

Face-to-face survey on disinformation and media consumption

N1	Sampling Point Number [PSU] [To be filled in by interviewer]	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
N2	Household ID Number [HHID] [To be filled in by interviewer]	_ _ _ _
N3	Interviewer ID [INTID] [To be filled in by interviewer]	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Hello! My name is /name and surname/. I am a representative of the research center, CRRG-Georgia. CRRG-Georgia is an independent, non-profit research center. We are conducting a survey on political views and, if you will allow me, I would like to ask you some questions in order to better understand the opinions of the population in our country. Your family was selected randomly, like several thousand other families in Georgia. The reliability of the survey results depends on your consent to participate in this survey.

Let's talk about your family. By "family" we mean those people who currently live with you, regardless of their official place of residence, and who share income and expenses. Please, talk only about those members of your family who currently live with you.

N4. Please tell me, according to the definition given, how many people currently live in your household, including yourself?

[Interviewer! Write down the number.]

|_|_|_|_|_| People

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

N5. Please tell me, according to the definition given, how many adults (18 years of age or older) currently live in your household, including yourself?

[Interviewer! Write down the number.]

|_|_|_|_|_| People

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

N6. Please list the ages of all adult male members of your household, from oldest to youngest. Thank you very much!

[Interviewer! Record this information in the “Gender” and “Age” columns of Table N8. Do not record the names of family members.]

N7. Now, please list the ages of all adult female members of your household, from oldest to youngest. Thank you very much!

[Interviewer! Record this information in the “Gender” and “Age” columns of Table N8. Do not record the names of family members.]

[Interviewer! If the family consists of more than 6 adult members, fully listen to the respondent, but in Table N8, record information only about the 6 family members, in the order of their names.]

Table N8

#	Gender	Age	Selected member of the family [Kish]
1.			
7.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

[Interviewer! If the selected respondent is not at home and will not return in the coming days, thank the family member and enter the information in the interviewer form.]

[Interviewer! If the respondent refused to participate in the survey, thank the family member and enter the information in the interviewer form.]

1st attempt of the interview	Result _ _	Time _ _ _ _ Day Month _ _ _ _ Hour Minute
2nd attempt of the interview	Result _ _	Time _ _ _ _ Day Month _ _ _ _ Hour Minute
3rd attempt of the interview	Result _ _	Time _ _ _ _ Day Month _ _ _ _ Hour Minute

L1. In what language would you like this interview to be conducted?

I work full or part-time in the public sector (even when the respondent is retired/student), including seasonal work	5
I work full or part-time in the private sector (even when the respondent is retired/student), including seasonal work	6
I am self-employed (even when the respondent is retired/student), including seasonal work	7
I am disabled and cannot work	8
Other	9
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

3. In which group does your family's total monthly income, that is, the income received by all members of your family, after deducting income and other taxes, including pensions and social assistance, fall?

[Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.]

Less than 1600 GEL	1
1600 GEL or more	2
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

4. In the past year, apart from special events such as weddings or funerals, how often did you attend religious services?

[Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.]

At least once a week	1
At least once a month	2
Only on special religious holidays	3
More rarely	4
Never	5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

5. There are many political parties in Georgia. Which one is closest to your views? [Interviewer! Do not read out. Match. Only one answer.]

"Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia" (Bidzina Ivanishvili, Irakli Kobakhidze)	1
"United National Movement" - Strategia Aghmashenebeli (Tinatin Bokuchava, Giorgi Vashadze)	2
"Ahali" (Nika Gvaramia, Nika Melia)	3
"Girchi - More Freedom" (Zurab Girchi Japaridze)	4
"Droa" (Elene Khoshtaria)	5
"Lelo" (Mamuka Khazaradze)	6
"For the People" (Ana Dolidze)	7
"Citizens" (Aleko Elisashvili)	8
"Gakharia for Georgia" (Giorgi Gakharia)	9
Girchi (Iago Khvichia)	10
Alliance of Patriots of Georgia-Alt Info (Irma Inashvili, Zurab Makharadze)	11
Labor Party of Georgia (Shalva Natelashvili)	12
Other (Specify)	13
<i>(None)</i>	-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

Media consumption behaviors

6. How often do you follow the news? By news, we mean any kind of news, including news about sports, weather, politics, current affairs, or any other topic that you may receive through print media, television, radio, or social media.

[Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.]

At least once a day	1
Once every two or three days	2
At least once a week	3
Less than once a week	4
Never (Skip to Q17)	5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

7. What is the main reason why you trust the media outlet you follow most often?

[Interviewer! Show Card 1.] [Programming instruction: rotate list].

I have been using it for a long time	1
I trust journalists	2
They report news in a balanced way/cover both sides	3
They cite sources/evidence	4
My close friends (family members, friends, relatives) have a positive attitude	5
People in authority have a positive attitude towards me	6
Gives me a sense of peace and security	7
Consistent with my political views	8
It is consistent with the opinions of social network users	9
Other (specify)	10
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.] [Programming instruction: Randomize the statements.]

