

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

4. How often do you use the Internet? Do you use the Internet ... [READ OUT]

Every day,	1
At least once a week,	2
At least once a month,	3
Less often,	4
or Never?	5
[DO NOT READ] <i>I don't know what the Internet is.</i>	6
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

General Issues

5. 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>wrong</u> 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>right</u> direction	5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

6. 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

7. 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)_____	

8. What are three most important infrastructural issues in your city/village?

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

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
1	Trash collection	
2	Clean streets	
3	Availability of cultural facilities (libraries, museums)	
4	Playgrounds	
5	Pollution of environment	
6	Traffic	
7	Parks and green spaces	
8	Public transport	
9	Roads	
10	Sports and leisure facilities	
11	Street lights	
12	Water supply	
13	Gas Supply	
14	Electricity supply	
15	Sewage	
16	Cost of utilities	
17	School infrastructure	
18	Availability of kindergartens	
19	Conditions in Kindergartens	
20	Homeless animals	
21	Parking	

22	Availability of internet	
23	<i>Other (specify)</i> _____	

Healthcare

9. 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	Covid-19 related issues	
11	<i>Other (specify)</i> _____	

Economy

10. 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	
11	Closing the borders	
12	Poverty	
13	Other (specify)_____	

11. What are three economic development opportunities in your city/village?

[Interviewer! Read out. Accept up to 3 answers.]

		-1
		-2
1	Poultry raising	
2	Land farming	
3	Stock raising	
4	Tourism	
5	Heavy industry	
6	Light industry	
7	Tech sector	
8	Banking sector	
9	Other (Please record)_____	

12. Have you or someone in your household received any kind of financial aid or benefit from the government during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Yes	1	GO TO 14
No	0	
(Don't know)	-1	
(Refuse to answer)	-2	

13. If yes, how would you assess the aid provided? This aid was ...

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Sufficient	4
Somewhat sufficient	3
Somewhat insufficient	2
Not sufficient	1

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

14. Thinking about the economic disruptions of COVID-19, what government programs would be most helpful to your household?

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

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
	<i>(We don't need government's aid)</i>	-5
1	Unemployment compensation	
2	Employment program	
3	Training for new job skills	
4	Loan forgiveness	
5	Loan postponement	
6	Subsidies for mortgages	
7	Low interest loans	
8	Aid with medication	
9	Subsidies for communal services	
10	In-kind aid	
11	Other (specify)_____	

15. Are you currently involved in the state accumulative pension program?

Yes	1	GO TO 17
No	0	
(Don't know)	-1	
(Refuse to answer)	-2	

16. If yes, if given the opportunity, would you withdraw or not your pension savings at this moment, even if it meant less savings when you retire?

Yes	1
No	0
(Don't know)	-1
(Refuse to answer)	-2

17. Which of the following statements do you agree with?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

It is better to oblige employed citizens, under 40, to pay 2% of salary into the pension fund every month	1
It is better to allow employed citizens, under 40, to voluntarily contribute 2% of their salary to pension fund	2
[Do not read] Agree with neither	3
(Don't know)	-1
(Refuse to answer)	-2

Environmental protection

18. Which environmental issues do you think are the most problematic for your city/village/settlement?

[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 environmental issues)</i>	-5
1	Pollution of rivers, lakes and reservoirs	
2	Air pollution	
3	Global warming/climate change	
4	Pollution of drinking water	
5	Extinction of plant and animal species	
6	Contamination of soil and water by toxic waste	
7	Unprocessed/poorly managed garbage, waste, and landfills	
8	Inefficient or wasteful use of energy	
9	Food safety	
10	Natural disasters such as landslides, floods, hail etc.	
11	Littering	
12	Existence of materials hazardous to health (in the air, food, toys etc.)	

13	Illegal cutting of wood	
14	Illegal hunting	
15	Other (specify)_____	

19. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: **Protecting environment and reducing air pollution is important, even if it requires stricter regulations and rules for businesses as well as individuals.**

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Completely disagree	1
Somewhat disagree	2
Somewhat agree	3
Completely agree	4
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

[Ask question 20 only in Tbilisi and other urban areas!]

20. In order to protect parks and green spaces in urban areas, would you approve or disapprove the government:

		Approve	Disapprove	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>

1	Expanding areas where construction will be prohibited	1	0	-1	-2
2	Prohibiting construction that does not meet high environmental standards, even if it increases the cost of private property	1	0	-1	-2

Education

21. What is the biggest issue facing the education system in Georgia 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 problems facing education system)</i>	-5
1	Low salaries of teachers/lecturers	
2	Low qualifications of teachers/lecturers	
3	Lack/absence of modern technology at schools/universities	
4	Availability of vocational education	
5	Poor school/university infrastructure	
6	High price of study materials/books	
7	Poor quality of study materials/books	

8	Corruption/nepotism	
9	High cost of education in the universities	
10	High cost of tutors	
11	Difficulties associated with online classes	
12	Other (specify)_____	

Party support and future elections

22. If Parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you say you are decided or undecided about how you would vote?

