

# Gallopedia

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## Who are we?

**Gilani's Gallopedia** is a weekly digest of opinions in a globalized world. It provides a one window access to Global Opinion Polls on a weekly basis. It is produced by a team of researchers led by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, and is a not for profit public service. It is co-edited by Mohammad Zubair and Sara Salam.

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## Asia zone

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

### ► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

#### 216-1 **Palestinians Blame Israel for Fuel Crisis** (Click for Details)

Dissatisfaction with government of Haniyeh in Gaza reaches a peak with the continuation of the fuel and electricity crises in the strip; Dissatisfaction with the government of Fayyad increases with the discussions over its proposed austerity plan. 46 percent of the overall West Bank & Gaza sample blames Israel the most for the ongoing fuel crisis in Gaza, followed by Hamas (27 percent). These are the result of a recent Palestinians survey. (AWRAD)

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#### 216-2 **Poor Ratings of Governments in Palestine** (Click for Details)

The first quarter of 2012 brings bad news to the governments of Fayyad and Haniyeh, to Fateh and Hamas, and to president Abbas. Findings show a significant drop in the positive evaluation of the performance of the Fayyad government, particularly in the West Bank. Ratings of Hamas government in Gaza and President Abbas are also not different. (PSR)

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#### 216-3 **Egyptians Sour on U.S., Eye Closer Ties to Turkey, Iran** (Click for Details)

The majority of Egyptians (56%) now see closer relations with the U.S. as a bad thing for their country, up sharply from 40% in December 2011. Slightly more than one-quarter (28%) say closer relations are a good thing, fewer than say the same thing about Turkey (60%) and Iran (41%). (Gallup USA)

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### ► WEST & CENTRAL ASIA

#### 216-4 **Cypriots in Favor of the EU...** (Click for Details)

According to the results of a public opinion poll conducted at Cyprus, both Turkish and Greek Cypriots are willing to protect the EU framework though motivated by the hope to strengthen their hands and demands. (KADEM)

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## ► SOUTH ASIA

216-5 **India's Favourite Sports** ([Click for Details](#))

According to a new research, Cricket, tennis and football are the top three most played and followed sports in India. Though cricket remains the nation's favourite sport, our research reveals that other sports, namely football and tennis are gaining popularity in India. ([Yougov](#))

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## Euro Americas zone

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### EUROPE

## ► WEST EUROPE

216-6 **Eurobarometer: Attitude of Europeans Towards Water Related Issues** ([Click for Details](#))

A recent Eurobarometer survey shows that a majority of Europeans believe that water quality and quantity problems are serious. However, Europeans feel less informed about problems facing groundwater, lakes, rivers and coastal waters in their country than they did in 2009. ([TNS Political & Social](#))

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216-7 **Britons Think NHS Should Only Fund Abortions in Emergency Cases** ([Click for Details](#))

Most people in Britain are willing to modify existing guidelines related to the funding of abortions in the country, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Almost half of respondents—and three-in-five women—believe the current time limit of 24 weeks to terminate a pregnancy should be reduced. ([Angus Reid](#))

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216-8 **Sarkozy Cuts Rival's Poll Lead After Shooting Drama** ([Click for Details](#))

A survey on Thursday showed President Nicolas Sarkozy cutting into his Socialist challenger's lead, the second opinion poll to show the conservative gaining since a deadly police standoff with an Islamist gunman gripped the nation. The poll also showed a hard-left candidate surging to third place for the April 22 first election round, overtaking far-right candidate Marine Le Pen. ([BVA poll](#))

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216-9 **Sarkozy's Popularity Surges To Two-Year High: Poll** ([Click for Details](#))

French President Nicolas Sarkozy's popularity has reached the highest level in more than two years, a poll showed on Monday, in a further sign efforts to step up his re-election campaign are bearing fruit. Pollsters LH2 found that 40 percent of those surveyed had a positive opinion, up two percentage points from a month ago



and surging from a record low of 30 percent at the start of the year. (LH2)

