

Personal and State Security: Public Attitudes and Perceptions

Hello, my name is /first name, last name/. I represent the research center CRRC-Georgia. This is an independent, non-for-profit research center. We are conducting the survey on personal and state security issues and, if you allow me, I would like to interview a member of your household in order to study the views of the public in Georgia. Your household was selected randomly, along with several thousand other households in Georgia. Reliability of the survey results depends on your agreement to participate in this survey.

Participation in the survey is voluntary. Anonymity of all your responses will be fully ensured. The name or identity of your household member will not be linked with his/her responses. Also, your address will be kept confidential. In the name of our organization I would like to ask you to help us understand better what people's views are in Georgia.

The interview will last for about half an hour. However, the exact length depends on the responses of a respondent. I will need your help to select the adult member of your household, which I should interview. This selection should follow the special procedure, which ensures probability of sampling. It is very important to follow the procedure.

Let us start with general questions.

Respondent's age

Respondent's sex

Respondent's settlement type (Capital, urban, rural)

[I block: Demographics \(part 1\)](#)

- Let's speak about your occupation. Which of the following best describes your situation? Please think about the activity or situation which is primary for you.

[Read out, only one answer]

| | | |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Retired and <u>not</u> working | 1 | Skip to 3 |
| Student and <u>not</u> working | 2 | |
| Housewife and <u>not</u> working | 3 | |
| Unemployed | 4 | |
| Working either part-time or full time (even if the respondent is retired / is a student), including seasonal work | 5 | Q2 |
| Self-employed (even if the respondent is retired / is a student), including seasonal work | 6 | Skip to 3 |
| Disabled and unable to work | 7 | |
| Other | 8 | |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 | |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 | |

- Are you employed in a private or a public sector? (1=5)

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Private sector | 1 |
| Public sector | 0 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |

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|---------------------------|----|
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |
|---------------------------|----|

3. Speaking about your education, of the list, what is the highest level of education you have achieved to date?

[Read out, only one answer]

| | |
|--|----|
| Primary education (either complete or incomplete) (8-9 grades or less) | 1 |
| Completed secondary education (10-12 grades) | 2 |
| Secondary technical/vocational education (completed a specialized vocational institution, holds vocational degree) | 3 |
| Incomplete higher education | 4 |
| Completed higher education | 5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

4. There are a number of ethnic groups living in Georgia. Which ethnic group do you consider yourself a part of?

[INTERVIEWER! DO NOT READ OUT THE OPTIONS. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Armenian | 1 |
| Azerbaijani | 2 |
| Georgian | 3 |
| Other (specify) | 4 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

5. Which religion or denomination, if any, do you consider yourself belonging to?

[INTERVIEWER! DO NOT READ OUT OPTIONS. CORRESPOND. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]

| | | |
|----|--|-----------|
| 1 | Armenian Apostolic Church | |
| 2 | Roman Catholic Church | |
| 3 | Orthodox Church | |
| 4 | Protestant Church | |
| 5 | Other Christian Church or group (Jehovah's Witness, Mormons, etc.) | |
| 6 | Sunni Islam | |
| 7 | Shia Islam | |
| 8 | Islam (without specification) | |
| 9 | Judaism | |
| 10 | Other | |
| -5 | <i>None</i> | Skip to 7 |
| -1 | <i>(Don't know)</i> | |
| -2 | <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | |

6. Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals, how often did you attend religious services last year?

[READ OUT]

| | |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 1 | At least once a week |
| 2 | At least once a month |
| 3 | Only on special religious holidays |
| 4 | Less often |
| 5 | Never |
| -1 | (Don't know) |
| -2 | (Refuse to answer) |

II block: general questions

7. In your opinion, Georgia is going in the right direction, or do you think that Georgia is going in the wrong direction?

[Interviewer: Read out. Only one answer.]

| | |
|----|---|
| 3 | Georgia is going in the right direction |
| 2 | [Do not read out] Georgia is not changing at all, |
| 1 | Or Georgia is going in the wrong direction? |
| -1 | (Don't know) |
| -2 | (Refuse to answer) |

8. Generally, how safe do you feel yourself in Georgia?

[Interviewer: Read out. Only one answer.]

