

# Gallopedia

From **Gilani Research Foundation**

January 2014, issue # **312\***

Compiled on a weekly basis since January 2007

Gilani's Gallopedia is a weekly Digest of Opinions in a globalized world - one window on global opinion polling compiled by Gilani Research Foundation

## 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.

### Contact Details:

**Sara Salam**

Assistant Manager

Gilani Research Foundation

Email: [sara.salam@gilanifoundation.com](mailto:sara.salam@gilanifoundation.com)



**Topic of the week:** (Click for details)

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

THIS WEEK'S REPORT CONSISTS OF **29**  
NATIONAL & MULTI COUNTRY SURVEYS. **14**  
POLLING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN  
REPRESENTED.

Pg **2**

### Asia zone

this week- **06** national polls



Pg **3**

### Euro Americas zone

this week- **22** national polls

Multi-country Survey – **01** Poll



Pg **7**

Topic of the week-

**Third of Indian voters  
want BJP's Modi for  
prime minister**



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



## Asia zone

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

### ► MIDDLE EAST

312-1 **Negotiations, Evaluation of Government and Elections** (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) A recent survey shows that half of the Palestinians are pessimistic about the future and 63 percent believe that things are going in the wrong direction. Similarly, 58 percent are pessimistic about the prospects of the current round of negotiations while 36 percent are optimistic. ([AWRAD](#))

January 02, 2014

[1.3 Domestic Politics](#) » [Governance](#)

### ► WEST ASIA

312-2 **70% Pakistanis are dissatisfied with government's performance on decreasing inflation** (Click for Details)

([Pakistan](#)) According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 70% Pakistanis are dissatisfied with government's performance on decreasing inflation. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

January 22, 2014

[3.4 Economy](#) » [Inflation](#)



### ► SOUTH ASIA

312-3 **Third of Indian voters want BJP's Modi for prime minister: poll** (Click for Details)

([India](#)) A third of Indian voters want Hindu nationalist Narendra Modi to be their next prime minister, placing him well ahead of his rivals in general elections due by May, according to the latest in a series of opinion polls that show rising support for the opposition candidate. ([CSDS](#))

January 24, 2014

[1.1 Domestic Politics](#) » [Elections](#)

[1.4 Domestic Politics](#) » [Political Parties](#)

### ► SOUTHEAST ASIA

312-4 **13% of Filipino families were Yolanda victims** (Click for Details)

([Philippines](#)) The Fourth Quarter 2013 Social Weather Survey, fielded over December 11-16, 2013, found that 13% of households suffered serious harm (nasalanta) during the recent super typhoon Yolanda, known internationally as Haiyan. ([SWS](#))

January 22, 2014

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



312-5 **Hunger at 18.1% of families; Moderate Hunger 15.4%, Severe Hunger 2.7%** (Click for Details)

The Fourth Quarter 2013 Social Weather Survey, fielded over December 11-16, 2013, found 18.1% or an estimated 3.90 million families experiencing involuntary hunger at least once in the past three months. ([SWS](#))

January 22, 2014

3.5 Economy » Poverty

312-6 **Declining Optimism on Country's Direction; Strong Support for Democratic Reforms** (Click for Details)

(Cambodia) A recent poll conducted in Cambodia by IRI finds a sharp decline in optimism regarding the country's current path. While the poll finds that 55 percent of respondents still think the country is headed in the right direction, that figure represents a 24 point drop from the number who felt that way less than one year ago, and is the lowest figure since IRI started polling in Cambodia in 2006. (IRI)

January 23, 2014

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being



## Euro Americas zone

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

### ▶ EAST EUROPE

312-7 **"Skinny" Santa Claus** (Click for Details)

(Russia) According to the findings of research holding Romir received under \*Romir Household Panel, Buyer activity index of the Russians in December 2013 rose by 20% compared to November 2013 which it is an absolutely regular rate. The same rise in December compared to November was in 2012, 2010 and in 2008. And in 2009 and in 2011 the rise in December was even lower - not more than 15%. (ROMIR)

January 14, 2014

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle



312-8 **Safe or minimize?** (Click for Details)

