Kazakhstan National Opinion Poll

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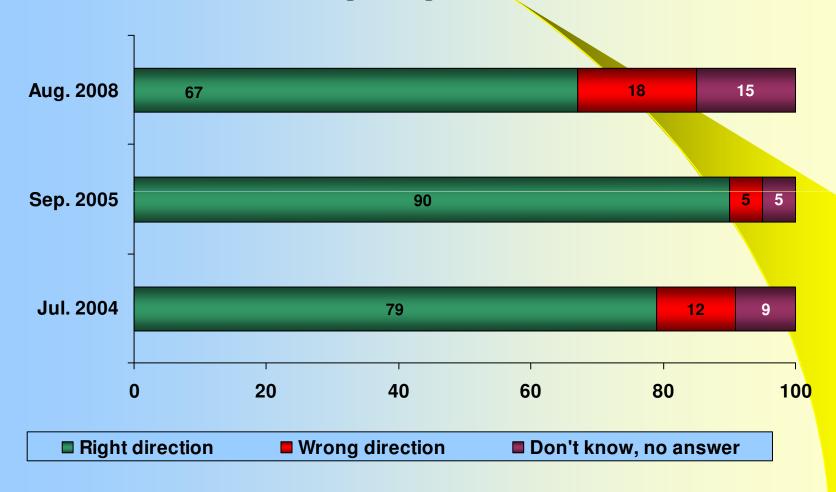


METHODOLOGY

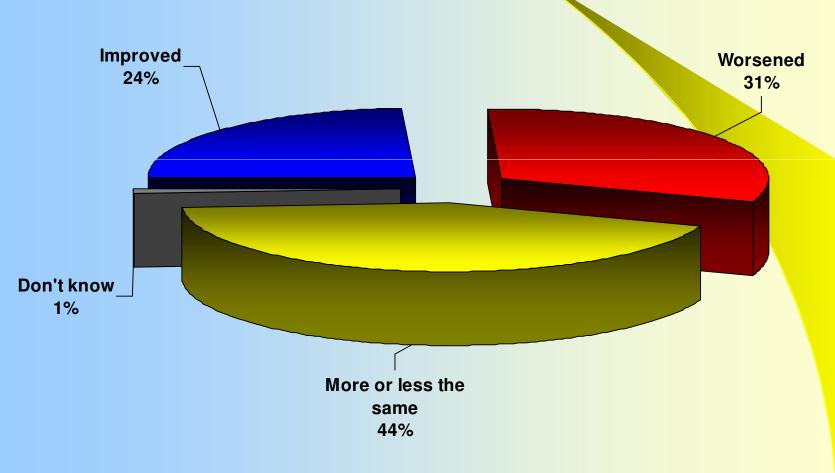
- The national representative survey was carried out from July 28 to August 9, 2008. The study was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization (Dr. R. Alisauskiene). The fieldwork was carried out by the Institute for Comparative Social Research (CESSI-Kazakhstan).
- The eligibility criteria was based on age (18 years and older). The sample was 1,524 Kazakh participants who were interviewed face-to-face in their homes.
- The sample design was a multi-stage probability sample.
 - Stage one: the sample was stratified into 16 regions.
 - Stage two: the sample was further stratified into rural, urban and metropolitan sampling units.
 - Stage three: Primary Sampling Units (PSU) were described.
- The closest birthday rule was used for the selection of the respondent. The households were selected using random route method.
- The sample was distributed at the regional level, in rural and urban areas, in all 16 regions of Kazakhstan.
- The response rate was 68 percent.
- The margin of error for the survey results does not exceed three percent.
- One hundred and twenty-five interviewers worked on the study, on average completing 10-12 interviews in one PSU. The interviews were done in Russian, Kazakh and Uzbek languages.

POLITICAL INDICATORS INDEX

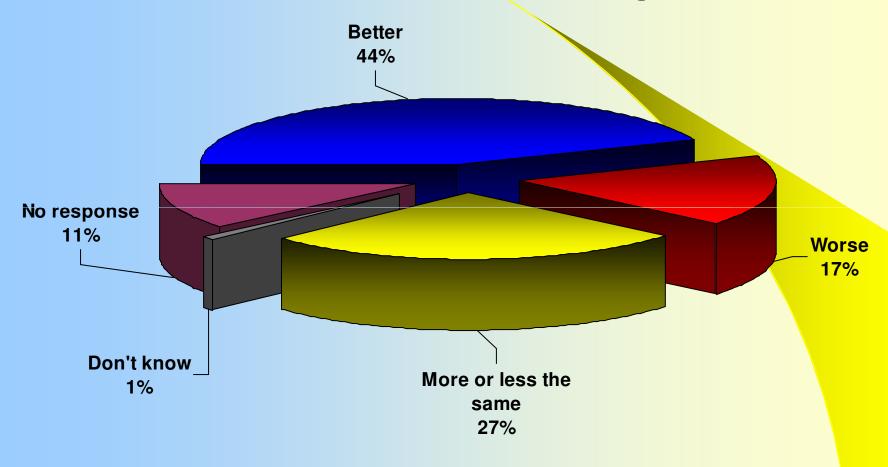
Generally speaking, things in Kazakhstan are going in the...



