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Asia zone

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

► WEST & CENTRAL ASIA

238-1 **Turks Give Little Support To A Direct Intervention Against Syria** ([Click for Details](#))

(**Syria**) According to a recent survey, 41.1 % of the survey participants believe that Turkey should not interfere in any way. 15.9 % of survey participants supported the option of the continuation of political and diplomatic initiatives. In other words a majority of 57 % are against a direct intervention. The establishment of safe havens within Syria with under the protection of the Turkish military was supported by 14.7 % of participants. 11.7 % of the participants have supported the option of a direct intervention against the Assad regime. (TNS/Edam)

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238-2 **Conditional Support for Nuclear Armament** ([Click for Details](#))

(**Turkey**) According to a recent survey, 54 % of the survey participants supported the option of Turkey's nuclear armament. While only 8.2 % believe that NATO's security umbrella is sufficient and therefore Turkey shouldn't develop nuclear weapons, a significant minority of 34.8 % believe that Turkey shouldn't develop nuclear weapons under any conditions. The disaggregation of the results according to political party support shows that AKP supporters demonstrate the highest level of trust in NATO's ability to protect Turkey with 10.2 %. (TNS/Edam)

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Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

► EAST EUROPE

238-3 **“Foreign Agents” Law: Purposes And Consequences** ([Click for Details](#))

(**Russia**) According to a survey Russians believe that the “foreign agents’ law aims at preventing foreign states from interfering in Russian internal affairs; they think that the law will have more positive than negative effects. ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

July 25, 2012

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► WEST EUROPE

238-4 **Uni Fees: Public split** ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) Against a backdrop of rising tuition fees and changing university entrances in England and Wales, just days after the release of A-level and GCSE results, the British public is split over whether graduates will end up worse off or better off in the long term, our poll shows, with people undecided over whether or not the increased earnings of future graduates will outweigh the costs of their tuition. ([YouGov](#))

August 24, 2012

[4.10 Society » Education](#)

238-5 **Coalition gains?** ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) The Tories have gained more from the Coalition than the Lib Dems, but Nick Clegg's party has kept to its side of the deal more than David Cameron's has, say the British people in our recent poll. Meanwhile, almost half say they would like the Coalition to end immediately, with two thirds saying they would most welcome a fresh general election should the Coalition end within the year. ([YouGov](#))

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238-6 **Britons Divided on Whether to Apprehend Assange in Embassy** ([Click for Details](#))

People in Britain are split on whether WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange should be forcibly removed from a London diplomatic mission, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Men are more likely to reject a raid of the Ecuadorian diplomatic mission, while almost half of women support this idea.

([Angus Reid](#))

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[4.9 Society » Justice](#)



238-7 **Merkel's Party Keeps Lead, Coalition Ally Down: Poll** ([Click for Details](#))

(Germany) Support for Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives has nudged higher, an opinion poll showed on Sunday, but the weakness of two smaller parties highlights the trouble she may face building another center-right coalition after Germany's 2013 election. ([Emnid](#))

August 26, 2012

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► NORTH AMERICA

238-8 **American View about their Arab and Muslim Populations** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) A recent survey shows that Arabs, Muslims, Arab Americans, and American Muslims have the lowest favorable/highest unfavorable ratings among the groups covered. Muslims were the only group with a net unfavorable rating. Note that one in five Americans were either unfamiliar with or not sure of their attitudes toward these communities. ([Arab American](#))



Institute)

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[4.1 Society » Religion](#)**238-9 Four in 10 Say Obama, Romney Attacking the Other Unfairly** ([Click for Details](#))

Forty-four percent of all Americans say Barack Obama has been attacking Mitt Romney unfairly in the course of the campaign, and nearly as many -- 40% -- say Romney has been attacking Obama unfairly. These findings, from a USA Today/Gallup poll conducted Aug. 20-22, reflect a slight souring of perceptions since last month, when 38% of Americans said Obama was levying unfair attacks and 36% said the same for Romney. ([Gallup USA](#))

August 24, 2012

[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)[1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties](#)**238-10 Obama Still Wins on Likability; Romney, on the Economy** ([Click for Details](#))