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Totally safe | 4 |
| More safe, than unsafe | 3 |
| More unsafe, than safe | 2 |
| Totally unsafe | 1 |
| (Don't know) | -1 |
| (Refuse to answer) | -2 |

9. Comparing to the period before 2012, now...

[Interviewer: Read out. Only one answer.]

| | |
|------------------------------------|----|
| You feel yourself more safe | 3 |
| Less safe, | 2 |
| Or you feel the same way? | 1 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

10. Do you agree or disagree that in case of any danger, you are safe because of the following reasons:

| | | Yes | No | Don't know | Refuse to answer |
|---|--|------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | I am safe because there is a police station in my neighbourhood and I can apply in case of any need. | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 2 | I am safe, because there is an underground shelter (bunker) in my neighbourhood and we can use it in case of any need. | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 3 | I feel safe, because people around me are highly aware how to behave in crisis situations | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 4 | I feel safe, because I know how to apply to security services and it will not be hard for me | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |

11. Please tell me how much do you trust or distrust ...? Do you fully trust, somewhat trust, somewhat distrust or fully distrust?

| | | Fully trust | Trust more than distrust | Distrust more than trust | Fully distrust | (Don't know) | (Refuse to answer) |
|---|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | The State Security Service | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 2 | The President of Georgia | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 3 | The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 4 | The Parliament of Georgia | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 5 | The Ministry of Defence of Georgia | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 6 | Prime minister of Georgia | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |

12. [Show card 12] Which of the following is the highest risk for security of Georgia? Please, indicate up to three answers.

(Rotation on card) [Show card, up to three answers]

| | |
|---|---|
| Ecological hazards/natural disasters (e.g. flood, landslide, storm, fire, etc.) | 1 |
| Poverty | 2 |

| | |
|--|----|
| Terrorism | 3 |
| Possibility of military aggression from the Russian side | 4 |
| Borderisation | 5 |
| Kidnapping from villages close to administrative borders | 6 |
| Crime | 7 |
| Covid-19 pandemic | 8 |
| Immigration of foreigners | 9 |
| Russo-Ukrainian war | 10 |
| War in Karabagh | 11 |
| Visa free regime with Russia | 12 |
| Disinformation | 13 |
| <i>Other (specify)</i> | 14 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

13. While thinking about risks you have mentioned above, how well or badly does Georgia manage to protect itself from the risks?

[Interviewer: read out, only one answer]

| | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Very well, | 4 |
| Rather well than badly | 3 |
| Rather badly than well | 2 |
| Very badly | 1 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

14. [Show card 14] Please tell me which of the following statements you agree with?

[INTERVIEWER! AFTER THE RESPONDENT CHOOSES THE STATEMENT, ASK: "DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT OR DO YOU AGREE VERY STRONGLY WITH THIS STATEMENT?" ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]

| | | | |
|--|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Statement 1: The security system of Georgia works well and additional reforms are not necessary. | | Statement 2: There are key gaps in Georgia security system and it needs important reforms. | |
| Agree very strongly with Statement 1 | Agree with Statement 1 | Agree with Statement 2 | Agree very strongly with Statement 2 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| [DO NOT READ] Agree with neither | | -5 | |
| (Don't know) | | -1 | |
| (Refuse to answer) | | -2 | |

15. To what extent do you or your family members feel in your everyday life that the state security services ... You feel that always, sometimes or never?

| # | | Always | Sometimes | Never | Don't know | Refuse to answer |
|---|--|--------|-----------|-------|------------|------------------|
| 1 | Listen to your phone calls | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 2 | Control your social networks | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 3 | Have informants in your neighbourhood, community or work place | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 4 | Spy on you | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |

Questions 16-18 are only for ethnic minorities (question 4==1, 2, 4):

16. Do you feel that security of your ethnic group is protected in Georgia?

[Read out]

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| Fully protected | 1 | Skip to question 19 |
| More protected than unprotected | 2 | |
| More unprotected than protected | 3 | |
| Fully unprotected | 4 | |
| (Don't know) | -1 | Skip to question 19 |
| (Refuse to answer) | -2 | |

17. Please tell me, who do you mostly feel danger from?

[Do not read out, correspond, only one answer]

| | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Russia | 1 |
| Turkey | 2 |
| Azerbaijan | 3 |
| Georgian defence institutions | 4 |
| Other ethnic groups | 5 |
| Crime | 6 |
| Religious fundamentalists | 7 |
| Armenia | 8 |
| The government of Georgia | 9 |
| <i>Other (Specify)</i> | 10 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

18. [Show card 18] Of the listed, what type of danger do you mostly feel for the representatives of your ethnic group in Georgia?

