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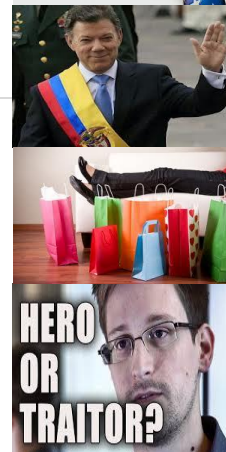
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**More Canadians & Britons view Edward Snowden as "hero" than "traitor", Americans split**



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## Euro Americas zone

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

### ▶ WEST EUROPE

300-1 **Public: House price rises are not good for Britain** (Click for Details)

(UK) A new Ipsos MORI poll for *Inside Housing* has found nearly three times as many Britons disagree than agree that rising house prices are a good thing for the country. (Ipsos Mori)

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[3.4 Economy » Inflation](#)



300-2 **Economist/Ipsos MORI October 2013 Issues Index** (Click for Details)

The Economist/Ipsos MORI October Issues index shows that, in a month in which energy prices have dominated many of the headlines, a fifth of the public (19%) are now concerned about prices/inflation. This is an increase of 8 percentage points since September, and concern is highest amongst those in social grades C2DE and those aged 35-54 (both 25%) compared with those aged 55+ and in social grades ABC1 (both 15%).

(Ipsos Mori)

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### ▶ NORTH AMERICA

300-3 **Americans' Satisfaction with Life Similar to Levels in 1998** (Click for Details)



(USA) After headlines have often trumpeted news of a continuing federal budget deficit, persistently high unemployment, and a slow-to-recover housing market in the U.S. in recent years, the prevailing wisdom might be that these developments are affecting Americans' satisfaction with their lives. Yet Americans report high levels of satisfaction with many aspects of life, from housing to standard of living to the opportunities they have to succeed, and are even more satisfied with their safety and leisure time than they were in the economic boom of the late 1990s.

Americans have, however, become less satisfied with their future and their finances over the past 15 years.

(Gallup USA)

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[3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)

300-4 **U.S. Crime Is Up, but Americans Don't Seem to Have Noticed** (Click for Details)

The U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics recently released its crime figures for 2012, showing the rate of violent crimes in the U.S. increasing for the second consecutive year. Victimization per thousand rose from 19 in 2010 to 23 in 2011 and 26 in 2012. Nevertheless, slightly fewer Americans today than in 2011 -- 64% vs. 68% -- believe crime in general is up over a year ago. (Gallup USA)

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[4.12 Society » Crime](#)**300-5 Amid Exchange Site Glitches, Views of Health Law Steady** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

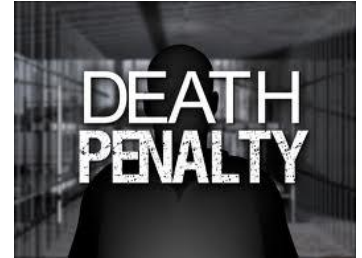
Despite the occurrence of major technical glitches with the healthcare exchange website in the weeks since it went live, Americans' assessments of the future impact of the healthcare law have not changed much since August. Americans remain more likely to say the law will make the U.S. healthcare situation and their family's healthcare situation worse rather than better. Roughly one in three Americans still believe that the law will not make much difference for their family. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)**300-6 U.S. Death Penalty Support Lowest in More Than 40 Years** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

Sixty percent of Americans say they favor the death penalty for convicted murderers, the lowest level of support Gallup has measured since November 1972, when 57% were in favor. Death penalty support peaked at 80% in 1994, but it has gradually declined since then. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)[4.9 Society » Justice](#)**300-7 18% of Americans say they've seen a ghost** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

On Thursday evening, many American children will encounter costumed ghosts as they roam the streets in search of candy and other treats on Halloween. Before bedtime, to avoid nightmares, some parents may try to reassure their kids that ghosts are not real. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)**300-8 Economic Confidence Ends Month Still Deeply Negative** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

The Gallup Economic Confidence Index rose six points last week to -30. While this marks the second straight week of improvement since the end of the federal government shutdown, confidence is still well below the -15 reading Gallup found in mid-September, in the weeks before the shutdown. It remains sharply lower than the -3 reached earlier this year. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)**300-9 Personal Safety Top Reason Americans Own Guns Today** [\(Click for Details\)](#)

([USA](#)) President Barack Obama has made strengthening gun control one of his top priorities this year, focusing on expanding background checks and a partial assault weapons ban. Gallup finds that those who already own firearms mention personal safety/protection most frequently as a reason for ownership (60%), followed by hunting, at 36%. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)[4.12 Society » Crime](#)

