Public Attitudes in Georgia
Results of August 2020 telephone survey

Carried out for NDI by CRRC Georgia

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WHY WE CONDUCT POLLS?

To foster the development of more responsive policies and governance;

To help stakeholders diagnose and address issues of public concern.

❖ Leaders from across the political spectrum have reported that polls are important to their work and encourage continued polling;

❖ Inclusive process: the polling instrument was developed in consultation with political parties, government, and civil society leaders.
ABOUT THE POLL

❖ Fieldwork dates: August 6-11, 2020
❖ 2,045 completed interviews (29% response rate, according to AAPOR standards)
❖ The average margin of error is +/- 1.3%
❖ Note: the margin of error is different for every response
❖ Shift from face-to-face to telephone method might affect a change on historical slides.

SAMPLE

❖ All interviews were conducted via mobile phone interview method
❖ Simple random sampling method was used. Respondents were selected using the random-digit-dial method
❖ Interviews were conducted in Georgian, Azerbaijani, Armenian and Russian languages
❖ The poll is representative of entire Georgian population (excluding the occupied territories)
❖ In addition, the poll is representative of the capital, urban and rural settlements

Quality control

❖ All interviewers receive special training
❖ CRRC central office coordinators conduct quality control interviews
Differences between face to face and telephone surveys

**Face to face survey**
- Ability to ask more questions (60-80);
- Interviews take longer (30-60 min);
- You can ask longer questions, provide definitions;
- You can show cards with answer options.

**Telephone survey**
- Number of questions limited (20-30);
- Shorter duration (10-20 min);
- Questions are shorter and simpler, than during face to face interviews;
- You can’t use show cards with answer options. This means that answer options should be shorter, or interviewer should correspond answers.
Differences between face to face and telephone surveys

**Face to face survey**
- Interviewer sees respondent and can observe respondent’s non-verbal behavior, whether he/she understand the question or not;
- Interviewer is in the same space with respondent and can better manage the situation;
- Certain group of busy people are harder to reach this way;
- Due to the sampling method, margin of error is higher than during telephone surveys;
- More expensive;
- Longer fieldwork.

**Telephone survey**
- Chances are higher that respondent can’t understand the question and interviewer won’t notice it;
- Interviewer has no way of knowing in what kind of environment the respondent is;
- Easier to approach some respondents, e.g. men or people who are often out of home;
- Due to the sampling method, margin of error is lower than during face to face interviews;
- Cheaper;
- Shorter fieldwork.
To foster political discourse focused on citizens' priorities during the pre-election period. By:

- Informing candidates as they develop issue-focused platforms and engage voters during the campaign, and injecting citizen priorities into their electoral platforms and campaign promises.

- To inform a post-election poll, which is envisioned as a baseline for both parliamentary leadership and individual MPs to understand citizen demands and policy expectations for the new convocation.
Georgians remain committed to voting on election day (88 percent), but largely undecided (59 percent) ahead of parliamentary elections on October 31. They remain focused on economic issues, and open to persuasion based on party policy platforms.

When deciding which party they will vote for, Georgians noted that economic policy (36 percent), healthcare policy (12 percent), and stance on rule of law (12 percent) are among the most important factors.

Georgians’ emphasis on a party’s economic policies mirrors their top national concerns, which have consistently included jobs (49 percent), poverty (39 percent) and rising prices/inflation (20 percent).

A quarter of the adult population reports that they are unemployed, a seven percent increase from NDI’s June 2020 poll and likely an indicator of the economic impact of the covid-19 pandemic.
Main findings

- At the local level Georgians remain concerned about infrastructural issues, including roads (31 percent), water supply (22 percent), environmental pollution (13 percent), and traffic (13 percent). In Tbilisi, traffic and environmental pollution are the top priorities; other urban and rural settlements are focused on water supply and roads.

- With election day less than two months away, the majority of Georgians, 56 percent, are confident that the 2020 parliamentary elections will be conducted in a free and fair environment.