In the past year your personal financial situation...

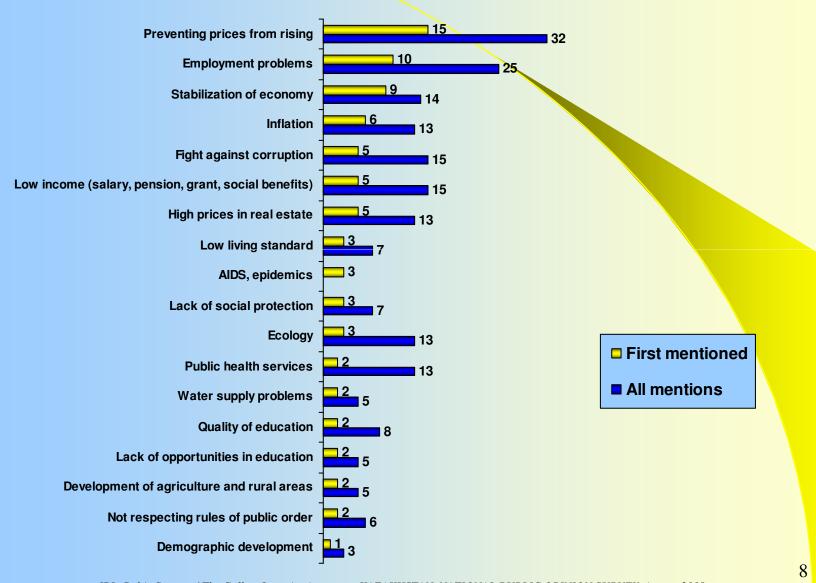


In the next year, do you expect the economic situation in Kazakhstan to get...

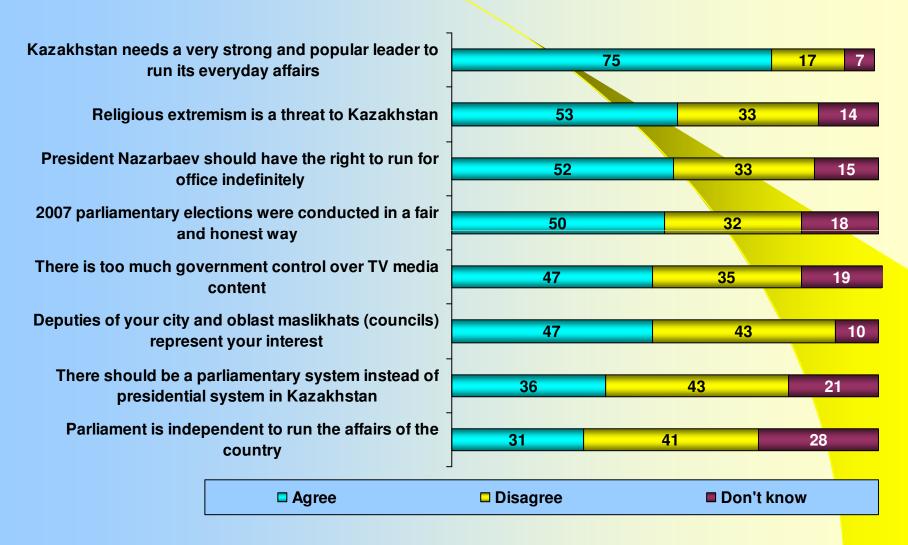


ISSUES INDEX

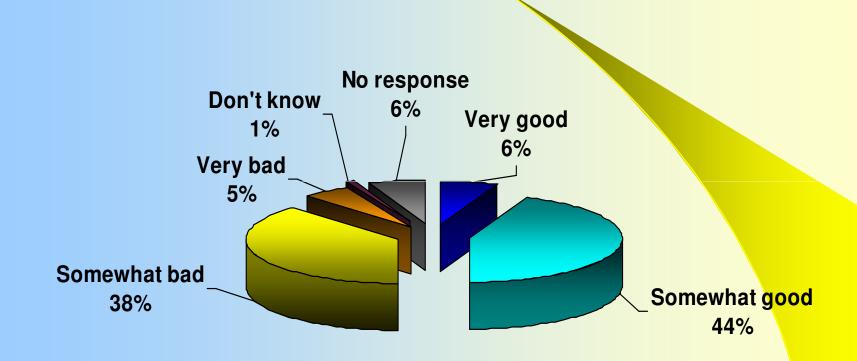
In your opinion, what is the most important issue Kazakhstan is facing?



