Armenia National Voter Study

March 16-25, 2007

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This national representative survey was conducted on March 16-25, 2007.

1,200 Armenian residents aged 18 years and older were interviewed face-to-face. The margin of error does not exceed three percent.

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The fieldwork was carried out by the Armenian Sociological Association (ASA).
Mood of the country: 50 percent of Armenians think that the country is on the wrong track, while 36 percent think that the country is going in the right direction.

Do you think that things in Armenia are going in the....

- Right direction
- Wrong direction
- Don't know, no answer

March 07:
- Right direction: 36
- Wrong direction: 50
- Don't know: 14

November 06:
- Right direction: 32
- Wrong direction: 58
- Don't know: 10

August 06:
- Right direction: 31
- Wrong direction: 62
- Don't know: 7

May 06:
- Right direction: 32
- Wrong direction: 55
- Don't know: 13

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Mood of the country: 29 percent of Armenians see improvement in the country’s economy, while 20 percent think it is declining.

Over the last three months, the economic situation in Armenia has...
Mood of the country: 18 percent of Armenians say their household’s financial situation has improved, while 31 percent say it has declined.

Over the last three months, the financial situation of your household has...

- Improved a lot
- Improved somewhat
- Stayed the same
- Worsened somewhat
- Worsened a lot
- Don't know, no answer

**March 07**
- Improved a lot: 17
- Improved somewhat: 50
- Stayed the same: 20
- Worsened somewhat: 11

**November 06**
- Improved a lot: 23
- Improved somewhat: 48
- Stayed the same: 17
- Worsened somewhat: 10

**August 06**
- Improved a lot: 25
- Improved somewhat: 50
- Stayed the same: 17
- Worsened somewhat: 7

**May 06**
- Improved a lot: 21
- Improved somewhat: 48
- Stayed the same: 17
- Worsened somewhat: 11
Mood of the country: 36 percent of Armenians are satisfied with the development of democracy, while 59 percent are not.

How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Armenia?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- DK/NA

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Mood of the country: An overall majority of Armenians think that it will take a long time to improve things in their country

Do you believe that things will get better in a short time, or will it take a long time for things to get better in the country?

- Short time
- Long time
- Not sure/refused

March 07:
- Short time: 12%
- Long time: 75%
- Not sure/refused: 12%

November 06:
- Short time: 18%
- Long time: 72%
- Not sure/refused: 10%

August 06:
- Short time: 11%
- Long time: 82%
- Not sure/refused: 7%

May 06:
- Short time: 13%
- Long time: 79%
- Not sure/refused: 8%
Mood of the Nation: Expectations

- No answer
- Total disbelief in any improvement
- Insecurity, fear for future
- Apathy
- Not much hope for the future
- Hope that the future will be somewhat better
- Belief that the future will be definitely better

**March 07**
- No answer: 3%
- Total disbelief: 4%
- Insecurity: 5%
- Apathy: 23%
- Not much hope: 43%
- Hope: 12%
- Belief: 12%

**November 06**
- No answer: 4%
- Total disbelief: 5%
- Insecurity: 4%
- Apathy: 23%
- Not much hope: 50%
- Hope: 12%
- Belief: 12%

**August 06**
- No answer: 2%
- Total disbelief: 5%
- Insecurity: 4%
- Apathy: 27%
- Not much hope: 45%
- Hope: 12%
- Belief: 12%

**May 06**
- No answer: 3%
- Total disbelief: 5%
- Insecurity: 6%
- Apathy: 24%
- Not much hope: 40%
- Hope: 16%
- Belief: 16%
Over the last year attitude towards the way things are developing in Armenia has become:

- More pessimistic
- Stayed the same
- More optimistic

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007
ISSUES
## Most important issues facing Armenia

### March 2007 (%)

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<td>17%</td>
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* Between 1991-1994 Armenia and Azerbaijan engaged in military conflict for possession of this disputed territory*
Most important issues facing Armenia
November 2006 (%)

Unemployment: 37%
Social-economic situation: 38%
Problem of Nagorno Karabakh: 24%
Corruption: 14%
Development of the economy, industry: 13%
Migration: 12%
Democracy, respect of human rights: 8%
Foreign policy: 6%
Implementation of laws: 6%
Recognition of genocide: 5%
Other: 11%
DK/NA: 5%

First mention
All mentions
Most important issue facing towns/villages in Armenia
March 2007 (%)

