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Asia zone

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NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA



► MIDDLE EAST

Palestinians Stuck in Worries (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) A recent survey of Palestinians shows that they are not satisfied with both the ruling parties in the territories and demand fresh elections. However in their crisis with Israel a two third majority is not willing start negotiations without a freeze on building new settlements. ([PCPSR](#))

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► WEST & CENTRAL ASIA

Pakistanis Believe That Taxes Are Unjust and Too Many (Click for Details)

([Pakistan](#)) Over the decades majority of Pakistanis continue to believe that taxes are unjust and too many. Acceptability of taxes rose from **34%** in 1991 to **45%** in 2002 and then declined to **34%** again by 2010. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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Two Third of Pakistanis Repent For Their Sins Everyday (Click for Details)

([Pakistan](#)) According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, almost two third of all Pakistanis (**64%**) state that they seek forgiveness for their sins from the Creator everyday, **28%** sometimes and **7%** never. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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► SOUTH & EAST ASIA

Pleasures and pains of Indian Muslims (Click for Details)

([India](#)) A recent survey of Indian Muslims suggests that despite fears and comparative backwardness India's 150 million strong muslim population is on its way to integration. While 50 % believe the state and law are discriminatory towards muslims, they reject the idea to migrate to *Pakistan* or *Bangladesh* if given the chance. ([CVoter](#))

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Indians See Corruption as One of the Main Ailment in the Country (Click for Details)

([India](#)) A recent CVOTER survey conducted across 21 states found that an overwhelming **72 %** of respondents agreed that corruption was the biggest bane in the country. Another **15 %** added "may be" it is while just **4 %** outrightly denied that that was the problem. ([CVoter](#))

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► **NORTHEAST ASIA**

Japanese Not Satisfied With Their Government [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Japan) A recent survey shows that people in Japan are not satisfied with the Kan government; where **21%** support the government and **60%** do not. However they are also against midterm elections; **34%** support the dissolution of the lower house and holding a general election while **53%** think it unnecessary. ([Asahi Shimbun](#))

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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

► **WEST EUROPE**



Expected 'Slow Burn' Turned Into a 'Deep Freeze' As Retail Footfall Suffers In December [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UK) Final figures for December released by Synovate Retail Performance confirm that the month was significantly quieter on the high street than last year. The Retail Traffic Index (RTI), the UK metric of non-food store footfall was down **7.0%** for the month compared to December 2009. ([Synovate](#))

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EU Residents Downbeat about Local Job Market in 2010 (Multi-country survey) ([Click for Details](#))

([Multi Country](#)) Europeans' evaluations of their local job markets were universally grim last year and even more dismal than Americans' assessments; neither are positive signs heading into 2011. A median of **13%** across the 25 EU countries Gallup surveyed in 2010 said it was a good time to find a job in their communities, compared with **24%** of Americans. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Labour Still Leads in Britain, Even if Coalition Partners Run Together ([Click for Details](#))

([UK](#)) The opposition Labour Party remains ahead of the Conservatives in Britain, while the Liberal Democrats have recovered from their poor showing in December, a new Vision Critical / Angus Reid poll has found. Only a third of people who voted for the Liberal Democrats in 2010 would support the party if it runs in tandem with the Tories. ([Angus Reid](#))

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▶ NORTH AMERICA

Obama & Congress Job Approval Improves ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) President Barack Obama's job approval rating has bounced back to **43%** after tying an all-time low of **39%** in early December. Also increasing over that time are the number of voters who approve of the performance of Congress and the number that believe the nation is headed in the right direction. These changes were caused primarily by positive movement among Democratic voters. ([Zogby International](#))

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Christie Trumps Field of Potential Presidential Candidates; Only One Who Beats Obama ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie leads a hypothetical field of contenders for the Presidential nomination among Republican voters, and is the only Republican tested who leads President Barack Obama among all voters, while Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney are tied, a new Zogby Interactive poll finds. ([Zogby International](#))

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Americans Happier, Less Stressed in 2010 ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Americans were, on average, happier and less stressed in 2010 than they were in 2009. The percentage of Americans experiencing a lot of happiness and enjoyment without a lot of stress and worry increased by one percentage point in 2010, while stress decreased by about the same amount. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Majority of Americans Say 2011 Will Be Better Than 2010 ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Americans enter the new year with considerably more optimism than pessimism about what it may bring: **58%** say 2011 will be better than 2010, **20%** say 2011 will be worse, and **21%** say it will be the same. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Looking at 2011 Economy, Optimists Double Pessimists (Click for Details)