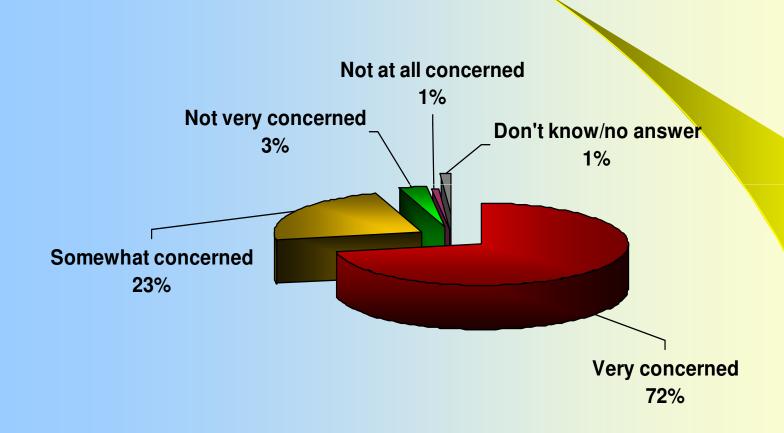
How much do you agree with each of following statements?



How would you describe the current economic situation in Kazakhstan?

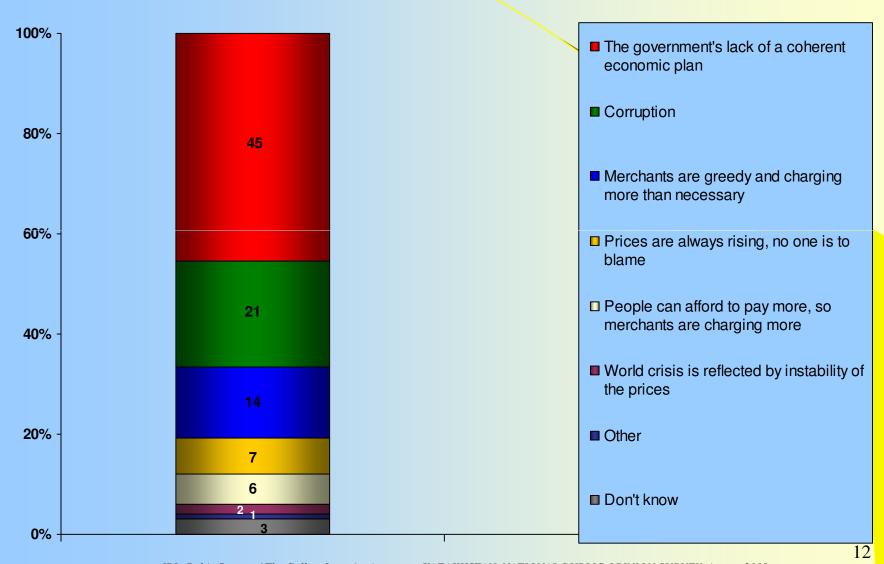


What is your opinion about high prices?

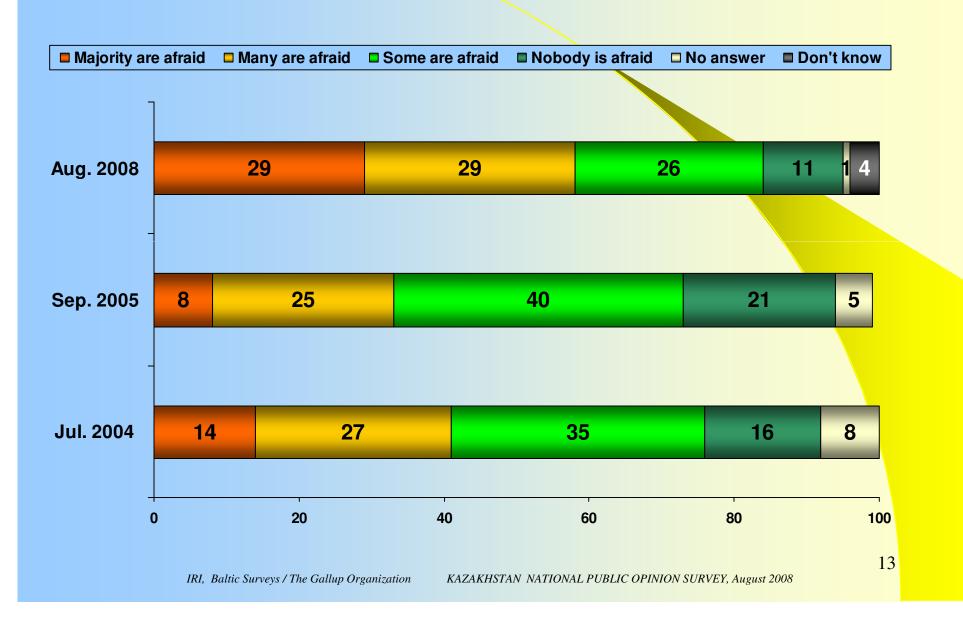


In your view, which of the following is mostly to blame for high prices?

