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Asia zone

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189-1 **Massive Support for Going to UN Though Majority Expects US & Israelis Sactions** (Click for Details)

(Israel) Findings of the third quarter of 2011 show that a semi consensus is evolving over the issue of seeking UN membership and recognition of Palestinian statehood despite the fact that a large majority believes that the step will lead to the suspension of American financial support and Israeli custom transfers and will lead to greater hardships on the ground with more Israeli checkpoints and settlement activities. (PCPSR)

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189-2 **The Illusion of Freedom.....** (Click for Details)

(India) More than half the number of people in a CVOTER survey say they are not free in a free India; 74 per cent say India is really two countries a free India for the moneyed and powerful and a slave India that works for these vested interests. (CVoter)

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189-3 **The Churn Within The Arab World....** (Click for Details)

(India) Most Indians favour a continued UN role in Libya; more than half also see the US acting directly in Syria, a CVOTER survey finds.

(CVoter)

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189-4 **Filipinos Optimistic about The Quality of Their Life in Near Future** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The Second Quarter 2011 Social Weather Survey, conducted from June 3-6, found 36% of adults expecting their personal quality of life to improve in the next 12 months (termed as "Optimists"), and only 9% expecting it to get worse ("Pessimists"), for a Net Personal Optimism (the difference of Optimists over Pessimists) score of +27, 3 points higher than +24 in March 2011. (SWS)

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Africa zone

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

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189-5 **New National Minimum Wage** (Click for Details)

(Nigeria) In a recent survey conducted by NOI Polls, respondents were asked if they were aware of the issues surrounding the adoption of the NGN 18,000 national minimum wage. 92% of respondents said they were aware while 8% said they are not aware. (NOI)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues



189-6 **Islamic Banking in Nigeria** (Click for Details)

(Nigeria) A recent survey in Nigeria shows a high level of awareness of the issue of Islamic Banking amongst Nigerians, with just over three quarters (76%) responding 'Yes' to the question 'Are you aware of the CBN's proposal to introduce Islamic Banking in Nigeria?' (NOI)

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189-7 **The Boko Haram Sect and Insecurity in Nigeria** (Click for Details)

(Nigeria) A recent survey of Nigerians shows that Nigerians are highly aware of the sect Boko Haram. with over 9 in 10 respondents answering 'Yes' when asked if they were aware of a group called Boko Haram. And over four in ten suggest that federal government should employ military force in this regard. (NOI)

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Euro Americas zone

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LATIN AMERICA & AUSTRALASIA



EUROPE

▶ EAST EUROPE

189-8 **Opinions About Donald Tusk** (Click for Details)

(Poland) After nearly four years in office as the Prime Minister, Donald Tusk still remains the most popular Polish politician. In a recent survey about half of the questioned people declare they trust him. (CBOS)

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189-9 **Changes In Voting Methods** ([Click for Details](#))

(Poland) A recent survey in Poland shows that Polish are supportive of alternate voting systems. The highest support is for electronic voting system over the Internet. Almost fifty percent of Poles support the idea that all poles should be entitled for electronic vote. (CBOS)

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► WEST EUROPE

189-10 **Europe's Business Elite Want Both Digital And Traditional Media** ([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. Whilst digital media is increasing in popularity 95% still utilise print and 86% TV on a daily basis. (Ipsos Mori)

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189-11 **Conservatives regain lead over Labour in UK** ([Click for Details](#))

(UK) The September Reuters/Ipsos MORI Political Monitor shows that the Conservatives have regained a clear lead over Labour and the Liberal Democrats as having the best policies for managing the economy. Just over three in ten (33%) think the Conservatives have the best economic policies, compared to 23% who say Labour and 8% who say the Liberal Democrats. (Ipsos Mori)

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► NORTH AMERICA

189-12 **Jewish Support for Obama Down, but Not Disproportionately** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) There is little sign that President Obama is suffering disproportionately in support among Jews; 54% approved of his job performance from Aug. 1-Sept. 15, 13 percentage points higher than his overall 41% approval rating during that time, and similar to the average 14-point gap seen throughout Obama's term. (Gallup USA)

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189-13 **Perry "Ponzi Scheme" Remark Doesn't Faze Most Republicans** ([Click for Details](#))

Texas Gov. and presidential candidate Rick Perry's comments on Social Security, which include calling it a "Ponzi scheme," appear to be a non-issue for most Republicans. However, they could cost him support with independents should he ultimately win the 2012 Republican presidential nomination. As many Republicans say they are more likely to vote for Perry for president because of his views on Social Security as say they are

less likely -- 19% each. Among independents, 12% are more likely to vote for him and 32% less likely. (Gallup USA)

