Armenia National Study

October 27 – November 3, 2007

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Armenian Sociological Association
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METHODOLOGY

- This national representative survey was conducted on October 27 – November 3, 2007, by the Armenian Sociological Association (ASA) for Baltic Surveys/Gallup on behalf of the International Republican Institute.
- The sample consisted of 1,200 Armenian residents over the age of 18 and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education and religion.
- The sample design was a multi-stage random sample.
  - Stage One: Break country into official administrative regions.
  - Stage Two: Select clusters of sampling points based on settlement population (large, medium, small towns and villages). One sample point = approximately one percent of survey population (10-12 surveys). Sampling points in each region were selected based on the percentage of population living in the various levels of settlement in that same region.
- Respondents were selected by the random route method, using the next birthday rule to select a respondent from within a household.
- Data is collected through face-to-face interviews with the respondents.
- Poll was conducted nationwide, including the capital and all major regional centers.
- The margin of error does not exceed three percent.
Gender

- Male: 47%
- Female: 53%

Age groups

- 18-29: 27%
- 30-49: 42%
- 50+: 31%
Education

- University, higher: 27%
- Secondary: 33%
- Vocational: 20%
- Unfinished secondary: 5%
- Unfinished higher: 11%
- Primary: 1%

Household Size

- Four: 25%
- Five: 19%
- Six: 14%
- Seven and more: 7%
- One: 6%
- Two: 13%
- Three: 16%

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Sector of Employment

- Don't work: 55%
- Private: 30%
- State: 14%
- Nongovernmental: 1%

Membership in Organizations

- None: 88%
- Member of a party: 11%
- Member of nongovernmental organization: 1%
Religion

- None: 2%
- Other: 1%
- Other Christian: 0.2%
- Yezidi: 0.1%
- Armenian Apostolic: 97%

Attendance of Religious Service

- Never: 10%
- Every Day: 0.5%
- A few times a week: 3%
- Once a week: 9%
- Every month: 22%
- A few times per year: 56%
- Never: 10%
Type of Settlement

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

Regions

- Yerevan: 36%
- West Center: 29%
- North: 21%
- South: 7%
- East: 7%
Generally speaking, do you think that things in Armenia are going in the right direction or wrong direction?

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Over the last three months, the economic situation in Armenia has…

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

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Jul. 2007 | 3 | 29 | 39 | 20 | 7 | 1 |
Mar. 2007 | 1 | 28 | 49 | 13 | 7 | 2 |
Nov. 2006 | 3 | 31 | 40 | 16 | 7 | 3 |
Aug. 2006 | 2 | 37 | 39 | 15 | 6 | 1 |
May 2005 | 4 | 38 | 33 | 13 | 10 | 2 |
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

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

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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?

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
What are your personal expectations for the future of Armenia?

- 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 definitely be better
Are you optimistic or pessimistic for the future?

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
Over the last year, your attitude towards the way things are developing in Armenia has become…

- **More pessimistic**
- **Stayed the same**
- **More optimistic**

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
What are the main problems Armenia is facing at the moment? October 2007

- Unemployment
- Social-economic situation
- Problem of Nagorno Karabakh
- Development of the economy, industry
- Corruption
- Increase of pensions, salaries
- Recognition of genocide
- Foreign policy
- Migration
- Change of the government, elections
- Wrong internal policy
- Implementation of laws
- Educational issues, culture
- Stability
- Turkish blockade
- Other
- DK/NA

* Between 1991-1994 Armenia and Azerbaijan engaged in military conflict for possession of this disputed territory
What are three main problems you would say your town/village is facing at the moment? October 2007

Unemployment: 22/27
Transport, road conditions: 20/32
Sanitation: 11/21
Housing, communal services: 10/18
Development of economy/industry/agriculture: 8/14
Low salaries, pensions, high prices: 4/8
Ecology: 3/5
Creation of places for entertainment, leisure: 3/8
Illegal construction: 2/6
Problem of education: 2/3
Maintenance of apartments: 1/3
Corruption: 1/2
Implementing the laws, protection of human rights: 1/2
Migration: 1/3
Other: 3/8
DK/NA: 9/9
What are the three most important problems for you and your household members? October 2007

- Social-economic situation: First mention 36, All mentions 47
- Unemployment: First mention 19, All mentions 26
- Education, health: First mention 7, All mentions 12
- Low salary: First mention 6, All mentions 10
- Maintenance of apartments: First mention 5, All mentions 9
- Labour migration/migration: First mention 3, All mentions 4
- Decision of communal problems: First mention 3, All mentions 5
- Housing, communal services: First mention 1, All mentions 3
- No problems: First mention 2, All mentions 2
- Unsatisfactory communal services: First mention 1, All mentions 3
- Other: First mention 4, All mentions 9
- DK/NA: First mention 13, All mentions 13
Thinking about the current situation and future of your country, what are the three things that you are most afraid of?