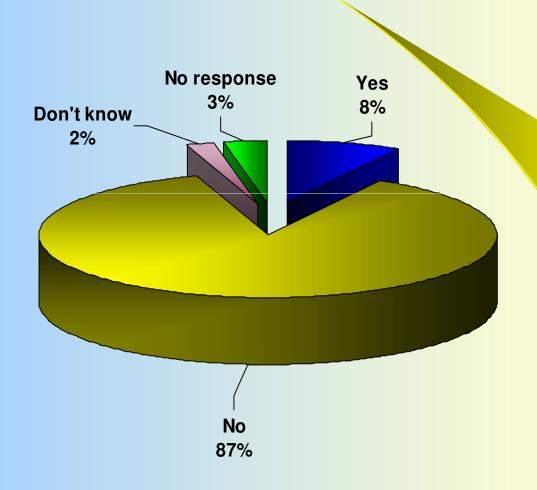
(Respondents who are very or somewhat concerned about high prices. N=1,455)



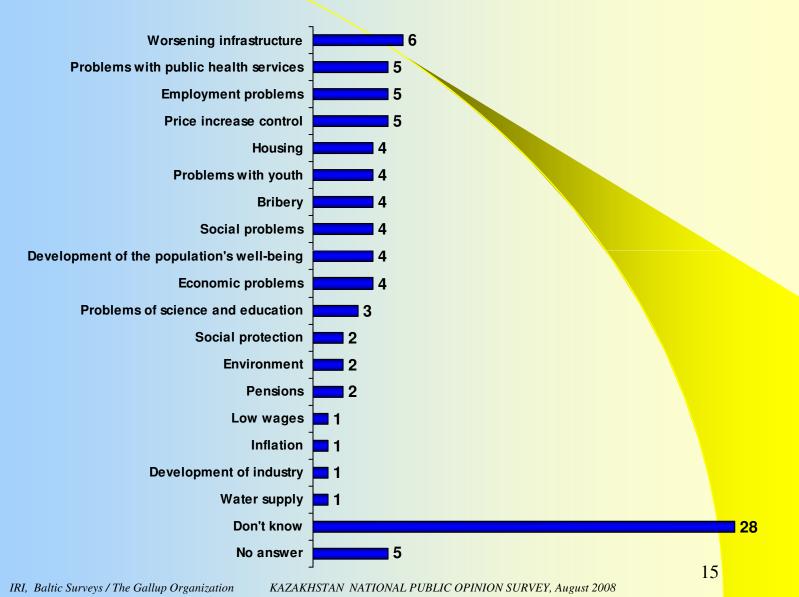
Are people in Kazakhstan afraid to openly express their political views?



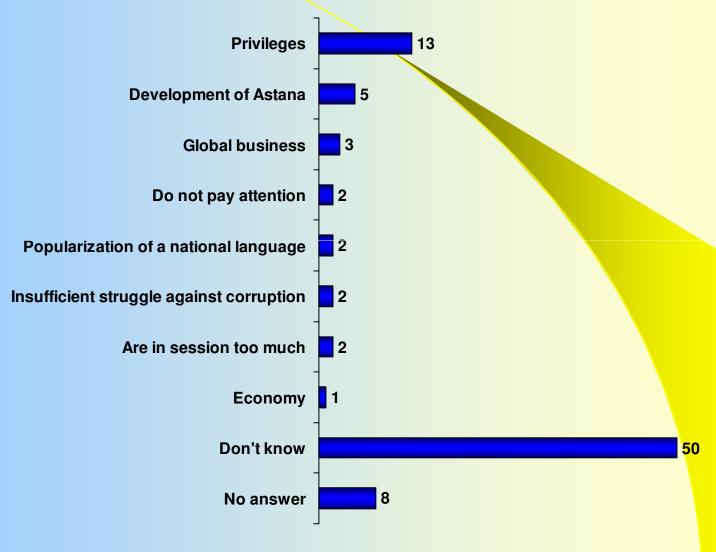
In the past year, has any political party member contacted you about any issue of importance to you?



