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Asia zone

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NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA



► WEST ASIA

172-1 ***Pakistanis More Sour on U.S. After Bin Laden Raid*** (Click for Details)

(Pakistan) The U.S. military operation that resulted in Osama bin Laden's death in Pakistan made an already unpopular U.S. even less popular with some Pakistanis. **64%** of Pakistanis who were aware of the U.S. action say it made them have a more negative opinion of the U.S., while **5%** say it made them have a more positive opinion. (Gallup USA)

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172-2 ***Three in 10 Pakistanis Say Intelligence Knew Bin Laden's Locale*** (Click for Details)

(Pakistan) A Gallup poll conducted in Pakistan after the death of Osama bin Laden reveals many Pakistanis believe their intelligence services did not know where bin Laden was before U.S. forces killed him. Nearly half of Pakistanis (**49%**) who were aware of the U.S. action did not believe Pakistani intelligence (ISI) knew bin Laden's location, while a sizable **31%** said at least some members knew. (Gallup USA)

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172-3 ***Pakistanis Criticize U.S. Action That Killed Osama Bin Laden*** (Click for Details)

(Pakistan) A new Gallup poll finds almost two-thirds of Pakistanis condemn the U.S. military operation that killed Osama bin Laden -- a sharp contrast to Americans' nearly universal approval of the action. **64%** of all Pakistanis surveyed a week after the operation said they disapproved; **10%** approved, **23%** were still unaware of the incident, and **3%** did not have an opinion. (Gallup USA)

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► SOUTH ASIA

172-4 ***Protests Reflect Frustration With Corruption in India*** (Click for Details)

(India) The recent wave of anti-corruption protests in India likely reflects the sense among many Indians that the country's corruption problem is growing worse. In 2010, almost half (**47%**) said the level of corruption in India was higher than it was five years earlier, while **27%** said it was about the same. (Gallup USA)

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172-5 ***India: Testing the three Ls love, lust and loyalty*** (Click for Details)

(India) An exclusive CVOTER survey finds that more than half of young Indians place trust as the most important factor in a relationship even though about a quarter have been suspicious about their partners "sometimes". (CVOTER)

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[4.2 Society » Family](#)

172-6 ***Fukushima disaster jolts support for Nuclear Energy in India*** ([Click for Details](#))

(India) Those who believe that protests in Jaitapur are of local nature, should look in to the latest Gallup International/CVoter global poll which puts the facts on record. The poll reveals that absolute opposition to nuclear energy in India has skyrocketed from 9% to 29% after the recent Japanese tsunami. (CVOTER)

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► SOUTH EAST ASIA

172-7 ***Half of Filipinos dissatisfied with government handling of the Maguindanao Massacre case*** ([Click for Details](#))

(Philippines) The First Quarter 2011 Social Weather Survey, conducted from March 4-7, 2011, found 51% dissatisfied, 16% neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, and 32% satisfied with what the government had done up to that point to resolve the Maguindanao massacre case with justice, for a poor net satisfaction rating of -19 (% satisfied minus % dissatisfied). (SWS)

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► NORTH EAST ASIA

172-8 ***Taiwanese Consumers Remain Tentative About The Economy, But There Are Signs Of Growing Optimism*** ([Click for Details](#))

(Taiwan) Consumer attitudes and opinions towards Taiwan's economy in 2011 are looking up, albeit tentatively. Less than a quarter (23%) of Taiwanese consumers see the country's economy getting worse while over two thirds (67%) see the economy likely to show an improvement or speedy recovery after its current bad patch. (Synovate)

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172-9 ***Post-Earthquake Study Reveals Japanese Ready To Actively Spend To Boost Economy*** ([Click for Details](#))

(Japan) Global market research firm Synovate has released survey results to assess the impact of the recent tragic events on Japanese consumers, the market research industry and the quality of research being done in Japan. The results show that though the Japanese are concerned about economy they are ready to actively spend to boost economy. (Synovate)

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Africa zone

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

▶ SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

172-10 **ANC Still Retains Majority Support** (Click for Details)

(South Africa) The African National Congress (ANC) remains the strongest political party in the country, although their support seems to have decreased since the 2009 general election. With the Local Government elections taking place on Wednesday (18 May), the issue of party support is getting a lot of attention. The ANC receives the majority of support among all South Africans 18 years and older, registered voters and likely voters, followed by the DA and then the IFP. (Ipsos South Africa)

