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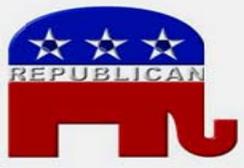
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Asia zone

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

► MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

195-1 **Poll Shows Nationalist / Religious Bloc with 70 Knesset Seats** (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) Three polls in 24 hours show Likud has received a serious boost, most likely from the Shalit deal with Hamas. A poll carried out by the Smith Institute for Globes gives Likud 33, while Labor chalks up 20 and Kadima gets 17. According to the poll, the nationalist / religious bloc, including the haredi parties, has 70 seats, five more than at present. ([Smith Institute UK](#))

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195-2 **More Egyptians Finding It Difficult to Make Ends Meet** (Click for Details)

([Egypt](#)) Forty percent of Egyptians say they are "finding it very difficult" to get by, the highest percentage to say so since the overthrow of President Hosni Mubarak. Fewer than one in three Egyptians say they are getting by on their present income, down from 43% in late September and early October 2010. ([Gallup USA](#))

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► NORTH EAST ASIA

195-3 **Luxury Market in China-2011 10** (Click for Details)

([China](#)) China's appetite for luxury goods is growing faster than that of any other country in the world, and it is expected to surpass the United States as the largest luxury consumer in 2012. ([Ipsos China](#))

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Africa zone

► WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA;
SOUTHERN AFRICA

► SUB SAHARAN AFRICA ASIA

195-4 **Fracking Is Not An Issue For Almost A Half Of Metro Adults** (Click for Details)



(South Africa) Whilst only 23% of metro adults in South Africa are in favour of Shell being allowed to conduct fracking in the Karoo, only 31% are against it: almost a half of people (46%) gave a don't know response. These are the findings of a recent TNS survey. (TNS South Africa)

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3.10 Economy » Energy/Nuclear Issues

195-5 **In Sub-Saharan Africa, Income Key to Being Super-Connected** (Click for Details)

Fourteen percent of residents polled in 17 sub-Saharan African countries reported both owning a mobile phone and accessing the Internet in 2010. These "super-connected" Africans represent about 36 million adults in a region beset with information and communications technology (ICT) challenges. As such, the findings provide important information about the size and demographics of the ICT market in those countries. (Gallup USA)

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Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

► **EAST EUROPE**

195-6 **Internet Shopping in Ukraine** (Click for Details)

(Ukraine) A recent survey shows that over eight in ten Ukrainians are internet shoppers. Internet shoppers' demands are quite diversified. Clothes, mobile phones, computers, small home appliances, perfumes, and books are the items that Ukrainians most frequently purchase through the Internet. Food, foodstuffs, alcohol, and soft drinks are not popular Internet shopping items at the moment.

(UMG International Ukraine)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle



195-7 **Results Of XII Congress Of United Russia Party** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Most of Russians have heard about the 12th Congress of the United Russia party that took place in late September (73%); however the level of the awareness is superficial:55% of respondents have heard something about it; only 18% are well aware. Twenty-four percent of Russians have heard about the Congress for the first time during the interview. (Russian Public Opinion Research Center)

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1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

195-8 **Major Russia's Problems: Inflation, Housing And Communal Services And Standard Of Living** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Russia) Three major national problems still include inflation (53%), situation in housing and communal services sector (52%) and low living standards (51%). Other important problems that Russia is facing today are alcoholism and drug abuse (48%), corruption and bureaucracy (42%), and unemployment (40%). [\(Russian Public Opinion Research Center\)](#)

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195-9 **Russians Are Confident That Businessmen Have No Place In Politics** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Russia) The major reason behind the desire of Russians to move abroad is the opportunities to improve the standard of living (42%). Rarer respondents mark their desire to live where there is more order (18%), more perspectives (15%), or to live in a particular country (12%). Less important reasons are strive for safety (5%) or desire to be close to relatives (7%). [\(Russian Public Opinion Research Center\)](#)