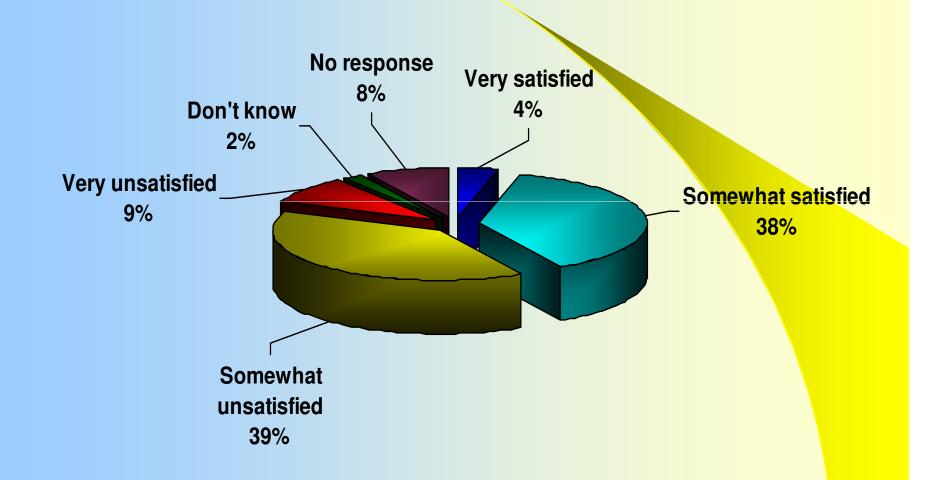
In your opinion, which issue/problem do politicians talk too little about?



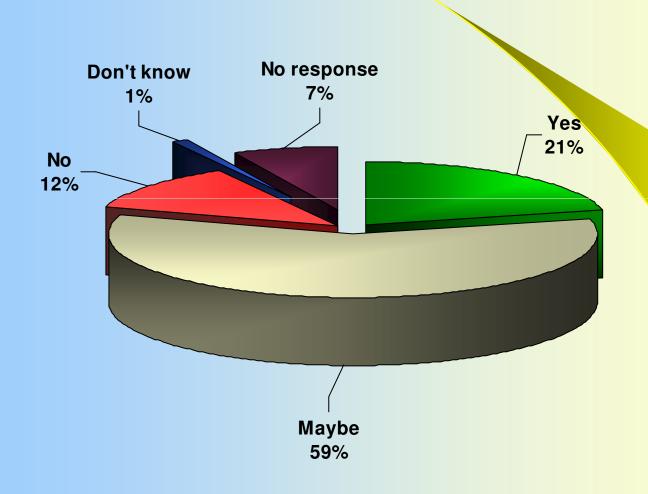
In your opinion, what do politicians talk too much about?



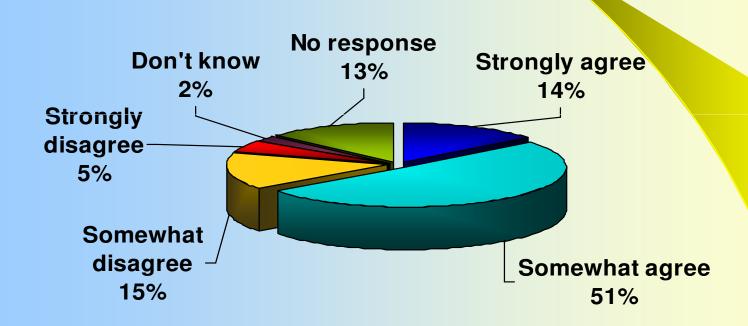
Are you satisfied with the quality of work provided by the local government in your city/village?



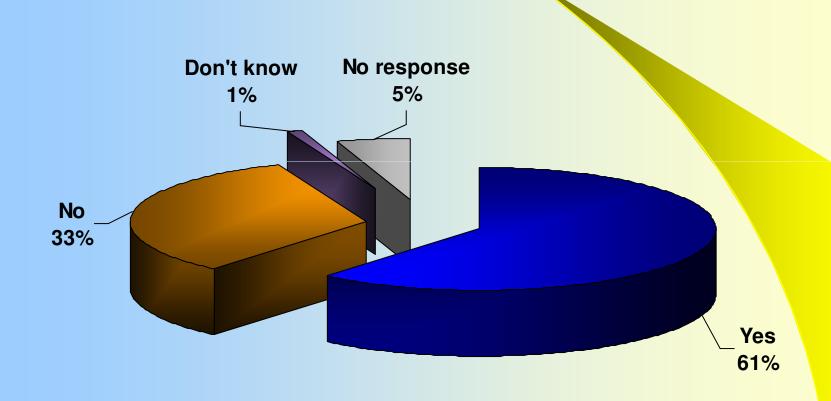
Do you believe that democracy will improve your life?