- Unemployment: 35%
- Housing, communal services: 24%
- Sanitation: 30%
- Transportation, road conditions: 27%
- Development of economy/industry/agriculture: 15%
- Ecology: 10%
- Illegal construction: 13%
- Low salaries, pensions: 5%
- Corruption: 3%
- Other: 33%
- DK/NA: 6%

First mention
All mentions

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007
Most important issue facing towns/villages in Armenia
November 2006 (%)
Most important issue facing households in Armenia March 2007 (%)

- Social-economic situation: 63% (First mention: 32%, All mentions: 32%)
- Unemployment: 32% (First mention: 32%, All mentions: 32%)
- Housing, communal services: 28% (First mention: 21%, All mentions: 28%)
- Education, health: 25% (First mention: 3%, All mentions: 25%)
- Unsatisfactory communal services: 6% (First mention: 6%, All mentions: 6%)
- Labor migration/migration: 4% (First mention: 4%, All mentions: 4%)
- Other: 12% (First mention: 2%, All mentions: 12%)
- DK/NA: 8% (First mention: 8%, All mentions: 8%)

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007
### Most important issue facing households in Armenia November 2006 (%)

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Issues

- At the personal/household level social issues are most pressing.
- At the community level the most important problem is unemployment.
- At the national level social problems and territorial integrity/security issues are most important.
Acceptability of forms of social protest
March 2007 (%)

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007
Acceptability of forms of social protest
November 2006 (%)
People’s Fears
March 2007 (%)

Problems of Nagorno Karabakh
- First mention: 30%
- All mentions: 33%

War
- First mention: 11%
- All mentions: 23%

Social-economic situation
- First mention: 10%
- All mentions: 18%

Unemployment
- First mention: 8%
- All mentions: 8%

Migration
- First mention: 6%
- All mentions: 12%

Corruption
- First mention: 3%
- All mentions: 7%

Uncertainty regarding the future
- First mention: 3%
- All mentions: 5%

Not implementing laws
- First mention: 2%
- All mentions: 5%

Lack of recognition of the genocide
- First mention: 1%
- All mentions: 7%

Turkish blockade
- First mention: 1%
- All mentions: 6%

Other
- First mention: 10%
- All mentions: 33%

DK/NA
- First mention: 16%
- All mentions: 16%
People’s Fears
November 2006 (%)

Problems of Nagorno Karabakh: 40%
Social-economic situation: 17%
War: 12%
Migration: 13%
Unemployment: 7%
Lack of recognition of the genocide: 6%
Uncertainty regarding the future: 5%
Corruption: 6%
Slow development of economy: 3%
Not implementing of laws: 5%
Turkish blockade: 4%
Wrong policy: 3%
Other: 11%
DK/NA: 11%

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007
People’s Fears

- The biggest fears are related to instability and security. The territorial integrity of the country, war, social instability (social-economic problems, unemployment) and migration are the biggest fears of the people.
What should the Armenian government accomplish first to attract the support of the majority of the Armenian population? March 2007 (%)
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November 2006 (%)

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Interest in Politics (%)

- **March 07**: Low interest 34%, Medium interest 30%, High interest 35%
- **November 06**: Low interest 37%, Medium interest 25%, High interest 37%
- **August 06**: Low interest 39%, Medium interest 30%, High interest 31%
- **May 06**: Low interest 35%, Medium interest 27%, High interest 37%

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Do you plan to vote in the next parliamentary elections?

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When considering which party to vote for, what is more important?

- Leader is more important
- Party is more important
- None
- No answer

**March 07**
- Leader: 65
- Party: 29
- None: 3
- No answer: 2

**November 06**
- Leader: 64
- Party: 28
- None: 5
- No answer: 2

**August 06**
- Leader: 61
- Party: 33
- None: 4
- No answer: 2

**March 06**
- Leader: 59
- Party: 32
- None: 5
- No answer: 4

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All other things equal, would vote for:

- More active, younger candidate
- More experienced, older
- Does not matter
- No answer

**March 07**
- More active, younger candidate: 32
- More experienced, older: 53
- Does not matter: 13
- No answer: 2

**November 06**
- More active, younger candidate: 35
- More experienced, older: 48
- Does not matter: 15
- No answer: 2

**August 06**
- More active, younger candidate: 33
- More experienced, older: 51
- Does not matter: 15
- No answer: 1

**May 06**
- More active, younger candidate: 32
- More experienced, older: 55
- Does not matter: 10
- No answer: 3
All other things equal, would vote for…

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Major mistakes and failures of Armenian authorities over the last year: March 2007 (%)

