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Global Barometer on Hope and Despair

USA

Trend data: 1977-2011

(for all years for which data are available)

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FOREWORD

The World's First and the Leading Global Barometer

The Global Barometer of Hope and Despair, conducted on the eve of every new year since 1977, happens to be the world's first Global Barometer. It was initiated and led by the renowned pollster Dr. George Gallup in that year and has since been conducted annually by research institutes affiliated with Gallup International and other associated research institutions. In 2011 we will be celebrating 34 years of its success.

In 1977 the world was still a stranger to modern computing machines on everyone's desk. It was a world in which the old Main Frame computers were available to the fortunate. Others performed their tasks in more primitive ways. The mode of communication was the Post Office supplemented by what was known as the "Telegraph and Telex Machine". Despite these limitations, the first Global Barometer was conducted by 22 Gallup International Association members across the globe. They included all the G7 countries as well as key countries from all continents. The number of countries has since risen considerably and the survey now covers a highly representative sample of global population. In 2011 the survey covers 58 countries from all parts of Asia, Africa, Latin America and Australasia.

Considering that the Global Barometer was initiated in 1977 under conditions which would now seem primitive by way of international communications as well as information technology, the archives of the Global Barometer were not in a position to present trend data in usable form. It has taken some effort to construct time series data.

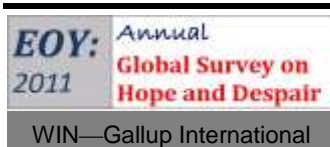
It was a proud privilege for Gallup Pakistan to have accomplished that task in 2010. Despite being relatively limited in its scope, the trend data information is now usable and amendable to updation. It has been updated for the latest year (EOY: 2011)

In the covers of these pages you will find a simple computation of the top lines of country data for all years when the survey was conducted in that country. We hope that we will further refine these Reports, in due course of time.

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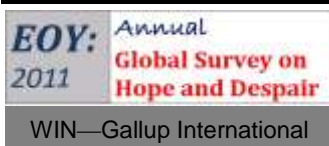


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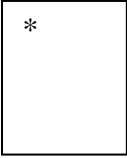
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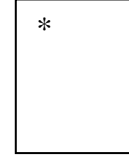
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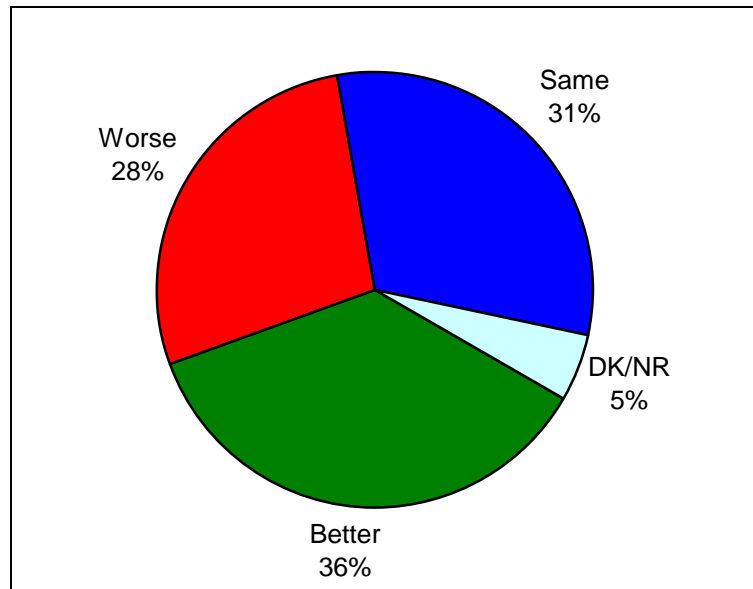


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Graph for Hope and Despair in United States for Year 2011

Question: **So far as you are concerned do you think that 2012 will be better or worse than 2011?**



