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## Asia zone

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

### ► MIDDLE EAST

163-1 *After Egypt: Democracy, Elections & Negotiations* (Click for Details)

(Egypt) Approximately one third of respondents believe Palestinian society is generally heading in the right direction, while a majority of **61 percent** feels that it is heading in the wrong direction. A higher percentage of Gazans continue to believe that Palestinians society is heading in the wrong direction (**72 percent**) compared with the West Bank (**54 percent**), an 18-point gap. Gazans are more pessimist about democracy and freedoms than residents of West Bank. (AWRAD)

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[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)

163-2 *Palestinians Favor Election Process and Dismiss Possibility of Any Revolution* (Click for Details)

(Egypt) According to Near East Consulting survey majority of Palestinians will participate in the upcoming elections and supports the holding of presidential and legislative elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip; and **40%** of the Palestinians favor the nomination for new personalities. The majority do not think that the experience of Tunisia and Egypt will occur in the Palestinian territories. (NEC)

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

### ► WEST ASIA

163-3 *(Pakistan) Mixed Views On Trust In Police* (Click for Details)

(Egypt) According to Gallup Pakistan survey, more than half of all Pakistanis across the country (**57%**) were of the opinion that if they are ill-treated by someone, they will report to the police, **21%** say they will remain silent and **18%** will avenge themselves. (Gallup Pakistan)

Islamabad, March 16, 2011

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*Multi Country- Worldwide, Good Jobs Linked to Higher Wellbeing* (Click for Details)



## Africa zone

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

### ▶ SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

163-4 **(Nigeria) Voters Registration and the Road to April 2011 Election...** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Egypt) NOI Polls Ltd recently conducted its monthly snap poll to find out the opinion of Nigerians on the recently completed voters registration exercise. In the survey, 9 out of 10 people interviewed confirmed they registered to vote. **(NOI Polls)**

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#### 1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

163-5 **(Nigeria) Dialogue as the Solution to the Jos Crisis** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Egypt) In a recent survey conducted by NOI Polls, **22** percent of people interviewed supported dialogue between the warring factions as a means of finding lasting solution to the Jos crisis. In addition, **21** percent believed that the persecution of those responsible for the crisis would bring an end to it, while **19** percent think the government should declare a state of emergency in the state. **(NOI Polls)**

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#### 2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/Issues

163-6 **(Nigeria) How Long is Enough?** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Egypt) In perspective of revolutions in Middle East, an overwhelming proportion (**89%**) of Nigerians respondents think a president should not be allowed to rule indefinitely. Rather, about 60% of respondents think 0 – 4 years is adequate time to rule a country effectively. 30% believe 5 – 8 years would be more appropriate, while only less than **1%** support a period over 8 years. **(NOI Polls)**

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#### 2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/Issues

Multi Country- **Worldwide, Good Jobs Linked to Higher Wellbeing** [\(Click for Details\)](#)



## Euro Americas zone

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



### EUROPE



#### ▶ EAST EUROPE

163-7 **World Food Crisis And Inflation In Russia** (Click for Details)

(Egypt) According to recent survey Russians continue to say that the inflation rate has considerably increased over the recent months. Utility tariffs soared to unprecedented levels this year. (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)

February 24, 2011

3.4 Economy » Inflation



#### ▶ WEST EUROPE

163-8 **Attitudes Towards EU in United Kingdom** (Click for Details)

(Egypt) Only a minority of Britains feel that they have enough information about EU and only minority feel the available information is clear and simple. Britishers are divided on the image of EU. (Gallup Hungary)

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2.8 Foreign Affairs » International/Regional organizations

163-9 **Intolerance, Prejudice and Discrimination: A European Report** (Click for Details)

A recent survey has found that **72.2%** of Polish people believe that "Jews try to take advantage of having been victims during the Nazi era". **68.1%** Hungarians and **49.8%** German participants agreed with Polish view. Similarly **63%** Polish and **47 %** of Germans states that "Israel is conducting a war of extermination against the Palestinians. (Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung)

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2.9 Foreign Affairs » International Human Rights

163-10 **Majority of SMEs believe dismissing an employee by e-mail is unacceptable** (Click for Details)

(Egypt) A yougov survey reveals that **98%** of senior decision makers in small to medium business enterprises believe face to face to be one of the most acceptable ways to inform an employee that they are losing their job. Other popular options for SME senior decision makers include the typed (**31%**) and hand-written letter (**24%**). 11% chose a phone conversation as acceptable. However, e-mail proved to be one of the least popular options, with only **2%** choosing this option as an appropriate way of sacking an employee. (Yougov)

March 09, 2011

### 3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

163-11 **Public Perceptions about Economy Before Budget in Britain** (Click for Details)

