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Suffering in South Asia including India and Pakistan, Highest in Region



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Asia zone

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

► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

225-1 **Palestinians Want Immediate Elections, Also Want Negotiations with Israel** ([Click for Details](#))

([Palestine](#)) More than eight in ten Palestinians want immediate elections. Palestinians increasingly (71%) think that things in the country are going in the wrong direction. Over half of Palestinians support return to negotiations with Israel. ([AWRAD](#))

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225-2 **Egypt on the Eve of Elections: Economy, Democracy Are Both Priorities** ([Click for Details](#))

([Egypt](#)) On the eve of the first presidential election of the post-Mubarak era, Egyptians remain hopeful about the future of their country, and they strongly desire both an improved economy and the democratic freedoms they were denied under the previous regime. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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225-3 **Most Egyptians Expect a Fair, Honest Election** ([Click for Details](#))

([Egypt](#)) Eighty-six percent of Egyptians that Gallup surveyed in April say they plan to vote in the presidential election that begins Wednesday, and nearly as many (82%) expect the election to be fair and honest. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► SOUTH ASIA

225-4 **Suffering in South Asia including India and Pakistan, Highest in Region (Multi-country study)** ([Click for Details](#))

South Asians rated their lives worse in 2011 than most residents in other parts of Asia. At least one in five residents in Nepal (31%), Afghanistan (30%), India (24%), Sri Lanka (22%), and Pakistan (21%) rated their lives poorly enough to be considered "suffering." Bangladesh is the only South Asian country where suffering is significantly lower than its regional neighbors, at 10%. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► **SOUTH EAST ASIA**

225-5 **Most Malaysians want the electoral roll cleaned before elections** (Click for Details)

(Malaysia) Most Malaysians want the electoral roll cleaned before elections BANGI – A survey among voters in Peninsula Malaysia found that nearly all – 92% of voters want the electoral roll to be cleaned up before elections are held. (Merdeka Center)

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1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections



225-6 **Adult Unemployment At Record-High 34.4%** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The First Quarter 2012 Social Weather Survey, fielded over March 10-13, 2012, found adult unemployment at a new record-high 34.4%, or an estimated 13.8 million, surpassing the previous record-high of 34.2% in February 2009. (SWS)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues



Africa zone

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

► **SUB SAHARAN AFRICA**

225-7 **Deputy President Motlanthe Has Slightly Higher Approval Levels Than President Zuma** (Click for Details)

(South Africa) Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe's approval levels amongst metro adults in April 2012 are slightly higher than those of President Jacob Zuma: 49% of metro adults approve of the way Deputy President Motlanthe is doing his job compared with 46% in the case of president Zuma. However, there are more fence sitters in the case of the Deputy President. (TNS South Africa)

May 11, 2012

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance



225-8 **After A Rise In February, The President's Approval Levels Drop Notably In April** (Click for Details)

(South Africa) In 2009, President Zuma's approval levels in metro areas were good, averaging in the mid-fifties. After a year of volatility during 2010, the figures were more stable in 2011, averaging 48%. However, in the first two quarters of 2012, after a rise to 55% in February, the figure has dropped to 46% in mid-April. (TNS South Africa)

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Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

▶ EAST EUROPE

225-9 **Russians Back Protests, Political Freedoms And Putin, Too** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Following a winter of discontent Russians express an increased appetite for political freedom, and at the same time strongly endorse Vladimir Putin. Compared with just a few years ago, more Russians believe that voting gives people like themselves an opportunity to express their opinion about the country's governance, more feel that it is important to be able to openly criticize the government, and greater numbers see freedom of the press and honest elections as very important. (Pew Research Center)

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4.4 Society » Civil Society

▶ WEST EUROPE

225-10 **Residential Olympic missiles?** (Click for Details)

(UK) The British public is torn over whether it is appropriate for surface-to-air missiles to be placed on top of residential buildings as a security measure for this summer's London Olympics, with around two in five saying yes to using residential buildings and another two in five saying no. (Yougov)

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4.15 Society » Sports
2.4 Foreign Affairs & Security » Terrorism



225-11 **Sexual Harassment In The Capital** (Click for Details)