[Read out, only one answer]

| | |
|---|----|
| Conflict between different ethnic communities | 1 |
| Excessive control and punishment of you and your family members from the side of the police and other institutions | 2 |
| Losing your social benefits | 3 |
| Forcing you, your family members or other member of your ethnic community to leave Georgia | 4 |
| Losing your language | 5 |
| Losing your national traditions | 6 |
| <i>Other (Specify)</i> | 7 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

III Block: people's awareness about the work of state security institutions

Let us talk about the security system of Georgia and state institutions

19. There are various views about what security means. Now, I will read out different dimensions of security and please tell me, which one is closest to your view.

[Read out, only one answer]

[Rotation]

| | |
|---|----|
| Military security of the country | 1 |
| Economic security | 2 |
| Safety from disinformation | 3 |
| Physical safety of people | 4 |
| Environmental security | 5 |
| Political stability | 6 |
| <i>Other (Specify)</i> | 7 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

20. Based on your information, which state institutions are responsible for the country's security?

[Do not read out, correspond, and accept all answers]

| | |
|--|----|
| Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia/Police | 1 |
| President | 2 |
| State Security Service | 3 |
| Ministry of Defence/Army | 4 |
| National Security Council | 5 |
| Prime Minister | 6 |
| <i>Other (Specify)</i> | 7 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |

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|--------------------|----|
| (Refuse to answer) | -2 |
|--------------------|----|

21. To what extent are you aware of the work of the following institutions...

[Interviewer! Ask about each unit]

| # | State institutions | Very well aware | Quite well aware | Quite poorly aware | Very poorly aware | (never heard about the institution) | (Don't know) | (Refuse to answer) |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Ministry of Internal Affairs/Police | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -5 | -1 | -2 |
| 2 | State Security Service | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -5 | -1 | -2 |
| 3 | Ministry of defence/Army | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -5 | -1 | -2 |
| 4 | National Security Council | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -5 | -1 | -2 |

Do not ask questions about functions of the agency (22, 23, 24, 25) to those who have not heard of this agency (-5).

22. [Card 22] In your opinion, what are the main responsibility(ies) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs/Police?

[Interviewer! Accept up to three answers]

| | |
|--|----|
| Crime prevention | 1 |
| Crime investigation | 2 |
| Punishment of offenders | 3 |
| Analytical work | 4 |
| Internal intelligence (within the country) | 5 |
| Foreign intelligence | 6 |
| Security policy planning | 7 |
| Protection of citizens | 8 |
| Averting attack on the country/Protection of the country's territorial integrity | 9 |
| Other (Specify) | 10 |

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

23. [Show card 22] In your opinion, what is the main responsibility(ies) of the State Security Service?

[Interviewer! Accept up to three answers]

| | |
|--|----|
| Crime prevention | 1 |
| Crime investigation | 2 |
| Punishment of offenders | 3 |
| Analytical work | 4 |
| Internal intelligence (within the country) | 5 |
| Foreign intelligence | 6 |
| Security policy planning | 7 |
| Protection of citizens | 8 |
| Averting attack on the country/Protection of the country's territorial integrity | 9 |
| <i>Other (Specify)</i> | 10 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

24. [Show card 22] In your opinion, what is the main responsibility(ies) of the Ministry of Defence/Army?

[Interviewer! Accept up to three answers]

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Crime prevention | 1 |
| Crime investigation | 2 |
| Punishment of offenders | 3 |
| Analytical work | 4 |

| | |
|--|----|
| Internal intelligence (within the country) | 5 |
| Foreign intelligence | 6 |
| Security policy planning | 7 |
| Protection of citizens | 8 |
| Averting attack on the country/Protection of the country's territorial integrity | 9 |
| <i>Other (Specify)</i> | 10 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

25. [Show card 22] In your opinion, what is the main responsibility(ies) of the National Security Council?