- However, some concerns remain. Approximately a third of Georgians (30 percent) report that bribing of voters presents the biggest challenge to the integrity of elections, followed by violations during voting procedures (15 percent) and abuse of administrative resources (13 percent). These concerns reflect some of the findings of NDI’s virtual pre-election analysis report, Georgia Election Watch.
National and local issues of concern
National issues

What are the most important national level issues facing you and your family? Please name up to three. (q7) Open question

- Jobs: 49%
- Poverty: 39%
- Territorial integrity: 28%
- Rising prices / inflation: 20%
- Education: 13%
- Pensions: 13%
- Wages: 10%
- Human Rights: 8%
- Affordable healthcare: 7%
- Crime: 5%
- Court system: 4%
- Relations with Russia: 4%
- Corruption: 3%
- Covid-19: 3%
- NATO membership: 3%
- Fair elections: 3%
- Environment protection: 3%
- Freedom of speech: 3%
- Other: 11%
- DK: 2%
- RA: 1%

Top issues remain the same since 2009
National issues

What are the most important national level issues facing you and your family? Please name up to three. (q7) - OPEN QUESTION

[Dashed line represents change in method from face-to-face to telephone]
Employment

Which of the following best describes your situation? Please tell me about the activity that you consider to be primary. (q3)

- June 2020
- August 2020

- I work full or part-time, including seasonal jobs: 33% (June), 31% (August)
- I am unemployed: 17% (June), 24% (August)
- I am retired and do not work: 15% (June), 15% (August)
- I am self-employed, including seasonal jobs: 18% (June), 15% (August)
- I am a housewife and do not work: 12% (June), 12% (August)
- Other: 4% (June), 4% (August)

“Other” includes students and people with disabilities who do not work
Economic issues
What is the biggest issue facing the Georgian economy today? Up to three answers (q10) Open question

- Unemployment: 67
- Rising prices / Inflation: 33
- Poverty: 22
- Low wages: 20
- GEL devaluation: 18
- High taxes: 11
- COVID-19: 10
- Closing the borders: 6
- Corruption / nepotism: 5
- Lack of tourists: 5
- Other: 11
- There are no econ. problems: 1
- DK: 3
Economic opportunities
What are three economic development opportunities in your city/village?
Up to three answers (q11)

- Land farming: 40
- Tourism: 38
- Livestock raising: 29
- Light industry: 20
- Poultry raising: 16
- Heavy industry: 12
- Tech sector: 9
- Banking sector: 6
- Other: 4
- DK: 9
# Economic opportunities

What are three economic development opportunities in your city/village? (q11 X Settlement)

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Financial aid

Have you or someone in your household received any kind of financial aid or benefit from the government during the Covid-19 pandemic? (q12)

- 52% said it was sufficient
- 48% said it was not sufficient

Yes: 43
No: 57
Aid programs
Thinking about the economic disruptions of Covid-19, what government programs would be most helpful to your household? Up to three answers (q14)

- Unemployment compensation: 29
- Subsidies for communal services/utilities: 26
- Employment program: 24
- Aid with medication: 15
- Loan forgiveness: 11
- We don't need government’s aid: 10
- In-kind aid: 9
- Low interest loans: 8
- Loan postponement: 6
- Training for new job skills: 2
- Subsidies for mortgages: 2
- Other: 10
- DK: 7

More than half of those who named other, named 'Financial aid'.
State pension program
Are you currently involved in the state accumulative pension program? (q15)

38% would withdraw pension savings if they could

58% would not withdraw

19

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Yes

No

DK
State pension program

Are you currently involved in the state accumulative pension program? (q15 X Settlement, Age)

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Pension system

Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q17)

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# Healthcare issues

What is the biggest issue facing the healthcare system today? Up to three answers (q9) - Open question

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Education issues

What is the biggest issue facing the education system in Georgia today? Up to three answers (q21) - Open question