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216-10 **Merkel's CDU Wins In German State But Allies Out** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A fresh national opinion poll published by Emnid on Sunday saw the CDU remaining the most popular party with 35 percent of the vote, the SPD strengthening by one point to 28 percent, the Greens at 15 percent, the Left party and the anti-establishment Pirate party both at 7 percent, and the FDP at 4 percent. (Emnid)

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216-11 **Greek Pro-Bailout Parties Falter Before Vote-Poll** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Support for the two parties backing Greece's EU/IMF bailout has eroded further, a poll showed on Thursday, casting doubt on whether their coalition government can survive an election set for April 29 or May 6. (VPRC)

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## AMERICAS

### ► NORTH AMERICA

216-12 **Employment Gains by Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Nativity** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Two years after the U.S. labor market hit bottom, the economic recovery has yielded slow but steady gains in employment for all groups of workers. The gains, however, have varied across demographic groups, with Hispanics and Asians, in particular, experiencing a faster rate of growth in jobs than other groups. (Pew Research Center)

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216-13 **More See "Too Much" Religious Talk by Politicians** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A new survey finds signs of public uneasiness with the mixing of religion and politics. The number of people who say there has been too much religious talk by political leaders stands at an all-time high since the Pew Research Center began asking the question more than a decade ago. And most Americans continue to say that churches and other houses of worship should keep out of politics. (Pew Research Center)

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216-14 **Religion in Prisons** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

From the perspective of the nation's professional prison chaplains, America's state penitentiaries are a bustle of religious activity. More than seven-in-ten (73%) state prison chaplains say that efforts by inmates to

proselytize or convert other inmates are either very common (31%) or somewhat common (43%). About three-quarters of the chaplains say that a lot (26%) or some (51%) religious switching occurs among inmates in the prisons where they work. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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216-15 **The State of The News Media 2012** ([Click for Details](#))

The age of mobile, in which people are connected to the web wherever they are, arrived in earnest. More than four in ten American adults now own a smartphone. One in five owns a tablet. New cars are manufactured with internet built in. With more mobility comes deeper immersion into social networking. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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216-16 **American Public Favors Safe Havens in Syria** ([Click for Details](#))

Two thirds of Americans approve of the idea of the Arab League and Turkey establishing safe havens inside Syria, to provide Syrians who are at risk of being attacked by government forces a place to retreat. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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216-17 **A Third of Voters Favor Death for Solider Accused of Murdering Afghan Civilians** ([Click for Details](#))

Thirty-six percent of likely voters believe that the US Army sergeant accused of killing 16 Afghan civilians in their homes should receive a death sentence if convicted, a new IBOPE Zogby survey finds. ([IBOPE Zogby](#))

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216-18 **Four in 10 Americans Say Energy Situation Is "Very Serious"** ([Click for Details](#))

As gas prices continue to rise in the United States, 42% of Americans describe the energy situation as "very serious," slightly above the historical average of 38%, but lower than at several other points since Gallup first asked the question in 1977. ([Gallup USA](#))

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216-19 **Americans Split on Energy vs. Environment Trade-Off** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans are about as likely to say production of energy supplies (47%) should be prioritized as to say environmental protection (44%) should be, a closer division than last year, when energy led by 50% to 41%. These views mark a shift compared with the early 2000s, when Americans consistently assigned a higher priority to environmental protection. ([Gallup USA](#))

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216-20 **Romney Expands National GOP Lead** ([Click for Details](#))

Mitt Romney's national support among Republican voters has surged in recent days, coincident with his decisive victory in the Illinois primary and a prominent endorsement from Jeb Bush. Romney's support has increased to 40%, the first time a candidate has reached that level in this campaign, and his lead over Rick Santorum is back into double digits after narrowing to four percentage points on March 20. ([Gallup USA](#))

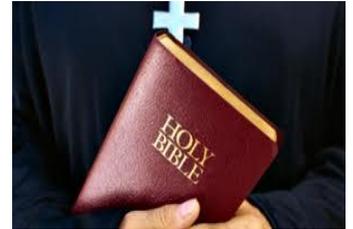
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216-21 **In U.S., Churchgoers Boast Better Mood, Especially on Sundays** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans who attend a church, synagogue, or mosque frequently report experiencing more positive emotions and fewer negative ones in general than do those who attend less often or not at all. Frequent churchgoers experience an average of 3.36 positive emotions per day compared with an average of 3.08 among those who never attend. This relationship holds true even when controlling for key demographic variables like age, education, and income. ([Gallup USA](#))



