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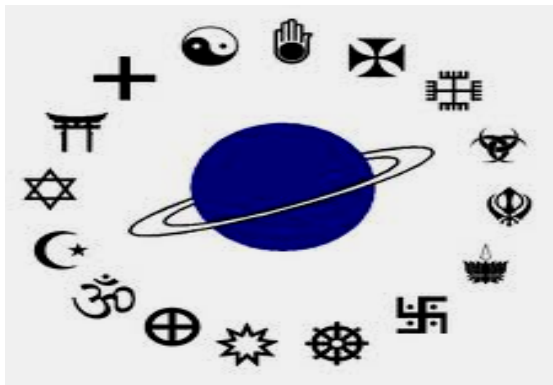
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Gilani's Gallopedia is a weekly digest of opinions in a globalized world. It provides a one window access to Global Opinion Polls on a weekly basis. It is produced by a team of researchers led by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani, and is a not for profit public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

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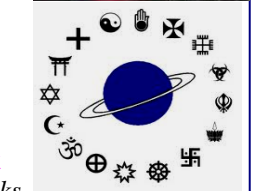
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Asia zone

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

► MIDDLE EAST

188-1 **Palestinians strongly support negotiating with Israel instead of going to UN now** ([Click for Details](#))

([Palestine](#)) The poll demonstrates that the Palestinian leadership has a clear mandate to put aside their UN initiative for the time being and return to negotiations with Israel. ([PCPO](#))

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► WEST ASIA



188-2 **Will American forces leave Afghanistan soon** ([Click for Details](#))

([Pakistan](#)) The results of a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan indicated that views in Pakistan are divided between those believing that American forces will leave Afghanistan soon (25%) and those believing they will leave in a few years (29%). ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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[2.2 Foreign Affairs & Security » Afghanistan War](#)

188-3 **Recent riots in UK: 56% of Pakistanis claim to have heard of them** ([Click for Details](#))

([Pakistan](#)) The results of a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan indicated that 56% of Pakistanis claim to have heard about the recent street riots in UK, 69% of whom believe non-whites are mistreated in Europe. ([Gallup Pakistan](#))

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► NORTH EAST ASIA

188-4 **Japanese do not expect economic upswing** ([Click for Details](#))

([Japan](#)) According to the latest AP-GfK poll, the majority of the Japanese population has an extremely negative view of their country's economic condition. Four in five Japanese assess the current situation as poor or very poor. Only a fifth expect there to be a slight improvement in the coming years, while hardly any respondents anticipate a notable upswing. ([GfK](#))

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Africa zone

▶ WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA;
SOUTHERN AFRICA

▶ SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

188-5 **Most Kenyans Expect Justice for Post-Election Violence** (Click for Details)

(Kenya) As International Criminal Court hearings continue this week to determine whether six high-profile Kenyans will stand trial for post-election violence in 2008, Kenyans are increasingly confident that justice will prevail. Nearly 7 in 10 (69%) Kenyans surveyed in 2011 believe those responsible for the post-election violence will be prosecuted, up from 46% last year. (Gallup USA)

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Euro Americas zone

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



EUROPE

▶ WEST EUROPE

188-6 **Europe's Business Elite Want Both Digital And Traditional Media** (Multi-country survey) (Click for Details)

(EU) Europe's most successful and influential business leaders are increasingly incorporating digital media into their lifestyles, though not at the expense of traditional means, according to the latest Business Elite Europe survey from Ipsos MediaCT. (Ipsos Mori)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

188-7 **Powered gardening tools continue to decline in Europe**

(EU) Although the DIY market is developing relatively well in Europe, the total European sales value for Powered Gardening tools has been in continuous decline for the past few years. The following analysis from GfK Retail and Technology is based on four European countries, Germany, France, UK, and the Netherlands, and focuses on DIY Superstores. (GfK)

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3.11 Economy » Science & Technology



