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Asia zone

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► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

209-1 **Views of Palestinian Youth: Suspicions and Optimism Mixture** (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) Majority of Palestinian youth though feels that Palestinian society is going in the wrong direction however they more than half of them are optimistic about the future of their nation. Residents of Gazans are more skeptics than youth living in the area of West Bank. ([AWRAD](#))

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Euro Americas zone

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EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE

209-2 **Satisfaction with First Minister slips though the SNP remains dominant** (Click for Details)

([Britain](#)) As the debate on the independence referendum intensifies, our latest poll reveals a fall in satisfaction with the First Minister although the SNP lead over Labour continues to grow. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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209-3 **Four In Ten Scots Back Independence** (Click for Details)

([Scotland](#)) In the first significant test of public opinion using the Scottish Government's proposed referendum question, four in ten Scots agree that Scotland should be an independent country, as revealed in our new poll for The Times and The Sun. Among those certain to vote in a referendum, 39% agreed with the proposition that 'Scotland should be an independent country' with 50% disagreeing with the statement and 11% undecided. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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209-4 **Labour Split Over Miliband Brothers** (Click for Details)

([Britain](#)) A hypothetical Labour leadership contest is less clear. Among the general public David Miliband, the former Foreign Secretary garners the most support with 27% while Ed Miliband receives 21%. They are both significantly ahead of others. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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209-5 **Germans' Life Ratings Decline Slightly Amid Eurozone Crisis** (Click for Details)

([Germany](#)) The 4 in 10 Germans who rated their lives highly enough to be considered "thriving" throughout 2011 was lower than in 2010. In addition, the percentage of Germans who are "suffering" ticked up slightly in the fourth quarter of 2011, amid escalating economic turmoil in the eurozone. ([Gallup USA](#))

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209-6 **Northern Ireland Boasts Best Wellbeing in UK** (Click for Details)

([Ireland](#)) Residents of Northern Ireland have higher overall wellbeing than those in England, Scotland, or Wales, according to Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index data from 2011. Wales had the lowest overall wellbeing score. ([Gallup USA](#))

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209-7 **Legal Euthanasia Supported by Majority in Great Britain** (Click for Details)

([Britain](#)) Most people in Britain continue to endorse the idea of legalising euthanasia in the country, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Most respondents also think that anyone who helps a person to commit suicide should not be prosecuted. ([Angus Reid](#))

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209-8 **Churchill Best, Brown Worst As Britons Assess Their Prime Ministers** (Click for Details)

([Britain](#)) Winston Churchill remains a revered political figure in Britain, while a majority of respondents consider Gordon Brown as a bad head of government, new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Wilson, Macmillan, Attlee and Thatcher all garner positive ratings, while eight other heads of government are in negative territory. ([Angus Reid](#))

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209-9 **Obama Approval Above 50% in 10 States and D.C. in 2011** (Click for Details)

(USA) In 10 states plus the District of Columbia, a majority of residents approved of the job Barack Obama was doing as president last year, according to aggregated data from 2011. His greatest support came from District of Columbia, Maryland, and Hawaii residents, while Utah and Idaho residents gave him his lowest levels of support -- below 30%. (Gallup USA)

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209-10 **Mississippi Most Conservative State, D.C. Most Liberal** (Click for Details)

Mississippi remains the most conservative state in the union, and, along with Utah, Wyoming, and Alabama, is one of four states with 50% or more of its population identifying as conservative. At the other end of the ideological spectrum, 40% District of Columbia residents and 30% of Massachusetts residents identify as liberal; all other states have a liberal population of 26% or less. (Gallup USA)

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209-11 **Higher U.S. Economic Confidence Persists** (Click for Details)

The Gallup Economic Confidence Index was -27 for the week ending Jan. 29, similar to the average rating in each of the prior three weeks. Confidence is up compared with December, and much improved over the highly negative readings of last fall and late summer. (Gallup USA)