- Difficulties associated with online classes: 27
- Low qualifications of teachers / lecturers: 22
- High cost of education in the universities: 20
- There are no problems facing education system: 10
- High price of study materials / books: 9
- Poor quality of study materials / books: 7
- Low salaries of teachers / lecturers: 5
- High cost of tutors: 5
- Lack / absence of modern technology at schools / universities: 4
- Poor school / university infrastructure: 4
- Availability of vocational education: 4
- Corruption / nepotism: 2
- Other: 11
- DK: 19

Those who named other, mostly named 'Quality/usefulness of education' and 'Mismanagement of education system' as biggest issues.
Infrastructural issues
What are three most important infrastructural issues in your city/village? Up to three answers (q8) Open questions

Roads 31
Water supply 22
Pollution of environment 13
Traffic 13
Parks and green spaces 12
Public transport 10
Sewage 8
Clean streets 7
Gas Supply 7
Playgrounds 5
Cost of utilities 4
Trash collection 4
Street lights 4
Homeless animals 4
Parking 3
Sports and leisure facilities 3
Other 17

There are no infrastructural issues 4
DK 10
## Local issues

What are three most important infrastructural issues in your city/village? (q8 x Settlement) Open question

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Environmental issues
Which environmental issues do you think are the most problematic for your city/village/settlement? Up to three answers (q18) Open question

- Air pollution: 41
- There are no environmental issues: 25
- Food safety: 11
- Littering: 11
- Illegal cutting of wood: 8
- Pollution of drinking water: 8
- Pollution of rivers, lakes and reservoirs: 8
- Unprocessed/poorly managed garbage, waste, and landfills: 6
- Existence of materials hazardous to health (in the air, food, toys etc.): 6
- Contamination of soil and water by toxic waste: 5
- Natural disasters such as landslides, floods, hail etc.: 3
- Other: 10
- DK: 7
### Environmental issues

Which environmental issues do you think are the most problematic for your city/village/settlement? (q18 X Settlement) Open question

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Protecting environment

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Protecting environment and reducing air pollution is important, even if it requires stricter regulations and rules for businesses as well as individuals. (q19)
Protecting environment

In order to protect parks and green spaces in urban areas, would you approve or disapprove the government: (q20) Tbilisi & urban areas only

- **Expand areas where construction will be prohibited**
  - **Approve:** 89
  - **Disapprove:** 5
  - **DK:** 5

- **Prohibiting construction that does not meet high environmental standards, even if it increases the cost of private property**
  - **Approve:** 88
  - **Disapprove:** 6
  - **DK:** 6
Country direction and state of democracy
Country direction

There are different opinions regarding the direction in which Georgia is going. Which one do you agree with? (q5)

*Dashed line represents change in method from face-to-face to telephone*
## Country direction

There are different opinions regarding the direction in which Georgia is going. Which one do you agree with? (q5 X Settlement, Age, Gender)

- **Georgia is going in the right direction**
- **Georgia is not changing at all**
- **Georgia is going in the wrong direction**
- **DK**
- **RA**

### National
- **Georgia is going in the right direction**: 39
- **Georgia is not changing at all**: 20
- **Georgia is going in the wrong direction**: 32
- **DK**: 8
- **RA**: 1

### Capital
- **Georgia is going in the right direction**: 40
- **Georgia is not changing at all**: 18
- **Georgia is going in the wrong direction**: 34
- **DK**: 7
- **RA**: 2

### Urban
- **Georgia is going in the right direction**: 38
- **Georgia is not changing at all**: 20
- **Georgia is going in the wrong direction**: 32
- **DK**: 8
- **RA**: 2

### Rural
- **Georgia is going in the right direction**: 39
- **Georgia is not changing at all**: 20
- **Georgia is going in the wrong direction**: 32
- **DK**: 8
- **RA**: 1

### 18-34
- **Georgia is going in the right direction**: 42
- **Georgia is not changing at all**: 19
- **Georgia is going in the wrong direction**: 30
- **DK**: 8
- **RA**: 2