(UK) Yougov survey for the End Violence Against Women Coalition published today reveals that over two in five young women in London aged 18 to 34 have experienced sexual harassment in public spaces over the last year. (Yougov)

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4.5 Society » Gender Issues
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4.13 Society » Social Problems

225-12 **Many Britons Are Disappointed with Coalition Government** (Click for Details)

(UK) More than half of respondents say the Coalition has accomplished little and has performed worse than they expected. Two years after taking office, the Coalition Government is regarded as a disappointment by many Britons, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. (Angus Reid)

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1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

225-13 **Final polls show Irish set to pass referendum** (Click for Details)

(Ireland) Final opinion polls show that Irish voters are likely to give the green light to the European Union's new fiscal treaty, with the 'Yes' campaign leading comfortably ahead of the referendum on Thursday. (Reuters)

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



225-14 **Polls show Greek conservatives, leftists neck-and-neck** (Click for Details)

(Greece) Parties supporting and opposing Greece's international bailout are running neck-and-neck ahead of next month's repeat national election, which could determine the country's future in the euro zone, three opinion polls showed on Friday. (Reuters)

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

AMERICAS

► NORTH AMERICA

225-15 **Seven in Ten Say \$2 Billion JPMorgan Loss Shows Nothing Has Changed on Wall Street** (Click for Details)

(USA) JPMorgan Chase's \$2 billion trading loss is proof positive to a large majority of US adults that it's still business as usual on Wall Street, with little changing since the financial collapse of 2008, a new IBOPE Inteligência survey finds. (Ibope-Zogby)

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[3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments](#)



225-16 **Americans' City Optimism Reaches Four-Year High** (Click for Details)

The 58.7% of Americans who said their city or area where they live is "getting better" in April is the highest since the 59.0% measured in January 2008, and has surpassed pre-financial crisis levels. (Gallup USA)

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[3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)



225-17 **Americans' Views of Biden Remain Divided** (Click for Details)

Americans are about equally likely to have a favorable (42%) as an unfavorable (45%) view of Joe Biden, which has been the case for most of his tenure as U.S. vice president. Americans were much more positive than negative toward Biden from the time he was chosen as Barack Obama's running mate through the first several months of the Obama administration. (Gallup USA)

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225-18 **Professionals Pick Obama; Execs and Business Owners, Romney** (Click for Details)

Barack Obama has a significant lead over Mitt Romney among the 24% of American working voters who are classified as professionals, and among the 13% who are service workers. The two are tied among clerical and office workers. Romney leads among all other job categories, including in particular the small segments of voters who work in farming and fishing, construction, and who own a business. He also has an edge among executives and managers. (Gallup USA)

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225-19 **"Pro-Choice" Americans at Record-Low 41%** (Click for Details)

The 41% of Americans who now identify themselves as "pro-choice" is down from 47% last July and is one percentage point below the previous record low in Gallup trends, recorded in May 2009. Fifty percent now call themselves "pro-life," one point shy of the record high, also from May 2009. (Gallup USA)

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225-20 **Americans, Including Catholics, Say Birth Control Is Morally OK** (Click for Details)

Eighty-two percent of U.S. Catholics say birth control is morally acceptable, nearing the 89% of all Americans and 90% of non-Catholics who agree. The level of acceptability on this issue is far greater than that of the other 17 issues Gallup asked about this year. (Gallup USA)

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225-21 **Hillary Clinton Maintains Near Record-High Favorability** (Click for Details)

Americans remain nearly as positive toward Hillary Clinton today as they have ever been over the past 20 years. The secretary of state's favorable rating remains at 66%, within one percentage point of her record-high rating in late 1998. Her unfavorable rating of 29% ties her record low since 1993. (Gallup USA)

May 21, 2012

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225-22 **In U.S., Financial Wellbeing Improves With Age** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans tend to feel better about their personal financial situation as they get older. Senior citizens, those aged 75 and older, are the most likely to express positivity about their current finances, while those aged 18 to 64 feel the least positive. Those aged 75 and older are the most likely to say they feel good about the amount of money they have, are satisfied with their standard of living, have more than enough money to do what they want, and have enough money to buy what they need. They are also the most likely to say they did not worry that they spent too much yesterday. (Gallup USA)

