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Asia zone

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► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

217-1 **Slim Chances for Israeli-Palestinians Talks** ([Click for Details](#))

([Israel-Palestine](#)) A recent Israeli-Palestinian survey shows that there are slim chances for resuming talks between Israelis and Palestinians, with a majority of Israelis (68%) rejecting the Palestinian conditions and a majority of Palestinians (58%) opposing the return to talks without fulfilling these conditions. An overwhelming majority of Israelis (69%) supports the cooperation between Israel and the US in the bombing of Iran's nuclear facilities. ([PCPSR](#))

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217-2 **Egyptian Opposition to U.S. and Other Foreign Aid Increases** ([Click for Details](#))

([Egypt](#)) Egyptians' opposition to U.S. economic aid continued to climb in early 2012. More than eight in 10 Egyptians in February said they opposed U.S. economic aid, up 11 percentage points since December and up 30 points since April 2011 when Gallup first posed the question. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► WEST & CENTRAL ASIA

217-3 **Over Six in Ten Pakistanis Oppose PM Gilani's View about Presidential Immunity** ([Click for Details](#))

([Pakistan](#)) According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan 61% oppose while 33% favor PM Gilani's view that President Zardari enjoys Presidential immunity against court proceedings. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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217-4 **Over Half of Pakistanis Favor Disqualifying PM if He Disobeys Supreme Court** ([Click for Details](#))

([Pakistan](#)) According to a recent survey 53% of Pakistanis favor disqualifying PM to hold office, if he disobeys the Supreme Court. 13% support further reprimand without disqualification; 18% would like SC to uphold PM's view or change its own verdict. 16% are unable to give a view. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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217-5 **Pakistanis View on Foreign Aid** (Click for Details)

(Pakistan) According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan 21% of Pakistanis believe the the Rich countries of the world are meeting their obligations to help the Poor. However a much larger number, 76%, disagree. (Gallup Pakistan)

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► **SOUTHEAST ASIA**

217-6 **Hope Of Peace Between The Government And The Moro Islamic Liberation Front Declines To 62%** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The Fourth Quarter 2011 Social Weather Survey, fielded over December 3-7, 2011, found 62% of Filipino adults hopeful of peace between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front or MILF, down from 83% in June 2011 and 71% in September 2011. (SWS)

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217-7 **Filipinos Satisfied With The Impeachment Of Chief Justice Renato Corona** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The Social Weather Survey for the First Quarter, done on March 10-13, 2012, found most Filipinos satisfied with the impeachment of Chief Justice Renato Corona and with various aspects of the trial process, yet neither trusting nor distrusting the Senate to make a fair decision. Seventy-three percent prefer a conviction, but 67% will accept any outcome. (SWS)

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► **NORTHEAST ASIA**

217-8 **Poorest Chinese See Better Access to Food, Shelter** (Click for Details)

(China) Although income inequality remains high in China, Gallup trends show the poorest Chinese are struggling less to afford life's most basic needs. In 2011, 6% of Chinese in the poorest one-fifth of the population said they did not have enough money to buy food in the past year, down from 23% in 2008.

(Gallup USA)

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3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

3.5 Economy » Poverty

217-9 **Auto Brands Must Play by New Rules to Win Over Chinese Consumers**

(Click for Details)

(China) TNS outlines five new rules for manufacturers wanting to get ahead in the world's largest car market-China. Following a disappointing year of just 3.5% growth in the world's car market1, global insight company TNS today releases the findings of a new study to help local and global brands compete in China's crowded car market. These rules are based on the Chinese views about whom they



get advice while buying car and the related issues. ([TNS China](#))

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Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

► EAST EUROPE

217-10 **Russians About Financial Well-Being: Forecasts And Fears** ([Click for Details](#))

([Russia](#)) Most of Russians do not expect any changes in their financial well-being this year. The share of such respondents has considerably increased (from 47% in 2011 to 57% currently). 17% of respondents have positive forecast. The share of those who expect their well-being to get worse is decreasing year-by-year (from 32 to 15% over four years). ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

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217-11 **Life Priorities Of Russians: Friends, Family And Honourable Life** ([Click for Details](#))

([Russia](#)) Top life priorities of Russians involve building a happy family and bringing up children (93%), followed by finding reliable friends on the second place (91%), and living honorable life on the third place (90%). ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

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► WEST EUROPE

217-12 **SMES, Resource Efficiency And Green Markets** ([Click for Details](#))