Against the pessimistic consumer background, that has been registered by Romir Household Panel for already several months, the researchers decided to find out whether Russian consumers are aware of the changes in their food baskets for the last year. It turned out that almost 2/3 of the respondents did not notice any changes in their food consumption for the last year and 36% of the respondents claimed that they began buying fewer goods of the one category and more of the

other. (ROMIR)

December 24, 2014

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

312-9 **Vladimir Putin Press Conference: First Impression** (Click for Details)

(Russia) For most of Russians the press conference of Vladimir Putin was interesting. The most interesting topics were the relations between Russia and Ukraine. (VCIOM)

December 27, 2014

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance



312-10 **Presidential Address to the Federal Assembly** (Click for Details)

Twenty-nine percent of Russians are aware of the presidential address to the Federal Assembly. The issues that most of Russians are interested in are offshore issue and the development of the Far East. (VCIOM)

December 23, 2014

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

312-11 **Persons, To Programs, and Movies of the Year 2013** (Click for Details)

As before, the politician of the year is Vladimir Putin, and the artist of the year is Sergey Bezrukov. The most popular movie is "Stalingrad". (VCIOM)

December 26, 2014

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

► **WEST EUROPE**312-12 **Only 39% of private tenants have contents insurance** (Click for Details)

(UK) Just four in ten people renting from a private landlord have any form of contents insurance, a new report from YouGov shows. (YouGov)

January 20, 2014

3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

312-13 **Mustn't grumble: the British are happy, despite being gloomy** (Click for Details)

The British public is largely happy despite being gloomy about their country's circumstances and prospects, according to new analysis by Ipsos MORI. The findings come from Ipsos MORI online surveys conducted across 20 and 24 countries at the end of 2013. (Ipsos Mori)

January 20, 2014

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

312-14 **Italy poll shows backing for center-left leader Renzi reforms** (Click for Details)

(Italy) More than 60 percent of Italian voters support electoral reforms proposed by center-left leader Matteo Renzi and 50 percent welcome his deal on the package with center-right rival Silvio Berlusconi, according to an opinion poll on Saturday. (Ipsos Italy)

January 25, 2014

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

► **NORTH AMERICA**312-15 **In U.S., 67% Dissatisfied With Income, Wealth Distribution** (Click for Details)

(US) Two out of three Americans are dissatisfied with the way income and wealth are currently distributed in the U.S. This includes three-fourths of Democrats and 54% of Republicans. (Gallup USA)

January 20, 2014

3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

4.13 Society » Social Problems

312-16 **Obama Averages 45.8% Job Approval in Year Five** (Click for Details)

President Barack Obama averaged 45.8% job approval during his fifth year in office. That is down more than two percentage points from his fourth-year average and slightly better than his career-low 44.4% in his third year. (Gallup USA)

January 21, 2014

[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

312-17 **Record Low Say Own Representative Deserves Re-Election** (Click for Details)

The enduring unpopularity of Congress appears to have seeped into the nation's 435 congressional districts, as a record-low percentage of registered voters, 46%, now say the U.S. representative in their own congressional district deserves re-election. Equally historic, the share of voters saying most members of Congress deserve re-election has fallen to 17%, a new nadir. (Gallup USA)

January 24, 2014

[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)

312-18 **In U.S., 65% Dissatisfied With How Gov't System Works** (Click for Details)

(US) Sixty-five percent of Americans are dissatisfied with the nation's system of government and how well it works, the highest percentage in Gallup's trend since 2001. Dissatisfaction is up five points since last year, and has edged above the previous high from 2012 (64%). (Gallup USA)

January 22, 2014

[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

[1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance](#)

312-19 **In U.S., Uninsured Rate Shows Initial Decline in 2014** (Click for Details)

The U.S. uninsured rate is 16.1% so far in January, modestly down from 17.3% in December after the Affordable Care Act's requirement for Americans to have health insurance took effect on Jan. 1. The percentage of uninsured adults aged 18 and older for Jan. 2-19 is slightly lower than what Gallup has measured in any month since December 2012. (Gallup USA)

January 23, 2014

[4.11 Society » Health](#)

