

# Gallopedia

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Topic of the week-  
**WORLD'S MOST  
PRESSING  
PROBLEM IN  
2013**



Countries are represented in blue; Polling organizations are represented in pink. For reference to source of each poll clicks to detail are provided in the text



## Africa zone

▶ WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA;  
SOUTHERN AFRICA

### ▶ SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

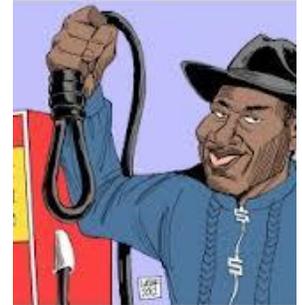
269-1 **57% of Nigerians buy petrol above the official N97 per litre** (Click for Details)

(Nigeria) A recent poll of Nigerians shows that 57% of Nigerians have bought Petrol above the official price of N97 within a range of N100 –N130 per litre. This disparity is particularly seen in cities outside Lagos and Abuja. 70% of the South East Consumers buy their product from Independents not Major marketers; lastly 54% of Nigerians have attributed the huge disparity in the price to non-monitoring of the filling stations by the government. (NOI)

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## Euro Americas zone

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

### EUROPE

#### ▶ EAST EUROPE

269-2 **Ban on Foreign Accounts and Securities for Officials** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Most of Russians are aware of the presidential initiative to prohibit Russian officials dealing with national security issues from holding foreign bank accounts and bonds (69%). Most of them (52%) are informed in general, and 17% are well informed. The electorate supported the initiative of the president to prohibit high-ranking officials from having foreign bank accounts and bonds. (VCIOM)

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#### ▶ WEST EUROPE



269-3 **Race/immigration is now the second highest issue of concern to Britons** (Click for Details)

(UK) In anticipation of George Osborne's fourth budget our Economist/Ipsos MORI Issues Index, conducted in the first two weeks of March shows that the economy remains the most important issue facing Britain today; half of the public (52%) mention this issue, as has been the case since January. (Ipsos Mori)

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269-4 **Parents question education policies** ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) After almost three years in power, only 8% of parents believe that the government has made a positive impact on the education system. This compares to a plurality (44%) that thinks the Coalition has made a negative impact and a third (33%) that thinks it has made no difference. (YouGov)

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269-5 **Euro opinion on Easter (Multi-country survey)** ([Click for Details](#))

Despite Easter being the most important Christian festival, which commemorates the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, most Christians in Britain and several European countries surveyed by YouGov will not be attending church services over the Easter weekend. (YouGov)

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269-6 **Cyprus Residents' Outlook Already Bleak before Bank Crisis** ([Click for Details](#))

(Cyprus) Even before the banking crisis, Cyprus residents' confidence in their banks plummeted, falling to 37% in 2012 from 58% in 2011. (Gallup USA)

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## AMERICAS

### ► NORTH AMERICA

269-7 **Americans Say UN is needed, but Doubt its Effectiveness** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Two-thirds of Americans believe the United Nations plays a necessary role in the world today, unchanged from the last measurement in 2005 but lower than what Gallup found in 1997, when the U.N. was conducting weapons inspections in Iraq. (Gallup USA)

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269-8 **Most Say Illegal Immigrants Should Be Allowed to Stay, but Citizenship is more Divisive** ([Click for Details](#))

A new survey finds that seven-in-ten Americans (71%) say there should be a way for people in the United States illegally to remain in this country if they meet certain requirements, while 27% say they should not be allowed to stay legally. Most who favor providing illegal immigrants with some form of legal status —43% of the public — say they should be allowed to apply for citizenship, but 24% of the public says they should only be

allowed to apply for legal residency. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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269-9 **Supreme Court's Favorable Rating Still at Historic Low** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) As the Supreme Court prepares to hear arguments on two same-sex marriage cases, and with several other high-profile cases on its docket, the court's favorability rating remains close to an all-time low. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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269-10 **U.S. Christians' Views on the Return of Christ** ([Click for Details](#))