As the two-week period of back-to-back presidential nominating conventions gets underway next Monday, an Aug. 20-22 USA Today/Gallup poll underscores the strengths and weaknesses of each of the two candidates at this point in the campaign. Barack Obama retains a significant edge over Mitt Romney on personal dimensions, particularly in terms of his "likability," while Americans still believe Romney is better able to handle the economy. ([Gallup USA](#))

August 24, 2012

[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)[1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties](#)**238-11 GENDER GAP IN AMERICAN ELECTIONS: Obama Remains Women's Presidential Pick; Romney, Men's** ([Click for Details](#))

Male voters currently prefer Mitt Romney over Barack Obama by an eight-percentage-point margin, while female voters prefer Obama over Romney by an identical eight points. These gender-gap figures, based on Gallup Daily tracking conducted July 30-Aug. 19, are virtually identical to what they were four months ago. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)[4.5 Society » Gender Issues](#)**238-12 The Master Character Narratives in Campaign 2012**

On the eve of the conventions, the portrayal in the news media of the character and records of the two presidential contenders in 2012 has been as negative as any campaign in recent times, and neither candidate has enjoyed an advantage over the other, according to a new study of mainstream media coverage of the race for president. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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238-13 **A Closer Look at the Parties in 2012** (Click for Details)

As the 2012 party conventions approach, the Democratic Party continues to maintain an advantage in party identification among voters, but its lead is much smaller than it was in 2008. In more than 13,000 interviews conducted so far in 2012, 35% of registered voters identify with the Democratic Party, 28% with the Republican Party and 33% as independents. The share of Democrats has fallen three points since 2008, while the proportion of Republicans has remained steady. (Pew Research Center)

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238-14 **Candidate Support Typically Up Five Points After Convention** (Click for Details)

(USA) U.S. presidential candidates historically have seen a median increase of five percentage points in their support in preference polls among registered voters after their party's nominating convention. The average is slightly higher, six points, due to the record 16-point increase for Bill Clinton after the 1992 Democratic convention. (Gallup USA)

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238-15 **The Lost Decade of the Middle Class** (Click for Details)

As the 2012 presidential candidates prepare their closing arguments to America's middle class, they are courting a group that has endured a lost decade for economic well-being. Since 2000, the middle class has shrunk in size, fallen backward in income and wealth, and shed some—but by no means all—of its characteristic faith in the future. (Pew Research Center)

August 22, 2012

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

[1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust](#)

238-16 **Medicare Voucher Plan Remains Unpopular** (Click for Details)

Paul Ryan's selection to the Republican ticket has put the issue of Medicare squarely on the 2012 campaign agenda. And the latest Pew Research Center survey continues to find the public is aware of a proposal to gradually shift Medicare to a system of vouchers and is, on balance, more opposed than supportive of the idea. (Pew Research Center)

August 21, 2012

[4.11 Society » Health](#)

238-17 **The Complicated Politics of Abortion** (Click for Details)

Abortion has emerged as an issue in the 2012 presidential race, following Missouri GOP Senate candidate Todd Akin's controversial comments about abortion and "legitimate rape." In recent years, narrow majorities of the public have consistently said that abortion should be legal in all or most cases. The Democratic Party is widely favored over the GOP on the issue of abortion. At the same time, however, abortion is viewed as a much more important issue by voters opposed to legal abortion than by its supporters. (Pew Research Center)

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238-18 **Benefit Reductions Remain Top Worry for American Workers** (Click for Details)

Forty percent of American workers are worried that their benefits will be reduced in the near future, more than say they are worried about being laid off, having their wages reduced, or having their hours cut back. ([Gallup USA](#))

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238-19 **Many in U.S. Doubt That Students Are Prepared for Work** (Click for Details)

Americans have significant doubts that high school dropouts as well as high school graduates are adequately prepared for the working world, but close to half also believe college graduates lack this preparation. While 54% either strongly or somewhat agree that college graduates are ready for work, 17% disagree, and 29% are neutral on the question. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.10 Society](#) » [Education](#)

238-20 **No Child Left Behind Rated More Negatively Than Positively** (Click for Details)