### 35-54
- **Georgia is going in the right direction**: 40
- **Georgia is not changing at all**: 20
- **Georgia is going in the wrong direction**: 31
- **DK**: 7
- **RA**: 2

### 55+
- **Georgia is going in the right direction**: 34
- **Georgia is not changing at all**: 20
- **Georgia is going in the wrong direction**: 37
- **DK**: 8
- **RA**: 1

### Male
- **Georgia is going in the right direction**: 37
- **Georgia is not changing at all**: 21
- **Georgia is going in the wrong direction**: 33
- **DK**: 8
- **RA**: 2

### Female
- **Georgia is going in the right direction**: 41
- **Georgia is not changing at all**: 19
- **Georgia is going in the wrong direction**: 32
- **DK**: 7
- **RA**: 1
Democracy

In your opinion, is Georgia a democracy now? (q6)

- Yes
- No
- DK

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## Democracy

In your opinion, is Georgia a democracy now? (q6 X Settlement, Age, Gender)

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Elections 2020
Confidence in the elections
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
October 2020 parliamentary elections will be conducted in a free and fair environment. (q32)
# Confidence in the elections

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: October 2020 parliamentary elections will be conducted in a free and fair environment. (q32 X Settlement, Age, Gender)

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- Violence and intimidation: 13
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- Barriers for women to participate in politics: 0
- Other: 7
- DK: 27
- RA: 2
Intention to vote

If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you say you are decided or undecided about how you would vote? (q22)

Decided 59
Undecided 36
DK 3
RA 1

If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q23)

Likely voters 88
Likely abstainers (absolutely will not vote, DK, RA) 12
Decided or undecided?
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If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow which party would you vote for? (q24) Open Question

- Named a specific party: 27
- No Party: 9
- "Don't Know" + "Refuse to Answer": 64
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If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow which party would you vote for? (q24) - Open Question

Likely voters
(73% - those who say they will absolutely vote)

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Majority of Georgians remain politically undecided. Although citizens plan to vote, many have not yet determined which party they will support.

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Decided likely voters (32%)

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- Via social media networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.): 4
- In their workplace / office: 3
- In written form (Letter, brochure, etc.): 2
- Via online communication platforms (such as Zoom, Skype, etc.): 1
- Other: 1
- DK: 7
Important factors during voting

Which of the following policies is the most important when deciding which party to vote for? (q27)

- Party economic policy: 36
- Party stance on healthcare issues: 12
- Party stance on rule of law: 12
- Party stance on national security issues: 10
- Party education policy: 7
- Party foreign policy stance: 5
- Party environmental policy: 1
- Other: 7
- None of these: 2
- DK: 6
- RA: 1
Making electoral decision
When selecting a party or a candidate would you prefer? (q29-30)

A party prioritizing... (q29)

...formal education  DK  RA  ...professional training

26  21  2  50

A party promising... (q30)

...higher pensions  DK  RA  ...lower taxes (such as income, vat, property taxes)

27  14  3  56
Undecided voters
(DK, RA, NP)
Country Direction

There are different opinions regarding the direction in which Georgia is going. Which one do you agree with? (q5 X If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for?)

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Democracy

In your opinion, is Georgia a democracy now? (q6 X If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for?)

- **People who don't know who they will vote for (40%)**
  - Yes: 43
  - No: 40
  - DK: 16
  - RA: 1

- **People who refuse to answer which party they will vote for (24%)**
  - Yes: 50
  - No: 34
  - DK: 15
  - RA: 1

- **People who say they will vote for no party (9%)**
  - Yes: 43
  - No: 44
  - DK: 12
  - RA: 1
## National issues

What are the most important national level issues facing you and your family? Please name up to three. (q7 X If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for?) Open question

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Local issues

What are three most important infrastructural issues in your city/village? Up to three answers (q8 X If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for?) Open question

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: October 2020 parliamentary elections will be conducted in a free and fair environment. (q32 X If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for?)

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