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Asia zone

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NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA



► MIDDLE EAST

183-1 **Palestinians Highly Supportive of Reconciliation & Fayyad Future Leadership** (Click for Details)



(**Palestine**) A recent survey of Palestinians shows a high level of support for reconciliation agreement. 72.2% of the Palestinians believe that not putting the reconciliation agreement in force will be detrimental to the Palestinian national interest but 50.3% of Palestinians nominate Dr. Salam Fayyad to head the next interim government, 63.2% of who are from the Gaza Strip and 60.4% of who are from the West Bank. (**PCPO**)

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► WEST ASIA

183-2 **2 In Every 3 Pakistanis Claim To Own A Mobile Phone** (Click for Details)

(**Pakistan**) A recent survey of Gallup Pakistan shows that a majority (63%) of Pakistanis claim to have access to a mobile phone while 37% said that they did not. (**Gallup Pakistan**)

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► SOUTH ASIA

183-3 **Delhi's anger epidemic.....** (Click for Details)

(**India**) A CVOTER survey finds that 76 per cent feel Delhiites are "over aggressive", every second person in the city is angrier now than five years ago, every fourth person is permanently angry, more than half said that they got angry in traffic jams, a similar number get angry trying to find parking, and Delhiites even wake up angry. (**CVoter**)

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183-4 **No More Remote-Controlled.....** (Click for Details)

(**India**) A whopping majority of 91 feel the Prime Minister should be directly elected by the people; a majority of about half feel Rahul Gandhi will be a better bet as PM to tackle the deficit of governance, a CVOTER survey finds. (**CVoter**)

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE



183-5 **Summer Of Staycations** (Click for Details)

(UK) More than a quarter of British people will be having their main summer holiday in the UK this year (27%), our poll has discovered. A similar amount will be heading to Europe (27%), and almost a third of people won't be having a main summer holiday at all (32%). (Yougov)

August 04, 2011

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183-6 **Underage Drinking Linked To Greater Levels Of Alcohol Consumption In Adult Life** (Click for Details)

(UK) A recent report from YouGov SixthSense into the attitudes to underage drinking reveals that three quarters of UK adults who currently drink alcohol started drinking before they were of legal age. Meanwhile, 29% of alcohol drinkers started drinking before the age of fifteen. (Yougov)

August 05, 2011

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183-7 **Too Many Immigrants? (Multi-country survey)** (Click for Details)

(UK) Seven in ten (71%) Britons say there are too many immigrants in the country and just a quarter (27%) believe immigration is good for the economy according to new research from Ipsos MORI. (Ipsos MORI)

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4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees

183-8 **Two-in-Five Britons Endorse Same-Sex Marriage** (Click for Details)

(UK) Public support for a regulation that would allow same-sex couples in the United Kingdom to wed is strongest among younger Britons and those who have gay or lesbian acquaintances, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Younger respondents are more likely to call for new regulations in the country, while older Britons are not as welcoming. (Angus Reid)

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► NORTH AMERICA

183-9 **Public Sees Budget Negotiations as “Ridiculous”, “Disgusting”, “Stupid”** (Click for Details)

(USA) There is broad public consensus that the budget negotiations of recent weeks can be summed up in words such as ridiculous, disgusting, stupid, and frustrating. Nationwide, 72% describe the recent negotiations in negative terms such as these; while very few offer a positive (2%), or even neutral (11%), assessment. Other frequently used terms include terrible, disappointing, childish, and joke. (Pew Research Center)

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[3.7 Economy » Infrastructure](#)

183-10 **Attention to Debt Debate Grew Steadily in July** (Click for Details)

(USA) The tense negotiations in Washington over legislation to cut the federal deficit and raise the nation's debt limit topped the public's news interest and the media's coverage for the third consecutive week. Four-in-ten (40%) say they followed news about the debt debate more closely than any other news last week, while the fight's various story lines accounted for 47% of the week's coverage. (Pew Research Center)

