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THIS WEEK'S REPORT CONSISTS OF **30** NATIONAL & MULTI COUNTRY SURVEYS. **11** POLLING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED.

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Pg **Africa** zone this week – Nil

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Asia zone

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



► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

157-1 ***Palestinians Expecting Major U.S. Role for Peace*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Palestine](#)) Majority of Palestinians in a recent survey oppose any negotiations with Israeli until construction freezes. Majority expects a more influential role from the U.S. and believes only U.S. policies can influence Israeli stand. ([AWRAD](#))

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[2.3 Foreign Affairs & Security » Palestine/ Israel Conflict](#)

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157-2 ***Egypt, Democracy and Islam*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Egypt](#)) With massive protests threatening to upend the three-decades-long reign of President Hosni Mubarak, the world has been captivated by the events in Egypt. A **59%**-majority of Muslims in Egypt believed that democracy was preferable to any other kind of government in a survey last year. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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[1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance](#)

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157-3 ***State of Women in Egypt*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Egypt](#)) A recent report on women status in Egypt shows that women are more economically driven as compared to three years ago. **65%** have reported that “more money / more wealth” would make them happier. This is an increase of **21%** since our previous survey of women in 2007. ([D3 Systems](#))

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[4.5 Society » Gender Issues](#)

► WEST ASIA

157-4 ***Pakistanis Pessimistic About the Future of PPP Government*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Pakistan](#)) According to a recent survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, almost half of all Pakistanis (**47%**) believe that the current government will dissolve without completing its tenure as opposed to **31%** in whose assessment it will complete its term. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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[1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties](#)

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157-5 ***Financial Worries Top the List of Personal Problems*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Pakistan](#)) A recent survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, shows that half of all Pakistanis (**50%**) consider financial issues to be the most important personal problem followed by domestic issues (**14%**) and security risk (**11%**). ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

Multi Country Poll- Egyptians', Tunisians' Wellbeing Plummets Despite GDP Gains [\(Click for Details\)](#)

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being



Euro Americas zone

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

▶ EAST EUROPE



EUROPE

157-6 **Russian Mass Media: Main Source of Information for Russians** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Russia) Every third Russian (**33%**) trusts information and opinion of friends and relatives rather than mass media. There were **24%** of such respondents three years ago. However, the majority (**53%**) still trust mass media, rather than word-of-mouth communication. [\(Russian Public Opinion Research Center\)](#)

January 25, 2011

4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

157-7 **Portrait of Modern Students** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Russia) According to Russians, over the recent decades it has become more difficult for the graduates to find a job in their field of study (**69%**). Two thirds of Russians think that negative trends are witnessed when the young specialists try to get well paid job (**65%**). [\(Russian Public Opinion Research Center\)](#)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

157-8 **Ecological Culture of Russians** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Russia) Every fifth Russian believes the green measures implemented by the Ministry of Natural Resources are effective (**19%**). Most positive assessments are expressed by Volga district residents (**23%**); Siberians (**22%**), residents of small, middle cities and rural area (**20-24%**), young people aged 18-24 (**24%**), as well as residents of Sverdlovsk region (**41%**). [\(Russian Public Opinion Research Center\)](#)

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4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters

157-9 **Social Well-Being of Russians: 2010** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Russia) In Russia satisfaction with life index has been stable over 2010. This index was the only one not affected by December negative dynamics. It was due to the gradual increase in the share of respondents who are satisfied with their life. [\(Russian Public Opinion Research Center\)](#)

January 17, 2010

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

► WEST EUROPE



157-10 *Little Movement Seen in Britain's Alternative Vote Referendum* ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) A majority of respondents are still "not too informed" or "not informed at all" about the proposed electoral system. A large proportion of Britons remains uninformed about the referendum that could alter the way members of the House of Commons are elected, a new Vision Critical / Angus Reid poll has found. ([Vision Critical](#))