Easter is one of the most important religious holidays of the year for many Christians – a time to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to a 2010 Pew Research Center survey, roughly half (48%) of Christians in the U.S. say they believe that Christ will definitely (27%) or probably (20%) return to earth in the next 40 years. Somewhat fewer (38%) say this definitely will not happen (10%) or probably will not happen (28%). ([Pew Research Center](#))

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269-11 **D.C. Metro Area Again Leads U.S. in Economic Confidence** ([Click for Details](#))

Residents of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area expressed the most confidence in the U.S. economy among the largest 50 metro areas in 2012, as they did in 2011. The D.C. metro area had a Gallup Economic Confidence Index score of 5 in 2012, up from -20 in 2011. Three of the 50 largest metro areas had positive scores on the Gallup Economic Index last year, while none had positive scores in 2011. Residents of Jacksonville, Fla., had the lowest economic confidence of this group in 2012, with a score of -28, followed closely by residents of Riverside, Calif. ([Gallup USA](#))

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269-12 **U.S. Teachers Love Their Lives, but Struggle in the Workplace**

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Teachers in the United States rate their lives better than all other occupation groups, trailing only physicians. They have an average Life Evaluation Index score of 68.8, besting workers in most other types of jobs, including managers and executives, nurses, and business owners.

([Gallup USA](#))

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269-13 **Americans Want More Emphasis on Solar, Wind, Natural Gas** ([Click for Details](#))

No fewer than two in three Americans want the U.S. to put more emphasis on producing domestic energy using solar power (76%), wind (71%), and natural gas (65%). Far fewer want to emphasize the production of oil (46%) and the use of nuclear power (37%). Least favored is coal, with about one in three Americans wanting to prioritize its domestic production. ([Gallup USA](#))

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269-14 **Gov't Budget, Healthcare Join Economy as Top U.S. Concerns** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans' prime worries when it comes to the nation's problems today are the economy, followed by federal spending/the deficit, healthcare, and gas prices. Majorities of Americans report worrying "a great deal" about each of these, ranging from 68% for the economy to 55% for gas prices. Additionally, 50% worry a great deal about unemployment and Social Security. ([Gallup USA](#))

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269-15 **U.S. Economic Confidence Heads Back Down** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Americans' confidence in the economy stalled out last week, with the Gallup Economic Confidence Index dropping slightly to -16 after registering improvements for two straight weeks. ([Gallup USA](#))

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269-16 **In U.S., Far Fewer Say Temperatures Are Warmer Than Usual** ([Click for Details](#))

Well under half of Americans (34%) think that temperatures in their local area have been warmer than usual this winter -- compared with 79% who reported warmer temperatures last year. The rest say temperatures have been the same (45%) or colder than usual (19%). The majority of those who perceive warmer temperatures say the change is due to global warming, while last year the majority said it reflected normal variations. ([Gallup USA](#))

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269-17 **In U.S., 65% Support Drone Attacks on Terrorists Abroad** ([Click for Details](#))

Nearly two-thirds of Americans (65%) think the U.S. government should use drones to launch airstrikes in other countries against suspected terrorists. Americans are, however, much less likely to say the U.S. should use drones to launch airstrikes in other countries against U.S. citizens living abroad who are suspected terrorists (41%); to launch airstrikes in the U.S. against suspected terrorists living here (25%); and to launch airstrikes in the U.S. against U.S. citizens living here who are suspected terrorists (13%). ([Gallup USA](#))

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269-18 **Canadians See Slowdown in Housing Market as Fewer Are 'Likely' to Purchase a Home in Next Two Years** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(Canada\)](#) Many Canadians are taking a wait-and-see approach to home-buying in 2013, especially those entering the housing market for the first time, according to a new survey conducted by Ipsos Reid on behalf of RBC. [\(Ipsos Reid\)](#)

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► **AUSTRALASIA**

269-19 **Thank heavens for Easter!** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(Australia\)](#) As Easter approaches, the perennial question arises: has the holiday's religious significance been lost in a wave of commercialisation? Admittedly, all those brightly-wrapped chocolate eggs and bunnies can be a distraction from the fact that Easter is the most important date in the Christian calendar. But as the latest research from Roy Morgan reveals, Christians (who comprise 57.1% of the Australian population) consume and purchase just as much — if not a little bit more — chocolate as anybody else. [\(Roy Morgan\)](#)

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269-20 **Kiwis' incomes up (but Australians' up more)** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(New Zealand\)](#) The average personal income of New Zealanders may have risen steadily in the past decade but it falls well short of the Australian boom, the latest New Zealand State of the Nation report from Roy Morgan Research reveals. [\(Roy Morgan\)](#)

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## Topic of the week:

### Supreme Court's Favorable Rating Still at Historic Low

► 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.