188-8 **9/11: What The British Public Thinks Ten Years On** (Click for Details)

(UK) Ten years on from the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centre, the vast majority of British adults remember where they were when the planes hit, and most think the attacks changed the world, our anniversary poll has found. ([Yougov](#))

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188-9 **Labour Keeps Advantage Over Tories and Liberal Democrats in Britain** (Click for Details)

(UK) The approval rating for David Cameron remains stable, while both Nick Clegg and Ed Miliband lose points. The Labour Party is holding on to the top spot in Britain's political landscape, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. The online survey of a representative sample of 2,005 British adults also shows a drop in the approval rating for both Nick Clegg and Ed Miliband. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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► NORTH AMERICA

188-10 **Six in Ten Americans Say U.S. Weakened Its Economy by Overspending in Response to 9/11** (Click for Details)

(USA) Six in ten Americans believe that that the U.S. weakened its economy by overspending in its responses to the 9/11 attacks. In particular, respondents felt this was especially true of the U.S. mission in Iraq. Two out of three Americans perceive that over the decade since 9/11, U.S. power and influence in the world has declined. This view is highly correlated with the belief that the U.S. overspent in its post-9/11 response efforts -- the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. ([worldpublicopinion](#))

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188-11 **Ten Years in, Many Doubt U.S. Is Winning War on Terrorism** (Click for Details)

Americans' views on who is winning the war on terrorism are almost identical now to where they were in October 2001. Americans are roughly evenly split, 46% to 42%, between the view that the U.S. and its allies are winning the war on terrorism and the view that neither the U.S. nor the terrorists are winning. Despite the similarity between views now and 10 years ago, there has been a great deal of change in the intervening time, including points in 2002 and 2003 when two-thirds of the public felt that the U.S. was winning. ([Gallup USA](#))

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188-12 **One in Four Americans Say Lives Permanently Changed by 9/11** (Click for Details)

Ten years after the 9/11 terror attacks, 28% of Americans say they have permanently changed the way they live as a result of that tragedy. More, 58%, believe that Americans overall have permanently changed the way they live. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[2.4 Foreign Affairs & Security » Terrorism](#)**188-13 Obama Approval Sinks to New Lows Among Whites, Hispanics** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

President Barack Obama earned the lowest monthly job approval rating of his presidency to date in August, with 41% of U.S. adults approving of his overall job performance, down from 44% in July. He also received term-low monthly job approval ratings from both Hispanics (48%) and whites (33%) and tied his lowest rating from blacks (84%). [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)**188-14 Most Say Unemployed Deserve Hiring Discrimination Protection** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Six in 10 adults nationwide believe businesses who stipulate in help wanted ads that they will only consider candidates who are already employed, should be seen as illegally discriminating against the jobless, a new IBOPE Zogby poll conducted from Sept. 2-5 finds. [\(Zogby-Ibope\)](#)

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)**188-15 Adults Split on Whether U.S. Now Safer; Intelligence Gets Credit For Stopping** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Adults nationwide are closely split on whether the U.S. is more safe than it was prior to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, and are more likely to credit U.S. intelligence services for having prevented subsequent attacks than they are to credit other agencies or actions, a new IBOPE Zogby poll finds. [\(Zogby-Ibope\)](#)

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[2.4 Foreign Affairs & Security » Terrorism](#)**188-16 Obama Numbers Further Erode** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(USA\)](#) President Barack Obama continues his downward spiral in the eyes of voters, with the percentage who believe he deserves re-election falling to 33%, his job approval tying the low mark of his Presidency at 39% and the percentage of voters saying the nation is on the wrong track reaching a high of 75%, a new IBOPE Zogby survey conducted Sept. 2-5 finds. [\(Zogby-Ibope\)](#)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)[1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance](#)**188-17 Americans' Spending Declines in August** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Overall self-reported daily U.S. consumer spending in stores, restaurants, gas stations, and online averaged \$68 per day in August, down from \$74 in July. Spending has now returned to May and June levels, but remains above the \$63 average from August 2010, one of the lowest estimates since 2010. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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[3.7 Economy » Infrastructure](#)**188-18 Americans Still Prefer Male Bosses; Many Have No Preference** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans would still prefer to work for a male (32%) rather than a female (22%) boss if they were taking a new job, but the edge for a male boss is now, by two percentage points, the smallest it has been since Gallup first began asking this question in 1953. Almost half now say gender would make no difference in their preference. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.5 Society » Gender Issues](#)