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Euro Americas zone

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LATIN AMERICA & AUSTRALASIA



EUROPE



▶ EAST EUROPE

172-11 **Polish - Russian Relations** (Click for Details)

(Poland) The recurring subject in Polish - Russian relations for the last twelve months has been the Smolensk air-crash, in which many prominent Polish politicians (including President Lech Kaczyński) were killed. In May 2010 - shortly after the crash - Poles assessed the attitude of both countries to each other exceptionally well. However, the investigation into the reasons of the disaster in the months following the accident resulted in weakening the positive view of Polish – Russian relations. Despite that, they were still believed to be better than in the last decade. (CBOS)

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▶ WEST EUROPE

172-12 ***User Language Preferences Online*** (Click for Details)

(EU) This survey interviewed Internet users in the EU about their language preferences when using the Internet. A large majority of respondents had used the Internet on a daily basis in the past four weeks: **54%** said they had gone online several times a day in that timeframe and **30%** said it had been about once a day. A slim majority (**55%**) of Internet users in the EU said that they used at least one language other than their own to read or watch content on the Web and slightly more than a third (**35%**) used another language when writing emails, sending messages or posting comments on the Web. (Gallup Organization)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

172-13 ***In UK, Women and Less Educated More Negative on Workplaces*** (Click for Details)

(UK) British men and those in the United Kingdom with a college degree are among the most likely in their country to report being employed in a good work environment, according to the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index. Women, workers aged **30** to **44**, and those with less education rate their work environments less positively. (Gallup USA)

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4.10 Society » Education

172-14 ***Disability In The Media*** (Click for Details)

(UK) Findings from this survey of adults in Great Britain, conducted by Ipsos MORI on behalf of Mencap, reveal that the majority of the public is unable to name a high profile person with a disability. *David Blunkett* and *Stephen Hawking* are the most well known and *Susan Boyle* is the only public figure named who has a learning disability. (Ipsos Mori)

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AMERICAS



▶ NORTH AMERICA

172-15 ***Americans' Expectation for 2011 Peak Gas Price Rises to \$4.52*** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans, who currently report paying an average price of \$4 per gallon of gasoline, expect prices to continue to rise to an average of \$4.52 this year. When Gallup last asked Americans about current and expected gas prices, in March, they were paying \$3.45 per gallon and expected to pay up to \$4.36. Thus, as gas prices have risen, so have Americans' expectations of how high they will rise, though the difference between current and expected prices is smaller now than in March. (Gallup USA)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.4 Economy » Inflation

172-16 ***High Gas Prices Cause Lifestyle Changes for Many Americans*** (Click for Details)

(USA) The slight majority of Americans, **53%**, say they have responded to today's steep gas prices by making major changes in their personal lives, while **46%** say they have not. Sizable proportions of adults of all major income levels have made such changes, including **68%** of low-income Americans, **54%** of middle-income Americans, and **44%** of upper-income Americans. (Gallup USA)

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172-17 ***Anti-Incumbent Mood Against Congress Persists in 2011*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) **28%** of U.S. registered voters say most members of Congress deserve re-election, tying the low point in the trend set last year, according to a new USA Today/Gallup poll. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

172-18 ***In U.S., Hopes for Arab-Israeli Peace Still Low, but Up Slightly*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Obama has revved up his call for Israeli-Palestinian peace talks this week in advance of his major Middle East policy address on Thursday and meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday. Gallup's annual update of Americans' outlook for the conflict finds **38%** optimistic that Israel and the Arab nations will someday live in peace, but **60%** are doubtful this will occur. ([Gallup USA](#))

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

172-19 ***For First Time, Majority of Americans Favor Legal Gay Marriage*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) For the first time in Gallup's tracking of the issue, a majority of Americans (**53%**) believe same-sex marriage should be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages. The increase since last year came exclusively among political independents and Democrats. Republicans' views did not change. ([Gallup USA](#))

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172-20 ***With Huckabee Out, No Clear GOP Front-Runner*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) With Mike Huckabee out of the race for the 2012 GOP presidential nomination, three well-known politicians, Mitt Romney, Sarah Palin, and Newt Gingrich, emerge as leaders in Republicans' preferences. Republicans, however, have less intensely positive feelings about these three than they did about Huckabee. Two less well-known potential candidates, Michele Bachmann and Herman Cain, generate high levels of enthusiasm among Republicans who recognize them. ([Gallup USA](#))