Decided	1
Undecided	0
<i>(Do not know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

23. If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Absolutely will vote	4	
Probably, will vote	3	
Probably, will not vote	2	
Absolutely will note vote	1	GO TO 26
(Do not know)	-1	

(Refuse to answer)

-2

24. If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for?

[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 - Free Democrats (Davit Bakradze, Shalva Shavgulidze, Gigi Ugulava, Giga Bokeria, Elene Khostaria, Irma Nadirashvili)	3
Alliance of Patriots of Georgia (Davit Tarkhan-Mouravi, Irma Inashvili)	4
Georgian Labor Party (Shalva Natelashvili)	5
Democratic Movement – United Georgia (Nino Burjanadze)	6
New Georgia - Strategy Agmashenebeli (Giorgi Vashadze)	7
Girchi (Zurab Japaridze, Iago Khvichia, Vakho Megrelishvili)	8
Lelo For Georgia (Mamuka Khazaradze, Davit Usupashvili, Badri Japaridze)	9
Free Georgia (Kakha Kukava, Gogi Tsulaia)	10
Aleko Elisashvili - Citizens (Aleko Elisashvili, Levan Ioseliani)	11
For Justice (Eka Beselia)	12
Victorious Georgia (Irakli Okruashvili, Gubaz Sanikidze)	13
Republican Party (Levan Berdzenishvili, Tamar Kordzaia, Khatuna Samnide, Davit Berdzenishvili)	14
Conservative Party (Zviad Dzidziguri, Nino Gogvadze)	15

Ana Dolidze - For People (Ana Dolidze)	16
Tribune (Davit Chichinadze)	17
Our Georgia Solidarity Alliance (Beka Natsvlishvili, Mariam Jashi, Gedevan Popkhadze, Zviad Kvachantiradze, Levan Gogichaishvili)	18
Georgian March - National Movement (Sandro Bregadze)	19
Movement State for People (Nika Machutidze)	20
Other (specify)_____	21
<i>(No party)</i>	-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

[Ask question 25 only to those, who said no party, don't know or refuse to answer in 24.]

25. Despite your answer to the previous question, which political party do you like more than others?

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

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Other (specify)_____	21
<i>(No such party)</i>	-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

26. Election campaign for 2020 parliamentary elections has already begun and parties and candidates are trying to contact the voters in various ways. What would be the best form to contact you?

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

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
	<i>(I don't want to be contacted at all)</i>	-5
1	Home visit	
2	Large scale public meeting	
3	Small scale public meeting in my neighborhood	
4	In their workplace/office	
5	In written form (Letter, brochure, etc.)	
6	By phone	
7	Via social media networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	
8	Via online communication platforms (such as Zoom, Skype, etc)	
9	Other (specify) _____	

27. Which of the following policies is the most important when deciding which party to vote for?

[Interviewer! Read out. One answer only.]

Party foreign policy stance	1
Party economic policy	2
Party stance on rule of law	3

Party stance on national security issues	4
Party stance on healthcare issues	5
Party education policy	6
Party environmental policy	7
Other	8
[Do not read] None of these	-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

28. Thinking about choosing a party or candidate to vote for, which of the following statements do you agree with?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Election promises and platform are more important to me than my attitude towards individual party leaders	1
My attitude and trust towards individual party leaders are more important for me than the party's election promises and platform	2
[Do not read] Agree with neither	3
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

29. When selecting a party or a candidate would you prefer?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Party prioritizing formal education	1
Or party prioritizing professional training?	2
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

30. When selecting a party or a candidate would you prefer?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

A party promising higher pensions	1
Or a party promising lower taxes (such as income, vat, property taxes)	2
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

Election administration

31. What, if any, do you think are 3 biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia?

[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 barriers)</i>	-5
1	Abuse of administrative resources	
2	Violence and intimidation	
3	Violations during voting procedures (Ballot stuffing, carrousel, voting more than once etc.)	
4	Errors in vote counting process	
5	Party's uneven access to financial resources	
6	Bribing of voters/ vote buying	
7	Media bias	
8	Disinformation/Spreading false information	
9	Barriers for women to participate in politics	

10	Other (specify) _____	
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32. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: October 2020 parliamentary elections will be conducted in a free and fair environment.

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Completely agree	4
Somewhat agree	3
Somewhat disagree	2
Completely disagree	1
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

33. 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 ...?

		Owns	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