

Caucasus Research Resource Centers - Georgia

Survey on Current Affairs in Georgia (May 2013)

V1.	Household Unique ID [To Be Filled In By The Interviewer]	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
V2.	Interviewer code [To Be Filled In By The Interviewer]	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Hello! My name is /first name and last name/ and I represent the Caucasus Research Resource Centers, a non-profit independent research organization. We are conducting a survey of the Tbilisi population and would like to ask you a couple of questions in order to better understand people’s opinions in our country. Your household has been selected randomly along with a thousand other households in Tbilisi, and it is very important for the reliability of the results that you agree to participate in this survey.

1. [SHOW CARD 1] There are different opinions regarding the direction in which the /country’s/ domestic politics are going . Which of the following would you personally agree with?

[INTERVIEWER! ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]

Politics is definitely going in the right direction.	5
Politics is going mainly in the right direction.	4
Politics does not change at all.	3
Politics is going mainly in the wrong direction.	2
Politics is definitely going in the wrong direction.	1
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

2. Would you agree or disagree that every citizen of Georgia should have the right to openly say what they think?

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

3. [SHOW CARD 3] Which of these three statement is closest to your opinion?

[INTERVIEWER! ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]

Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government.	1
In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable.	2
For someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have.	3
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

4. What does democracy mean to you? Please name maximum three options.

[INTERVIEWER! DO NOT READ OUT THE ANSWERS. CORRESPOND. WRITE '1' ACROSS THE RESPONDENT'S ANSWER AND '0' ACROSS THE REST OF THE OPTIONS. ACCEPT MAXIMUM THREE ANSWERS.]

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
1.	Freedom of speech/media / Ability to listen to opinions that are different than your own	
2.	Equality before the law / Fairness	
3.	Freedom / Ability to do what you want	
4.	Consideration of my opinion by the government in regards to problematic issues	
5.	Work places / Employment	
6.	Defending human rights	
7.	Instability	
8.	Free and fair elections	
9.	Ability to consume different products	
10.	<i>Other (write down)</i> _____	

5. Do you agree or disagree with the opinion that physical violence is always unacceptable?

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

6. Do you agree or disagree with the opinion that physical violence can be acceptable towards those people or groups who endanger national values?

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

7. [SHOW CARD 7] From the following groups, which would you not wish to have as your neighbor most?

[INTERVIEWER! ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]

<i>Drug addicts</i>	1
<i>Black people</i>	2
<i>People following a religion that is different to yours</i>	3
<i>People with political beliefs that are different to yours</i>	4
<i>Homosexuals</i>	5
<i>Criminals</i>	6
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

8. [SHOW CARD 8] Using this CARD, please, tell me, in your opinion, to what extent should a good citizen... [READ OUT THE STATEMENTS ONE BY ONE.]

		<i>Never</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Often</i>	<i>Always</i>	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	... obey laws?	1	2	3	4	-1	-2
2	... respect the rights of <u>ethnic</u> minorities?	1	2	3	4	-1	-2
3	... respect the rights of <u>religious</u> minorities?	1	2	3	4	-1	-2
4	... respect the rights of <u>sexual</u> minorities?	1	2	3	4	-1	-2
5	... defend traditions?	1	2	3	4	-1	-2
6	... be critical towards the government?	1	2	3	4	-1	-2

I would now like to ask you about the recently developed events in Tbilisi.

9. Have you heard of the events that took place in the centre of Tbilisi on May 17?

Yes	1	→ Go to D1
No	0	
<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>-1</i>	
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	<i>-2</i>	

10. What is your main source of information regarding these event? (DO NOT READ OUT THE OPTIONS. CORRESPOND. ACCEPT NO MORE THAN TWO ANSWERS.)

I myself participated	1
TV	2
Newspapers	3
Radio	4
Acquaintances who were <u>not</u> participants of these demonstrations	5
Acquaintances who were participants of these demonstrations	6
Social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Однокласники etc.)	7
Online news agencies	8
Other (specify) _____	9
<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>-1</i>
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	<i>-2</i>

11. [SHOW CARD 11] Which out of the following two events was originally planned on May 17? (ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.)

