

# Gallopedia

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## Who are we?

*Gilani's Gallopedia* is a weekly digest of opinions in a globalized world. It provides a one window access to Global Opinion Polls on a weekly basis. It is produced by a team of researchers led by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, and is a not for profit public service. It is co-edited by Mohammad Zubair and Sara Salam.

Our name reflects the rapid pace at which global polls are brought to the community of pollsters and other interested readers. Gilani's Gallopedia is not related to any polling agency and makes its selection from any publically available poll based on its relevance to our reader's interests. Over the years it has reported polls conducted by over 350 agencies and institutions.

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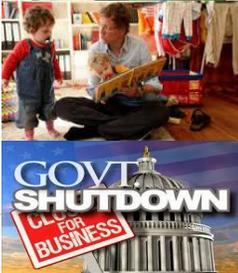
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## Asia zone

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

### ► MIDDLE EAST

296-1 **Half of Palestinians Support Negotiations with Israel** (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) A recent poll shows that half (50.3%) of Palestinians, support resumption of the peace negotiations with Israel. However, they apprehend a third intifada if the process fails. ([PCPO](#))

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296-2 **Syrians, Iraqis Least Positive Worldwide (Multi-country survey)** (Click for Details)

([Syria](#)) People in Syria and Iraq are the least likely in the world to report experiencing positive emotions, while those who live in Paraguay, Venezuela, Panama, Costa Rica, Colombia, and Kuwait are among the most positive. Regionally, Latin Americans continue to report the highest positive emotions in the world and those in the Middle East report the lowest. ([Gallup USA](#))

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### ► SOUTHEAST ASIA

296-3 **70% are hopeful of a peace agreement between government and MILF; 35% expect it during PNoy's term** (Click for Details)

([Philippines](#)) The Second Quarter 2013 Social Weather Survey, conducted from June 28-30, 2013, found 70% hopeful (%very hopeful and % somewhat hopeful) of a peace agreement between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). ([SWS](#))

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## Africa zone

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

### ► SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

296-4 **Independence Day Special Poll Release** (Click for Details)

([Nigeria](#)) In this Independence Day Special Edition Poll, results of the poll have revealed that an overwhelming majority of Nigerians (94%) say they are truly proud of the Nation, because it is “My Father-land” (64%) and “We are blessed with natural resources” (16%). Also, Employment Creation (22%), Corruption (18%), Education (18%), Electricity (17%) and Security (9%) were identified as the five most important issues that need to be addressed in



the next 1 year. (NOI)

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## Euro Americas zone

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

### ▶ WEST EUROPE

296-5 **Portuguese Trust in Banks Most Buoyant of Bailout Countries** (*Multi-country survey*) ([Click for Details](#))

([Portugal](#)) Portuguese confidence in their country's banking and financial institutions have remained relatively intact compared with attitudes in other eurozone countries that received bailouts. While trust in banks continues to erode in Cyprus and Spain, trust in Portugal remains stable, at 40%, and on par with bailout funder Germany. ([Gallup USA](#))

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296-6 **Ipsos MORI survey of Transport Journalists 2013** ([Click for Details](#))

([UK](#)) Results from Ipsos MORI's 2013 survey of transport journalists shows that Boris Johnson and Patrick McLoughlin are currently tied as the country's 'most impressive spokesperson' on transport. Both have 12% of transport journalists rating them as the top spokesperson this year. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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296-7 **Most people now don't have a 'local'** ([Click for Details](#))

There were over 17,000 fewer pubs in 2011 than in 1982 in the UK, and 26 pubs now close across Britain every week. Despite the outsider view that the Great British pub is "still the centre of social life in England" (according to the Lonely Planet guide) new YouGov research finds that the British public are mostly now without a 'local'. ([YouGov](#))

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296-8 **Scots unaware of Glasgow 2014 sponsors** ([Click for Details](#))

New YouGov research reveals that almost three quarters (73%) of Scottish adults could not identify a single official sponsor of the event and almost eight in ten (79%) could not identify a single one of the official supporters. ([YouGov](#))

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296-9 **Parents: This is 'golden age' of children's books** (Click for Details)

Over three-quarters of parents think this is a 'golden age' of children's books, but many also want their kids to enjoy classics and favourites from their own childhood, new research from YouGov reveals. (YouGov)

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4.2 Society » Family

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## ► NORTH AMERICA

296-10 **More in U.S. Say Shutdown is About Politics than Principle** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans are more likely to believe the current budget debate between President Barack Obama and the Republicans in Congress is an attempt by both sides to gain political advantage (47%) than an important battle over principles and the future direction of government (37%). These views are similar to Americans' attitudes on the day the government shut down in November 1995 as a result of that year's political impasse when 52% said the budget debate was political, while 37% said it was based on disagreement about principles.

