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Asia Zone

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

► MENA

418-1 [Public Opinion Poll in the West Bank and Gaza Strip](#) (Click for details)

(Palestine) Violence since October 2015 has negatively impacted the lives of average Palestinians. Majorities of respondents (especially in the West Bank) report that the security in their region has diminished, along with economic conditions. (AWRAD)

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



► WEST ASIA

418-2 [Iranian Attitudes in Advance of the Parliamentary Elections](#) (Click for details)

(Iran) President Hassan Rouhani and Foreign Minister Javad Zarif enjoy high levels of popular support in Iran. Nearly 8 in 10 Iranians say they have a favorable opinion of Rouhani and Zarif. Yet the intensity of their popularity has substantially eroded since August 2015. (IranPoll)

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Africa Zone

- WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA; SOUTHERN AFRICA

► SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

418-3 [Sierra Leoneans see a drop in their economic and living conditions, and disapprove of their government performance in running the country](#) (Click for details)

(Sierra Leone) A large majority of Sierra Leoneans believe their present economic and living conditions have worsened over the past year, findings from the latest Afrobarometer survey shows. (Afrobarometer)

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Euro Americas Zone

► EAST EUROPE, WEST EUROPE; NORTH AMERICA; LATIN AMERICA
& AUSTRALASIA

► EAST EUROPE

418-4 [Russia: Yeltsin's Time: What We Remember](#) (Click for details)

(Russia) With time the attitudes of Russians towards the first Russian president and the 1990s events are deteriorating. Today almost every second Russian says that it was Yeltsin who created a crisis in a country; the memory of the achievements of his team fades. (VCIOM)

January 29, 2016

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust



418-5 [Russia: Problem Of Energy Supplies To Crimea...](#) (Click for details)

(Russia) Russians support Crimeans not willing to make concessions when signing the power supply contract with Ukraine. (VCIOM)

January 29, 2016

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

3.7 Economy » Infrastructure

418-6 [Ukraine: Electoral and Social Moods Of The Population](#) (Click for details)

(Ukraine) According to a survey conducted by the Sociological Group "Rating", among current politicians the most trusted are A.Sadovyi and M.Saakashvili, in particular, they are trusted by every third respondent. One of four trusts A.Hrytsenko and P.Poroshenko, every fifth – Y. Tymoshenko, R. Akhmetov, and O Lyashko. (Rating)

February 04, 2016

1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

418-7 [Corruption Practices In Ukraine: Perception Vs Real Experience Of Citizens](#) (Click for details)

(Ukraine) How extensive is the corruption problem in Ukraine? What percentage of the population is involved in corrupt dealings? Which institution is the most corrupt, and which ones have decreasing levels of corruption? Who is responsible for combating corruption, and how active are the citizens themselves? Answers to these and a number of other questions related to a research into corruption issues were presented on 27 January at a public discussion titled "Corruption practices in Ukraine: perception VS real experience of citizens". Representatives of the Kiev International Institute of Sociology have presented at the event the results of a nationwide public opinion poll covering corruption in Ukraine in 2015 compared to polls made in 2007-2009, 2011. (KIIS)

January 27, 2016



1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust
 3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being
 4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

► WEST EUROPE

418-8 [UK: People underestimate past house price rises](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

(UK) In December last year the public thought, on average, that there had been a 1% rise in the average national house price between October 2014 and October 2015, compared to the reality of 10%. (Ipsos Mori)

February 05, 2016

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection
 3.4 Economy » Inflation



418-9 [UK: New poll reveals Northerners' views on the Northern Powerhouse](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

(UK) New poll from Ipsos MORI North and UK Northern Powerhouse International Conference and Exhibition provides insight to people across the North's views on the Northern Powerhouse. Around half of northerners have heard of the Northern Powerhouse. (Ipsos Mori)

February 05, 2016

3.7 Economy » Infrastructure
 3.10 Economy » Energy/Nuclear Issues

418-10 [UK: Survey for The Equality Trust on Tax Credits](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

(UK) Ipsos MORI asked a nationally representative sample of adults about their perceptions of tax credit withdrawal rates on behalf of The Equality Trust. (Ipsos Mori)

February 03, 2016

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being
 3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

418-11 [UK: Survey of MPs on the European Union](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

