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Asia zone

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

► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

214-1 **The Perception of Turkey in the Middle East 2011 (Multi-country study)** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Turkey) Despite falls in some countries, Syria and Iran being the most significant, we see that the general perception of Turkey in the region has not changed fundamentally. In fact of the countries that regional opinion was sought, Turkey has surpassed even Saudi Arabia into first place with 78% of the region having a favourable opinion of it. Despite strained relations with Israel, 77% of respondents think that Turkey had a positive impact on peace in the region. 75% think that Turkey should contribute to the Palestine question, while 61% see Turkey as a model. (KA Research)

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214-2 **91% Of The Palestinians Are Cell-Phone Users** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Palestine) Worldwide, interaction through modern social media is becoming one of the vital components of our life. The ability to connect anywhere and anytime is nowadays a must. According to this ground-breaking survey of 40,557 respondents, these trends are changing lifestyles and consumers around the globe are shifting and adapting the way they communicate. In this regard director PCPO says that 90.6% of the Palestinians, at the age of 18 years and older, carry already cell-phones, and 22% among them own smart-phones of different brands. (PCPO/WIN-Gallup International)

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214-3 **GCC Residents Highly Satisfied With Healthcare Access** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Majorities of nationals and Arab expats living in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries say they are satisfied with the availability of quality healthcare in the city or area where they live. Six in 10 or more respondents express satisfaction with the availability of quality care, with satisfaction highest in Qatar (90%) and lowest in Kuwait (62%) and Saudi Arabia (60%). (Gallup USA)

March 8, 2012

[4.11 Society](#) » [Health](#)

214-4 **Opinion Briefing: Discontent and Division in Iraq** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Iraq) Iraqis' satisfaction with their living standards dropped considerably in 2011. About one-third (32%) of those outside the autonomous Kurdistan region are satisfied, down from half (50%) in October 2010. Sectarian conflict among Iraq's top political leaders is further jeopardizing the country's tenuous stability,

particularly since many Sunni Muslims have lost faith in the national government and judicial system. ([Gallup USA](#))

March 6, 2012

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► WEST & CENTRAL ASIA

214-5 **Most Istanbulites Believe There Is Rigging In Turkish Sports** ([Click for Details](#))

([Turkey](#)) A majority of the people living in Istanbul believe match-fixing exists in Turkish sports, according to a survey conducted by the Ankara-based MetroPOLL Strategic and Social Research Center. ([MetroPOLL](#))

March 11, 2012

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► SOUTH EAST ASIA

214-6 **PM's Approval Rating Remains Strong, Outpaces Government's Rating** ([Click for Details](#))

([Malaysia](#)) A recently concluded survey among voters in Peninsular Malaysia found that the prime minister's approval rating had climbed to 69% from 59% in August 2011. This figure comes on the back of improving public mood over the general economy and disbursement of funding (Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia) to alleviate the economic burden of low income households. ([Merdeka Center](#))

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214-7 **Filipinos Net Personal Optimism at high +29; Net Economic Optimism at very high +14** ([Click for Details](#))

([Philippines](#)) Filipinos Net Personal Optimism at high +29; Net Economic Optimism at very high +14 Filipinos show optimism about their personal life and economic conditions in the country in the last quarter of the 2011 as recorded by Social Weather Stations. ([SWS](#))

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► NORTH EAST ASIA

214-8 **China's Consumers See Vast Economic Sunshine (Multi-country study)** ([Click for Details](#))

([China](#)) China's consumers are among the world's most confident, buoyed by expectations of rising income, lower inflation and solid job prospects, according to a private survey published on Friday. Rural Chinese consumers were particularly upbeat, but their willingness to spend was constrained by concerns that income would not keep up with costs of health care and food, according to a recent survey. ([Nielsen](#))

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214-9 **Japan consumer sentiment worsens in Feb** ([Click for Details](#))

([Japan](#)) Japanese consumer confidence worsened slightly in February from the previous month, a Cabinet Office survey showed on Monday, in a sign of uncertainty over whether the domestic labour market will improve as the economy recovers from last year's quake. ([Cabinet Office survey/Reuters](#))

