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NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA



### ► MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

160-1 ***Palestinians Supportive of Youth Revolutions in Arab World*** (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) A recent An Najah University survey shows that Palestinians are supportive of youth revolutions in various parts of the world Arab. They see the roots of revolutions in social justice system. On the other hand majority oppose negotiations with Israel during construction of new settlements. They also condemn U.S. veto of a motion against Israel in Security Council. ([An Najah University](#))

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160-2 ***Before Uprising, Egyptians Lacked Faith in Honesty of Elections*** (Click for Details)

([Egypt](#)) Egypt's constitutional reform committee works to craft the legal framework for free and transparent presidential elections later this year, Gallup data show fewer than 3 in 10 Egyptians were confident in the honesty of elections in the country before the end of the Mubarak regime. ([Gallup USA](#))

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160-3 ***Iraqi Kurds More Optimistic Than Rest of Their Countrymen*** (Click for Details)

([Iraq](#)) A recent IRI survey shows that Kurds are more optimistic about the direction of the country than rest of their countrymen. They cite unemployment, corruption and services as their most important concerns. ([IRI](#))

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([Libya](#)) Gallup surveys in Libya's two largest cities -- part of a wider effort -- offer a glimpse into the lives of Tripoli and Benghazi residents before protests erupted. Wellbeing was low in each city in late 2010, but residents of Benghazi, the epicenter of the demonstrations, were less satisfied than Tripoli residents in two areas: the freedom to choose what they do with their lives and efforts to create good jobs. ([Gallup USA](#))

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### ► WEST ASIA

160-5 ***Pakistanis Hopes for the Next Generation*** (Click for Details)

([Pakistan](#)) According to a survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, one fifth of all Pakistanis (**20%**) are hopeful that the next generation will have a more safe and secure life and **27%** are optimistic for a more prosperous life for the next generation. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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► **SOUTH EAST ASIA**

160-6 **9 Out Of 10 Want TV Coverage of the Maguindanao Massacre Case** (Click for Details)

(**Philippines**) **9 out of 10** adult Filipinos call for television coverage of the Maguindanao Massacre case, according to the Fourth Quarter 2010 Social Weather Survey, fielded from November 27-30, 2010. (**SWS**)

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### EUROPE

► **EAST EUROPE**

160-7 **The Year of Disasters in Poland and Across the World** (Click for Details)

(**Poland**) Over half of respondents (**54%**) claimed that in 2010 the most significant event that happened in Poland was the death of President Lech Kaczynski and other eminent members of society in an air crash in Smolensk, Russia. Presidential elections and elections to local government, which also took place in 2010, were mentioned definitely less frequently (**13%** in all). For **8%** of Poles, the crucial events of 2010 were



natural disasters, mainly floods that occurred during summer. ([CBOS Public Opinion Research Center Poland](#))

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160-8 ***Poles Working Abroad*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Poland](#)) The rate of Poles' migrating abroad in search of work remained largely the same as in the previous year. Presently, in almost every tenth household (**9%**) there is a person working abroad. ([CBOS Public Opinion Research Center Poland](#))

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160-9 ***Low Terror Fear among Poles*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Poland](#)) The fear of terrorism in Poland is rather low. A vast majority of respondents (**72%**) declare that they are not afraid of terrorist attacks and a quarter of the surveyed people (**25%**) admitted they do fear the attacks may happen. ([CBOS Public Opinion Research Center Poland](#))

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160-10 ***Terrorism Threat and Ways to Combat It*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Russia](#)) According to a recent survey **80%** of Russians are afraid of being the victims of terrorist attack. Every third believes that terrorism cannot be defeated in Russia. ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

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160-11 ***Olympic Mascot: More Russians In Favor Of Father Frost*** ([Click for Details](#))

([Russia](#)) Father Frost is the most successful Olympic mascot, Russians say. It evokes positive emotions and conveys the atmosphere of holiday. ([Russian Public Opinion Research Center](#))

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## ► WEST EUROPE

160-12 ***UK Financial Providers Fail To Earn Trust Of Their Customers*** ([Click for Details](#))

([UK](#)) A new poll by global research and technology firm Vision Critical® shows that Britons do not trust the financial providers they use. According to the representative sample of 6,000 British adults, just **40 %** say they completely trust the financial providers they use. ([Vision Critical](#))

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160-13 ***Higher Public Support for Changing the Voting System to Alternative Vote*** ([Click for Details](#))