[Interviewer! Accept up to three answers]

| | |
|--|----|
| Crime prevention | 1 |
| Crime investigation | 2 |
| Punishment of offenders | 3 |
| Analytical work | 4 |
| Internal intelligence (within the country) | 5 |
| Foreign intelligence | 6 |
| Security policy planning | 7 |
| Protection of citizens | 8 |
| Averting attack on the country/Protection of the country's territorial integrity | 9 |
| <i>Other (Specify)</i> | 10 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |
|---------------------------|----|

Now I will ask about executives of these four institutions.

26. Who is the Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia currently?

[Interviewer! Do not read out! Check whether the respondent's answer was correct or incorrect]

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Correct answer (Vakhtang Gomelauri) | 1 |
| Incorrect answer | 0 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

27. Who is the Head of the State Security Service currently??

[Interviewer! Do not read out! Check whether the respondent's answer was correct or incorrect]

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Correct answer (Grigol Liluashvili) | 1 |
| Incorrect answer | 0 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

28. Who is the Minister of Defence of Georgia currently?

[Interviewer! Do not read out! Check whether the respondent's answer was correct or incorrect]

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Correct answer (Juansher Burchuladze) | 1 |
| Incorrect answer | 0 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

29. Who is the Secretary of the National Security Council currently?

[Interviewer! Do not read out! Check whether the respondent's answer was correct or incorrect]

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Correct answer (Vakhtang Gomelauri) | 1 |
| Incorrect answer | 0 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

30. Thank you very much! Now, please tell me what is your main source of information about the following state institutions?

[Interviewer! Do not read out! Correspond. Only one answer on each institution]

| # | State institutions | Television | Online media (except social networks) | Social networks | Websites of these institution | Family members/colleagues | Radio | Print media (newspapers/magazines) | Other (Specify) | (Do not get any information) | (Don't know) | (Refuse to answer) |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Ministry of Internal Affairs/Police | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | -5 | -1 | -2 |
| 2 | State Security Service | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | -5 | -1 | -2 |
| 3 | Ministry of Defence/Army | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | -5 | -1 | -2 |
| 4 | National Security Council | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | -5 | -1 | -2 |

IV Block: people's perceptions towards state security institutions

Let me ask you questions about each institution. First, let's talk about the State Security Service.

31. In your opinion, how independent is the State Security Service from political/party influence?

[interviewer! Read out. Only one answer]

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

32. How effectively does the State Security Service defend the national security interests?

[interviewer! Read out. Only one answer]

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Very effectively | 4 |
|------------------|---|

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| More effectively than ineffectively | 3 |
| More ineffectively than effectively | 2 |
| Very ineffectively | 1 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

33. How effectively does the State Security Service defend people's personal security interests?

[Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer]

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Very effectively | 4 |
| More effectively than ineffectively | 3 |
| More ineffectively than effectively | 2 |
| Very ineffectively | 1 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

34. When talking about the State Security Service, in your opinion, how much the following statements describe this institution, they fully describe, partially describe, or do not describe it at all?

[Rotation]

| | Fully describes | Partially describes | Does not describe at all | <i>(Don't know)</i> | <i>(refuse to answer)</i> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Transparency | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| Accountability | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| Professionalism | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| Patriotism | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| Impartiality | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| Respect for human rights | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |

35. In your opinion, to what extent has the work of the State Security Service improved or worsened during the last seven years?

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Improved | 3 |
|-----------------|---|

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| <i>[Do not read] stayed the same</i> | 2 |
| Worsened | 1 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

Now I will ask the same questions about the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia.

37. In your opinion, how independent is the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia independent from political/party influence?

[Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer]

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

38. How effectively does the Ministry of Internal affairs of Georgia work?

[Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer]

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Very effectively | 4 |
| More effectively than ineffectively | 3 |
| More ineffectively than effectively | 2 |
| Very ineffectively | 1 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

39. When talking about the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, in your opinion, how much the following statements describe this institution, they fully describe, partially describe, or do not describe it at all?