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► WEST EUROPE

195-10 **Consumers Tightening Their Belts This Christmas** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

As the weakening economy continues to dent consumer confidence, new research from the annual YouGov SixthSense Christmas Spending Intentions Survey suggests that consumers will be tightening their belts across all categories of expenditure this festive season. [\(Yougov\)](#)

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195-11 **Half of Germans Are Obese and Overweight** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Germany) Half of German adults are obese (13.7%) and overweight (36.4%), similar to the 54.5% in the United Kingdom, but significantly less than the 62.1% in the United States. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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195-12 **Two-in-Five British Voters Are Currently Supporting Labour** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(Britain) The approval rating for David Cameron and Nick Clegg fall to the lowest level since the coalition was installed. The opposition Labour Party remains the most popular political organization in Britain, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. [\(Angus Reid\)](#)

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► NORTH AMERICA

195-13 **Obama Job Approval Showing Modest Improvement, Now 43%** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) President Barack Obama's job approval rating has shown modest improvement in the past week. His latest rating, based on Oct. 24-26 Gallup Daily tracking, is 43%, and his approval has been at or above 42% in each of the last seven days. In the prior two weeks, his averages were generally at or below 40%. ([Gallup USA](#))

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195-14 **Tea Party Ideology More Popular for Americans Than Occupy Wall Street**

([Click for Details](#))

Independents are more likely to say they are angrier over government spending and taxes than social inequality and corporate greed. Americans are more likely to express empathy for the main message of the Tea Party movement than for the grievances that have been outlined recently during the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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195-15 **No Approval Bounce for Obama and Congress in the United States** ([Click for Details](#))

Only two-in-five Americans are satisfied with the way the President is handling his duties, and Independents become more critical. Public support for President Barack Obama remains low in the United States, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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195-16 **In U.S., High Interest in National Politics for Non-Election Year** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans' interest in national politics is holding at the elevated level seen in 2009 after record-high attention paid in 2008. More than one in three Americans (35%) say they are following news about national politics "very closely," a greater percentage than Gallup has found in non-election years prior to 2008. ([Gallup USA](#))

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195-17 **Republicans Nationwide Are Similar in Composition to 2008** ([Click for Details](#))

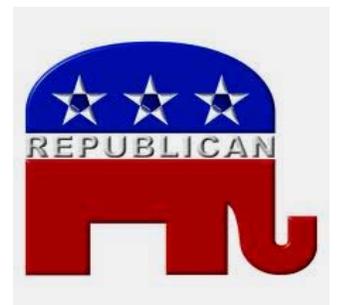
The Republican Party in 2011 looks similar, demographically and ideologically, to the Republican Party that nominated John McCain in 2008. As a group, Republicans continue to be more likely than average to be male, white, married, and religious, and to describe their political views as "conservative." ([Gallup USA](#))

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195-18 Majority of American Workers Not Engaged in Their Jobs (Click for Details)

(USA) Seventy-one percent of American workers are "not engaged" or "actively disengaged" in their work, meaning they are emotionally disconnected from their workplaces and are less likely to be productive. That leaves nearly one-third of American workers who are "engaged," or involved in and enthusiastic about their work and contributing to their organizations in a positive manner. This trend remained relatively stable throughout 2011. (Gallup USA)

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195-19 Cain Catching Up With GOP Rivals in Recognition (Click for Details)

Herman Cain is now recognized by 78% of Republicans nationwide, marking a gain of 28 percentage points since September and 57 points since March. This is the largest gain in recognition for any GOP presidential candidate Gallup has tracked this year, and puts him roughly on par with the other major candidates.

(Gallup USA)

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**195-20 Republicans, Democrats Disagree on Govt. Role in Creating Jobs** (Click for Details)

Republicans and Democrats are sharply divided on the government's role in creating jobs in the United States. Republicans are more likely to say reduced government regulation and involvement will lead to more jobs, while Democrats focus more on government involvement such as funding infrastructure work. Similar percentages in both groups, however, say the best way to create more jobs is to stop sending work overseas.

