

# 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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Topic of the week: (Click for details)

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## Asia Zone

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

### ▶ WEST ASIA

366-1 **Public Opinion Divided Over The Possibility Of War Between India And Pakistan** (Click for Details)

(Pakistan) According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, 48% Pakistanis believe there is possibility of war between India and Pakistan; 43% believe there is very little possibility. (Gallup Pakistan)

February 3, 2015

[2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security](#) » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

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### ▶ SOUTHEAST ASIA

366-2 **Philippines: 85% Says Gays And Lesbians Should Be Protected Against Discrimination** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) Eighty-five percent of adult Filipinos believe that gays and lesbians have the right to be protected against any form of discrimination, according to the Social Weather Survey of June 28-30, 2013. (SWS)

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[4.5 Society](#) » Gender Issues



366-3 **Philippines: Adult Joblessness At 27.0%; 9% Lost Their Jobs Involuntarily, 14% Resigned** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The Fourth Quarter 2014 Social Weather Survey, fielded over November 27-December 1, 2014, found adult joblessness at 27.0% (est. 12.4 million adults). (SWS)

February 04, 2015

[3.3 Economy](#) » Employment Issues



## Africa Zone

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

### ▶ SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

366-4 **Tanzanians See Increased Corruption, Ineffective Fight Against It** (Click for Details)

(Tanzania) A majority of Tanzanians say that the level of corruption in the country has increased over the past year, according to the latest Afrobarometer survey. The police, tax officials, and judges and magistrates perceived as the most corrupt. Citizens' rating of the government's handling of the fight against corruption has improved slightly since 2012 but still remains mostly negative. (Afrobarometer)

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[4.9 Society](#) » Justice

[4.13 Society](#) » Social Problems



## Euro Americas Zone

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

### ▶ EAST EUROPE

366-5 **Paris Terrorist Attacks: Russian Assessments** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Russians believe that Paris shootings were caused by ineffective migration policies of the French government and improper behavior of the Charlie Hebdo journalists. (VCIOM)

January 26, 2015

2.4 Foreign Affairs & Security » Terrorism/Extremism

4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

366-6 **Ruble Exchange Rate: Fears And Forecasts** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Most of Russians are afraid of the further drop in the ruble's value; at the same time, one-third of Russians believe that in the coming months the ruble exchange rate will not change much. (VCIOM)

January 20, 2015

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions



366-7 **Protest Actions: Manifestations Of Democracy Or Crisis?** (Click for Details)

(Russia) The level of protest potential of Russians is still low. Rallies and demonstrations are mainly perceived as crisis symptoms rather than instruments to solve problems. (VCIOM)

January 23, 2015

4.4 Society » Civil Society

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

### ▶ WEST EUROPE

366-8 **Economist/Ipsos MORI January 2015 Issues Index** (Click for Details)

(UK) The first Economist/Ipsos MORI Issues Index of 2015 shows that concern about the NHS has increased by 12 percentage points since December of last year, and it is now seen as the most important issue facing Britain – mentioned by almost half (45%) of the public. (Ipsos MORI)

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4.11 Society » Health

366-9 **Captains Of Industry Support Britain Being In The EU** (Click for Details)

(UK) Could British business leaders be the biggest block to UKIP's campaign for parliament? The new Ipsos MORI Captains of Industry survey shows that although 45% of Captains want to return to being part of an economic community, without political links, just 1% would be happy to leave it all together. Just under half (45%) want to continue our relationship with the EU as it stands. (Ipsos MORI)

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2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations

3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments/ Business



### 366-10 **Public Perceptions Of Climate Change In Britain Following The Winter 2013/14 Flooding** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UK) A recent Ipsos MORI survey for Cardiff University updates trend data on public attitudes to climate change as well as providing new data on how the British public responded to the flooding last winter. The study tested whether the public, but particularly those affected by flooding, link the winter 2014 flooding to climate change. [\(Ipsos MORI\)](#)

February 02, 2015

[4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters](#)



### 366-11 **Overwhelming Public Support For The 'Gordon's Fightback' Campaign** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UK) An Ipsos MORI Scotland poll for the Gordon's Fightback campaign shows overwhelming support for their key objectives. Almost all of those polled (97%) would support the UK government introducing a new system of fast tracking benefits for those with a terminal illness, such as motor neurone disease. Support for such a measure is overwhelming across all groups in the population. [\(Ipsos MORI\)](#)