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225-23 In U.S., Nearly Half Identify as Economically Conservative [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans are more than twice as likely to identify themselves as conservative rather than liberal on economic issues, 46% to 20%. The gap is narrower on social issues, but conservatives still outnumber liberals, 38% to 28%. ([Gallup USA](#))

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**225-24 Obama's Approval Rating Inching Closer to 50% in United States** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Congress gains points, but three-in-five Americans disapprove of its performance. Practically half of Americans are satisfied with the performance of the incumbent president, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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225-25 Obama, Romney Each Has Economic Strengths With Americans [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans see the cost of healthcare, the federal budget deficit, and unemployment as the most important economic issues facing the country today, according to a new USA Today/Gallup poll asking them to rate the importance of 10 such issues. More than 80% rate each of the top three issues as extremely or very important. Americans prefer President Obama over Mitt Romney for handling healthcare, while Romney is favored on the deficit and the two are about tied on unemployment. ([Gallup USA](#))

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225-26 Conservatives Steady, NDP Gains at the Expense of Liberals in Canada [\(Click for Details\)](#)

([Canada](#)) Thomas Mulcair's national approval rating is boosted by the 70 per cent of Quebecers who are satisfied with his performance. The governing Conservative Party's advantage over the opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) has shrunk in Canada over the past two months, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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**► AUSTRALASIA****225-27 Australian Multi-Screen Report Shows TV Viewing Strong** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

([Australia](#)) An estimated 15% of Australian households now own at least one tablet device, according to the latest Australian Multi-Screen Report covering the first quarter of calendar 2012. New technologies are creating additional opportunities to view, keeping consumers engaged with broadcast television and enabling them to watch when and where they like. ([Nielsen](#))

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[4.6 Society » Media/ New Media](#)

► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

225-28 **Economic Crisis Has Lasting Effect on Wellbeing Worldwide** (Click for Details)

Except for a clear dip in 2009 after the global economic meltdown in 2008, Gallup wellbeing studies show that, on average, about one in four adults worldwide have consistently rated their lives well enough to be considered "thriving." The percentage of adults considered "suffering" on the other hand, has increased and stayed relatively high. The trend in the difference between the two -- "net wellbeing" -- suggests global wellbeing has yet to fully rebound from the economic crisis. (Gallup USA)

May 25, 2012

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

225-29 **In Europe, Migrants Rate Their Lives Worse Than Native Born** (Click for Details)

Migrants in 15 European Union countries, regardless of how long they have lived in those countries, rate their lives worse than the native born. Native-born residents on average rate their lives today a 6.6 on a 10-step ladder scale, where 10 represents the best possible life and 0 is the worst. Long-time migrants rate their current lives a 6.0 and newcomers a 5.9. (Gallup USA)

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4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees

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► CYBER WORLD

225-30 **Facebook IPO Not Selling On Social Media** (Click for Details)

Facebook's May 18 IPO—which set the market value of the social-networking giant at \$105 billion—sparked significant discussion on Twitter, blogs and Facebook itself, with more expressions of skepticism than confidence about the stock's value, according to a report by the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism. (Pew Research Center)

May 21, 2012

3.12 Economy » IT & Telecom



Topic of the week:

Suffering in South Asia including India and Pakistan, Highest in Region

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

Highest suffering is in Nepal and Afghanistan; lowest in Thailand

May 28, 2012

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- South Asians rated their lives worse in 2011 than most residents in other parts of Asia. At least one in five residents in Nepal (31%), Afghanistan (30%), India (24%), Sri Lanka (22%), and Pakistan (21%) rated their lives poorly enough to be considered "suffering." Bangladesh is the only South Asian country where suffering is significantly lower than its regional neighbors, at 10%.

Suffering Across Asia

Based on residents' ratings of their current and future lives

	Suffering
Nepal	31%
Afghanistan	30%
Cambodia	26%
India	24%
Sri Lanka	22%
Pakistan	21%
Philippines	17%
Hong Kong	14%
China	12%
Japan	10%
Bangladesh	10%
Indonesia	9%
South Korea	7%
Malaysia	6%
Laos	5%
Singapore	5%
Vietnam	5%
Taiwan	5%
Mongolia	3%
Thailand	1%

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Gallup classifies respondents as "thriving," "struggling," or "suffering" according to how they rate their current and future lives on a ladder scale with steps numbered from 0 to 10 based on the Cantril Self-Anchoring Striving Scale. Respondents are not asked to classify their lives according to these labels. Those who rate their present life a 7 or higher on the ladder and their life in five years an 8 or higher are classified as thriving, while those who rate both dimensions a 4 or lower are considered suffering. Respondents whose ratings fall in between are considered struggling.