March 12, 2012

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection



Africa zone

- ▶ WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA; SOUTHERN AFRICA

▶ SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

214-10 **Little Real Confidence And Some Very Mixed Views On The Judiciary** (Click for Details)

(South Africa) People's views on the impartiality of the judiciary and its transformation are very mixed, with a major finding being that people simply do not know very much about this arm of the state. The proportion of metro adults agreeing that the judiciary is impartial and unbiased is 31% - but 31% feel the reverse with a very large 38% giving a "don't know response. (TNS South Africa)

February 24, 2012

4.9 Society » Justice



Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

▶ EAST EUROPE

214-11 **Slovaks Set To Dump Centre-Right After Graft Scandal** (Click for Details)

(Slovakia) Opinion polls show that the Slovak Democratic and Christian Union (SDKU) is within a whisker of failing to reach the 5 percent threshold needed to send MPs to parliament. That would be a spectacular fall from grace for a party which has dominated Slovak politics for more than 9 years since the division of Czechoslovakia in 1993, and whose liberal policies helped transform the Eastern European economic laggard into a manufacturing dynamo. (Reuters)

March 07, 2012

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DEMOKRATICKÁ STRANA

▶ WEST EUROPE

214-12 **Three-quarters of French say minds made up on Sarkozy** (Click for Details)

(France) Three-quarters of French voters have already made up their minds about Nicolas Sarkozy and will not be swayed by the election campaign, according to a poll released on Monday, suggesting the president may struggle to close a wide poll lag. (BVA)

March 05, 2012

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214-13 **France's Sarkozy losing ground to Socialist rival: poll** ([Click for Details](#))

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has lost ground to his Socialist rival in the past two weeks of campaigning; an opinion poll showed on Sunday, predicting front-runner Francois Hollande would easily win the May 6 presidential election runoff. ([LH2](#))

March 04, 2012

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214-14 **Religious Education In Schools** ([Click for Details](#))

([UK](#)) Almost half of Britons believe that religious education in schools should feature Christianity as its primary focus, but still include teachings on all major kinds of faith – making this the most popular option in our poll. Just under one third feels that all major religions should be taught equally, with a notable minority saying that religious education should not be taught at all. ([Yougov](#))

March 08, 2012

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214-15 **Nuclear Energy Polarises Opinion** ([Click for Details](#))

45% of UK consumers believe that recent events in Japan have demonstrated the potential dangers in nuclear power, while 44% believe nuclear technology can be safe if properly handled. ([Yougov](#))

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214-16 **Labour Gains in Britain as Disapproval for Cameron and Clegg Rises** ([Click for Details](#))

Voter support for Britain's governing Conservative Party has fallen to its lowest level in the past 18 months, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. The Prime Minister is viewed unfavourably by half of Londoners and three-in-four Scots. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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214-17 **Britons Want Diplomacy if Falkland Islands Tension Continues** ([Click for Details](#))

As the 30th anniversary of the start of the Falklands War approaches, most Britons believe their country should be cautious in handling its oil exploration operations around the islands, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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AMERICAS

► NORTH AMERICA

214-18 **Obama Approval Averages 45% in February** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Obama's average job approval rating for the month of February in Gallup Daily tracking was 45%, with 47% disapproving, unchanged from January. ([Gallup USA](#))

March 7, 2012

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214-19 **Fewer Americans Say U.S. Is No. 1 Military Power** ([Click for Details](#))

A slim majority of Americans (54%) say the United States is the No. 1 military power in the world, down from 64% in 2010, with an average of 59% since 1993. The lowest reading, 51%, was recorded in 1999 as the U.S. was involved in a NATO-led multinational air campaign against Kosovo. ([Gallup USA](#))

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214-20 **Americans Fear Impact of Foreign-Held Debt on Economy** ([Click for Details](#))

About three in four Americans are "very concerned" about how the amount of U.S. debt held by other countries will affect the U.S. economy. Fewer, but still majorities, express that level of concern about the political situation in Iran and trade relations with China. Of the four international issues tested, Americans are least likely to be very concerned about how the financial situation in Europe could affect the U.S. economy.