(Gallup USA)

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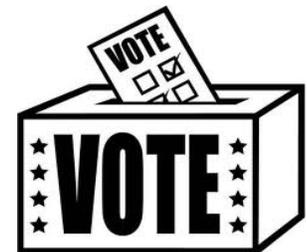
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195-21 Americans Would Swap Electoral College for Popular Vote (Click for Details)

Nearly 11 years after the 2000 presidential election brought the idiosyncrasies of the United States' Electoral College into full view, 62% of Americans say they would amend the U.S. Constitution to replace that system for electing presidents with a popular vote system. Barely a third, 35%, say they would keep the Electoral College. (Gallup USA)

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**195-22 Govt. Regulations at Top of Small-Business Owners' Problem List** (Click for Details)

Small-business owners in the United States are most likely to say complying with government regulations (22%) is the most important problem facing them today, followed by consumer confidence in the economy (15%) and lack of consumer demand (12%). (Gallup USA)

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[3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions](#)**195-23 Economic Confidence Marginally Better Than August Lows** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) Gallup's Economic Confidence Index rose to -46 last week, just above the -47 to -52 range seen since early September. More generally, Americans' confidence in the economy has been slightly better in September and October than in August after tumbling in July. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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195-24 Modest Interest in Gadhafi Death, Iraq Withdrawal [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Americans divided their attention last week among several breaking news stories – from the death of Moammar Gadhafi in Libya to the release of dozens of dangerous wild animals in Ohio to the announced withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq– while still keeping a close watch on news about the nation's economy. [\(Pew Research Center\)](#)

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**195-25 Death Of A Dictator Leads The News** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The capture and killing of former Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi dominated the news late last week. In what looked like another week in which the news media would be focused above all on the 2012 election, the narrative abruptly shifted to Libya when images of the bloodied dictator appeared online and on television early Thursday. [\(Pew Research Center\)](#)

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195-26 Gallup Finds Significant Drop in Unemployment During October [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Unemployment, as measured by Gallup without seasonal adjustment, was 8.3% for the 30 days ending Oct. 23 -- down sharply from 9.0% for the 30 days ending Sept. 4. Over the same period last year, Gallup's U.S. unemployment rate was steady or increasing, suggesting the lower unemployment Gallup has measured in recent weeks is not fully the result of seasonal hiring patterns. As a result, the government next week is likely to report a seasonally adjusted October unemployment rate of less than 9.0%. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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**195-27 Record-Low 26% in U.S. Favor Handgun Ban** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

(USA) A record-low 26% of Americans favor a legal ban on the possession of handguns in the United States other than by police and other authorized people. When Gallup first asked Americans this question in 1959, 60% favored banning handguns. But since 1975, the majority of Americans have opposed such a measure, with opposition around 70% in recent years. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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195-28 Self-Reported Gun Ownership in U.S. Is Highest Since 1993 (Click for Details)

(USA) Forty-seven percent of American adults currently report that they have a gun in their home or elsewhere on their property. This is up from 41% a year ago and is the highest Gallup has recorded since 1993, albeit marginally above the 44% and 45% highs seen during that period. (Gallup USA)

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195-29 Obama Approval (41%) and Re-Elect (37%) Drop Slightly (Click for Details)

President Barack Obama's standing with likely voters remains stagnant, as both his job approval (41%) and the percentage saying he deserves re-election (37%) fell two percentage points from a week ago. (Zogby-Ibope)

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**195-30 51% Disapprove of Cain's 9-9-9 Tax Plan & 48% Believe It Would Raise Their Taxes** (Click for Details)

A small majority of likely voters disapproves of Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain's "9-9-9" tax reform plan, and 48% believe it would increase the total amount of taxes they pay. (Zogby-Ibope)

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195-31 In U.S., 4% View Their Lives Poorly Enough to Be Suffering (Click for Details)