		I completely disagree	I disagree rather than agree	I agree rather than agree	I completely agree	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
8.1	The manner in which information is conveyed (speaking style, emotions, tone of voice, etc.) is often as important as the accuracy of the information.						
8.2	The authority of the person telling the story is often as important as the content of the story.						
8.3	A credible media outlet does not always have to provide evidence (e.g. facts, video/photo material, data).						

9. What is the most common way you follow the news? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.]

Television	1
Radio	2
Print media, magazines and newspapers	3
News websites or applications	4
Social networks (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, etc.)	5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

10. Which TV channel do you mainly use to get news? This includes getting news on TV, the Internet, social networks, or YouTube. [Interviewer! Do not read out. Match. Only one answer.]

Imedi	1	
Mtavari TV	2	
Formula TV	3	
Rustavi 2	4	
First Channel (Public Broadcaster)	5	
Adjara TV	6	
TV Pirveli	7	
PosTV	8	
AzTV	9	
Marneuli TV	10	
Armenia TV	11	
Farvana TV	12	
Russian channels (ORT, R24, NTV, etc.)	13	
Western channels (CNN, BBC, etc.)	14	
Turkish channels	15	
Other (specify)	16	
<i>(I do not watch news programs either on TV or on the Internet)</i>	-5	Skip to Q12
<i>(I do not know)</i>	-1	
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2	

11. What is your overall feeling when you get news from this television (referring to the television that the respondent named in the previous question)? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.]

Anger	1
Fear	2
Disappointment	3
Satisfaction	4
Pride	5
Joy	6
<i>(I don't feel anything)</i>	-5
<i>(I don't know)</i>	-1
<i>Rejection (to answer)</i>	-2

False/incorrect News (Perception and Impact)

12. In your opinion, what is the most common means of spreading false/incorrect news in Georgia? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.]

Television	1
Radio	2
Print media, magazines and newspapers	3
News websites or applications	4
Social networks (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, etc.)	5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

13. In your opinion, who is most responsible for spreading false/incorrect news in Georgia? (Referring to a group of people or an organization) [Interviewer! Do not read out. Match. Maximum 3 answers]. [Programming instructions: Rotate list]

EU	1
USA	2
Russia	3
China	4
Armenia	5
Azerbaijan	6
Turkey	7
„Global War Party“/“Deep State“	8
Georgian government/“Georgian Dream“	9
Opposition	10
NGOs	11
Journalists/media	12

Citizens	13
Famous people/influencers	14
Other (Specify)	15
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

14. In your opinion, what is the impact of false/incorrect news on political events in Georgia - strong, weak, or no impact at all? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.]

Strong influence	2
Weak influence	1
No influence at all	3
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

15. In your opinion, what is the impact of false/incorrect news on interpersonal relationships in Georgia - strong, weak, or no impact at all? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.]

Strong influence	2
Weak influence	1
No influence at all	-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

16. In your opinion, which issues are most damaged by the spread of false/incorrect news? [Interviewer! Show Card 2. No more than 3 answers.] [Programming instructions: Rotate list]

EU membership / Visaliberalisation with EU	1
NATO membership	2
Georgia's international reputation	3
Economy	4
Education	5
Human rights and democracy	6
Reputation of the government/"Georgian Dream"	7
Reputation of the opposition	8
Relationship with Russia	9
Peace/war avoidance	10
Maintaining order within the country	11
Georgian national identity (culture, religion, traditions)	12
Public unity/human relations	13
Other (specify)	14
<i>(Don't know)</i>	15
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-1
Georgian national identity (culture, religion, traditions)	-2

Media literacy and identification of false/inaccurate news

17. How often have you suspected that a news story you are reading is false/incorrect? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.]

Never (<i>skip to Q22</i>)	1
Rarely	2
Often	3
Always	4
(<i>Don't know</i>)	-1
(<i>Refuse to answer</i>)	-2

18. In general, what makes you suspect that a news story might be false/incorrect? [Interviewer: show Card 3. No more than 3 answers.] [Programming instruction: Rotate the list.]

The author/distributor is suspicious	1
Contradicts existing reliable information	2
Contradicts the opinion of social media users	3
Source is not specified	4
Users claim in comments that the information is false	5
The attached photo/video material is fake (e.g. photoshopped, edited)	6
Contradicts personal experience	7
Contradicts information received from closed ones	8
One-sided presentation/the other party's position is not visible	9
The author's/distributor's position and personal interests are clearly evident	10
Other (specify)	11
(<i>I don't know</i>)	-1
(<i>Refuse to answer</i>)	-2

19. How often have you checked the accuracy of false/incorrect news? [Interviewer! Read out! Only one answer.]

Never	1	<i>Skip to 22</i>
Rarely	2	
Often	3	
Always	4	

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

20. When you thought a news story was suspicious, how did you check it? [Interviewer: Show Card 4] [Programming instruction: Rotate the list].

