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NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA

► WEST & CENTRAL ASIA

155-1 **More Than Half (52%) Of All Pakistanis Believe That Media Plays a Constructive Social Role** (Click for Details)

(Pakistan) According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than half (52%) of all Pakistanis consider media to be a source of awareness as opposed to 29% who disagree.

(Gallup Pakistan)

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155-2 **Pakistanis Believe Country Can Survive Without IMF Loans** (Click for Details)

(Pakistan) According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, almost three fourth of all Pakistanis (74%) believe that Pakistan can survive without taking loan from IMF as opposed to 25%, who say taking loan is essential for Pakistan's survival. (Gallup Pakistan)

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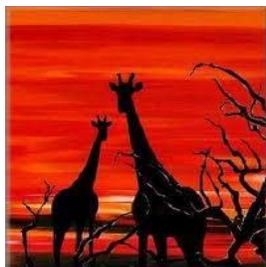
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Africa zone

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Euro Americas zone

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EUROPE



▶ EAST EUROPE

155-3 **Soaring Food Prices Hitting Macedonians Hard** (Click for Details)

(Macedonia) The latest Gallup Balkan Monitor (GBM) data showed that a quarter (24%) of Macedonians had experienced times in the last 12 months when they could not afford to buy food for themselves and family. Across the Balkans, only Albania and Kosovo (27% and 29%, respectively) had worse figures. (Gallup Europe)

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155-4 **Riots on Manege Square: Unrest or Protest Action?** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Majority of Russians are aware of riots on Manege Square. 43% are well informed about that, other 42% heard about that in general. 12 % do not know anything about the riots. Two thirds of Russians would not support the participants of the riots on Manege square. No way would the majority of respondents take part in such actions. (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)

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155-5 **Putin-Medvedev Tandem: Three Years Later** (Click for Details)

(Russia) The attitudes of Russians towards those who rule the country have considerably changed compared to that of 1994 and 2000. Russians thought that the ruling politicians were concerned about their financial well-being and career (53% in 1994, 44% in 2000). Currently, the politicians are perceived as a good team leading the country in the right direction (42 versus 5% in 1994). Nevertheless, every third (31%) still thinks they are targeted at personal well-being. (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)

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155-6 ***Americans Strongly Desire That Political Leaders Work Together*** (Click for Details)

(USA) As the 112th Congress gets fully underway in Washington this week, Americans issue a clear appeal for bipartisanship from both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. **80 %** say President Obama should work to pass legislation that Democrats and Republicans can agree on, even if it's not what most Democrats want, while **83%** say it is "extremely" or "very" important that Republican leaders work with Obama and Democratic leaders to pass agreeable new legislation. (Gallup USA)

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155-7 ***Americans See Room for Improvement in Obama's Leadership*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans see room for improvement in several aspects of President Barack Obama's leadership at the halfway mark of his term. Their broadest criticism is directed at the president's record of bringing about changes the country needs -- a central theme of his 2008 election campaign -- with **70%** saying he needs to do a better job of this. (Gallup USA)

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155-8 ***U.S. Job Pessimism down Slightly Year-Over-Year*** (Click for Details)

(USA) **84 %** of Americans in January say now is a "bad time" to find a quality job, down slightly from **90%** in January 2010, but continuing a trend of high negativity that has persisted for more than two years. (Gallup USA)

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155-9 ***Majority Wants Healthcare Reform Repealed*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Slightly more than **50%** of likely voters favor repealing the healthcare reform bill passed in 2010, but by nearly identical percentages, they say the upcoming Republican plan to repeal is a political gimmick to satisfy opponents of the bill, and do not believe it will succeed, a new Zogby Interactive Survey finds. (Zogby Interactive)

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155-10 ***Obama Averages 46.7% Job Approval in Second Year*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Barack Obama averaged **46.7%** job approval in his second full year in office, spanning Jan. 20, 2010-Jan. 19, 2011. That places Obama's approval on the low end compared with other presidents elected to office since World War II -- similar to the averages of Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, but better than Ronald Reagan's historical low second-year average. (Gallup USA)

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155-11 ***Americans Worry More about Lack of Money than Job Loss*** (Click for Details)