188-19 **Americans Expect New Attack Similar to 9/11 in Their Lifetimes** ([Click for Details](#))

Most respondents agree with the 9/11 Commission and reject the notion that a controlled demolition took place in the World Trade Center. A majority of Americans believe that a terrorist attack similar in scope and magnitude to 9/11 will take place again in U.S. soil, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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188-20 **Americans Continue to Provide a Bleak Economic Forecast** ([Click for Details](#))

Only 12 per cent of respondents rate current conditions as good, and three-in-ten expect the economy to decline. Many Americans are disappointed with the current state of the national economy, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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188-21 **Few See Job Proposals Having Much Effect** ([Click for Details](#))

When asked which economic issue worries them most, nearly twice as many Americans cite the job situation as the federal budget deficit (43% to 22%). There is less clarity in the public's views about ideas to address the job situation – many are seen as helping at least a little, but no specific proposal emerges as a silver bullet. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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188-22 **Jobs vs. Deficit -- Where the Public Stands** ([Click for Details](#))

When President Obama goes before a joint session of Congress on Thursday to lay out a plan for spurring jobs creation, one of the political and policy dynamics at work will be the tension that animated the debate in Washington all this year: the push to reduce federal spending and the government's deficit competing against whether some kind of stimulus is needed to deal with a faltering recovery and the stubbornly-high unemployment rate. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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188-23 **Perry, Romney Equally Well-Liked, but Perry Stirs More Passion** ([Click for Details](#))

([USA](#)) Mitt Romney and Rick Perry are, in a broad sense, about equally well-liked by Republicans who are familiar with them, with 73% saying they have a favorable opinion of Perry and 71% of Romney. However, 29% of Republicans familiar with Perry have a strongly favorable opinion of him, compared with 15% who

say the same about Romney. As a result, Perry's Positive Intensity Score -- which takes into account strongly favorable and strongly unfavorable opinions -- is twice that of Romney's, 25 to 12. ([Gallup USA](#))

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188-24 **U.S. Job Creation on Downward Trajectory** ([Click for Details](#))

Job market conditions in the United States deteriorated for the second month in a row as Gallup's Job Creation Index fell to +13 in August, down from +14 in July and +15 in June. Net new hiring is at about the level it was during the recession of late 2008. ([Gallup USA](#))

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188-25 **More U.S. Workers Unhappy With Health Benefits, Promotions** ([Click for Details](#))

U.S. workers are more dissatisfied today with their health insurance benefits and their chances for promotion than they were before the global economic collapse. These are the biggest movers since August 2008 on a list of 13 specific job aspects Gallup tracks. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)

188-26 **Libya: Steady Views, Declining Interest** ([Click for Details](#))

Despite the apparent success of NATO-supported rebel troops, public views about the decision to conduct air strikes in Libya remain mixed and have changed little since the U.S. and allies launched military operations there in late March. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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188-27 **Wall, Dunderdale and Selinger are Best Rated Canadian Premiers** ([Click for Details](#))

Three heads of government who are seeking a fresh term this fall hold the support of more than half of respondents in their respective provinces. Saskatchewan residents provide Premier Brad Wall with the best approval rating for a sitting head of government in Canada, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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► **MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS**

188-28 **Religion Does Not Color Views About Violence** ([Click for Details](#))

