

# Poll Finds Optimism Low

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Only 17 percent of Russians think that 2012 will be a year of prosperity, according to Gallup International research.

Thirty-nine percent feel pessimistic and expect economic problems. Thirty-two percent expect no change, and 12 percent are unable to make a forecast, sociologists from Romir Holding told Interfax on Monday. They took part in the Global Barometer on Hope and Despair held by Gallup International in 50 countries.

France is the most pessimistic, while the world's top optimist is Nigeria. Russia ranks 26th on the global list.

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