([UK](#)) A recent Mori survey shows that among those in Briton who are certain to vote, half support adopting the Alternative Vote system (**49%**) while a third are against (**37%**). The remaining **13%** are not sure which way they would vote. ([Ipsos Mori](#))

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160-14 ***Britons Start to Turn Against Cameron's Big Society Policy*** ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) Seven months after the introduction of the “Big Society” policy by Prime Minister David Cameron, people in Britain are seeing the program as a failure, a new Vision Critical / Angus Reid poll has found. The policy calls for communities across the United Kingdom to take over responsibility for specific services and duties, such as local transport and libraries. ([Vision Critical/Angus Reid](#))

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## AMERICAS



### ► NORTH AMERICA

160-15 **Mississippi Rates as the Most Conservative U.S. State** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Mississippi is home to the largest percentage of conservatives among U.S. states, with a slim majority identifying their political views as conservative. Several other states, including Idaho, Alabama, Wyoming, and Utah approach **50%** conservative identification. ([Gallup USA](#))

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160-16 **Reagan, FDR Top Greatness Poll of Presidents since WWII** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Ronald Reagan and Franklin D. Roosevelt stand atop a Presidential Greatness Zogby Interactive survey of all U.S. Presidents since World War II. At the opposite end of the spectrum ranked highest as failures are Jimmy Carter, George W. Bush and Barack Obama. ([Zogby Interactive](#))

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160-17 **Obama Approval Now 45%; GOP Voters Help Congressional Approval Rise to 32%** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Barack Obama's job approval among likely voters rating is now **45%**, holding steady since the New Year. Approval of Congress, especially among Republican voters, continues to rise. ([Zogby Interactive](#))

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160-18 **Trust In Government – Not!** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) The Economist/YouGov Poll has tracked trust in government from the start of Barack Obama's Administration. There was little gain in the weeks following his Inauguration, and trust has continued to decline. In the latest poll, the results are anemic. Only **7%** of adults say they trust the government to do what's right most of the time or more often. **41%** say they trust it “almost never.” But that's not much different from the results from March of 2009, weeks after Barack Obama was sworn in as President. ([Yougov](#))

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160-19 **The Tea Party, Religion and Social Issues** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) A new analysis by the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life finds that Tea Party supporters tend to have conservative opinions not just about economic matters, but also about social issues such as abortion and same-sex marriage. In addition, they are much more likely than registered voters as a whole to say that their religion is the most important factor in determining their opinions on these social issues. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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160-20 ***Global Trouble Spots Top Public's News Interests*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) The public expresses far more interest in news from global hot spots, including Iraq, Afghanistan and North Korea, than in news from many less troubled countries. And while most Americans express interest in what happens in Canada and Great Britain, far fewer are interested in developments from other traditional U.S. allies -- notably France. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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160-21 ***Labor Unions Seen as Good for Workers, Not U.S. Competitiveness*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) The favorability ratings for labor unions remain at nearly their lowest level in a quarter century with **45%** expressing a positive view. Yet the public expresses similar opinions about business corporations – **47%** have a favorable impression – and this rating is also near a historic low. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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160-22 ***Public Favors Tougher Border Controls and Path to Citizenship*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) The public continues to favor tough measures to crack down on illegal immigration. Yet Americans see no contradiction in supporting both stepped-up border security and a way for people already in the United States illegally to gain citizenship. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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160-23 ***Religion in the News: 2010*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Events and controversies related to Islam dominated U.S. press coverage of religion in 2010, bumping the Catholic Church from the top spot. Much of the coverage focused on the plan to build a mosque and Islamic center near ground zero in New York City, a Florida pastor's threat to organize a public burning of the Koran and commemorations of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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160-24 ***Issues Divide Republicans' Views of Potential 2012 Contenders*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Although Mike Huckabee, Mitt Romney, and Sarah Palin lead the field of potential Republican presidential candidates among all Republicans nationwide, there are significant differences in candidate preferences when Republicans are divided by the issue they think is most important. Those focused on government spending and power are most likely to favor Huckabee or Romney, while those focused on the economy favor Romney or Palin. Republicans who say social and moral values are most important favor Huckabee or Palin. ([Gallup USA](#))

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160-25 ***Americans' Economic Confidence Worsens in Mid-February*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Gallup's Economic Confidence measure worsened to its lowest weekly level of 2011, -26, in the week ending Feb. 20. This essentially matches the -27 of the same week a year ago, giving up improvement seen earlier this year. ([Gallup USA](#))

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## 3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

160-26 ***Growing Minority Wants Minimal U.S. Role in World Affairs*** (Click for Details)

