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Asia zone

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

► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

210-1 Majority of Palestinians Think Arab Spring Had Negative Impact On The Palestinian Issue (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) A majority of over 65 percent of Palestinians believe that what happens in the Arab world negatively impacts the Palestinian issue. Similarly over four in ten believe that the rise of the Islamic movements in the Arab world has a positive effect on the popularity of Hamas movement. ([PCPO](#))

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210-2 Palestinians Ready to Abolish the Legal Clause that Allows Honor Killing (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) A recent survey reveals that there is a near consensus among Palestinian youth on the need to abolish the legal clause that protects men from being prosecuted if they killed a female relative accused of (shaming family honor). The poll reveals that a majority of all social and political groups join in supporting such a historic change in the law. ([AWRAD](#))

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[4.9 Society](#) » [Justice](#)

210-3 Most Egyptians Oppose U.S. Economic Aid (Click for Details)

([Egypt](#)) About 7 in 10 Egyptians surveyed by Gallup in December 2011 oppose U.S. economic aid to Egypt, and a similar percentage opposes the U.S. sending direct aid to civil society groups. This rebuke of U.S. financial support may be a challenge for Egypt's newly elected parliament and its future president as the government attempts to bolster the nation's financial stability. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► WEST ASIA

210-4 Iranians Expect to Feel Sanctions (Click for Details)

([Iran](#)) As the U.S. orders more economic sanctions against Iran, a new Gallup poll finds nearly two-thirds of Iranians think recent sanctions that the United Nations, the U.S., and Western Europe have already imposed will hurt the livelihoods of the country's residents "a great deal" (27%) or "somewhat" (38%). ([Gallup USA](#))

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► **NORTH EAST ASIA**

210-5 **Three in 10 Chinese Adults Smoke** (Click for Details)

(China) Three in 10 Chinese said they smoke regularly (25%) or occasionally (5%), according to Gallup surveys conducted shortly after China's ban on smoking in public places took effect last May. This translates to roughly 320 million adults -- or more than the entire population of the United States -- and underscores the potential health crisis China faces as it tries to reduce an estimated 1 million smoking-related deaths each year in its country. (Gallup USA)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

4.11 Society » Health



Africa zone

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

► **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

210-6 **No Green Lights For The South African Government At Mid-Term** (Click for Details)

(South Africa) The government did not perform according to a “green light standard” in any of the policy areas measured recently, according to the latest poll by market research company, Ipsos. This indicates that 2012 will have to be a year of “delivery” before the important ANC party conference at the end of the year in Mangaung. (Ipsos Mori)

February 08, 2012

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance




Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

► **EAST EUROPE**

210-7 **Revolution Or Evolution? Russian Elections – 2012** (Click for Details)

(Russia) A recent survey shows that Russians are in favor of stable evolutionary reforms rather than quick radical changes. The number of the revolutionaries has increased over the recent three years; however they are in the minority. (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)

January 18, 2012

1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

**Russian elections
2011-2012**



[1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance](#)**210-8 Protests are Possible But Should Be Sanctioned!** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Russia) The overwhelming majority of Russians have heard about the protests (84%), but mainly about opposition protests against election fraud (54%). The rallies of the adherents of United Russia party who supported the results of election were made less public (20%). Other 24% know about the rallies over election results but have no idea what they were about. [\(Russian Public Opinion Research Center\)](#)

January 23, 2012

[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)

► **WEST EUROPE**

210-9 More than a million: Survey of carers for people with cancer in the UK [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UK) The study indicates that approximately 2.1% of the UK population aged 15+ are carers for someone with cancer (approximately 1.1 million people). This includes people who give support for at least 5 hours a week. It also includes those who give 1-4 hours of support each week and who say this affects their life in some way. [\(Ipsos Mori\)](#)

February 03, 2012

[4.11 Society » Health](#)

**210-10 Britons Have Least Favourable Views of France and Greece** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Britain) People in Great Britain hold more negative views about two (France and Greece) of the nations that once formed the European Economic Community (EEC), a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Netherlands, Denmark, Ireland and Spain are regarded positively by a majority of respondents. [\(Angus Reid\)](#)