(USA) Four percent of Americans rated their lives poorly enough to be considered suffering in September -- relatively little change from the past two and a half years. (Gallup USA)

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[3.5 Economy » Poverty](#)

► AUSTRAL ASIA**195-32 New Zealand National-Led Government's Winning Lead Decreases** (Click for Details)

(New Zealand) The latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows support for Prime Minister John Key's National-led Government has fallen to 57.5% (down 2%). Support for Key's National Party is 53.5% (down 2%), ACT NZ 1% (down 0.5%), the Maori Party 2% (unchanged), and United Future 1% (up 0.5%). (Roy Morgan)

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**195-33 L-NP Lead Increases Over ALP Clear Majority (57%) Of Australians Oppose Carbon Tax** (Click for Details)

(Australia) The latest telephone Morgan Poll shows a rise in support for the L-NP 55.5% compared to the ALP 44.5% on a Two-Party preferred basis. The L-NP primary vote is 47% still well ahead of the ALP 31%.

A separate face-to-face Morgan Poll conducted last weekend showed the L-NP 56.5% even further ahead of the ALP 43.5% on a Two-Party preferred basis. (Roy Morgan)

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► CYBER WORLD

195-34 **The Tablet Revolution** (Click for Details)

Eighteen months after the introduction of the iPad, 11% of U.S. adults now own a tablet computer of some kind. About half (53%) get news on their tablet every day, and they read long articles as well as get headlines. But a majority says they would not be willing to pay for news content on these devices, according to the most detailed study to date of tablet users and how they interact with this new technology. (Pew Research Center)

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195-35 **Bloggers Back The Occupy Wall Street Protests** (Click for Details)

By a margin of more than 2 to 1, bloggers overwhelmingly expressed support for the Occupy Wall Street protests that began in Lower Manhattan on September 17 and spread around the country. Almost half (46%) of the conversation on blogs championed the movement compared with 18% which was opposed (35% was neutral or straight news). (Pew Research Center)

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195-36 **Consumers Turn Their Back On Blackberry** (Click for Details)

Following BlackBerry's recent blackout, YouGov conducted a survey amongst BlackBerry owners to understand how the outage affected them (if at all), changed their opinion of the brand, and future considerations on expecting to get a BlackBerry in future. Since the blackout happened, BlackBerry has taken a hit with a marked decline in overall quality and satisfaction rates. (Yougov)

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Topic of the week:

More Egyptians Finding It Difficult to Make Ends Meet

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Nearly half of Egyptians struggle to afford food

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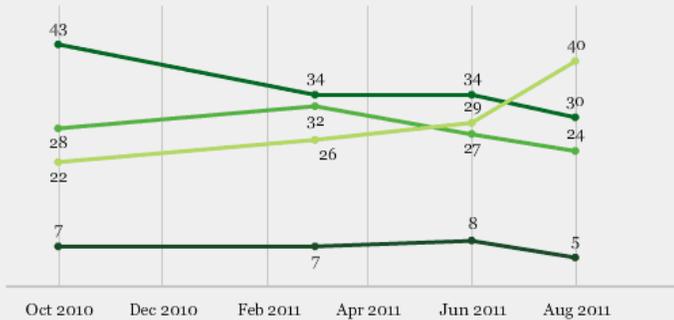
LOS ANGELES -- Forty percent of Egyptians say they are "finding it very difficult" to get by, the highest percentage to say so since the overthrow of President Hosni Mubarak. Fewer than one in three Egyptians say they are getting by on their present income, down from 43% in late September and early October 2010.



