Results of October 2014 Public Opinion Poll on

## Women's Political Participation in Georgia

Survey carried out for NDI by CRRC-Georgia
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## Gender Poll - Main Objectives

## To assess public altitudes towards



Women's participation in politics

## Barriers for greater participation

Gender roles
Solutions for increasing women's participation in politics

## Methodology

## Information about the poll

>Fieldwork dates: October 10-30, 2014
$>3$, 885 completed interviews
$>$ A nationally representative sample of Georgian speakers including Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas. Also additional representative samples of the self governing cities of Tbilisi, Telavi, Akhaltsikhe, Kutaisi, Zugdidi and Batumi
$>$ The average margin of error is +/- $1.6 \%$

## Methodology

## Sample design

$>$ NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design:
$\checkmark$ Stratification - dividing population in relatively homogenous sub-groups
$\checkmark$ Clustering - randomly selecting small geographic areas for each sub-group (stratum)
$>$ Households are selected via random route sampling
$>$ Respondents are selected using a Kish table
$>$ Randomly selected households and individuals are not substituted
$>$ All interviews are conducted face-to-face

## How NDI Survey is Conducted

At the first stage, CRRC randomly selects voting precincts in Georgia. Interviewers are sent there with given starting point, directions for walking, step size, number of contacts.


Interviewer randomly

The respondent is selected randomly, with special method - so called Kish grid. Selected respondent cannot be replaced.

Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Intervewer uses tablet computer and a special software

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Interviewer submits the re-
sults via the internet to the special server.


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CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

## Public Opinion Poll Findings

## Key Findings

- $64 \%$ of Georgians believe there is currently no gender equality in Georgia
- This number reaches $68 \%$ among youth
- $55 \%$ of citizens think having 17 women out of 150 members in parliament is too few
- $68 \%$ say they support the parliament adopting mandatory gender quota
- $70 \%$ of population think the number of women in parliament should be at least $30 \%$
- Half of the population believes that increasing the number of women in parliament would have a positive impact on Georgia


## Gender Roles

Is there gender equality in Georgia? (q40)


Is there gender equality in Georgia? (q40 X Gender)
$\square$ Male $\quad$ Female


Is there gender equality in Georgia? (q40 X Age)
$\square$ 18-35 ■ 36-55 $\quad$ 56+


Do women and men in Georgia have equal opportunities to succeed in any field? (q41)

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Do women and men in Georgia have equal opportunities to succeed in any field? (q41 X Gender)

- Male

Female


No

Do women and men in Georgia have equal opportunities to succeed in any field? (q41 X Age)


How comfortable or uncomfortable would you feel with a woman as your immediate boss? (q45)


How comfortable or uncomfortable would you feel with a woman as your immediate boss? (q45 X Gender)
$\square$ Male $\quad$ Female


Is it difficult or not difficult for women who have jobs to combine household duties with work outside home? (q42)


Is it difficult or not difficult for women who have jobs to combine household duties with work outside home? (q42 X Gender)

- Male
- Female


If there is only one child in a family, what gender would you prefer? (q49)

解 A girl-9\%

F A boy-26\%

No difference-65\%


If there is only one child in a family, what gender would you prefer? (q49 X Gender)
$\square$ Male $\quad$ Female


If there is only one child in the family, what gender would you prefer? (q49 X Age)


## Do you agree or disagree with the following ...? (q43)

■ Agree
■ Disagree
■ DK
■ RA

It is better for a preschool aged child if the mother does not work


In Georgia, women cannot be as successful in a career as men because they are responsible for taking care of the household first

Employed mothers can be as good caregivers to their children as mothers who do not work

Taking care of the home and family makes women as satisfied as having a paid job

What are the circumstances under which a woman / man is justified to initiate a divorce? Name up to three (q50/q51)
$\square$ Man intiating divorce justified $\quad$ Woman intiating divorce justified


Do you agree or disagree with following statements? (q48)
■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ DK ■ RA

In order to preserve the family, the husband should endure a lot from his spouse

In order to preserve the family, the wife should endure a
lot from her spouse


Being in a bad marriage is better for a man than being single

Being in a bad marriage is better for a woman than being single


How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to October 2012 regarding domestic violence? (q2)

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## Do you agree or disagree that ... (q53/q54)

■ Agree
■ Disagree

- DK

■ RA

Non-physical violence is the matter that should only be solved within the family

Physical violence is the matter that should
only be solved within the family

## Should the following be entitled to interfere in cases of domestic violence? (q55)

- Yes
$\square$ No
- DK
■ RA


To what extent you support or oppose the following steps? (q39)


## Women's Political Participation

When you meet with your friends, do you discuss politics often, occasionally or never? (q7)

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When you meet with your friends, do you discuss politics often, occasionally or never? (q7 X Gender)

Male
Female

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## How likely or unlikely are you to get involved in political life?