A Gallup analysis of more than 130 countries nearly a decade after the 9/11 terrorist attacks suggests that one's religious identity and level of devotion have little to do with one's views about attacking civilians. Almost all residents surveyed in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Asia, and sub-Saharan Africa who reject

attacks on civilians say religion is an important part of their daily lives -- much like those who say attacks are sometimes justified. ([Gallup USA](#))

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188-29 **From Hyper Power To Declining Power** ([Click for Details](#))

In the decade since the Sept. 11 attacks, America's global image has followed a remarkable, if now familiar, trajectory. Initially, there was a global outpouring of sympathy for the United States, but it was short-lived. As the Bush Administration pivoted from Afghanistan to Iraq, and as American anti-terrorism efforts expanded, many around the world turned against the U.S. Widespread anti-Americanism remained a key feature of international public opinion throughout the Bush years, before fading significantly following the election of Barack Obama. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► **CYBER WORLD**

188-30 **28% Of American Adults Use Mobile And Social Location-Based Services**

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([USA](#)) More than a quarter of all American adults—28%—use mobile or social location-based services of some kind. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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188-31 **Indian Smartphone Users Now Spend More Time On Content Than Voice And Sms** ([Click for Details](#))

([India](#)) India's growing population of Smartphone users now spends more time on entertainment and internet based content than on voice calling and text messages finds the newly formed strategic alliance between Nielsen and Informat Mobile Intelligence. ([Nielsen](#))

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Topic of the week:

Religion Does Not Color Views About Violence

- 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.

OIC countries slightly less likely to see military attacks on civilians as sometimes justified

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ABU DHABI -- A Gallup analysis of more than 130 countries nearly a decade after the 9/11 terrorist attacks suggests that one's religious identity and level of devotion have little to do with one's views about attacking civilians. Almost all residents surveyed in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Asia, and sub-Saharan Africa who reject attacks on civilians say religion is an important part of their daily lives -- much like those who say attacks are sometimes justified.

Military Attacks on Civilians

Adults who say religion is an important part of their daily lives

	Never justified	Sometimes justified
Asia	99%	99%
Sub-Saharan Africa	95%	95%
MENA	96%	93%
Europe	74%	63%
U.S.-Canada	60%	68%

Based on data collected in 2008 and 2009

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Individual Attacks on Civilians

Adults who say religion is an important part of their daily lives

	Never justified	Sometimes justified
Asia	99%	99%
Sub-Saharan Africa	94%	95%
MENA	96%	92%
Europe	73%	62%
U.S.-Canada	63%	67%

Based on data collected between 2008 and 2009

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These key findings are among the many featured in a new brief released Friday by the Abu Dhabi Gallup Center, [Views of Violence](#), based on Gallup surveys conducted between 2008 and 2010. [Views of Violence](#) examines public acceptance and rejection of attacks on civilians worldwide and what influences these attitudes.

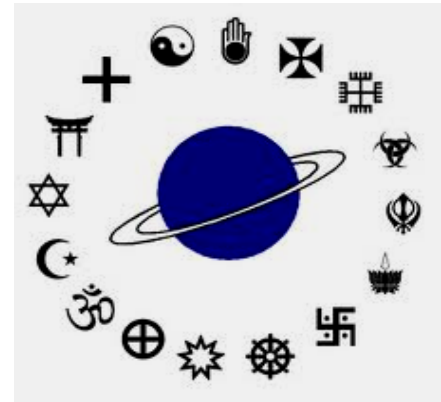
Most Worldwide Agree Military Attacks Never Justified

Many of the world's residents agree that military attacks that target civilians are never justified, with a clear majority in Asia and the MENA region finding military attacks against civilians unacceptable. This is not surprising considering the acute conflicts raging in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, and other parts of the Middle East. Residents of the U.S. and Canada are the most likely population in the world to believe military attacks targeting civilians are sometimes justified, with nearly half (47%) sharing this sentiment.