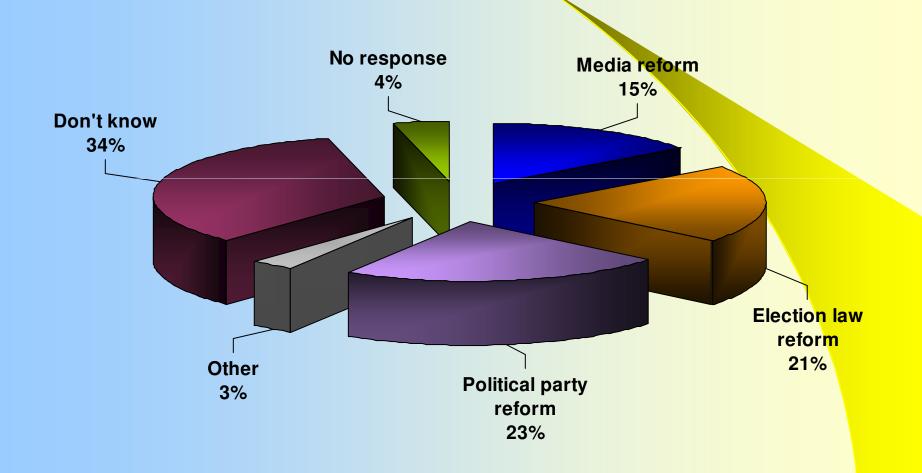
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Kazakhstan has progressed in its transition to a democracy?



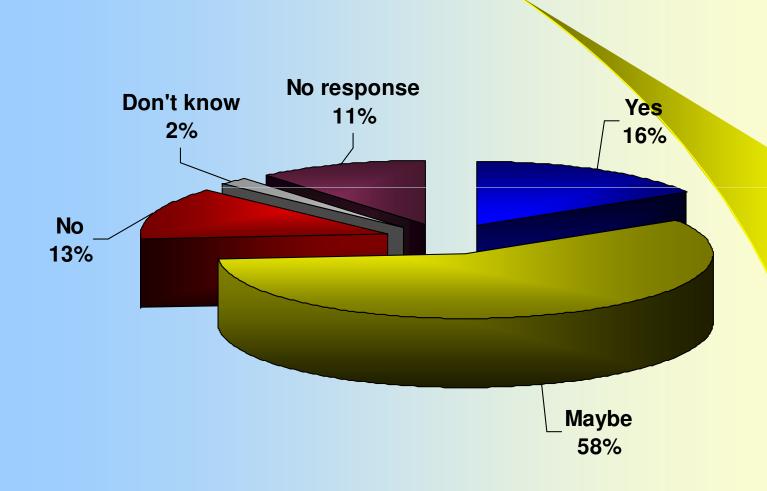
Have you personally heard or read anything about Kazakhstan's successful bid to chair the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in 2010?



As Kazakhstan prepares to lead the OSCE in 2010, the government has said that it is going to implement democratic reforms. In which of the following areas do you believe reform is most needed?

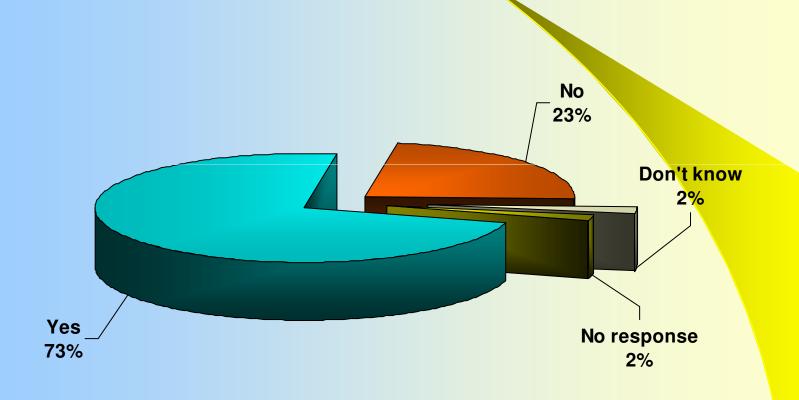


Do you believe that the government is committed to make these democratic reforms that will lead to further liberalization and openness?



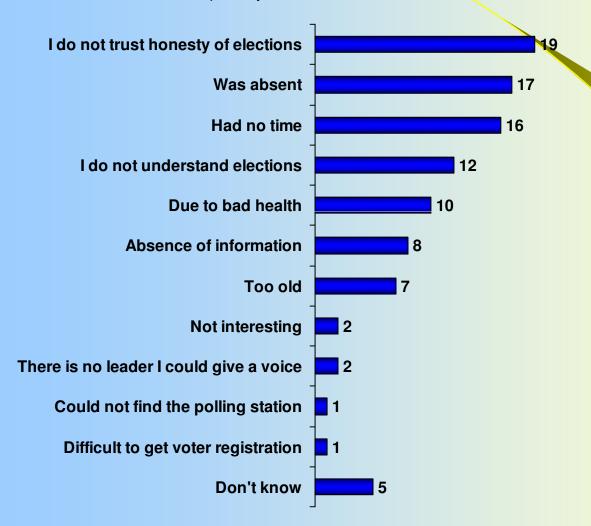
ELECTION INDEX

Did you vote in the parliamentary election in August 2007?