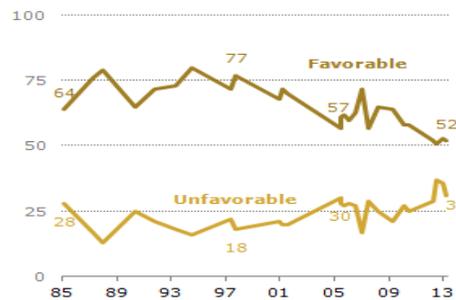
#### Few Conservatives View the Roberts Court as Conservative

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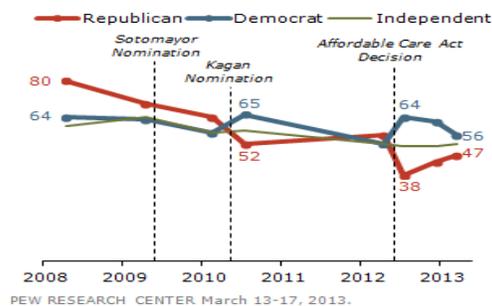


As the Supreme Court prepares to hear arguments on two same-sex marriage cases, and with several other high-profile cases on its docket, the court's favorability rating remains close to an all-time low.

Supreme Court's Favorable Rating Little Changed



Partisan Divide in Favorable View of Supreme Court



A national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted March 13-17 among 1,501 adults, finds that 52% view the court favorably, while 31% view it unfavorably. Those ratings have changed only modestly since last July, shortly after the court's ruling to uphold most of the Affordable Care Act.

Republicans' views of the court, which tumbled 18 points following the court's ruling on the health care law, have rebounded somewhat in the current survey. Nearly half of Republicans (47%) have a favorable



opinion of the Supreme Court, up from 38% last July, but still lower than the 56% who viewed the court positively prior to its decision on the health care law.

By contrast, Democrats' impressions of the court have slipped since last July, from 64% to 56%. Independents' views of the court have changed little during this period. About half of independents (52%) continue to have a favorable impression of the court.

### Little Agreement on Supreme Court's Ideological Leanings

The public continues to have mixed perceptions of the Supreme Court's ideology. A plurality (40%) now say the court is middle of the road, while 24% say it is liberal and about the same share (22%) says it is conservative.

#### More Conservatives View the Court as Liberal; More Liberals View It as Conservative

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	Conser- vative %	Middle of the road %	Liberal %	DK %	
Total	22	40	24	14=100	1501
Conservative Rep	9	39	45	8=100	289
Mod/Liberal Rep	15	45	29	11=100	127
Independent	22	41	24	13=100	498
Conserv/Mod Dem	26	45	13	17=100	290
Liberal Democrat	48	31	15	6=100	178

PEW RESEARCH CENTER March 13-17, 2013. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

But conservative Republicans and liberal Democrats have very different impressions of the ideology of the Roberts Court. About as many conservative Republicans say the Supreme Court is liberal (45%) as middle of the road (39%). Very few conservative Republicans, just 9%, say the court is conservative.

Nearly half of liberal Democrats (48%) say the Supreme Court is conservative; 31% say it is middle of the road and just 15% view the court's ideology as liberal. Both overall public views of the court's ideology as well as the partisan and ideological differences in those views are little changed since 2012.

Source: <http://www.people-press.org/2013/03/25/supreme-courts-favorable-rating-still-at-historic-low/>

## Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2013)

### A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 – January 2013

#### KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*):  $\approx$  6,805 polls during the period 2007-2013
- 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 2007-2013
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited:  $\approx$  358 during the period 2007-2013

