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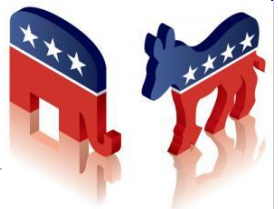
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Asia zone

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► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

241-1 **Palestinians Beginning to Rate Conditions in Gaza More Positively** (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) With positive evaluation of PM Fayyad, and President Abbas is decreasing, and popularity of Fateh in the West Bank is significantly dropping, a larger percentage of Palestinians evaluates, for the first time since the split in 2007, more positively conditions in the Gaza Strip over conditions in the West Bank. ([PSR](#))

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241-2 **Snapshot: Libyans Want Militias Disarmed Immediately** (Click for Details)

([Libya](#)) Nearly all Libyans (95%) surveyed early this spring, before Tuesday's deadly attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, agreed that local militias should be required to hand in their weapons to authorities immediately. ([Gallup USA](#))

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241-3 **Opinion Briefing: Arab Nations Differ on Uprisings' Upside** (Click for Details)

Gallup surveys show that Arabs in countries where major revolts did not take place last year largely believe the protests and revolts in the Arab world left the countries involved less safe. Further, they have largely mixed views on these countries' economic prospects and their chances for better governance. These impressions stand in sharp contrast to the brighter futures expected in Libya, Egypt, Tunisia, and Yemen, where mass protests or armed revolt toppled heads of state. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► WEST ASIA

241-4 **Is The EU Still Relevant For Turkey?** (Click for Details)

([Turkey](#)) Turks increasingly do not believe that their country will ever be admitted to the European Union. A new study by the German Turkish Foundation for Education and Scientific Research shows that only 17% of Turks believe that Turkey will become an EU member. This is a 9% decrease from last year's figures released by the German Marshall Fund and represents a 61% decrease from the figures released by Gallup in 2004. ([Tepav Turkey](#))

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241-5 Majority of Pakistanis believe their political parties are not serious on re-drawing provincial boundaries and creating new provinces [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Pakistan) According to a recent survey, most Pakistanis (60%) are of the opinion that their political parties are not serious on re-drawing provincial boundaries and creating new provinces. **(Gallup Pakistan)**

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► SOUTH ASIA

241-6 Deepening Economic Doubts in India [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(India) The economic euphoria in India over the last few years, inspired by the country's seemingly inevitable march toward double-digit growth, has suddenly soured. Although still relatively upbeat compared with many other countries, the Indian public's confidence in their country's direction and future economic growth has declined significantly compared with just a year ago. In a world where the Americans, the Europeans and even the Chinese have reason to worry about their economies, it is the Indians who have lost the greatest faith in their economic fortunes. **(Gallup USA)**

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► NORTHEAST ASIA

241-7 Korean Perceptions about Political Issues [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Korea) Surveys show that Park Geun-Hye is maintaining a slim lead over Ahn Chul-Soo in the head-to-head poll. At its widest point, Ms. Park led by 5.7pp, but that gap was 3.0pp as of September 7. While President Lee's approval rate remained below 30% for the entire week. **(ASAN)**

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241-8 Full "Mobilization" of the Russian Nation [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Russia) Over half a million Russians almost never part with their mobile phones – they basically sleep with their phone under their pillow. One and a half million urban dwellers state that they carry three active phones on them. Every fourth respondent regularly uses two mobile phones. Thus, it is no surprise that, among urban residents of Russia, penetration of mobile communication has now reached 150%. **(ROMIR)**

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Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

► EAST EUROPE

241-9 **Polish Opinions About The Eurozone and European Integration** (Click for Details)

(Poland) In spite of the efforts of the European Union member states to combat the financial crisis, the situation in the eurozone is a source of uncertainty. In the opinion of Poles, there are several possible scenarios for the development of the situation in the countries using the common currency. One-third (34%) think that in a short time the eurozone will shrink or collapse. Almost the same proportion (32%) think that the status quo will remain, meaning no country will exit the eurozone, and none will enter. Only one in five (19%) think that the eurozone will admit new members. (CBOS Public Opinion Research Center)

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► WEST EUROPE

241-10 **Public supports new Britannia to showcase Commonwealth trade opportunities** (Click for Details)