(USA) By a 2-to-1 margin, **66%** to **32%**, Americans would prefer that the United States be a major rather than a minor player on the world stage in trying to solve international problems. Support for the United States' having a leading or major role in this has diminished over the past two years, falling from **75%** in 2009, while the percentage favoring a more isolationist stance has increased from **23%**. (Gallup USA)

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## 2.8 Foreign Affairs &amp; Security » International / Regional Organizations

160-27 ***Number of Solidly Democratic States Cut in Half from '08 to '10*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Gallup's analysis of party affiliation in the U.S. states shows a marked decline in the number of solidly Democratic states from 2008 (30) to 2010 (14). The number of politically competitive states increased over the same period, from 10 to 18, with more limited growth in the number of leaning or solidly Republican states. (Gallup USA)

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## 1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

160-28 ***Scaling Back State Programs Is Least of Three Fiscal Evils*** (Click for Details)

(USA) As Wisconsin and numerous other states struggle to reduce untenable budget deficits, a new USA Today/Gallup poll finds that not one of three major fiscal strategies available to state lawmakers is very popular. The least objectionable to Americans is "reducing or eliminating certain state programs," with about equal numbers in favor as opposed. A slight majority, **53%**, opposes reducing pay and benefits for state workers, and a larger majority, **71%**, opposes raising state taxes. (Gallup USA)

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## 3.9 Economy » Financial systems &amp; Institutions

► **MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS**160-29 ***Economy and Living Conditions In Poland, The Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary*** (Click for Details)

(Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia & Hungary) In Poland, the assessment of the country's economy is noticeably more positive than in other countries belonging to the so called Visegrád Group. Poles most frequently describe the state of the Polish economy as average and the number of positive and negative opinions on this subject is comparable. Negative opinions are dominant particularly in Hungary but also in the Czech Republic. The Slovaks are also critical of their country's economy but to a lesser degree than the Czechs and Hungarians. (CBOS Public Opinion Research Center Poland)

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## 3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

160-30 ***Measuring the State of Muslim-West Relations: Assessing the "New Beginning"*** (Click for Details)

(Multi-Country) This book builds up on the Who Speaks for Islam and underscores three main themes in Muslims' perceptions of Muslim-West tensions: the salience of politics as opposed to religion, the importance of respect, and the role of conflicts in Muslim lands that involve Western powers. (Abu Dhabi Gallup Center)

November 28, 2010

## 2.7 Foreign Affairs &amp; Security » Muslim World

► **CYBERWORLD**

160-31 **New Research Shows Mobile Internet Usage a Daily Habit** (Click for Details)

(USA) A recent report finds U.S. mobile Internet usage up **17 %** from the 2010 Mobile Internet Attitudes Report. Nearly half of respondents said they would use the mobile Internet each day to stay in touch with friends through instant messaging (**21 %** in the UK and **22 %** in the US) and social networking (**27 %** in both countries). (Yougov)

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## Topic of the week:

### Restless Arab World

- ▶ 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.

### Ahead of Protests, Many Libyans Discontent With Freedom, Jobs

Residents in Benghazi less satisfied than Tripoli residents

February 25, 2011



WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Gallup surveys in **Libya's** two largest cities -- part of a wider effort -- offer a glimpse into the lives of Tripoli and Benghazi residents before protests erupted. Wellbeing

was low in each city in late 2010, but residents of Benghazi, the epicenter of the demonstrations, were less satisfied than Tripoli residents in two areas: the freedom to choose what they do with their lives and efforts to create good jobs.



#### Libyan Life Before the Unrest

Based on surveys in Tripoli and Benghazi

	Tripoli	Benghazi
Percentage "thriving"	13%	15%
Freedom in your life		
Satisfied	50%	34%
Dissatisfied	29%	33%
Don't know/Refused	21%	32%
Efforts to increase number of quality jobs in your country		
Satisfied	44%	31%
Dissatisfied	13%	50%
Don't know/Refused	44%	20%
Availability of good jobs in your community		
Satisfied	37%	32%
Dissatisfied	36%	33%
Don't know/Refused	27%	35%

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While distance and history divide residents in Libya's capital, Tripoli, and its second-largest city, Benghazi, equally low percentages of their residents were thriving last year. The **13%** in Tripoli and **15%** in

Benghazi who rated their lives well enough to be considered thriving is on the low side, compared with other populations in the Middle East and North Africa.

High unemployment and underemployment plague residents in both cities, particularly young people. Fewer residents in Benghazi (31%) than in Tripoli (44%) were satisfied with efforts to increase the number of quality jobs in their country. They found more accord when reflecting on the situation at the local level: roughly one-third were satisfied with the availability of good jobs in their communities and one-third were dissatisfied.