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)

### 366-12 **UK: Voters: Time To Slim Down The Royal Family** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UK) Most British people say that apart from the core royal family of the Queen, Charles and his descendants, the rest should no longer receive money from the taxpayer and royal estates. [\(YouGov\)](#)

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[4.2 Society » Family](#)

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

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

### 366-13 **Scotland: SNP Lead At 21** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(UK) The Scottish National Party has retained its lead in Scotland – and on the question of Scottish independence, Yes leads No by 4 points. [\(Ipsos Mori\)](#)

February 03, 2015

[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)



## ► NORTH AMERICA

### 366-14 **Obama Approval Ratings Still Historically Polarized** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Throughout President Barack Obama's sixth full year in office, an average of 79% of Democrats, compared with 9% of Republicans, approved of the job he was doing. That 70-percentage-point party gap in approval ratings ties for the fifth-most-polarized year for a president in Gallup records dating back to 1953. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

February 06, 2015

[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

366-15 **Majorities in Five States Approved of Obama in 2014** (Click for Details)

(USA) Residents of five states gave President Barack Obama 50% or better job approval ratings in 2014, with Massachusetts and Hawaii leading the list at roughly 53%. Wyoming residents were the least approving, at 19.3%. (Gallup USA)

February 02, 2015

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

366-16 **Eight-Point Increase in Monthly Economic Confidence Index** (Click for Details)

(USA) Gallup's U.S. Economic Confidence Index, which has been positive for each of the past six weeks, finished January with an average score of +3 -- the first time a monthly average has been in positive territory since the recession. The monthly index score is up eight points from December -- the highest month-to-month increase in more than a year. (Gallup USA)

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3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

366-17 **Gallup Student Poll: Job Confidence Lower in Higher Grades** (Click for Details)

(USA) Gallup Student Poll students in elementary and middle school are much more optimistic about their ability to find a good job than are students in high school. The percentage of students in grades 5 through 12 who strongly agree with the statement, "I know I will find a good job after I graduate" declines from 68% in grade 5 to 49% in grade 10, and remains at about that level through grade 12. (Gallup USA)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

366-18 **For Banks, Baby Boomers Mean Lucrative Business** (Click for Details)

(USA) For banks, baby boomers stand out among generations as highly attractive and lucrative customers. (Gallup USA)

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3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

366-19 **After Holidays, January U.S. Consumer Spending Falls to \$81** (Click for Details)

(USA) U.S. consumers' daily self-reports of spending fell to an average of \$81 in January, down from \$98 in December. Spending usually drops after the holiday season, falling an average of \$15 each January since 2008. Despite this year's \$17 drop, \$81 is one of the highest self-reported averages in any January since 2008. (Gallup USA)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

366-20 **U.S. Flu Reports Decline in January** (Click for Details)

(USA) The 2014-2015 U.S. flu season may have peaked early. In January 2015, an average of 3.3% of Americans reported they "were sick with the flu yesterday." This is down from 4.0% in December, the highest rate in any December since Gallup began tracking the flu daily in 2008. Average flu reports in January are also lower than in January 2013 and January 2014. (Gallup USA)

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4.11 Society » Health

366-21 **U.S. Small-Business Owners' Optimism Highest Since 2008** (Click for Details)

(USA) U.S. small-business owners are the most optimistic they have been in seven years, according to the latest Wells Fargo/Gallup Small Business Index. The index, at +71, has increased significantly for two consecutive quarters, and reflects optimism in small-business owners' views of both their current situation and their expectations for the future. (Gallup USA)

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3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments/ Business

366-22 **U.S. Payroll to Population Rate 44.1% in January** (Click for Details)

(USA) The U.S. Payroll to Population employment rate (P2P), as measured by Gallup, was 44.1% in January. This is statistically similar to the 44.3% measured in December, but it is the highest measurement of P2P for any January since Gallup began tracking the metric in 2010. January is typically one of the lowest months for P2P in any year. (Gallup USA)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

366-23 **U.S. Job Creation Lingers Near Seven-Year High** (Click for Details)

(USA) The hiring climate at the start of 2015 is similar to where it stood in the second half of 2014, with Gallup's U.S. Job Creation Index coming in at +28 for the month of January. This is nearly identical to the +27 found in December, and just below the seven-year high of +30 reached in September. (Gallup USA)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

366-24 **Investigative Journalists and Digital Security** (Click for Details)

