



## GFSIS Youth study

### *Young people's values and political activism*

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Hello, my name is [name]. I represent CRRC-Georgia, an independent, non-governmental research organization. We conduct a survey with young people aged 18 to 29.

#### **D1. Please tell me your age.**

[Write down age in years]

\_\_ [years old]

-2. (*Refuse to answer*)

[If the respondent is not 18 to 29 years old, the interview cannot be conducted]

With the support of the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS), we are conducting research on youth political activism and values. The survey will take 15 minutes. Your participation in this survey is very important to better understand the values and attitudes of young people aged 18 to 29 on a number of issues. Phone numbers were randomly selected through a computer program and all answers are confidential. Your last name will not be recorded anywhere.

#### **D2. Gender**

1. Male
2. Female

#### **D3. Which ethnic group do you belong to?**

[Do not read. Correspond. One answer only]

1. *Georgian*
2. *Armenian*
3. *Azerbaijani*
4. *Russian*
5. *Other (Specify)*
- 2. (*Refuse to answer*)

D4. In which region of Georgia have you lived mostly during the last six months?

[Do not read. Accept only one answer]

|                                 |    |               |
|---------------------------------|----|---------------|
| Tbilisi                         | 1  | -> Skip to D6 |
| Adjara                          | 2  |               |
| Guria                           | 3  |               |
| Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti          | 4  |               |
| Imereti                         | 5  |               |
| Racha-Lechkhumi – Kvemo Svaneti | 6  |               |
| Shida Kartli                    | 7  |               |
| Samtskhe-Javakheti              | 8  |               |
| Kvemo Kartli                    | 9  |               |
| Mtskheta-Mtianeti               | 10 |               |
| Kakheti                         | 11 |               |
| Other (Specify)                 | 12 |               |

D5. Where have you lived mostly during the last 6 months?

[Accept only one answer]

1. Urban
2. Small town
3. Rural

D6. What is the highest level of education you have achieved to date?

[Interviewer! Read out the answer options. Accept only one answer.]

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 1  | Incomplete secondary education or lower                 |
| 2  | Completed secondary education                           |
| 3  | Secondary technical education / vocational education    |
| 4  | Incomplete higher education/ Student                    |
| 5  | Completed higher education (BA, MA, or a 5-year degree) |
| 6  | Doctoral or scientific degree                           |
| -1 | <i>(Don't know)</i>                                     |
| -2 | <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>                               |

**D7. Which religion or denomination, if any, do you consider yourself belong to?**

[Do not read out. Correspond. Accept only one answer.]

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

**D8. Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals, about how often do you attend religious services nowadays?**

[Interviewer! Read out the answer options. Accept only one answer.]

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 1  | <b>Once a week or more often</b>              |
| 2  | <b>At least once a month</b>                  |
| 3  | <b>Only on special religious holidays</b>     |
| 4  | <b>Less often</b>                             |
| 5  | <b>Never</b>                                  |
| -5 | <i>(No religious services in my religion)</i> |
| -1 | <i>(Don't know)</i>                           |
| -2 | <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>                     |

**D9. Are you currently employed?**

[Please think of any type of employment that brings monetary income. It can be a full-time or part-time employment, self-employment or hired worker. Selling agricultural products if it brings monetary income, also counts as employment]

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

*Young people's political activism and values*

1. In your opinion, to what extent are young people involved in political processes today in Georgia? [Read out]

|                             |    |                    |
|-----------------------------|----|--------------------|
| <b>Fully involved</b>       | 1  | Skip to question 3 |
| <b>Partially involved</b>   | 2  |                    |
| <b>Not so much involved</b> | 3  |                    |
| <b>Not at all involved</b>  | 4  |                    |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>         | -1 | Skip to question 3 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>   | -2 |                    |

2. In your opinion, what is/are the reason(s) young people are not involved in political processes? [Read out, accept up to three answers]