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172-21 ***Is College Worth It?*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) A majority of Americans (**57%**) say the higher education system in the United States fails to provide students with good value for the money they and their families spend. An even larger majority (**75%**) says college is too expensive for most Americans to afford. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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172-22 ***Most Say Homosexuality Should Be Accepted By Society*** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) While the public is divided over same-sex marriage, a majority of Americans (**58%**) say that homosexuality should be accepted, rather than discouraged, by society. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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► AUSTRALASIA



172-23 ***Health Information Advisers and Seekers All Around Us*** ([Click for Details](#))

(Canada) In the 12 months to December 2010, an average of **22%** of Australians were asked for advice on health and nutrition information by family and friends. Also, an average of **22%** asked family and friends for advice on health and nutrition information, according to the latest Roy Morgan Research Health Monitor.

(Roy Morgan)

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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

172-24 ***Arab Spring Fails to Improve U.S. Image*** (Click for Details)

(USA) As President Obama prepares to make a major address on the tumultuous changes spreading throughout the Middle East, a new survey finds that the rise of pro-democracy movements has not led to an improvement in America's image in the region. Instead, in key Arab nations and in other predominantly Muslim countries, views of the U.S. remain negative, as they have been for nearly a decade. Indeed, in Jordan, Turkey and Pakistan, views are even more negative than they were one year ago. (Gallup USA)

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2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

2.7 Foreign Affairs & Security » Muslim World



► CYBER WORLD

172-25 ***Indians Now Spend More Time On Social Media Sites Than On Personal Email*** (Click for Details)

(India) Social Media has now become part of everyday life for a majority of online Indians. According to a study on social media usage by The Nielsen Company conducted in collaboration with AbsolutData, nearly 30 million Indians who are online consumers are members of social networking sites and about two-thirds of them spend time on these social networking sites daily. (Nielsen)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

172-26 ***Mobile Banking Surges As Emerging Markets Embrace Mobile Finance*** (Click for Details)

(Global) Global use of 'mobile finance' surged in the past year as the spread of new technology and mobile banking infrastructure drove a huge increase in take-up rates around the world, new research from TNS, the world's largest custom research company, reveals today. (TNS Global)

May 12, 2011

4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

172-27 ***UK Mobile Finance Market Doubles In 2011*** (Click for Details)

(UK) The use of 'mobile wallet' technology amongst UK consumers has more than doubled in the last 12 months with more than one in ten people now making payments via their mobile, says Mobile Life, a TNS research paper into use of mobiles in the UK. Moreover, one in five UK consumers now use their mobile to perform basic banking functions such as checking their account balance - also up more than **100%** on last year. (TNS Global)

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Topic of the week:

Arab Spring Fails to Improve U.S. Image

► 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.

Obama's Challenge in the Muslim World

May 17, 2011- As President Obama prepares to make a major address on the tumultuous changes spreading throughout the **Middle East**, a new survey finds that the rise of pro-democracy movements has not led to an improvement in America's image in the region. Instead, in key Arab nations and in other predominantly Muslim countries, views of the U.S. remain negative, as they have been for nearly a decade. Indeed, in **Jordan, Turkey and Pakistan**, views are even more negative than they were one year ago.

With the exception of **Indonesia**, Obama remains unpopular in the Muslim nations polled, and most disapprove of the way he has handled calls for political change roiling the **Middle East**. Moreover, many of the concerns that have driven animosity toward the U.S. in recent years are still present -- a perception that the U.S. acts unilaterally, opposition to the war on terror, and fears of America as a military threat. And in countries such as **Jordan, Lebanon and Pakistan**, most say their own governments cooperate too much with the U.S.

U.S. Favorability and Confidence in Obama

	% Favorable			Change 10-11*
	2009 %	2010 %	2011 %	
Jordan	25	21	13	-8
Turkey	14	17	10	-7
Pakistan	16	17	11	-6
Indonesia	63	59	54	-5
Lebanon	55	52	49	-3
Egypt	27	17	20	+3
Palest. ter.	15	--	18	+3

	% A lot/Some confidence			Change 10-11*
	2009 %	2010 %	2011 %	
Turkey	33	23	12	-11
Palest. ter.	23	--	14	-9
Indonesia	71	67	62	-5
Lebanon	46	43	43	0
Egypt	42	33	35	+2
Pakistan	13	8	10	+2
Jordan	31	26	28	+2

* Change from 2009 to 2011 in the Palestinian territories.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q3a & Q48a.