(USA) About two-thirds of investigative journalists surveyed (64%) believe that the U.S. government has probably collected data about their phone calls, emails or online communications, and eight-in-ten believe that being a journalist increases the likelihood that their data will be collected. (Pew Research Center)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

## ► LATIN AMERICA

366-25 **65% Of Brazilians Have A Positive View Of The UN** (Click for Details)

(Brazil) A survey conducted by IBOPE Inteligência in Brazil to measure what Brazil's population knows about the United Nations (UN) shows that 74% of Brazilians know or have heard of the UN, and 65% consider the work of the international organization as positive (22%) or very positive (43%). (Ibope)

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2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

366-26 **19% Of Brazilians Do Not Know Better Time To Buy Tickets Or Travel Package** (Click for Details)

(Brazil) To travel economically it is necessary to plan. The trip planning is essential to ensure the best and know the best dates for the holidays. According to a survey \* of CONECTAÍ to Skyscanner, 19% of

Brazilians still do not know the best time to purchase tickets or travel package and 14% still have doubts became the most economical choice. (Ibope)

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

## ► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

366-27 **Widespread Concerns About Extremism In Muslim Nations, And Little Support For It** ([Click for Details](#))

The horrific murder of Jordanian pilot Moaz al-Kasasbeh has generated shock and outrage around the globe. And if recent history is a guide, this brutal act will only deepen opposition to ISIS, and to violent extremism more generally, in Jordan and other predominantly Muslim nations. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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[2.4 Foreign Affairs & Security » Terrorism/Extremism](#)

[4.1 Society » Religion](#)

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



366-28 **Consumer Mood Brightened Again Towards End Of Year** ([Click for Details](#))

The mood of consumers throughout Europe improved again over the fourth quarter of the year. The indicators for economic and income expectations, as well as willingness to buy, rose towards the end of the year in almost all countries of the European Union (EU). The consumer climate for the EU 28 also improved by 1.3 points in the final quarter, closing the year at 5.5 points. These are the findings of the GfK Consumer Climate Europe study in 14 European countries. ([GfK](#))

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

## ► CYBER WORLD

366-29 **More Australians Buying Ebooks** ([Click for Details](#))

([Australia](#)) Amid recent reports in the UK that the eBook may have had its day, Roy Morgan Research's latest figures reveal that this might not be the case in Australia. In fact, over the past two years, online sales of eBooks have increased across most age groups — along with the proportion of Aussies reading novels or non-fiction titles in an average three-month period. ([Roy Morgan](#))

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[3.11 Economy » Science & Technology](#)

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



## ► ANALYSIS TANK

([USA](#)) **America's 'Middle' Holds Its Ground After The Great Recession** ([Click for Details](#))

[3.4 Economy » Inflation](#)

## Topic of the week:

### **Widespread Concerns About Extremism In Muslim Nations, And Little Support For It**

► 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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#### **Widespread Concerns About Extremism In Muslim Nations, And Little Support For It**

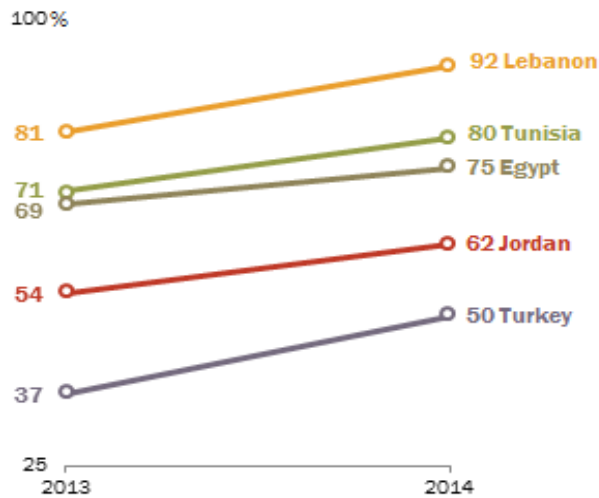
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At the Pew Research Center, we've been asking questions related to extremism on our international surveys for over a decade, and what we've generally found among Muslim publics is that support for extremism is low, while concerns about it are high.



#### **Increasing Concerns About Extremism in Middle East**

*Very/Somewhat concerned about Islamic extremism in our country*



Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey.