(Gallup USA)

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1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

296-11 **Before Shutdown, Government Workers Saw More Hiring** (Click for Details)

In the run-up to the U.S. government shutdown and the opening of the federal government's health insurance exchanges, both of which occurred on Oct. 1, federal workers in September saw more hiring at their workplaces than they did in August, with Gallup's Job Creation Index among this group rising to -4 from -12. State government workers also reported more hiring, while perceptions among local government workers were flat. (Gallup USA)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

296-12 **Americans See Current Shutdown as More Serious Than in '95** (Click for Details)

As non-essential parts of the federal government remain closed, 70% of Americans view the shutdown as a crisis or a major problem, even higher than the 56% saying the same at the height of the last shutdown in 1995. (Gallup USA)

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1.6 Domestic Politics » National History

296-13 **U.S. Business Owners' Approval of Obama Remains Low** (Click for Details)

In an era of much uncertainty for business owners -- tied to the healthcare law, government shutdown, and debt ceiling debate -- 37% approve of the job Barack Obama is doing as president, eight percentage points

lower than among all U.S. workers. Business owners have consistently given the president lower approval ratings, averaging 10 points lower than all workers since 2009. ([Gallup USA](#))

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296-14 **U.S. Views of Gov't Regulation Still Politically Polarized** ([Click for Details](#))

The gulf between Republicans' and Democrats' views of government regulation of business has widened dramatically since 2007. Currently, almost three-quarters of Republicans say there is too much regulation, compared with one-quarter of Democrats. ([Gallup USA](#))

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296-15 **Latinos' Views of Illegal Immigration's Impact on Their Community Improve** ([Click for Details](#))

Hispanics' views of the impact of unauthorized immigration on the U.S. Hispanic community have grown more positive since 2010, according to a new nationwide survey of 5,103 Hispanic adults by the Pew Research Center. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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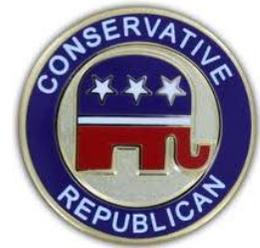
296-16 **Anger at Government Most Pronounced among Conservative Republicans**

([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) With a possible government shutdown just hours away, public anger at the federal government is as high as at any point since the Pew Research Center began asking the question in 1997. Anger is most palpable among conservative Republicans – 41% say they are angry at the federal government, the highest among any partisan group. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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296-17 **A Portrait of Jewish Americans** ([Click for Details](#))

American Jews overwhelmingly say they are proud to be Jewish and have a strong sense of belonging to the Jewish people, according to a major new survey by the Pew Research Center. But the survey also suggests that Jewish identity is changing in America, where one-in-five Jews (22%) now describe themselves as having no religion. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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296-18 **Americans Still Divided on Approval of U.S. Supreme Court** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans remain closely divided in their views of the performance of the U.S. Supreme Court -- perhaps reflecting the string of recent polarized court decisions. Forty-six percent of Americans approve of the way the

Supreme Court is handling its job, while 45% disapprove. These figures are essentially unchanged from July 2013 polling, conducted just as the high court was wrapping up its landmark 2012-2013 term. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.9 Society » Justice](#)

296-19 **Economic Confidence Plummets as Gov't Shutdown Begins** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans' confidence in the U.S. economy has dropped sharply as the partial government shutdown caused by Congress' inability to pass a spending bill has become reality. Gallup's Economic Confidence Index's three-day rolling average stands at -34 for Oct. 1-3, down 14 points from Sept. 27-29, and the lowest such average since December 2011. ([Gallup USA](#))



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296-20 **Wall maintains top spot among Premiers with highest job approval ratings** ([Click for Details](#))

Saskatchewan Premier once again scores highest approval ratings in Canada. BC Premier comes in second, Newfoundland's Dunderdale in last place. ([Angus Reid](#))

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)

296-21 **Canadians view non-Christian religions with uncertainty, dislike** ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) Last of three national surveys about values and religion in Canada shows English and French Canadians most favourable towards Christianity, least favourable towards Islam. Favourability of all religions is down since 2009. ([Angus Reid](#))

