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THIS WEEK'S REPORT CONSISTS OF **33** SURVEYS. **2** OF THESE IS A MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEY & THE REST ARE NATIONAL SURVEYS. **12** POLLING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED.

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5 National Polls
& **1** Multi Country poll



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1 Multi Country poll



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1 Multi Country poll



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**Turks Optimistic Country
Headed In Right Direction**

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Asia zone

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



► WEST ASIA

Turks Optimistic Country Headed In Right Direction (Click for Details)

A recent survey suggests increasing optimism in [Turkey](#) since IRI's May 2010 poll. **53 %** of respondents believe that Turkey is heading in the right direction – a **10 %** point increase from May. Similarly economic optimism has also increased. ([Infakto Research Workshop/IRI](#))

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► SOUTH ASIA

Support For Mid Term Elections Creeps Up In Pakistan (Click for Details)

According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup [Pakistan](#), support for mid term elections has crept up during the last two years. 38% now support the mid term elections, 42% oppose. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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Indians' Economic Optimism Rebounds in 2010 (Click for Details)

[Indians'](#) economic optimism rose significantly in 2010 after tumbling amid the global recession. Between 2007 and 2009, the percentage of Indians who thought their local economic conditions were getting better dropped from **52%** to **37%**, but rebounded to **45%** in 2010. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Education and Water Resource Management are Critical Areas for Sustainable Development In India

(Click for Details)

While public awareness and concern about sustainable development issues are growing, opinion leaders are less optimistic that real progress is being made on sustainable development in [India](#), according to the “BT Sustainable Development (SD) Index – an assessment of business performance in India – 2009-10.” ([Globescan/BT Sustainable Development Index](#))

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► SOUTH EAST ASIA

Almost Half of Filipinos Dissatisfied With Government Handling Of Maguindanao massacre Case (Click for Details)

A recent survey of [Filipinos](#) found **47%** dissatisfied and **35%** satisfied with what the government had done up to that point to resolve the Maguindanao massacre case with justice. ([SWS](#))

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Multi-Country Poll- More Than One in Seven Young Arabs Plan to Start a Business ([Click for Details](#))

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Africa zone

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

▶ **SUB SAHARAN AFRICA**

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Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

▶ **EAST EUROPE**

(Balkan) "New Normal" in the Balkans ([Click for Details](#))

After two decades of wars and painful economic transition, [Balkan](#) societies appear mistrustful and pessimistic, and they have emigration on their mind. They want change but are skeptical about their ability to influence the outcome. In all countries of the Western Balkans, more than half of respondents reported difficulties in being able to manage on their households' income; this share ranged from **52%** in Croatia to **78%** in Serbia. ([Gallup Europe/Balkan Monitor](#))

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Pharmaceutical Market: Accessibility, Quality, Consumption Of Medicine ([Click for Details](#))

54% of [Russians](#) use medications from time to time: every fifth uses medications regularly (20%), one-quarter (34%) - from time to time. Most of those who consume medications are women rather than men (64% versus 42%), Russians aged above 45 (64-84%), and those with low level of income (68%). ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

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▶ WEST EUROPE

(EU) EU Citizens Have a Limited Knowledge of Antibiotics ([Click for Details](#))

A recent survey shows that [EU](#) citizens have a limited knowledge of antibiotics. **Four in ten** respondents have used antibiotics recently. More than 9 in 10 say they have taken them on a physician's prescription. ([TNS/Eurobarometer](#))

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(UK) Economic Matters Remain Britain's Most Important Concerns ([Click for Details](#))

[UK](#)- Ipsos MORI Political Monitor in November shows high levels of concern about the effects of the spending cuts, particularly to university tuition fees, local public services and policing. People are worried about cuts in public sector jobs, and have little confidence that there will be enough new jobs in the private sector to make up for losses in the public sector. ([Ipsos MORI](#))

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Britons Want to Launch a Full Inquest into David Kelly's Death ([Click for Details](#))

[UK](#)-The demise of Dr. David Kelly, a former United Nations (UN) weapons inspector—in 2003 remains a mystery for many Britons, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. **One-in-four** respondents believe he committed suicide, and almost half are not sure. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Britons, Football Fans Say Money Rules on English Premier League ([Click for Details](#))

Almost two decades after the foundation of the English Premier League, many [Britons](#) and football fans believe that not many teams have an actual chance of winning the title. Half of Britons (49%) and three-in-five football fans (59%) also believe that the teams with the most money often win the title. One-in-four football fans are "sad" because several EPL teams are now owned by foreigners. ([Angus Reid](#))