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189-14 **Residents in Mass., Connecticut Lead Nation in Dentist Visits** (Click for Details)

Three in four Massachusetts residents say they visited a dentist in the last 12 months, a higher rate than in any other state in the nation. Those living in Mississippi were least likely to say they go to the dentist, followed by Louisiana and West Virginia residents. (Gallup USA)

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189-15 **Unemployment Re-Emerges as Most Important Problem in U.S.** (Click for Details)

Thirty-nine percent of Americans in September name unemployment or jobs as the most important problem facing the country, up from 29% in August. Unemployment has now passed "the economy" as the most frequently mentioned issue. In the month since the passage of debt ceiling legislation, concerns about the federal budget deficit have eased, while the percentage citing dissatisfaction with government as the top problem has held steady at 14%. (Gallup USA)

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189-16 **Americans Favor Obama Jobs Plan by 45% to 32%** (Click for Details)

(USA) By 45% to 32%, more Americans want their member of Congress to vote for rather than against a jobs bill similar to the one President Obama proposed last week, with the rest having no opinion. (Gallup USA)

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189-17 **Three Years After Crisis, Little Sign of Economic Relief in U.S.** (Click for Details)

Three years after bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers jolted the U.S. economy into economic turmoil, job creation has rebounded from post-collapse lows, but economic confidence and consumer spending remain within the ranges seen in 2009. Gallup finds underemployment and unemployment essentially where they were a year ago. (Gallup USA)

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189-18 **More Now See GOP as Very Conservative** (Click for Details)

Though voters' views of the ideologies of the political parties have shifted little since the summer of 2010, an increasing number see the Republican Party as very conservative, while slightly fewer see the Democratic Party as very liberal. (Pew Research Center)

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189-19 Romney and Perry Seen as Best Presidential Choices for GOP in 2012 (Click for Details)

Two prospective Republican Party presidential contenders are currently ahead of their rivals as Americans ponder who would serve well in the White House, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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189-20 Perry Leads but Romney Gaining in GOP Favorability (Click for Details)

Rick Perry and Herman Cain continue to generate the most intensely positive favorable ratings from Republicans familiar with them in Gallup Daily tracking conducted over the past two weeks -- prior to Monday night's CNN/Tea Party Republican presidential debate in Florida. ([Gallup USA](#))

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**189-21 Upper-Income Americans' Economic Confidence Shaken** (Click for Details)

Upper-income Americans' economic confidence was badly shaken in August, with 80% saying the economy is "getting worse," up from 66% in July. This is the first month since the financial crisis of late 2008 and early 2009 that upper-income Americans are more pessimistic about the future direction of the U.S. economy than other Americans. ([Gallup USA](#))

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189-22 Congressional Job Approval at 15% (Click for Details)

Congressional job approval is now 15%, up slightly from the record-tying low of 13% recorded in August, while disapproval is 82%, compared with 84% last month. ([Gallup USA](#))

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189-23 Record-High 86% Approve of Black-White Marriages (Click for Details)

([USA](#)) Americans are approaching unanimity in their views of marriages between blacks and whites, with 86% now approving of such unions. Americans' views on interracial marriage have undergone a major transformation in the past five decades. When Gallup first asked about black-white marriages in 1958, 4% approved. More Americans disapproved than approved until 1983, and approval did not exceed the majority level until 1997. ([Gallup USA](#))

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**189-24 Perry Holds Big Lead Among GOP Voters, But Only Romney Leads Obama** (Click for Details)

Rick Perry has slipped a few points among likely Republican primary voters from two weeks ago, but still holds a big lead over all announced Republican presidential candidates. Perry is the top choice of 37% of GOP

voters, with Mitt Romney coming in second with 14%. Perry received 41% in our August 29 poll. ([Zogby-Ibope](#))

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189-25 **Jobs Speech Improves Obama Approval** ([Click for Details](#))

President Barack Obama's address to Congress on job creation seems to have helped his job approval (up three points to 42%) and the percentage of voters saying he deserves re-election (up six points to 39%), a new IBOPE Zogby poll finds. ([Zogby-Ibope](#))

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189-26 **Voters Split on Approaches Government Should Take to Help Create Jobs** ([Click for Details](#))

Voters are split on how government can best create jobs, including the ratio of tax cuts to new spending, the value of infrastructure projects versus reduced regulations and taxes, the benefit of public sector jobs to the economy and the importance of so-called "green" public investments. Democrats and Republicans hold sharply different views on all of these issues. ([Zogby-Ibope](#))

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189-27 **Commemorations Capture Public Attention** ([Click for Details](#))