([EU](#)) A Eurobarometer survey shows that 93% of EU SMEs report that they are taking at least one action to be more resource efficient. SMEs are currently most likely to save energy (64%), minimize their waste (62%) and recycle (61%) in order to save resources. Half or more of SMEs also opt for saving materials (57%) and water (50%). In comparison with SMEs, large companies with more than 250 employees are considerably more likely to save energy (82% vs. 64%), minimise waste (72% vs. 62%), recycle (76% vs. 61%), save materials (74% vs. 57%) and sell their scrap material to another company (44% vs. 24%). ([TNS Political & Social/Eurobarometer](#))

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217-13 **Britons Still Perceive a Special Relationship with America** ([Click for Details](#))

([Britain](#)) Most people in Britain hold positive views on the United States and are satisfied with the current state of bilateral relations, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Three-in-five respondents regard the United States as “an ally” and rate bilateral relations as “very good” or “good.” ([Angus Reid](#))

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AMERICAS

► NORTH AMERICA

217-14 **Americans Still Favor Nuclear Power a Year After Fukushima** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) One year after the tsunami and resulting failure of the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan, a majority of Americans continue to favor the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity for the U.S. The 57% who favor nuclear power this year is identical to the percentage measured in early March 2011, just before the Fukushima incident. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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217-15 **The Gender Gap: Three Decades Old, as Wide as Ever**

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

The gender gap in presidential politics is not new. Democratic candidates have gotten more support from women than men for more than 30 years. Even so, Barack Obama's advantages among women voters over his GOP rivals are striking. [\(Pew Research Center\)](#)

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217-16 **Public Remains Split on Health Care Bill, Opposed to Mandate** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

As the 2010 Affordable Care Act comes before the U.S. Supreme Court this week, surveys show that the public remains divided over the basic law. However, majorities continue to oppose the key element of the bill before the Court this week – the requirement that all Americans buy health insurance or face a penalty. [\(Pew Research Center\)](#)

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217-17 **Americans' Worries About Global Warming Up Slightly** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Fifty-five percent of Americans worry a great deal or a fair amount about global warming, up from 51% in 2011, but still significantly lower than the previous high of 72% in 2000. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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217-18 **In U.S., Global Warming Views Steady Despite Warm Winter** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

About half of Americans, 52%, say the effects of global warming have already begun to happen, consistent with views since 2009. However, this remains down from prior years, when as many as 61% believed global warming was already manifesting itself. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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217-19 **Support for Afghanistan Mission Plummets to All-Time Low in U.S.** (Click for Details)

For the first time in three years, a majority of Americans voice opposition to the mission in Afghanistan, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. In the online survey of a representative national sample of 1,012 American adults, 52 per cent of respondents oppose the military operation involving American soldiers in Afghanistan, while 38 per cent support it. Since February 2010, support for the mission has fallen by 16 points, while opposition has risen by 14 points. (Angus Reid)

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217-20 **Obama Keeps Upper Hand Against All Prospective Opponents in U.S.** (Click for Details)

At least half of decided American voters are ready to back the current head of state in this year's United States presidential election against four possible rivals, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Romney is slightly ahead of Santorum when paired against the president, while the gap grows in contests against Paul and Gingrich. (Angus Reid)

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217-21 **Americans Want Charges in Martin Case, Back "Stand Your Ground" Law** (Click for Details)

In the aftermath of the Trayvon Martin shooting in Sanford, Florida, many people in the United States remain supportive of "stand your ground" legislation but also believe that charges should be filed against alleged shooter George Zimmerman. Two thirds of respondents believe race played a role in the way the events unfolded in Florida. (Angus Reid)

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217-22 **Canadians Want Budget to Help the Jobless, Ease Pain at the Pump** (Click for Details)

(Canada) Many Canadian adults think the federal government is right to reduce spending, but more than two thirds are calling for measures that would help the unemployed and reduce the price of gas across the country, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll conducted in partnership with the *Toronto Star* has found. (Angus Reid)

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► LATIN AMERICA

217-23 **Mexico presidential favorite Pena Nieto has clear lead: poll** (Click for Details)

(Mexico) According to a recent survey, Mexican presidential front-runner Enrique Pena Nieto has a 10-percentage point lead over his closest rival ahead of the election campaign that officially starts on Friday. (Reforma poll)