(UK) Half (50%) of MPs say they will vote for the UK to remain a member of the EU regardless of any re-negotiated terms of membership, while just over a third (35%) say it depends on the terms of the negotiations. However, there are clear party differences; while almost nine in ten Labour MPs (87%) have already decided that they will vote for the UK to remain, just 11% of Conservative MPs have already decided to vote for the UK to remain. (Ipsos Mori)

February 01, 2016

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues
 2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations

418-12 [Draft EU deal gives boost to Leave campaign](#) [\(Click for details\)](#)

(UK) A new YouGov/Times poll conducted in the immediate aftermath of negative headlines over David Cameron's EU deal has Leave leading with 45% as Remain falls to 36%. (YouGov)

February 04, 2016

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues
 2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations



418-13 [UK: Public backing for doctors in government contract dispute](#) (Click for details)

(UK) British people tend to say junior doctors are right to go on strike next Wednesday – and blame the government more than the BMA for the dispute. (YouGov)

February 03, 2016

4.4 Society » Civil Society

4.11 Society » Health

418-14 [Support for Danish-style migrant asset confiscation across Europe](#) (Click for details)

Most people in Germany, Finland and Britain would support laws requiring refugees to give their valuables and money to authorities. (YouGov)

February 02, 2016

4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees

► NORTH AMERICA

418-15 [In 2016, Issues Trump Electability in Choosing a Nominee](#) (Click for details)

(US) Americans are about twice as likely to prefer that their party nominate a candidate who agrees with them on almost all the issues they care about but does not have the best chance of winning, rather than one who has the best chance of winning but doesn't agree with them on the issues they care about. Republicans and Democrats have similar preferences. (Gallup USA)

February 5, 2016

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

418-16 [New Hampshire Now Least Religious State in U.S.](#) (Click for details)

(US) New Hampshire is the least religious state in the U.S., edging out Vermont in Gallup's 2015 state-by-state analysis. Mississippi has extended its eight-year streak as the most religious state, followed closely by neighboring Alabama. (Gallup USA)

February 4, 2016

4.1 Society » Religion

418-17 [U.S. Job Creation Index Continues to Hover Below Record High](#) (Click for details)

(US) U.S. workers' reports of hiring activity at their place of work remained positive in January, though they have fallen from the high point in Gallup's eight-year trend measured last year. Gallup's U.S. Job Creation Index measured +29 in January, essentially unchanged from +30 in December, but down from the record high of +32 registered each month from May through October 2015. (Gallup USA)

February 3, 2016

3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

418-18 [Red States Outnumber Blue for First Time in Gallup Tracking](#) (Click for details)

(US) Gallup's analysis of political party affiliation at the state level in 2015 finds that 20 states are solidly Republican or leaning Republican, compared with 14 solidly Democratic or leaning Democratic states. The remaining 16 are competitive. This is the first time in Gallup's eight years of tracking partisanship by state that there have been more Republican than Democratic states. It also marks a dramatic shift from 2008, when Democratic strength nationally was its greatest in recent decades. (Gallup USA)

February 3, 2016

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

1.6 Domestic Politics » National History

418-19 [Democrats, Republicans Agree on Four Top Issues for Campaign](#) (Click for details)

(US) Republicans and Democrats agree on the importance of the presidential candidates' positions on the economy, terrorism, jobs and healthcare. Beyond these, however, the two partisan groups differ significantly on the importance they assign to other campaign issues. (Gallup USA)

February 1, 2016

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

418-20 [Post-Holiday U.S. Consumer Spending Averages \\$81 in January](#) (Click for details)

(US) Americans' daily self-reports of spending fell to an average of \$81 in January, down from \$99 in December. This drop is typical of the post-holiday spending patterns Gallup has recorded over the past several years. This year's average January spending ties with January 2015 for the highest average for the month since January 2008. (Gallup USA)



February 1, 2016

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

418-21 [U.S. Economic Confidence Index Flat at -11 in January](#) (Click for details)

(US) Americans' confidence in the economy last month was unchanged from December. Gallup's U.S. Economic Confidence Index averaged -11 for the month of January. This is much higher than most monthly averages recorded since 2008, but is still below the post-recession high of +3 found in January 2015. (Gallup USA)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

418-22 [GOP, Dem Changes to Federal Budget Slash Deficit \\$52 Billion](#) (Click for details)