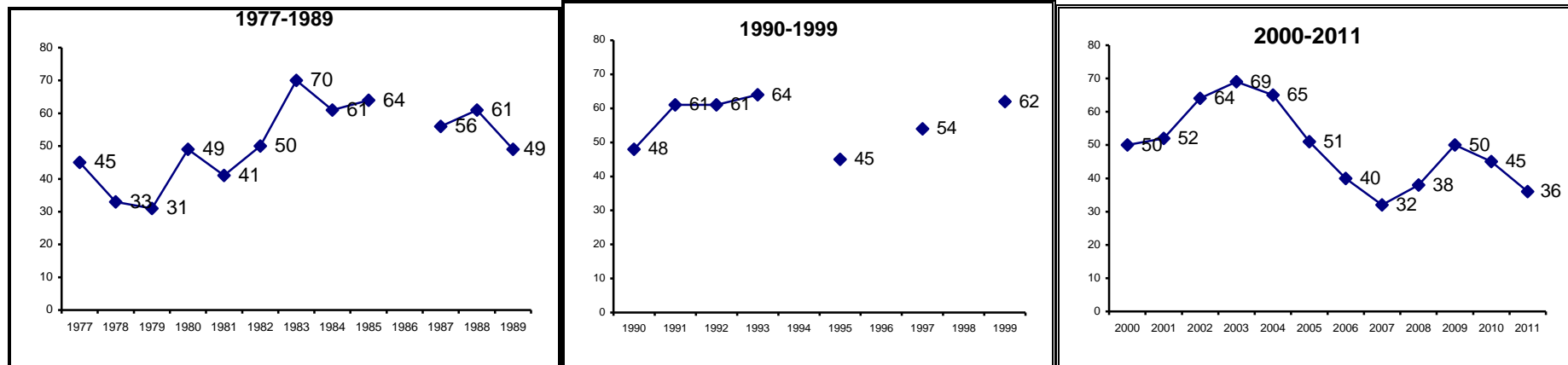
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When the total does not add up to 100, it is because of rounding off issues.



The trend of
Hope and Despair in United States
(1977-2011)

HOPE



Note: Reported for all the years for which survey was carried out and data are available.

Year	Percent of Respondents																		
Hope	45	33	31	49	41	50	70	61	64	56	61	49	48	61	61	64	45	54	62

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hope	50	52	64	69	65	51	40	32	38	50	45	36

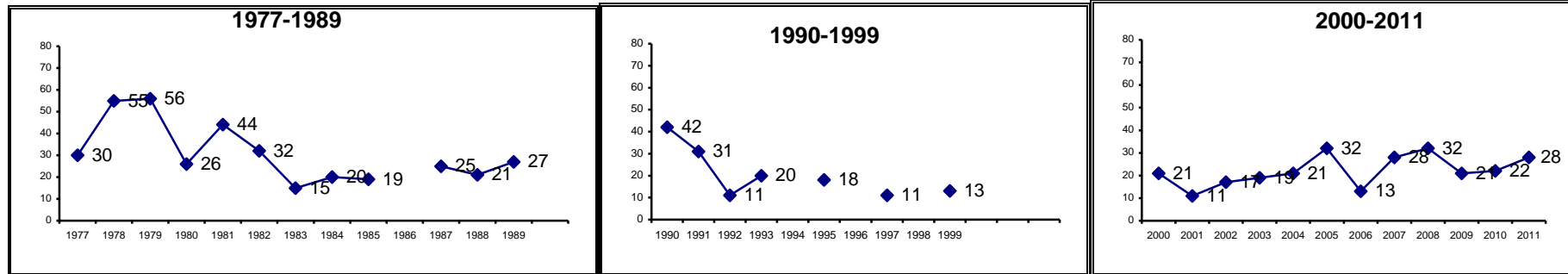
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DESPAIR



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Year	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1995	1997	1999
Despair	30	55	56	26	44	32	15	20	19	25	21	27	42	31	11	20	18	11	13

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Despair	21	11	17	19	21	32	13	28	32	21	22	28

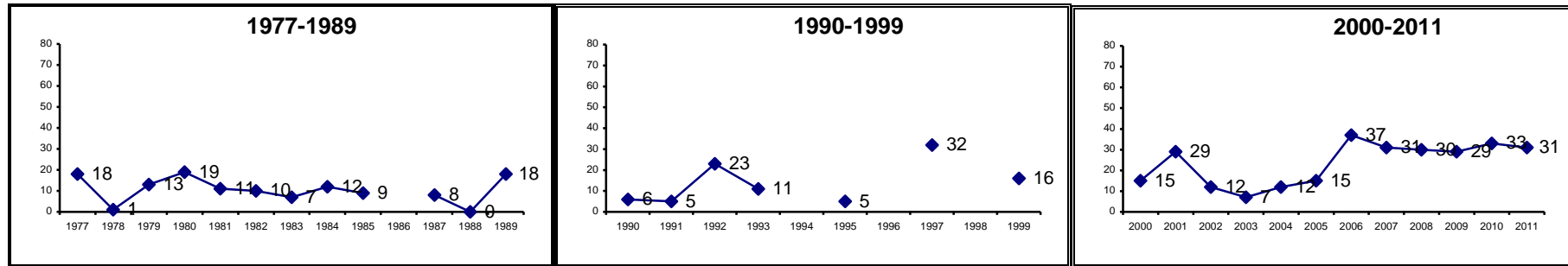
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Percent of Respondents

Year	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1995	1997	1999
No change	18	1	13	19	11	10	7	12	9	8	0	18	6	5	23	11	35	32	16

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
No change	15	29	12	7	12	15	37	31	30	29	33	31

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Hope and Despair in United States of America

Question: **So far as you are concerned do you think that 2012 will be better or worse than 2011?**