January 28, 2011

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

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► NORTH AMERICA

157-11 *SOTU Overshadowed by Middle East Unrest* ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) In the first part of last week, the media focused on President Obama's Jan. 25 State of the Union speech. In the latter half, Egyptian protests that began to look like a revolution dominated coverage, virtually drowning out the president's emphasis on re-tooling the U.S. economy. most notably the Egyptian uprising against President Hosni Mubarak -- was the No. 1 story from Jan. 24-30. They accounted for **20%** of the week's coverage according to the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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157-12 *Americans Believe GOP Should Consider Tea Party Ideas* ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) About **7 in 10** national adults, including **88%** of Republicans, say it is important that Republican leaders in Congress take the Tea Party movement's positions and objectives into account as they address the nation's problems. Among Republicans, **53%** rate this "very important." ([Gallup USA](#))

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

157-13 *No Bounce for President after State of the Union* ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Last week, immediately before his speech, approval for his handling of the economy reached a six month high of **41%**. However, the steady gains in approval over the past month were reversed this week as Americans gave his economic policies an approval rating of **35%**. The speech did not boost his overall approval ratings either. At **44%**, approval for the President is virtually unchanged. ([YouGov](#))

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157-14 *No SOTU Bump for Obama, but Approval Remains Higher* ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Gallup Daily tracking finds no change in President Obama's job approval rating after his State of the Union address. The president's **50%** average for the week ending Sunday, Jan. 30, matches the prior week's rating, which was the highest weekly average for Obama since May. ([Gallup USA](#))

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157-15 ***Americans Split on Desired Influence of Organized Religion*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Americans have mixed views on the influence of organized religion in the U.S. today, with **29%** saying religion should have more influence and an identical percentage saying it should have less influence. A slightly larger **39%** believe organized religion's influence should be kept as it is now. ([Gallup USA](#))

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4.1 Society » Religion

157-16 ***Americans Have Down-to-Earth Goals for Living Comfortably*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) The slight majority of Americans, **55%**, believe they could live comfortably on something less than \$75,000 a year. That's not an extravagant figure given that the median family income is now about \$52,000, although it still represents a daunting income gap to close in today's tough economic times. One in four, **24%**, say they would need \$100,000 or more to achieve a comfortable lifestyle, slightly more than the **16%** already making six figures. ([Gallup USA](#))

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

157-17 ***Obama's Approval Ratings More Polarized in Year 2 than Year*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Barack Obama's job approval ratings were even more polarized during his second year in office than during his first, when he registered the most polarized ratings for a first-year president. An average of **81%** of Democrats and **13%** of Republicans approved of the job Obama was doing as president during his second year. That 68-point gap in party ratings is up from 65 points in his first year and is easily the most polarized second year for a president since Dwight Eisenhower. ([Gallup USA](#))

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

157-18 ***In U.S., Caregivers Suffer From Poorer Physical Health*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Americans who work a full-time job and say they care for an elderly or disabled family member, relative, or friend, suffer from poorer physical health than those who work a full-time job but do not have additional caregiving responsibilities. Caregivers, who represent **16%** of the full-time American workforce, have a Physical Health Index score of 77.4, which is significantly lower than the 83.0 found among non-caregivers. ([Gallup USA](#))

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4.2 Society » Family

4.11 Society » Health

157-19 ***Many Small Businesses Hiring Fewer Workers Than Needed*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Half of small-business owners (**51%**) who employ people other than themselves hired new workers in 2010, according to the Wells Fargo/Gallup Small Business Index survey. However, of these, **42%** hired fewer new employees than they needed -- likely a major reason job growth was so anemic last year. Of course, an additional factor is that **48%** of small businesses with more than one employee did not make any new hires in 2010. ([Gallup USA](#))

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

157-20 ***American Public shows how it would cut the Budget Deficit*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) A new study finds that when average Americans are presented the federal budget in some detail, most are able to dramatically reduce the budget deficit and resolve the Social Security shortfall. ([World Public Opinion](#))

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3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

157-21 **Canadians Flatly Reject Usage Based Billing for Internet Access** ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) In the online survey of a representative national sample of 1,024 Canadian adults, three-in-four respondents (**76%**) disagree with the recent decision from the Canada Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), which recently ruled that Internet service providers should adopt “usage-based billing”. ([Angus Reid / Toronto Star poll](#))