[Rotation]

| | | Fully describes | Partially describes | Does not describe at all | <i>(Don't know)</i> | <i>(refuse to answer)</i> |
|----------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Transparency | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|
| 2 | Accountability | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 3 | Professionalism | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 4 | Patriotism | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 5 | Impartiality | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 6 | Respect for human rights | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |

40. In your opinion, to what extent has the work of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia improved or worsened during the last seven years?

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Improved | 3 |
| <i>[Do not read] Stayed the same</i> | 2 |
| Worsened | 1 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

Now I will ask the same questions about the Ministry of Defence of Georgia.

42. In your opinion, how independent is the Ministry of Defence of Georgia independent from political/party influence?

[Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer]

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

43. How effectively does the Ministry of Defence of Georgia work?

[Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer]

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Very effectively | 4 |
| More effectively than ineffectively | 3 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| More ineffectively than effectively | 2 |
| Very ineffectively | 1 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

44. When talking about the Ministry of Defence of Georgia, in your opinion, how much the following statements describe this institution, they fully describe, partially describe, or do not describe it at all?

[Rotation]

| | | Fully describes | Partially describes | Does not describe at all | <i>(Don't know)</i> | <i>(refuse to answer)</i> |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Transparency | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 2 | Accountability | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 3 | Professionalism | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 4 | Patriotism | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 5 | Impartiality | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 6 | Respect for human rights | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |

45. In your opinion, to what extent has the work of the Ministry of Defence of Georgia improved or worsened during the last seven years?

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Improved | 3 |
| <i>[Do not read] Stayed the same</i> | 2 |
| Worsened | 1 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

46. [Show card 46] **What would you do if state security services violated your rights?**

[Interviewer! Only one answer]

| | |
|--|---|
| I will suffer and not talk about it, because it is impossible to fight against this for common people; | 1 |
|--|---|

| | |
|---|----|
| I will turn to organizations working on human rights that will defend my rights in court and during the investigation process | 2 |
| I will turn to the Parliament | 3 |
| I will turn to political parties | 4 |
| I will turn to the ombudsman | 5 |
| I will turn to the Prosecutor's Office | 6 |
| I will turn to media/journalists | 7 |
| I will go to court | 8 |
| <i>Other (Specify)</i> | 9 |
| <i>Such a thing will not happen</i> | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

V Block: security sector and marginal groups

Let us now talk about security issues in relation to minorities and vulnerable groups.

47. In your opinion, ethnic/religious minorities are overrepresented, properly represented, or underrepresented in the...

| | | Overrepresented | Properly represented | Underrepresented | (Don't know) | (Refuse to answer) |
|---|--|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Parliament of Georgia | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 2 | Executive government of Georgia | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 3 | Local self-governance bodies | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 4 | Political parties | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 5 | media | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |

48. In your opinion, how equally does ... treat ethnic/religious minorities living in Georgia? [Read out, only one answer in each row]

| | | Totally equally | Mostly equally | Mostly unequally | Totally unequally | (Don't know) | (Refuse to answer) |
|---|---|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 2 | The State Security Service | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |

49. [Show card 49] Please, name examples of unfairness towards ethnic/religious minorities since 2012. Please, name three most important cases.

[Up to three answers]

| | |
|---|----|
| Local government rejecting the Georgian Muslim community permission to build a new mosque in Batumi | 1 |
| The state cutting the minaret in the village Tchela followed by the fact of beating local Muslims | 2 |
| The state refusing to local Azerbaijanis to declare Novruz Bayram as a holiday | 3 |
| Sharp decline of the share of ethnic minorities in the Parliament of Georgia. | 4 |
| Refusal to the campaign "give my surname back" | 5 |
| Other (Specify) [Other to be shown on the card] | 6 |
| <i>(There are no cases of unfair treatment towards ethnic/religious minorities)</i> | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

50. Now I will read several statements. Please, tell me, how much do you agree or disagree with each of them? [Read, only one answer]

| | | Completely agree | More agree than disagree | More disagree than agree | Completely disagree | (Don't know) | (Refuse to answer) |
|---|--|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Ethnic/religious minorities historically live in Georgia and are no foreigners/guests | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 2 | Ethnic/religious minorities are citizens of Georgia and the government should fully protect their rights | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 3 | The government of Georgia should make more efforts to engage ethnic/religious minorities in the socio-political life so that they are fully integrated | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 4 | The government of Georgia should isolate ethnic/religious minorities in order to control them better. | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |

VI Block: people living close to the administrative borderline of the South Ossetia/Tskhinvali and Abkhazia regions.