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AMERICAS

▶ NORTH AMERICA



U.S. Still Split on Whether Gov't Should Ensure Healthcare ([Click for Details](#))

Continuing a change in attitudes first seen last year, [Americans](#) remain split on the issue of whether it is the federal government's responsibility to make sure all Americans have healthcare coverage. At the same time,

61% prefer a healthcare system based mostly on private insurance rather than a government-run system. (Gallup USA)

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Are America's Best Days Behind Us? ([Click for Details](#))

While strong majorities say that living under a system of guaranteed individual freedom, hard working people, allowing people to own private property and giving people the chance to go freely from one place to another *were* major contributors in making [America](#) great (between **71%** and **76%** of Americans say so for each), fewer U.S. adults agree that these *will be* major contributors to making America great in the next 10 years (between **58%** and **68%** say so for each). ([Harris Interactive](#))

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Despite Bad Economy, Americans Feel Thankful This Year ([Click for Details](#))

Despite the economic crisis in the [U.S.](#) which has put many out of work and forced others to accept decreased benefits and pay, two in five Americans (41%) say this Thanksgiving they feel that they have *more* to be thankful for than a few years ago. Another two in five (**41%**) say they have about as much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving, compared to a few years ago and just over one in ten (**13%**) say they have less to be thankful for this year; **5%** say they are not sure. ([Harris Interactive](#))

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The Decline of Marriage and Rise of New Families ([Click for Details](#))

The transformative trends of the past 50 years that have led to a sharp decline in marriage and a rise of new family forms have been shaped by attitudes and behaviors that differ by class, age and race, according to a new Pew Research Center nationwide survey, conducted in association with *TIME* magazine, and complemented by an analysis of demographic and economic data from the [U.S. Census Bureau](#). ([Pew Research Center](#))

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Access Still Top Health Concern in U.S.; Gov't Role Gains Ground ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans](#) name healthcare access, followed by costs, as the most urgent health problems facing the country today, as they have in recent years. However, with the renewed debate over healthcare reform in 2009, and passage of President Obama's reform bill in 2010, mentions of both issues have declined over the past two years, while a new concern -- too much government involvement in healthcare -- has emerged. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Public Knows Basic Facts about Politics, Economics, But Struggles with Specifics ([Click for Details](#))

The [American](#) public sees the big picture when it comes to the changing balance of power in Washington. Over **7 in 10** see Republican Party doing good in Midterm Elections but fewer than half (**46%**) know that the Republicans will have a majority only in the House of Representatives when the new Congress convenes in January, while **38%** can identify John Boehner as the incoming House speaker. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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Americans Still Perceive Crime as on the Rise ([Click for Details](#))

Two-thirds of [Americans](#) say there is more crime in the United States than there was a year ago, reflecting Americans' general tendency to perceive crime as increasing. Still, the percentage perceiving an increase in crime is below what Gallup measured in the late 1980s and early 1990s, but is higher than the levels from the late 1990s and early 2000s. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Ratings of U.S. Healthcare Quality, Coverage Best in 10 Years ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans'](#) assessments of healthcare quality and coverage in the U.S. are the most positive Gallup has measured in the last 10 years. The public continues to be much more optimistic about quality than about coverage. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Larger U.S. Companies Are Hiring; Smallest Are Not ([Click for Details](#))

In the [US](#) Gallup's Job Creation Index was at +10 during the week ending Nov. 14, with **29%** of employees reporting that their employer is hiring and **19%** saying their employer is letting people go, matching the best monthly performance of 2010. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Two Thirds of Americans Oppose Lowering the Drinking Age ([Click for Details](#))

A sizeable proportion of [Americans](#) reject any changes to the country's federal guidelines for drinking, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Less than **three-in-ten** respondents believe the drinking age should be set at 18 years. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Dissatisfaction with Health Care Reform Close to 50% in United States ([Click for Details](#))

[US-](#) Most respondents believe the cost of health care will increase as a result of the changes signed into law by President Obama. **36 %** of respondents (-2 since September) say they are satisfied with the health care legislation championed by President Barack Obama, while **48 %** (+2) are dissatisfied. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Gallup Finds Unemployment Down to 9.2% in Mid-November ([Click for Details](#))

