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Who are we?

Gilani's Gallopedia is a weekly digest of opinions in a globalized world. It provides a one window access to Global Opinion Polls on a weekly basis. It is produced by a team of researchers led by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, and is a not for profit public service. It is co-edited by Mohammad Zubair and Sara Salam.

Our name reflects the rapid pace at which global polls are brought to the community of pollsters and other interested readers. Gilani's Gallopedia is not related to any polling agency and makes its selection from any publically available poll based on its relevance to our reader's interests. Over the years it has reported polls conducted by over 350 agencies and institutions.

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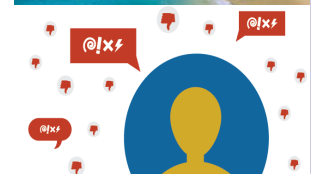
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Euro Americas Zone

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

▶ WEST EUROPE

518-1 [Majority of French now favor allowing surrogate motherhood](#) (click for details)

(France) PARIS (Reuters) - A majority of French people would favor allowing surrogate motherhood, though primarily only for medical reasons, a poll showed on Wednesday, highlighting a shift in attitudes as France prepares to review laws relating to assisted reproduction. (Reuters)

January 3, 2018

4.11 Society » Health



518-2 [What would it take to get Brits to send their food back?](#) (click for details)

(Britain) Four in ten Brits say they are uncomfortable with sending food back if there is a problem with it when eating out (YouGov)

January 5, 2018

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

518-3 [Which newspaper websites get the most crossover readership?](#) (click for details)

(Britain) YouGov Profiles looks at daily visitors to newspaper websites and which other publications' sites they frequently visit (YouGov)

January 3, 2018

4.6 Society » Media/ New Media



518-4 [41% of homeowners say they would support action to bring local house prices down a moderate amount](#) (click for details)

(Britain) New YouGov results could offer hope for those who are priced out of the housing market, with a significant number of homeowners saying they are willing to see house prices fall locally. (YouGov)

January 2, 2018

3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments

518-5 [Public hugely overestimates how much land in the UK is densely built up](#) (click for details)

(Britain) In December 2017 the Royal Statistical Society (RSS) released their 'UK Statistic of the Year'. The statistic was 0.1%, the proportion of land area in the UK which is densely built up. Following on from this, Ipsos MORI asked the British public what percentage of land in the UK they think is densely built up. The findings show the public hugely overestimate the figure with a mean guess of 47%. (Ipsos)

January 3, 2018

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being



► NORTH AMERICA

518-6 [Most Americans see value in steering children toward toys, activities associated with opposite gender](#) (click for details)

(USA) Parents navigating the toy aisle this holiday season may notice that some retailers and manufacturers have moved away from marketing toys specifically toward boys or girls. While this recent trend has drawn some criticism, most Americans say it's good for parents of young boys and girls to encourage their children to play with toys and participate in activities that are typically associated with the opposite gender. (Pew Research Centre)

December 19, 2017

4.2 Society » Family

518-7 [Six in 10 Americans Took a Vacation in 2017](#) (click for details)

(USA) WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Sixty-two percent of Americans reported taking a vacation away from home in the past year, lower than what Gallup measured in 2001 but similar to what was recorded in 2005. (Gallup USA)

January 3, 2017

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle



518-8 [2018 US Politics - President Trump's Approval Rating Rose to 41% this Week](#) (click for details)

(USA) With the holidays and President Trump's first major legislative win with Tax Reform, President Trump's approval rating rose to 41% this week, a 6-point increase from last week. Despite the passage of tax reform, just 41% of Americans approve of President Trump's handling of taxation and just a quarter of Americans (25%) approve of Congress as a whole. Americans are much more generous with their individual representatives, with 44% approving of their Congressperson. (Ipsos)

January 03, 2018

1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

518-9 [Crossing the Line: What Counts as Online Harassment?](#) (click for details)

(USA) Pew Research Center surveys have found that online harassment is a common phenomenon in the digital lives of many Americans, and that a majority of Americans feel harassment online is a major problem. Even so, there is considerable debate over what online harassment actually means in practice. (Pew Research Center)

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4.12 Society » Crime



► MULTI-COUNTRY STUDIES

518-10 ['Particularly good days' are common in Africa, Latin America and the U.S.](#) (click for details)

If you live in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America or the United States, you are more likely than people in other regions of the world to say you're having a particularly good day. (Pew Research Center)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

Topic of the week:

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► This page is devoted to opinions of countries whose polling activity is generally not known very widely or where a recent topical issue requires special attention.