In the end of the survey I would like to ask you several questions about the villages at the administrative borderline with the regions of South Ossetia/Tskhinvali and Abkhazia.

51. How well or badly aware are you of the situation in the villages close to the administrative borders of South Ossetia/Tskhinvali and Abkhazia regions?

[Read out, only one answer]

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

52. Please tell me, what is your main source of information about the situation in villages close to the administrative border of South Ossetia/Tskhinvali and Abkhazia regions.

[Interviewer! Do not read, correspond, only one answer]

| | |
|------------------------------------|----|
| TV | 1 |
| Online information sources | 2 |
| Social networks | 3 |
| Family members/friends/colleagues | 4 |
| Radio | 5 |
| Print media (newspapers/magazines) | 6 |
| Other (Specify) | 7 |
| (I do not get any information) | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

53. In your opinion, how sufficient or insufficient are security measures taken by the government of Georgia in the administrative border line villages?

[interviewer! Read out. Only one answer]

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

54. [Show card 54] What should the government do in order to guarantee security of people living close to the administrative border line?

[Interviewer! Only one answer]

| | |
|---|---|
| Give families who live there the war afflicted status | 1 |
| Give additional social assistance/privilege to families living in this area | 2 |
| Reinforce the work of the police in these regions in order to ensure security of people living in this area | 3 |

| | |
|---|----|
| Strictly control administrative border around the dividing line | 4 |
| Develop infrastructure in these villages | 5 |
| Other (Specify) | 6 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

VII Block: Demographics (part 2)

We have only a few demographic questions left

55. 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 ...?

[Interviewer: read out and tick for each item.]

| | |
|----|---|
| 1 | Refrigerator |
| 2 | Color TV |
| 3 | Smartphone (a phone with color display and with internet connection) |
| 4 | Tablet computer (e.g. iPad, Galaxy Tab, Lenovo etc.) |
| 5 | Car |
| 6 | Air conditioner |
| 7 | Automatic washing machine |
| 8 | Personal computer, including laptop |
| 9 | Hot water |
| 10 | Central heating |
| 11 | Microwave |
| 12 | Dishwasher |

56. Did you or anyone from your household have to relocate as a result of separatist conflicts occurred since 1989 in Abkhazia and Tskhinvali Region?

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

57. [Show card 57] Using this CARD, please tell me which one of these levels best describes your ability in the following:

[Rotation]

| | | No basic knowledge | Beginner | Intermediate | Advanced | (Don't know) | (Refuse to answer) |
|---|--|--------------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Russian | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 2 | English | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 3 | Any other foreign language | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |
| 4 | Computer (Microsoft Office, except games) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 |

58. [SHOW CARD 58] **What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgia's current events? Please tell me, which is your first mainsource of information.** [INFSOU1]

[INTERVIEWER! MARK THE CODE CORRESPONDING TO THE RESPONDENT'S ANSWER IN COLUMN 1 OF TABLE 1. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER. IF THE RESPONDENT NAMES THE INTERNET, CLARIFY WHETHER HE/SHE MEANS INTERNET NEWS WEBSITES OR SOCIAL NETWORKS SUCH AS FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE, TWITTER, ETC.]

59. [SHOW CARD 58] **And what is your second main source of information about Georgia's current events?** [INFSOU2]

[INTERVIEWER! MARK THE CODE CORRESPONDING TO THE RESPONDENT'S ANSWER IN COLUMN 2 OF TABLE 1. MARK NOT APPLICABLE IF THE RESPONDENT GETS INFORMATION FROM ONLY ONE SOURCE. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER. IF THE RESPONDENT NAMES THE INTERNET, CLARIFY WHETHER HE/SHE MEANS INTERNET NEWS WEBSITES OR SOCIAL NETWORKS SUCH AS FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE, TWITTER, ETC.]