**300-10 Economy Would Benefit if Marriage Rate Increases in U.S.** (Click for Details)

Married Americans spend more than those in any other marital status category, across age groups. Americans who have never married spend significantly less, particularly for those younger than 50, suggesting that if the marriage rate increases, overall spending in the U.S. may increase and benefit the U.S. economy. (Gallup USA)

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[4.2 Society » Family](#)

**300-11 U.S. Uninsured Rate Rises before Health Exchanges Open** (Click for Details)

More U.S. adults were uninsured in the third quarter of 2013 than in any quarter in nearly six years of Gallup and Healthways tracking, with 18% reporting they lacked health insurance. This represents the third consecutive quarter in which the uninsured rate has ticked up. (Gallup USA)

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[4.11 Society » Health](#)

**300-12 U.S. Uninsured More Aware of Health Insurance Requirement** (Click for Details)

Uninsured Americans are increasingly conscious of the "Obamacare" requirement that most Americans need to carry insurance or pay a fine. Eighty percent of uninsured Americans now say they are aware the healthcare law requires this, up from 73% earlier this month and 56% this summer. (Gallup USA)

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**300-13 U.S. Obesity Rate Climbing in 2013** (Click for Details)

The adult obesity rate so far in 2013 is 27.2%, up from 26.2% in 2012, and is on pace to surpass all annual average obesity rates since Gallup-Healthways began tracking in 2008. (Gallup USA)

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

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**300-14 More Say Crime Is Serious Problem in U.S. Than Locally** (Click for Details)

A majority of Americans (55%) say crime is an extremely or very serious problem in the U.S. -- about the same level of concern they had in 2011, but down slightly from 2010. Another 38% view the U.S. crime problem as moderately serious; while one in 20 consider it not serious. (Gallup USA)

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## ► LATIN AMERICA

**300-15 Colombian president's ratings inch higher as unrest cools** (Click for Details)

(Colombia) Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos' popularity rebounded slightly from a record low for his administration as people felt more upbeat about the economy after a violent farm protest in August hurt his approval ratings, a leading pollster said on Thursday. (Gallup Colombia)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)



## ► AUSTRALASIA



300-16 **NSW bushfires were not caused by human-induced global warming and climate change (57%). 50% of Australians want the Carbon Tax repealed** (Click for Details)

(Australia) A clear majority of Australians (57%) say human-induced global warming and climate change played no part in the recent NSW bushfires compared to 37% of Australians that say it did play a part while 6% can't say according to a special telephone Morgan Poll conducted over the last two nights (October 29/30,

2013). (Roy Morgan)

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[4.14 Society » Environment/ Disasters](#)

300-17 **A Labour/ Greens Alliance (46.5%, down 3%) likely to win election with support of NZ First (4.5%) over National Party (42%, up 0.5%)** (Click for Details)

(New Zealand) A recent New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows a potential Labour/ Greens Alliance (46.5%, down 3%) with an election winning lead over John Key's National Party (42%, up 0.5%). Support for Key's Coalition partners has slightly increased overall with the Maori Party 1.5% (unchanged), ACT NZ 1% (up 0.5%) and United Future 0.5% (up 0.5%). (Roy Morgan)

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[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)

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300-18 **The cost of style: women who want to look good do spend more on clothes** (Click for Details)

It's true: looking good does come at a price. The latest results from Roy Morgan Research reveal that women who try to look stylish, are label-conscious, or think it's important to look fashionable all spend more than average on clothes. (Roy Morgan)

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[4.5 Society » Gender Issues](#)

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## ► MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEYS

300-19 **More Canadians & Britons view Edward Snowden as "hero" than "traitor", Americans split** (Click for Details)

A survey of American, Canadian and British adults shows a majority applaud rather than condemn former CIA analyst and Edward Snowden's leaks of mass government electronic surveillance, though the verdict is a very narrow one in his home country. (Angus Reid)

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[2.10 Foreign Affairs & Security » Military Issues/ Defence](#)

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## ► CYBER WORLD

300-20 **Photo and Video Sharing Grow Online** (Click for Details)

A new study by the Pew Research Center's Internet Project shows that 54% of internet users have posted original photos or videos to websites and 47% share photos or videos they found elsewhere online. (Pew Research Center)



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4.6 Society » Media/ New Media

## Topic of the week:

### **More Canadians & Britons view Edward Snowden as "hero" than "traitor", Americans split**

► 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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Three country survey reveals support for Snowden's leaks, but mixed feelings on government surveillance overall

A survey of American, Canadian and British adults shows a majority applaud rather than condemn former CIA analyst and Edward Snowden's leaks of mass government electronic surveillance, though the verdict is a very narrow one in his home country.