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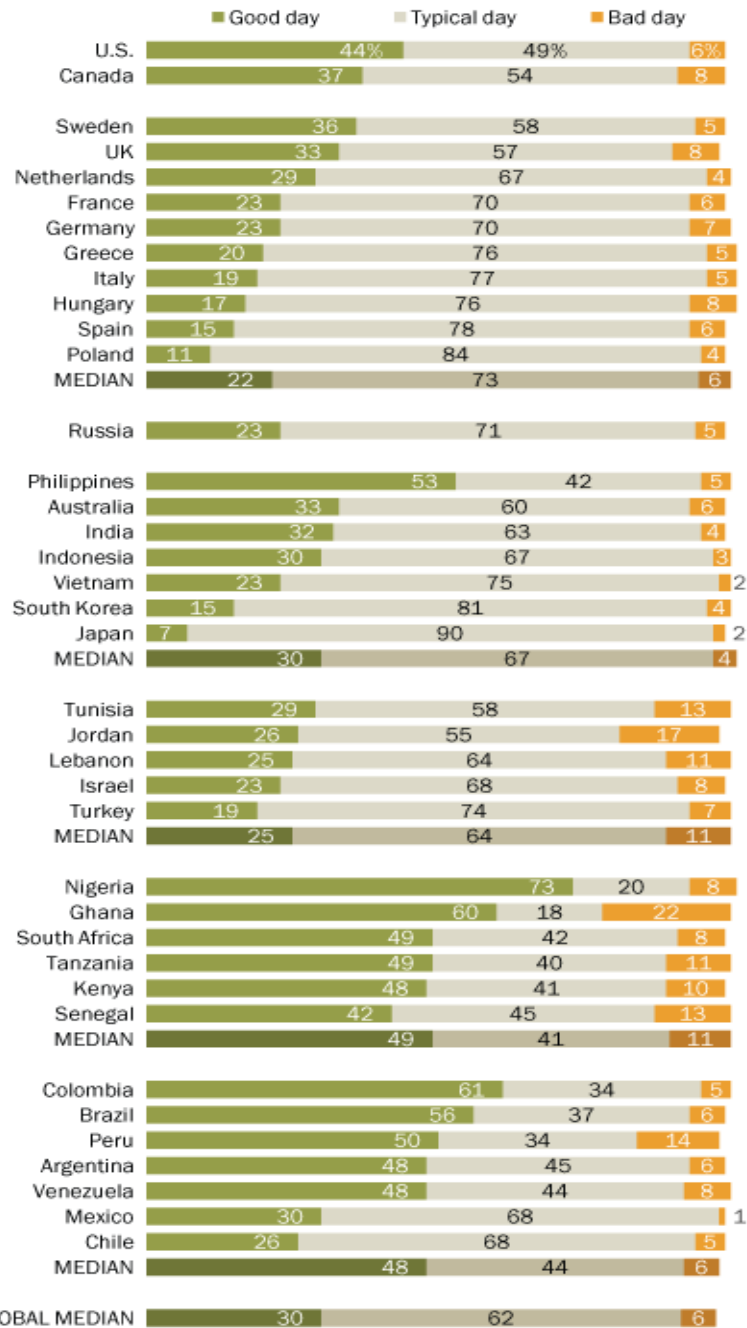


For the past several years, Pew Research Center's annual Global Attitudes Survey has started with the following question: "How would you describe your day today – has it been a typical day, a particularly good day or a particularly bad day?" In 2017, we asked this question of nearly 42,000 people in 38 countries around the globe.

Although most people worldwide described their day as typical (median of 62%) and relatively few described it as particularly good (median of 30%), people in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America were more likely to view their day positively. Roughly half of Africans (median of 49%) and Latin Americans (48%) surveyed said their day was particularly good. Other regions – especially Europe (73%) – overwhelmingly described their day as typical; only 22% of Europeans said their day was good.

Worldwide, most people describe their day as 'typical'

How would you describe your day today – has it been a typical day, a particularly good day or a particularly bad day?



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey, Q1.

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The share of upbeat people was notably higher in several countries surveyed. Half or more responded that their day was good in Nigeria (73%), Colombia (61%), Ghana (60%), Brazil (56%), the Philippines (53%) and Peru (50%).