| | | <i>First main source</i> | <i>Second main source</i> |
|----|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Colleagues | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Family members | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | Neighbors, friends | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | Internet, EXCEPT social media | 4 | 4 |
| 5 | Social media | 5 | 5 |
| 6 | Newspapers, newsmagazines | 6 | 6 |
| 7 | Radio | 7 | 7 |
| 8 | TV | 8 | 8 |
| 9 | Other | 9 | 9 |
| | <i>(Receive information from one source only)</i> | | -5 |
| -1 | <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 | |
| -2 | <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 | |

60. Which TV station, if any, do you trust the most for news on politics and events in Georgia?

[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ, CORRESPOND. ONE ANSWER]

| | |
|---------|---|
| Imedi | 1 |
| Mtavari | 2 |
| Formula | 3 |

| | |
|--|----|
| Kavkasia | 4 |
| Rustavi 2 | 5 |
| First Channel (Public Broadcasting) | 6 |
| Maestro | 7 |
| Adjara TV | 8 |
| Second Channel (Public Broadcasting) | 9 |
| Obiektivi | 10 |
| Palitra TV | 11 |
| TV Pirveli | 12 |
| POSTV | 13 |
| AzTV | 14 |
| Armenia TV | 15 |
| Local/regional Armenian speaking channels | 16 |
| Local/regional Azerbaijani speaking channels | 17 |
| Other(Specify) | 18 |
| (None) | -5 |
| (Do not watch TV) | -4 |
| (Don't know) | -1 |
| (Refuse to answer) | -2 |

61. Could you please tell me how often do you use the Internet? Do you use the Internet ... [Read out]

| | | |
|----|--|------------|
| 1 | Every day, | Skip to 63 |
| 2 | At least once a week, | |
| 3 | At least once a month, | |
| 4 | Less often, | |
| 5 | or Never? | |
| -5 | [DO NOT READ] I don't know what the Internet is. | |
| -1 | (Don't know) | |
| -2 | (Refuse to answer) | |

62. Do you use the following social media platforms and applications to get information about news and politics?

[Interviewer! Read out.]

| | | Yes | No | (Don't know) | (Refuse to answer) |
|---|---------------|-----|----|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Facebook | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 2 | Instagram | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 3 | Twitter | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 4 | Youtube | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 5 | Tiktok | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 6 | Vkontakte | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 7 | Odnoklassniki | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 8 | Telegram | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |

| | | | | | |
|----|----------|---|---|----|----|
| 9 | WhatsUpp | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 10 | Viber | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |
| 11 | Other | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 |

[Interviewer! The respondent has to mark the answer to the next question him/herself. Read the question and then hand the tablet to the respondent.]

63. Now I will give you the tablet computer. Please answer the next question by yourself. After marking the desired answer option on the tablet, please swipe next/tap next.

[INTERVIEWER! GO TO THE NEXT SCREEN AND HAND THE TABLET COMPUTER TO THE RESPONDENT]

There are a number of political parties in Georgia. Which political party is closest to you
[PARTYSUPP]

[PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTION: ROTATE THE ORDER OF ANSWER OPTIONS. ONLY THE LIST OF POLITICAL PARTIES SHOULD BE DISPLAYED]

| | |
|--|---|
| 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 - Movement for Freedom (Giga Bokeria, Irma Nadirashvili) | 3 |
| Alliance of Patriots of Georgia (Irma Inashvili, Davit Tarkhan-Mouravi) | 4 |
| Georgian Labor Party (Shalva Natelashvili) | 5 |
| Democratic Movement – United Georgia (Nino Burjanadze) | 6 |
| New Georgia - Strategy Agmashenebeli (Giorgi Vashadze) | 7 |
| Girchi - More Freedom (Zurab Japaridze) | 8 |
| Free Georgia (Kakha Kukava) | 9 |

| | |
|---|----|
| For Georgia (Giorgi Gakharia) | 10 |
| Lelo For Georgia (Mamuka Khazaradze, Badri Japaridze) | 11 |
| Other (specify) | 12 |
| <i>(No party)</i> | -5 |
| <i>(Don't know)</i> | -1 |
| <i>(Refuse to answer)</i> | -2 |

Thank you very much!