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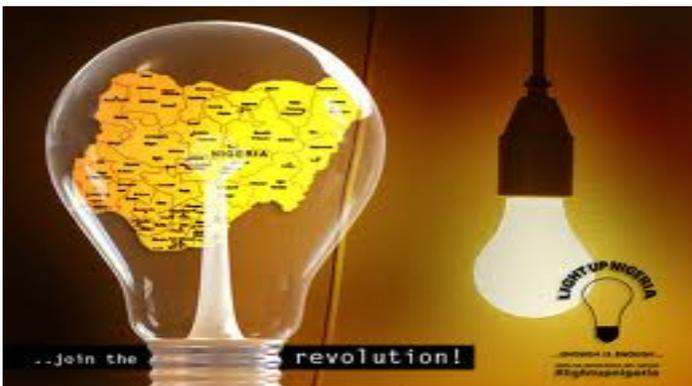
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1 National Poll
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**Nigerians Ready to Pay
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Asia zone

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

► WEST & SOUTH ASIA

85% Believe That Having Children Is Essential To Lead A Pleasant Life ([Click for Details](#))

([Pakistan](#)) According to a Gallup Pakistan survey over 8 in 10 Pakistanis believe that having children is very important for a pleasant life. This is a slight change from 9 years back, in 2001; a similar Gallup and Gilani poll had found that **90%** believed that children were essential to lead a happy life. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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Africa zone

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

► SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

Nigerians Ready to Pay More for Improved Power Supply ([Click for Details](#))

([Nigeria](#)) An overwhelming proportion of Nigerians are willing to pay more for electricity if they can get the preferred level of power supply they desire. Also a significant percentage of Nigerians consider availability of power to be the most important priority in power supply, irrespective of who the supplier is and many people report an improvement in their power supply over the past months. ([NOI POLLS](#))

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EUROPE



▶ **EAST EUROPE**

Ban On Night Sales Of Alcohol: For And Against (Click for Details)

(Russia) Every fifth Russian has happened to buy alcohol at night over the recent year (22%). Basically they are metropolitan residents (34%), men (31%), Russians aged younger than 35 (29-31%), respondents with high level of income (30%), and those who often drink alcohol (41%). Just under two in ten oppose such an initiative. (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)

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▶ **WEST EUROPE**

Liberal Democrat support dropping dramatically in some regions (Click for Details)

(UK) As controversy over Liberal Democrat support for the government's policy on university tuition fees reaches a peak, Ipsos MORI's aggregate analysis of their monthly polls since the general election shows that support has swung from the Liberal Democrats to Labour across the country, but much more sharply in some regions than in others. (Ipsos Mori)

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Trade Confidence Hits An 8 Month High (Click for Details)

(UK) Importers and exporters confidence soared in November, after it was revealed that trade played a large part in boosting UK economic growth in the third quarter of 2010. Its highest level in 8 months, the Travelex Confidence Index rose 8 points during November to stand at 112. Importer & exporter confidence surged unexpectedly as 70% said they felt confident about current trade conditions. (TNS)

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Almost Half of Britons Would Vote to Abandon European Union [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UK) In the online survey of a representative national sample of 2,002 British adults, three-in-five respondents (**59%**) say EU membership has been moderately negative (**30%**) or very negative (**29%**) for the United Kingdom. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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AMERICAS▶ **NORTH AMERICA*****In U.S., Working Caregivers Face Wellbeing Challenges*** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Americans who work a full-time job and say they care for an elderly or disabled family member, relative, or friend -- **16%** of the full-time workforce -- suffer from lower wellbeing than those who work a full-time job but do not have additional care giving responsibilities. Caregivers' 66.4 overall wellbeing score is significantly lower than the 70.2 among non-caregivers. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Americans Support Two Major Elements of Tax Compromise [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Two major elements included in the tax agreement reached last week between President Barack Obama and Republican leaders in Congress meet with broad public support. Two-thirds of Americans (**66%**) favor extending the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts for all Americans for two years, and an identical number support extending unemployment benefits for the long-term unemployed. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Despite Changed Environment, American Investors Uphold Strategy [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Despite the economic crisis in the United States which began (per the National Bureau of Economic Research) in December of 2007, only one in five U.S. adults say they have changed their investment strategy recently, compared to a few years ago (**21%**)-**17%** say they have shifted toward more conservative or stable investments and very small numbers say they have shifted toward more aggressive or volatile investments (**4%**). ([Harris interactive](#))

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One Nation Divided Over Health-Care Reform [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Americans remain deeply divided over the nation's new health-care reform package, with **40 %** of adults wanting to repeal all or most of the legislation while **31 %** favor keeping all or most of the reforms. Another **29 %** aren't sure what should be done. ([Harris Interactive](#))

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Republican Having A Slight Edge Over Democrats [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Ipsos' December poll for Reuters shows that public opinion towards the Republican Party has recovered from 2008's low ratings, with **45%** now favorable and **48%** unfavorable towards the Republicans.