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216-22 **Americans Favor Keystone XL Pipeline** ([Click for Details](#))

A solid majority of Americans think the U.S. government should approve of building the Keystone XL pipeline, while 29% think it should not. Republicans are almost twice as likely as Democrats to want the government to approve the oil pipeline. About half of independents also approve. ([Gallup USA](#))

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216-23 **Americans Would Not Grant Pardons to Murderers and Armed Robbers** ([Click for Details](#))

A sizeable proportion of Americans reject the notion of Presidents or Governors issuing pardons for people guilty of a wide array of offences, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. The idea of commuting a prison sentence, so that a convicted person does not have to spend time in jail, is rejected by a majority of respondents. ([Angus Reid](#))

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216-24 **President Obama Keeps Stable Rating in the United States** ([Click for Details](#))

Public support for Barack Obama remains steady in the United States, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Three-in-five Americans continue to hold negative views on Congress. ([Angus Reid](#))

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216-25 **Conservatives Are First in Canada Despite Harper's Low Momentum** ([Click for Details](#))

The Conservative Party holds an eight-point lead over the New Democratic Party (NDP) as Canada's official opposition is about to select a new leader, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Thomas Mulcair

emerges as the leadership hopeful with the greatest potential to convert past Bloc and Liberal voters into NDP supporters. ([Angus Reid](#))

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216-26 **Majority of Canadians Believe Their Local Water Infrastructure Is Good Enough for Now** ([Click for Details](#))

Canadians believe that maintaining our drinking water supply is one of the most important areas for government funding (behind hospitals and tied with schools). Yet, more than 80 per cent feel there is no need for major and immediate investment in their community's drinking water/wastewater facilities, which they believe to be in good condition, and in need of only minor investment for upkeep.

([Globescan](#))

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► **LATIN AMERICA**

216-27 **Mexican Election Favorite Pena Nieto Extends Lead Over Rival** ([Click for Details](#))

Mexican presidential front-runner Enrique Pena Nieto has extended his big lead over ruling party candidate Josefina Vazquez Mota with barely three months to go until the election, an opinion poll showed on Monday. The survey shows backing for Pena Nieto, a member of the opposition Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, at 42.5 percent, up from about 39 percent in a poll in February. ([Buendia & Laredo](#))

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► **AUSTRALASIA**

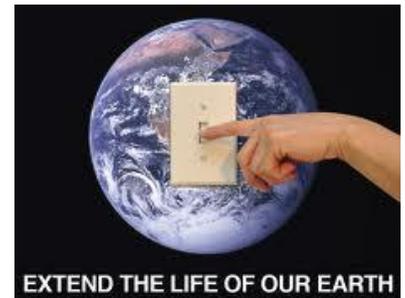
216-28 **Earth Hour Participation On The Rise But Environmental Issues Being Overtaken By Economic Concerns** ([Click for Details](#))

Although Australians' participation in Earth Hour has continued to grow since its inauguration five years ago, Australians' concern over some environmental issues has been in decline since the GFC, as economic issues have become a bigger concern. Agreement with the statement 'Threats to the environment are exaggerated' has risen from 22.3% of the population in June 2007, to 35.8% in December 2011; an increase of 13.5 percentage points in four and a half years.

([Roy Morgan](#))

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► **MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS**

216-29 **While Six in Ten (64%) Global Citizens Say They Need to Live Better, Most (81%) Wish They Had a Recipe To Do So** ([Click for Details](#))

Six in ten (64%) global citizens think they need to live better, finds a new survey by global research company Ipsos on behalf of Reuters News, but eight in ten (81%) say they wish they had a recipe or plan for living better. ([Ipsos/Reuters](#))

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## Topic of the week:

### **Significant proportion disagree with pardons for guilty; One-third support capital punishment for accused soldier**

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

#### *A Third of Voters Favor Death for Soldier Accused of Murdering Afghan Civilians*

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### 61% Want Afghan Withdrawal as Soon As Safely Possible



UTICA, NY – Thirty-six percent of likely voters believe that the US Army sergeant accused of killing 16 Afghan civilians in their homes should receive a death sentence if convicted, a new IBOPE Zogby survey finds.

