

U.S. Survey Shows Perception of Freedom on Decline



Washington, July 4 (RHC)-- A new poll shows the percentage of Americans who are satisfied with their freedom in the United States has dropped from 91 percent in 2006 to 79 percent in 2013. The Gallup poll released this week said the percentage of those who are dissatisfied with that freedom has doubled from 9 percent to 21 percent.

Gallup regularly polls 120 countries on this index, and the U.S. is no longer one of the top ranking countries based on people's satisfaction with freedom to choose what to do in life. The United States now stands in the 36th position.

Gallup also asks people whether they believe "corruption is widespread throughout their government". According to the poll, people in the U.S. have an increasing perception of widespread corruption in their government -- 79 percent saying "yes" in 2013 compared to 59 percent in 2006.

The polling institute attributes the corruption perception with many issues, among which are "issues such as the IRS targeting of conservative groups and National Security

Agency leaks."

The poll concludes that "Americans will no doubt be celebrating their freedom this Fourth of July", but "leaders in the U.S. should be aware of a growing number of Americans who are dissatisfied with the freedom in their own lives."

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