 (q8 X Gender)

How likely or how unlikely are you to get involved in political life in the future in the following ways? (q9 X Gender) Part 1
$■$ Very likely

- Likely
- Unlikely
$■$ Very unlikely
■ DK
■ RA


How likely or how unlikely are you to get involved in political life in the future in the following ways? (q9 X Gender) Part 2
$\square$ Very likely $\quad$ Likely $\square$ Unlikely $\quad$ Very unlikely $\square$ DK $\quad$ RA


How likely or how unlikely are you to get involved in political life in the future in the following ways? (q9 X Gender) Part 3


For the following ways of involvement in politics, who is more involved - men, women or both equally? (q11)


## What is the biggest obstacle to your involvement in politics? Name up to three (q10B X Gender)



In your opinion, what are the biggest obstacles for women in Georgia to engage in politics? Name up to three (q15)


Does the following better describe a man, a woman or both equally? (q18)


What are the most important characteristics of a male / female politician? Name up to three (q21/q22)


Whose interests do male / female politicians in Georgia serve mostly? Name up to three (q26/q27)

■ Male Politicians

- Female Politicians



## Which statement do you agree with? (q25 X Gender)



Who would handle the following issues better? (q19) Part 1


## Who would handle the following issues better? (q19) Part 2

| Human rights | Woman politician |  | - Both equally |  | ■RA |  |  |
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|  | 17 | 11 |  |  |  | 3 | 4 |
| Domestic violence | 17 | 20 |  | 56 |  | 3 | 4 |
| Pre-school education | 11 | 32 |  | 52 |  | 2 | 3 |
| Transportation costs | 25 | 6 |  | 61 |  | 4 | 4 |
| Cost of communal services | 22 | 8 |  | 62 |  | 4 | 4 |
| Courts | 28 |  | 5 | 59 |  | 3 | 5 |
| Corruption | 28 |  |  | 56 | 5 |  | 7 |
| Environment protection | 28 |  | 6 | 58 |  | 3 | 5 |
| Supporting small and middle sized businesses | 28 |  |  | 60 |  | 3 | 5 |
| Protecting workers' rights | 19 | 7 |  | 66 |  | 3 | 5 |

Who will do a better job in the following positions: a man, a woman or both equally? (q20)


Do Georgian male politicians treat their female colleagues as equals, or not? (q28)

Do Georgian male politicians treat their female colleagues as equals, or not? (q28 X Gender)

■ Male Female

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Do Georgian female politicians treat their male colleagues as equals, or not? (q29)

Do Georgian female politicians treat their male colleagues as equals, or not? (q29 X Gender)

■ Male Female



All things being equal, who would you vote for in local office / in the parliament - a man or a woman? (q23/q24)

- Local office

■ Parliament


All things being equal, who would you vote for in local office - a man or a woman? (q23 X Gender)

- Male
- Female


All things being equal, who would you vote for in the parliament - a man or a woman? (q24 X Gender)

- Male
- Female


How important or unimportant do you think it is for the party you support to have balanced representation of male and female candidates? (q31 X Gender)


How important or unimportant is it to have a greater number of qualified women politicians in Georgia? (q32 X Gender)
$\square$ Very importan - ImportantNot important
■ Not important at all ■ DK ■ RA


Female

## Currently there are 17 female members of parliament out of 150 (11\%). Do you think this is . . .? (q33)



Currently there are 17 female members of parliament out of 150 (11\%). Do you think this is . . .? (q33 X Gender)

- Male
- Female

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Currently there are 133 male members of parliament out of 150 (89\%). Do you think this is . . .? (q34)


Currently there are 133 male members of parliament out of 150 (89\%). Do you think this is . . .? (q34 X Gender)

- Male

Female


## What would be the best proportion of men and women members in parliament? (q35)



## What would be the best proportion of men and women members in parliament? (q35 X Gender)

Male

- Female


What kind of impact would increasing the number of women MPs have on Georgia? (q36 X Gender)

■ Male Female


What kind of impact would increasing the number of women members of the local government have on your region? (q37 X Gender)

- Male
- Female


To what extent you support or oppose the following steps? (q39)Strongly supportSomewhat supportSomewhat oppose
■ Strongly oppose
DK RA

Political parties giving equal opportunities to men and women within the party structure

Parliament adopting a mandatory quota to increase women's representation

Parliament adopting a voluntary quota to increase women's representation

To what extent you support or oppose the following steps? (q39 X If parliament elections were held tomorrow, would you vote?)
$■$ Strongly support ■ Somewhat support $\quad$ Somewhat oppose ■ Strongly oppose ■ DK ■RA


