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Asia zone

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

► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA



243-1 **Mixed News for The Palestinian Authority** ([Click for Details](#))

([Palestine](#)) Mixed news for the PA: satisfaction with Abbas, Fateh, and Fayyad are down, positive evaluation of conditions in the West Bank is lower than positive evaluation of conditions in the Gaza Strip, and three quarters believe protests in the West Bank will continue and escalate, but about 70% side with Abbas in opposing return to negotiations before Israel freezes settlement construction and accepts the 1967 lines with swaps as a base for negotiations and almost three quarters support a UN bid seeking international recognition of

Palestinian Statehood. ([PSR](#))

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243-2 **Jordanians Have Mixed Views about The Direction of Their Country** ([Click for Details](#))

([Jordan](#)) Jordanians are divided over the direction in which their country is headed, with 43 percent believing Jordan is headed in the right direction, and 45 percent saying the country is headed in the wrong direction.

([IRI](#))

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243-3 **IRI Survey Explores Syrian Opposition Visions For Post-Assad Syria** ([Click for Details](#))

([Syria](#)) The Syrian opposition exhibits considerable respect for minority rights, is largely secular-minded and amicable to Western nations, indicate recent survey by IRI. The release of these questions covering Syrian opposition views on democratic models represents a second and final wave of results from a survey IRI released on August 17, 2012. ([IRI](#))

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► WEST ASIA

243-4 **Turkish Political Attitudes Survey** ([Click for Details](#))

([Turkey](#)) Despite support for AKP leadership, Turks are divided on the direction of the county. Almost half of Turks are satisfied with the state of their lives however, around the same believe that the country is headed in the wrong direction. Abdullah Gul is still the top choice for the office of the President in 2014 elections followed by Erdogan. ([Metropoll](#))



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243-5 **Pakistani Views About Presidential Elections in America** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Pakistan) According to a recent survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 13% of Pakistanis would vote for Obama if they were to vote in American Elections; 9% for his opponent Romney. Most (47%) would vote for neither or say it makes no difference. **(Gallup Pakistan)**

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[2.6 Foreign Affairs & Security » US image](#)

► SOUTHEAST ASIA

243-6 **Families rating themselves as Mahirap or Poor eased to 47%** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Philippines) The Third Quarter 2012 Social Weather Survey, fielded over August 24-27, 2012, found that 47% (estimated 9.5 million) families consider themselves as Mahirap or Poor, 4 points below the 51% (estimated 10.3 million) in May 2012. **(SWS)**

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► NORTHEAST ASIA



243-7 **Low Wellbeing Damaging Corporate Hong Kong** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Hong Kong) Fewer than one in four (23%) Hong Kong workers rate their lives well enough to be considered "thriving" -- one of the lowest levels among all developed Asian economies Gallup surveyed in 2011. **(Gallup USA)**

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Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE

243-8 **Banks critical to UK economic growth** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UK) Nearly eight in 10 people in Britain believe that banks are critical to getting the UK economy growing again, but an equal proportion (80%) say that the Barclay's Libor scandal is symptomatic of a widespread problem of ethics in the UK banking industry, according to a YouGov study. **(Yougov)**

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

243-9 **Labour increases its lead on healthcare and education** (Click for Details)

(UK) The public see the Conservative Party as having the best policies on managing the economy (5 point lead over Labour), crime and anti-social behaviour (10 point lead), and asylum and immigration (7 point lead), according to the latest poll from Ipsos MORI. (Ipsos MORI)

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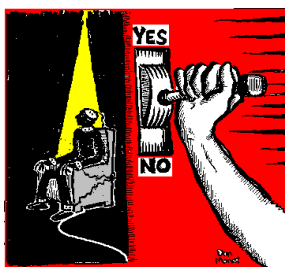
243-10 **UK: Israeli Boycott Poll** (Click for Details)

(UK) A plurality (37%) of Britons support British actors, dancers and musicians performing in Israel, but a considerable percentage (27%) are also in favour of British entertainers boycotting the country, according to our poll commissioned by the Jewish Chronicle. (Yougov)

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243-11 **Two Thirds of Britons Would Bring Back Capital Punishment** (Click for Details)

(UK) Most respondents who support the death penalty believe it would serve as a deterrent for potential murderers. The views of people in Britain on capital punishment have not changed over the past year, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. (Angus Reid)

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243-12 **EU: Social Climate (Eurobarometer)** (Click for Details)

(EU) Europeans are broadly neutral in their overall perception of the current situation. The EU social climate index, which takes into account views on personal circumstances, the national picture and social protection and inclusion, is -0.8 in 2012, slightly lower than the 2011 index (-0.6) and those recorded in 2009 and 2010 (both -0.7). (TNS Opinion & Social)