([Gallup USA](#))

March 9, 2012

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214-21 **65% Believe Obama Likely to be Re-Elected** ([Click for Details](#))

Two-thirds of likely voters believe Barack Obama will be re-elected President, including 42% of Republican voters. Also, 70% of all voters expect Mitt Romney to win the Republican nomination, a new IBOPE Zogby survey finds.

([Ibope-Zogby](#))

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214-22 **US Voters Have Largely Negative Attitudes Toward Russia, Putin & Recent Elections** ([Click for Details](#))

While the Cold War may have been thought to be over years ago, majorities of US voters still hold negative views and harbor fears about Russia, a new IBOPE Zogby survey finds. ([Ibope-Zogby](#))

March 06, 2012

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214-23 **GOP Race Is Rallying Democrats** ([Click for Details](#))

The Republican nomination battle is rallying Democrats behind Barack Obama. Currently, 49% of Democrats say that as they learn more about the GOP candidates, their impression of Obama is getting better. Just 36% of Democrats expressed this view in December, before the Republican primaries began. ([Pew Research Center](#))



March 5, 2012

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214-24 **In U.S., \$5.30 Gas Would Force Major Life Changes** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans on average say gas prices of \$5.30 to \$5.35 per gallon are the tipping point that would make them cut back on spending in other areas or make significant changes in the way they live their lives. ([Gallup USA](#))

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214-25 **Half of Republicans Want Gingrich and Paul to Drop Out of 2012 Race** ([Click for Details](#))

Many Americans believe the primary season may be detrimental for the Republican Party, and half of respondents—and GOP supporters—believe two of the four remaining United States presidential hopefuls should end their campaigns, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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214-26 **Most Canadians Think Robocalls Were Used Broadly in Last Election** ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) Many Canadians are following stories related to the telephone calls with pre-recorded messages made during the last federal election, and a large proportion believe this method was used widely in the last campaign, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

March 06, 2012

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► SOUTH AMERICA

214-27 **Mexico's Woman Presidential Hopeful Jumps In Poll** ([Click for Details](#))

([Mexico](#)) Ruling party presidential hopeful Josefina Vazquez Mota, the first woman candidate of any of Mexico's three main parties, has cut into the lead of front-runner Enrique Pena Nieto ahead of July's election, an opinion poll published on Thursday showed. ([Consulta Mitofsky](#))

March 01, 2012

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► AUSTRALASIA

214-28 **Motherhood Leaves Women Isolated: Survey** ([Click for Details](#))

([Australia](#)) Australian mothers say that motherhood leaves women isolated. Of the more than 1000 Australian women surveyed by Galaxy Research, 87 per cent said rearing kids made them feel isolated. Twenty-four per cent said they felt isolated on most days, 12 per cent said they experienced isolation all the time and only 13 per cent reported never feeling isolated. ([Galaxy Research](#))



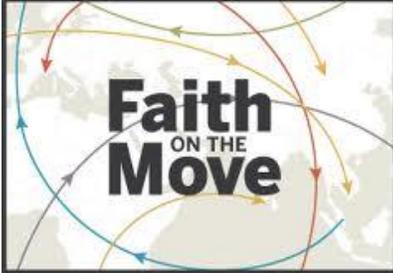
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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

214-29 **Faith on the Move: The Religious Affiliation of International Migrants** ([Click for Details](#))



About 3% of the world's population has migrated across international borders. While that may seem like a small percentage, it represents a lot of people. If the world's 214 million international migrants were counted as one nation, they would constitute the fifth most populous country on the globe. The study Faith on the Move, focuses on the religious affiliation of international migrants, examining patterns of migration among seven major groups: Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Jews, adherents of other religions and the religiously unaffiliated. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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[4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees](#)

214-30 **As 'Occupy' Protesters Promise New Strategies for 2012, Global Citizens Are in the Dark but Sympathetic** ([Click for Details](#))