(US) As the announcement of President Obama's FY2017 budget draws near, a new, national survey finds majorities of Republicans and Democrats agreeing on cuts in spending and increases in revenues that would reduce the projected deficit by \$52 billion. (worldpublicopinion.org)

February 4, 2016

1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

418-23 [Trans-Pacific Partnership: Uncertainty reigns among half of Canadians as federal government signs trade deal](#) (Click for details)

(Canada) As the federal government moves Canada another step closer to joining the Trans Pacific Partnership by signing the 12-nation deal, it does so on behalf of a population so undecided about the agreement that one-in-two can't offer an opinion about it. (Angus Reid)



February 4, 2016

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

2.8 Foreign Affairs & Security » International / Regional Organizations

► LATIN AMERICA

418-24 [Brazil and Argentina in top half of 'most admired' national brands](#) (Click for details)

In 2014, Brazil led Argentina by just one place (standing 21st and 22nd respectively). In the latest survey, however, Brazil has rebounded, climbing ahead of Greece to take the 20th position, while Argentina has been overtaken by Russia, China and Singapore and now lies in 25th place. (GFK)

February 4, 2016

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

► AUSTRALASIA

418-25 [Satisfaction with big four banks up in December as home loan customers recover](#) (Click for details)

(Aust.ralia) The satisfaction level of the big four banks' personal customers in the six months to December 2015 was 80.9%, up 0.5% points from November (80.4%) and back to the October level immediately following the home-loan rate increase. December's result was due to a 0.6% point rise in the satisfaction level of home-loan customers and an improvement of 0.5% points among other customers. Despite the improved home-loan customer satisfaction, it remains below the level of non-home loan customers (78.8% compared to 81.4%). (Roy Morgan)



February 04, 2016

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

► MULTI-COUNTRY STUDY

418-26 [European consumer climate improves significantly at the end of the year](#) (Click for details)

In the fourth quarter of 2015, several major issues preoccupied consumers and the media, with discussions centering on the refugee crisis, the Paris attacks, and especially the improving economic figures in almost all European countries, as well as the fact that energy costs were still extremely low. From September to December 2015, the consumer climate index for the European Union increased by 1.9 points to 12.2 points. (GFK)

February 03, 2016

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

Topic of the week:

In 2016, Issues Trump Electability in Choosing a Nominee

► 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 2016, Issues Trump Electability in Choosing a Nominee

February 5, 2016



WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Americans are about twice as likely to prefer that their party nominate a candidate who agrees with them on almost all the issues they care about but does not have the best chance of winning, rather than one who has the best chance of winning but doesn't agree with them on the issues they care about. Republicans and Democrats have similar preferences.



Americans' Preferences for Their Party's Nomination, by Subgroup

Which type of candidate would you prefer to see your party nominate for president in 2016 -- a candidate who agrees with you on almost all of the issues you care about but does not have the best chance of winning or a candidate who has the best chance of winning, but who does not agree with you on almost all of the issues you care about?

	Agrees on issues	Best chance of winning
	%	%
National adults	60	33
Republicans/Republican leaners	58	37
Democrats/Democratic leaners	60	35

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The issue of the importance of a candidate's electability has been hotly discussed in the 2016 presidential election campaign, as establishment candidates who were widely perceived as the inevitable party nominees have been formidably challenged by political outsiders or politicians who operate mainly outside the party establishment. Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, and Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, share the preference for a nominee who is more agreeable to them on the issues than for someone who is more likely to be elected.

Within the Democratic Party, many Hillary Clinton supporters argue that Sen. Bernie Sanders, perhaps because of his embrace of socialist ideals, could not win a general election contest. Gallup found in June -- prior to Sanders' rise in support -- that [Americans were least likely to support a socialist](#) among hypothetical

presidential candidates with certain characteristics. It is unclear whether those views have changed in light of Sanders' success to date. Sanders' supporters, however, take issue with many of Clinton's previous votes and positions, such as her vote to authorize military action against Iraq in 2003.

Meanwhile, many GOP leaders are reeling from the surprising rise of Donald Trump as well as the Iowa victory of Sen. Ted Cruz, who has a troubled relationship with many in his party. Many question whether these candidates would be able to win a general election despite their relative popularity among Republican voters. Apparently, as these data would suggest, Republicans have been focused more on these candidates' positions on the issues than on their electability.