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Young people are not interested in politics</b>   | 1 |
| <b>There are no young politicians and youth parties in Georgia</b>   | 2 |
| <b>Because of the pandemic</b>   | 3 |
| <b>Young people have other things to worry about (e.g., study, job, etc)</b>   | 4 |
| <b>Politics is perceived negatively by young people (e.g., politics is a dirty business, only people not succeeding in other fields do politics, politics is unsuitable for a normal person, etc.)</b> | 5 |
| <b>Young people have no hope that the situation will improve (e.g., there is no hope for Georgia, no one cares about the people, we won't be able to change anything anyways, etc.)</b>                | 6 |

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Young people do not like any of the parties                                   | 7  |
| Political party campaigns are not oriented on getting young people interested | 8  |
| Other (specify)_____  | 9  |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>   | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>   | -2 |

3. In your opinion, in which cases do young people in Georgia express their opinion by going to rallies?  
[Read out. Accept all answers.]

|  |    |
|--|----|
| In case of issues related to Russian occupation                          | 1  |
| In cases of pro-Russian actions (e.g., Gavrilov's visit)                 | 2  |
| In case of restriction of human rights or freedom (e.g., Basiani events) | 3  |
| In case of election fraud  | 4  |
| In case of severe social or economic problems                            | 5  |
| In case of environmental pollution or other environmental issues         | 6  |
| Other (specify)_____   | 7  |
| <i>[do not read] (Young people are going to rallies in all cases)</i>    | -4 |
| <i>[do not read] (Young people are going to rallies in no cases)</i>     | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>  | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>  | -2 |

4. Are you personally involved in political or civil processes in the following form [read out]:

|   |  | Yes | No | <i>(Don't know)</i> | <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> |
|---|--|-----|----|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Member of a political party  | 1   | 0  | -1                  | -2                        |
| 2 | Member of a youth movement   | 1   | 0  | -1                  | -2                        |
| 3 | Civil activist (e.g., participating in solving problems in the region) | 1   | 0  | -1                  | -2                        |
| 4 | Member of a youth, political club at a higher education institution    | 1   | 0  | -1                  | -2                        |
| 5 | Other (specify)_____   | 1   | 0  | -1                  | -2                        |

5. Did you participate in the 2020 Parliamentary elections?

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Yes                       | 1  |
| No                        | 0  |
| <i>(I was not yet 18)</i> | -5 |
| <i>(Don't remember)</i>   | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

6. Is there a political party in Georgia, you feel is close to your views?

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Yes  | 1  |
| No   | 0  |
| <i>(There is a party, which partially shares my views)</i> | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>  | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>                                  | -2 |

7. From the list, what is the most valuable to you? [Read out, accept up to three answers]

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Personal safety                   | 1  |
| Country's security                | 2  |
| Human rights                      | 3  |
| Economic prosperity               | 4  |
| De-occupation of the country      | 5  |
| Equality                          | 6  |
| Rule of law                       | 7  |
| Environmental protection          | 8  |
| Religious belief                  | 9  |
| Other (specify) _____             | 10 |
| [Do not read] <i>(Everything)</i> | -4 |
| [Do not read] <i>(Nothing)</i>    | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>               | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>         | -2 |

*Domestic policy*

8. [Rotation] What are the three main issues facing Georgia? [Read out. Accept up to three answers]

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 1  | Economic and/or social issues (e.g., unemployment, job loss) |
| 2  | Human rights and democracy                                   |
| 3  | Healthcare (including Covid)                                 |
| 4  | Environmental protection                                     |
| 5  | Education  |
| 6  | Crime  |
| 7  | Territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia/ Occupation        |
| 8  | Threat of further violation of Georgian territories          |
| 9  | Threat of changing pro-western foreign policy                |
| 10 | Destabilization in the country                               |
| 11 | Lack of opportunities for personal development               |
| 12 | Other (specify) _____  |
| -4 | [Do not read] <i>(Everything)</i>                            |

|    |   |
|----|---|
| -5 | [Do not read] ( <i>There are no problems in Georgia</i> ) |
| -1 | ( <i>Don't know</i> )                                     |
| -2 | ( <i>Refuse to answer</i> )                               |