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183-11 **Debt Drama Drives Economic Coverage to Near Record High** (Click for Details)

(USA) As the debt default clock ticked down to midnight, the state of U.S. economy received even more coverage last week than the near collapse of Wall Street in September 2008. For the week of July 25-31, the economy accounted for 52% of the newshole, almost all of it driven by the debt debate, according to the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism. (Pew Research Center)

August 3, 2011

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183-12 **More Americans Oppose Than Favor Debt Ceiling Agreement** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans are more likely to oppose (46%) than favor (39%) the agreement President Obama and Congress reached to raise the federal debt ceiling. Majorities of Democrats and liberals favor the agreement, while conservatives and Republicans largely oppose it. (Gallup USA)

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183-13 **Voters Pan Debt Limit Bill 88% Not Confident It Will Reduce Deficit** (Click for Details)

(USA) The debt limit agreement reached between Congress and President Barack Obama gets very low marks from likely voters, as does how the issue was handled. Fallout includes a dip in the President's approval rating (41%) and the number who say he deserves re-election (36%). The number of respondents who say the nation is on the wrong track (73%) is at its highest level since October, 2008. (Ibope-Zogby)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

183-14 **Economic Optimism Poll: Two-Thirds Doubt Lost Jobs Will Ever Come Back** (Click for Details)



(USA) Likely voters are even more pessimistic about the U.S. economy than they were a year ago, as two-thirds believe jobs lost in the recession are not likely to come back. They are also split on whether the nation's best days are still ahead or that our economy will never return to its former strength. Despite those beliefs, two-thirds still have hopes our best days are still ahead. (Ibope-Zogby)

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183-15 **Americans' Spending Increases in July** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Overall self-reported daily U.S. consumer spending in stores, restaurants, gas stations, and online averaged \$74 per day in July -- up from \$69 in June and \$68 in July 2010. (Gallup USA)

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[3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)



183-16 **Muslim Americans Identify With God and Country** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Muslim Americans are equally as likely to identify with their faith as they do with the U.S. Muslim Americans are somewhat less likely than U.S. Protestants and Mormons to identify "extremely" or "very" strongly with the U.S.; however, 69% identify strongly with the U.S. and 65% identify with their religion. (Gallup USA)

August 3, 2011

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183-17 **Most Muslim Americans See No Justification for Violence** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Muslim Americans are the staunchest opponents of military attacks on civilians, compared with members of other major religious groups Gallup has studied in the United States. Seventy-eight percent of Muslim Americans say military attacks on civilians are never justified. (Gallup USA)

August 2, 2011

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183-18 **U.S. Employers Holding Back on Job Creation** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Gallup's Job Creation Index was at +14 in July. This is not much different from the +15 of June and is the same as the +14 of May. Job creation continues to be flat -- it has been in the +12 to +15 range since February -- but remains above 2009 and 2010 levels, and below those of 2008. (Gallup USA)

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183-19 **Appalachia: America's Low-Energy Zone** ([Click for Details](#))

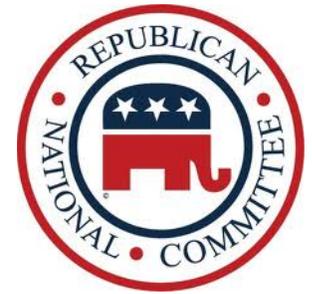
(USA) About one in three residents living in the Huntington-Ashland, W.Va.-Ky.-Ohio metropolitan area (32.1%) say they have been diagnosed with depression by a doctor or nurse -- the highest percentage among the 188 U.S. metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) that Gallup and Healthways surveyed in 2010. Of the 11 metro areas where residents are most likely to say they had ever been diagnosed with depression, 6 are in the Appalachian region: Along with Huntington-Ashland are Charleston, W.Va.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol, Tenn.-Va.; Spartanburg, S.C.; and Roanoke, Va. (Gallup USA)