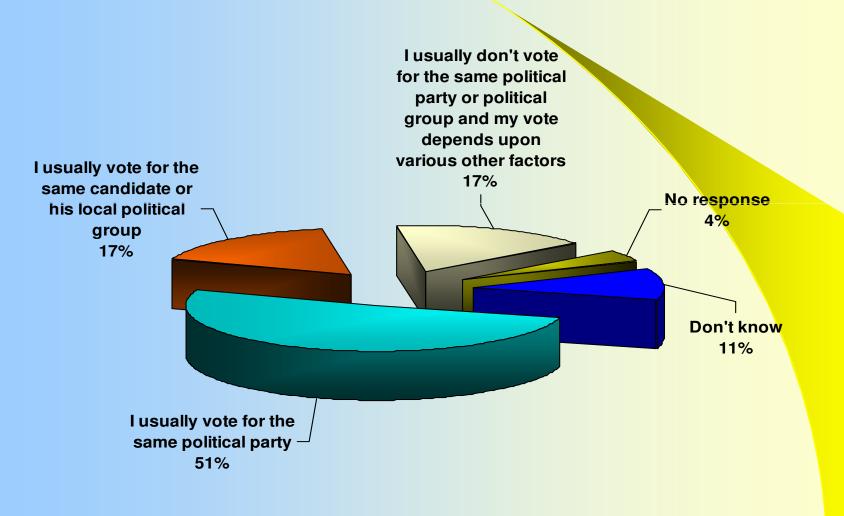
What is the reason you did not vote in parliamentary election in August 2007?

(Respondents who did not vote. N=360)

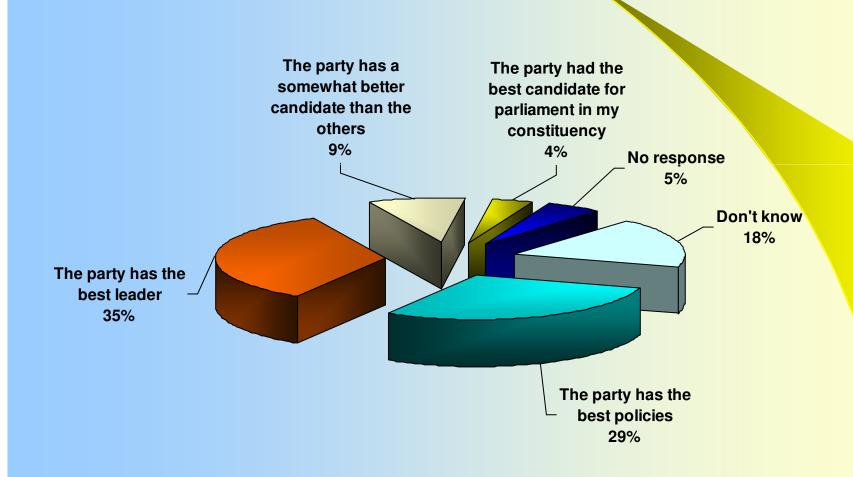


Which of the following statements best describes how you voted in the August 2007 parliamentary elections?

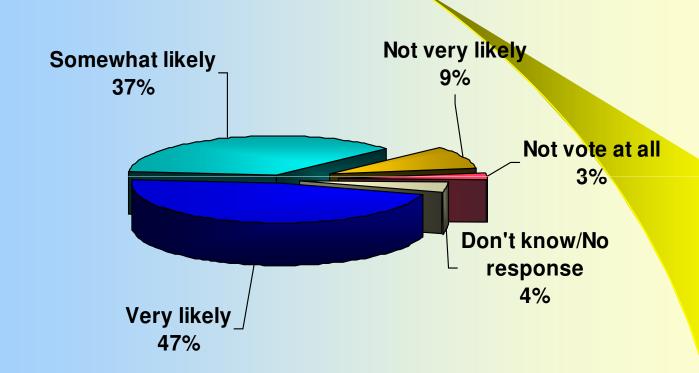
(Respondents who voted. N=1,113)



Which of the following best describes your reason for voting for a particular party instead of another party?