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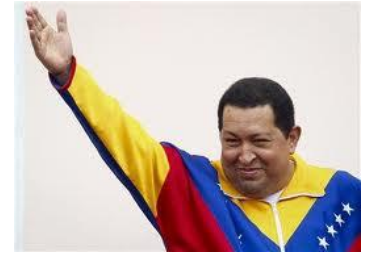
217-24 **Venezuela's Chavez leads rival in latest poll** ([Click for Details](#))

([Venezuela](#)) President Hugo Chavez has a solid 13-percentage point lead over opposition candidate Henrique Capriles in a new survey ahead of October's election - but many Venezuelans remain undecided. ([Datanalysis](#))

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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

217-25 **Syrian Intervention And The UN** ([Click for Details](#))

([Syria](#)) New results from our multi-country poll show that most of the European nations surveyed, including Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Finland, France and Britain, would prefer Western countries to provide military assistance to Syria, but only with the backing of the UN. ([Yougov](#))

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217-26 **Most Of World Interconnected Through Email, Social Media** ([Click for Details](#))

Most of the world is interconnected thanks to email and social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, according to a new poll released on Tuesday. Eighty five percent of people around the globe who are connected online send and receive emails and 62 percent communicate through social networking sites, particularly in Indonesia, Argentina and Russia, which have the highest percentage of users. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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217-27 **Stress In The Workplace To Rise, Say 8 Out Of 10 In Major Pan-European Opinion Poll** ([Click for Details](#))

Job-related stress is a concern for the large majority of the European workforce, according to new research carried out by Ipsos MORI. Eight in ten of the working population across Europe think that the number of people suffering from job-related stress over the next five years will increase (80 per cent), with as many as 52 per cent expecting this to 'increase a lot'. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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217-28 **Two-Thirds Worldwide Say Media Are Free in Their Countries** ([Click for Details](#))

A median of nearly two-thirds of adults (65%) across 133 countries and areas Gallup surveyed in 2011 say the media in their countries have a lot of freedom, essentially unchanged from the median of 67% found in 2010. These views still vary worldwide, ranging from a low of 23% in Belarus to a high of 97% in Finland. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► **EXPERTS SURVEY**

217-29 **Experts Again Name Unilever As Top Corporate Sustainability Leader** (Click for Details)

Unilever has retained its top ranking among corporate sustainability leaders, according to a new survey of sustainability experts from around the world. But the survey also shows that perceptions of sustainability leadership have declined or stalled for nearly all institutional actors - including corporations, governments, NGOs and social entrepreneurs - in the last twelve months. (Globescan)

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► **CYBER WORLD**



217-30 **Six in Ten Expect Tablet Computers to Replace Standard School Textbooks** (Click for Details)

It appears trees can breathe a sigh of relief, as a majority of US adults believe textbooks will eventually be replaced by tablet computers, a recent IBOPE Zogby interactive survey finds. Sixty-one percent believe that school textbooks will eventually only be on tablet computers, but respondents aren't so quick to agree that tablets will also make traditional computers and laptops obsolete. (IBOPE Zogby)

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Topic of the week:

Americans Still Favor Nuclear Power a Year After Fukushima

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

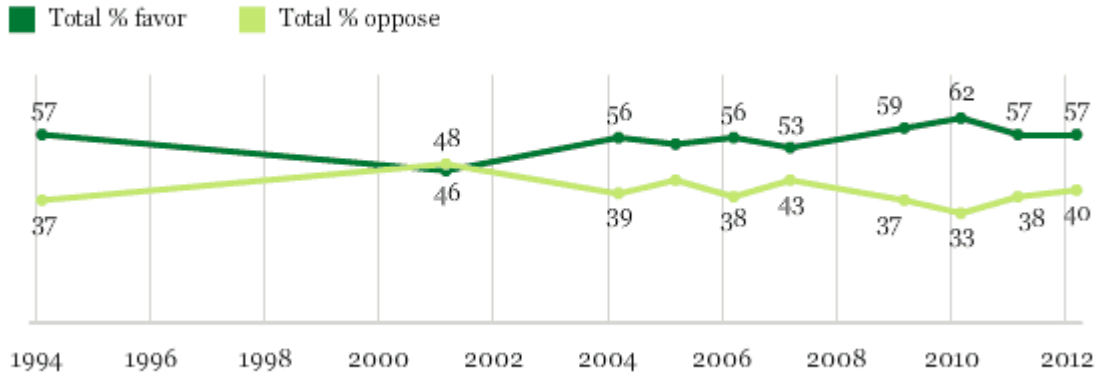
Majority also still sees nuclear power as safe

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PRINCETON, NJ -- One year after the tsunami and resulting failure of the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan, a majority of Americans continue to favor the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity for the U.S. The 57% who favor nuclear power this year is identical to the percentage measured in early March 2011, just before the Fukushima incident.