(USA) When asked to name the most important financial problem they face, Americans are most likely to say a lack of money or low wages (**16%**), followed closely by healthcare costs (**14%**) and too much debt

(11%). Other concerns include the cost of owning/renting a home, the high cost of living, and unemployment -- although fewer than 1 in 10 name these as a top problem. ([Gallup USA](#))

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155-12 ***Economy, Jobs Top Public's Policy Agenda*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) The public's policy agenda is again dominated by the economy and jobs with other major issues viewed as less important. Fully **87%** say that strengthening the economy should be a top priority for the president and Congress and **84%** rate improving the job situation as a top priority, by far the highest percentages among 22 issues tested. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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155-13 ***No Shift toward Gun Control after Tucson Shootings*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) In the wake of the Tucson shootings, there is no significant change in public views on the issue of gun control and gun rights. Currently, **49%** of Americans say it is more important to protect the right of Americans to own guns, while **46%** say it is more important to control gun ownership. In September 2010, **50%** prioritized gun control, **46%** gun rights. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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155-14 ***Media Analysis: How the Press Covered the Tragedy in Tucson*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) The aftermath of the Jan. 8 shooting spree in Tucson dominated the American news media last week in a way events rarely do: the tragedy registered as the third-biggest story in a single week since PEJ began tracking coverage in January 2007. From Jan.10-16, the rampage that killed six and badly wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords accounted for **57%** of the news coverage studied by the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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155-15 ***Bipartisan Praise for Obama Memorial Speech*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) The aftermath of the deadly shooting rampage in Tucson, Ariz., dominated the public's news interest last week as President Obama's speech at a memorial service won praise -- across party lines -- among those who had read or heard about the event. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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155-16 ***Boehner Favorability Jumps; Obama Back Above 50%*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Americans' opinions of House Speaker John Boehner have improved considerably since last fall, rising a total of **15** percentage points, including eight points since immediately after the midterm elections. Though one in three Americans are still unfamiliar with Boehner, his ratings are now much more positive than negative, a shift from prior to the election, when they were about equally positive and negative. ([Gallup USA](#))

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155-17 ***No Mandate for Clear U.S. Policy Leader between Obama, GOP*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Neither President Obama nor the Republicans in Congress are the clear leaders when Americans are asked whom they want to have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next year. **45 %** want Obama to have more influence, while **42%** prefer the Republicans. This marks a slight change from surveys conducted in August and early November of last year, when Americans expressed a slight preference for the Republicans. (Gallup USA)

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155-18 ***Americans More Optimistic Than Not About Obama, Economy*** (Click for Details)

(USA) All three major political groups in the United States tend to be optimistic rather than pessimistic when asked how President Barack Obama's job performance over the next two years will compare to the first two years, with Democrats overwhelmingly positive. Half of Americans, overall, expect Obama's job performance in 2011 and 2012 to remain about the same. Relatively few, **10%** think it will get worse, while **39%** predict it will get better. Americans are also fairly upbeat when asked to predict the U.S. economy's direction over the same time frame. More than 4 in 10 think the economy will improve, while **20%** say it will get worse. (Gallup USA)

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155-19 ***Clear Support for Civil Unions - But Not Gay Marriage*** (Click for Details)

(USA) **59%** of Americans support legal civil unions for same-sex couples, giving those partners legal rights when it comes to things like health insurance, inheritance and pensions, according to the latest *Economist/YouGov* Poll. **32%** oppose civil unions for same-sex couples, but that figure includes majorities of Republicans, conservatives and those 65 and older. (Yougov)

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155-20 ***After Two Years: The President and the Public*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Although in the past year public approval of President Obama's performance in office dropped to its all-time low, the President starts his third year just about where he was a year ago, with a nation pretty much evenly divided on his performance in office: **45%** of Americans approve of how he is handling his job as President, while **48%** disapprove. (Yougov)

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155-21 ***Canadians cautiously optimistic about economy heading into 2011*** (Click for Details)

(Canada) Canadians are expressing glimmers of optimism on the economy as we head into the New Year. TNS Canada's Monthly Consumer Confidence Index showed a slight but significant gain of **2.3** points in January, beginning the year at **98.4**. (TNS Canada)

