

Survey on Political Attitudes

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Demographics

1. There are a number of ethnic groups living in Georgia. Which ethnic group do you consider yourself a part of?

[Interviewer! Do not read. One answer only.]

Armenian	1
Azerbaijani	2
Georgian	3
Other Caucasian ethnicity (Abkhazian, Lezgin, Ossetian, etc.)	4
Russian	5
Kurd or Yezidi	6
Other ethnicity	7
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

2. What is the highest level of education you have achieved to date?

[Interviewer! Do not read. Correspond.]

Did not obtain a nine year diploma	1
Nine year diploma	2
High school diploma (11 or 12 years)	3
Vocational/technical degree	4
Bachelor's degree/5 years diploma	5
Any degree above bachelor's	6

<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

3. Which of the following best describes your situation? Please tell me about the activity that you consider to be primary.

[Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer that corresponds with the respondent's main activity.]

I am retired and do not work	1
I am a student and do not work	2
I am a housewife and do not work	3
I am unemployed	4
I work full or part-time, including seasonal jobs	5
I am self-employed, including seasonal jobs	6
I am disabled and cannot work	7
Other	8
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

General Issues

4. There are different opinions regarding the direction in which Georgia is going. Which one do you agree with?

[Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.]

Georgia is definitely going in the <u>w</u> rong direction	1
Georgia is mainly going in the wrong direction	2
Georgia is not changing at all	3
Georgia is going mainly in the right direction	4
Georgia is definitely going in the <u>r</u> ight direction	5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

5. In your opinion, is Georgia a democracy now?

[Interviewer!] If respondents answer that the country is partially a democracy, explain that we need specific yes-no answer.]

Yes	1
No	0
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

6. How would you rate the performance of...?

[Interviewer!] Read out. Only one answer.]

		Very bad	Bad	Average	Good	Very good	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	Prime Minister Giorgi Gakharia	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2
2	President Salome Zourabichvili	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2
3	The Parliament	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2
4	The Courts	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2
5	CEC	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2

7. Please, tell me, how would you rate the performance of the current government?

[Interviewer!] Read out. Only one answer.]

Very bad	1
Bad	2
Good	3
Very good	4

<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

8. Generally, taking everything into account, since 2016 you and your household are... [Read out]

[Interviewer: Only one answer.]

Worse off,	1
The same,	2
or Better off?	3
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

9. What are the most important national level issues facing you and your family? Please name up to three.

[Interviewer! Do not read. Correspond. Up to 3 answers.]

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
1	Corruption	
2	Environment protection	
3	NATO membership	
4	Pensions	
5	Relations with Russia	
6	Property rights	
7	Fair elections	
8	Jobs	
9	Court system	
10	Freedom of speech	

11	Human Rights	
12	Poverty	
13	Territorial integrity	
14	Rising prices / inflation	
15	Affordable healthcare	
16	Wages	
17	Media independence	
18	Education	
19	EU Membership	
20	Crime	
21	Prisons / Prisoners	
22	Minority rights	
23	Restoration of justice	
24	Covid-19	
25	Other (specify) _____	

10. What is the biggest issue facing the healthcare system today?

[Interviewer! Do not read. Correspond. Up to 3 answers.]

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
	<i>(There are no issues in healthcare system)</i>	-5
1	Availability of hospitals and healthcare services	
2	Bureaucracy of healthcare system	
3	Lack of professionalism/qualification of doctors and medical personnel	
4	Cost of medical care/doctor's visits	

5	Cost of medicine	
6	Cost of medical supplies (such as face masks, hand sanitizers, etc.)	
7	Poor quality medicine	
8	Poor hospital infrastructure and equipment	
9	Bad sanitary conditions in hospitals and clinics	
10	Accessibility of Covid-19 tests	
11	Accessibility of doctors for Covid-19-related issues	
12	Accessibility of hospitals on Covid-19-related issues	
13	Other Covid-19 related issues	
14	Other (specify)_____	

11. What is the biggest issue facing the Georgian economy today?

[Interviewer! Do not read. Correspond. Up to 3 answers.]

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
	<i>(There are no issues facing Georgian economy)</i>	-5
1	Unemployment	
2	Low wages	
3	Lack of access to credit/loans	
4	High taxes	
5	Corruption/nepotism	

6	Rising prices/ Inflation	
7	GEL devaluation	
8	High prices on fuel	
9	Lack of tourists	
10	COVID-19 pandemic related restrictions	
11	Closing the borders	
12	Poverty	
13	Other (specify)_____	

Foreign policy

12. Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU?

Approve	1
Disapprove	0
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

13. Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO?

Approve	1
Disapprove	0
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

Elections

14. Did you vote in the first round of parliamentary elections held on October 31?

Yes	1	
No	0	GO TO 16
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1	
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2	

15. Thinking back to the situation when you voted in the polling station/place (in the 1st round on October 31), please say whether you agree or disagree with the following?

