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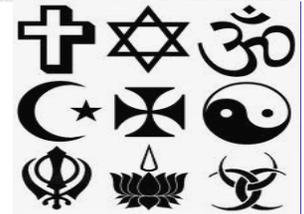


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**How much does religion
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Asia zone

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

► MIDDLE EAST

179-1 **Palestinians Positive About Reconciliation Between Fateh & Hamas**

(Click for Details)

(**Palestine**) Findings of the second quarter of 2011 show that the reconciliation agreement between Fateh and Hamas has triggered important changes in public attitudes and perceptions. Indeed, the agreement has removed, almost completely, the issue of the split between West Bank and the Gaza Strip from the list of critical problems in the minds of the public.

(**PCPSIR**)

July 10, 2011

2.3 Foreign Affairs & Security » Palestine/ Israel Conflict

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues



► SOUTH ASIA

179-2 **The Ram(dev) Lila.....** (Click for Details)



(**India**) Almost 80 per cent of the respondents of a CVOTER survey feel that Ramdev's movement is a step in the right direction. On whether, the Baba was a real threat to the Congress, opinion seemed once again divided. (**CVoter**)

June 2011

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

► SOUTH EAST ASIA

179-3 **49% of Filipinos Rate Themselves as Mahirap or Poor** (Click for Details)

(**Philippines**) In second quarter social weather survey almost half of Filipinos rate themselves as poor or Mahirap. (**SWS**)

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3.5 Economy » Poverty



Euro Americas zone

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



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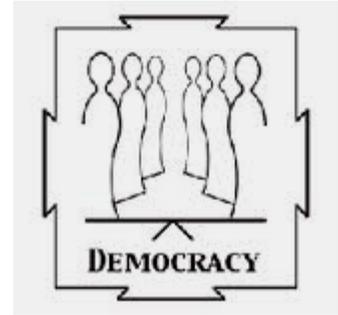
▶ EAST EUROPE

179-4 **Democratic Development In Russia: Today And 20 Years Ago** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Over the recent decade the attitudes of Russians towards democracy development has considerably changed for the better. Whereas in 1991 only 8% called this process successful, now the share of such respondents makes up 28%. As before the majority is not satisfied with the process of building the democracy in Russia (62%); however this figure is smaller than it was in 1991 (73%). (Russian Public Opinion Research Centre)

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179-5 **Rejection Of Nuclear Power Stations: Pro Et Contra** (Click for Details)

The idea to completely abandon the use of nuclear power as Germany, Italy and other European countries did would be supported by the majority of Russians (57%). Only 20% of respondents are against this proposal. Those who are in favor of the idea are rural area residents (62%) respondents with low level of education (59-62%), and Russians with low and average income (58-59%). (Russian Public Opinion Research Centre)

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

▶ WEST EUROPE



179-6 **Many Britons Put Off by Newsweek Cover Featuring Princess Diana** (Click for Details)

(Britain) Practically four-in-five respondents believe we will never know the truth about the death of the Princess of Wales. People in Britain did not react positively to the cover of the latest issue of American magazine *Newsweek* that features Princess Diana, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. (Angus Reid Public)

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[4.2 Society » Family](#)

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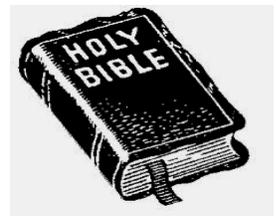
▶ NORTH AMERICA

179-7 **In U.S., 3 in 10 Say They Take the Bible Literally** (Click for Details)

(USA) Three in 10 Americans interpret the Bible literally, saying it is the actual word of God. That is similar to what Gallup has measured over the last two decades, but down from the 1970s and 1980s. A 49% plurality of Americans say the Bible is the inspired word of God but that it should not be taken literally, consistently the most common view in Gallup's nearly 40-year history of this question. Another 17% consider the Bible an ancient book of stories recorded by man. (Gallup USA)

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179-8 Cain, Huntsman, Bachmann, Pawlenty Gain Most in Recognition (Click for Details)

(USA) Herman Cain, Jon Huntsman, Michele Bachmann, and Tim Pawlenty have gained the most in name recognition so far this year of any of the Republican presidential candidates Gallup tracks. (Gallup USA)

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179-9 In Two Years of Economic Recovery, Women Lost Jobs, Men Found Them (Click for Details)

(USA) The sluggish recovery from the Great Recession has been better for men than for women. From the end of the recession in June 2009 through May 2011, men gained 768,000 jobs and lowered their unemployment rate by 1.1 percentage points to 9.5%. Women, by contrast, lost 218,000 jobs during the same period, and their unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 8.5%. (Pew Research Center)