- Did not fight enough against corruption: 13% first mention, 18% all mentioned
- Did not prevent rise of prices: 11% first mention, 14% all mentioned
- Privatization of state assets: 11% first mention, 11% all mentioned
- Lack of attention to people: 9% first mention, 15% all mentioned
- Foreign and internal policy: 3% first mention, 7% all mentioned
- Ignoring laws: 2% first mention, 7% all mentioned
- Educational system: 2% first mention, 7% all mentioned
- All steps: 2% first mention, 2% all mentioned
- Economic issues: 1% first mention, 4% all mentioned
- Unemployment: 1% first mention, 4% all mentioned
- Other: 4% first mention, 19% all mentioned
- DK/NA: 41% first mention, 41% all mentioned

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007
Major mistakes and failures of Armenian authorities over the last year: November 2006 (%)
The wrongdoing and corruption of political leaders and authorities is… (%)

- May 06: 70% Very serious, 25% Rather serious, 3% Not very serious, 1% Not a problem at all, 1% DK/NA
- August 06: 78% Very serious, 19% Rather serious, 2% Not very serious, 1% Not a problem at all, 1% DK/NA
- November 06: 65% Very serious, 30% Rather serious, 3% Not very serious, 2% Not a problem at all, 2% DK/NA
- March 07: 70% Very serious, 25% Rather serious, 4% Not very serious, 1% Not a problem at all, 1% DK/NA
Evaluation of relations with... March 2007 (%)

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007
Evaluation of relations with...
November 2006 (%)
Which countries are the most important partners for Armenia? And which comprise the greatest political and economic threat?
International Relations: Partners and Threats
November 2006 (%)

Which countries are the most important partners for Armenia?
And which comprise the greatest political and economic threat?

- Russia: 88% (Partners) 4% (Threats)
- France: 74% (Partners) 0.1% (Threats)
- European Union: 33% (Partners) 1% (Threats)
- Iran: 33% (Partners) 6% (Threats)
- USA: 17% (Partners) 13% (Threats)
- Georgia: 15% (Partners) 22% (Threats)
- Turkey: 83% (Partners) 2% (Threats)
- Azerbaijan: 96% (Partners) 0.5% (Threats)
- None: 3% (Partners) 0.4% (Threats)
- DK/NA: 1% (Partners) 2% (Threats)

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007
How important is it for Armenia to solve the problems related to Nagorno Karabakh in the near future? Is it.... (%)

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Thinking about the future of Nagorno Karabakh, do you think it should...

- Be an ordinary region of Armenia, without any autonomy
- Be an autonomous region of the Armenian state
- Be an independent country
- Be a part of Azerbaijan
- DK/NA

March 07: 38, 35, 41
November 06: 29, 31, 31
August 06: 29, 32, 33
May 06: 31, 27, 27

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007
Do you think that the current situation in regard to the status of Nagorno Karabakh should be resolved through negotiations and peaceful means, or should some force be used if necessary? (%)
Do you think that a peaceful settlement on Nagorno Karabakh can be reached with Azerbaijan without military force being used?

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In your opinion, does the presence of a Russian military base in Armenia have a positive or negative influence on Armenian independence and stability in the country?

![Bar chart showing survey results]

**Survey Results:**
- **March 07:**
  - Positive influence: 66
  - Neither positive nor negative: 11
  - Both positive and negative: 16
  - Negative influence: 2
  - DK/NA: 5
- **November 06:**
  - Positive influence: 62
  - Neither positive nor negative: 15
  - Both positive and negative: 20
  - Negative influence: 1
  - DK/NA: 2
- **August 06:**
  - Positive influence: 67
  - Neither positive nor negative: 15
  - Both positive and negative: 12
  - Negative influence: 2
  - DK/NA: 3
- **May 06:**
  - Positive influence: 66
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  - Both positive and negative: 11
  - Negative influence: 2
  - DK/NA: 6

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*ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007*
Should the government of Armenia agree to open the border for trade, etc., with Turkey even if the Turkish government does not recognize the genocide?

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Do you have friends or relatives working abroad?