9. [Rotation] In your opinion, development of which field should the government support in the first place?  
[Read out the options. Accept up to three answers]

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Agriculture                          | 1  |
| High technologies                    | 2  |
| Tourism                              | 3  |
| Science                              | 4  |
| Engineering                          | 5  |
| Education                            | 6  |
| Medical field/Healthcare             | 7  |
| Business                             | 8  |
| Culture                              | 9  |
| Sport                                | 10 |
| Social protection                    | 11 |
| Defense                              | 12 |
| Infrastructure                       | 13 |
| Environmental protection             | 14 |
| Other (specify) _____                | 15 |
| [Do not read] ( <i>Every field</i> ) | -4 |
| [Do not read] ( <i>None</i> )        | -5 |
| ( <i>Don't know</i> )                | -1 |
| ( <i>Refuse to answer</i> )          | -2 |

10. Human rights in Georgia are...[read out]

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Mostly protected            | 1  |
| Partially protected         | 2  |
| Not protected               | 3  |
| ( <i>Don't know</i> )       | -1 |
| ( <i>Refuse to answer</i> ) | -2 |

11. In your opinion, what is the attitude of young people towards the Institute of Thieves in Law compared to the period before 2012? The Institute of Thieves in Law is ... [read out]

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| More popular | 1 |
|--------------|---|

|   |    |
|---|----|
| As popular as it was  | 2  |
| As unpopular as it was  | 3  |
| Less popular  | 4  |
| [do not read] ( <i>don't know what the institute of Thieves in law is</i> ) | -5 |
| ( <i>Don't know</i> )   | -1 |
| ( <i>Refuse to answer</i> )   | -2 |

12. If you had the opportunity, in which country would you go to work legally? [Do not read out. Correspond. Accept all answers]

|                                     |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Germany                             | 1  |
| France                              | 2  |
| Italy                               | 3  |
| Spain                               | 4  |
| Greece                              | 5  |
| USA                                 | 6  |
| Russia                              | 7  |
| Turkey                              | 8  |
| Azerbaijan                          | 9  |
| Armenia                             | 10 |
| China                               | 11 |
| Israel                              | 12 |
| Other (specify) _____               | 13 |
| Other (specify) _____               | 14 |
| Other (specify) _____               | 15 |
| [Do not read] ( <i>Everywhere</i> ) | -4 |
| [Do not read] ( <i>Nowhere</i> )    | -5 |
| ( <i>Don't know</i> )               | -1 |
| ( <i>Refuse to answer</i> )         | -2 |

13. In your opinion, to what extent is the level of education in Georgian higher education institutions satisfactory?

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Completely satisfactory     | 1  |
| Satisfactory                | 2  |
| Not satisfactory            | 3  |
| Not at all satisfactory     | 4  |
| ( <i>Don't know</i> )       | -1 |
| ( <i>Refuse to answer</i> ) | -2 |

14. In your opinion, how big or small is the influence of the Orthodox Church on the population of Georgia?



|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| <b>Very big influence</b>  | 1  |
| <b>Big influence</b>       | 2  |
| <b>Average</b>             | 3  |
| <b>Small influence</b>     | 4  |
| <b>No influence at all</b> | 5  |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>        | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>  | -2 |

15. In your opinion, how big or small is the influence of Islam religion on the population of Georgia?

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| <b>Very big influence</b>  | 1  |
| <b>Big influence</b>       | 2  |
| <b>Average</b>             | 3  |
| <b>Small influence</b>     | 4  |
| <b>No influence at all</b> | 5  |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>        | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>  | -2 |

16. In your opinion, should the Orthodox Church be financed from the state budget or not?

|  |    |
|--|----|
| <b>Yes</b>                                       | 1  |
| <b>No</b>  | 2  |
| <i>[do not read (yes, but with less amount)]</i> | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>                              | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>                        | -2 |

17. In your opinion, should other religious institutions/groups be financed from the state budget or not?

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

**Foreign policy**

18. How important is Georgia's integration into the European Union for you? [Read out]

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>Very important</b>  | 1 |
| <b>Quite important</b> | 2 |