(Egypt) Ipsos MORI's polling for the Economist ahead of the Budget shows that just three in ten British adults believe that the government has got the balance right between raising taxes and cutting spending (28%). Two in five (43%) feel the government is cutting spending too much while one in five (20%) think it is raising taxes too much. (Ipsos Mori)

March 17, 2011

### 3.4 Economy » Inflation

163-12 **Low Economic Optimism in March in UK** (Click for Details)

(Egypt) Ipsos MORI March Political Monitor shows that economic optimism remains low. Half of the public (51%) think that the economic condition of the country will get worse over the next twelve months. A quarter (23%) think it will get better, putting our Economic Optimism Index (those positive minus those negative) at -28 (although this is up from -37 last month). (Ipsos Mori)

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### 3.4 Economy » Inflation

## AMERICAS



## ► NORTH AMERICA

163-13 **Libya: Don't Send Troops** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans don't want the United States to intervene militarily in Libya — even though many believe that imposing a no fly zone would not be difficult. In the latest *Economist/YouGov* Poll, most Americans reject the argument that the United States has a responsibility to intervene in trouble spots around the world and simply want to stay out of the fighting between the government and rebels there. (Yougov)

March 16, 2011

### 2.10 Foreign Affairs & Security » Military Issues/Defence

163-14 **Trusting No Government?** (Click for Details)

(USA) A recent survey indicates that there is little trust in a government closer to home - that of their state. Just 13% of Americans trust the government in Washington to do what's right most of the time, and only 14% say that about their state's government. About a third trusts each level of government "almost never", with more saying that about the federal government than about their state. (Yougov)

March 14, 2011

### 1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/Trust

163-15 **The Space Program: Americans Want More** (Click for Details)

(USA) Only 18% of Americans would end NASA's human space flight program (the last shuttle is scheduled to take off April 19). A majority favors continuing the space shuttle program, and there is also significant support for sending human missions to Mars and returning to the moon. (Yougov)

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### 2.6 Foreign affairs & Security » US Image

163-16 **In U.S., Expanding Energy Output Still Trumps Green Concerns** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans, by **50% to 41%**, say the nation should prioritize the development of energy supplies over protecting the environment when the two goals are at odds. This reflects the continuation of a striking reversal of attitudes compared with those seen from 2001 through 2008, when Americans showed a clear preference for environmental protection. (Gallup USA)

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[3.10 Economy » Energy/Nuclear Issues](#)

163-17 ***U.S. Oil Drilling Gains Favor With Americans*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Six in 10 Americans favor increasing offshore drilling for oil and gas in U.S. coastal areas, up from **50%** in May 2010. (Gallup USA)

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[3.8 Economy » Enterprise/Investments](#)

163-18 ***In U.S., Concerns About Global Warming Stable at Lower Levels*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Americans continue to express less concern about global warming than they have in the past, with **51%** saying they worry a great deal or fair amount about the problem -- although attitudes appear to have stabilized compared with last year. That current level of worry compares with **66%** just three years ago, and is only one percentage point higher than the low Gallup measured in 1997. (Gallup USA)

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[4.14 Society » Environment/Disaster](#)

163-19 ***Obama Approval Slightly Up*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Barack Obama's job approval rating has edged up to **47%** in a new IBOPE Zogby Interactive poll of likely voters, giving him his highest rating since October 2010. These results are from a IBOPE Zogby Interactive poll of likely voters done from March 8-10, 2011. (IBOPE Zogby Interactive)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

163-20 ***Majorities Say GOP Is 'Union Busting' to Weaken Democrats*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Nearly six in 10 voters agree that Republicans seeking to limit public employee collective bargaining want to weaken unions and their ability to campaign for Democrats. A smaller majority agrees that politicians who propose these limits on bargaining are "union busters." (IBOPE Zogby Interactive)

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)

163-21 ***Obama Rated Better on Environment Than on Economy, Energy*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Before the Japanese earthquake and resulting nuclear crisis, a majority of Americans -- **55%** -- said President Obama is doing a good job of protecting the nation's environment. At the same time, **55%** said he is doing a poor job of making America prosperous and, by **47% to 41%**, Americans said he is doing a poor rather than a good job of improving the nation's energy policy. (Gallup USA)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

163-22 ***Americans Increasingly Prioritize Economy Over Environment*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Gallup finds the widest margin in nearly 30 years in Americans' prioritizing economic growth (54%) over environmental protection (36%). Americans for the most part have given the environment higher priority since Gallup first asked this question in 1984. (Gallup USA)

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[3.6 Economy » Economic Globalization](#)