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

157-22 **Unauthorized Immigrant Population: National and State Trends, 2010** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) As of March 2010, 11.2 million unauthorized immigrants were living in the United States, virtually unchanged from a year earlier, according to new estimates from the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center. This stability in 2010 follows a two-year decline from the peak of 12 million in 2007 to 11.1 million in 2009 that was the first significant reversal in a two-decade pattern of growth. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees

157-23 **In U.S., Majority Still Wants Less Corporate Influence** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) The large majority of Americans (**62%**) want major corporations to have less influence in the United States. While this is down from a peak of **68%** in 2008, it remains well above the **52%** recorded in 2001. Relatively few Americans would prefer to see corporations gain influence, but the **12%** recorded this year is the highest to date. ([Gallup USA](#))

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3.6 Economy » Economic Globalization

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

157-24 **In U.S., Chronic Health Conditions as Prevalent in 2010 as 2009** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) About **3 in 10** American adults continue to report having been diagnosed with high blood pressure or high cholesterol in their lifetimes, making these two illnesses the most widespread diseases measured. The prevalence of diagnoses of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and cancer is up compared with 2008. ([Gallup USA](#))

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4.11 Society » Health

157-25 **In U.S., Alternative Energy Bill Does Best Among Eight Proposals** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Of eight actions Congress could take this year, Americans most favor an energy bill that provides incentives for using alternative energy (**83%**), an overhaul of the federal tax code (**76%**), and speeding up withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan (**72%**). ([Gallup USA](#))

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3.10 Economy » Energy/Nuclear Issues

4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters

157-26 **Two-in-Five Americans Report Worsening Views of Sarah Palin** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Barack Obama leads the former Alaska Governor in a 2012 ballot test, but people who watched Palin's show on TLC hold more favorable views. Many Americans believe that Sarah Palin is not ready to replace Barack Obama as President, a new Vision Critical poll has found. ([Vision Critical](#))

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

157-27 **World Cancer Day: Canadians Willing to Pitch in to Prevent Cancer** ([Click for Details](#))

(Canada) A national survey released today in advance of World Cancer Day shows that more than half of Canadians 35 to 69 years of age feel cancer should be a top priority for health research. However, the survey also shows that a similar number do not know how to get involved in a way that could be helpful to other people. (Vision Critical)

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4.11 Society » Health



► AUSTRALASIA

157-28 *Two Thirds of Australians Say Economy is in Good Shape* (Click for Details)

(Australia) A large proportion of Australians appear satisfied with their country's current economic standing, and boast a level of confidence that surpasses other industrialized nations, a new Vision Critical poll has found. (Vision Critical)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS



157-29 *Egyptians', Tunisians' Wellbeing Plummet Despite GDP Gains* (Click for Details)

(Egypt, Tunisia) Wellbeing in Egypt and Tunisia decreased significantly over the past few years, even as GDP increased. In Egypt, where demonstrations have prompted President Hosni Mubarak to give up power after elections this fall, the percentage of people "thriving" fell by **18 percentage** points since 2005. In Tunisia, where mass protests toppled the country's government last month, the percentage of people Gallup classifies as thriving fell 10 points since 2008. (Gallup USA)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

► CYBERWORLD



157-30 *Accessing Health Topics on the Internet* (Click for Details)

(USA) Health information remains one of the most important subjects that internet users research online. The Pew Project have added eight new topics -- including food safety, drug safety and pregnancy information -- to our national survey measuring internet users' interest in health information. (Pew Research Center)

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Topic of the week:

Egypt in the Spot Light

► 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.



In the light of recent events in the Middle East Egypt has attracted a lot of attention world wide. This week's Topic focuses on snippets of four surveys focusing on the volatile nation.

Egypt, Democracy and Islam

January 31, 2011: With massive protests threatening to upend the three-decades-long reign of President Hosni Mubarak, the world has been captivated by

the events in Egypt. In a survey conducted April 12 to May 7, 2010, the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project examined the views of Egypt and six other Muslim publics about politics and the role Islam should play in it.