(UK) More than half of Britons (56%) believe the proposal to build a Commonwealth Flagship to be appealing or very appealing, according to a recent poll by Ipsos MORI. The proposed ship would be privately funded and would be used as a travelling exhibition centre to advance trade and tourism opportunities in poorer Commonwealth countries and to promote British and Commonwealth trade in general. The Ship would also be available for use by the Royal family and other Commonwealth heads of state whilst on official business. (Ipsos Mori)

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241-11 **Londoners bullish on property prices** (Click for Details)

(UK) London homeowners stand apart from the rest of the UK in believing their homes are increasing in value, and that the property market will be on the upswing over the coming year. 21% of London homeowners say their property has increased in value from last month (versus 8% lower), and 44% believe their home will continue to increase in value over the next 12 months, according to the latest results from YouGov's HEAT (Household Economic Activity Tracker) index. (Yougov)

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241-12 **Eurobarometer: Political Attitudes Towards Robots (Multi-country survey)**

(Click for Details)

A quarter of EU citizens are 'very interested' in scientific discoveries and technological developments and half are 'moderately' interested, although the proportion expressing strong interest ranges from 9% in the Czech Republic to 43% in Cyprus and depends on age, education and occupation. The image that EU citizens

have of a robot is more likely to be that of an instrument-like machine than that of a human-like machine but in Malta, Cyprus, Spain and Bulgaria both correspond equally well to people's idea of robots. (TNS Opinion & Social)

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EUROBAROMETER

AMERICAS

► NORTH AMERICA

241-13 **Majority in U.S. Still Say Government Doing Too Much** ([Click for Details](#))

(US) A majority of Americans (54%) continue to believe the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses, although that is down from the record high of 61% earlier this summer. About four in 10 Americans (39%) say the government should do more to solve the nation's problems. ([Gallup USA](#))

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241-14 **Congress' Approval Poised to Be Lowest in an Election Year** ([Click for Details](#))

(US) Thirteen percent of Americans approve of the job Congress is doing, the lowest Gallup has measured this late in an election year. The prior lows were 18% in 1992, 2008, and 2010. ([Gallup USA](#))

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241-15 **Married Voters Strongly Back Romney** ([Click for Details](#))

(US) Married registered voters prefer Republican challenger Mitt Romney over Democratic President Barack Obama by 54% to 39%, according to Gallup data collected from June to August. On the other hand, nonmarried voters break strongly for the president over Romney, 56% to 35%. Marriage is a significant predictor of presidential vote choice even after income, age, race, gender, education, religiosity, region, and having minor children are statistically controlled for. ([Gallup USA](#))

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241-16 **A Third of Americans Now Say They Are in the Lower Classes** ([Click for Details](#))

(US) The percentage of Americans who say they are in the lower-middle or lower class has risen from a quarter of the adult population to about a third in the past four years, according to a national survey of 2,508 adults by the Pew Research Center. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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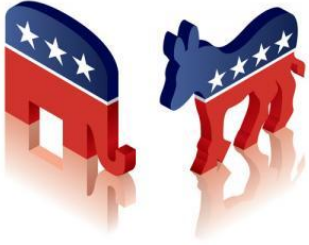
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241-17 **Uncommitted Voters in Battleground States Review Convention Speeches** ([Click for Details](#))

(US) Obama gets more voters to say they are likely to support him, but Romney sees his likeability improve with one-in-four clip watchers. While Mitt Romney managed to improve his image among uncommitted voters after his convention speech, Barack Obama elicited a more positive emotional response with his own address, a new poll by Angus Reid Public Opinion has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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241-18 **Democrats Pull Even With Republicans as Better on Terrorism** (Click for Details)

(US) The Democratic and Republican parties are tied at 45% in Americans' perceptions of which major party would do the better job of protecting the U.S. from international terrorism and military threats. Since 2002, the only other times that Republicans have not led on this measure were in 2006 and 2007, possibly due to public concerns about the Iraq war. (Gallup USA)

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241-19 **U.S. Satisfaction Up to 30%, Highest in Three Years** (Click for Details)

(US) Thirty percent of Americans are satisfied with the way things are going in the United States. Although low in an absolute sense, the current satisfaction level is the highest Gallup has measured since August 2009 (36%). A year ago, satisfaction stood at 11%. (Gallup USA)

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► LATIN AMERICA

241-20 **Brazilian shows sensitive general conditions of the country** (Click for Details)

(Brazil) The majority of the Brazilian population in major metropolitan areas of the country demonstrates at least three national challenges. According to the study Target Group Index, IBOPE Media, respondents are aware of the main issues for the Brazil development in economic, social and educational spheres. (Ibope)