163-23 ***Disaster in Japan Raises Nuclear Concerns in U.S.*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Seven in 10 Americans say they are more concerned about a nuclear disaster occurring in the United States after the recent events in Japan, including 39% who say they are "a lot more concerned." (Gallup USA)

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[4.14 Society » Environment/Disaster](#)

163-24 ***Unions and Public Employees*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Although Wisconsin and other states have legislated against public employee unions' ability to engage in collective bargaining, Americans interviewed in the latest Economist/YouGov Poll seem willing to let those unions have the right to negotiate-- at least sometimes. (Yougov)

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)

163-25 ***Is Islam The Problem?*** (Click for Details)

(USA) For many Americans, though not quite a majority in the latest Economist/YouGov Poll, Islam is a problem. These Americans see Islam as a religion that is more likely than others to encourage violence, and view it unfavorably. (Yougov)

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[4.1 Society » Religion](#)

163-26 ***Public Wary of Military Intervention in Libya*** (Click for Details)

(USA) The public by a wide margin says the United States does not have a responsibility to do something about the fighting between government forces and anti-government groups in Libya. And while opinion is divided over enforcing a no-fly zone over Libya, this view is undercut by the fact that Americans overwhelmingly oppose bombing Libyan military air defenses. (Pew Research Center)

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

163-27 ***State of the News Media 2011*** (Click for Details)

(USA) After two dreadful years, most sectors of the industry saw revenue begin to recover. With some notable exceptions, cutbacks in newsrooms eased. And while still more talk than action, some experiments with new revenue models began to show signs of blossoming. (Pew Research Center)

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[4.6 Society » Media/New Media](#)

163-28 **Canada: Global Events Mean Dark Clouds Back On The Economic Horizon** (Click for Details)

(Canada) Just as things were looking brighter with regard to Canadians' confidence in the economy, the events of last week (primarily the unrest in the Middle East and oil prices - the Japan Earthquake/tsunami happened only at the tail-end of the survey) have caused Canadians to feel that things are good now, but future prospects may be in jeopardy again. (TNS Canada)

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3.6 Economy » Economic Globalization

► LATIN AMERICA



163-29 **In Latin America, Obama's High Job Approval Fading Somewhat** (Click for Details)

(Latin America) As President Barack Obama embarks Friday for Latin America, Gallup surveys in 2010 find majorities in the three countries on the president's itinerary -- Chile (67%), El Salvador (61%), and Brazil (55%) -- approve of his job performance, but ratings are down in these countries and elsewhere in Latin America. (Gallup USA)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS



163-30 **Worldwide, Good Jobs Linked to Higher Wellbeing** (Click for Details)

(Global) Gallup's global surveys reveal that people with "good jobs," those who are employed full time for an employer, tend to have the highest wellbeing of those in the workforce. They are more likely to be "thriving" than those who are self-employed, employed part time looking for full-time work, or unemployed. (Gallup USA)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues



► CYBERWORLD

163-31 **The Internet and Campaign 2010** (Click for Details)

(USA) Fully 73% of adult internet users (representing 54% of all U.S. adults) went online to get news or information about the 2010 midterm elections, or to get involved in the campaign in one way or another. (Pew Research Center)

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4.6 Society » Media/New Media

163-32 **Closing the Local News 'App Gap'** (Click for Details)

(USA) Local news is going mobile. Nearly half of all American adults (47%) report that they get at least some local news and information on their cellphone or tablet computer. (Pew Research Center)

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4.6 Society » Media/New Media

163-33 ***Australian State Of The Online Market: Evolution Or Revolution?*** (Click for Details)

(Australia) While use of the internet amongst the Australian population has reached maturity, the online landscape is at a turning point, as another dimension is gaining significant momentum. That of the internet-connected mobile device – whether this be smartphones, tablet computers, eReader, connected games devices or some other hybrid forms likely to emerge, according to the Nielsen Australian Online Consumer Report, released today. (Nielsen's)

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[4.6 Society » Media/New Media](#)

163-34 ***My friends have more friends*** (Click for Details)

(USA) A recent survey shows that seven in ten responders thought that their friends had more friends than they did at facebook. Women were more anxious about the scale of their social circle than the men. Younger responders were even more convinced that they were missing out on social connections. Eight in ten of the 16-34 age group were convinced that they enjoyed fewer friendships than their friends. (Yougov)

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[4.6 Society » Media/New Media](#)



## Topic of the week: *After Egypt:* Democracy, Elections & Negotiations in Palestine

- ▶ 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.

### Introduction:

These are the results and analyses of the latest Arab World for Research & Development (AWRAD) public opinion poll on the aftermath of events in Egypt, Tunisia and throughout the Middle East. The poll gauged Palestinian opinions on the scheduled elections, political affiliation and voting patterns, freedoms and democratic practices, performance of government, the peace process and the Egyptian/Tunisian revolutions.