- March 07: Yes 66, No 34
- November 06: Yes 66, No 34
- August 06: Yes 65, No 35
- May 06: Yes 61, No 39

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Do you personally benefit from remittances being sent from friends or relatives working abroad? (those who have friends or relatives abroad, %)

- **March 07 (N=796)**
  - Yes: 48%
  - No: 52%

- **November 06 (N=797)**
  - Yes: 56%
  - No: 44%

- **August 06 (N=780)**
  - Yes: 45%
  - No: 55%

- **May 06 (N=737)**
  - Yes: 45%
  - No: 55%

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**ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007**
Is a peaceful revolution, like what happened in other Commonwealth of Independent States countries, likely in Armenia? (%)
Should Armenia in the future…
March 2007 (%)

**Join NATO**
- Definitely yes: 12
- Probably yes: 32
- Probably no: 28
- Definitely no: 10
- DK/NA: 18

**Join European Union**
- Definitely yes: 38
- Probably yes: 47
- Probably no: 5
- Definitely no: 2
- DK/NA: 7

**Remain a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States**
- Definitely yes: 43
- Probably yes: 37
- Probably no: 9
- Definitely no: 2
- DK/NA: 10

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Should Armenia in the future…
November 2006 (%)
## Confidence In Institutions: March 2007 (%)

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HEROES OF OUR TIMES
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Of the prominent Armenian people and characters in Armenian history and folk culture, who is most suitable to be a national hero or leader in the present? (Open-ended question, %).
March 2007

- Vazgen Sargsyan: 20
- Andranik: 18
- Garegin Ndeh: 13
- Karen Demirchyan: 12
- Tigran Metz: 10
- Vardan Mamikonyan: 10
- Charles Aznavour: 4
- Monte Melkonyan: 4
- Dro: 3
- Marshal Baghramyan: 3
- Gevork Chaush: 2
- Kirk Krikoryan: 2
- Other: 23
- None: 16
- DK/NA:

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL VOTERS STUDY, March 2007
Heroes For Our Times

Of the prominent Armenian people and characters in Armenian history and folk culture, who is most suitable to be a national hero or leader in the present? (Open-ended question, %)

November 2006

- Vazgen Sargsyan: 15
- Andranik: 9
- Karen Demirchyan: 8
- Garegin Nzhdeh: 8
- Gagik Tsarukyan: 8
- Charles Aznavour: 5
- Monte Melkonyan: 5
- Tigran Metz: 5
- Dro: 4
- Vardan Mamikonyan: 4
- Artashes Gegamyan: 3
- Tigran Karapetyan: 2
- R.Kocharyan: 2
- Artur Baghdasaryan: 2
- Other: 23
- None: 11
- DK/NA: 12

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Tolerance
March 2007 (%)

- **It is a good thing for any society to be made up of people from different religions**
  - Tend to agree: 27%
  - Tend to disagree: 64%
  - DK/NA: 9%

- **Armenia has always consisted of various cultural and religious groups**
  - Tend to agree: 38%
  - Tend to disagree: 53%
  - DK/NA: 9%

- **In order to be fully accepted members of Armenian society, people belonging to these minority groups must give up such parts of their religion or culture which may be in conflict with Armenian tradition**
  - Tend to agree: 41%
  - Tend to disagree: 48%
  - DK/NA: 11%

- **Armenia has reached its limits; if there were to be more people belonging to religious minorities we would have problems**
  - Tend to agree: 48%
  - Tend to disagree: 40%
  - DK/NA: 12%

- **Whether people belonging to religious minority groups can be fully accepted members of Armenian society depends on which group they belong to**
  - Tend to agree: 37%
  - Tend to disagree: 47%
  - DK/NA: 16%

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Sources of Information in Election Campaigns
March 2007 (%)

Meetings with politicians
- Great influence: 25%
- Some influence: 36%
- Not much influence: 17%
- No influence at all: 18%
- DK/NA: 4%

Visits of party or candidate representatives to your home
- Great influence: 8%
- Some influence: 26%
- Not much influence: 22%
- No influence at all: 35%
- DK/NA: 9%

Personal letters to you from the candidate
- Great influence: 7%
- Some influence: 27%
- Not much influence: 18%
- No influence at all: 36%
- DK/NA: 12%

Articles in the newspapers about the candidates
- Great influence: 6%
- Some influence: 30%
- Not much influence: 26%
- No influence at all: 30%
- DK/NA: 5%

Leaflets
- Great influence: 5%
- Some influence: 25%
- Not much influence: 26%
- No influence at all: 39%
- DK/NA: 5%

Billboards
- Great influence: 2%
- Some influence: 17%
- Not much influence: 29%
- No influence at all: 47%
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Sources of Information in Election Campaigns
November 2006 (%)

Meetings with/opinions of respected people
- Great influence: 25%
- Some influence: 30%
- Not much influence: 20%
- No influence at all: 19%
- DK/NA: 6%