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4.13 Society » Social Problems

► AUSTRALASIA

241-21 **Australia's Gillard climbs back in polls a year from elections** (Click for Details)

(Australia) Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard is climbing back into contention for the next general election, still about 12 months away, with two new opinion polls showing a boost for her Labor Party government. (Nielson/Newspoll)

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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

241-22 **What the Muslim world really thinks of America** (Click for Details)

Only a tiny number of people have attacked American embassies across the Arab world; but an international study conducted shortly before the attacks finds that the US has a poor reputation among many millions of people who have not played – and, one hopes, never would play – any part in such violence. (Yougov)

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2.7 Foreign Affairs & Security » Muslim World

241-23 **Experts Using Sustainability Ratings for Information, Not Action** ([Click for Details](#))

The survey reveals that many ratings are not widely recognised, even among those working in the sustainability field, and some ratings that are recognised suffer from significant credibility problems. Perhaps most concerning of all is that ratings aren't used that often, and when they are it is mainly just for information: ratings rarely influence actions, including investment decisions. ([Globescan](#))

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Topic of the week:

Deepening Economic Doubts in India

- 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.

Strong Support for Improving Relations with Pakistan

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The economic euphoria in India over the last few years, inspired by the country's seemingly inevitable march toward double-digit growth, has suddenly soured. Although still relatively upbeat compared with many other countries, the Indian public's confidence in their country's direction and future economic growth has declined significantly compared with just a year ago. In a world where the Americans, the Europeans and even the Chinese have reason to worry about their economies, it is the Indians who have lost the greatest faith in their economic fortunes.

Indians today are mixed in their assessment of their national economy: 49% say the economy is in good shape, while 45% describe the economy as bad. A year ago opinion was more upbeat, with a 56%-majority saying the national economy was doing well, compared with 43% who disagreed. Despite this decline, Indians remain more positive about current economic conditions than populations in most of the 17 countries surveyed in both 2011 and 2012 by the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project. And Indians are more optimistic about their economy's trajectory over the next year than many of the publics surveyed in both years (*for more, see ["Pervasive Gloom about the World Economy,"](#) released July 12, 2012*).



Among Major Economies, Indian Pessimism Stands Out

	Satisfied with country direction			Current economic conditions are good			Economy will improve in next 12 months		
	2011	2012	Change	2011	2012	Change	2011	2012	Change
	%	%		%	%		%	%	
India	51	38	-13	56	49	-7	60	45	-15
Brazil	52	43	-9	54	65	+11	79	84	+5
China	85	82	-3	88	83	-5	84	83	-1
EU*	30	30	0	17	19	+2	30	25	-5
U.S.	21	29	+8	18	31	+13	42	52	+10
MEDIAN**	32	34	+2	29	29	0	34	31	-3

*Median percentages for EU include Britain, France, Germany, Spain and Poland.

**Median percentages for the 17 countries surveyed in 2011 and 2012, including India.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q2, Q14 & Q15.

Nevertheless, the trend line in India conveys a more troubling story. Just 38% of Indians are satisfied with the way things are going in the country – a 13 percentage point decline since last year. This is among the largest drops in national contentment across the countries surveyed in 2011 and 2012.

Meanwhile, the proportion of Indians who think current economic conditions are good is down seven percentage points from 2011. And only 45% of Indians think their economy will improve over the next 12 months. Such optimism has declined 15 points since 2011, again the largest falloff among the 17 nations with comparable data.

A year ago, Indians' economic mood trailed that in China, bested that in Europe and the United States, and was comparable to that in Brazil. Today, Indians' evaluation of their current national economic situation trails that in China by 34 percentage points and Brazil by 16 points. And Indian optimism about the next year lags behind that in Brazil by 39 points and China by 38 points. Indian satisfaction with the direction of the country is descending toward that in Europe and the United States and hope for the future has been surpassed by that in America.

Contrary to their view of the health and future of the national economy, nearly two-in-three Indians (64%) say their personal finances are good. This level of personal contentment is higher than in 14 of the other 20 countries surveyed in 2012.

