

Nature of impact of COVID-19 on citizens of Georgia

Questionnaire

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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 <u>do not</u> work	1
I am a student and <u>do not</u> work	2
I am a housewife and <u>do not</u> 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
I am disabled and cannot work	7
Other	8
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

Country direction, democracy, government performance

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>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

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

[Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.]

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

7. Please tell me, how would you rate the performance of the following institutions?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

		Very bad	Bad	Average	Well	Very well	(Don't know)	(Refuse to answer)
1	The Parliament	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2
2	Tbilisi Mayor [Tbilisi only]	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2
3	Your Sakrebulo	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2

8. Which party is closest to you?

[Interviewer! Do not read. Correspond. One answer only. If the respondent names Girchi, ask, "Which Girchi?"]

Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia (Irakli Gharibashvili, Kakha Kaladze, Irakli Kobakhidze)	1
United National Movement (Nika Melia, Tina Bokuchava, Mikheil Saakashvili, Roman Gotsiridze)	2
European Georgia (Giga Bokeria, 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 - More Freedom (Zurab Japaridze)	9
For Georgia (Giorgi Gakharia)	10
Girchi (Iago Khvichia, Vakhtang Megrelishvili, Sandro Rakviashvili)	11
Lelo For Georgia (Mamuka Khazaradze, Davit Usupashvili, Badri Japaridze)	12
Free Georgia (Kakha Kukava)	13
Aleko Elisashvili - Citizens (Aleko Elisashvili, Levan Ioseliani)	14

For Justice (Eka Beselia)	15
Victorious Georgia (Irakli Okruashvili, Gubaz Sanikidze)	16
Republican Party (Khatuna Samnidze, Davit Berdzenishvili)	17
Conservative Party (Zviad Dzidziguri, Nino Gogvadze)	18
Ana Dolidze - For People (Ana Dolidze)	19
Tribune (Davit Chichinadze)	20
Our Georgia Solidarity Alliance (Beka Natsvlishvili, Mariam Jashi, Zviad Kvachantiradze, Levan Gogichaishvili)	21
Georgian March - National Movement (Sandro Bregadze)	22
Movement State for People (Nika Machutidze)	23
European Socialists (Pridon Injia)	24
Other (specify)_____	25
<i>(No party)</i>	-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

National and Local Issues

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 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> _____	

11. 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)_____	

Economy and poverty

12. Thinking about your current situation, are you personally able to afford more, the same amount or fewer products, goods, and services than you could before the start of Covid-19 pandemic (March 2020)?

More	3
The same amount	2
Fewer	1
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

13. Which of the following best describes your situation? Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in Georgia, you:

[Interviewer! Read out. One answer only.]

Lost your job [including temporary layoffs and unpaid leaves] and started another one	1
Lost your job [including temporary layoffs and unpaid leaves] and you're still unemployed	2
Haven't lost your job but experienced salary/income reduction	3
Haven't lost your job and haven't experienced salary/income reduction	4
Were unemployed before the Covid-19 pandemic and you are unemployed now [including retired, student and homemaker]	5
Were unemployed before Covid-19 pandemic and you are employed now	6
Other (specify) _____	7
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

14. 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)_____	

Healthcare and Covid-19

15. 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)_____	

16. 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

17. Do you feel you have enough information about the COVID-19 vaccination process?

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

18. Taking everything into account, how do you think the COVID-19 vaccination process is going in Georgia?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

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

19. Which of the following best describes your feelings about Covid-19 pandemic in Georgia?

[Interviewer! 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

20. Would you or would you not get vaccinated against Covid-19?

Yes	1	GO TO 22
No	0	
<i>(I have already been vaccinated)</i>	-5	GO TO 22
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1	
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2	

21. If not, why would not you get vaccinated?

[Interviewer! Read out. One answer only.]

Because I am generally against vaccination	1
I don't trust the quality of Covid-19 vaccine	2
I will not do it because vaccination has alternative goals	3
I believe we can handle Covid-19 pandemic without vaccination	4
I won't be able to get vaccinated because of health related issues	5
Other (specify)_____	6
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

22. If you had the need, do you know or not how to register on the online platform for COVID-19 vaccination?

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

Foreign policy

23. 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

24. 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

Performance of the parliament

25. Please, tell me, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

		Completely agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	Parliament communicates regularly with citizens.	4	3	2	1	-1	-2
2	Parliament is passing legislation on issues that matter to me.	4	3	2	1	-1	-2
3	If I tell the member of the Parliament about issues in my community, he/she will take action to help solve the problem.	4	3	2	1	-1	-2

26. What are the three issues you would want political parties in Parliament to focus on in the coming year?

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

	<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2
	<i>None</i>	-5
1	Infrastructure	
2	Healthcare	
3	Jobs	
4	Poverty	
5	Court system	
6	Corruption	
7	Pensions	
8	Protection of environment	
9	Rising prices/inflation	
10	Education	
11	Covid-19	
12	Human rights	
13	Democracy	
14	Relations with Russia	
15	Relations with EU	
16	Crime	
17	Territorial integrity	
18	Other (specify)_____	

Performance of the local government

27. Please, tell me, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

		Completely agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
1	My local government (Sakrebulo, Mayor's office) communicates regularly with citizens.	4	3	2	1	-1	-2
2	My local government (Sakrebulo, Mayor's office) is making decisions that matter to me.	4	3	2	1	-1	-2
3	If I tell a member of my Sakrebulo about issues in my community, he/she will take action to help solve the problem.	4	3	2	1	-1	-2

Future elections

28. If local government 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 not vote	1
(Do not know)	-1

(Refuse to answer)

-2

Sources of information

29. What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? 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 Georgian politics and current events go to 31.]

30. And what is your second main source of information about Georgian politics and current events?

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

	<i>First main source</i>	<i>Second main source</i>
	29	30
Colleagues	1	1
Family members	2	2
Neighbors, friends	3	3
Internet/Social media	4	4
Newspapers, news magazines	5	5
Radio	6	6
TV	7	7
Other	8	8
<i>(Receive information only from one source)</i>		-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2	-2

31. 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