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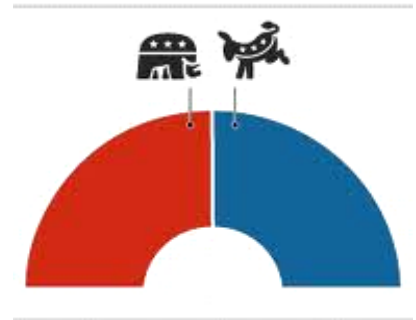
209-12 **Trends in Party Identification of Religious Groups** (Click for Details)

(USA) As the 2012 presidential election approaches, the partisan affiliations of the electorate have shifted significantly since 2008. In surveys conducted in 2011 by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, 34% of registered voters described themselves as Democrats, down four points compared with 2008 (38%). Over the same period, the percentage of voters describing themselves as Republicans has held steady at 28%, while the total saying they are politically independent or have no partisan preference has risen four points (from 34% in 2008 to 38% in 2011). (Pew Research Center)

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209-13 **Lower-Income Republicans Say Government Does Too Little for Poor People** (Click for Details)

Mitt Romney's statement that he is focused solely on the problems of middle class Americans, not the poor, may not sit well with lower-income voters within his own party. Roughly a quarter of Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters have annual family incomes under \$30,000, and most of them say that the government does not do enough for poor people in this country. (Pew Research Center)

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209-14 **GOP Voters Continue to Give Field Subpar Ratings** (Click for Details)

Amid a bruising primary campaign, Republicans remain unimpressed with their party's presidential field. In fact, more Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters say the GOP field is only fair or poor (52%) than did so in early January (44%). (Pew Research Center)

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209-15 **U.S. Consumer Spending Declined in January, as Is Typical** (Click for Details)

Americans' self-reported daily spending averaged \$63 in January, down from \$76 in December but similar to the January spending levels in each of the last three years. Further, the \$13 decline in average daily spending between December 2011 and January 2012 is typical of the post-holiday shopping season decline that Gallup has seen since 2010. (Gallup USA)

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209-16 **Americans May be Seeing Slight Improvement in Local Job Markets** (Click for Details)

In the current political environment the job market continues to be one of the more important topics. And, for the first time in months, Americans are indicating that the job market in their region of the country may be improving, albeit slightly. This month 14% of U.S. adults say that the job market in their region of the country is good, which is up from 9% who said so in October 2011. (Harris interactive)

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209-17 **Over Half of Americans Still Not Likely to Vote for President Obama This Fall** (Click for Details)

(USA) President Obama is starting this year exactly as he ended the last one in terms of his approval ratings. This month, just like in December, just over one-third of Americans (36%) give the President positive ratings for the overall job he is doing and slightly less than two-thirds (64%) give him negative marks. (Harris interactive)

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209-18 **More States Move to GOP in 2011** (Click for Details)

Democrats have lost their solid political party affiliation advantage in 18 states since 2008, while Republicans have gained a solid advantage in 6 states. A total of 17 states were either solidly Republican or leaning Republican in their residents' party affiliation in 2011, up from 10 in 2010 and 5 in 2008. Meanwhile, 19 states including the District of Columbia showed a solid or leaning Democratic orientation, down from 23 in 2010 and 36 in 2008. The remaining 15 states were relatively balanced politically, with neither party having a clear advantage. (Gallup USA)



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209-19 **U.S. Unemployment Up, to 8.6% in January** ([Click for Details](#))

U.S. unemployment, as measured by Gallup without seasonal adjustment, increased slightly to 8.6% in January from 8.5% in December, but was down from 9.9% in January a year ago. ([Gallup USA](#))

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209-20 **Romney Now Leads Gingrich, 31% to 26%** ([Click for Details](#))

Mitt Romney has moved ahead of Newt Gingrich in national Republican registered voters' preferences for the 2012 GOP nomination, 31% to 26%, according to Gallup Daily tracking from Jan. 27-31. This includes one night of interviewing that may partly reflect Republicans' reactions to Romney's victory in the Jan. 31 Florida Republican primary. ([Gallup USA](#))



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209-21 **Republicans, Democrats Favor Tax Breaks to Win Back U.S. Jobs** ([Click for Details](#))