Richer Indians Particularly Upbeat

	High income	Middle income	Low income	High-low gap
	%	%	%	
Good personal economic situation	77	63	52	+25
People better off in free market economy	71	63	50	+21
Standard of living better than parents at same age	76	66	61	+15
Good national economic situation	55	51	41	+14
Economy will improve over next 12 months	52	45	39	+13
Better off financially compared to five years ago	56	53	43	+13
Most people can succeed if work hard	74	62	64	+10
Easy for young person to get better job/become wealthier than parents	37	28	28	+9

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q4, Q14, Q15, Q18, Q20, Q26, Q64b & Q84.

But Indians are not terribly optimistic about their children's economic prospects. About two-thirds (66%) think it will be difficult for their kids to get a better job or become wealthier than the current generation. Such

pessimism is relative, however. Among the 21 nations surveyed, people in 17 countries are even more glum about their children's futures.

Not all Indians are downbeat. By a margin of 25 percentage points, higher-income Indians are more satisfied than lower-income Indians with their personal economic situation. Richer Indians are more likely than lower-income Indians, by 13 points, to say they are better off than they were five years ago. And by nine points, they are more likely to say that their children can do better financially than themselves.

These differences by income group are generally greater in India than those found in Brazil, China or Turkey, three other emerging market economies surveyed. And they exist at a time when roughly seven-in-ten (72%) Indians say the gap between the rich and the poor is a very big national problem.

India and the World

Urban Indians Favorable Toward U.S. and Obama

% Favorable view of...	Total	Urban	Rural
	%	%	%
U.S.	41	58	34
Americans	42	57	36
Russia	30	48	22
EU	21	38	14
China	23	33	20
Iran	19	28	14
Pakistan	13	14	13
<i>...And favor Obama</i>			
Confidence in Obama	41	60	34
Back Obama re-election*	67	71	64

*Based on those following the U.S. election closely.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q8a-d, Q8e-f, Q8u, Q9, Q10 & Q40a.

India's relations with the rest of the world, especially its neighbors Pakistan, China and Iran, are increasingly important in the realm of geopolitics. But for many Indians, especially those who live in rural areas, the outside world is simply not part of their daily consciousness. Large portions of the rural population have no definite opinion about other countries, foreign leaders or international policy issues.

City dwellers are more globally aware. A 58%-majority is favorably disposed toward the United States and they see America in a more favorable light than they view other major world powers, such as Russia (48%) or the EU (38%). About seven-in-ten city dwellers (71%) who say they are following the U.S. election closely want U.S. president Barack Obama to be re-elected.

Only a third of urban Indians have a favorable view of China. And those who say that China's growing economic influence is bad for India are more likely to describe relations between the two countries as hostile.



There is little support among urban Indians for Iran (28%), and about half (52%) oppose Tehran obtaining nuclear weapons. Among those who oppose Iran acquiring nuclear arms, a 62%-majority favors tougher economic sanctions to prevent this possibility, and 69% believe it is important to keep Iran from acquiring a nuclear arsenal even if that means taking military action.

**No Love for Pakistan,
Desire to Get Closer**

	2012
	%
Fav. view of Pakistan	13
Important to improve India-Pakistan relations	70
Good to increase India-Pakistan trade	64
Important to resolve Kashmir dispute	77
Favor further talks	58

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q8u, Q27, Q88d, Q89 & Q90.

Pakistan is a neuralgic concern for Indians. Just 13% of all Indians have a positive view of their neighbor. Nevertheless, seven-in-ten overall think it is important to improve relations, including through resolution of the Kashmir dispute (77%), increased trade (64%) and further negotiations (58%).

Notably, Indians and Pakistanis share an animosity toward each other. But both want their bilateral relations to improve.

These are among the key findings from a survey by the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project, conducted in 21 countries, including India. Interviews were conducted among 26,210 respondents worldwide, including 4,018 in India, from March 17 to April 20, 2012.

Also of Note

- Indians are divided in their views of 21st-century life: 49% like the pace of modern life, while 52% complain that their traditional way of life is getting lost. Roughly eight-in-ten (79%) want to shield their traditional culture from globalization.
- Two of every three Indians believe most people can succeed if they are willing to work hard.
- About half of Indians (53%) surveyed believe that it is more important for Indian society that everyone be free to pursue their life's goals without government interference rather than the state playing an active role in guaranteeing that nobody is in need (25%).
- Roughly six-in-ten Indians (61%) think most people are better off in a free market economy, even though some are rich and some are poor.

Source: <http://www.pewglobal.org/2012/09/10/deepening-economic-doubts-in-india/?src=prc-newsletter>

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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