A **59%**-majority of Muslims in Egypt believed that democracy was preferable to any other kind of government. About one-in-five (**22%**), however, said that in some circumstances, a non-democratic government could be preferable, and another **16%** said it did not matter what kind of government is in place for a person in their situation.



Egyptians were split on how big a role Islam played in the political life of their country. Among Muslims in Egypt, **48%** said Islam played a large role in their nation's political life while a nearly equal **49%** said it played only a small role. By wide margins, Muslims surveyed in the spring of 2010 believed that Islam's influence in politics was positive rather than negative. In Egypt, Islam's role in politics was seen favorably by an overwhelming **85%-to-2%** margin among Muslims.

Just **31%** of Egyptian Muslims saw a struggle between modernizers and fundamentalists in their country. Among Egyptian Muslims who did see a struggle, a **59%**-majority sided with the fundamentalists. Just **27%** of those who saw such struggle sided with the modernizers.

Views of Democracy

	Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government	In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable	For someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have	DK
	%	%	%	%
Lebanon	81	12	5	2
Turkey	76	6	5	13
Jordan	69	17	10	4
Nigeria	66	18	16	1
Indonesia	65	12	19	4
Egypt	59	22	16	2
Pakistan	42	15	21	22

Based on Muslims only.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q17.

Concerns about Islamic extremism -- both in their country and around the world -- were widespread in Egypt. About **six-in-ten** Egyptians were very (20%) or somewhat (41%) concerned about the rise of Islamic extremism in their country. Asked about extremism around the world, 30% of Egyptians were very concerned about Islamic extremism and 40% were somewhat concerned.

SOURCE : <http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1874/egypt-protests-democracy-islam-influence-politics-islamic-extremism>

State of Women in Egypt

VIENNA, Virginia, February 1, 2010 – D3 Systems released a report recently on the social and economic trends in the lives of Egyptian women. The analysis explores quantitative data measuring improvements and setbacks in the lives of urban Egyptian women. The findings report that Egyptian women are becoming more economically driven. 65% have reported that “more money / more wealth” would make them happier. This is an increase of 21% since our previous survey of women in 2007.

While women have reported more interest in their economic well being, social injustice is a significant problem. One third of women report being denied access to education (32%), the legal system (32%) and health care (31%).

SOURCE: http://www.d3systems.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/Wave-2-Egypt-Wimc_FINAL_v2.pdf

Egyptians', Tunisians' Wellbeing Plummet Despite GDP Gains

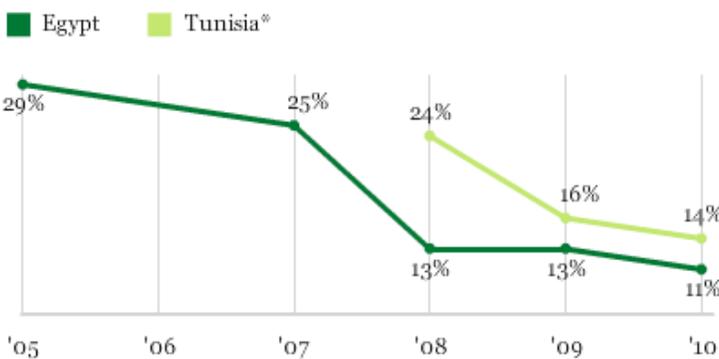
Traditional economic indicators paint an incomplete picture of life in these countries

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Wellbeing in Egypt and Tunisia decreased significantly over the past few years, even as GDP increased. In Egypt, where demonstrations have prompted President Hosni Mubarak to give up power after elections this fall, the percentage of people "thriving" fell by **18 percentage points** since 2005. In Tunisia, where mass protests toppled the country's government last month, the percentage of people Gallup classifies as thriving fell **10 points** since 2008.