October 2007

- War: 29 first mentions, 33 all mentions
- Unemployment: 11 first mentions, 13 all mentions
- Problems of Nagorno Karabakh: 10 first mentions, 13 all mentions
- Social-economic situation: 7 first mentions, 16 all mentions
- Corruption: 3 first mentions, 5 all mentions
- Migration: 2 first mentions, 6 all mentions
- Not developing of economy: 2 first mentions, 3 all mentions
- Lack of recognition of the genocide: 2 first mentions, 3 all mentions
- Bad relations with other countries: 2 first mentions, 2 all mentions
- Bad ecological situation: 1 first mention, 2 all mentions
- Elections: 1 first mention, 2 all mentions
- National calamities, epidemic: 1 first mention, 3 all mentions
- Other: 9 first mentions, 18 all mentions
- DK/NA: 21 first mentions, 21 all mentions

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POLITICS
What should the Armenian government accomplish first to attract the support of the majority of the Armenian population?

October 2007

- Create jobs: All mentions 32, First mention 21
- Fulfill promises: All mentions 15, First mention 12
- Improve social-economic situation: All mentions 20, First mention 11
- Increase salaries, pensions: All mentions 22, First mention 10
- Improve living conditions: All mentions 13, First mention 7
- Fight corruption: All mentions 12, First mention 7
- Develop economy: All mentions 10, First mention 5
- Stabilize prices: All mentions 4, First mention 2
- Increase Democracy: All mentions 3, First mention 2
- Implement laws: All mentions 4
- Reverse poor policies: All mentions 4
- Return Soviet era banking deposits: All mentions 3
- Lower taxes: All mentions 3
- Slow migration from Armenia: All mentions 3
- Improvement of the educational system: All mentions 4
- Solve the problem of Nagorno Karabakh: All mentions 3
- Other: All mentions 12, First mention 5
- DK/NA: All mentions 10, First mention 10

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How much interest do you have in politics?

**Chart:**

- **Oct. 2007:** Low interest 30, Medium interest 28, High interest 41, DK/NA 1
- **Jul. 2007:** Low interest 39, Medium interest 32, High interest 28
- **Mar. 2007:** Low interest 34, Medium interest 30, High interest 35
- **Nov. 2006:** Low interest 37, Medium interest 25, High interest 37
- **Aug. 2006:** Low interest 39, Medium interest 30, High interest 31
- **May 2006:** Low interest 35, Medium interest 27, High interest 37

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Do you plan on voting in the next presidential election?

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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

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All other things being equal, would you vote for…

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

Oct. 2007:
- More active, younger candidate: 30
- More experienced, older: 60
- Does not matter: 9
- No answer: 1

Jul. 2007:
- More active, younger candidate: 27
- More experienced, older: 50
- Does not matter: 21
- No answer: 2

Mar. 2007:
- More active, younger candidate: 32
- More experienced, older: 53
- Does not matter: 13
- No answer: 2

Nov. 2006:
- More active, younger candidate: 35
- More experienced, older: 48
- Does not matter: 15
- No answer: 2

Aug. 2006:
- More active, younger candidate: 33
- More experienced, older: 51
- Does not matter: 15
- No answer: 1

May 2006:
- More active, younger candidate: 32
- More experienced, older: 55
- Does not matter: 10
- No answer: 3

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
All other things being equal, would you vote for...

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What are the major mistakes and failures of the Armenian authorities over the last year? October 2007

- Did not prevent rise of prices: 26, 33
- Did not fight enough against corruption: 8, 11
- Failed to address economic and business issues: 4, 8
- Sale of important objects: 3, 5
- Ignored laws: 3, 4
- Initiated unnecessary construction: 3, 5
- Lack of attention to people: 2, 3
- Falsification of the 2005 constitutional referendum: 2, 4
- Growth in unemployment: 1, 2
- Not fulfilling promises: 1, 3
- Legal infringements: 1, 2
- All steps: 1
- Other: 7
- DK/NA: 36

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The wrongdoing and corruption of political leaders and authorities is...
How would you evaluate the current state of relations between Armenia and each of the following? October 2007

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

- Russia: 90% Partners, 10% Threats
- France: 58% Partners, 2% Threats
- Iran: 32% Partners, 14% Threats
- European Union: 33% Partners, 4% Threats
- USA: 16% Partners, 10% Threats
- Georgia: 13% Partners, 22% Threats
- Turkey: 2% Partners, 78% Threats
- Azerbaijan: 0.4% Partners, 86% Threats
- None: 1% Partners, 1% Threats
- DK/NA: 1% Partners, 2% Threats

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How important is it for Armenia to solve the problems related to Nagorno Karabakh in the near future?