The three-country survey, which asked respondents about their attitudes towards Snowden's actions, as well as their views on government surveillance, also indicates people distrust their national leaders to be good guardians of the information gathered or to restrict its use to national security purposes.

At the same time, respondents appear to accept the notion that security concerns justify some infringement on civil liberties.

In each country polled, at least 75 per cent of respondents described the issue of government surveillance of the public's internet communications as "very" or "quite" important to them. (US: 77%, Canada: 78% UK: 82%).

Snowden is a highly controversial figure in his own country, with Americans split 51% to 49% when asked whether he is "*something of a hero who should be commended for letting the public know that our governments are running electronic surveillance programs that threaten people's privacy*" or "*more of a traitor who should be condemned for publicizing security activities and threatening western intelligence operations*". In Canada, 67% and in the UK, 60% of respondents say Snowden should be commended for his actions.

Asked to assume their national government is routinely conducting electronic surveillance of the general public, 60% of Americans and Canadians described this as "unacceptable", while Britons were more split, (52% unacceptable versus 48% acceptable).

### **Safeguarding the Information**



When asked whether they trusted their national government to be "*a good guardian of citizens' personal information*", 60 per cent of Americans and 64 per cent of Britons and Canadians said they had "*not that much trust*" or "*no trust at all*".

At the same time, there appears to be public support for the argument that security and anti-terrorism efforts include tradeoffs on civil liberties and personal information privacy.

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Buy-in for this perspective is highest in the UK where 60 per cent took this view, compared with Americans (54%). Canadian public opinion is most evenly split on the issue (49% vs 51%).

Only one-in-five respondents believe information gathered by governments will be used for “strictly national security/anti-terrorism efforts” (US: 21%, UK: 19%, Canada: 18%).

The strong plurality view in each country is that the electronic information gathered via mass government surveillance will ultimately end up being used for “*any purposes the government chooses*”: 49% in the US, 46% in Canada, and 44% in the UK believe this to be the most likely scenario.

Only roughly one-in-five believe the info will be used for “*strictly national security/anti-terrorism efforts*” (21% in the US, 18% in Canada and 19% in the UK), while a larger number (close to a third in each country) believe it would be used for “*that, and also other serious criminal matters (say, major organized crime)*.”

### Appropriate use of Information

When asked how mass electronic surveillance information *should* be used by governments, a handful in each country opted for “*any purposes the government chooses*” (US & Canada: 5%, UK 7%). There was also no majority insistence that information gathered by government be used for “strictly security/anti-terrorism” purposes (US: 39% Canada: 31%, UK: 33%).

### Strong Political Undercurrents in all three countries

In the US, Republicans are much more wary of mass e-surveillance than those who re-elected the Democrats last fall. Nearly 90 per cent of 2012 Republican supporters say they do not trust the Obama administration as good guardians of information whereas most Democrat voters say they do. Republicans are also much more likely to believe information would be used as the government sees fit.

In the UK, 2010 supporters of David Cameron's Conservatives are most likely to consider mass e-surveillance activities as acceptable, to trust their government with the information, and to consider Edward Snowden more of a traitor than a hero. Both Labour and Liberal-Democrat supporters, meanwhile, consider Mr. Snowden more of a hero, and are much more wary of these surveillance activities generally, and much less trustful of their national government as information guardian.

In Canada, political differences are just as profound and are consistently observed across all the survey questions. The overall pattern sees Conservative supporters less wary than opposition party supporters. Those who elected Stephen Harper's Conservatives put more credence on national security, most consider mass surveillance acceptable, and most say they trust this government as information guardian.

The other side of the continuum is New Democrat supporters who voice much more civil libertarian views, including support for Snowden. Those who voted for the Liberals in the 2011 election are in the middle on this debate, closer to NDP supporters than Conservatives supporters in their outlook.

*On Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013, Angus Reid Global conducted an online survey among 4,536 randomly selected American, British and Canadian adults who are members of the Springboard America, Springboard UK and Angus Reid Forum panels. 1,010 were surveyed in the US, 1,519 in Canada and 2,007 in the UK. The margin of error – which measures sampling variability – is +/- 3%.*

Source: <http://www.angusreidglobal.com/polls/48837/more-canadians-britons-view-edward-snowden-as-hero-than-traitor-americans-split/>

## Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2013)

### A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 4 year period January 2007 – January 2013

#### KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*):  $\approx$  6,805 polls during the period 2007-2013
- 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 2007-2013
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited:  $\approx$  358 during the period 2007-2013