Unemployment in [America](#), as measured by Gallup without seasonal adjustment, declined to **9.2%** during the first half of November -- down from **9.4%** during the last half of October and **10.0%** in mid-October -- and one of the lowest levels of the year. ([Gallup USA](#))

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More Than 10% of U.S. Adults Sick With Allergies on a Given Day ([Click for Details](#))

With the fall allergy season upon us, Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index data reveals that more than **1 in 10 U.S.** adults, on average, report being sick with allergies on any given day of the year. Reports of allergies climb to more than **15%** in the fall and exceed **18%** in the spring. ([Gallup USA](#))

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No Early Front-Runner for 2012 GOP Presidential Nomination ([Click for Details](#))

[US-](#) Rank-and-file Republicans have no clear favorite for the party's 2012 presidential nomination when asked to choose among a large field of potential candidates. Mitt Romney, Sarah Palin, and Mike Huckabee

are essentially tied for the lead, with Newt Gingrich close behind. Preferences have been largely stable since September, though Gingrich and Huckabee have seen modest increases. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Jobs Climb Higher on Americans' Top Problems List ([Click for Details](#))

As the current Congress reconvenes this week for the first time since the midterm elections, the [American](#) people would most likely tell their representatives to focus on jobs, the economy in general, healthcare, the overall way the government works, and the federal budget deficit -- in that order. These are the top five issues Americans name as the most important problems facing the country today. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Republican, Democratic Party Images Stable After Midterms ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans'](#) opinions of the Republican Party are no better, and their opinions of the Democratic Party are no worse, after the recent midterm elections that saw Republicans make major gains in Congress. This contrasts with other recent midterm elections, in which at least one party's favorable rating either improved or declined in the aftermath of the election. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Social Offerings, Openness Key to Community Attachment ([Click for Details](#))

[US-](#) A community's social offerings, openness, aesthetics, and education are the most likely elements to affect residents' attachment to it, according to a three-year study conducted by Gallup for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Views about these four factors have consistently outranked views about basic services, leadership, the local economy, safety, and more -- in terms of how residents feel about where they live. ([Gallup USA](#))

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November Christmas Spending Estimate Outpaces 2009 ([Click for Details](#))

[Americans](#) currently predict they will spend \$714 on Christmas gifts this year -- well exceeding the \$638 they forecast in November a year ago for the 2009 holiday season, but still trailing the pre-recessionary November forecasts recorded over most of the last decade. ([Gallup USA](#))

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Most Canadians See Drivers Holding Cell Phones, Despite Existing Bans ([Click for Details](#))

Despite the fact that most [Canadian](#) provinces now ban the use of hand-held cell phones while driving, many Canadians have still seen drivers rely on the devices while they are behind the wheel, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. **Four-in-five** respondents would welcome a federal regulation that would ban the use of hand-held cell phones while driving. ([Angus Reid](#))

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Canadians Disagree with Court on Interrogations without Legal Counsel ([Click for Details](#))

Most respondents agree with the way the Supreme Court handled the cases related to journalistic sources and sexual abuse by a priest. Many [Canadians](#) believe the Supreme Court made the right decisions on these two recent cases, but question a ruling related to the legal rights of suspects who are being interrogated ([Angus Reid](#))

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► **MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS**

More Than One in Seven Young Arabs Plan to Start a Business (Click for Details)

Young **Arabs** show a relatively high interest in launching businesses in the next year. Overall, **15%** of 15- to 29-year-olds across the Arab League member countries Gallup surveyed in 2010 plan to launch a business in the next 12 months, compared with **4%** of young people in **North America** or **Europe**. (**Gallup USA**)

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► **CYBERWORLD**

Significant Rise In Broadband Internet Technology; Mobile Broadband Gains Traction And Influence

(Click for Details)

According to the study, mobile broadband penetration now reaches one-quarter (**25%**) of all **U.S.** households, primarily with cell phones, Smartphones and other hand-held wireless devices. This penetration is expected to accelerate rapidly as Smartphone adoption grows, choices among data plans expand and consumers continue to adapt their online behaviors to exploit this technology. (**TNS USA**)

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Topic of the week:

Turks Optimistic Country Headed In Right Direction

► 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 .