Percent of Respondents

Serial #	Year	Better (%)	Same (%)	Worse (%)	DK/NR (%)
1	1977	45	18	30	7
2	1978	33	1	55	11
3	1979	31	13	56	0
4	1980	49	19	26	6
5	1981	41	11	44	4
6	1982	50	10	32	8
7	1983	70	7	15	8
8	1984	61	12	20	7
9	1985	64	9	19	8
10	1987	56	8	25	11
11	1988	61	0	21	18
12	1989	49	18	27	6
13	1990	48	6	42	4
14	1991	61	5	31	3
15	1992	61	23	11	5
16	1993	64	11	20	5
17	1995	45	35	18	2
18	1997	54	32	11	3
19	1999	62	16	13	9
20	2000	50	15	21	14
21	2001	52	29	11	8
22	2002	64	12	17	7
23	2003	69	7	19	5
24	2004	65	12	21	2
25	2005	51	15	32	2
26	2006	40	37	13	10
27	2007	32	31	28	9
28	2008	38	30	32	0
29	2009	50	29	21	0
30	2010	45	33	22	0
31	2011	36	31	28	5

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Economic prosperity in United States of America

Question: **Compared with this year, in your opinion, will next year be a year of economic prosperity, economic difficulty or remain the same?**

Percent of Respondents

Serial #	Years	Economic prosperity (%)	Remain the same (%)	Economic Difficulty (%)	DK/NR (%)
1	1977	24	17	52	7
2	1978	21	0	69	10
3	1979	13	8	79	
4	1980	19	42	34	6
5	1981	9	28	57	6
6	1983	37	43	15	5
7	1997	29	54	14	3
8	1999	25	56	16	3
9	2000	15	54	23	8
10	2001	35	37	20	8
11	2002	29	46	21	4
12	2003	39	43	15	3
13	2004	31	44	24	1
14	2005	21	46	31	1
15	2006	21	44	26	10
16	2007	15	32	45	7
17	2008	17	30	54	.
18	2009	28	40	32	0
19	2010	25	42	34	.
20	2011	21	33	41	5

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Unemployment in United States of America

Question: In the next 12 months do you expect the number of unemployed in ... (YOUR COUNTRY) to increase a lot, to increase slightly, remain the same, fall slightly or fall a lot?

Percent of Respondents

Serial #	Years	Increase a lot (%)	Increase slight (%)	Remain the same (%)	Fall Slight (%)	Fall a lot (%)	DK/NR (%)
1	1997	8	26	34	24	4	4
2	1999	8	25	37	20	6	4
3	2000	9	31	33	16	4	7
4	2001	15	34	16	23	7	6
5	2002	11	31	24	24	7	3
6	2003	12	27	22	28	8	3
7	2004	15	23	24	28	8	2
8	2005	13	31	26	20	9	1
9	2006	9	31	28	22	3	7
10	2007	12	40	22	17	3	7
11	2008	21	42	15	18	5	.
12	2009	13	38	15	31	3	0
13	2010	10	29	20	37	4	.

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Employment in United States of America

Question: **Are you now in paid employment - either full time or part time?**

Percent of Respondents

Serial #	Years	Full time (%)	Part time (%)	No (%)
1	1997	56	10	34
2	1999	53	14	33
3	2000	56	13	31
4	2001	53	13	33
5	2002	11	52	37
6	2003	53	14	33
7	2004	58	10	32
8	2005	48	15	38
9	2006	47	14	39
10	2007	48	14	38
11	2008	53	15	32
12	2009	44	17	39
13	2010	39	18	43

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Job security in United States of America

Question: **Do you think your present job is safe, or do you think there's a chance you may become unemployed?**

Percent of Respondents

Serial #	Years	Present job safe (%)	Chance of unemployment (%)	DK/NR (%)
1	1997	79	20	1
2	1999	84	14	2
3	2000	85	12	3
4	2001	79	18	3
5	2002	81	17	1
6	2003	80	19	1
7	2004	87	13	0
8	2005	80	18	2
9	2006	78	18	4
10	2007	74	17	9
11	2008	78	22	.
12	2009	72	28	0
13	2010	70	30	.

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Ease of Job in United States of America

Question: **If you became unemployed, do you think you'd be able to find a new job fairly quickly, or do you think it might take longer?**

Percent of Respondents

Serial #	Years	New job quickly (%)	May take longer (%)	Wouldn't look (%)	DK/NR (%)
1	1997	73	23	2	2
2	1999	72	23	3	2
3	2000	71	24	2	3
4	2001	59	34	2	5
5	2002	64	32	2	2
6	2003	59	38	2	1
7	2004	63	32	4	1
8	2005	60	36	3	1
9	2006	39	51	4	6
10	2007	36	50	6	8
11	2008	26	70	4	.
12	2009	20	75	5	0
13	2010	20	76	4	.

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