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179-10 Public Wants Changes in Entitlements, Not Changes in Benefits (Click for Details)

(USA) As policymakers at the state and national level struggle with rising entitlement costs, overwhelming numbers of Americans agree that, over the years, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid have been good for the country. But these cherished programs receive negative marks for current performance, and their finances are widely viewed as troubled. (Pew Research Center)

July 7, 2011

[4.11 Society » Health](#)

**179-11 Majority Sees U.S. Leadership in Space as Essential** (Click for Details)

(USA) On the eve of the final mission of the U.S. space shuttle program, most Americans say the United States must be at the forefront of future space exploration. Fifty years after the first American manned space flight, nearly six-in-ten (58%) say it is essential that the United States continue to be a world leader in space exploration; about four-in-ten say this is not essential (38%). (Pew Research Center)

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[3.11 Economy » Science & Technology](#)

179-12 Are Republicans Ready Now for a Mormon President? (Click for Details)

(USA) Overall, being a Mormon is hardly an asset for presidential candidates, but it is not a deal-breaker for most Americans. A quarter of Americans say they would be less likely to support a presidential candidate who is Mormon, while 68% say it would not make a difference. For perspective, about the same number say they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who has used marijuana in the past. (Pew Research Center)

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179-13 Gallup Finds U.S. Unemployment at 8.7% in June (Click for Details)

(USA) Unemployment, as measured by Gallup without seasonal adjustment, is at 8.7% at the end of June -- similar to the 8.9% in mid-June, but down from 9.2% at the end of May. It is also lower than it was during the same period a year ago. ([Gallup USA](#))

July 7, 2011

[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)

179-14 **Obama Averages 46% Approval in June, on Par With 2010-2011** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Barack Obama's job approval rating averaged 46% in June, down from 50% in May but similar to his ratings from February through April. ([Gallup USA](#))

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179-15 **Americans Continue to Keep a Close Hold on Spending** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Overall self-reported daily consumer spending in stores, restaurants, gas stations, and online averaged \$69 per day during June -- unchanged from May, and essentially the same as the \$67 average of June 2010.

([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.4 Economy » Inflation](#)

179-16 **Huntsman Unable to Generate Much Positive Intensity So Far** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, who formally announced his presidential candidacy two weeks ago, has so far been unable to generate much positive intensity from Republicans nationwide. He is recognized by 42% of Republicans, and among those generates a Positive Intensity Score of 2, essentially tied with Newt Gingrich and Gary Johnson as the lowest of any Republican Gallup tracks. ([Gallup USA](#))

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179-17 **U.S. Job Creation Index Highest Since September 2008** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Gallup's Job Creation Index was at +15 in June. While this does not differ much from the +14 of May or the +13 of April, it is the highest since September 2008's +16. ([Gallup USA](#))

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179-18 **Solid Majority of Jewish Americans Still Approve of Obama** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Jewish Americans gave President Barack Obama a 60% job approval rating in June, down from 68% in May, but statistically unchanged from 64% in April. Thirty-two percent of U.S. Jews now disapprove of the job Obama is doing, similar to their 30% average thus far in 2011. ([Gallup USA](#))

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179-19 **67% Say Nation Headed In Wrong Direction** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Two-thirds of likely voters say the nation is headed in the wrong direction, the highest it has been since December of last year. Only 23% say the nation is headed in the right direction, while 67% say we are on the wrong track. This wrong track total is the highest since the 68% found on December 14, 2010. (Zogby-Ibope)
July 06, 2011

[1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust](#)

179-20 **Consumer Confidence Continues To Climb Again In June, But We're Not Out Of The Woods Yet:**

(Click for Details)

(Canada) Canadian consumers continue to show increasing signs of optimism about the economy as we head into the summer months, but continuing high gas prices and the recent stock market means we don't think we're out of the woods quite yet. The TNS Consumer Confidence Index nudged up slightly once again in June, from 99.7 to 100.3, which is the highest it has been since April 2010. (TNS Canada)

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► **MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS**

179-21 **How Much Does Religion Matter?** (Click for Details)

A recent Ipsos surveys shows that around seven in ten people across the world have a religion, and most see it as important in their lives. The survey reveals marked differences across the world, with 94% of those with a religion in primarily Muslim countries surveyed saying it is important in their lives compared to 66% in Christian majority countries. (Ipsos Global)

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179-22 **World's Potential Migrants Are Often Young, Educated, Well-Off** (Click for Details)