I asked my closed ones (family members, friends, relatives)	1
I checked on the social networks of authoritative people	2
I checked on Google or another search engine	3
I searched for the primary source (official website, personal account of a specific politician on a social network, etc.)	4
I checked on English media	5
I checked on Georgian media	6
I checked on Russian media	7
I checked on Armenian media	8
I checked on Turkish media	9
I checked on Azerbaijani media	10
Other (specify)	11
<i>I never checked</i>	-5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

21. How often have you found out that a news story was actually false/incorrect after checking? [Interviewer! Read out! Only one answer.]

Never	1
Rarely	2
Often	3
Always	4
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

22. What is the most common reason you have refrained from verifying suspicious information? [Interviewer: Do not read out. Match. Maximum 3 answers] [Programming instruction: Rotate the list].

I didn't have enough time	1
I didn't have the motivation to verify	2
I didn't know the language required to verify	3
I also distrusted other media outlets	4
The issue was insignificant	5

I knew that others would verify and disseminate the information	6
Other (specify)	7
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

Political polarization

23.1 How do you feel about the supporters of the “Georgian Dream”? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer.] [Programming instruction: rotate statements between pairs of questions]

Very negatively	1
More negatively rather than positively	2
Neutrally	3
More positively rather than negatively	4
Very positive	5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

23.2 How do you feel about the supporters of the opposition? [Interviewer! Read. Only one answer.] [Programming instruction: rotate statements between pairs of questions]

Very negatively	1
More negatively rather than positively	2
Neutrally	3
More positively rather than negatively	4
Very positively	5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

24.1 In your opinion, to what extent is the Georgian Dream doing or not doing what is necessary for the country? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer] [Programming instructions: rotate statements between pairs of questions]

Never does it	1
Mostly does not do it	2
Mostly does it	3
Always does it	4
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

24.2 In your opinion, to what extent is the opposition doing or not doing what is necessary for the country? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer. If they say that the opposition does not have the right/possibility to do anything, let's ask them to what extent they are doing what is within their responsibility]

Never does it	1
Mostly does not do it	2
Mostly does it	3
Always does it	4
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

25.1 How comfortable would you feel with a friend if you knew that he or she was a supporter of the Georgian Dream? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer. If the respondent answers “It doesn’t matter,” then mark the answer as “Very comfortable.”] [Programming instruction: Rotate statements between pairs of questions]

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

25.2 How comfortable would you feel with a friend if you knew that he or she was a supporter of the opposition? [Interviewer! Read out. Only one answer. If the respondent answers “It doesn’t matter” or “When I know that he or she has a different opinion, we don’t talk about politics at all,” then mark the answer as “Very comfortable.”] [Programming instruction: Rotate statements between pairs of questions].

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

Conspiratorial thinking

26. Do you believe that there is a “Global War Party” that is driving important processes in the world? [Interviewer! If the respondent tells you that there is a “Deep State”, accept it as a “Global War Party.”]

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

27. Please tell me, on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means “not at all true” and 5 means “completely true”, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? [Interviewer! Please mark on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means “not at all true” and 5 means “completely true”.]
[Programming instruction: Randomize statements.]

		Not true at all				Completely true	<i>(Don't know)</i>	<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>
27.1	Heads of state obey a small group of people who actually control world politics.	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2
27.2	Secret services have connections with aliens, but they hide this from the public.	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2
27.3	Viruses and diseases are deliberately spread by certain organizations.	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2
27.4	Technologies that can control minds are used on people without their knowledge.	1	2	3	4	5	-1	-2

Fake/Incorrect News Recognition Test

28. Now I will read you some statements and please rate how true or false they are? [Programming instruction: Rotate pairs of statements]

		დიახ	არა	(არ ვიცი)	(უარო პასუხზე)
<u>True (pro-GD)</u>	In 2024, Georgia's foreign trade increased by 8% compared to the previous year.	1	0	-1	-2
<u>True (anti-GD)</u>	In 2024, the European Union suspended 121 million euros in aid to Georgia.	1	0	-1	-2
<u>False (pro-GD)</u>	In the event of joining the European Union, Georgia will be obliged to legalize same-sex marriage.	1	0	-1	-2
<u>False (anti-GD)</u>	After the 2024 parliamentary elections, the European Union withdrew Georgia's candidate status.	1	0	-1	-2
<u>Control Statement (Az-correct)</u>	Azerbaijani authorities have forced the UN and other international organizations to leave the country.	1	0	-1	-2
<u>Control Statement (Az-incorrect)</u>	Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev attended the Russian Federation's Victory Parade in Moscow on May 9.	1	0	-1	-2
<u>Control Statement (Arm-incorrect)</u>	EU officials are trying to get Armenia involved in the Russia-Ukraine war in exchange for visa-free travel.	1	0	-1	-2
<u>Control Statement (Arm-correct)</u>	Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan attended the Russian Federation's Victory Parade in Moscow on May 9.	1	0	-1	-2