([USA](#)) More Americans think the No Child Left Behind Act, which has governed federal education grants to public schools for a decade, has made education worse rather than better, by 29% to 16%. Thirty-eight percent say NCLB hasn't made much of a difference, while 17% are not familiar enough with the law to rate it. ([Gallup USA](#))

August 20, 2012

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238-21 **Americans of All Political Stripes Believe Akin Should Drop Out of Senate Race** (Click for Details)

Americans have reacted with dismay at the recent comments made by Missouri Representative Todd Akin, and a majority believe he should not carry on with his U.S. Senate campaign, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Four-in-five respondents disagree with the Congressman's recent comments about pregnancy and rape. ([Angus Reid](#))

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238-22 **Political Ads from Conservatives and NDP Divide Voters in Canada** (Click for Details)

The latest television political advertisements released in Canada have served to reinforce the negative connotations that the two main parties wish to maintain about their closest rival, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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[4.6 Society](#) » [Media/ New Media](#)

238-23 Americans Feel Safer Now Than Before 9/11, But Many Still Expect Terrorism (Click for Details)

While most Americans believe their country is now safer than before 9/11, a majority also think that the United States will endure another deadly terrorist attack in their lifetime, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. More than 40% of respondents express confidence in the FBI and the CIA to avert a terrorist attack. (Angus Reid)

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[2.4 Foreign Affairs & Security](#) » [Terrorism](#)

238-24 Businesses Supporting Divisive Causes Fair Game for Protests (Click for Details)

A large majority of likely voters believe that when a business gives its financial support to controversial causes, it is fair for consumers who don't agree to take action against that business, including boycotts or picketing, a new IBOPE Inteligência poll finds. (Ibope-Zogby)

August 24, 2012

► LATIN AMERICA**238-25 Most of Peru region opposes Newmont mine-poll** (Click for Details)

(Peru) A controversial \$5 billion gold mine in northern Peru lacks the support of most people who would live near it, according to the first significant poll of local opinion about U.S.-based Newmont Mining's Conga project. (Ipsos Mori)

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[4.14 Society](#) » [Environment/ Disasters](#)

► AUSTRALASIA**238-26 Consumer Satisfaction with Banks well ahead of Business Customers** (Click for Details)

(Australia) Consumers' satisfaction with the big four banks increased in July by a very marginal 0.1% points to 76.1%. The significance of this was that it was the first positive movement since January 2012 and is still well ahead of the 63.8% satisfaction level of Business customers. These are the latest findings of the July 2012 Roy Morgan Research 'Customer Satisfaction — Consumer Banking in Australia' and 'Business Banking Satisfaction' reports. (Roy Morgan)

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

► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS**238-27 Rising prices greatest factor in grocery purchase decisions** (Click for Details)

Eight-five percent of respondents to a Nielsen global online survey say that rising food prices are impacting their choice of grocery purchases, with more than half (52%) stating higher prices are a major influence. But price is not the only consideration that weighs heavily on the minds of consumers when shopping for groceries. Health factors, product availability and in-store services are also important considerations. (Nielsen)

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238-28 **Sub-Saharan Africa, Former Soviet Union Rate Roads Worst** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The majority of the world's adults (59%) are satisfied with their local roads and highways, according to Gallup surveys conducted in 148 countries and areas in 2011. Satisfaction is highest in Asia (66%) and lowest in sub-Saharan Africa (36%) and the former Soviet Union (36%) -- two regions where road infrastructure is poor, if it exists at all. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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Topic of the week:

GENDER GAP IN AMERICAN ELECTIONS: Obama Remains Women's Presidential Pick; Romney, Men's

► This page is devoted to opinions of countries whose polling activity is generally not known very widely or where a recent topical issue requires special attention.

Gender gap evident across age, education categories

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Candidate Preference by Gender

	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Gap: Obama minus Romney
	%	%	Pct. pts.
Jul 30-Aug 19, 2012			
Men	42	50	-8
Women	50	42	8
Apr 11-May 6, 2012			
Men	42	50	-8
Women	49	42	7

Gallup Daily tracking

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The impact of gender on the presidential race has received a renewed focus in recent days after Missouri Republican senatorial candidate Todd Akin's controversial comments about rape and abortion. It's too early to tell if this incident and the resulting fallout will have a long-term impact on the presidential gender gap, but from a broad perspective, Gallup's large sample sizes show a remarkable stability by gender since tracking began in mid-April.