A great deal of ambiguity continues to surround the 'Occupy Wall Street' movement, finds a new poll by global research company Ipsos for Reuters News, as only four in ten (37%) of global citizens in 23 countries report they are familiar with the protests that were going on in New York and other major cities around the world. ([Ipsos Global](#))

January 21, 2012

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

214-31 **Americans More Likely to Believe in Bigfoot than Canadians** ([Click for Details](#))

People in the United States are more likely than Canadians to consider that Bigfoot is real, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Less than one-in-five Britons think the Loch Ness Monster is real—but one quarter of Scots do. ([Angus Reid](#))

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► CYBER WORLD

214-32 **Ads with Friends: Analyzing the Benefits of Social Ads** ([Click for Details](#))

As social networks have picked up a greater share of digital ad dollars, a key differentiator they emphasize to brand advertisers is the ability to harness the power of friend recommendations when it comes to sharing experiences and content. ([Pew Research Center](#))

March 6, 2012

[4.6 Society » Media/ New Media](#)

Topic of the week:

China's Consumers See Vast Economic Sunshine

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

March 09, 2012



Beijing. China's consumers are among the world's most confident, buoyed by expectations of rising income, lower inflation and solid job prospects, according to a private survey published on Friday.

Rural Chinese consumers were particularly upbeat, but their willingness to spend was constrained by concerns that income would not keep up with costs of health care and food, according to

the quarterly survey by information company Nielsen.

"As inflation stabilized and dropped to its lowest level in December 2011, consumers had more disposable income in their wallets and reignited their discretionary spending across most sectors," Karthik Rao, Nielsen Greater China managing director, said in a statement accompanying the survey.

On Friday, China published retail sales data that showed growth in the first two months of 2012 was slower than economists had expected. Sales for the two months combined were 14.7 percent above a year earlier.

Also on Friday, official data showed China's annual rate of inflation cooled to 3.2 percent in February, the first time it has been below 4 percent since September 2010, after running above the government's target in every month of 2011.

The decline gives Beijing room to cut interest rates or ease other curbs to stimulate slowing economic growth without concern about igniting a new price spiral. The World Bank and International Monetary Fund have warned China and other developing countries to prepare for a possible global slowdown this year.

"China's February price data makes it clear that inflation pressures are easing," Moody's Analytics economist Alastair Chan said in a report. "This gives the government scope to ease monetary policy."

Inflation is politically dangerous for the Communist Party because it erodes economic gains that underpin the party's monopoly on power. A price spike last year stoked frustration among a public that is angry about pervasive corruption, a yawning gap between rich and poor, pollution and product safety scandals.

The Nielsen survey found that Chinese consumers expect inflation to continue to stabilize in 2012, with 30 percent of the survey's respondents expecting overall prices to remain the same or decrease in 2012 compared to 17 percent in the same period a year earlier.

Nielsen's quarterly survey of 56 economies around the world found Chinese consumers topped its rankings in the fourth quarter for discretionary spending on out-of-home entertainment, technology and stock market investing. They were second only to Russian consumers for discretionary spending on new clothes.

The survey canvassed opinions from more than 3,500 Chinese



consumers across the social spectrum from rural households to those in the top tier cities. Coastal cities had the highest optimism reading, followed by the central region.

Confidence in the western part of China rose to narrow the gap with other areas. Rural consumers were China's most confident about employment and income prospects.

Consumers in tier one cities were the most willing to spend. Differences in concerns prevailed across the different areas. Income was the main concern for 72 percent of rural consumers, followed by health. In cities, income and health were also the top concerns.

"Rural Chinese consumers and their counterparts in lower tier cities enjoyed high confidence through the year, however their willingness to spend [was] still low [compared to] consumers in key cities," Rao added. Overall, China's consumers were the sixth most optimistic worldwide, the survey found.

Source: <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/business/chinas-consumers-see-vast-economic-sunshine/503632>

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2012)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 –February 2012

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 3,861 polls during the period 2007-2012
- 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 2007-2012
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 305 during the period 2007-2012