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Not that important        | 3  |
| Not at all important      | 4  |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>       | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

19. How important is Georgia's integration into NATO for you? [Read out]

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Very important            | 1  |
| Quite important           | 2  |
| Not that important        | 3  |
| Not at all important      | 4  |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>       | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

20. In your opinion, in which direction is Georgia's foreign policy developing? [Read out]

|  |    |
|--|----|
| More towards Russia                            | 1  |
| More towards the West                          | 2  |
| <i>[do not read] (towards both directions)</i> | -4 |
| <i>[do not read] (in neither direction)</i>    | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>                            | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>                      | -2 |

21. In your opinion, Georgia's policy towards Russia today is ... [Read out]

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Very accommodating/submissive           | 1  |
| More accommodating/submissive than firm | 2  |
| Neutral                                 | 3  |
| More firm than accommodating/submissive | 4  |
| Very firm                               | 5  |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>                     | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>               | -2 |

22. How acceptable or unacceptable is Georgia's current policy towards Russia? [Read out]

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Absolutely acceptable | 1 |
|-----------------------|---|

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| More acceptable, than unacceptable | 2  |
| More unacceptable, than acceptable | 3  |
| Not at all acceptable              | 4  |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>                | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>          | -2 |

23. In your opinion, which country is Georgia's main political partner?

[Interviewer: Write down the country. Accept only one answer.]

\_\_\_\_\_

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| <i>None</i>               | -4 |
| <i>All</i>                | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>       | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

24. In your opinion, which country is Georgia's main political enemy?

[Interviewer: Write down the country. Accept only one answer.]

\_\_\_\_\_

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| <i>None</i>               | -4 |
| <i>All</i>                | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>       | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

*Occupied territories*

25. In your opinion, how effective or ineffective is Georgia's current policy of returning the occupied territories? [Read out]

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Very effective  | 1  |
| Quite effective   | 2  |
| Not so effective  | 3  |
| Very ineffective  | 4  |
| <i>[do not read] (There is no policy of returning the occupied territories)</i> | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>   | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>   | -2 |

26. How often do you interact with people currently living in Abkhazia or the South Ossetia / Tskhinvali region (including both personal and online communication)? [Read out]

[Interviewer: The question is not about IDPs from Abkhazia or the South Ossetia /Tskhinvali region, but about people currently living in those areas]

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Very often                | 1  |
| Often                     | 2  |
| Sometimes                 | 3  |
| Rarely                    | 4  |
| Never                     | 5  |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>       | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

27. How often do you receive information about the ongoing processes/events in Abkhazia? [Read out]

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Very often                | 1  |
| Often                     | 2  |
| Sometimes                 | 3  |
| Rarely                    | 4  |
| Never                     | 5  |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>       | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

28. How often do you receive information about the ongoing processes/events in the South Ossetia/Tskhinvali region? [Read out]

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Very often                | 1  |
| Often                     | 2  |
| Sometimes                 | 3  |
| Rarely                    | 4  |
| Never                     | 5  |
| <i>(Don't know)</i>       | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

[Ask question 29 only if in question 27 or 28 the respondent answered “very often”, “often”, “sometimes” or “rarely”]

29. What is/are your main source(s) of information regarding the ongoing events in Abkhazia/South Ossetia?

[Do not read out the answer options. Correspond. Accept two answers]

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | <i>Television (excluding online transmissions)</i>        |
| 2 | <i>Newspapers/News magazines (except online editions)</i> |
| 3 | <i>Radio (excluding online transmissions)</i>             |
| 4 | <i>Websites of media sources</i>                          |

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 5  | <i>Social networks</i>   |
| 6  | <i>Educational institutions</i>  |
| 7  | <i>Family members, Friends, relatives, colleagues living in Georgia</i>                |
| 8  | <i>Family members, Friends, relatives, colleagues living in Abkhazia/South Ossetia</i> |
| 9  | <i>Other (please specify)_____</i>   |
| -1 | <i>(Don't know)</i>  |
| -2 | <i>(Refuse to answer)</i>  |