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)**183-20 Republicans' Ratings of 2012 GOP Contenders Steady in July** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Sarah Palin, Rudy Giuliani, Newt Gingrich, and Mitt Romney continue to be the most widely recognized potential candidates for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination, familiar to more than 8 in 10 Republicans and Republican-leaning independents. Palin, Giuliani, and Romney also enjoy the broadest popularity among all Republicans, with more than 60% viewing each favorably. However, Rick Perry and Herman Cain garner the most strongly positive reactions from Republicans familiar with them, as seen in their high Gallup Positive Intensity Scores. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

August 2, 2011

[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)[1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties](#)**183-21 Most Americans Embarrassed by Lack of Deal on Debt Ceiling** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Most adults in the United States are clearly disappointed with the way the discussions on raising the debt ceiling have evolved, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found.

Two-in-five respondents would raise the debt limit, even if it leads to higher government spending and a higher national debt. [\(Angus-Reid\)](#)

July 31, 2011

[3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions](#)**183-22 Tea Party Supporters Oppose Debt Agreement, 68% to 22%** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Tea Party supporters overwhelmingly disapprove of the agreement reached by President Obama and Congress to raise the federal debt ceiling, by a 68% to 22% margin. A majority of Tea Party opponents approve of the agreement, while those who are neither supporters nor opponents of the Tea Party have mixed views. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

August 4, 2011

[3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions](#)**183-23 Smokers' Own Concern About Smoking Ties Record High** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Two in three U.S. smokers now agree that smoking is "very harmful" to adults who smoke, tying the most who have ever said so, but still trailing the more than 8 in 10 Americans and nonsmokers who say the same. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

August 5, 2011

[4.11 Society » Health](#)**183-24 One in Four Americans Have Less Respect for Smokers** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Both smokers and overweight people face a certain amount of societal disapproval in the United States, but the situation is worse for smokers. One in four Americans report having less respect for someone who smokes, twice the level who say they have less respect for a person who is overweight (12%). [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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4.11 Society » Health

► **MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS**183-25 **Russia's Leadership Not Popular Worldwide** (Click for Details)

(**Russia**) Russia's leadership has relatively few fans worldwide, judging by the poor ratings it gets compared with those for the U.S. and other major nations. In 2010, a median of 27% of adults across 104 countries that Gallup surveyed approved of the Kremlin's leadership, while 31% disapproved and 33% didn't have an opinion. Approval of Russia's leadership is significantly higher in former Soviet Union countries and in sub-Saharan Africa. (**Gallup USA**)

August 5, 2011

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

► **CYBER WORLD**183-26 **iPad - The Apple Of The Business Elite's Eye** (Click for Details)

(**UK**) At 80% smartphone usage (up by nearly 10 percentage points on April 2010) and 29% tablet ownership, the global business elite leaves the general population stuck somewhere in the mid-1990s and makes pen and paper ancient history. Always ahead of the curve, the business elite, as always take the lead in technology with only 5% of the rest of the UK population owning a tablet. (**Ipsos Mori**)

August 03, 2011

3.12 Economy » IT & Telecom



183-27 **Australian Businesses Consider Internet And Newspapers The Most Reliable Sources Of Business News** (Click for Details)

(**Australia**) The Internet is the media channel considered the most reliable source for business news by the majority of Australian businesses.1 National newspapers rank second followed by television according to the latest Roy Morgan Business Single Source survey — a nationwide survey of 13,381 businesses. (**Roy Morgan**)

August 08, 2011

4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

Topic of the week:***Delhi's anger epidemic***

- 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.



A CVOTER survey finds that 76 per cent feel Delhiites are "over aggressive", every second person in the city is angrier now than five years ago, every fourth person is permanently angry, more than half said that they got angry in traffic jams, a similar number get angry trying to find parking, and Delhiites even wake up angry!

