

## Survey on election-related processes

August 2021

### Demography

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

4. Are you employed in public / state service?

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

### Information

5. What are your main sources of information for receiving information about elections? Please tell me, which is your first main source of information.

[Interviewer! Read out. Accept only one answer. If the respondent does not receive information about elections select "*I don't receive information about elections*".]

**6. And what is your second main source of information about elections?**

[Interviewer! Read out. Mark “*Receive information about elections from one source*” if the respondent gets information about elections from only one source. Accept only one answer.]

	<i>First main source</i>	<i>Second main source</i>
	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Colleagues</b>	1	1
<b>Family members</b>	2	2
<b>Neighbors, friends</b>	3	3
<b>Internet/Social media</b>	4	4
<b>Newspapers, news magazines</b>	5	5
<b>Radio</b>	6	6
<b>TV</b>	7	7
<b>Representative of local government</b>	8	8
<b>Party representative</b>	9	9
<b>Representative of election commission</b>	10	10
<b>Other</b>	11	11
<i>(I don't receive information about elections)</i>	-5	
<i>(Receive information about elections from one source)</i>		-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2	-2

7. How often do you receive information about elections through social networks?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Everyday	1	
At least once a week	2	
At least once a month	3	
Less often	4	
Or Never?	5	GO TO 10
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1	
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2	

8. Based on your observation, in case of information related to elections spread through social networks ...

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Most of the information is true	3
Some of the information is true	2
Or information is never true?	1
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

9. When you receive information about the elections from social networks, how do you decide if a piece of information is reliable?

[Interviewer! Read out. Up to 3 answers.]

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
1	If it was shared by a person you trust	
2	If it was shared from unfamiliar but a news agent page	

3	If it was shared by media source you trust	
4	If it reflects your opinions	
5	If you know for a fact that it is true	
6	If it sounds reliable/realistic	
7	Other (specify)_____	

10. Do you agree or disagree with the statement that sometimes, physical violence is justified against people or groups who have opinion radically different from yours?

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

12. During the past year, did you personally or your family member face any of the following related to the voters' list ...?

		Yes	No	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	Could not find yourself in the voters' list	1	0	-1	-2
2	Other people were registered at your address	1	0	-1	-2
3	People who have passed away were registered at your address	1	0	-1	-2

### Attitudes towards election commission

13. How much do you agree or disagree that the Central Election Commission is counting the votes correctly?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

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

14. In your opinion, how will the 2021 local government elections be conducted?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

With major violations	1
With minor violations	2
Without violations	3
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

15. In your opinion, what are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia?

[Interviewer! Do not read. Correspond. Accept up to 3 answers. When people talk about harassment outside of polling station by party activists include in "Harassment of voters"]

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
	<i>There are no barriers</i>	-5
1.	Unequal media coverage of some candidates and parties	
2.	Public officials campaign on behalf of one party	
3.	Harassment of party activists	
4.	Budget money is used unlawfully/unfairly in the election	
5.	Bribing of voters	
6.	Harassment of voters	
7.	Voters feeling they have to vote a specific way to keep their jobs	
8.	Inaccurate voters' lists	
9.	One person voting for other people	

10.	People voting more than once (including Carousel voting)	
11.	Employers forcing employees to take part in a campaign	
12.	Ballot stuffing	
13.	Unequal funding for some candidates or parties	
14.	Identification cards that do not protect against falsification	
15.	Non-transparent finances of political parties	
16.	Partiality of polling officials	
17.	Incompetency of polling officials	
18.	Other (specify) _____	

### Participation in elections

**16. In your opinion, how important or not important is your participation in elections?**

[Interviewer! Read out.]

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

**17. Did you vote in the 2020 parliamentary elections?**

Yes	1	
No	0	GO TO 19
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1	GO TO 20
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2	

**18. People have many reasons for voting in elections. Please tell me what was the main reason you voted?**

[Interviewer! Do not read. Correspond. Accept up to 2 answers.]

<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1	GO TO 20
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2	
It is my civic duty		
To support the party that is closest to me		
To vote against the party I don't like		
To change the government		
To support the government		
To protect my vote from being used for falsification		
Because everyone around me was voting		
Other (specify)_____		

**19. People have different reasons for not voting in the elections. What was the main reason you did not vote in the elections?**

[Interviewer! Do not read. Correspond. Accept up to 2 answers.]

<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
I planned but I could not go (because of weather, health etc.)	
I am registered in another settlement and could not go	
I wasn't registered	
I didn't know where my polling station was	
My vote would not change anything	
I'm just not interested in politics	
I don't support any party participating in elections	
I couldn't decide which way to vote	



Other (specify) _____	
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**20. If local government elections were held tomorrow, you absolutely would vote, probably would vote, probably would not vote or absolutely would not vote?**

<b>Absolutely would vote</b>	4
<b>Probably, would vote</b>	3
<b>Probably, would not vote</b>	2
<b>Absolutely would not vote</b>	1
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

### Factors related to vote

**21. There are different reasons which influence people's political choice. Please, tell me, what factors are most important for you when making your voting decision?**

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

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
1	Party's electoral platform and promises	
2	Trust towards specific members of political parties	
3	Trust towards leaders of political parties	
4	Political opinion of the people close to me (family, friends)	
5	Political opinions of clerics	
6	Parties' past performance	
7	The likelihood of a party winning	
8	Political opinion of your employer	

9	Political opinion of your colleagues	
10	Political opinion of popular people	
11	Other (specify)_____	

22. Generally, if we speak about choosing a candidate or a party, which statement do you agree with?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

For me, what the party promises is more important	1
Or for me it is more important who the party leaders are?	2
[Do not read!] Agree with neither	3
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

23. Do you personally know someone to whom a cleric (priest, imam) gave advice about who to vote for in elections during the past year?