The interactive survey, conducted from March 16-19, finds 48% don't think a death sentence should be imposed, and eight in ten do not think he should be turned over to the Afghan government for

prosecution.



Army sergeant Robert Bales, who is charged in the killings, is in pretrial isolation at Fort Leavenworth.

Partisan responses about whether he should be subject to the death penalty run somewhat counter to the usual attitudes of Democrats and Republicans toward capital punishment. While Democrats are more likely to generally oppose the death penalty, in this case 41% favor it compared to 32% of Republicans.

There is also strong sentiment for speeding up the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan, with 61% wanting them out as soon as safely possible. More people think, however, that a US presence in Afghanistan makes that country more stable than unstable (37% to 28%), with 30% thinking it makes no difference.

Voters were given three choices about withdrawal plans, with 61% wanting the soonest departure, 16% wanting to stay with the current plan of having troops gone by the end of 2014 and 16% saying they should stay "until the mission is accomplished." Having US troops out of Afghanistan as soon as is safely possible is the top choice across party lines, including 61% of Democrats, 50% of Republicans and 66% of independents.

IBOPE Zogby International conducted an online survey of 2,076 likely voters. The margin of error is +/- 2.2 percentage points. A sampling of IBOPE Zogby International's online panel, which is representative of the adult population of the US, was invited to participate. Slight weights were added to region, party, age, race, religion, gender and education to more accurately reflect the population.

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with clients to develop and implement new strategies, and offer customized and attractive solutions to challenges our clients face. IBOPE Zogby International was formed in January 2010 following the acquisition of Zogby International by IBOPE Inteligencia of Brazil, a subsidiary of IBOPE Group.

**Source:** <http://www.ibopezogby.com/news/2012/03/20/third-voters-favor-death-solider-accused-murdering-afghan-civilians/>

## *Americans Would Not Grant Pardons to Murderers and Armed Robbers*

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The idea of commuting a prison sentence, so that a convicted person does not have to spend time in jail, is rejected by a majority of respondents.



A sizeable proportion of Americans reject the notion of Presidents or Governors issuing pardons for people guilty of a wide array of offences, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample of 1,012 American adults, more than three quarters of respondents believe an executive pardon should not be issued for someone who has been convicted of rape (85%), murder (84%), drunk driving causing death (77%) or armed robbery (75%).

Two thirds of Americans (66%) believe people who committed fraud or embezzlement should not be pardoned by a President or Governor, and more than half (52%) would not issue a pardon to someone convicted of theft.

In January, Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour issued pardons and clemencies to more than 200 people. The decision proved controversial, as Barbour pardoned four convicted murderers as well as an armed robber who were serving life sentences and worked as inmate trustees at the Governor's Mansion.

Across the country, 49 per cent of respondents agree with the President and most Governors having the power to grant pardons at their discretion, while 43 per cent disagree. There is a discernible gender gap on this question. More than half of male respondents (53%) support the concept of executive pardons, but only 44 per cent of women concur.

Americans are divided on whether a President or Governor should be allowed to commute a death sentence into life in prison (47% believe this type of pardon is acceptable, while 45% disagree). However, almost two thirds are against issuing a pardon that commutes a prison sentence, so that a convicted person does not have to spend time in jail (64%) and a pardon that completely removes a criminal conviction from a person's record (65%).

The political breakdowns show that Democrats have a more lenient stance on pardons—particularly on the issue of commuting death sentences—while Republicans, and to a lesser extent Independents, keep a harder line.

**Methodology:** From March 20 to March 21, 2012, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 1,012 American adults who are Springboard America panelists. The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 3.1%. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of the United States. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

**Source:** <http://www.angus-reid.com/polls/44452/americans-would-not-grant-pardons-to-murderers-and-armed-robbers/>

## 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

