

# Gallopedia

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## Who are we?

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## Asia zone

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

### ► SOUTHEAST ASIA

253-1 **Filipinos are More Optimistic than Before** (Click for Details)

(Philippines) The Third Quarter 2012 Social Weather Survey, conducted from August 24-27, 2012, found 34% of adults expecting their personal quality of life to improve in the next 12 months ("Optimists"), and 7% expecting it to get worse ("Pessimists"), for a Net Personal Optimism (the difference of Optimists over Pessimists) of +27 - termed as *high*. (SWS)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being



## Africa zone

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

### ► SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA



253-2 **Half of ANC supporters worried about leadership issues** (Click for Details)

(South Africa) More than half (53%) of adult South Africans AND 52% of ANC supporters agree that the future of the ANC is uncertain because of the leadership issues within the party. Only two in every ten ANC supporters (19%) disagreed. (Ipsos South Africa)

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1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

253-3 **Information bill a matter of basic human rights say South Africans**

(Click for Details)

(South Africa) More than 6 out of 10 (64%) agree with the statement that access to information and a free media are basic human rights and almost half (47%) of adult South Africans believe that the proposed information bill or "secrecy bill" will limit media freedom. This is according to research findings from Ipsos' "Pulse of the People" poll, conducted between October and November this year. (Ipsos South Africa)

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4.4 Society » Civil Society

4.9 Society » Justice





## Euro Americas zone

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



### EUROPE

#### ▶ EAST EUROPE

253-4 **...But they eat salt pork is Russian!** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Russians are no longer in hot pursuit of well-known international brand food products over half of Russian urban dwellers state that they are ready to pay more for ecologically clean grocery products. That said, slightly over a quarter of all respondents polled admit that they can't afford to spend more money on groceries, no matter what quality those products were. (Romir)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

#### ▶ WEST EUROPE

253-5 **Business leaders fear impact of independence** (Click for Details)

(Scotland) The majority of business leaders believe that independence would have a negative impact on both their own business and the wider business community in Scotland, data from new survey of the corporate sector has revealed. (Ipsos Mori)

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3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments



253-6 **French not excited for Christmas (Multi-country survey)** (Click for Details)

Norwegians are looking forward to Christmas the most, while the French are by far the least excited for the holiday season, according to the results of YouGov's EuroTrack survey, a multi-country study tracking public opinion in the UK, Germany, France, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway. (YouGov)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

253-7 **Brits to spend less this Christmas**

(UK) UK households are projected to spend £792m (3.46%) less on Christmas this year than they did in 2011, but are still expected to spend approximately £22bn on gifts, cards and decorations, and food and drink this holiday season. (YouGov)

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3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle

253-8 **Labour Leads, UKIP Overtakes Liberal Democrats in Britain**

(Click for Details)

(UK) The opposition Labour Party continues to be the most popular option for voters in Britain, but the status of the United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) has risen in the past month, a new Angus



Reid Public Opinion poll has found. The approval rating for David Cameron and Nick Clegg improved markedly for the first time since March. ([Angus Reid](#))

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## AMERICAS

### ► NORTH AMERICA

253-9 **Americans Widely Prefer Compromise on Fiscal Cliff** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) Sixty-two percent of Americans would like to see federal government leaders compromise on an agreement to avoid the "fiscal cliff" budget measures set to go into effect next month, more than twice the 25% who want leaders to stick to their principles on spending cuts and tax increases. A majority of all party groups favor compromise. ([Gallup USA](#))

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253-10 **Seven in 10 Americans Are Very or Moderately Religious** ([Click for Details](#))

Sixty-nine percent of American adults are very or moderately religious, based on self-reports of the importance of religion in their daily lives and attendance at religious services. Within that group, 40% are very religious, meaning that they attend religious services regularly and they say religion is important in their daily lives. ([Gallup USA](#))

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253-11 **Pessimism about Fiscal Cliff Deal, Republicans Still Get More Blame** ([Click for Details](#))

(USA) With Washington making little apparent progress in efforts to avoid going over the "fiscal cliff," public opinion about the situation has changed little over the past three weeks. The latest survey finds continued pessimism over prospects for a deficit agreement. Four-in-ten (40%) expect that the president and congressional Republicans will reach a deal by Jan. 1 to prevent automatic tax increases and spending cuts from taking effect; 49% say they will not. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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253-12 **Americans Want Federal Gov't Out of State Marijuana Laws** ([Click for Details](#))

Sixty-four percent of Americans are against the federal government's taking steps to enforce federal anti-marijuana laws in states where marijuana is legal. Americans who personally believe that marijuana should be legal overwhelmingly say the federal government should not get involved at the state level, along with four in 10 of those who are opposed to legalized marijuana. ([Pew Research Center](#))

December 10, 2012

[4.9 Society » Justice](#)

[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)**253-13 U.S. Payroll to Population Rate Falls to 43.7% in November** (Click for Details)

The U.S. Payroll to Population employment rate (P2P), as measured by Gallup, was 43.7% for the month of November, down from 45.7% in October. This is the largest month-over-month decline in P2P since Gallup began tracking it in January 2010. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.9 Society » Justice](#)**253-14 Entrepreneurship Comes With Stress, But Also Optimism** (Click for Details)