In Egypt, all income groups have seen wellbeing

Percentage "Thriving" in Egypt and Tunisia

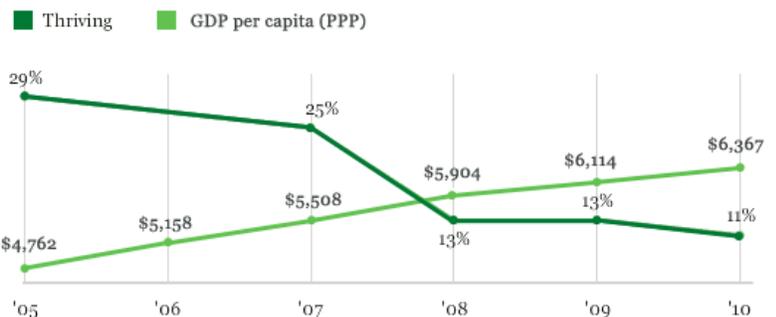


*Gallup does not have data for Tunisia prior to 2008.

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decline significantly since 2005, with only the richest 20% of the population trending positively since 2009. In Tunisia, wellbeing for all groups has declined since 2008 at similar rates. Wellbeing in these countries now ranks among the worst in the Middle East and North Africa region. When more people were thriving in **Egypt** and **Tunisia** in past years, their wellbeing ranked toward the higher end for the region. Thus, it is important to consider the

Egypt: Recent Trends in Percentage "Thriving" and GDP per Capita (PPP)



2005-2010 GDP per capita (ppp) estimates are from the International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook database.

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current state of wellbeing in each country as well as the trend and trajectory.

The data underscore how traditional economic metrics can paint an incomplete picture of life in a given country. Over the same period that wellbeing decreased in Egypt and Tunisia, GDP increased. This is particularly noteworthy because previous Gallup research, by Angus Deaton, Betsey Stevenson and Justin Wolfers, and Gallup researchers, has found wellbeing to be highly correlated with GDP per capita.

Gallup's global wellbeing metrics make clear that leaders cannot assume that the lives of those in their countries would improve in tandem with rising GDP. The traditional GDP gains seen in Tunisia and Egypt alongside declines in wellbeing and subsequent political instability are evidence of this. Together, the data strongly suggest leaders need to follow much more than GDP to effectively track and lead the progress of their nation.

SOURCE : <http://www.gallup.com/poll/145883/egyptians-tunisians-wellbeing-plummets-despite-gdp-gains.aspx>

Egypt 9th in the List of Countries Vitally Important to U.S.

Less than half of Americans (45%) say what happens in Egypt is vitally important to U.S.



by Frank Newport- *PRINCETON, NJ* -- Seven out of 10 Americans say what happens in China is vitally important to the U.S., putting China at the top of 12 countries Gallup asked Americans to rate on this dimension, significantly ahead of North Korea and Iran. Egypt is 9th on the list; 45% of Americans say what happens there is vitally important.

The demonstrations and unrest in **Egypt** have dominated international news coverage in recent weeks. But Americans, according to Gallup's Feb. 2-5 poll, are less likely to say what happens there is vitally important than to say this about a number of other countries around the world, particularly China. In addition to *China*, *North Korea*, and *Iran*, other countries seen as at least

marginally more important than Egypt to U.S. interests include *Israel*, *Iraq*, *Afghanistan*, *Mexico*, and *Pakistan*. Only *Canada*, *Russia*, and *India* are below **Egypt** on this measure.

Implications

Americans' perceptions of the importance of what happens in China most likely underscore the public's underlying concern about economic matters. Although **Egypt** is currently much in the news, the American public may have a longer-range perspective on events around the world and may recognize that *China's* economic prowess will potentially have the most dramatic, direct effect on the U.S. in years to come.

Americans rate what happens in *Israel* as more important than what happens in **Egypt**, likely reflecting their views of the centrality of *Israel's* status to the entire Middle East region and *Israel's* long-standing role as a major U.S. ally. These results suggest that if the **Egyptian** unrest is perceived as directly affecting *Israel* in the future, Americans may elevate their views of the importance of what happens in **Egypt**.



SOURCE: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/146039/China-Tops-List-Countries-Vitally-Important-Egypt-9th.aspx>

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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