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155-22 ***Over 70% of customers satisfied with Mobile Phone Service Providers*** (Click for Details)

(Australia) Overall customer satisfaction with mobile service providers continues its upward trend in Australia and has increased to **71%** in the six months to October 2010. (Roy Morgan)

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► MULTI-COUNTRY STUDIES

155-23 **Britain Tops the Property Gloom Rankings while Indians are Optimistic** (Click for Details)

(Multi Country Poll) More than two thirds (**68 %**) of people in the UK think that this is a bad time to buy real estate according to the latest findings by Ipsos MORI. Conversely, Indians are the most positive about their property market, with **64 %** saying that this is a good time to purchase property. (Ipsos Mori)

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155-24 **Worldwide, 40% Are Employed Full Time for an Employer** (Click for Details)

(Global Poll) **40 %** of the global workforce was employed full time for an employer in 2009 and 2010, according to Gallup surveys from 129 countries and areas. **19 %** were underemployed, including 7% who were unemployed. (Gallup USA)

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155-25 **Civic Engagement Highest in Developed Countries** (Click for Details)

(Global Poll) Gallup studies worldwide show people with high civic engagement are positive about the communities where they live and actively give back to them. Data from 130 countries show that, in general, adults in developed countries are much more likely to be civically engaged than those in the developing world. (Gallup USA)

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155-26 **Continued Public Support for Going beyond GDP: Global Poll** (Click for Details)

(Global Poll) A new global poll across 12 countries reveals that more than two-thirds of people polled think that economic statistics like GDP are an inadequate way of measuring national progress. The poll finds that **68%** believe that health, social and environmental statistics are as important as economic data, and that governments should also use those to measure national progress. (Globescan)

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► CYBERWORLD



155-27 **Social Side of the Internet** (Click for Details)

(USA) The internet is now deeply embedded in group and organizational life in America. A new national survey by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project has found that **75%** of all American adults are active in some kind of voluntary group or organization, and internet users are more likely than others to be active: **80%** of internet users participate in groups, compared with **56%** of non-internet users. (Pew Research Center)

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Topic of the week: MACEDONIA- Soaring Food Prices Hitting Macedonians Hard

► 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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Reports from **Macedonia** (*Balkan Insight*) say that prices of basic consumer products (e.g. bread, milk, vegetables and fruit) are continuously climbing. This is no surprise; the UN FAO Price Index is at its highest since it began back in 1990. However, with prices of sugar, oils & fats at record levels, the impact in **Macedonia** could be worse than that in many other countries.



The latest Gallup Balkan Monitor (GBM) data showed that a quarter (**24%**) of **Macedonians** had experienced times in the last 12 months



when they could not afford to buy food for themselves and family.

Across the Balkans, only **Albania** and **Kosovo** (**27%** and **29%**, respectively) had worse figures. Furthermore, just under three-quarters (**72%**) of **Macedonians** said they could only manage on their household's income with "difficulty" or with "great difficulty". **Macedonia**, together with **Serbia**, has continuously had more people in this position since the GBM started polling in 2006.

This constant struggle to survive is impacting the way **Macedonians** feel about their lives in general. On a scale of **0 to 10**, **Macedonians** gave their lives a score of **4.2** – the *lowest* in the region. The 2010 score was **0.3** points down from that in 2006. Only the *Bosnian Federation* has seen a steeper drop in life satisfaction in this time: from **5.1** in 2006 to **4.7** in 2010 (still **0.5** points higher than **Macedonia**).

The government has said it will consider selling its reserves of food and other goods if food prices continue to climb and increase social unrest. This might work for a period of time; the government does appear to inspire confidence. In the recent GBM poll, **39%** felt that the **Macedonian** government was doing a "good" or "excellent" job. Only **Montenegro** with **47%** had better figures in the region. §

SOURCE: <http://www.balkan-monitor.eu/>



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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*): \simeq 2,500 polls during the period 2007-2010
- 2- Number of questions: \simeq 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: \simeq 150 during the period 2007-2010
- 5- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \simeq 150 during the period 2007-2010