More stress appears to be a modest drawback of being an entrepreneur in America. In the U.S., entrepreneurs are slightly more likely than other workers to report experiencing stress a lot of the day "yesterday"-- 45% vs. 42%. They are also slightly more likely than other U.S. workers to say they worried a lot of the day "yesterday"-- 34% vs. 30%. ([Gallup USA](#))

December 7, 2012

[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)[4.11 Society » Health](#)**253-15 Most in U.S. Say Gay/Lesbian Bias Is a Serious Problem** (Click for Details)

Sixty-three percent of Americans describe discrimination against gays and lesbians as a "very" or "somewhat serious" problem in the United States. Americans who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) are even more likely to see discrimination as a serious problem, at 88%. ([Gallup USA](#))

December 6, 2012

[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)**253-16 U.S. Unadjusted Unemployment Shoots Back Up** (Click for Details)

U.S. unemployment, as measured by Gallup without seasonal adjustment, was 7.8% for the month of November, up significantly from 7.0% for October. Gallup's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 8.3%, nearly a one-point increase over October's rate. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)**253-17 Religion Big Factor for Americans against Same-Sex Marriage** (Click for Details)

([USA](#)) Americans who oppose the legalization of same-sex marriage, 46% of the adult population, are most likely to explain their position on the basis of religious beliefs and/or interpretation of biblical passages dealing with same-sex relations. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.1 Society » Religion](#)[4.5 Society » Gender Issues](#)**253-18 Americans Warming Up to Idea of Puerto Rico Becoming 51st State** (Click for Details)

While Americans are still split on the future of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, support for the notion of the archipelago becoming an American state has grown markedly, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has

found. Level of preference for both independence and the status-quo dropped, while statehood has increased by seven points since January. ([Angus Reid](#))

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253-19 **Stephen Harper Remains a Polarizing Figure for Canadians** ([Click for Details](#))

([Canada](#)) Seven years after the fall of Paul Martin's minority government, Canadians hold differing views on Stephen Harper, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found. Most respondents expect cuts in funding for programs related to the arts and film, and for the role of private health care providers to be expanded. ([Angus Reid](#))

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## ► AUSTRALASIA

253-20 **More than half of New Zealanders are worried about getting skin cancer** ([Click for Details](#))

([New Zealand](#)) According to the latest Roy Morgan findings, 1.9 million (53%) New Zealanders are worried about getting skin cancer. Kiwi women are more concerned about getting skin cancer than their male counterparts, 58% and 49% respectively. ([Roy Morgan](#))

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253-21 **Visit of Prince Charles Fails to Inspire Australians** ([Click for Details](#))

([Australia](#)) A falling majority of Australians (52%, down 6% since June 2012) believe Australia should remain a Monarchy while an increasing number of Australians 42% (up 7%) believe Australia should become a Republic with an elected President and 6% (down 1%) are undecided — according to a special Morgan Poll of Australians taken over three nights last week (November 27-29, 2012). ([Roy Morgan](#))

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## ► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

253-22 **Water Quality Linked to Wellbeing in Sub-Saharan Africa** ([Click for Details](#))

Sub-Saharan Africans are the least satisfied in the world with the quality of water in their communities, with a median of 50% satisfied across 38 African countries in 2011 and 2012. While this finding might not be that surprising for developing countries, sub-Saharan Africans' relatively low satisfaction may reveal more about the quality of their lives than does their household income and other measures alone. ([Gallup USA](#))

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253-23 **One in Ten Consumers across Eight Key Asia Pacific Markets Actively Engages in Social Networking** ([Click for Details](#))

New research from GfK shows that 23 percent of today's most digitally savvy people live in the Asia Pacific region. These 'Super Connected' APAC consumers are distinguished by unusually high engagement with social media – global sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn, as well as regional networks. (GfK)

December 06, 2012

3.12 Economy » IT & Telecom

4.6 Society » Media/ New Media



## Topic of the week:

### **French not excited for Christmas**

- ▶ 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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*Norwegians are looking forward to Christmas the most, while the French are by far the least excited for the holiday season, according to the results of YouGov's EuroTrack survey, a multi-country study tracking public opinion in the UK, Germany, France, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway.*

The poll found that 65% of people in Norway are looking forward to Christmas, while only 28% of people in France feel similarly. The highest proportion of Norwegians (53%) also say that Christmas is their favourite public holiday.

### **Lonely French**

The explanation for this gulf in public opinion may lie in the fact that 19% of people in France say they feel lonely at Christmas, the highest proportion of any of the countries we surveyed. Meanwhile, people living in the Nordic countries are least likely to feel lonely at Christmas, with only 6% in Denmark, 7% in Norway and 8% in Sweden saying the holidays make them feel lonesome.



### **Sober French, drunken Brits**

Interestingly, the French also claim to be the least likely to be drunk at some point over the Christmas period, while Brits are most likely to over-imbibe over the holiday season. Only 8% of people in France say they expect to be drunk over Christmas, while a third of Brits say the same.

Source: <http://research.yougov.co.uk/news/2012/12/05/french-not-excited-christmas/>

## Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2012)

### A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 – November 2012

#### KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*):  $\approx$  6,805 polls during the period 2007-2012
- 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:  $\approx$  178 during the period 2007-2012
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited:  $\approx$  358 during the period 2007-2012