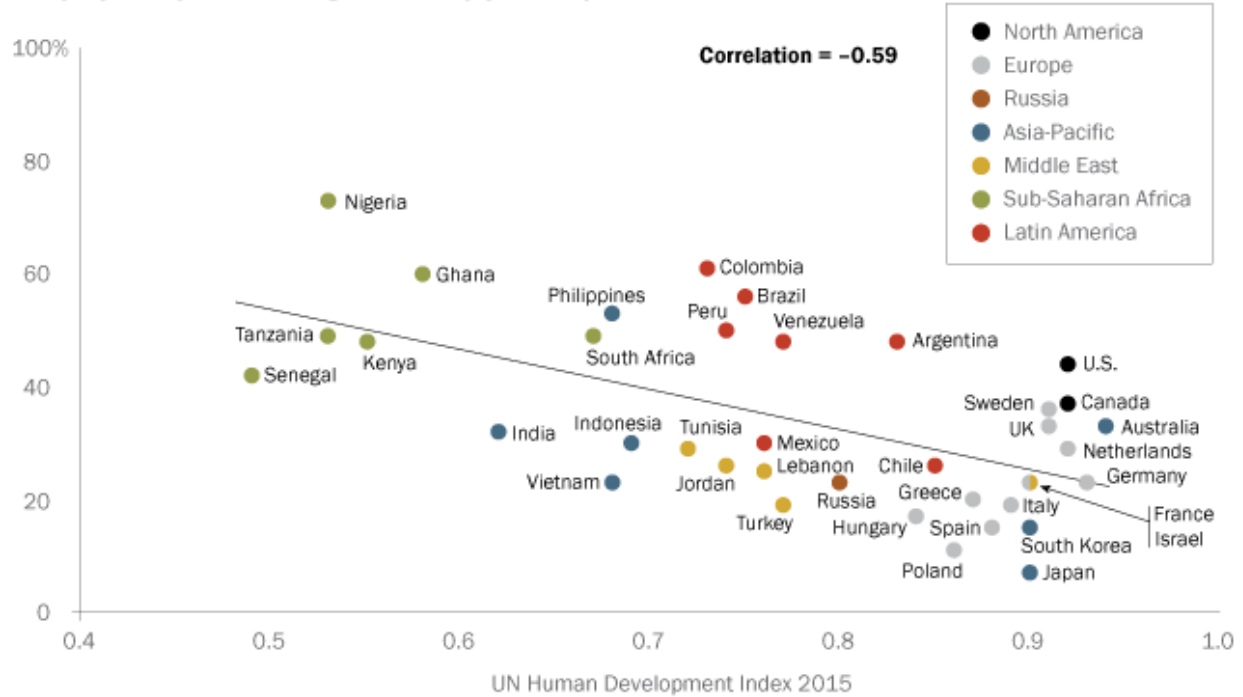
The U.S. stands out for its positivity among Western countries, with 44% saying their day was particularly good. American conservatives (48%) and moderates (47%) were significantly more likely than liberals (34%) to describe their day as good.

Why would we ask such a conversational question as part of an in-depth research project? As survey researchers, we spend a lot of time thinking about [how best to write and organize our questionnaires](#). We kick off the Global Attitudes Survey with this type of question for a couple of reasons: First, asking people about their day is a pleasant way to start an interview, and it helps build rapport between the interviewer and respondent. Second, starting with an easy-to-answer question helps respondents get comfortable with the format of the survey. As the survey continues, we introduce more difficult questions – but still make an effort to intersperse easier or more interesting questions among the harder ones.

Perhaps surprisingly, responses to this question were negatively correlated with one measure of national well-being, the [United Nations' Human Development Index \(HDI\)](#). Countries with higher HDI scores have, on average, higher gross national income per capita, longer expected lifespans and higher educational expectations and attainment. Yet people in countries with higher HDI scores are less likely to say their day has been particularly good. In 2014, we [similarly found](#) that a country's GDP per capita was negatively correlated with the percentage of people who said their day was good.

In countries with higher Human Development Index ratings, fewer describe their day as 'particularly good'

% saying today has been a particularly good day



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey. Q1. Data for UN Human Development Index from United Nations Development Program, accessed Dec. 27, 2017.

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<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/01/02/particularly-good-days-are-common-in-africa-latin-america-and-the-u-s/>

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2018)

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