Highlights

1. 76% people say Delhites are over-aggressive.
2. Every 4th Delhite is "permanently" angry.
3. Delhi gets up "angry" in the morning; sleeps "angrier"
4. Every 10th person is abusive and every 20th physically violent.
5. Average Delhite travels approx. 26 Kms in about 87 minutes everyday for work.
6. About 40% drivers confess to be "rash" and pick up a fight in 8 out of 10 incidents.
7. Every 2nd Delhite confirms becoming "angrier" over the past 5 years
8. Almost 85% say that crimes are "common" in Delhi.
9. Approx. 70% say criminals don't hesitate to kill anyone in Delhi.
10. Anger-management ranges from Chatting and Music to eating and shopping.

Along with the economy, what seems to be growing in India and in its national capital region, in particular is aggression. It is an unfortunate situation, really. And a dangerous one. India has the dubious distinction of being one of the most “depressed” countries, according to a recent study. But you don't really need statistics to see how most of its people, particularly those residing in busy and overflowing metros, are living on the edge. It doesn't take much for these people, constantly buffeted by stress in their day-to-day lives, to fly off the handle. In the process, they become dangerous to themselves and to others around them.



The incident of former cricketer Atul Wassan, returning home to Gurgaon after a late night dinner in Delhi, allegedly being beaten up by security men of a Haryana minister, is just a grim reminder of how aggressive and violent we have grown as a society. Wassan's fault, according to his own account, was that he overtook the politico's car from the wrong side. The assailants caught up with him near the toll gate, pulled him out of his car, and beat him almost senseless even as a host of people in other cars and at the toll gate itself watched. It's shocking. But only a continuation of a long list of road rage crimes that have been taking place in Delhi and the NCR over the last couple of years.

Do you think Delhi public is over aggressive?	
	Valid Percent
Can't Say	4
Yes	76
No	21
Total	100

In 2010 alone, 78 people died in the city due to “sudden provocation over trivial issues”, as a newspaper report described these crimes. Quite simply, people, supposedly even “normal” people, going to the market, driving to work and so on, can let themselves go at the slightest provocation and literally bay for the blood of anyone who has caused them imaginary or otherwise “harm”. Earlier provocation over trivial issues”, as a newspaper report described these crimes. Quite simply, people, supposedly even “normal” people, going to the market, driving to work and so on, can let themselves go at the slightest provocation and literally bay for the blood of anyone who has caused them imaginary or otherwise “harm”. Earlier fast changing? Or is it because the lives of citizens are so burdened in a city where they are constantly jostling for space and

amenities, traversing long distances on potholed, jam-packed roads in a city with around 10 million vehicles, that high levels of frustration are inevitable, leading to such outbursts? There can also be a fair case that can be made out for the notorious lack of systems in place as also the fact that perpetrators of crime get off easily. With hardly any effective deterrents in place, the city is almost a jungle a free-for-all, where citizens assume that if they have the power, they can get away with anything, even murder.

Do you get angry/irritated?	
Yes, very often	24
Yes, Sometimes	61
No, not at all	15
Total	100

Once a leisurely, bureaucratic town, Delhi is a vastly changed city from what it was even 20 years ago. The rapid change in its character has been accompanied by changing social mores. Living in a city where close social bonds do not exist, where overcrowding and limited resources have resulted in a fierce competitiveness and where media-projected aspirations for more material comforts have replaced a quieter, more satisfied way of life, comes with a lot of stresses. And it is these that play out in each new case of violence.



An exclusive CVOTER survey that questioned 300 respondents across Delhi tried to map Delhi's aggressive streak and the causes for it. The findings were hardly surprising to those living with almost daily headlines of violence on the roads and streets. Yet the sheer enormity of stress that Delhiites seem to be living under can come as an eye-opener. Amongst the significant findings was this startling one that every second Delhiite reported being angrier now than in the last five years. Every fourth Delhiite confesses to be permanently angry, most people in the city get up angry in the morning and go to sleep "angrier" in the night and every 10th person is abusive, while 20th is physically violent. We are, in short, sitting on an anger epidemic.

