aid. ([PIPA](#))

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Americans Pick Health Care, Social Security as Priorities for Next Budget ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) As a new Congress prepares to take office in January, Americans believe that Health Care and Social Security should account for a large proportion of the country's next budget, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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Half of Canadians Support the Legalization of Marijuana ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) Half of Canadians believe marijuana should be legalized but less than one-in-ten believe other drugs should be readily available, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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Vast Majority Wants Some Aspect of Bush Tax Cuts Extended ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) As Congress considers what to do about the Bush tax cuts that are set to expire at the end of this year, Americans are sending a clear signal that they want them extended in some shape or form. Forty percent want Congress to maintain the tax cuts for everyone, while **44%** support setting limits on how much of wealthy Americans' income is eligible for the lower rates. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Obama Gets Lowest Marks on Deficit, Highest on Foreign Affairs ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Americans continue to give President Obama low approval ratings for his handling of the federal deficit, the economy, and taxes, while giving him comparatively higher ratings for his handling of foreign affairs and the situation in Afghanistan. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Very Religious Americans Report Less Depression, Worry ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Very religious Americans in the United States are less likely to report having been diagnosed with depression over the course of their lifetime than those who are moderately religious or nonreligious. This relationship between depression and religion, based on an analysis of more than 550,000 Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index interviews, is statistically significant after controlling for major demographic and regional variables. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Most Americans Take Doctor's Advice Without Second Opinion ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Despite the advent of health websites and other widely available sources providing medical research and information, **70%** of Americans feel confident in the accuracy of their doctor's advice, and don't feel the need to check for a second opinion or do additional research. Americans' confidence in their doctor is up slightly from eight years ago. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Social Media Deride TSA Security Measures ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Anger and frustration over the new TSA airport security measures boiled over in social media last week. And while much of the mainstream press reported or commented on that rage, those in the online community embodied those sentiments. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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77% Say WikiLeaks A Threat to U.S. Security ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) More than three quarters of likely voters (77%) say the release of classified documents by the organization WikiLeaks is a national security threat, and 76% believe their release endangers the lives of U.S. military, a new Zogby Interactive Survey finds. (Zogby Interactive)

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Foreign Affairs & Security » US image

Despite Years of Terror Scares, Public's Concerns Remain Fairly Steady (Click for Details)

(USA) A recent national survey by the Pew Research Center, finds that 59% say they are very (21%) or somewhat (38%) worried there will soon be another terrorist attack in the United States. This is little changed from July 2007 (20% very, 42% somewhat worried). In fact, looking back over nearly a decade, the public's worries over another attack have been fairly steady, with a few exceptions. (Pew Research Center)

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Most Continue to Favor Gays Serving Openly in Military (Click for Details)

(USA) As the Pentagon prepares to release its highly anticipated survey of military personnel about the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, most Americans (58%) say they favor allowing homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. Fewer than half that number (27%) oppose allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly. (Pew Research Center)

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Society » Morality, Values & Customs

Affluent Investors Gain Confidence in US (Click for Details)

(USA) A new TNS survey shows a significant increase in confidence among affluent investors. The TNS Investor Confidence Index rose to 116 in October, its highest level since hitting 129 in 2007. The rise extends an upward trend from the mid-crisis low of 81 in October, 2008. (TNS US)

November 23, 2010

Economy » Enterprise/ Investments



▶ AUSTRALASIA

"Trusted Advisers" are strong users of Social Media (Click for Details)

(Australia) Millions of Australians rely on a "Trusted Adviser" for advice on everything from cars and restaurants to mobile phones. For example over one in three (6.6 million) Australians aged 14+ are trusted advisers for eating out at restaurants. Trusted Advisers are big users of social media and are in fact above average users in 20 of the 22 product areas measured by Roy Morgan Research. (Roy Morgan Research)

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▶ MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

Muslim Publics Divided on Hamas and Hezbollah (Click for Details)

Extremist groups Hamas and Hezbollah continue to receive mixed ratings from Muslim publics. However, opinions of al Qaeda and its leader, Osama bin Laden, are consistently negative; only in Nigeria do Muslims offer views that are, on balance, positive toward al Qaeda and bin Laden. (Pew Research Center)

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India's Leadership Unknown to Much of World (Click for Details)

As India seeks to cement its place as a world leader with its bid for a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council, Gallup surveys find India's leadership has work to do on its global image. Nearly half of the world's residents surveyed (44%) don't know enough about the country's leadership to have an opinion, and the rest are mixed. Across 110 countries surveyed in 2009, a median of 22% approve and a median of 27% disapprove. (Gallup USA)

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Climate Concerns Decline Since Copenhagen Summit: Global Poll (Click for Details)

As governments prepare to meet in Mexico for the Cancun climate summit, a new global poll reveals that concern about climate change has fallen sharply across OECD countries in the past year, but that citizens in some major developing nations have become more concerned about the issue. (Globescan)

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► **CYBERWORLD**

Cyber Monday Shopping More Popular In China Than US (Click for Details)

(USA) Cyber Monday is the Monday after Black Friday in the U.S. where retailers offer big sales online. However, more consumers in China plan to shop online on Cyber Monday than in the U.S., Germany and Japan. (Ipsos Global)

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Topic of the week:

USA- 77% Say WikiLeaks A Threat to U.S. Security

► 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: 77% Say WikiLeaks A Threat to U.S. Security

63% Say Media Should Not Publish
(12/2/2010)

UTICA, New York - More than three quarters of likely voters (77%) say the release of classified documents by the organization WikiLeaks is a national security threat, and 76% believe their release endangers the lives of U.S. military, a new Zogby Interactive Survey finds. And while 63% of likely voters say they do not want U.S. news organizations to publish the documents, most (73%) believe the U.S. often keeps secrets to save embarrassment for itself and other governments.

The Zogby Interactive poll of 2,084 likely voters was conducted from Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2010. Respondents were provided six statements about WikiLeaks and asked their level of agreement or disagreement with each. The combined percentages of voters who somewhat or strongly agree with each statement are shown in the table below.

Strongly or somewhat agree	%
WikiLeaks is a threat to U.S. security	77
Release of WikiLeaks may endanger lives of U.S. military	76
Much of what U.S. classifies is kept secret to avoid government embarrassment	73
U.S. news organizations should not publish WikiLeaks materials	63
U.S. should consider WikiLeaks a terrorist group and deal with it accordingly	52
U.S. government is exaggerating risk posed by WikiLeaks	31

The most significant differences among demographic groups are based on political ideology and age, with older and conservative voters agreeing in much higher percentages about the threat of and the need to suppress WikiLeaks than are younger and liberal voters. For example:

Among voters age 65 and older **73%** agree news organizations should not publish WikiLeaks and **65%** agree the government should consider WikiLeaks a terrorist organization. Among the First Global generation born since 1979, the percentages agreeing with those statements are **35%** and **30%** respectively

Among conservatives, **80%** agree WikiLeaks should not be published by the news media and **76%** agree the government should consider WikiLeaks a terrorist organization. Among liberals, the percentages agreeing with those statements are **37%** and **19%** respectively.

Agreement levels are consistent among all major demographic groups on the question of whether much of what the U.S. government keeps secret is done to avoid embarrassment. §

SOURCE: <http://www.zogby.com/news/ReadNews.cfm?ID=1929>



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A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 –August 2010

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 2,500 polls during the period 2007-2010
- 2- Number of questions: \approx 30,000 during the period 2007-2010
- 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 2007-2010
- 5- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 150 during the period 2007-2010