	Agree	Disagree	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
It was well ordered	1	0	-1	-2
It was overcrowded	1	0	-1	-2
It was intimidating	1	0	-1	-2
The election officials were well prepared	1	0	-1	-2
Covid-19 safety guidelines were well administered	1	0	-1	-2

Party support

16. Which party is closest to you?

[Interviewer! Do not read. Correspond. One answer only.]

Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia (Bidzina Ivanishvili, Giorgi Gakharia, Kakha Kaladze, Irakli Kobakhidze)	1
United National Movement (Grigol Vashadze, Nika Melia, Tina Bokuchava, Salome Samadashvili, Mikheil Saakashvili, Roman Gotsiridze)	2

European Georgia (Davit Bakradze, Shalva Shavgulidze, Gigi Ugulava, Giga Bokeria, Elene Khostaria, Irma Nadirashvili)	3
Free Democrats (Tamar Kekenadze)	4
Alliance of Patriots of Georgia (Davit Tarkhan-Mouravi, Irma Inashvili)	5
Georgian Labor Party (Shalva Natelashvili)	6
Democratic Movement – United Georgia (Nino Burjanadze)	7
New Georgia - Strategy Agmashenebeli (Giorgi Vashadze)	8
Girchi (Zurab Japaridze)	9
Lelo For Georgia (Mamuka Khazaradze, Davit Usupashvili, Badri Japaridze)	10
Free Georgia (Kakha Kukava, Gogi Tsulaia)	11
Aleko Elisashvili - Citizens (Aleko Elisashvili, Levan Ioseliani)	12
For Justice (Eka Beselia)	13
Victorious Georgia (Irakli Okruashvili, Gubaz Sanikidze)	14
Republican Party (Levan Berdzenishvili, Tamar Kordzaia, Khatuna Samnide, Davit Berdzenishvili)	15
Conservative Party (Zviad Dzidziguri, Nino Gogvadze)	16
Ana Dolidze - For People (Ana Dolidze)	17
Tribune (Davit Chichinadze)	18
Our Georgia Solidarity Alliance (Beka Natsvlshvili, Mariam Jashi, Zviad Kvachantiradze, Levan Gogichaishvili)	19
Georgian March - National Movement (Sandro Bregadze)	20

Movement State for People (Nika Machutidze)	21
Other (specify)_____	22
<i>(No party)</i>	-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

Covid-19

17. Overall, how would you rate the government's handling of Covid-19 pandemic?
[Interviewer! Read out.]

Very good	4
Good	3
Bad	2
Very bad	1
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

18. Which of the following best describes your feelings about Covid-19 pandemic in Georgia?
[Read out]?

The worst is behind	1
The worst is yet to come	2
Covid-19 is not a big problem	3
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

19. If the Coronavirus vaccine existed, would you vaccinate yourself and your kids?

Yes	1
No	0
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

20. Imagine you or your family member have the need, do you have enough information on:

		Yes	No	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	Where to get a free / affordable test for Covid-19?	1	0	-1	-2
2	How to treat Covid-19 at home?	1	0	-1	-2
3	How to get medical assistance? (Family doctor, hospitalization, emergency service)	1	0	-1	-2

Current events

21. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Agree	Disagree	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	In order for the new parliament to represent interests of people like me, it is important that all elected political parties participate in the parliament	1	0	-1	-2

2	In order for the new parliament to represent interests of people like me, it is important for all political parties to collaborate with each other	1	0	-1	-2
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22. Thinking about the new parliament, what are your expectations about it? Do you agree or disagree that:

		Agree	Disagree	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	The new parliament will work on issues that matter to me	1	0	-1	-2
2	New parliament members will behave in ethical way	1	0	-1	-2
3	New parliament will be more effective in overseeing the government				
4	New parliament will engage CSOs more actively in the parliamentary work	1	0	-1	-2
5	New parliament will engage me/citizens like me more actively in parliamentary work	1	0	-1	-2

23. Now, I will read you a series of household items. Please note that we are only interested in items that your household owns and that are in normal working order. Please tell me whether or not your household owns ...?

		Owens	Does not own	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	Refrigerator	1	0	-1	-2
2	Color TV	1	0	-1	-2

3	Smartphone (a phone with color display and with internet connection)	1	0	-1	-2
4	Tablet computer (e.g. iPad, Galaxy Tab, Lenovo etc.)	1	0	-1	-2
5	Car	1	0	-1	-2
6	Air conditioner	1	0	-1	-2
7	Automatic washing machine	1	0	-1	-2
8	Personal computer, including laptop	1	0	-1	-2
9	Hot water	1	0	-1	-2
10	Central heating	1	0	-1	-2