February 07, 2012

[2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations](#)

210-11 Britons Opposed to Banning Parents from Smacking Their Children [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Britain) People in Britain are against the complete abolition of corporal punishment in the home, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Most respondents believe the Scottish regulations on smacking are adequate, and say the ones in place for England and Wales go too far. [\(Angus Reid\)](#)

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[4.2 Society » Family](#)

[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)



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► **NORTH AMERICA**

210-12 Where the U.S. Election Stands Now [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) U.S. President Barack Obama beats several of his possible Republican opponents in recent Gallup general election trial heats, but he is tied with GOP front-runner Mitt Romney, suggesting he could be facing a competitive race this fall. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

February 6, 2012

[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)**210-13 Obama's Economic Approval Rating Improves** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

By 59% to 38%, more Americans continue to disapprove than approve of President Barack Obama's handling of the economy. However, his approval rating on the economy is up from 30% in November after descending to a term-low 26% in August. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)**210-14 Congress' Job Approval at New Low of 10%** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A record-low 10% of Americans approve of the job Congress is doing, down from 13% in January and the previous low of 11%, recorded in December 2011. Eighty-six percent disapprove of Congress, tying the record high for disapproval set in December. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)**210-15 North Dakota Workers Report Best Hiring Situation in 2011** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Employees in North Dakota were most likely in 2011 to report that their employers were hiring workers (42%) rather than letting workers go (8%). The state's resulting +34 score on Gallup's Job Creation Index was the best by a significant margin over any other state or the District of Columbia. Rhode Island had the lowest score of any state, at +4, meaning all states were in positive territory. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)**210-16 Small Business Hiring Intentions Best Since January 2008** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) By 22% to 8%, more U.S. small-business owners expect to increase than decrease the total number of jobs at their company over the next 12 months, according to a new Wells Fargo/Gallup Small Business Index poll conducted Jan. 9-13, 2012. This 14-percentage-point advantage for expected job growth is the largest since the +15 of January 2008, suggesting small-business owners are more optimistic about hiring now than at any time in the past four years. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)[3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments](#)**210-17 U.S. Economic Confidence Climbs for Fifth Straight Month**[\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans' confidence in the economy improved for the fifth month in a row in January, with Gallup's Economic Confidence Index reaching -27, its highest point since May of last year. Americans, however, are not yet as confident as they were a year ago. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)

210-18 **Engaged Workers Immune to Stress From Long Commutes** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A long commute may make matters worse for American workers who are "actively disengaged" at work, but is not associated with more daily stress and worry for "engaged" workers. The percentage of actively disengaged workers who report a lot of stress and worry in their lives without a lot of happiness and enjoyment increases from 15.5% for those with short commutes to 27.1% for those with long commutes. In contrast, engaged workers' low worry and stress levels do not change significantly regardless of commute time. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)210-19 **U.S. Satisfaction Up to 22%** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The majority of Americans remain dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S., but the percentage who are satisfied continues to increase. Satisfaction, now at 22%, is higher than at any point since last spring. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)[3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)210-20 **Americans' Life Ratings at 11-Month High** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans rated their lives better in January than in any month since March of last year, with their collective Life Evaluation Index score increasing to 50.1 from 48.4 in December. Americans' life ratings have been steadily recovering since October, when they dropped to their lowest level in more than two years (46.8). [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)210-21 **Young, Underemployed and Optimistic** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A plurality of the public (41%) believes young adults, rather than middle-aged or older adults, are having the toughest time in today's economy. An analysis of government economic data suggests that this perception is correct. The recent indicators on the nation's labor market show a decline in the unemployment rate. [\(Pew Research Center\)](#)

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)210-22 **Underemployment 21% or Higher in Five States in 2011** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(USA\)](#) Underemployment rates were lowest -- below 12% -- in North and South Dakota in 2011. A group of five states, including two of the most populous, California and Florida, had the highest underemployment rates in the country -- 21% or higher. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)