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## ► AUSTRALASIA

296-22 **Culture, nature and no crowds: the perfect holiday** ([Click for Details](#))

([Australia](#)) Forget bright lights, big cities and package tours: according to the latest findings from Roy Morgan, most Australians dream of a holiday where they can experience the local culture, enjoy a natural setting, and not be bothered by crowds. ([Roy Morgan](#))

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[4.16 Society » Entertainment](#)

## ► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEY

296-23 **37% of US Consumers Combine In-Store, Online Sources of Information When Shopping** ([Click for Details](#))

Across the globe, consumers are freely mingling in-store visits, online product research, and other information sources when making purchases large and small. A new GfK study shows that, across 12 categories, 37% of US shoppers – and 29% globally – are turning to both online and in-store shopping when making purchases. The extent of this “omni-channel” shopping phenomenon varies by category and country and seems to be tied to the rise in mobile device penetration. ([GfK](#))

October 02, 2013

## Topic of the week:

### **Half of Palestinians Support Negotiations with Israel**

- 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.

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A recent poll shows that half (50.3%) of Palestinians, support resumption of the peace negotiations with Israel. However, they apprehend a third intifada if the process fails.

**The most recent poll prepared by Dr. Nabil Kukali reveals that:**

**(62.5%)** of the Palestinians believe that the release of the prisoners from the Israeli jails would encourage them to support the peace

process.

**(58.4%)** anticipate the outbreak of a third Intifada in case the peace process ends in failure.  
**(50.3%)** are in favor of the resumption of the peace negotiations with Israel.  
**(46.3%)** support a public referendum in case Palestinians and Israeli agree to a joint text.  
**(68.0%)** believe that the intervention of the United States in the policies of the Middle East harms the stability in the region.

**(63.0%)** are to various extent satisfied with the performance of President Mahmoud Abbas.

#### **Beit Sahour – Public Relations Office:**

The most recent poll prepared by Dr. Nabil Kukali, conducted by the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion ([www.pcpo.org](http://www.pcpo.org)) during the period from September 10 till 22, 2013, covered a random sample of (1110) Palestinian respondents representing the various demographic specimens of adult Palestinians (18 years and above) living in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza Strip. It revealed that (62.5%) of the Palestinians believe that the release of the prisoners from the Israeli jails would encourage them to support the Israeli-Palestinian negotiation process.

Dr. Kukali, in his capacity as President of the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion, said that the results of this poll reveal that the majority of the Palestinians are in favor of the resumption of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, hoping that the peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority will be successfully concluded in 9 months. The majority of the Palestinians, he added, anticipate the outbreak of a third Intifada in case these negotiations, which consumed till now two months, come to a halt without realizing and concrete results. Dr. Kukali furthermore commented that the poll showed the satisfaction of the majority of the Palestinians with the performance of President Mahmoud Abbas and his management of the negotiations. In addition, the poll results unveiled, Dr. Kukali said, that in case both parties come to an agreement, the deal should be subject to a referendum for its approval. He reiterated that this poll shows the

great significance of the negotiations at present and the positive effect they would reflect not only on the Palestinians and Israelis, but on the whole region in particular and the world in general.

### Prisoners Release

Responding to the question: "Do you believe that the release of the Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails would encourage you to support the peace process, or not?", (62.5 %) said "Yes", (26.6 %) "No", and (10.9 %) said "I don't know".



### The Peace Process

(50.3 %) are in favor of the resumption of the peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, whilst (39.8 %) opposed it and (12.9 %) declined to show their position.

And regarding the question: "Do you believe, or not, that the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority would bring in peace between both parties in the coming years?" (6.2 %) said "I strongly believe", (34.2 %) "Somewhat believe", (32.3 %) "Somewhat don't believe", (24.1 %) "I strongly don't believe" and (3.2 %) said "I don't know".

And with respect to the question: "In case the negotiating team reached a joint agreement, how should – according to your opinion – such agreement be ratified?" (46.3 %) said "by a referendum", (25.2 %) "by decision of the Palestinian Authority", (13.3 %) "by a decision of PLO", and (15.2 %) refused to answer the question.

### Significance of the negotiations

Responding to the question: "According to your estimate, to which party, the Palestinians or Israel, are the peace talks more significant?" (20.9 %) said "more significant to the Palestinians", (40.5 %) "more to Israel", (19.5 %) "are equally significant to both", (5.0 %) "insignificant to either party" and (14.0 %) answered "I don't know".