Among five specific economic proposals, both Republicans and Democrats are in favor of giving tax breaks to corporations that bring manufacturing jobs back from overseas and pressuring China for fairer trade. They are sharply divided about increasing federal income taxes on upper-income Americans, increasing federal spending to help the long-term unemployed find jobs, and increasing federal spending on the development of alternative energy sources. ([Gallup USA](#))

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209-22 **U.S. Consumer Spending Declined in January, as Is Typical** ([Click for Details](#))

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209-23 **75% Concerned After China Scores Oil Agreement With Brazil** ([Click for Details](#))

Three-quarters of US adults are concerned that China, not the US, has won an agreement to buy large amounts of off-shore oil from Brazil, a new IBOPE Zogby survey finds. ([Ibope-Zogby](#))

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209-24 Romney Seen as More Presidential, Sincere Than Gingrich [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Mitt Romney leads Newt Gingrich, 59% to 39%, in U.S. registered voters' perceptions that each "has the personality and leadership qualities a president should have." Romney also has solid advantages for being "sincere and authentic" and able to manage the government effectively. Romney and Gingrich are about tied, however, on understanding the problems Americans face in their daily lives. ([Gallup USA](#))

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209-25 Romney Ties Obama in Swing States; Gingrich Trails [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Registered voters in 12 key swing states are almost evenly split between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney in their 2012 presidential election preferences, while giving a 14-percentage-point lead to Obama over Newt Gingrich. Swing-state voters also prefer Obama to Ron Paul and to Rick Santorum. Registered voters nationally express similar preferences, although Paul does slightly better at the national level than he does in the swing states. ([Gallup USA](#))

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209-26 Most Americans Would Ban Drivers from Using Hand Held Cell Phones [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Most Americans agree with the idea of preventing drivers from using hand held cell phones while they are behind the wheel, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Many respondents endorse the use of hands free devices, but would prohibit drivers from sending text messages. ([Angus Reid](#))

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**209-27 Canadians Support Non-Combat Role for Troops in Afghanistan**

[\(Click for Details\)](#)

([Canada](#)) Most Canadians are in favour of their government's decision to keep soldiers in Afghanistan to help train the local military, but many also believe this mission should not be extended beyond 2014, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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209-28 Most Americans Reject the Use of Torture on Terrorism Suspects [\(Click for Details\)](#)

People in the United States hold differing views on various foreign policy principles, but only a third are ready to justify the torture of terrorism suspects, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Half of respondents believe the U.S. Government should only use force against another nation with authorization from the United Nations (UN). ([Angus Reid](#))

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209-29 Canadians Are Divided on the Actual Effect of Immigration [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Canada) People in Canada are split when assessing immigration, and only three-in-ten believe the country should continue to be a mosaic, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Younger respondents endorse the concept of the “mosaic” while middle-aged and older Canadians prefer the “melting pot”. (Angus Reid)

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► LATIN AMERICA

209-30 **Haitians' Confidence in Government Rebounds** ([Click for Details](#))

(Haiti) The percentage of Haitians who have confidence in their national government has nearly tripled since an earthquake all but destroyed their country two years ago. Nearly half (46%) expressed confidence in October 2011 -- an increase of 30 percentage points since the last poll conducted in July 2010. (Gallup USA)

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209-31 **"Suffering" in Haiti Lowest Since 2006** ([Click for Details](#))

(Haiti) Haitians rate their lives better now than they did before the earthquake ravaged their country two years ago. The percentage of Haitians rating their lives poorly enough to be considered "suffering" dropped to a record-low 18% in 2011, and the percentage who are "thriving" reached double digits for the first time last year. The situation is much different from 2010, when the 2% of Haitians who were "thriving" was among the lowest in the world. (Gallup USA)

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► AUSTRALASIA

209-32 **Strong Support For Key's National Party Early In February** ([Click for Details](#))

(Australia) Poll shows continuing strong support for Prime Minister John Key's National 46% (down 1% since January 3-15, 2012). Support for Key's Coalition partners is virtually unchanged with the Maori Party 2% (up 0.5%), ACT NZ 0.5% (unchanged), and United Future 0.5% (unchanged). (Roy Morgan)