<i>A peaceful demonstration dedicated to the international day against homophobia and transphobia</i>	1
<i>Gay parade</i>	2
<i>Other (specify) _____</i>	3
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

There were two simultaneous demonstrations planned on May 17. I will first ask you about ... [INTERVIEWER! Reiterate the answer given by the respondent for the previous question!]

12. In your opinion, who was the main organizer of this demonstration?

[INTERVIEWER! DO NOT READ OUT THE ANSWERS. CORRESPOND. WRITE '1' ACROSS THE RESPONDENT'S ANSWER AND '0' ACROSS THE REST OF THE OPTIONS. ACCEPT MAXIMUM TWO ANSWERS.]

<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
Regular citizens / people	
United National Movement	
Government / Georgian Dream	
Sexual minorities	
President	
Non-governmental organization "Identoba"	
"Outside forces"/ Foreigners/ International Organizations	
Other (specify) _____	

13. A second, larger, demonstration was organized by oposers of the first demonstration. In your opinion, who was the main organizer of the second demonstration?

[INTERVIEWER! DO NOT READ OUT THE ANSWERS. CORRESPOND. WRITE '1' ACROSS THE RESPONDENT'S ANSWER AND '0' ACROSS THE REST OF THE OPTIONS. ACCEPT MAXIMUM TWO ANSWERS.]

<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
Regular citizens / people	
United National Movement	
Government / Georgian Dream	
Sexual minorities	
President	
Non-governmental organization "Identoba"	
Church	
Patriarch	
Individual religious representatives	
Parishioners / Religious people	
"Outside forces"/ Foreigners/ International Organizations	
Other (specify) _____	

14. [SHOW CARD 14] In your opinion, what was the main result of the May 17 events?

[INTERVIEWER! ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]

Weakening of democracy in Georgia	1
Defending the dignity of Georgians	2
Diverging Georgia from European values	3
Starting to oppress minorities	4
Reducing the authority of the church in Georgia	5
Confrontation between people	6
Ending the homosexuality propaganda	7
Other (specify) _____	8
<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>-1</i>
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	<i>-2</i>

15. As we know, several people were injured on May 17. In your opinion, who is primarily responsible for the fact that people were injured? [INTERVIEWER! DO NOT READ OUT THE ANSWER^S. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER]

Regular citizens / people	1
Non-governmental organization “Identoba” / Organizers of the first demonstration	2
Church	3
United National Movement	4
International organizations	5
Police	6
Government / Georgian Dream	7
Sexual minorities	8
Individual religious representatives	9
Parishioners / Religious people	10
Patriarch	11
President	12
“Outside forces”/ Foreigners/ International Organizations	13
No one was hurt	14
Other (specify) _____	15
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

16. In your opinion, should the **clergy** have gone to the May 17 demonstration?

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

17. In your opinion, did the **clergy** take part in the May 17 demonstration because the Patriarch told them so?

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

18. Should the **clergy** have directly taken part in the confrontation at the May 17 demonstration?

	<i>Yes</i>	1
	<i>No</i>	0
	The clergy did not take part in the confrontation	-5
	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

19. Part of the **clergy** state that the church should be open for everyone alike. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

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

20. Part of the **clergy** state that the church should be intolerant towards sexual minorities. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

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

21. Do you think that those **clergymen** who took part in the May 17 confrontations should face trial?

Yes	1
No	0
The clergy did not take part in the confrontation	-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

22. What do you think is the main source of funding for the Georgian orthodox church?

[INTERVIEWER! READ OUT. ONLY ONE ANSWER]

Donations	1
State budget	2
Their own commercial activities	3
Funding from the President's fund	4
(Do not read out!) Other (specify) _____	5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

23. In your opinion, should the church be funded from the state budget?

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

24. Do you agree or disagree with the statement that everyone should be equal before the law – including the clergy?

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

25. Due to the May17 events, the peaceful demonstration dedicated to the international day against homophobia and transphobia could not be carried out. In your opinion, would a successful organization of this demonstration have endangered Georgia in any way?