210-23 **Americans Still View China as World's Leading Economic Power** (Click for Details)

Americans believe China is the leading economic power in the world today, by a significant margin over the United States. This is the second consecutive year the majority of Americans have viewed China as economically dominant; previously, China held a smaller lead. By contrast, in 2000, Americans overwhelmingly believed the U.S. was the leading economic power. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[3.9 Economy](#) » [Financial systems & Institutions](#)



210-24 **Most Americans Willing to Re-establish Ties with Cuba** (Click for Details)

People in the United States are ready to change their country's interaction with Cuba, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. A majority of respondents also wants to lift the travel ban that prevents most Americans from visiting Cuba. [\(Angus Reid\)](#)

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[2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security](#) » [Regional Conflicts/ Issues](#)

210-25 **Future of Puerto Rico Divides Opinions in the United States** (Click for Details)

American adults are divided on the best course of action for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. A third of respondents want the island to remain a U.S. territory, but one-in-five Americans would like to see it become the 51st state. [\(Angus Reid\)](#)

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210-26 **Canadians Hold Conflicting Views on the Death Penalty** (Click for Details)

[\(Canada\)](#) The views of Canadians on the death penalty differ greatly according to political allegiance and region, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll conducted in partnership with the Toronto Star has found. While most respondents support capital punishment for murderers, half believe life imprisonment without parole is more suitable. [\(Angus Reid\)](#)

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[4.9 Society](#) » [Justice](#)



► AUSTRALASIA

210-27 **Most Australians Think Their Job Is Safe But Getting Another Job Is Another Story** (Click for Details)

[\(Australia\)](#) 49% (down 3% since November 2009 and down 21% since June 2009) of Australians expect unemployment to increase in the next 12 months while 22% (down 2%) say that unemployment will fall and 25% (up 3%) say unemployment will remain the same according to a recent survey. [\(Roy Morgan\)](#)

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[3.3 Economy](#) » [Employment Issues](#)

► MULTI-COUNTRY POLLS

210-28 **Moving for money** (Click for Details)

According to the research Britons are among the least likely to want to relocate within their own country, even if it means a full-time job and a pay rise. Only Swedes (39%) are less likely to move within their country while Belgians (48%) and Germans (51%) are as likely as Britons to move to another city. (Ipsos Mori)

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[4.4 Society » Civil Society](#)

210-29 **Worsening Economic Forecasts Cause Uncertainty Among European Consumers** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Nuremberg, February 10, 2012 – New rescue packages, uncertainty about further developments in Greece, Italy and France and the prospects of poorer economic development in 2012 are all heightening the anxiety of European consumers. This is one of the findings from the GfK Consumer Climate Europe survey which provides an overview of the development of economic and income expectations and willingness to buy among consumers in Europeans. (GfK)

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[3.6 Economy » Economic Globalization](#)

210-30 **China and US Improve, but Overall Consumer Confidence Fell in 60% of Global Markets** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Consumer confidence declined in 35 out of 56 markets, according to fourth quarter 2011 global consumer confidence findings from Nielsen. Global consumer confidence increased one point last quarter to a score of 89, while Europe led confidence declines in 24 of the region's 27 measured markets. (Nielsen)

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[3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)

► **CYBER WORLD**

210-31 **The tone of life on social networking sites** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The overall social and emotional climate of social networking sites (SNS) is a very positive one where adult users get personal rewards and satisfactions at far higher levels than they encounter anti-social people or have ill consequences from their encounters. (Pew Research Center)

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[4.6 Society » Media/ New Media](#)



Topic of the week:

Three in 10 Chinese Adults Smoke

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



Roughly 320 million Chinese smoke, including more than half of Chinese men

February 9, 2012

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Three in 10 Chinese said they smoke regularly (25%) or occasionally (5%), according to Gallup surveys conducted shortly after China's ban on smoking in public places took effect last May. This translates to roughly 320 million adults -- or more than the entire population of the United States -- and underscores the

potential health crisis China faces as it tries to reduce an estimated 1 million smoking-related deaths each year in its country.