**Implications:** Libyans in both cities faced significant economic and social challenges before the protests erupted and will face even greater tests in the still uncertain future. It will be important for all Libyans to meet these challenges together.

**Source:** [http://www.gallup.com/poll/146399/Ahead-Protests-Libyans-Discontent-Freedom-Jobs.aspx?utm\\_source=alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=syndication&utm\\_content=morelink&utm\\_term=Muslim%20World%20-%20Religion%20and%20Social%20Trends%20-%20Wellbeing](http://www.gallup.com/poll/146399/Ahead-Protests-Libyans-Discontent-Freedom-Jobs.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=Muslim%20World%20-%20Religion%20and%20Social%20Trends%20-%20Wellbeing)

## Before Uprising, Egyptians Lacked Faith in Honesty of Elections

*Nearly all in 2009 said they would in theory support freedom of speech as a constitutional right*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- AS

**Egypt's** constitutional reform committee works to craft the legal framework

for free and transparent presidential elections later this year, Gallup data shows fewer than **3 in 10** Egyptians were confident in the honesty of elections in the country before the end of the Mubarak regime.

**Egypt's** recent election history has been mixed. Opposition groups made significant gains in 2005 that left one-fifth of the Egyptian parliament in the hands of candidates associated with the Muslim Brotherhood, the country's most organized opposition movement at the time. But the 2010 elections that resulted in a landslide victory for Mubarak's National Democratic Party were mired with widespread fraud allegations.

While the current constitutional committee's focus -- ahead of the approaching deadline to amend the constitution--is election reform, guaranteeing personal freedoms will likely remain a priority for **Egyptians**.

*In this country, do you have confidence in each of the following, or not? How about the honesty of elections?*

Asked of Egyptian adults

	2009	2010
Yes	28%	28%

*Suppose that someday you were asked to help draft a new constitution for a new country. As I read you a list of possible provisions that might be included in a new constitution, would you tell me whether you would probably agree or not agree with the inclusion of each of these provisions?*

Asked of Egyptian adults

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know/Refused
Freedom of speech -- allowing all citizens to express their opinion on the political, social, and economic issues of the day	96%	2%	1%
Freedom of religion -- allowing all citizens to observe any religion of their choice and to practice its teachings and beliefs	75%	24%	1%
Freedom of assembly -- allowing all citizens to assemble or congregate for any reason or in support of any cause	52%	46%	2%

March 2009

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In the coming pre-election months, the legal and political atmosphere regarding such freedoms will likely serve as a litmus test for Egyptians' confidence in the current military rulers' stated intentions to quickly move the country to democratic civilian rule.

**Implications:** As protesters spark uprisings in neighboring **Libya** as well as **Yemen, Bahrain**, and other Arab countries, leaders and residents across the Arab world will closely watch what happens in **Egypt's** post-revolution era. While the transitional government's ability to institute appropriate reforms in time for new presidential elections toward the end of 2011 remains to be seen, the committee's initial recommendations, and to what degree they are enforced, will be the first crucial steps toward widespread hope for political reform. Egyptians' lack of confidence in the honesty of elections in previous years highlights the need for quick constitutional guarantees to set the stage for free and transparent elections. The high priority Egyptians put on freedom of speech and religion demonstrates a clear desire for a more politically vibrant and pluralistic future.



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## Palestinians Supportive of Youth Revolutions in Arab World

24-26 February 2011

Following are the results of a Palestinian Public Opinion Poll conducted by the Center for Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An-Najah National University during the period from 24-26 February 2011.

### The General Results:

Do you think that the USA's veto against the Security Council draft resolution condemning the Israeli settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem is an American encouragement of the Israeli policies in the Palestinian Territories?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	81.0	85.9	72.4
No	12.5	9.0	18.6
No opinion/I do not know	6.5	5.1	9.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you supported or reject the revolutions that took place in some Arab countries such as Tunisia and Egypt?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	80.1	85.5	70.8
I reject	16.0	12.2	22.6
No opinion/I do not know	3.9	2.3	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

80.1% of respondents supported the revolutions that took place in some Arab countries such as Tunisia and Egypt. 89% of respondents believed that other youth revolutions similar to those that happened in Tunisia and Egypt will be replicated in some other Arab countries. 77.3% of respondents expected the success of youth revolutions if they happen in some other Arab countries. 56.5% of respondents believed that the youth revolutions that succeeded in some Arab countries will implement fair and democratic rules.

