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**Politics Not a Favored
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Asia zone

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NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA

► MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

199-1 **Majority Satisfied With Halt Of Negotiations And UN Bid** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A public opinion poll conducted by the Jerusalem Media and Communications Centre showed that the majority of respondents (51.2%) said they were satisfied with the decision of the Palestinian leadership to halt negotiations and resort to the United Nations while 15.1% said they were dissatisfied. [\(JMCC\)](#)

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199-2 **Before Violence, Egyptians Expected Fair, Honest Elections** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

[\(Egypt\)](#) Before violence and political turmoil threw the first round of Egypt's parliamentary elections into doubt, Gallup surveys in September showed most Egyptians planned to vote (74%) and expected the elections to be fair and honest (71%). [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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199-3 **Many Africans Lack Confidence in Honesty of Elections** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Despite their governments' efforts to hold credible elections over the past decade, residents in many sub-Saharan African countries are still skeptical about their electoral process. Across 19 countries Gallup surveyed in 2011 -- representing about 60% of individuals old enough to vote -- a median of 41% say they have confidence in the honesty of elections in their countries. Majorities in six countries express confidence. [\(Gallup USA\)](#)

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199-4 **Eight Out Of Ten People Want Independent Media** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Today is being called "Black Tuesday" as various organisations call for a protest against today's vote in parliament on the Protection of State Information Bill. Eight-one percent of metro adults felt in that study that it is important to have independent TV and radio stations and newspapers so that people receive unbiased news. This was significantly higher than the figure of 73% obtained in a similar study five years ago. In the 2010 study, only 7% disagreed with the study whilst 12% gave a "don't know" response. [\(TNS South Africa\)](#)

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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

199-5 **As Cop 17 Approaches, Do Ordinary People Care?** (Click for Details)

Climate change and environmental issues are very much in the news as CoP 17 in Durban on 28 November approaches. A recent study found that 31% of metro adults are in denial, saying that climate change will NOT affect their lives very much, whilst 49% feel it WILL affect their lives, with a very high 20% giving a don't know response. (TNS South Africa)

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4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters



Euro Americas zone

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

EUROPE

► WEST EUROPE

199-6 **European Union: Internal Security (Multi-country survey)** (Click for Details)

(EU) The main challenges to European security are economic and financial crises (34%), terrorism (33%), organised crime (21%) and poverty (18%). There is a wide variation across Europe in the proportions of respondents identifying each security challenge as an issue for their country - for instance 46 points separate the proportions mentioning economic/financial crises in Ireland and France, and 53 points separate Denmark and Latvia when it comes to mentioning terrorism as a threat to national security. (TNS Opinion & Social)

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199-7 **Making A Difference In The World: Europeans And The Future Of Development Aid (Multi-country survey)** (Click for Details)

(EU) A majority of Europeans (85%) believe that development aid is important, with 36% saying it is “very important” and 49% saying it is “fairly important”. However, the strength of this support for development aid has declined in the last year. The number of those who say that it is very important has dropped by 9 points from 45% in 2010. (TNS Opinion & Social)

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3.6 Economy » Economic Globalization

199-8 **Oyster Card Triumphs In London** (Click for Details)

(UK) New online research from YouGov's London Omnibus reveals that the Oyster card is the payment option of choice for most Londoners with 76% owning one. The majority of Oyster owners use it at least once a week (71%) and just under a quarter use their Oyster card every single day (23%). (Yougov)

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199-9 **Father Christmas Shops Online** ([Click for Details](#))

(Germany) Books, clothes and toys are the bestselling Christmas presents. Around 92% of Germans plan to spend an average of EUR 241 on Christmas presents this year, which is almost as much as in 2010. According to a current GfK study, retailers can expect sales volumes of EUR 13.7 billion for Christmas presents and shoppers intend to make online purchases significantly more often than last year. (GfK)

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[4.7 Society](#) » [Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)



199-10 **Upward Trend In German Consumer Climate Continues** ([Click for Details](#))

(Germany) Once again there was no uniform picture for consumer sentiment in Germany in November this year. While there was a significant rise in the willingness to buy, economic and income expectations recorded a decline. Following a revised value of 5.4 points in November, the overall indicator is forecasting a value of 5.6 points for December. (GfK)

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199-11 **East-West Divide Evident in Some Aspects of Germans' Health** ([Click for Details](#))

(Germany) German adults are more likely to report having been diagnosed with high blood pressure at some point in their lives (27.1%) than various other chronic conditions, including high cholesterol (16.7%), diabetes (8.4%), asthma (7.4%), heart attack (5.4%), and cancer (5.4%). (Gallup USA)

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199-12 **Britons Want to Change House of Lords, But Few Expect Real Action** ([Click for Details](#))

(Britain) While most Britons continue to voice support for the idea of electing the members of the House of Lords, the level of confidence in achieving this milestone soon has dropped markedly since last year, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. (Angus-Reid)