While the Arab Spring has not led to a change in *America's* image, it has generated considerable interest and excitement, especially in the Arab nations surveyed. More than **85%** in **Jordan, Egypt, the Palestinian territories and Lebanon** have followed news about political demonstrations in the region, and in Arab countries there is widespread optimism that the protests will lead to more democracy. Most **Israelis** have also followed the political upheaval in neighboring countries, but they are divided over whether it will produce more democratic societies.

The survey, conducted by the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project March 21-April 26, suggests the enthusiasm for democracy displayed by protestors in **Tunisia, Egypt** and elsewhere is consistent with public opinion in majority Muslim nations. (The survey was conducted prior to the May 2 death of Osama bin Laden, as well as the April 27 agreement between Hamas and



Fatah to form a unity government in the Palestinian territories.) Democracy is widely seen as the best form of government, especially in **Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt**, where more than seven-in-ten hold this view. Moreover, people in the Muslim nations surveyed clearly value specific features of a democratic system, such as freedom of religion, free speech and competitive elections. And publics in many

Muslim countries increasingly believe that a democratic government, rather than a strong leader, is the best way to solve national problems.

Still, the embrace of democracy coexists with a strong desire for economic growth and political stability. Many prioritize a strong economy over a good democracy. And when they are asked about the key elements of a successful democracy, those in the surveyed nations place economic prosperity and political stability at the top of the list.

Ideas about the role of Islam in society vary across Muslim nations. In **Pakistan, Jordan and Egypt**, solid majorities believe laws should be based strictly on the teachings of the Quran, while this is a minority viewpoint in **Turkey, Lebanon, Indonesia** and the **Palestinian territories**. Views about Islamic fundamentalism also vary widely -- in Pakistan for instance, Muslims tend to sympathize with fundamentalists, while **Lebanese and Turkish** Muslims favor those who disagree with fundamentalists.

The poll also highlights the extent to which extremism is rejected in Muslim nations, although there are notable levels of support for radical Islamist groups and suicide terrorism in some countries. *Al Qaeda* is rated negatively by

Support for Islamic Fundamentalism

Do you sympathize more with Islamic fundamentalists or with those who disagree with them?

	Islamic fundamentalists	Those who disagree	Both (Vol)	Neither (Vol)	DK
	%	%	%	%	%
Pakistan	47	15	3	10	25
Palest. ter.	37	28	14	17	5
Jordan	36	37	11	15	2
Egypt	31	30	11	15	14
Turkey	24	45	4	14	14
Israel	23	27	20	21	9
Indonesia	18	36	5	18	23
Lebanon	3	94	0	2	1

Asked of Muslims only.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q88.

Views of Extremist Groups

	% Favorable		
	Hamas	Hezbollah	al Qaeda
	%	%	%
Jordan	47	36	15
Egypt	45	24	21
Palest. ter.	42	61	28
Lebanon	34	38	3
Indonesia	33	37	21
Pakistan	13	14	--
Turkey	10	5	4

Pakistani views of al Qaeda not shown because the question was asked later in the survey, which may affect the comparability of results.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Q3m-n & Q3p.

majorities in all countries, but more than a quarter express a positive opinion of the terrorist group in the **Palestinian territories**. There is no country in which a majority rates the radical Palestinian organization *Hamis* positively -- still, it receives considerable support in **Jordan and Egypt**. Among the **Palestinians** themselves, *Hamis* is less popular than *Fatah*, its more secular rival.

The militant **Lebanese Shia** group *Hezbollah* receives majority support only in the Palestinian territories. In **Lebanon** itself, views of *Hezbollah* reflect the sharp religious divisions within that society. While nearly 9-in-10 **Lebanese Shia** offer a positive view of *Hezbollah*, 9-in-10 *Sunnis* and three-quarters of *Christians* rate the organization negatively.

In recent years, Pew Global Attitudes surveys have documented a decline in support for suicide bombing in a number of countries, and today the percentage of Muslims who say this type of

violence is often or sometimes justifiable stands at **10%** or less in **Indonesia, Turkey and Pakistan**. Support for these acts is somewhat more common in Arab nations, although there have been steep declines over the last decade in **Lebanon and Jordan**.

Palestinian Muslims, however, remain an outlier on this question: **68%** say suicide attacks in defense of Islam can often or sometimes be justified, a level of support essentially unchanged from 2007. And in **Egypt**, support for suicide bombing is actually on the rise -- currently, **28%** believe it can be justified, up from **8%** in 2007.

Source: <http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1997/international-poll-arab-spring-us-obama-image-muslim-publics>



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*): \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