Oct. 2007: 69% Very important, 25% Rather important, 4% Not very important, 1% Not at all important, 1% DK / NA

Jul. 2007: 64% Very important, 27% Rather important, 5% Not very important, 2% Not at all important, 0.5% DK / NA

Mar. 2007: 70% Very important, 27% Rather important, 2% Not very important, 1% Not at all important, 0.5% DK / NA

Nov. 2006: 72% Very important, 24% Rather important, 3% Not very important, 1% Not at all important, 0.3% DK / NA

Aug. 2006: 75% Very important, 21% Rather important, 2% Not very important, 1% Not at all important, 0.3% DK / NA

May 2006: 77% Very important, 20% Rather important, 2% Not very important, 1% Not at all important, 0.2% DK / NA

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Regarding 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

Survey data from different months:
- Oct. 2007
- Jul. 2007
- Mar. 2007
- Nov. 2006
- Aug. 2006
- May 2006
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?

- **Oct. 2007**: 79% Negotiations and peaceful means, 18% Using force if necessary, 3% DK/NA
- **Jul. 2007**: 81% Negotiations and peaceful means, 18% Using force if necessary, 3% DK/NA
- **Mar. 2007**: 78% Negotiations and peaceful means, 19% Using force if necessary, 3% DK/NA
- **Nov. 2006**: 86% Negotiations and peaceful means, 13% Using force if necessary, 1% DK/NA
- **Aug. 2006**: 82% Negotiations and peaceful means, 17% Using force if necessary, 1% DK/NA
- **May 2006**: 85% Negotiations and peaceful means, 13% Using force if necessary, 2% DK/NA

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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?

![Survey Results Chart]

Positive influence | Neither positive nor negative | Both positive and negative | Negative influence | DK/NA
Oct. 2007 | 65 | 16 | 14 | 1 | 4
Jul. 2007 | 65 | 18 | 12 | 1 | 4
Mar. 2007 | 66 | 11 | 16 | 2 | 5
Nov. 2006 | 62 | 15 | 20 | 1 | 2
Aug. 2006 | 67 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 3
May 2006 | 66 | 16 | 11 | 2 | 6

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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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ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
Do you personally benefit from remittances being sent from friends or relatives working abroad? (Those who have friends or relatives abroad)

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**ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007**
In which countries do you have relatives working?  
(N=682)

- Russia: 69
- USA: 20
- France: 6
- Germany: 5
- Belgium: 4
- Greece: 3
- Ukraine: 2
- Commonwealth of Independent States: 2
- Spain: 2
- Austria: 2
- Holland: 2
- Canada: 1
- Poland: 1
- Italy: 1
- Other: 7
- DK/NA: 2
### Do you think Russia is a trustworthy ally of Armenia?

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
In your opinion, should Armenia in the future…

October 2007

Join NATO

Join European Union

Remain a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States

Definitely yes
Probably yes
Probably no
Definitely no
DK/NA
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SITUATION OF SOCIAL GROUPS IN ARMENIA
Are the needs of the following social groups considered in Armenia? October 2007

- Youth: 10 (Considered), 56 (Partially), 31 (Not considered at all), 3 (DK/NA)
- Elderly: 6 (Considered), 56 (Partially), 36 (Not considered at all), 2 (DK/NA)
- Women: 3 (Considered), 41 (Partially), 53 (Not considered at all), 4 (DK/NA)
- Disabled: 7 (Considered), 56 (Partially), 33 (Not considered at all), 4 (DK/NA)
- War veterans: 8 (Considered), 52 (Partially), 34 (Not considered at all), 6 (DK/NA)
- Refugees: 10 (Considered), 48 (Partially), 35 (Not considered at all), 7 (DK/NA)

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
What is the prevailing attitude of the Armenian population towards disabled persons in Armenia?

Oct. 2007
- Very positive: 25
- Rather positive: 53
- Rather negative: 15
- Very negative: 4
- DK/NA: 3

Jul. 2007
- Very positive: 17
- Rather positive: 44
- Rather negative: 26
- Very negative: 9
- DK/NA: 4

Mar. 2007
- Very positive: 21
- Rather positive: 51
- Rather negative: 15
- Very negative: 5
- DK/NA: 7

IRI, USAID, Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization, ASA ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
In your opinion, do disabled people in Armenia have adequate access to the social services?