Living on Present Household Income

Among Egyptian adults

■ % Living comfortably ■ % Getting by ■ % Finding it difficult
■ % Finding it very difficult

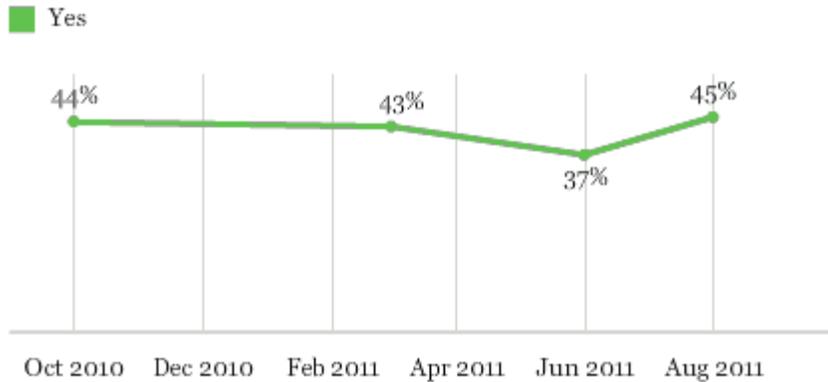


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Egyptians are also having as much trouble affording food today as they were before the revolution. Nearly half of Egyptians (45%) surveyed in July and August say there have been times in the past 12 months when they did not have enough money to buy the food they or their families needed.

Have there been times in the last 12 months when you did not have enough money to buy food that you or your family needed?

Among Egyptian adults



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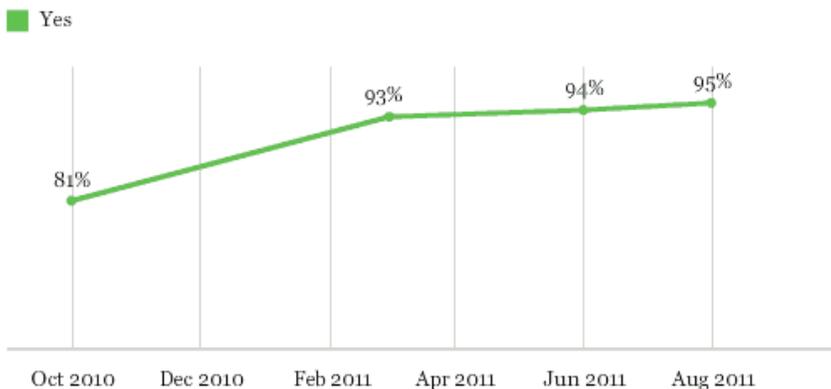
The lack of improvement in Egyptians' situations since **Mubarak's ouster** does not bode well for an interim government that is facing mounting criticism. The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) is under fire for its performance after clashes between military forces and protesters on Oct. 9 left 25 dead. A number of high-profile political players are calling for the SCAF to resign from the leading the country's daily affairs on all nonmilitary issues.



Despite these challenges, nearly all Egyptians (95%) say people can work hard and get ahead in their country. They are more likely to say this now than they were several years leading up to the revolution.

Can people in this country get ahead by working hard, or not?

Among Egyptian adults



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Implications

The progress of a revolution can't be audited like the performance of a company. However, one way to assess the evolution of change in Egypt is to ask people whether they are more or less able to acquire the rudimentary necessities of life. Although not conclusive in scoring the gains made by Mubarak's expulsion, these types of assessments are a good indicator of Egyptians' daily lives. Gallup surveys find many Egyptians struggling to afford food and more of them finding it difficult to get by. As such, many Egyptians may still be waiting to feel the

positive effect of Mubarak's ouster on their daily lives. Gallup's data also show that Egyptians do believe they have a role to play in building a positive future for their nation, and hope that their hard work will pay off.

Survey Methods

Results are based on face-to-face interviews with 1,121 adults, aged 15 and older, conducted July 25-Aug. 1, 2011, in Egypt. For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 3.3 percentage points. Earlier surveys are based on face-to-face interviews with approximately 1,000 adults, aged 15 and older, in Egypt. For results based on the total sample of national adults in these surveys, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error ranges from ± 3.1 to ± 3.5 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.



Source: http://www.gallup.com/poll/150356/Egyptians-Finding-Difficult-Ends-Meet.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=Muslim%20World

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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