The reasons behind the youth revolutions in some Arab Countries according to respondents were as follows:

- 23.8% attributed them to the absence of democracy,
- 18.3% attributed them to the misdistribution of wealth,
- 33.5% attributed them to the absence of social justice, and
- 21.7% attributed them to foreign meddling in the affairs of these countries.

52.7% of respondents believed that the youth revolutions that happened in some Arab countries will lead to an increase in the Arab support of the Palestinian cause.

Do you think that it is possible to reach a lasting solution for the Palestinian Israeli conflict in view of the current circumstances?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	18.0	17.3	19.2
No	75.3	78.0	70.6
No opinion/I do not know	6.7	4.7	10.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If elections are conducted in the Palestinian Territories at the present time, do you expect that they will be fair and unbiased?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	55.1	60.0	46.8
No	33.4	30.1	39.0
No opinion/I do not know	11.5	9.9	14.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Are you pessimistic or optimistic towards the general Palestinian situation at this stage?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Optimistic	42.1	49.7	29.0
Pessimistic	54.1	48.7	63.4
No opinion/I do not know	3.8	1.6	7.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: [http://www.najah.edu/index.php?news\\_id=8167](http://www.najah.edu/index.php?news_id=8167)

## Iraqi Kurds More Optimistic Than Rest of Their Countrymen

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### Basic Services and Security

The December 2010 survey of the Kurdistan region tested Iraqis' opinions regarding a range of issues, with the intent of helping improve government's understanding of the issues that concern citizens.



In this survey of the Kurdistan region, the responses indicate a significant increase in concern and desire for improved basic services. When asked, what in your opinion is the biggest problem facing the region as a whole, basic services such as water and electricity ranked third with **34 %** out of a list of eight choices, with government corruption at **39 %** and unemployment at **48 %**. When asked which service issues had gotten better or worse over the last year, **27 %** of respondents said electricity had become somewhat or much worse, a **19 %** increase from the October 2010 national survey. When asked in an open ended question what practical advice the respondent could give to improve public services in the area, provide more electricity/generators finished second, only 1 % point behind improve road/traffic flow/checkpoints.

Regarding security—the main nationwide concern in IRI's October 2010 nationwide poll—respondents were asked what is the largest and second largest problem facing the region, only **6%** responded that security was the first or second biggest problem, placing it last in the list of eight choices. This reflects an increased confidence from the October poll, in which **18 %** of the Kurdistan region listed security as the single biggest problem. It also stands in stark contrast to national responses in both the December 2009 IRI poll, in which **43 %** responded that security was the biggest problem, and the October 2010 poll, in which security ranked first with 36 %.

### ***Kurdish Optimism***

There is a general optimism expressed by respondents about their situation and region not seen anywhere else in Iraq. When asked whether their household financial situation had gotten better or worse over the past year, respondents in all three provinces had significant majorities choosing better over worse: Duhok - **62 %** better **19 %** worst; Erbil - **53 %** better **28 %** worse; Sulaymaniyah - **54 %** better **21 %** worse.

This economic optimism held true for the future as well, with **48 %** of respondents in Erbil expecting their household financial situation to improve, **52 %** in Sulaymaniyah expected improvement and in Duhok, **41 %**.

When asked whether the region as a whole is going in the right direction or wrong direction, the numbers stayed very positive. In Duhok, **67 %** responded right direction, In Erbil, **55 %** and in Sulaymaniyah, **52 %**.

Again, this regional optimism contrasts a national pessimism as indicated by the October 2010 national poll, in which **63 %** of the Kurdistan region said that they thought the country of Iraq was going in the wrong direction, while only **33 %** said that it was going in the right direction.

### ***Government Responsiveness and Corruption***

When asked if they thought their representatives in the Kurdistan Regional Parliament were listening to the needs of the people, the results were mixed. While **50%** in Duhok responded yes, **32 %** responded negatively. In Sulaymaniyah, **62 %** said that the parliament is not listening to the needs of the people. Meanwhile the response was statistically tied in Erbil.

### ***Other Findings***

When asked if they would prefer that politics be based on religion or on secularism, respondents overwhelmingly chose religion: **87 %** in Erbil, **80 %** in Sulaymaniyah and **58 %** in Duhok. These numbers are consistent with results from the Kurdistan region found in IRI's October 2010 national poll, and are significantly higher than the national average.

Source: <http://www.iri.org/sites/default/files/2011%20February%2024%20IRI%20Index.%20December%208-15,%202010.pdf>

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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