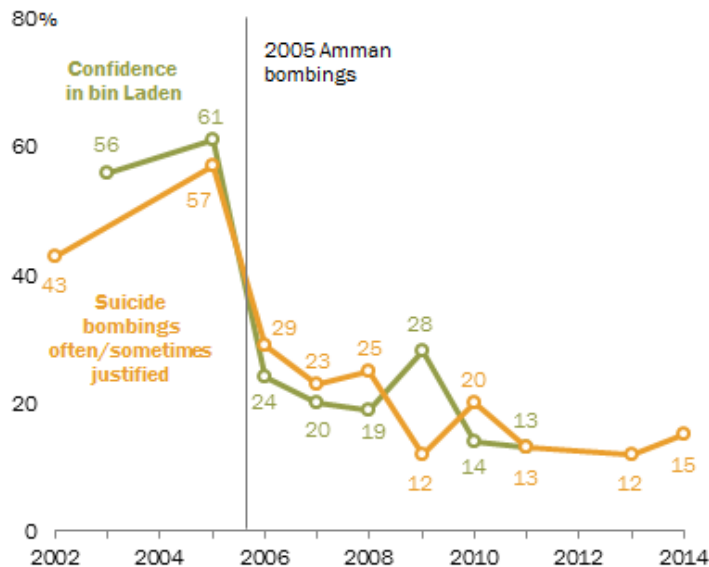
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Even before ISIS's battlefield victories and humanitarian atrocities began capturing international headlines last summer, we found growing worries about extremism in the Middle East. For instance, 62% of Jordanians said they were concerned about Islamic extremism in their country in our [spring 2014 poll](#), up from 54% a year earlier. There were also increases in Lebanon, Tunisia, Egypt and Turkey.

The survey also found mostly negative views toward al Qaeda and other extremist groups in these and many other predominantly Muslim countries. The most positive rating for al Qaeda was in the Palestinian territories, where 25% had a favorable view of the terrorist organization.

One pattern we've seen in different parts of the world is that the more people are exposed to terrorist violence, the more they reject it. Jordan is a good example. Early in the last decade, Jordanians expressed relatively high levels of support for suicide bombing and confidence in Osama bin Laden, but this changed after the November 2005 [suicide attacks](#) on three hotels in Amman, Jordan's capital. The bombings, which killed dozens and wounded more than 100, were orchestrated by an al Qaeda affiliate, led at the time by the Jordanian Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

### After Amman Bombings, Jordanians Rejected bin Laden, Suicide Attacks



Note: Asked only of Muslims.

Question wording: "Some people think that suicide bombing and other forms of violence against civilian targets are justified in order to defend Islam from its enemies. Other people believe that, no matter what the reason, this kind of violence is never justified. Do you personally feel that this kind of violence is often justified to defend Islam, sometimes justified, rarely justified, or never justified?"

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey.

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A few months later, a Pew Research survey found the percentage of Jordanian Muslims saying suicide attacks can often or sometimes be justified had fallen from 57% to 29%. Today, it stands at 15%. Similarly, confidence in bin Laden plummeted from 61% to 24% after the bombings, and by the time of his death just 13% of Jordanians had confidence in the terrorist leader.

Pakistan is another example. The terrible violence Pakistanis have experienced at the hands of the Taliban and other groups over the past decade has led many to reject violent extremism. [In 2004](#), 41% of Pakistani Muslims said suicide bombing can often or sometimes be justified; [by 2014](#) only 3% held this view.

In 2009, when the Taliban [occupied Pakistan's Swat Valley](#) and threatened to drive even closer to the nation's capital, Islamabad, opposition to the extremist group jumped dramatically. In 2008, just 33% of Pakistanis had an unfavorable view of the Taliban, but [this rose to 70%](#) in the 2009 survey. In Pakistan and elsewhere, once terrorist violence and extremist rule has become a reality, people have rejected it.

Source: [http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/02/05/extremism-in-muslim-nations/?utm\\_source=Pew+Research+Center&utm\\_campaign=1e0aed1f6d-Feb+5+2015+Weekly+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_3e953b9b70-1e0aed1f6d-399485421](http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/02/05/extremism-in-muslim-nations/?utm_source=Pew+Research+Center&utm_campaign=1e0aed1f6d-Feb+5+2015+Weekly+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3e953b9b70-1e0aed1f6d-399485421)

## 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*):  $\approx$  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:  $\approx$  178 during the period 2007-2014
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited:  $\approx$  358 during the period 2007-2014