(USA) Twice as many Americans think the U.S. economy will be better rather than worse in 2011. Americans living in the East and Midwest are a little more optimistic about the economic outlook for 2011 than those living in the South and West. Americans making \$75,000 or more in annual income are slightly more optimistic than other Americans, and Democrats are considerably more optimistic than their independent and Republican counterparts. (Gallup USA)

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Obama Job Approval Reaches 50% for First Time since spring (Click for Details)

(USA) Barack Obama's job approval rating reached the symbolic **50%** mark in the latest three-day average from Gallup Daily tracking. Obama's approval rating has been in the mid-**40%** range for much of the latter half of 2010. He last hit **50%** approval in a three-day average near the end of May/beginning of June. (Gallup USA)

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111th Congress Averaged 25% Approval, Among Recent Lowest (Click for Details)

(USA) The 111th Congress received an average **25%** approval rating from Americans over the course of 2009 and 2010. While this is similar to the **23%** average approval rating for the 110th Congress spanning 2007 and 2008, it is among the lowest average approval ratings for a Congress that Gallup has recorded in the past two decades. (Gallup USA)

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Democratic Party ID Drops in 2010, Tying 22-Year Low (Click for Details)

(USA) In 2010, **31%** of Americans identified as Democrats, down five percentage points from just two years ago and tied for the lowest annual average Gallup has measured in the last 22 years. While Democrats still outnumber Republicans by two points, the percentage identifying as independents increased to **38%**, on the high end of what Gallup has measured in the last two decades. (Gallup USA)

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American Views on Immigration Temper slightly since the summer (Click for Details)

(USA) While more than half of Americans continue to have negative views on immigration, the attitudes of respondents have softened since the heated public debates of summer regarding the Arizona immigration law, a new survey conducted by Vision Critical has found. Two-in-five Americans would deport all illegal immigrants currently working in the U.S., while three-in-ten endorse the "path to citizenship." (Angus Reid)

December 30, 2010

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Standard-of-Living Perceptions in U.S. Are Slightly Upbeat (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans' perceptions of whether their standard of living is getting better or getting worse were fairly steady throughout 2010. Gallup Daily tracking in December found **45%** saying their standard of living was getting better, while **35%** said it was getting worse, for a +10 "net improving" score. (Gallup USA)

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In U.S., 46% Favor, 40% Oppose Repealing Healthcare Law (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans do not strongly endorse the new Republican House majority's efforts to repeal the landmark healthcare legislation passed last year. A new Gallup poll finds that **46%** of Americans want their

representative in Congress to vote to repeal the healthcare law, **40%** want their representative to vote to let the law stand, and **14%** have no opinion. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Gallup Finds Unemployment at 9.6% in December ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Unemployment, as measured by Gallup without seasonal adjustment, increased to **9.6%** at the end of December -- up from **9.3%** in mid-December and **8.8%** at the end of November. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Faith on the Hill ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Many analysts described the November 2010 midterm elections as a sea change, with Republicans taking control of the U.S. House of Representatives and narrowing the Democratic majority in the Senate. But this political overhaul appears to have had little effect on the religious composition of Congress, which is similar to the religious makeup of the previous Congress and of the nation, according to an analysis by the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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The 2010 Congressional Reapportionment and Latinos ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Hispanic voters are nearly three times more prevalent in states that gained congressional seats and Electoral College votes in the 2010 reapportionment than they are in states that lost seats, according to an analysis of Census data by the Pew Hispanic Center. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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Optimism About 2011 ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Americans are more optimistic than not about the year ahead --- both when it comes to themselves and their families and when it comes to the world. But they don't feel any more positive about 2011 in this Economist/YouGov Poll (conducted the first week of this year) than they felt one year ago about the prospects for 2010. ([Yovgov](#))

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Very Religious Have Higher Wellbeing across All Faiths ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Very religious Americans of all major faiths -- and even those who do not have a formal religious identity -- have higher overall wellbeing than do their respective counterparts who are moderately religious or nonreligious. This relationship, based on an analysis of more than 372,000 interviews, is statistically significant after major demographic and regional variables are controlled for. ([Gallup USA](#))

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▶ AUSTRALASIA

Australian Perceive Economic Problem to Be the Most Important Problem of the World & Themselves

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([Australia](#)) Australians still consider Economic issues **32%** (down **1%** since September 2010) the most important problem facing the World today, ahead of Environmental issues (**26%**, down **3%**) and Terrorism/ Wars/ Security/ Safety (**15%**, up **3%**). ([Roy Morgan](#))

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▶ MULTI-COUNTRY STUDIES

Synovate global study on consumers' view on the economy (Click for Details)