### View of the Future

Consistent with recent AWRAD polling in October 2010 and January 2011, approximately one third of respondents believe Palestinian society is generally heading in the right direction, while a majority of 61 percent feel that it is heading in the wrong direction. A higher percentage of Gazans continue to believe that Palestinians society is heading in the wrong direction (72 percent) compared with the West Bank (54 percent), an 18-point gap.

While Gazans view the direction of Palestinian society more negatively than West Bank respondents, they continue to exhibit more optimism that the situation will change for the better. Forty-six percent of Gazans say that they are optimistic about the future, compared with 39 percent in the West Bank. Overall, 41 percent of Palestinians are optimistic about the future and 31 are optimistic to some extent.

### Traditionalism

When asked if Palestinian society is more or less committed to traditional values and practices compared to fifteen years ago, 64 percent of the respondents said that it is less committed. In contrast, 28 percent said that Palestinian society is more committed to traditional practices. About 6 percent said that there has been no change.

### Democracy and Participation

Approximately 45 percent of the respondents believe that the Palestinian political system is less or much less democratic now than it was fifteen years ago. In contrast, about 40 percent believe that it is more or much more democratic. About 9 percent do not detect any change.

The belief that democracy is on the decline is much higher among Gaza respondents than West Bank respondents. In Gaza, 65 percent believe that Palestinian society is less or much less democratic now than fifteen years ago when Fateh was in charge of the government, compared with 37 percent in the West Bank.

As to the degree of openness in the Palestinian political system with respect to the participation of citizens, respondents were equally divided. The results for the West Bank and Gaza continue to reveal a gap in perceptions, where 60 percent view the system as less or much less open, compared with 36 percent in the West Bank.

### Personal Freedoms

Comparison of the perceptions of freedoms among Gaza and West Bank respondents also reveals a wide gap. The majority of Gazans say that personal freedoms are not protected. In Gaza, seventy-one percent say the freedom to protest is not protected.)

In addition, 61 percent say that freedom of expression is not protected and 59 percent say that freedom of the media is not protected. In comparison, 41 percent of West Bank respondents believe that the freedom to protest is not protected with a 30-percent gap. Additionally, 30 percent of West Bank respondents believe that freedom of the media is not protected.



**Table (1): Percentage saying that the following freedoms are NOT protected**

	West Bank	Gaza	Gap
<b>Freedom of expression</b>	28%	61%	33%
<b>Freedom of association</b>	23%	54%	31%
<b>Freedom to protest</b>	41%	71%	30%
<b>Freedom of the media</b>	30%	59%	29%

### The Aftermath of Egypt/Tunisia Revolutions

Palestinians are closely observing the events unfolding in the Arab world. Approximately, 64 percent view the departure of Hosni Mubarak, the recently deposed President of Egypt, as positive, while 15 percent view it as negative. Sixteen percent were neutral.

As to the impact of the changes on prospects for establishing an independent Palestinian state, 46 percent view the events as positive, while 18 percent see them as negative. About one third believe the events will have no impact on the prospects for establishing an independent state.

Palestinians are divided on the potential for similar actions against the governing Palestinian authority. Approximately one-third say the Palestinian political situation is amenable to similar change, and 25 percent say that it is to some extent. Thirty-eight percent disagree. There is some difference between the West Bank and Gaza, where 37 percent in Gaza feel that the political system there is amenable to similar actions against the government, compared with 29 percent in the West Bank.

### Preferred News Station

Al Jazeera continues to be the preferred source of television news for (48 percent) of the respondents, followed by Al Arabiyah (23 percent), and Palestine TV (11 percent). Al Aqsa and MBC receive about 5 percent each, while Al Manar and Abu Dhabi receive 2 percent or less. Al Jazeera is much more popular in the West Bank (53 percent) compared to Gaza (40 percent). The following table shows the percentage change in the popularity of these TV stations compared to May 2008. The data show that Al Arabiyah has gained the most viewership since May 2008 at the expense of MBC, Al Aqsa and Palestine TV.

**Table (2): Popularity of TV News Stations**

Station	May 2008	March 2011
<b>Al Jazeera</b>	43.0%	48.4%
<b>Al Arabiyah</b>	7.9%	22.7%
<b>Palestine</b>	13.8%	10.6%
<b>Al-Aqsa</b>	12.0	5.6%
<b>MBC</b>	14.5%	5.3%
<b>Al Manar</b>	4.3%	2.0%
<b>Abu Dhabi</b>	0.6%	1.3%
<b>CNN</b>	0.8%	1.0%

Source: <http://www.awrad.org/etemplate.php?id=235&x=4>

## Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2010)

### 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