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

- D1. Respondent's sex

[INTERVIEWER! DO NOT ASK. FILL IN YOURSELF.]

<i>Male</i>	1
<i>Female</i>	2

- D2. How old are you?

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

D3. What is your marital status?

<i>Married</i>	1
<i>Separated</i>	2
<i>Divorced</i>	3
<i>Single</i>	4
<i>Widowed</i>	5
<i>Other (specify) _____</i>	6
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

D4. [SHOW CARD D4] Using this CARD, please tell me your level of education.

[INTERVIEWER! ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]

Primary / Incomplete secondary education	1
Secondary education	2
Secondary technical / professional	3
Incomplete higher education	4
BA degree	5
MA degree	6
Ph.D.	7
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

D5. How often do you use the internet? You use the internet... [READ OUT]

Every day	1
At least once a week	2
At least once a month	3
Rarely	4
Never	5
<i>[DO NOT READ OUT] (I don't know what internet is)</i>	6
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

D6. Do you currently have a job? This could be a full-time or a part-time job, you could be employed officially, unofficially, or be self-employed, as long as this job brings you monetary income.

Yes	1	GO TO D9
No	0	
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1	
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2	

D7. Are you currently looking for a job, or not?

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

D8. If a suitable job were available, would you be able to start working within the next two weeks?

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

D9. Which religion or denomination, if any, do you consider yourself belong to?
 [INTERVIEWER! DO NOT READ OUT THE ANSWERS. CORRESPOND. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]

Armenian Apostolic Church	1
Roman Catholic Church	2
Georgian, Russian or Greek Orthodox Church	3
Protestant Church	4
Other Christian Church or group (Jehovah's Witness, Mormons, etc.)	5
Islam	6
Judaism	7
Other	8
None	9
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

D10. Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services nowadays?
 [Interviewer! READ OUT THE ANSWERS. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]

Once a week or more	1
At least once a month	2
Only on special religious holidays	3
Rarely	4
Never	5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

D11. How often do you fast when it is required by your religious traditions? Dou you . . .
 [READ OUT]

Always fast	1
Often fast	2
Sometimes fast	3
Rarely fast	4
Never fast	5
<i>[DO NOT READ OUT] (Fasting is not required in my religion)</i>	-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

D12. Do you currently have a priest?

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

D13. [SHOW CARD D13] Household income is the sum of monetary income of all household members. If we consider the monetary income of all your household members last month, to which of the following groups does your household belong?

More than GEL 2000	1
GEL 1301 - 2000	2
GEL 701 - 1300	3
GEL 401 - 700	4
GEL 251 - 400	5
GEL 130 - 250	6
Up to GEL 130	7
(0)	8
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

D14. Relative to most of the households around you, would you describe the current economic condition of your household as ... [READ OUT]

Very good	5
Good	4
Fair	3
Bad	2
Very bad	1
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

D15. To what extent is your current household income sufficient for your household?

[INTERVIEWER! READ OUT THE ANSWERS. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]

We are struggling a lot	1
Barely sufficient	2
Sufficient	3
We live comfortable on current income	4
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

D16. [SHOW CARD D16] Using this card, please tell me how acceptable it is for you if:

		<i>Always</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Never</i>	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	A man has long hair	2	1	0	-1	-2
2	A man wears earring(s)	2	1	0	-1	-2
3	A woman has an eyebrow piercing	2	1	0	-1	-2
4	A woman drinks strong spirits (Cognac, Vodka)	2	1	0	-1	-2
5	A woman has premarital sex	2	1	0	-1	-2
6	A man has premarital sex	2	1	0	-1	-2

D17. Do you personally know a representative of sexual minority?

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

D18. Do you agree or disagree that representatives of sexual minorities should have the same rights as all other citizens?

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

D19. [SHOW CARD D19] Which of these statements do you agree with?

<i>A person is born homosexual</i>	1
<i>A person becomes homosexual due to the environment</i>	0
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

D20. In your opinion, is it possible or not for a homosexual to change his/her sexual orientation and stop being homosexual?

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

D21. Would you agree or disagree that every citizen of Georgia should have the right to openly say what they think?

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

Thank you!