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199-13 **Labour Extends Lead in Britain as Liberal Democrat Slide Continues**

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(Britain) The approval rating for the three main party leaders did not go through significant changes this month. However the opposition Labour Party remains the most popular option for British voters, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. (Angus-Reid)



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199-14 **Politics Not a Favored Topic at America's Thanksgiving Table** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Most respondents expect family and personal issues to dominate the conversation during Thanksgiving dinner. Politics will not be one of the main topics of conversation as Americans sit down for Thanksgiving dinner, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus-Reid](#))

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199-15 **Romney, Gingrich Now Top Choices for GOP Nomination** ([Click for Details](#))

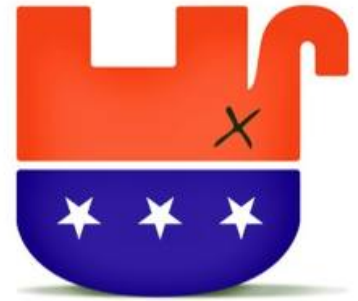
Republicans are most likely to name Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich as their first choice for their party's 2012 presidential nomination, with Herman Cain close behind. Among all Republicans nationwide, Romney is the choice of 20% and Gingrich 19%. Among Republican registered voters, Gingrich is at 22% and Romney at 21%. ([Gallup USA](#))

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199-16 **Support for "Occupy" Unchanged, but More Criticize Approach** ([Click for Details](#))

Americans have grown a bit more critical over the past month of the methods used by Occupy Wall Street protesters; however, their overall views of the movement and position on its goals have not changed. The majority of Americans, 53%, say they neither support nor oppose the movement, while supporters continue to slightly outnumber opponents. ([Gallup USA](#))

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199-17 **Views of Americans on Occupy Wall Street Movement Turn Negative** ([Click for Details](#))

The protests are getting lukewarm support from younger Americans, and outright condemnation from respondents over the age of 55. Two months after the Occupy Wall Street protests were launched, people in the United States are more likely to view the movement in a negative light, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. ([Angus Reid](#))

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199-18 **Mentor Support Key to Starting a Business** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Social capital is important at every stage of entrepreneurship, but it is particularly important when the potential entrepreneur needs access to resources and expertise at the startup. Gallup surveys in 83 countries indicate that adults who have access to a mentor are three times more likely to say they are planning to start a business (14%) than those who do not have a mentor (5%). ([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments](#)199-19 **Fewer Americans Feeling Better About Their Finances** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Forty-nine percent of Americans are feeling better about their financial situations these days, representing a continuing downturn from the average of 53% who were feeling better in mid-summer. The drop in Americans' positive attitudes about their finances in August occurred just after the congressional wrangling over the Aug. 2 debt ceiling deadline, suggesting that there may be a similarly negative impact from this week's failure of the super committee to reach its budget-cutting deadline. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)199-20 **Romney's Mormon Faith Likely a Factor in Primaries, Not in a General Election** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Many Americans continue to see the Mormon faith as unfamiliar and different. Half say they know little or nothing about Mormonism, half say it is a Christian religion while a third say it is not, and roughly two-thirds believe Mormonism is "very different" from their own beliefs. There has been virtually no change in these impressions over the past four years. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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([USA](#)) A smaller share of Americans currently serves in the U.S. Armed Forces than at any time since the peace-time era between World Wars I and II. During the past decade, as the military has been engaged in the longest period of sustained conflict in the nation's history, just one-half of one percent of American adults has served on active duty at any given time. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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[4.2 Society » Family](#)[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)199-22 **Biggest Week Yet For Occupy Wall Street Coverage** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

A series of police crackdowns resulted in the biggest week of Occupy Wall Street media coverage since the protests began two months ago. And for the second week in a row, the stunning sexual abuse scandal at Penn State University registered as the No. 2 story in the nation. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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American men, on average, say they weigh 196 pounds and women say they weigh 160 pounds. Both figures are nearly 20 pounds higher than the average that men and women reported in 1990. As Americans' actual weight has increased, so has their ideal weight. ([Gallup USA](#))

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199-24 **Americans Blame Both Sides of "Super committee" for Failure**

(Click for Details)

A majority of Americans (55%) believe Republicans and Democrats on the U.S. debt "super committee" are equally to blame for its inability to reach an agreement. Those who blame lawmakers on one side more than those on the other are inclined to point the finger at Republicans on the committee rather than Democrats. ([Gallup USA](#))

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199-25 **Gingrich Now Leads GOP Field in Positive Intensity** (Click for Details)

Newt Gingrich now leads all of his Republican presidential rivals in garnering positive image ratings from Republicans and Republican leaners nationwide -- marking a first for 2011. His +20 Positive Intensity Score gives Gingrich a sizable lead over Herman Cain, in second with +14, and Mitt Romney, in third with +11.