Gallup finds that the world's roughly 630 million would-be migrants are most likely to be young, single, educated, and relatively financially well-off. But they are also most likely to be underemployed and may feel they need to move to another country. (Gallup USA)

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[4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees](#)

► **CYBER WORLD**

179-23 **Tablet Rivals Set To Fail Unless Pricing Strategy Changes** (Click for Details)

Contenders in the tablet market need to seriously re-think their pricing strategy if they want to successfully compete with Apple's iPad2. These competitors are pricing way above the market leader's entry level tablet – the iPad2 which scored significantly higher in consumer awareness, consideration and expectation levels than its rivals. New research from YouGov's latest TabletTrack confirms Apple's superiority in the tablet market. (Yougov)

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[3.12 Economy » IT & Telecom§](#)



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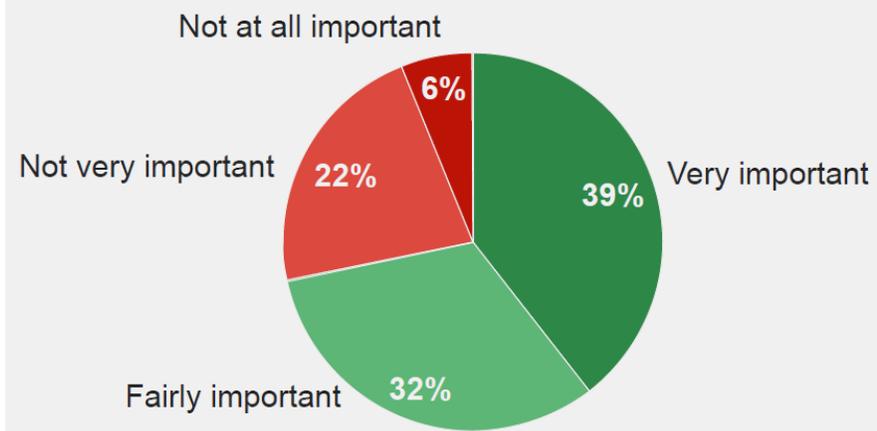
How much does religion matter?

- ▶ 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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New research by Ipsos MORI highlights how much religion matters in the world. Around seven in ten people surveyed say they have a religion, and most see it as important in their lives. The survey reveals marked differences across the world, with 94% of those with a religion in primarily Muslim countries surveyed saying it is important in their lives compared to 66% in Christian majority countries.

How important, if at all, is your faith or your religion in your life?



The latest Global @dvisor survey conducted in 24 countries shows that among younger people with a religion/faith, their religion also plays a significant role in their lives: almost three-quarters (73%) of those under 35 say their religion/faith is important in their life.

Those in Muslim majority countries are more likely than those in Christian majority countries to believe that their faith or religion is the only true path to salvation, liberation or paradise, 61% compared to 19% respectively, but they are also much more likely to say their religion is a key motivator in giving time and money to people in need (61% versus 24% in primarily Christian societies).