- The majority of disabled people have no adequate access to social services: 39
- Only some services are accessible for disabled people: 44
- The majority of social services are accessible for disabled people: 9

**Survey Details:**
- **Survey:** ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
- **Organizations:** IRI, USAID, Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization, ASA

**Timeline:**
- Oct. 2007: 48% DK/NA, 9% no adequate access, 40% other services
- Jul. 2007: 44% DK/NA, 4% no adequate access, 49% other services
- Mar. 2007: 44% DK/NA, 8% no adequate access, 39% other services
Who holds the primary responsibility for taking care of the needs of the disabled?

- Government of Armenia: 95% (Oct. 2007), 95% (Jul. 2007), 97% (Mar. 2007)
- Family members, relatives: 74% (Oct. 2007), 92% (Jul. 2007), 92% (Mar. 2007)
- Local government: 74% (Oct. 2007), 87% (Jul. 2007), 87% (Mar. 2007)
- Nongovernmental Organizations: 76% (Oct. 2007), 84% (Jul. 2007), 87% (Mar. 2007)
- Political parties: 68% (Oct. 2007), 82% (Jul. 2007), 78% (Mar. 2007)
- Other: 2% (Oct. 2007), 78% (Jul. 2007), 78% (Mar. 2007)

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
Do the following properly take care of the needs and problems of disabled people in Armenia? October 2007

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Which institutions, organizations, and nongovernmental organizations care about the needs and problems of disabled people in Armenia? October 2007

- Red Cross: 13
- Pyunik organization for the disabled: 3
- Prosperous Armenia Party: 3
- Paros: 3
- Bridge of Hope: 2
- World Vision: 1
- Union of the Disabled: 1
- United Nations: 1
- Government of Armenia: 1
- Other: 13
- DK/NA: 67
In your opinion, do disabled people in Armenia have adequate opportunities for active participation in political life?

- **Oct. 2007**
  - Yes, have all opportunities: 8
  - Yes, have some opportunities: 53
  - No, have no opportunities: 34
  - DK/NA: 5

- **Jul. 2007**
  - Yes, have all opportunities: 6
  - Yes, have some opportunities: 41
  - No, have no opportunities: 50
  - DK/NA: 3

- **Mar. 2007**
  - Yes, have all opportunities: 6
  - Yes, have some opportunities: 44
  - No, have no opportunities: 41
  - DK/NA: 10

**Source:** IRI, USAID, Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization, ASA  ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
In your opinion, do disabled members of society in Armenia face challenges in finding employment opportunities?

Oct. 2007
- No, they do not have the difficulties: 2
- Yes, they have some difficulties: 65
- Yes, they have major difficulties: 31
- DK/NA: 2

Jul. 2007
- No, they do not have the difficulties: 2
- Yes, they have some difficulties: 57
- Yes, they have major difficulties: 40
- DK/NA: 2
In your opinion, do people who use wheelchairs have adequate access to public places?

- **Oct. 2007**
  - DK/NA: 4
  - Yes, they have an adequate access in a majority of places: 46
  - No, they do not have adequate access in the majority of places: 5
  - Yes, they have access but only in some places: 38

- **Jul. 2007**
  - DK/NA: 3
  - Yes, they have an adequate access in a majority of places: 54
  - No, they do not have adequate access in the majority of places: 5
  - Yes, they have access but only in some places: 38
Do members of society who are disabled face challenges in seeking higher education?

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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?
It is a good thing for any society to be made up of people from different religions.

Armenia has always consisted of various cultural and religious groups.

In order to be fully accepted members of Armenian society, people belonging to minority groups must give-up such parts of their religion or culture which may be in conflict with Armenian tradition.

Armenia has reached its limits; if there were to be more people belonging to religious minorities we would have problems.

Whether people belonging to religious minority groups can be fully accepted as members of Armenian society depends on the group of which they are a part.
SOURCES OF INFORMATION
Which of these sources do you use to obtain political information?

- TV - news, programs: 99%
- Relatives, friends: 40%
- Articles in newspapers: 46%
- Radio - news, programs: 38%
- Colleagues at work: 10%
- Meetings with politicians: 12%
- Billboards, stands in the streets: 12%
- Internet: 10%
- Articles in magazines: 11%
- Leaflets, and other free information by post: 7%
In general, how much influence does each of these forms of election campaigning have on you during a political campaign? October 2007

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
How well do you recall the means of communication used during the last parliamentary election campaign?

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How well do you recall the means of communication used during the last parliamentary election campaign? (continued)

Meetings with politicians you participated in

Radio ads

Meetings with popular people you participated in

Visits of party or candidate representatives to your home

Telephone calls to your home from the political party or candidate

Personal letters to you from the candidate

Oct. 2007  
Jul. 2007  
Mar. 2007  
Nov. 2006

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ARMENIAN NATIONAL STUDY, October 2007
**In your opinion, are people in Armenia afraid to openly express their political views?**

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

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