Adults Under 30 Far More Likely to Seek Issue-Agreeable Party Nominee

While Americans of all age groups prefer a candidate who largely agrees with them on the issues they care about, the percentage who have this preference is much higher among voters younger than 30. Between 46% and 59% of adults aged 30 or older are focused on issue agreement, compared with 82% of younger adults -- those 18 to 29.

This disparity among age groups is revealing of the rift between Clinton and Sanders supporters in the debate over electability. While Clinton's base is generally older, and older Americans are more likely to say they prefer a candidate with greater ability to win, Sanders boasts [a stronger rapport with younger adults](#), who are more likely to prefer a candidate who is most agreeable, issue-wise.

Americans' Preferences for Their Party's Nomination, by Subgroup

Which type of candidate would you prefer to see your party nominate for president in 2016 -- a candidate who agrees with you on almost all of the issues you care about but does not have the best chance of winning or a candidate who has the best chance of winning, but who does not agree with you on almost all of the issues you care about?

	Agrees on issues	Best chance of winning
	%	%
18 to 29	82	15
30 to 49	56	37
50 to 64	59	39
65+	46	41
Liberal Democrats	57	40
Conservative/Moderate Democrats	64	31
Liberal/Moderate Republicans	65	31
Conservative Republicans	55	40

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The poll also suggests that moderates within both political parties value issue agreement over electability compared with the more ideological wings of each party's base.

Preference for Issue-Agreeable Nominee Is Reminiscent of the 2012 Election

Americans' current preference for nominees who agree with them on the issues is not dissimilar to what it was in December 2011. As Republican presidential candidates entered the 2012 primary season to determine who would face President Barack Obama, two in three Americans said they preferred a party nominee who agreed with them on almost all issues -- a slightly higher percentage than the current figure.

The figure hasn't changed much for Republicans, who also had a large field of candidates to choose from in 2012. For Democrats, the issues-versus-electability debate may have been a moot point that year because they enjoyed the advantage of having an incumbent president from their party.

Americans' Preference for a Candidate Who Agrees With Them on Almost All Issues, 2012 Election vs. 2016 Election

% Prefer a candidate who agrees but does not have the best chance of winning

	December 2011	January 2016
	%	%
National adults	67	60
Republicans/Republican leaners	62	58
Democrats/Democratic leaners	70	60

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Bottom Line

As they did in the previous presidential election, Americans today value issue agreement over electability -- and the way the 2016 primaries are playing out so far reflects this preference for issues rather than potential viability in the November general election.

The preference for a nominee with greater issue agreement can prove challenging for "establishment" candidates like Clinton, former Gov. Jeb Bush and Sen. Marco Rubio. Each walks a shaky political tightrope on myriad issues in an effort not to alienate key voting blocs -- compared with some of their competitors who don't seem to shy away from divisive positions that could complicate their chances in a general election.

For Republicans, their party in 2016 has had one of its largest fields in modern political history, and with that, a wide spectrum of candidates and issue positions to select from. This complicates the GOP's ultimate goal of winning the general election, because Republicans and Republican-leaning independents may prefer candidates whom they find most agreeable now, but will in the end want a candidate who can win in November.

Democrats face a similar conundrum -- one that consists of only two candidates, but is arguably just as divisive for their party. The recent Iowa caucuses highlighted a sharp divide among Democratic voters, and

raised the question of what these voters truly value in a candidate -- and whether they even believe that Clinton is more electable than Sanders.

These data are available in Gallup Analytics.

Survey Methods

Results for this Gallup poll are based on telephone interviews conducted Jan. 21-25, 2016, with a random sample of 1,022 adults, aged 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on the total sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. All reported margins of sampling error include computed design effects for weighting.

Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 60% cellphone respondents and 40% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cellular telephone numbers are selected using random-digit-dial methods.

Source: http://www.gallup.com/poll/189035/2016-issues-trump-electability-choosing-nominee.aspx?g_source=Election%202016&g_medium=newsfeed&g_campaign=tiles

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A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 8 year period January 2007 – January 2014

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 6,805 polls during the period 2007-2014
- 2- 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***)
- 3- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys: \approx 178 during the period 2007-2014
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 358 during the period 2007-2014