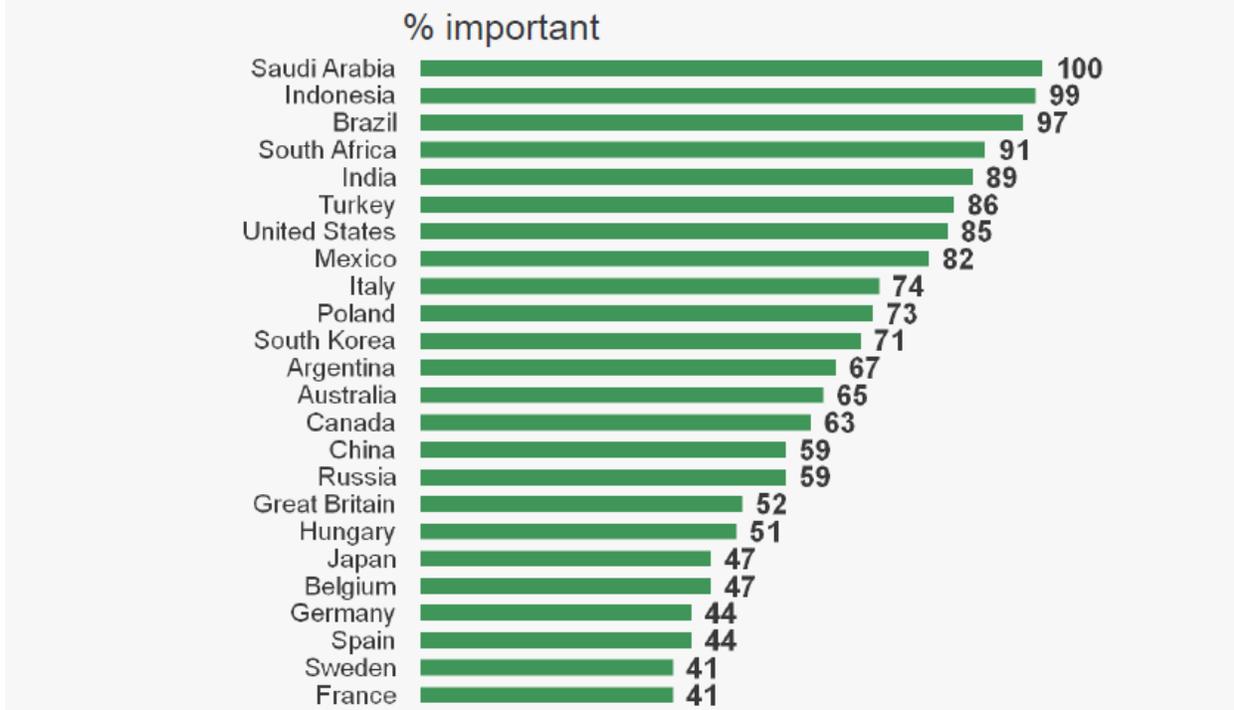
Overall, three in ten (30%) people with a religion/faith say that religion motivates them to give their time or money to people in need. Over half (52%), however, say that it makes no difference since they see it as important to give time or money to people in need in any case.

A third (33%) of citizens across the 24 countries included in the research have no or almost no friends or acquaintances from any other religion. This varies widely across countries, and seems to have no relationship

as to whether or not people hold that their own religion is the only true faith, which varies widely, from a small minority in Western Europe, to a majority in some Muslim countries.

Chief Executive of Ipsos MORI, **Ben Page**, said: “The survey is a good reminder to many in western Europe of how much religion matters – and is a force for good – in much of the world. Our analysis shows people would rather keep politics separate from religion, but that in a globalising world, it still matters more than many in old Europe think.”

How important, if at all, is your faith or your religion in your life?



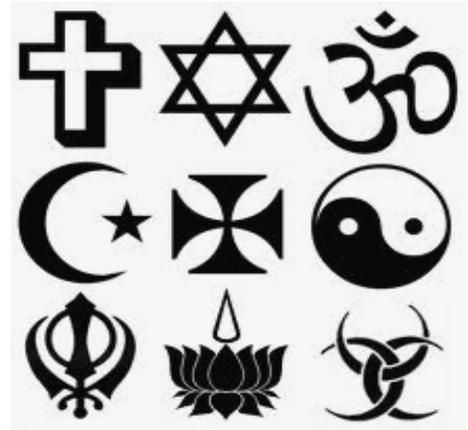
Patron of the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, **Rt Hon. Tony Blair**, said: “This survey shows how much religion matters and that no analysis of the contemporary world, political or social, is complete without understanding the relationship between faith and globalisation. The evidence is that, though people fear the prospect of religious strife, even here in Britain, there is much to encourage the view that people can learn to respect those of another faith and live with them peacefully. Inter-faith dialogue and action today is not just an interesting but peripheral minor subject, it is the essence, central to creating greater social cohesion and harmony.”

Technical Note

This release presents the findings of five questions regarding religion and faith, placed on *Global @dvisor*, an Ipsos survey conducted between 6th and 21st April 2011. The survey is conducted monthly in 24 countries around the world via the [Ipsos Online Panel](#) system.

An international sample of 18,473 adults, aged 18-64 in the US and Canada, and aged 16-64 in all other countries, were interviewed. Approximately 1000+ individuals participated in each country, with the

exception of Argentina, Belgium, Indonesia, Mexico, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden and Turkey, where 500+ adults were interviewed. In Saudi Arabia, respondents were given the opportunity to opt out of answering these questions given the potential sensitivity of some of the questions, and 354 respondents opted to complete the survey. This means that the findings for Saudi Arabia must be treated with caution as they are based on a smaller sample size of respondents who have actively opted into completing the survey. Weighting was applied to balance demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to the most recent country Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe.



In developed countries these findings can be viewed as representative of the wider population. In developing countries, where access to the internet is less widespread, respondents are more likely to be affluent and well connected than the average member of the population.

Source: <http://www.ipsos-mori.com/newsevents/latestnews/810/How-much-does-religion-matter.aspx>§

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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*): \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