312-20 **Obama's Fifth Year Job Approval Ratings among Most Polarized** (Click for Details)

The partisan gap in President Barack Obama's job approval rating was 71 percentage points during his fifth year in office, with 82% of Democrats and 11% of Republicans approving, on average. That is down from a 76-point gap during his re-election year, but continues to reflect the high degree of political polarization in presidential job ratings during his time in office. (Gallup USA)

January 23, 2014

[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

312-21 **Obama's NSA Speech Has Little Impact on Skeptical Public** (Click for Details)

President Obama's speech on Friday outlining changes to the National Security Agency's collection of telephone and internet data did not register widely with the public. Half say they have heard nothing at all about his proposed changes to the NSA, and another 41% say they heard only a little bit. Even among those

heard about Obama's speech, few think the changes will improve privacy protections, or make it more difficult for the government to fight terrorism. ([Pew Research Center](#))

January 20, 2014

[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

[1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance](#)

312-22 **Most See Inequality Growing, but Partisans Differ over Solutions** ([Click for Details](#))

There is broad public agreement that economic inequality has grown over the past decade. But as President Obama prepares for Tuesday's State of the Union, where he is expected to unveil proposals for dealing with inequality and poverty, there are wide partisan differences over how much the government should – and can – do to address these issues. ([Pew Research Center](#))



January 23, 2014

[4.13 Society » Social Problems](#)

312-23 **Christie's Image Turns More Negative** ([Click for Details](#))

Chris Christie's public image today is starkly different than it was a year ago. Last January, following Christie's visible role in Hurricane Sandy relief efforts, favorable opinions outnumbered unfavorable ones by more than two-to-one. Today, in the wake of a scandal involving highway lane closures that led to massive traffic jams in northern New Jersey, nearly as many offer an unfavorable assessment of Christie as a favorable one. ([Pew Research Center](#))

January 20, 2014

[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

312-24 **Baby Boomers Not Maximizing Their Strengths** ([Click for Details](#))

Despite U.S. baby boomers' considerable years of experience in the workforce, they are no more likely than younger generations to say that they are able to use their strengths to do what they do best throughout the day. Overall, working baby boomers say they use their strengths to do what they do best an average of 6.9 hours a day, on par with 6.8 hours for Generation Xers and 6.7 hours for millennials. ([Gallup USA](#))

January 22, 2014

[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)

312-25 **Baby Boomers to Push U.S. Politics in the Years ahead** ([Click for Details](#))

Baby boomers constitute 32% of the U.S. adult population and, by Gallup's estimate, 36% of the electorate in 2012, eclipsing all other generational groups. Baby boomers have dominated U.S. politics on the basis of their sheer numbers since the late 1970s, when most of the group had reached voting age. Taken as a whole, baby boomers' political leanings are slightly less Democratic than the adult population's, perched between the strong Democratic orientation of the youthful millennials and the more Republican orientation of the older Greatest and Silent generations. ([Gallup USA](#))

January 23, 2014

[1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties](#)

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

## ► LATIN AMERICA

312-26 **Quality of Life Improved by Solar Lanterns** ([Click for Details](#))

([Haiti](#)) According to the report ([download here](#)), 98% of Haitians who received a Luci inflatable solar lantern reported that the lantern replaced the need for kerosene-based lighting in their homes. For these families, eliminating their reliance on this toxic fuel freed up income to purchase valuable goods and reduced the reported level of pollution within their homes with more than 90% of families citing a decline in both breathing problems and eye irritation. ([Globescan](#))



January 22, 2014

[3.10 Economy](#) » [Energy/Nuclear Issues](#)

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

## ► AUSTRALASIA

312-27 **Labour/ Greens (46%) start election year with edge over National (43.5%) as Kim Dotcom set to launch new 'Internet Party' to contest elections** ([Click for Details](#))

([New Zealand](#)) Today's New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows a potential Labour/ Greens alliance (46%, up 1%) leading John Key's National Party (43.5%, down 1.5%) in the first New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll for 2014. Support for Key's Coalition partners has slightly improved: Maori Party 2% (up 0.5%), United Future 0.5% (up 0.5%), ACT NZ 0% (unchanged). ([Roy Morgan](#))