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► MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS

209-33 **Europeans More Favorable than Americans Towards Occupy Movement** ([Click for Details](#))



A recent Ipsos Mori poll shows that the British public were more favourable than unfavourable towards the Occupy movement (28% and 18% respectively) however, most people were undecided (54%). This makes for an interesting comparison with the American public – while just as many Americans were favourable (29%) more were unfavourable (27%). Favourability was higher in other European countries such as Spain (49%) and Italy (44%). (Ipsos Mori)

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► CYBER WORLD

209-34 **Why Most Facebook Users Get More Than They Give** ([Click for Details](#))

Most Facebook users receive more from their Facebook friends than they give, according to a new study that for the first time combines server logs of Facebook activity with survey data to explore the structure of Facebook friendship networks and measures of social well-being. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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209-35 **The Rise Of In-Store Mobile Commerce** ([Click for Details](#))

More than half of adult cell phone owners used their cell phones while they were in a store during the 2011 holiday season to seek help with purchasing decisions, these are the findings of a recent Pew Research Center surveys. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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209-36 **Two-Thirds Aware of Upcoming Google Privacy Changes & Even More Concerned About Them** ([Click for Details](#))

Three-fourths of US adults are concerned about Google's changes to its privacy policies that allow the company to follow activities of users as they move across the firm's various services, a new IBOPE Zogby survey finds. ([Zogby-Ibope](#))

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Topic of the week:

Europeans More Favorable than Americans Towards Occupy Movement

► This issue provides two interesting poll findings and buzz monitoring on this subject.

Ipsos Global @dvisor Wave 28

Published: 31 January 2012

Fieldwork: 6 - 19 December 2011

The Occupy protests in London have moved out of the headlines as the protestors have been forced to move on from St. Paul's Cathedral. However, at the height of the movement back in November last year, the British public were somewhat apathetic towards their cause according to research by Ipsos MORI carried out online in 24 countries.

While half of Britons (53%) sympathised with the "Occupy" movement only around a quarter (28%) were favourable towards the protests.

On balance the British public were more favourable than unfavourable towards the Occupy movement (28% and 18% respectively) however, most people were



undecided (54%). This makes for an interesting comparison with the American public – while just as many Americans were favourable (29%) more were unfavourable (27%).

Indeed Americans were also less sympathetic than Britons were towards the movement. Only 14% of Britons did not sympathise with the Occupy protestors compared to 24% of Americans.

Favourability was higher in other European countries such as Spain (49%) and Italy (44%).



Perhaps unsurprisingly the public in the US and Canada were the most familiar with the Occupy protests with around six in ten adults saying they are familiar with the movement (61% in the USA and 60% in Canada). Familiarity was significantly lower across Europe: 45% in Britain and Italy and 46% in Spain. Just 18% of French say they were familiar with the Occupy movement.

Deputy Head of Political Research at Ipsos MORI, **Tom Mludzinski**, said:

“The British public is on the fence when it comes to the Occupy protests with most people neither supporting nor opposing them. Although there is some broad sympathy towards their cause this does not necessarily transfer into support.”

Technical note

Global @dvisor is a monthly online survey conducted by Ipsos via the Ipsos Online Panel system in 24 countries around the world.

For the results of the survey presented herein, an international sample of 21,245 age 18-64 in the US and Canada, and age 16-64 in all other countries, were interviewed between 6 and 19 December. Approximately 1000+ individuals participated on a country by country basis via the Ipsos Online Panel with the exception of Argentina, Belgium, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden and Turkey, where each have a sample approximately 500+.

Weighting was employed to balance demographics and ensure the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to the most recent country Census data available and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe, (in the small number of developing countries where access to the internet is limited respondents are more likely to be affluent and well connected than the average member of the population.)

Source: <http://www.ipsos-mori.com/researchpublications/researcharchive/2913/Occupy-Britain.aspx>

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2011)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 –August 2011

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 3,861 polls during the period 2007-2011
- 2- 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*)
- 3- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys: \approx 178 during the period 2007-2011
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 160 during the period 2007-2011