Commentary: IRI Poll: Turks Optimistic Country Headed In Right Direction

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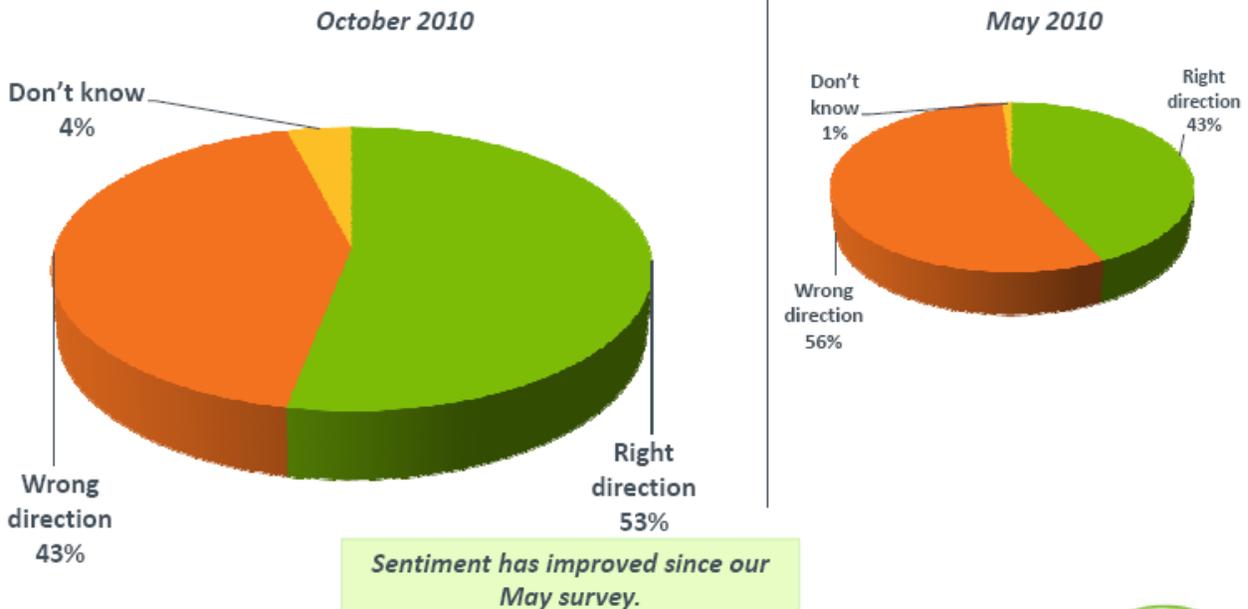
Washington, DC – IRI conducted a new **public opinion survey** in Turkey from September 18–30, 2010 that suggests increasing optimism in Turkey since IRI's May 2010 poll. 53 % of respondents believe that Turkey is heading in the right direction – a 10 % point increase from May. Turks' economic outlook also improved, as the number of those who believe their economic situation is better than five years ago improved from 32 to 43 %, and those who believe their economic situation would improve in the next year increased from 28 to 35 %.

Unemployment and security are of particular concern to voters, and were identified as the most important issues in the next general elections. Turks also indicated that they want to hear more from politicians about unemployment. When asked to evaluate the performance of the government on a range of issues, fighting

unemployment received the lowest average rating: 3.85 on a 10 point scale. The government scored highest on the issues of health care and protection of religious freedom.

At the local level, optimism is more pronounced, as 69 % of those polled believe things in their municipalities are heading in the right direction. Road conditions and trash collection were cited as the top reasons for that belief.

Overall, do you think Turkey is headed in the right direction or in the wrong direction?



IRI's survey gauged attitudes on the national referendum held on September 12, 2010 that approved a series of amendments to the Turkish Constitution, the most controversial of which gave the government more influence over the country's judiciary. A plurality of respondents reported that they made their decision on the referendum two months before voting and that political party campaigns in the weeks leading up to the vote had little impact.



The survey also explored Turkish views on the European Union (EU) accession process. 65 % of Turks believe EU membership is a good thing and 63 % said they would vote for membership if the referendum were held this week. This marks a 12-point increase since IRI's May 2010 survey. Respondents cited economic gains and the free movement of Turkish citizens as the most important benefits of EU membership. §

SOURCE: <http://www.iri.org/news-events-press-center/news/iri-poll-turks-optimistic-country-headed-right-direction>

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A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 –August 2010

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 2,500 polls during the period 2007-2010
- 2- Number of questions: \approx 30,000 during the period 2007-2010
- 3- 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*)
- 4- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys: \approx 150 during the period 2007-2010
- 5- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 150 during the period 2007-2010