Please tell me, do you smoke cigarettes regularly, occasionally, or do you not smoke at all?

Based on Chinese adults

	Regularly	Occasionally	Do not smoke	I quit smoking (vol.)
June-July 2011*	25%	5%	68%	1%

*Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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Recent studies show that about 3,000 Chinese are dying each day from smoking-related diseases, and that the number could rise to 8,000 per day by 2050. Chinese men's smoking habits place their health disproportionately at risk. Gallup surveys find about 6 in 10 Chinese men say they smoke at least occasionally, while 3% of Chinese women say they do.



Smoking Widespread Across Much of Asia

China may account for one-third of the world's smokers, but its smoking rate ranks second in Asia. Indonesians are the most likely in the region to say they smoke at least occasionally. More than one-third of Indonesians say they smoke, including 64% of the country's men and 6% of Indonesian women. Similar gender gaps are present in each of the 15 Asian countries surveyed.

Smoking in Asia

	% Smokers	% Nonsmokers	% Men smokers	% Women smokers
Indonesia	35	65	64	6
China	30	70	57	3
Mongolia	30	70	52	8
Philippines	28	72	47	10
Afghanistan	25	74	45	5
Malaysia	24	76	45	2
Vietnam	23	77	45	2
Thailand	23	77	45	3
Laos	23	77	41	6
Bangladesh	22	78	42	1
Cambodia	22	78	39	8
Singapore	18	82	27	9
India	18	81	32	4
Sri Lanka	14	86	28	2
Nepal	15	85	22	9

Based on surveys conducted between April and July 2011

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The ubiquity of smoking throughout China's culture, coupled with the country's financial stake in the tobacco industry as the world's largest tobacco producers and consumers, fuel doubts among health experts and the media about the potential effectiveness of the nearly year-old ban. Persuading hundreds of millions of Chinese smokers to quit and preventing young Chinese from picking up the habit will likely require public education, time, and compliance with existing bans.

The World Health Organization (WHO) rates China's compliance with bans on various types of advertising of tobacco a 5 out of 10, where 0 is "low compliance." According to the WHO, the country banned advertising of tobacco in China on national and international television and radio stations and in local and international magazines and newspapers. But ads can appear on billboards or outdoor advertising, at the point of sale, and on the Internet. Additionally, China does not ban the free distribution of tobacco or promotional discounts on such products.



Further, it may be tough to convince Chinese smokers about the health dangers of tobacco use to get them to quit. Chinese smokers are largely satisfied with their own personal health, and they are no more likely than nonsmokers to say they have health problems that prevent them from doing any of the things people their age normally can do. About one in seven Chinese smokers say they have such health problems (13%), about the same proportion of Chinese nonsmokers (14%).

Do you have any health problems that prevent you from doing any of the things people your age normally can do?

Based on Chinese adults

	Overall	Smokers	Nonsmokers
Yes	14%	13%	14%

Based on surveys conducted in June and July 2011

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Bottom Line

Gallup's data suggest China will need to approach its smoking problem more aggressively than it has to stem a looming health crisis that will affect more than the country's roughly 320 million smokers. More than one-half of adult Chinese nonsmokers working indoors are exposed to second-hand smoke in the workplace (55%), one of the highest percentages among the 14 countries that completed the WHO Global Adult Tobacco Survey from 2008 to 2010. The same WHO survey found Chinese smokers the least likely among those in the 14 countries surveyed to say they are planning to quit or are thinking about quitting smoking.

Survey Methods

Results are based on telephone and face-to-face interviews with 4,220 adults in China, aged 15 and older, conducted June 17-July 27, 2011. For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 2.2 percentage points. For results based on each sample of national adults in other Asian countries surveyed, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error ranged from a low of ± 2.0 percentage points to a high of ± 3.9 percentage

points. In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

Source: http://www.gallup.com/poll/152546/Three-Chinese-Adults-Smoke.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=Asia

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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