([Gallup USA](#))

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199-26 **Upper-Income Confidence Improved Before "Super" Stalemate** (Click for Details)

(USA) Upper-income Americans' economic confidence continued to improve during the first three weeks of November, with 70% saying the economy is "getting worse" -- sharply better than the 80% of August. However, upper-income Americans' negative views of the economy's direction have yet to drop to July's 66%, the level seen just before the end of the budget ceiling battle. ([Gallup USA](#))

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199-27 **One-in-Four Voters Say They Are Likely To Support Third-Party Candidate** (Click for Details)

One-in-four voters say they would be likely to support a third-party or independent candidate for President. This includes 41% of voters ages 18-29 and 36% of voters who identify as independents. These results are from an IBOPE Zogby interactive poll conducted from Nov. 15-17, 2011. Men (31%) are also more likely than women (16%) to support a third party candidate. ([Zogby-Ibope](#))

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199-28 **70% Would Call Police First, Not Boss If They Witnessed Child Sexual Abuse in Workplace** (Click for Details)

A strong majority of adults (70%) say they would immediately call the police if they witnessed sexual abuse in their workplace and then tell a supervisor, a new IBOPE Zogby poll finds, and 70% say they agree with Penn State's decision to fire long-time head coach Joe Paterno due to the allegations his former defensive coordinator abused young boys at Penn State football facilities. (Zogby-Ibope)

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► LATIN AMERICA

199-29 **IRI Survey: Cuban Seems Supportive of Democracy** (Click for Details)

(Cuba) Cubans still overwhelmingly (76 percent) desire multi-party elections, free expression and other elements associated with political freedom and democracy. More than half of Cuban citizens have not seen evidence of actual reforms taking shape in Cuba. (IRI)

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► AUSTRAL ASIA



199-30 **National Set For Election Victory, But No Majority As 'Teapot Tape' Scandal Dents National & Benefits NZ First** (Click for Details)

(New Zealand) Today's Special Election Eve New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows Prime Minister John Key's National Party set to be re-elected tomorrow, but falling short of gaining a majority in its own right. National has 49.5% (down 3.5%) of the party vote well ahead of second party Labour (23.5%, down 1%) and surging Greens (14.5%, up 1.5%). (Roy Morgan)

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► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEY

199-31 **Fewer Report Depression in Germany Than in U.S., UK** (Click for Details)

Adults in the United States (17%) and in the United Kingdom (15%) are significantly more likely to report having been diagnosed with depression in their lifetime than are adults in Germany (9%). In all three countries, women are more likely than men to report a depression diagnosis. (Gallup USA)

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199-32 **Opposition to Nuclear Energy Grows: Global Poll** (Click for Details)

Public opinion in many countries with nuclear power programmes has become more opposed to the technology since 2005, with most people believing conservation and renewable energy can meet future needs without nuclear power, a new multi-country poll for the BBC indicates. ([GlobeScan](#))

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► CYBER WORLD

199-33 **Loyalty To Smartphone Brand Increases With Greater Use Of Digital Content** ([Click for Details](#))

Nearly one in five consumers, who own both an iPad and an iPhone, say switching smartphone is more difficult than changing bank accounts. A simple, integrated user experience is driving consumers' brand loyalty to their smartphone and they are less likely to switch brands the more applications and services they use on the device, new research from GfK finds. ([GfK](#))

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Topic of the week:

Politics Not a Favored Topic at America's Thanksgiving Table

- This page is devoted to opinions of countries whose polling activity is generally not known very widely or where a recent topical issue requires special attention.

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Most respondents expect family and personal issues to dominate the conversation during Thanksgiving dinner.

Politics will not be one of the main topics of conversation as Americans sit down for Thanksgiving dinner, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample of Americans who are having thanksgiving dinner tomorrow, seven-in-ten respondents (70%) expect to talk about personal and family issues at the table. Practically half also foresee a discussion about sports (49%) and entertainment (49%), while two-in-five (41%) believe the conversation will also touch on health. Only one third of diners (32%) say they will discuss politics during Thanksgiving dinner.

While there is no difference in the proportion of Democrats and Republicans who will talk about politics (34% for each), Republicans are more likely to expect a dialogue about personal and



family issues (76%) than Democrats (69%).

When asked which one of two chores they prefer to help out with when it comes to Thanksgiving dinner, a majority of Americans (61%) choose cooking, while two-in-five (39%) select cleaning up. Men are evenly split on the two chores (Cooking 51%, Cleaning up 49%), while women clearly prefer to cook (70%, compared to 30% for cleaning up).

Americans aged 18-to-34 (45%) are more likely to favor cleaning up to cooking than those aged 35-to-54 (35%) and those over the age of 55 (37%).

Methodology: From November 21 to November 22, 2011, **Angus Reid** Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 888 American adults who are having a Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow and are Springboard America panelists. The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 3.3%. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of the United States. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.



Source: <http://www.angus-reid.com/polls/44149/politics-not-a-favored-topic-at-americas-thanksgiving-table/>

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2011)

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