The Democrats' ratings have dropped notably since their post-2008 election high of **61%**, and are now on **43%** favorable and **51%** unfavorable. ([Ipsos US](#))

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Obama Approval Rating Holding Steady Since Midterms ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) President Barack Obama's job approval rating has held steady in the mid-**40%** range since the midterm elections last month. His average rating for the week leading up to the midterms was **45%**, and it has remained close to that, including a **46%** rating for the week of Nov. 29-Dec. 5. ([Gallup USA](#))

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In U.S., Majority Supports Ratification of START Treaty ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) If given the opportunity to vote on the matter, **51%** of Americans would ratify the START nuclear arms agreement with Russia and **30%** would vote against it, while **19%** are undecided. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Slim Majority of Americans Would Vote for DREAM Act Law ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Americans are more likely to say they would vote for than against a law that would grant legal status to illegal immigrants brought to the United States as children if they join the military or attend college. This is the major thrust of the DREAM Act legislation Congress is now considering to provide a path to citizenship for thousands of young adults living in the United States illegally. ([Gallup USA](#))

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In U.S., 67% Support Repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Lawmakers seeking to repeal the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy have a large majority of Americans behind them. If they had an opportunity to vote on it, **67%** of Americans say they would vote for a law that would allow gays and lesbians to serve openly in the U.S. military. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Deficit Solutions Meet With Public Skepticism ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) In many respects, there is a broad public consensus when it comes to the federal budget deficit: seven-in-ten say it is a major problem that must be addressed right away, and roughly two-thirds say that the best way to reduce the deficit is through a combination of cutting major government programs and increasing taxes. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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Voters Say Election Full of Misleading and False Information ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Following the first election since the Supreme Court has struck down limits on election-related advertising, a new poll finds that 9 in 10 voters said that in the 2010 election they encountered information they believed was misleading or false, with **56%** saying this occurred frequently. ([PIPA](#))

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Nurses Top Honesty and Ethics List for 11th Year ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Nurses continue to outrank other professions in Gallup's annual Honesty and Ethics survey. **81 %** of Americans say nurses have "very high" or "high" honesty and ethical standards, a significantly greater percentage than for the next-highest-rated professions, military officers and pharmacists. Americans rate car

salespeople, lobbyists, and members of Congress as having the lowest honesty and ethics, with the last two getting a majority of "low" or "very low" ratings. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Kennedy Still Highest-Rated Modern President, Nixon Lowest ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Of the nine U.S. presidents who have served in the past 50 years, John F. Kennedy continues to earn the highest retrospective job approval rating from Americans, now **85%**. Ronald Reagan ranks second, with **74%**. While these presidents' ratings are largely unchanged from 2006, Bill Clinton's rating has improved, putting him in third place, while Jimmy Carter, at **52%**, has dropped from third to sixth. Richard Nixon remains the lowest rated. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Mission in Afghanistan Still Divides Views in the United States ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) The proportion of people in the United States who think that engaging the military in Afghanistan was a mistake stands at **38 %**, six points higher than in April and June. Two-in-five Americans (**40%**, +3) believe that that the U.S. did the right thing in sending soldiers to Afghanistan. Almost half of respondents mistakenly believe that more than 2,000 American soldiers have died in the military operation ([Angus-Reid](#))

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Conservatives Keep Lead in Canada as Liberal Voters Ponder Change ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) While large majorities of Tory and NDP supporters are content with Stephen Harper and Jack Layton, only **38 %** of Liberal voters in 2008 would keep Michael Ignatieff at the helm ([Angus-Reid](#))

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Saskatchewan People Rank Global Poverty as Top Global Issue ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) A new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found that **44 %** of Saskatchewan residents rank global poverty, in terms of hunger and lack of access to water, as the most important global issue facing the world today. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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▶ **LATIN AMERICA**

U.S. Leadership Ratings Suffer in Latin America (Multi-country survey) ([Click for Details](#))

U.S. leadership approval fell significantly in half of the 18 Latin American countries Gallup surveyed in 2010, taking the largest hits in Mexico, Argentina, Venezuela, and Honduras. Approval did not change significantly in the other half. After an initial surge when President Barack Obama took office, median approval fell to **44%** in 2010 from **51%** in 2009, but still remains up from **35%** in 2008. ([Gallup USA](#))

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▶ **AUSTRALASIA**

Large swing against the ALP 45% (down 7.5%) to L-NP 55% (up 7.5%) [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Australia) In the first poll conducted since the 'Wikileaks', the telephone Morgan Poll finds support for the ALP has slumped 7.5%. On a two party preferred basis ALP support is now 45% to L-NP's 55%. [\(Roy Morgan\)](#)

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► **MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS**

Half of Americans Condemn WikiLeaks Release; Britons and Canadians Split [\(Click for Details\)](#)

People in the three countries think the release of classified cables will damage diplomatic relations between the U.S. and other countries. Practically half of respondents in the United States (47%) are following the WikiLeaks story "very closely" or "moderately closely", compared to 44 % in both Canada and Britain.

