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What Is Polling the Nations?

**"A valuable source for those researching
American opinion polls."**—REFERENCE BOOK REVIEW

Polling the Nations is a critically acclaimed online database of public opinion polls containing the full text of more than 700,000 questions and responses from more than 18,000 surveys and 1,700 polling organizations, conducted from 1986 through the present in the United States and more than 100 other countries around the world.

Why Polls Are Important

Public opinion polls are a trusted measure of public sentiment and the only reliable way to determine what large numbers of people are thinking or doing, making them essential to any researcher.

Polls Are Primary Sources

Clear and unbiased, *Polling the Nations'* polls are excellent primary sources that encourage and facilitate critical thinking and learning. Having access to this direct, unfiltered information provides a fresh perspective that can be found in no other place.

Authoritative Sources

Polling the Nations provides surveys from the most respected polling organizations in the world, including Gallup, CNN, ABC/USA Today, CBS/New York Times, Quinnipiac, Brookings Institution, Marist Poll, Fox News, NBC/Wall Street Journal, and Pew Research Center, as well as from major universities, foundations, associations, and corporations.

GALLUP ● **USA TODAY**

Quinnipiac / Poll
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Research
Center**

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HIGHLIGHTS & FEATURES

Question Search Results [New Search] [Modify Search]

There are 1000+ matching questions. Click on a row below to view the full question.

Date	Source	Topic	First 300 characters of question
Sep. 26, 2018	Pew Research Center	IMMIGRATION	As you think about the elections for Congress this November, how important are each of the following issues to you. Is the issue of immigration very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?
Sep. 25, 2018	Pew Research Center	IMMIGRATION	Which party could do a better job of dealing with immigration: the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?
Sep. 24, 2018	High Point University	IMMIGRATION	Now I am going to read you a list of issues that political parties in Washington, DC might have to deal with. For each issue, please tell me whether you think the Democratic Party or the Republican Party would do a better job dealing with this issue. What about immigration?
Sep. 23, 2018	Fox Broadcasting Company	TRUMP, DONALD, Immigration	Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following issues: Immigration?
Sep. 23, 2018	Fox Broadcasting Company	IMMIGRATION	How important is it to you to vote for a congressional candidate who shares your views on immigration?
Sep. 23, 2018	Fox Broadcasting Company	IMMIGRATION	Which political party – the Democrats or the Republicans – do you think would do a better job on each of the following? Immigration.
Sep. 19, 2018	Economist/ YouGov	IMMIGRATION	How important are the following issues to you? Immigration.
Sep. 19, 2018	Economist/ YouGov	TRUMP, DONALD, Immigration	Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues? Immigration.
Sep. 6, 2018	Democracy Corps	IMMIGRATION	Please rate your feelings toward some people, organizations and concepts, with 100 meaning a very warm, favorable feeling; 0 meaning a very cold, unfavorable feeling; and 50 meaning not particularly warm or cold. Immigrants to the U.S.
Sep. 4, 2018	Economist/	IMMIGRATION	How important are the following issues to you?

View Question (1 of 1000) [Return to Questions]

IMMIGRATION
Question: As you think about the elections for Congress this November, how important are each of the following issues to you. Is the issue of immigration very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?
Source: Pew Research Center
Date: Sep. 26, 2018
Results:

very important	65%
somewhat important	25
not too important	6
not at all important	3
don't know/ refused	1

Field Date - Sep 18-24, 2018

Universe: Country: United States
 Method: telephone; landline and cell phone
 Sample Size: 1754
 Copyright info: The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press
 Notes: Based on registered voters (n=1439).

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Graphing Questions

Putting the Nations makes it especially easy to create graphs for any question in the database. A button at the bottom of every record invites users to "Graph This Question."

Clicking the button exports the question to an Excel worksheet. Once the data are in the worksheet, by highlighting response categories and percentages, users are free to create pie charts, bar charts and more, taking advantage of the full range of graphing capabilities available.

The chart created, the question writing and polling source information can all be copied from Excel and pasted into Word, Power Point and others to enhance a report or presentation. The data can also be passed into other graphing programs, such as Harvard Graphics.

Top 10 Topics

- Abortion
- Animal rights
- Celebrities and entertainment
- Climate change and environmental issues
- Crime and prisons
- Economics and finance
- Education
- Foreign affairs
- Gay rights
- Government and politics
- Gun control
- Health care reform
- Immigration
- Internet and media
- Legalizing marijuana
- Police and safety
- Religion
- and many more.

20 Questions A Journalist Should Ask About Poll Results

Third Edition
 Sheldon R. Gensler, Ph.D. and G. Evans Witt

Polls provide the best direct source of information about public opinion. They are valuable tools for journalists and can serve as the basis for accurate, informative news stories. For the journalist looking at a set of poll numbers, here are the 20 questions to ask the pollster before reporting any results. This publication is designed to help working journalists do a thorough, professional job covering polls. It is not a primer on how to conduct a public opinion survey.

The only polls that should be reported are "scientific" polls. A number of the questions here will help you decide whether or not a poll is a "scientific" one worthy of coverage—or an unscientific survey without value.

Unscientific pseudo-polls are widespread and sometimes entertaining, but they never provide the kind of information that belongs in a serious report. Examples include 500-number call-in polls, man-on-the-street surveys, many Internet polls, shopping mall polls, and even the classic toilet issue poll featuring pictures of the candidates on each side.

One major distinguishing difference between scientific and unscientific polls is who picks the respondents for the survey. In a scientific poll, the pollster identifies and seeks out the people to be interviewed. In an unscientific poll, the respondents usually "volunteer" their opinions, selecting themselves for the poll.

The results of the well-conducted scientific poll provide a reliable guide to the opinions of many people in addition to those interviewed—even the opinions of all Americans. The results of an unscientific poll tell you nothing beyond simply what those respondents say.

"University and research libraries will want it in their collections."—CHOICE

"An excellent tool for public and academic libraries."—BOOKLIST

- **Clear organization:** easy-to-read result pages, with fields for the question asked as well as the poll's source, date, results, universe (the geographic area covered by the survey, including nations, states, and regions), method, sample size, and source contact information.
- **Easy to search and browse:** allows for targeted searches, with the option to limit searches using drop-down lists of topics, geographic areas, dates, sources, and more. Search History is also available.
- **Create graphs for any question:** makes it easy for users to incorporate results, including graphs, into papers and presentations with the "Graph This Question" button on each record.
- **Top 10 Topics:** links to the most frequently searched topics during the past week.
- **"Export":** allows users to collect the results of multiple polls and print, download, or email them in HTML or CSV format.

A Vital Tool Across the Curriculum

For students, the information gained from polls is especially useful in pro/con discussions, debates, presentations, and papers; polling results can be used to add real-life, up-to-date information on subjects covering a wide range of topics. In addition, *Polling the Nations* is an outstanding resource for math and statistics courses that require students to create graphs to display data.

Timely and evergreen topics include:

- Abortion
- Animal rights
- Celebrities and entertainment
- Climate change and environmental issues
- Crime and prisons
- Economics and finance
- Education
- Foreign affairs
- Gay rights
- Government and politics
- Gun control
- Health care reform
- Immigration
- Internet and media
- Legalizing marijuana
- Police and safety
- Religion
- and many more.