(Global) As the economy continues to stabilise, at least to some extent in much of the world, are consumers' feelings following suit? According to Synovate's first release of results on consumers' perception on the economy from the "Synovate Global Trends study," consumers in China and Hong Kong are the top groups in Asia feeling the most optimistic about their market's economy and what's ahead. On the other hand, respondents in five of the G7 countries feel quite pessimistic regarding the economic situation in their countries, with Japan (75), France (75), Italy (76), UK (77) and the US (91) all showing a low Consumer Mood Index. (Synovate)

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▶ CYBERWORLD

Internet Gains on Television as Public's Main News Source (Click for Details)

(USA) The internet is slowly closing in on television as Americans' main source of national and international news. Currently, 41% say they get most of their news about national and international news from the internet, which is little changed over the past two years but up 17 points since 2007. (Pew Research Center)

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Mobile Phones Shaping New Social Lives (Click for Details)

(Multi Country) From texting to video to social networking, mobile phones are taking an ever-expanding role in our daily lives. And young people around the world are more immersed in mobile technology than any previous generation. (Nielson)

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Topic of the week: INDIA-

72% of Indians see Corruption as India's Biggest Problem

- ▶ 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: Indians See Corruption as One of the Main Ailment in the Country

Close on the heels of scams such as that involving Mumbai's Adarsh housing society, a majority of Indians identify corruption in the public sphere as India's biggest bane, a CVOTER survey finds and writes passionately about it. Indeed there is also a brighter side to India's growth. This piece should therefore be read with that caution in mind.

According to Transparency International's 2010 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), India is ranked 87 amongst 180 nations even below the likes of Rawanda, Namibia and Botswana, all relatively deprived countries but ostensibly more honest than us. But "rankings" such as these should come as no surprise to most of us:

While we may celebrate our growth rate and economic prowess, the sad truth is that economic benefits of development are being shared by just a few, privileged and powerful people in **India**. The *license raj* of the pre-Liberalisation era may have gone but that has not lessened the power of politicians and bureaucrats in the country, who along with interested corporates, are able to bend rules, grant favours, and so on—all with a view to subverting the system, making a mockery of just and fair practices and making money for private gain rather than for the good of the nation.

The Hindi heartland—UP and Bihar, because of chaotic politics and bureaucrats and politicians who have made private gain their overreaching, all encompassing “philosophy”, have a notorious reputation for harbouring and promoting corruption. Yet, recent scams that have caused uproar in the country show that other states are just as corrupt, if not worse. You only have to look at the likes of the recent *Adarsh Housing scam* in *Maharashtra* to realize how this cancer in our society is spreading and even venerable institutions such as the army possibly are affected by this deep rot.

The Adarsh controversy erupted over how a society in Colaba, Mumbai, initially meant to be just six-storey high and house Kargil war heroes and their widows got converted into a 31-storeyed tower through a collusion of bureaucrats, politicians and top defence brass. In fact, commentators watching the whole drama unravel have noted that everyone who moved the file along, giving permissions and clearances where none should have come—the environment ministry has not cleared the project—benefited.

This kind of corruption points to a deeper rot within our entire polity which can only be stemmed through serious action and a will to clean up the entire system. Rigorous investigation into all instances of corruption—whether it is the CWG mess or this one—and credible punishment to the funding should also take place.

A recent CVOTER survey conducted across 21 states found that an overwhelming **72 %** of respondents agreed that corruption was the biggest bane in the country. Another **15 %** added “may be” it is, while just **4%** outrightly denied that that was the problem.

We may think that **Indians** are immune to corruption by now but the survey revealed that people strongly look forward to credible action being taken against the tainted. When asked whether they felt that the wrongdoers in scams such as Adarsh housing and CWG will be brought to book, a majority of **47 %** replied in the affirmative. A further **18 %** said “may be” while just **19 %** were pessimistic and said “never”.

On the other hand, close to half (**47 %**) of the respondents said that Maharashtra and Karnataka were in danger of going the Bihar way. Only **20 %** said that the political leadership was definitely interested in weeding out corruption from the public sphere. **26 %** said that it was taking action but not as much as required. While a substantial **37 %** said that the government was not serious at all about this issue. Clearly, there is a strong sense of discontent with the corrupt polity of the day. It is high time that our leaders woke up and took notice.

SOURCE: http://teamcvoter.com/teamcvoter/newsletter1211/newsletter_12issue1.pdf

Do you agree that corruption is modern India's biggest bane?

Can't Say	9
Definitely Yes	72
Yes, may be	15
No, not at all	4

Base: All Respondents

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2010)

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