The relatively high levels of suffering in South Asia likely reflect the economic turmoil, war, conflict, domestic terrorism, or separatist movements that have afflicted many of these countries in the past decade. Additionally, most South Asian countries currently have higher levels of unemployment and corruption and lower levels of college education than the rest of Asia.

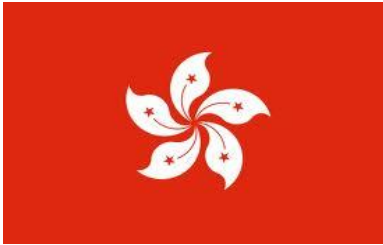
Relatively low levels of suffering in Bangladesh may run counter to extremely poor economic conditions in the nation. According to 2011 World Bank data, GDP per capita in Bangladesh is the third lowest in Asia, slightly above Nepal and Afghanistan -- countries with the highest levels of suffering in Asia, at 31% and 30%, respectively.

That Bangladeshis are less likely than residents in other South Asian countries to rate their lives poorly enough to be considered suffering may be related to Gallup's findings about education in the country. Educational attainment in Bangladesh is the highest in South Asia -- 50% of the adult population has at least secondary or higher education. Gallup also finds 82% of Bangladeshis are satisfied with their schools, perhaps providing a relatively young Bangladeshi population with optimism for a bright future.

One in Seven Hong Kong Residents Are Suffering

Hong Kong's 14% suffering rate may be surprising, given the region's fairly quick recovery from the global economic downturn and its high GDP per capita. Hong Kong residents, however, are beset with several problems that may contribute to them having one of the highest suffering rates in East Asia. A slim majority (54%) say they are dissatisfied with the availability of affordable housing, the highest percentage in East Asia. Also, when asked if they are satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of air, 30% of Hong Kong residents say they are satisfied -- consistently one of the lowest percentages of satisfaction with air quality that

Gallup measures worldwide.



In Southeast Asia, Suffering Is Lowest in Thailand; Highest in Cambodia

Although Thailand experienced flooding in October and November 2010 that badly damaged the manufacturing centers north of Bangkok and stunted the nation's recovery from the global recession, 1% of the population rated their lives poorly enough to be considered suffering in 2011. This is the lowest rate in Asia and one of the lowest rates in the world. This low level of suffering may relate to the low unemployment levels in Thailand, which Gallup estimates to be less than 5%.

After decades of conflict and political upheaval, it is not surprising that Cambodia is at the opposite end of the wellbeing spectrum in Southeast Asia, with more than one-quarter of Cambodians (26%) considered suffering. Demands for Cambodian exports lessened considerably during the economic downturn and GDP is among the lowest in Asia.



Implications

Asian countries are vastly diverse in terms of economic conditions, size, population, governance, culture, language, and religion; therefore, each country has a unique path toward improved wellbeing. Governments should carefully examine the root causes of suffering and create solutions for their citizens. Although there is no one-size-fits-all solution, policymakers cannot ignore some important building blocks of a thriving population: strong governance, available employment, satisfactory income levels, good health, and available education.

For complete data sets or custom research from the more than 150 countries Gallup continually surveys, please contact SocialandEconomicAnalysis@gallup.com or call 202.715.3030.

Survey Methods

Results are based on face-to-face and telephone interviews with approximately 1,000 adults, aged 15 and older, conducted between April 5 and Dec. 4, 2011, in the 20 countries identified in the article. For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error ranges from ± 2 percentage points to ± 4 percentage points. The margin of error reflects the influence of data weighting. 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/154907/Suffering-South-Asia-Highest-Region.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=Asia%20-%20Wellbeing

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2012)

A Quantitative Analysis

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

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \simeq 6,407 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: \simeq 178 during the period 2007-2012
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \simeq 347 during the period 2007-2012