Nearly Half in U.S., Canada See Military Attacks on Civilians as Sometimes Justified

	Never justified	Sometimes justified	Depends
Asia	56%	16%	15%
Former Soviet Union/Other Europe	60%	11%	19%
Sub-Saharan Africa	63%	20%	12%
MENA	79%	13%	6%
U.S.-Canada	50%	47%	2%
Europe	61%	19%	12%

Based on data collected between 2008 and 2009



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Europeans here break with their counterparts in the U.S. and Canada. The continent that fought two world wars and at one time used military conquest to colonize much of the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, now finds its residents more similarly minded with those in its former colonies than with its modern ally about whether military attacks on civilians are sometimes justified.

Global Majority Agree That Individual Attacks on Civilians Are Never Justified

	Never justified	Sometimes justified	Depends
Asia	58%	12%	15%
Former Soviet Union/Other Europe	56%	8%	20%
Sub-Saharan Africa	66%	17%	11%
MENA	85%	9%	4%
U.S.-Canada	77%	21%	1%
Europe	69%	12%	11%

Based on data collected between 2008 and 2009

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Individual Attacks on Civilians Unacceptable

The identity of the attacker makes a difference to some people when weighing the justification of targeting civilians. When attacks are committed by a military, Americans and Canadians find them more acceptable (47% sometimes justified) than when they are committed by an individual (21% sometimes justified). Europeans, too, make a distinction, and are more likely to reject individual attacks than military attacks by eight percentage points.

On the other hand, populations in Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, former Soviet countries, and MENA are more likely to view violence targeting civilians as uniformly unacceptable.

OIC Member States Less Likely to View Military Attacks as Sometimes Justified

Evidence refutes the argument that Islam encourages violence more than other religions. Residents of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states are slightly less likely than residents of non-member states to view military attacks on civilians as sometimes justified, and about as likely as those of non-member states to say the same about individual attacks.

Public Support Does Not Predict Violence

It is important to note that public perceptions of civilian attacks do not necessarily predict violence against non-combatants, nor are terrorist activities or war crimes necessarily the result of public support. At the same time, higher levels of public rejection of targeting civilians do suggest a higher respect for the value of human life, a prized asset for any society to cultivate.

OIC Members Slightly Less Likely to See Military Attacks on Civilians as Sometimes Justified

	OIC member	OIC non-member
Military attacks on civilians sometimes justified	18%	24%
Individual attacks on civilians sometimes justified	14%	17%

Based on data collected between 2008 and 2010

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number of independent indicators in the [full report](#).

Rather than look to religion to explain public acceptance of violence, Gallup's analysis suggests that leaders should consider social and economic development and better governance. Gallup analysts tested correlations between the level at which populations say these attacks are "sometimes justified" and a number of independent indicators, and they found human development and societal stability measures are most strongly related. Find out more about relationships between these attitudes and a

About the Abu Dhabi Gallup Center

Building on Gallup's seminal work in the field of [Muslim studies](#), the Abu Dhabi Gallup Center offers unmatched research on the attitudes and aspirations of Muslims around the world. [Learn more](#).

Survey Methods

Results are based on face-to-face interviews with approximately 1,000 adults in each country, aged 15 and older, from 2008 through 2010. For results based on the total sample of adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error ranges from ±1.66 to ±5.8 percentage points. The margin of error reflects the influence of data weighting. In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

In this analysis, OIC member states included more than 40 predominantly Muslim countries worldwide. Non-OIC member states included more than 80 countries. §

Source: http://www.gallup.com/poll/149369/Religious-Identity-Not-Color-Views-Violence.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=Americas-Asia-Muslim-World-Northern-America-Religion-and-Social-Trends-USA

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A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 –August 2011

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \simeq 3,861 polls during the period 2007-2011
- 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: \simeq 178 during the period 2007-2011
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \simeq 160 during the period 2007-2011