TV ads
- Great influence: 13%
- Some influence: 33%
- Not much influence: 28%
- No influence at all: 25%
- DK/NA: 2%

Visits of party or candidate representatives to your home
- Great influence: 9%
- Some influence: 19%
- Not much influence: 24%
- No influence at all: 38%
- DK/NA: 10%

Telephone calls to your home from the political party or candidate
- Great influence: 7%
- Some influence: 18%
- Not much influence: 23%
- No influence at all: 40%
- DK/NA: 12%

Leaflets
- Great influence: 4%
- Some influence: 27%
- Not much influence: 30%
- No influence at all: 35%
- DK/NA: 4%

Billboards
- Great influence: 3%
- Some influence: 23%
- Not much influence: 29%
- No influence at all: 36%
- DK/NA: 9%
Recall of communication means used during the last parliamentary election campaign (%)

- **TV ads**
  - March 07: 80%
  - November 06: 93%
  - August 06: 78%
  - May 06: 85%

- **Leaflets**
  - March 07: 59%
  - November 06: 42%
  - August 06: 46%
  - May 06: 41%

- **Slogans, texts on transport**
  - March 07: 54%
  - November 06: 53%
  - August 06: 54%
  - May 06: 45%

- **Articles in newspapers about the candidates**
  - March 07: 52%
  - November 06: 52%
  - August 06: 60%
  - May 06: 63%

- **Paid ads in media for the candidate or party**
  - March 07: 48%
  - November 06: 55%
  - August 06: 45%
  - May 06: 49%

- **Billboards**
  - March 07: 46%
  - November 06: 50%
  - August 06: 37%
  - May 06: 48%

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In your opinion, are people in Armenia afraid to openly express their political views?

- Majority are afraid
- Many are afraid
- Some are afraid
- Nobody is afraid
- DK/NA

**March 07:**
- Majority are afraid: 23
- Many are afraid: 28
- Some are afraid: 32
- Nobody is afraid: 17

**November 06:**
- Majority are afraid: 28
- Many are afraid: 33
- Some are afraid: 23
- Nobody is afraid: 15

**August 06:**
- Majority are afraid: 26
- Many are afraid: 32
- Some are afraid: 23
- Nobody is afraid: 17

**May 06:**
- Majority are afraid: 25
- Many are afraid: 34
- Some are afraid: 20
- Nobody is afraid: 13

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Trust in Elections

How fraudulent was the referendum of 2005? (10 - very fraudulent, 1 - not at all fraudulent)

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The next parliamentary elections will be (%)

- Free and fair
- Not free and fair
- No opinion

March 07:
- 22% Free and fair
- 59% Not free and fair
- 19% No opinion

November 06:
- 20% Free and fair
- 69% Not free and fair
- 11% No opinion

August 06:
- 14% Free and fair
- 78% Not free and fair
- 9% No opinion

May 06:
- 17% Free and fair
- 70% Not free and fair
- 13% No opinion
How fraudulent will the upcoming parliamentary elections be? (10 - very fraudulent, 1 - not at all fraudulent)

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Do you think that the Armenian government is implementing anti-fraud measures for the parliamentary elections and that they will indeed be free and fair?

- No, it is not sincere and there will not be improvement: March 07: 20%, November 06: 15%, August 06: 11%, May 06: 17%
- Yes, it is implementing measures of this kind and there will be improvement: March 07: 50%, November 06: 62%, August 06: 73%, May 06: 61%
SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS
Education

- University, higher: 30%
- Secondary: 33%
- Vocational: 21%
- Unfinished higher: 11%
- Unfinished secondary: 6%
- Primary: 1%

Household Size

- Five: 23%
- Four: 29%
- Three: 15%
- Two: 10%
- One: 4%
- Six and more: 7%
- Seven and more: 12%

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Sector of Employment

- Unemployed: 58%
- Private: 24%
- State: 17%
- Nongovernmental: 1%

Membership in Organizations

- None: 88%
- Member of a party: 10%
- Member of nongovernmental organization: 2%
Religion

- Armenian Apostolic: 97%
- Yezidi: 0%
- Other Christian: 1%
- Other: 1%
- None: 1%

Attendance of Religious Service

- Never: 10%
- Every day: 1%
- A few times a week: 2%
- Once a week: 6%
- A few times per year: 58%
- Once a month: 23%
- Every day: 1%
- Never: 10%
Area of Residence

- Capital: 36%
- Towns: 30%
- Rural: 34%

Regions

- Yerevan: 36%
- West-Center: 29%
- South: 7%
- North: 21%
- East: 7%