### The Israeli Government

Responding to the question: "Do you believe that the Israeli government is really willing to resume the peace negotiations or is not really willing to do so?" (7.9 %) said "I'm sure that it's really willing", (37.3 %) "I think that it's willing to do that", (18.3 %) "I think it's not willing to do so", (20.8 %) "I'm sure it's not willing" and (15.7 %) answered "I don't know".

### The US intervention

In regard to the question: "Do you believe that the US intervention in the Mideast policies is useful or harmful to the stability of the region, or do you think that it has no effect on the regional stability?", (13.2 %) said "useful to the stability", (68.0 %) "harmful to the stability", (18.8 %) said "I don't know".



Regarding a further question of the wording: "Do you think that the US intervention in the policies of the Middle East is good or bad to the Palestinians, or has no any impact on our country?", (10.3 %) said "It's good for the Palestinians", ((68.3 %) "It's bad for the

Palestinians”, (15.6 %) “has no any impact”, and (5.8 %) said “I don't know”.

### A third Intifada

Responding to the question: “Do you anticipate the outbreak of a third Intifada in case the peace process ends in failure?” (58.4 %) said “Yes”, (26.0 %) “No” and (15.6 %) declined to answer.

### Performance of President Abu Mazen

On the question: “Which rating do you give to the performance of Abu Mazen (President Mahmoud Abbas) in managing the peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority on a scale from (1) to (10), where (1) is the lowest rating (minimum) and (10) the highest (maximum)?” The average rating was (6).

With respect to the question: “Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way President Mahmoud Abbas is dealing with his post as the President of the Palestinian Authority?”, (20.8 %) replied “very satisfied”, (42.3 %) “somehow satisfied”, (22.9 %) “somewhat dissatisfied”, (12.2 %) “strongly dissatisfied” and (1.8 %) answered “I don't know”.

### Methodology of the Survey Study:

Mr. Elias Kukali, Head of the Quantitative Researches Department at the PCPO, said that all interviews of this survey were conducted inside the respondents' homes, i.e. face-to-face during different working hours, at least 5 hours a day, including the evening time, in order to ensure proper representation of those sub-groups of the population, which would otherwise be difficult to reach and selecting one individual in each household using Last Birthday Method. The choices were taken from a total of (162) election sites, from which (121) sites are located in West Bank and (41) sites in Gaza Strip according to the distribution of the Central Election Commission. These election sites were randomly chosen by using the method of the simple random sample. These in turn were the beginning of the random sample choice made from those regions in accordance with PCPO's long experienced methodology.

Mr. Elias Kukali has further established that the margin of error was ( $\pm 2.94\%$ ) at a significance and confidence levels of (5.0%) and (95%) respectively. He added that the rate of the female respondents in this survey was (49.4%) against (50.6%) male respondents. The distribution of the random sample between the Palestinian two major regions was (62.2%) in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and (37.8%) in Gaza Strip, and allocated as follows: (51.7%) for the towns, (31.9%) for the villages and (16.4%) for the camps.

### About PCPO

The Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (PCPO) is a leading full service research institute in Palestine. It is a member of the Founding Team of the Arabic Network for Public Opinion Polls in Cairo / Egypt, member of Gallup International Association (GIA) & Worldwide Independent Network (WIN), a member of the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) – U.S.A, and World Association of Opinion and Marketing Research Professionals (formerly European Society for Opinion and Marketing Research) (ESOMAR).

The PCPO was founded in February 1994 in Beit Sahour by Dr. Nabil Kukali; the president of PCPO.

### PCPO is dedicated mainly to the following activities:

- 1) To conduct public opinion surveys.
- 2) To implement Omnibus polls and services.
- 3) To carry out market studies on all kinds of trading activities.

- 4) To gauge consumer attitudes, consumption habits, and market shares through surveys.
- 5) To do communication researches.
- 6) To conduct focus group sessions and workshops on various topics
- 7) To render services in the field of investment, including feasibility studies.
- 8) To conduct in-depth interviews & brainstorming workshops.
- 9) To provide translation services from Arabic into English, German & Hebrew and vice-versa.

PCPO is now a name for reliability, credibility, competence and experience not only in Palestine, but all over the world.

**Source:** <http://www.pcpo.ps/polls.htm>

## 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