[\(Angus-Reid\)](#)

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U.S. Approval Stable at 50% in European Union [\(Click for Details\)](#)

While the honeymoon period after President Barack Obama's election ended in some parts of the world this year, median U.S. leadership approval remained stable at about 50% in the European Union between 2009 and 2010. Approval did drop significantly in 2010, however, in countries where the effects of the global financial and economic crisis remain severe, including Greece, Ireland, and Portugal. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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Corruption Is World's Most Talked About Problem [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Corruption is the world's most frequently discussed global problem, according to a new BBC poll surveying more than 13,000 people across 26 countries. The findings show that more than one in five (21%) of those polled said they had discussed corruption and greed with friends and family over the past month, making it the most talked about global problem, ahead of climate change (20%), extreme poverty and hunger (18%), unemployment (16%), and the rising cost of food and energy (15%). [\(Globescan\)](#)

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Environmental Concern, Not Economy, Top Issue Facing Mining Industry: Global Poll [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A recent global survey confirms that environmental concerns (40%), closely followed by social concerns (28%), continue to be the top sustainable development issues for the mining and metals industry agenda.

[\(Globescan\)](#)

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Students in Europe Negative About World Situation [\(Click for Details\)](#)

University students in the six European countries surveyed have a negative view of the world situation. However they see their personal situation in a positive light, and are generally upbeat about their employment prospects. [\(IPSOS MORI\)](#)

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► **CYBERWORLD**



Blogs and Twitter Talk WikiLeaks (Click for Details)

The raging controversy over the leak of classified State Department cables generated major attention in both the blogosphere and Twitter last week. The responses highlight the differing emphases of bloggers and Twitter users. (Pew Research Center)

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WikiLeaks Data Dump Drives News (Click for Details)

Two topics dominated the news agenda last week. Attention to the economy reached its highest level in 20 months and a major document dump cemented WikiLeaks' status as a significant newsmaker. (Pew Research Center)

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Topic of the week:

Nigerians Ready to Pay More for Improved Power Supply

► 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: Noi Power Sector Survey:



Abuja, Nigeria. November 10, 2010: An overwhelming proportion of Nigerians are willing to pay more for electricity if they can get the preferred level of power supply they desire. Also a significant percentage of Nigerians consider availability of power to be the most important priority in power supply, irrespective of who the supplier is and many people report an improvement in their power supply over the past months.

These are some of the key findings distilled from the Nigerian Power Sector Poll, a survey conducted in three waves, between June 2010 and September 2010 by NOI Polls; the country's leading opinion polling organisation in partnership with the Nigerian Infrastructure Advisory Facility (NIAF). The special survey was designed to track and assess the opinions, attitudes and preferences of Nigerians on the current state of electricity supply in the country against the background of the ongoing efforts of the Federal Government to implement far reaching reforms.

The findings make it clear that the nation's poor track record in this critical area continues to attract deep public concern over the inadequacy of supply which has persisted in spite of the well advertised efforts of successive governments to improve the poor level of generation and distribution. Previous surveys by NOI Polls have shown that most Nigerians would like to see governments at all levels to focus on achieving a significant improvement in the current poor and irregular level of electricity supply which has persisted for so long.



The power sector survey revealed that about 96% of Nigerians would pay more if supply improves to the degree they want.

A Summary of the key findings:

- Majority of Nigerians still rate the government poorly in terms of provision of electricity.
- About 1 in 2 respondents have experienced changes in electricity supply to their households within the timeframe of the survey.
- The majority of those who experienced changes in the supply of electricity consider the change as an improvement.
- Most respondents believe that the government is responsible for the improvement in the supply of light.
- Most Nigerians would prefer 24-hour uninterrupted power supply.
- Majority of Nigerians would consider paying more than current prices if they are supplied with power for the periods and duration of their preference.
- Nigerians consider the availability of power as their top most priority with regards to the supply of electricity.
- Overall, there has been noticeable reduction in the governments 'very poor' performance rating, from the first wave to the third wave of the survey.
- More people have experienced an improvement in their power supply in recent times compared to the start of the survey.
- Significantly more people attribute the improvement in power supply to the government in subsequent waves than in previous waves of the survey.
- In addition, there are more people willing to pay for improved services than there were at the start of the survey. §

SOURCE: <http://www.noi-polls.net/Poll-Results/noi-power-sector-survey-nov-2010.html>



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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