Overall, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity for the U.S.?



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These data are from Gallup's annual Environment survey, conducted March 8-11, 2012. Gallup in 1994 first asked Americans if they favored or opposed the use of nuclear power for electricity, and the 57% in favor at that point is identical to what is found today. The highest level of support for nuclear power was 62% in 2010. The lowest was 46% in March 2001, the only reading out of 10 in which less than half of Americans said they favored nuclear power.



The majority of Americans also continue to think nuclear power plants are safe. Gallup has asked Americans this question three times over the past four years, and the positive responses each time have been within a narrow 56% to 58% range.

Generally speaking, do you think nuclear power plants are safe or not safe?

National adults

	Safe	Not safe	No opinion
	%	%	%
Mar 8-11, 2012 ^	57	40	4
Mar 25-27, 2011 †	58	36	6
Mar 5-8, 2009 ^	56	42	2

^ Asked of a half sample

† WORDING: Generally speaking, do you think nuclear power plants in the United States are safe or not safe?

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The extensive news coverage of the major problems the Fukushima reactors experienced after power was disrupted as a result of the massive tsunami that hit the Japanese coast on March 11, 2011, does not appear to have had a long-term effect on Americans' attitudes about nuclear power. Although attitudes may have shifted in the immediate aftermath of last year's incident, attitudes now are almost identical to those measured in last year's pre-disaster survey.

Men Much More Likely Than Women to Favor Nuclear Power

Men and women have sharply different attitudes about nuclear power, differences that are larger than those found between partisan, ideological, age, and educational segments of the population. Men favor nuclear power as a source of electricity by a 72% to 27% margin. But 51% of women oppose it, with 42% in favor. The same large gender gap exists in terms of views of the safety of nuclear power plants. The wide gender gap in attitudes about nuclear power has been found in previous years' surveys as well.

Overall, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity for the U.S.?

Generally speaking, do you think nuclear power plants are safe or not safe?

	Favor	Oppose	Safe	Not safe
	%	%	%	%
National adults	57	40	57	40
Men	72	27	72	28
Women	42	51	43	51
Republicans/Leaners	65	34	72	27
Democrats/Leaners	50	45	45	49
18 to 49	53	44	57	40
50+	61	34	57	39

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Republicans and Republican-leaning independents are more likely to favor the use of nuclear power than are Democrats and Democratic leaners, as they have consistently over the years, but at least half of each partisan group currently favors its use. Americans aged 50 and older are slightly more likely to be in favor of nuclear power than are those under 50, although age makes no difference in views on the safety of nuclear power plants.



Implications

The catastrophic failure of the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan last year, coupled with the resulting fears of leaked radiation, generated a great deal of news coverage concerning the future viability of nuclear power as a safe and reliable source of electricity. None of this, however, appears to have made much difference in the thinking of the average American one year after the incident. The 57% who now favor the use of nuclear power and who say nuclear power plants are safe are essentially unchanged from just prior to the Fukushima disaster.

Although Republicans continue to be more supportive than Democrats of the use of nuclear energy, these political differences are dwarfed by the 30-point gender gap in views on nuclear energy. Men are more likely than women to be Republicans, but politics alone do not explain the gap in support for nuclear energy between men and women. Something about nuclear energy apparently strikes a strongly negative chord in the minds of

the nation's women, making them one of the few demographic segments of any type in which opposition to nuclear power is higher than 50%.

The future of nuclear energy in this country may be driven as much by economics as by safety concerns or public opinion. The ability to use new methods to extract natural gas from the nation's shale deposits in particular has flooded the energy marketplace with cheap natural gas. This makes the long-range projected return on investment from multibillion-dollar nuclear power plants more tenuous. But the majority of Americans would appear to be supportive if the industry does decide to build new plants in the future.

Survey Methods

Results for this Gallup poll are based on telephone interviews conducted March 8-11, 2012, with a random sample of 1,024 adults, aged 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of 521 national adults in Form A and 503 national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are ± 5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents per 1,000 national adults, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline telephone numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers. Cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit-dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, cell phone mostly, and having an unlisted landline number). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

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/153452/Americans-Favor-Nuclear-Power-Year-Fukushima.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=Americas%20-%20Northern%20America%20-%20Politics%20-%20USA

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