In the survey, 76 per cent of the people who responded agreed that Delhiites were "over-aggressive".

On a scale of 1-10, where 1 is no anger , 10 is extreme anger, please rate the extent of anger, when you:

1	Get up in the morning	5.1
2	Get ready for office	6.6
3	On your way to office	5.9
4	At Workplace	5.9
5	On your way to home	6.3
6	Back home	5.4
7	At the time of sleeping	6.5

However, there seems to be a schizophrenic split between the people's perception of themselves and "other" Delhiites.

Only 24 per cent of those polled admitted that they were angry "very often"; a majority of 61 per cent said that they were angry but only "sometimes". This assessment however seems to be at odds with the portrait of a people who get up angry and go to bed even angrier.

When asked to rate their emotions from the time they got up and got dressed for work till the time they came back home and went to

sleep, a majority of Delhiites seemed to remain in a perpetual state of anger. Asked to rate their anger in various situations on a scale of zero (no anger to 10, maximum anger), the average turned out to be 5.1 (just around average level of anger) for people in the city when they woke up, escalating to 6.6 when they had to

get dressed for work, 5.9 in office, which increased to 6.3 for the commute back home and 6.5 (above average anger) by the time they went to bed! The level of anger never went down below five to lower levels, significantly enough.

Fifty nine per cent of people claimed that they vented out their anger but not in front of the person who had caused it. As we have seen, people venting their anger while on road have been a major cause of murders in the city in the last few years. Road rage is often caused in the city when people drive under stressful conditions for long stretches.

Significantly, while a majority of 35 per cent said that their commute to work was less than 10 kilometers, one fifth or 20 per cent of those polled said that they commuted long distances of over 40 kilometres each way every day. Again while a majority of more than half commuted for under two hours on the road each day, a significant almost 30 per cent said that their commute time was between 2-3 hours daily.

How do people behave while driving on the roads, when faced with a traffic jam or disruption? More than half, 57 per cent, said that they got angry or irritated. Almost one-fourth of the people polled confessed to driving rashly when they got angry or irritated in such a situation.



Amongst the most critical findings are the statistics for people's behavior when one car mildly dents/brushes against another on the road. In such a scenario, while 27 percent of the respondents said that people start fighting, almost half, 49 percent said that people start becoming abusive in response. Aggressive or unruly behavior in such a common scenario thus is the reaction of more than three-fourths of Delhiites.

What is the cause of an increasing number of **road rage incidents** in the city? While 22 percent of Delhiites attributed this to long traffic snarls, 31 per cent pointed to drunk driving as a cause. But significantly, a majority of 38 percent, or roughly one-fourth, said that people gave vent to their rage just as a matter of habit. Clearly, stronger legal deterrents are required.

A majority of 46 percent said that they faced parking problems "very often" in the city, pointing to poor infrastructure. Moreover an equal number of people (47 percent) said that they got angry/irritated due to this.

Rising discontent in the society also means that crime rates are up. An overwhelming number of respondents 85 percent agreed that incidents of robbery/theft are very common. Sixty nine percent of the people also felt that criminals did not hesitate to kill these days. All these responses show up a sense of insecurity in the mind of the public, something that better and more honest policing can alleviate.

A majority of people (61 percent) seem to prefer to chat to friends and relatives in order to distress, while more than half say they listen to music. Meanwhile, others shop, read books, sleep, eat, do yoga, meditation and physical exercise. But perhaps these numbers need to go up even as active steps are launched to distress the populace of this metro.

Methodology: Representative Sample of 300 randomly selected respondents by CATI across in Delhi on 23rd June-2011.

Source: http://teamcvoter.com/2011/newsletter7i2/newsletter_7issue2_2011.pdf

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