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

24. Sometimes governments cancel bank credits or fines for the part of the population during the pre-election period. In your opinion, how acceptable or unacceptable are such initiatives before the elections?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Completely unacceptable	1
Rather unacceptable, than acceptable	2
Rather acceptable, than unacceptable	3

Completely acceptable	4
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

25. In your opinion, such initiatives during the pre-election period ...

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Influence voters' choice	1
Or does not influence voters' choice?	2
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

26. Sometimes governments actively initiate big infrastructural projects, such as, road construction, school renovation, greening and etc. during the pre-election period. In your opinion, how acceptable or unacceptable is it to initiate such projects right before the elections?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Completely unacceptable	1
Rather unacceptable, than acceptable	2
Rather acceptable, than unacceptable	3
Completely acceptable	4
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

27. In your opinion, infrastructural projects initiated during the pre-election period ...

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Influence voters' choice	1
Or does not influence voters' choice?	2

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

28. In your opinion, how acceptable or unacceptable is the following?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

		Completely acceptable	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Completely unacceptable	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	Civil servant publicly declaring support for ruling party	4	3	2	1	-1	-2
2	Civil servant publicly declaring support for oppositional party	4	3	2	1	-1	-2
3	Representative of a political party requesting from the voter to take a photo of the voting ballot	4	3	2	1	-1	-2
4	Representatives of the political party/coordinators being near the voting district territory	4	3	2	1	-1	-2
5	Neighborhood authorities so called "Dzveli Bichi"s being near the voting district territory	4	3	2	1	-1	-2

## Influencing the voters and violations

Experiment [a and b options randomized]

a. Imagine that a candidate who is campaigning in your neighborhood promises to improve the supply of communal services, such as gas, water and electricity in your neighborhood.

b. Imagine that a candidate who is campaigning in your neighborhood promises to improve the supply of communal services, such as gas, water and electricity in your neighborhood. The candidate also promises that you or your family member will get a job.

29. In your opinion, how acceptable or unacceptable is it to vote for this candidate?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Completely acceptable	4
Acceptable	3
Unacceptable	2
Completely unacceptable	1
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

30. In your opinion, how likely or unlikely is it that you would have voted for this candidate?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Absolutely would have voted	4
Probably, would have voted	3
Probably, would have not voted	2
Absolutely would not have voted	1
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

31. Do you personally know someone to whom a political party has promised receiving personal gain in exchange for vote during the past year?

Yes	1
No	0
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1

	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
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32. Do you personally know someone whom a political party /candidate gave money or other kind of gift in exchange for vote during the past year?

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

33. Do you personally know someone, who experienced following during the past year on election day ...?

		Yes	No	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	Party representative/coordinator simply asked to vote for a specific party	1	0	-1	-2
2	Party representative/coordinator asked to vote for a specific party in exchange for money	1	0	-1	-2
3	Party representative/coordinator pressured to vote for a specific party	1	0	-1	-2

34. Please, tell me, during the past year, have the following asked you or not for your ID number or other personal information in relation to elections?

[Interviewer! Read out. Accept all answers.]

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
	[Do not read!] <i>(No one has asked)</i>	-5

1	Party representative, so called coordinator	
2	Sakrebulo member	
3	Representative of the mayor's office/Gamgeoba	
4	Social worker	
5	Other (specify)_____	

35. During the past year, have you or have you not noticed candidate/party activists/coordinators near the voting district recording information about the voters or asking voters for personal information?

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

36. According to some organizations who observe elections, during the elections in Georgia there are neighborhood authorities, so called "Dzveli Bichi"s present near the voting district on election day. During the past year, have you or have you not noticed these people near the voting district?

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

37. Please, tell me, do you agree or disagree that coordinators' presence near the voting district ...?

	Agree	Disagree	(Don't know)	(Refuse to answer)
Creates intimidating environment for voters	1	0	-1	-2
Influences citizens vote choice	1	0	-1	-2

38. During the past year, have you or have you not heard of a specific political party bringing the voters to the voting district in an organized/group manner?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

Yes, I have witnessed such case	1
Yes, I have heard about but not witnessed such case	2
No, I have not heard	3
(Don't know)	-1
(Refuse to answer)	-2

39. During the past year, have you or have you not heard of a case when part of the voters did not want to go to the pre-election campaign meeting organized by a specific party but still had to go?

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

40. Now, I will tell you about an incident that took place during the elections in another country. George voted for a specific party in the elections. After the elections it turned



out that, the neighbor who was in the election commission knew for whom George had voted. In your opinion, is it possible or not for something like this to happen in Georgia?

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

41. In the same country, on another voting district, it turned out that one of the voters took the voting ballot outside the voting district. Have you or have you not heard about similar incident in Georgia during the past year?

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

42. I will not tell you about a different incident that happened in the same country. After the last elections, social assistance was taken away from one of the poor families because family members did not go to elections. In your opinion, is it possible or not for something like this to happen in Georgia?

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

43. 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>
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1	<b>Refrigerator</b>	1	0	-1	-2
2	<b>Color TV</b>	1	0	-1	-2
3	<b>Smartphone (a phone with color display and with internet connection)</b>	1	0	-1	-2
4	<b>Tablet computer (e.g. iPad, Galaxy Tab, Lenovo etc.)</b>	1	0	-1	-2
5	<b>Car</b>	1	0	-1	-2
6	<b>Air conditioner</b>	1	0	-1	-2
7	<b>Automatic washing machine</b>	1	0	-1	-2
8	<b>Personal computer, including laptop</b>	1	0	-1	-2
9	<b>Hot water</b>	1	0	-1	-2
10	<b>Central heating</b>	1	0	-1	-2