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AMERICAS

► **NORTH AMERICA**

243-13 **In Changing News Landscape, Even Television is Vulnerable** (Click for Details)

(US) The transformation of the nation's news landscape has already taken a heavy toll on print news sources, particularly print newspapers. But there are now signs that television news – which so far has held onto its audience through the rise of the internet – also is increasingly vulnerable, as it may be losing its hold on the next generation of news consumers. (Pew Research Center)

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243-14 **How people get local news and information in different communities** (Click for Details)

(US) From large urban areas to rural communities, Americans often report similarly high levels of interest in news. Still, a national survey shows that community differences emerge in the number and variety of local news sources people use in different types of communities, as well as their degree of "local news participation" through social media and their mobile news consumption. (Pew Research Center)

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243-15 **A Record One-in-Five Households Now Owe Student Loan Debt** (Click for Details)

(US) About one out of five (19%) of the nation's households owed student debt in 2010, more than double the share two decades earlier and a significant rise from the 15% that owed such debt in 2007, just prior to the onset of the Great Recession, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of newly available government data. (Pew Research Center)

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243-16 **In U.S., Trust in State, Local Governments Up** (Click for Details)

(US) Americans' trust in their state and local governments has increased this year, with 74% expressing a great deal or fair amount of trust in local government and 65% in state government. Trust in state government has now essentially returned to levels seen before the financial crisis, after falling to as low as 51% in 2009. (Gallup USA)

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243-17 **Americans Trust Judicial Branch Most, Legislative Least** (Click for Details)

(US) Americans trust the judicial branch most and the legislative least of the three branches of government, with trust in the executive branch falling in between these two. Trust in all three branches is up slightly this year, but from a longer-term perspective, the legislative branch has lost by far the most trust over the last 10 years. (Gallup USA)

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243-18 **More Americans Trust Government's Handling of Problems** (Click for Details)

(US) Americans' trust in Washington, D.C., to handle international problems is up sharply compared with this time last year, and is now the highest in Gallup trends since the start of the Iraq war in 2003. Two-thirds of Americans say they have a "great deal" (18%) or "fair amount" (48%) of trust in the federal government when it comes to handling international problems, vs. 57% last September, whereas a third have "not very much" trust or "none at all." (Gallup USA)

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243-19 **Americans' Preference Shifts Towards One-Party Government** (Click for Details)

(US) A record-high 38% of Americans prefer that the same party control the presidency and Congress, while a record-low 23% say it would be better if the president and Congress were from different parties and 33% say

it doesn't make any difference. While Americans tend to lean toward one-party government over divided government in presidential election years, this year finds the biggest gap in preferences for the former over the latter and is a major shift in views from one year ago. ([Gallup USA](#))

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243-20 **Obama Approval, Vote Support Both Reach 50% or Better** ([Click for Details](#))

(US) President Barack Obama's job approval rating has been 50% or higher in each of the last four Gallup Daily tracking figures, including a 51% rating in the latest three-day rolling average, from Sept. 23-25. This nearly matches the level of approval for Obama that Gallup found at the end of the Democratic National Convention earlier this month. His approval then dipped into the 40s by mid-month before rebounding to 51% late last week. ([Gallup USA](#))

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243-21 **When Americans Use Their Strengths More, They Stress Less** ([Click for Details](#))

(US) The more hours per day Americans get to use their strengths to do what they do best, the less likely they are to report experiencing worry, stress, anger, sadness, or physical pain "yesterday." Fifty-two percent of Americans who use their strengths for zero to three hours a day are stressed, but this falls to 36% for Americans who use their strengths for 10 hours per day or more. ([Gallup USA](#))

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243-22 **Pluralities Say Press is Fair to Romney, Obama** ([Click for Details](#))

(US) There is no public consensus when it comes to how the presidential candidates are being covered by the news media. Nearly half (46%) say the coverage of Romney has been fair, while among those who see a bias as many say the press has been too easy on the GOP nominee (20%) as too tough on him (21%). The same percentage (46%) says coverage of Obama has also been fair. However, nearly twice as many say press coverage of the president has been too easy (28%) than too tough (15%). ([Pew Research Center](#))

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243-23 **Party Divide Still Evident in Supreme Court Job Approval** ([Click for Details](#))