January 22, 2014

[1.1 Domestic Politics](#) » [Elections](#)

312-28 **Rising electricity costs enough to give anyone a shock** ([Click for Details](#))

([Australia](#)) To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, nothing is certain except death, taxes — and ever-increasing electricity costs. Yet while 99% of Aussies live in a household connected to electricity, and pay more money every year for the privilege, over a fifth of them don't know which company is their provider. Utilities may not be a topic that causes Australian passions to run high, but the cost of living is — and when electricity bills keep going up, perhaps it's time to take notice. ([Roy Morgan](#))



January 20, 2014

[3.4 Economy](#) » [Inflation](#)

[3.10 Economy](#) » [Energy/Nuclear Issues](#)

## ► MULTI-COUNTRY STUDIES

312-29 **2013 Global Economic Pulse Ipsos' Global Economic Confidence Survey** ([Click for Details](#))

The overall rating from respondents towards their national economies has remained very stable during the past 12 months. 37% of the respondents gave a "favorable" rating when asked about their own national economies in the past 12 months; the overall rating has only fluctuated by one percentage point and remained within the territory of around 36%-37% since December 2012. ([Ipsos Global](#))

January 20, 2014

[3.2 Economy](#) » [Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)

## Topic of the week:

### **Third of Indian voters want BJP's Modi for prime minister**

► 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.

January 24, 2014



(Reuters) - A third of Indian voters want Hindu nationalist Narendra Modi to be their next prime minister, placing him well ahead of his rivals in general elections due by May, according to the latest in a series of opinion polls that show rising support for the opposition candidate.

The survey, conducted by pollsters CSDS for the CNN-IBN television channel, also forecast that Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would win 192-210 seats in the 543-seat assembly, while the ruling Congress party would only bag 92-108 seats.



Given India's diverse and fragmented electorate, neither the BJP nor any other party is expected to win the 272 seats needed for an outright majority. The biggest party will seek to form a coalition with regional parties.

Modi, who has presided over rapid economic growth during more than 12 years as the chief minister of Gujarat state, has been wooing voters by pointing to his track record as a leader who cuts red tape and attracts investment.

"People are looking forward to leadership, they think a strong leader will solve their problems," said CSDS director Sanjay Kumar. "They don't want a dictator, but they want someone who can take strong decisions."

By contrast, Congress has shied away from naming its prime ministerial candidate until after the polls, even though many party workers had wanted Rahul Gandhi, a scion of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty that leads the party, to take on the role.

#### SCANDALS

After a decade in power, Congress faces public anger over a string of corruption scandals, slow policymaking and economic growth hitting a decade-low.

While 34 per cent of voters surveyed picked Modi as their first choice for prime minister, only 15 per cent chose Gandhi, according to the CSDS poll. Sonia Gandhi, Rahul's mother and Congress party chief, was in third place with five per cent.

The survey's national-level forecasts were released on Friday, while state-level forecasts were released in stages earlier this week.

Another survey released on Thursday, conducted by pollsters CVoter for the India Today media group, found that almost half of respondents wanted Modi versus 15 per cent who backed Gandhi.

The CVoter poll forecast that the BJP would win 188 seats in the election, more than double the expected tally for Congress.

India's diverse political landscape makes election results notoriously hard to forecast, particularly in terms of how many seats a party might win, versus the more straightforward calculation of a party's share of the overall vote.

The CSDS poll surveyed just under 18,600 voters in 18 states, with a margin of error that varied from state to state.

CVoter surveyed almost 21,800 respondents across all of India's 28 states, with a three percent margin of error at the national level and five percent margin at the state level.

Both surveys showed that the BJP has little or no presence in India's prosperous southern states, where at least one alliance will likely be needed to secure a national majority.

**Source:** <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/01/24/us-india-polls-idUSBREA0N17I20140124>

---

## Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2014)

### A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 5 year period January 2007 – January 2014

#### KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*):  $\simeq$  6,805 polls during the period 2007-2014
- 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 2007-2014
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited:  $\simeq$  358 during the period 2007-2014