The 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks topped the public's news interest last week, but Americans also continued to closely track news about the nation's struggling economy. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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189-28 **A Pivotal Presidential Speech Drives The News** ([Click for Details](#))

The president's speech on job creation drove the news agenda last week, making the economy the No. 1 story despite sharing the week with a lively GOP presidential debate, a special 9/11 anniversary and a new terror threat. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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189-29 **Canadians' Consumer Confidence Continues To Fall In Uncertain Economic Times** ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) Canadians' confidence in the economy continued its drop from last month as the economic climate continues to worsen in both Europe and the United States. The TNS Canadian Consumer Confidence Index dropped more than another point, from 97.6 to 96.4, after dropping two points in August. Continuing fluctuations in the stock markets, and uncertain economic news emanating from Europe and the United States are continuing to bode poorly for our own economic outlook. ([TNA Canada](#))

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189-30 **New Zealand National-LED Government's Winning Lead Surges** (Click for Details)

(New Zealand) The latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows support for Prime Minister John Key's National-led Government is virtually unchanged at 61.5% (up 5.5%). Support for Key's National Party is 57% (up 5% - the highest since October 2009), ACT NZ 1.5% (down 0.5%), the Maori Party 2.5% (up 1%), and United Future 0.5% (unchanged). (Roy Morgan)

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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

189-31 **Britons Question Global Warming More Than Americans and Canadians** (Click for Details)

(Britain) Half of respondents in the two North American countries think climate change is a fact and is caused by emissions—fewer Britons concur. While Canadians continue to be more likely than Americans and Britons to blame global warming on man-made emissions, they are not as unwavering about it as they were last year, a new three-country Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. (Angus-Reid)

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[4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters](#)189-32 **Public Narrowly Backs UN Recognition of Palestine: Global Poll** (Click for Details)

As debate continues over whether the Palestinians should ask for a UN resolution recognising Palestine as an independent state, a new global poll for BBC World Service reveals that, in all 19 countries surveyed, more citizens would prefer to see their government vote to support the resolution than vote against it – although only by a modest margin in many countries.

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► CYBER WORLD

189-33 **7 In 10 Canadian Adults Aware Of Online Daily Group Deal Sites; Groupon Most Popular** (Click for Details)

(Canada) A recent survey in Canada found that just over 70% of adults nationally have heard of at least one online daily group deal site. Awareness was highest in Ontario and lowest in Quebec. (TNS Canada)

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Topic of the week:

The illusion of freedom.....

- ▶ 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.



More than half the number of people in a CVOTER survey say they are not free in a free India; 74 per cent say India is really two countries a free India for the moneyed and powerful and a slave India that works for these vested interests.

“At the stroke of midnight, as the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom.” These words of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India’s first prime minister, have been immortalized and are known to most of us, more than six decades after they were first uttered. Nehru, of course, was making his famous tryst with destiny speech to members of the constituent assembly on August 15, 1947, when he said the above lines. And the poetic words summed up the mood of a young nation, whose birth had been so difficult, marred by violence and bloodshed, but where citizens nevertheless were rejoicing at having finally shaken off the yoke of the British empire. But while this is an oft quoted line from Nehru’s poignant speech, the rest of the speech that not just valourised the national struggle for freedom under Gandhi but also underscored the vision of the political leadership of the day to ensure liberty and equality for all in a progressive nation, is rather less known.

Do u think that you are free ?	
	Valid Percent
Can't Say	1.3
Yes	48.2
No	50.5
Total	100

We all know of the humanistic, socialist Nehruvian ideal and it is very much part of the historic speech. A good paragraph to ponder over is: “bring freedom and opportunity to the common man, to the peasants and



workers of India; to fight and end poverty and ignorance and disease; to build up a prosperous, democratic and progressive nation, and to create social, economic and political institutions which will ensure justice and fullness of life to every man and woman.” The declaration of Independence ends with an exhortation to work together and cautions against narrow religious divisiveness. India may have celebrated its 65th Independence Day this year but all these ideas remain as pertinent today to us, the people of India, as they did all those years ago.