(US) As the Supreme Court returns to work on Oct. 1, sharp partisan divisions in its job approval rating -- which initially emerged after the court upheld the 2010 healthcare law -- remain. Currently, 57% of Democrats approve, while a similar percentage of Republicans, 56%, disapprove. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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243-24 **Americans Satisfied with Obama's Decision to Withdraw Troops from Iraq** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(US) Adults in the United States continue to hold contradictory views on the Iraq War, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Respondents remain divided on whether launching the military effort in 2003 was the correct decision. ([Angus Reid](#))

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243-25 **One-in-Four Canadians Say Harper is Worst Prime Minister Since 1968** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Canada) While Pierre Trudeau is still regarded as the best Prime Minister of Canada since 1968, animosity towards the current head of the federal government has grown markedly since last year, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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243-26 **Little Appetite in U.S. for More Gov't Regulation of Business** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(US) Americans say there is too much (47%) rather than too little (26%) government regulation of business and industry, with 24% saying the amount of regulation is about right. Americans have been most likely to say there is too much regulation of business over the last several years, but prior to 2006, Americans' views on the issue of government regulation of business were more mixed. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► LATIN AMERICA



243-27 **Bike is half of daily transportation for 2% of the population of São Paulo** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Brazil) The streets of Sao Paulo, circulate daily about 174 thousand people use the bicycle as their primary means of transport. The number represents approximately 2% of the population of the city. The data is from "world car free day", promoted by IBOPE intelligence, in partnership with Our Network. The other 5% of the population uses the bike almost every day and 25%, from time to time. However, the vast majority of people (68%) never makes use of the vehicle. ([Ibope](#))

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243-28 **Air pollution worries more than nine out of ten people** (Click for Details)

(Brazil) Air pollution is considered a serious problem by 95% of residents of São Paulo. This is what points the research "world car free day", promoted by IBOPE intelligence, in partnership with Our Network. (Ibope) September 24, 2012

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► AUSTRALASIA

243-29 **Home is where the beer is** (Click for Details)

(New Zealand) Approximately 1.5 million New Zealanders aged 18+ drink beer in an average four week period and are more likely to do so in a private home than at a licensed venue, according to the latest findings from Roy Morgan Research for the 12 months to June 2012. (Roy Morgan)

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243-30 **National Geographic Explores the World of Green Consumers** (Click for Details)

A new global analysis released by the National Geographic Society finds that Canadian consumers rank 16th out of 17 countries surveyed in sustainable behavior. Canadian consumers are less likely than most to feel "guilty about the impact" they have on the environment (24% feel guilty), yet they are near the top in believing their individual choices could make a difference (only 22% believe there is little that individuals can do to make a difference). (Globescan)

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Topic of the week:

IRI Survey Explores Syrian Opposition Visions For Post-Assad Syria

- 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.



September 21, 2012

Washington, DC – The Syrian opposition exhibits considerable respect for minority rights, is largely secular-minded and amicable to Western nations, indicate recent **survey by IRI**. The release of these questions covering Syrian opposition views on democratic models represents a second and final wave of results from a **survey IRI released on August 17, 2012**. Fieldwork was conducted from June 1 - July 2, 2012, and was undertaken in cooperation with international survey research firm **Pechter**

Polls of Princeton, NJ (P3).

Given security considerations, the survey was conducted electronically using a referral, or “snowball” method, rather than through strictly random selection of respondents, as would be done in a public opinion poll. To achieve broader representation, key individuals (or channels) were used to initiate the referral chain, ultimately reaching a sample of 1,168 opposition members, approximately 315 of whom were inside Syria. Margin of error is not strictly applicable to this survey because of the non-random selection of respondents.

Key findings:

- When asked to rate countries based on the desirability of their internal political models, France, the United States and Turkey all scored highest earning averages of 5.45, 5.35 and 5.33 out of seven respectively. Iraq and Iran achieved the lowest ratings with 1.65 and 1.26 respectively.
- The survey demonstrated opposition support of measures that would prevent future discrimination against minorities including Kurds (5.04/7) and Alawites (4.69/7).
- More generally, when asked if police and government officials should protect all individuals equally regardless of background, respondents very strongly agreed averaging 6.7 out of seven.
- Regarding religion's place in the constitution and public life, respondents exhibited the most support a system that respectfully acknowledges religion but gives no priority to any specific religious viewpoint, with this model scoring 5.23 out of seven. It should be noted that results were not unanimous on this point, with the second most popular model being a constitution based on Islam (4.43/7).



Source: <http://www.iri.org/news-events-press-center/news/iri-survey-explores-syrian-opposition-visions-post-assad-syria>

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 6,535 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: \simeq 178 during the period 2007-2012
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \simeq 347 during the period 2007-2012