The gender gap is driven mostly by the underlying differences in party identification. Women are more likely to identify as Democrats and less likely to identify as independents than are men. Within party groups, gender gaps are quite small.

Candidate Preference by Party

	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Gap: Obama minus Romney
	%	%	Pct. pts.
Republicans			
Men	6	91	-85
Women	6	90	-84
Independents			
Men	40	45	-5
Women	42	43	-1
Democrats			
Men	88	8	80
Women	90	6	84

July 30-Aug. 19, 2012
Gallup Daily tracking
GALLUP

Gender Gap Most Evident Among Youngest and Oldest Voter Groups

The gender gap is evident across all age groups. Both men and women younger than 30 prefer Obama, but the margin is significantly greater among young women. Similarly, men and women 65 and older prefer Romney, but the gap is 23 points among older men, compared with five points among older women.



Candidate Preference by Age

	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Gap: Obama minus Romney
	%	%	Pct. pts.
18 to 29			
Men	53	38	15
Women	63	30	33
30 to 49			
Men	40	50	-10
Women	50	43	7
50 to 64			
Men	40	51	-11
Women	48	44	4
65+			
Men	36	59	-23
Women	43	48	-5

July 30-Aug. 19, 2012
Gallup Daily tracking
GALLUP

Postgraduates Most Split by Gender

Gender makes a difference at each level of education -- but particularly so among voters with postgraduate education.

Women either prefer Obama over Romney or give each equal support, regardless of their educational attainment. Men, on the other hand, support Romney across each educational group, although support is slim among men with postgraduate education.

Candidate Preference by Education

	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Gap: Obama minus Romney
	%	%	Pct. pts.
High school or less			
Men	40	49	-9
Women	47	44	3
Some college			
Men	44	49	-5
Women	48	43	5
College graduate			
Men	39	54	-15
Women	47	47	0
Postgraduate			
Men	46	49	-3
Women	62	32	30

July 30-Aug. 19, 2012
Gallup Daily tracking
GALLUP

The gender gap among voters with postgraduate education is remarkable, with a three-point margin for Romney among men in this group, compared with a 30-point Obama lead among women.

Gender Gap Almost Disappears Among Blacks

There is little gender gap among black voters, with almost nine in 10 black men and black women indicating a preference for Obama over Romney.

<i>Candidate Preference by Race</i>			
	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Gap: Obama minus Romney
	%	%	Pct. pts.
Non-Hispanic whites			
Men	34	58	-24
Women	42	51	-9
Blacks			
Men	88	6	82
Women	89	3	86
Hispanics			
Men	56	31	25
Women	66	21	45

July 30-Aug. 19, 2012
Gallup Daily tracking
GALLUP

On the other hand, the gender gap is significant among whites and Hispanics. White men prefer Romney over Obama by a 24-point margin, compared with a nine-point margin among white women. Hispanic men and Hispanic women tilt strongly toward Obama, but Hispanic men less so, by 25 points vs. 45 points, respectively.

Bottom Line

The gender gap in presidential preferences has not changed over the last four months, with men preferring Romney over Obama by eight points, while women prefer Obama by an identical margin.

The nature of the gender gap varies significantly across demographic segments. Support for Obama is so strong among black voters that gender makes little difference, but both white and Hispanic women are more likely to support Obama than are men in each of these groups. Women are more strongly for Obama than are men across all age groups, and the gender gap is starkly evident among voters with postgraduate education.



All in all, Obama's strongest support among women comes among those who are under 30, those with postgraduate education, and those who are black and Hispanic. Conversely, Romney receives his strongest support among men who have college degrees but no postgraduate education, and among older and white men.

Survey Methods

Results for this *USA Today*/Gallup poll are based on telephone interviews conducted July 30-Aug. 19, 2012, with a random sample of 9,678 registered voters, aged 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of voters, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 1 percentage point.

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/156848/obama-remains-women-presidential-pick-romney-men.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=Americas - Northern America - Politics - USA](http://www.gallup.com/poll/156848/obama-remains-women-presidential-pick-romney-men.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 – May 2012

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 6,535 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 347 during the period 2007-2012