If yes, then why ?	
	Percent
Can't say	3
India is a free country, being a citizen of India we are also free.	13.1
The country runs on constitution which gives the guarantee of freedom.	3.4
I have the freedom of speech	4.4
Because everybody has equal opportunity.	1.7
Everyone in this country as the right of worship, religion and belief.	2.1
Everybody in this country as the right to vote and choose the government.	2.7
Everybody has the right to live the way they want to live.	14.2
Everybody is equal in the eyes of constitution.	3.2
Others	0.4
Total	48.2

For those born in a free India, especially, the children of a post-Liberalised order that has seen so much economic gain, August 15 is just another public holiday. A time to party, to hang out with friends or get a much-needed break from work. But this is also a day when one must ponder the concept of freedom and how it applies to our daily lives. In a democratic state that ensures universal adult franchise, we are all, of course, free. But is this a mere technicality? In the face of poverty and oppression, corruption, disease and the world's largest population of the hungry, not able to afford even one square meal a day, are we really free? Is there a political and bureaucratic class of the privileged that is really pulling the strings, taking all decisions and impacting our lives even as we live in a fool's paradise? Of late, this seems to have been the impression millions of Indians have been forced to admit to themselves. It is not a mere coincidence perhaps that so many came out on the streets protesting with Anna Hazare just a day after the Independence Day celebrations when a weakened Prime Minister made a sorry speech claiming that he was helpless against corruption.



A CVOTER survey across the National Capital Region in August polled various people of their definition of freedom of individual liberty and whether they thought they were really free in 21st century India. The results were illuminating.

When asked whether they thought they were free, while more than 48 per cent of the people polled replied in the affirmative, a shocking majority of about 50 per cent half the people polled replied in the negative: “no, we are not free,” was the loud and clear message emanating from the masses.

If no, why ?	
	Percent
Can't	3.4
Freedom is for the rich people, and slavery is destiny of the poor people	9.5
Freedom is for the powerful people not for weak people.	5.9
Court, judiciary and police are all sellable.	10.1
We don't have enough food and a job.	3.6
Here we have to be scared of the powerful people to survive.	1.9
Due to economic complusions, we cannot live a free life.	6.3
Freedom is only for few castes, not for SC,OBC and ST.	0.6
Others	9.1
Total	50.5

Of those who believed that they were free, a substantial 13 per cent said they were free merely because they were the citizens of a free India. Another 14 per cent said that everyone in the country had a right to live how they please and thus the citizen had full liberty. On the other hand, a variety of explanations were given by people who believed that they were not free. These included common points of frustration for the middle classes who typically feel powerless against the “system”: “Freedom is for the rich people, and slavery is destiny of the poor. Freedom is for the powerful, not the weak”, were some common utterances made by the people polled, pointing to the high level of hopelessness in the electorate.



Anger against corruption by those in power was also evident when about 10 per cent of the people polled said that since the police, judiciary and so on were all for sale, there could be no true justice and hence liberty for the people of India. In comparison, only a miniscule .6 per cent of the people said that freedom was only for the high castes and not the SC-STs and OBCs. This points to lower level of complaints against the caste

issue. While political parties have traditionally played this card, and said that they have been working for the upliftment of the backward communities, 64 years after Independence, this kind of marginalization seems to be a less relevant issue than the other pressing concerns of corruption and so on. More than 6 per cent of the people polled said that because of economic compulsions they were not able to lead a free life. Obviously, poverty and sharing the fruits of economic progress with the growing middle class are big concerns too.

More than 53 per cent of the people polled also felt that their freedom had been reduced in the recent years. Of these, a majority of 20 per cent felt that this was due to corruption, pointing to a burning anger over the systemic abuse of power by politicians and bureaucrats. More than 47 per cent of people said that their freedom was based on social factors, only 17 per cent thought it to be mere political freedom. An overwhelming 85 per cent saw our freedom threatened by forces within the country not outside.

Do you think in the recent years the freedom has decreased ?	
	Valid Percent
Can't Say	3.4
Yes	53.9
No	42.7
Total	100

Significantly, about a quarter of the people polled said that a new freedom struggle should ensue against the government! A majority of 44 per cent said that it should be against a corrupt system. Clearly the mood of the common man is against self-serving politicians who have done very little good for the masses over the years, instead, lining just their own pockets.

Another interesting finding of this survey was against the powerful elite still seen to be “ruling” the country. Almost three quarter of those polled said that while Britishers had left the country, a handful of Indians acting like Britishers were ruling the country still! More than 74 per cent of the people polled also agreed that India was made up of two Indias one a free India of the powerful, the other a slave India that worked for these vested interests. Again, an overwhelming 78 per cent said that freedom in this country was dependent on how much money one had. Even the policies of economic liberalization came in for a hit when more than 58 per cent of the people polled said that they had contributed to a lessening of freedom. Journalists, on the other hand, got a reprieve, with 61.4 per cent believing in the independence of the media.

The revolutionary mood in the country came across clearly in the final answer when a majority of 53.4 per cent said that they were in fact ready to die for their freedom.

It is time for the political class to hear this desperation.

Methodology: Snap poll of 473 randomly selected respondents by CATI in Delhi/NCR on 6th August 2011. §

Source: http://teamcvoter.com/2011/newsletter9i1/newsletter_9issue1_2011.pdf

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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