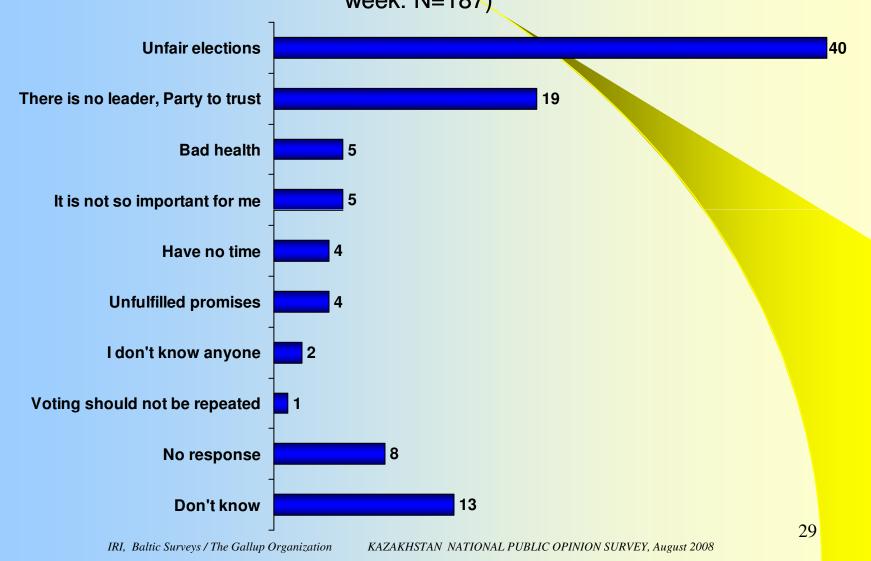


If the parliamentary elections were held next week, how likely is it that you would vote?

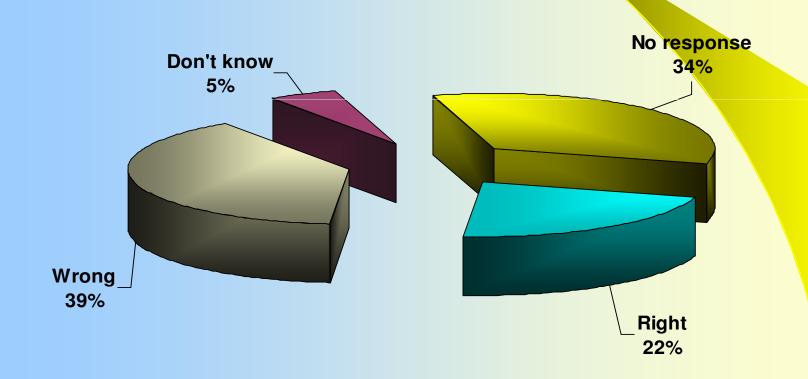


If the parliamentary elections were held next week, why wouldn't you vote?

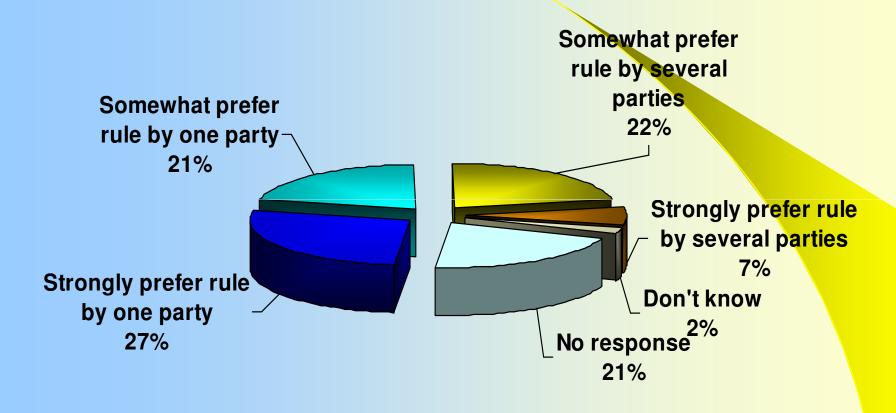
(Respondents who are not going to vote if parliamentary elections are held next week. N=187)



Since Democratic Choice of Kazakhstan (DCK) was banned in 2005, its successor Alga has been unable to obtain registration with the Ministry of Justice. Do you believe that is right or wrong for the government to deny legal status to a major opposition party?

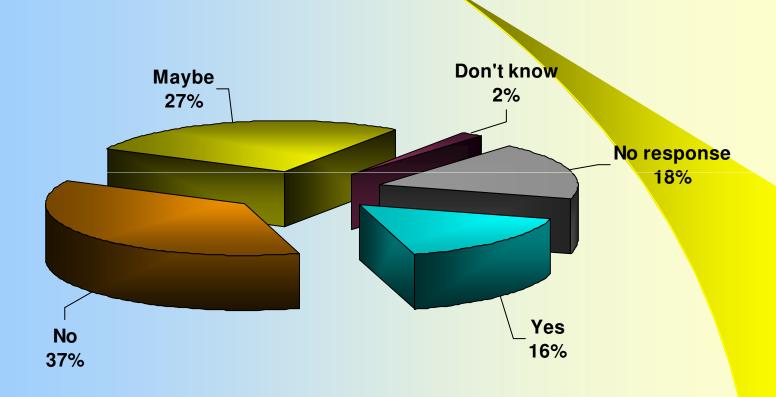


In principle, do you prefer rule by one party or by a coalition of several parties?

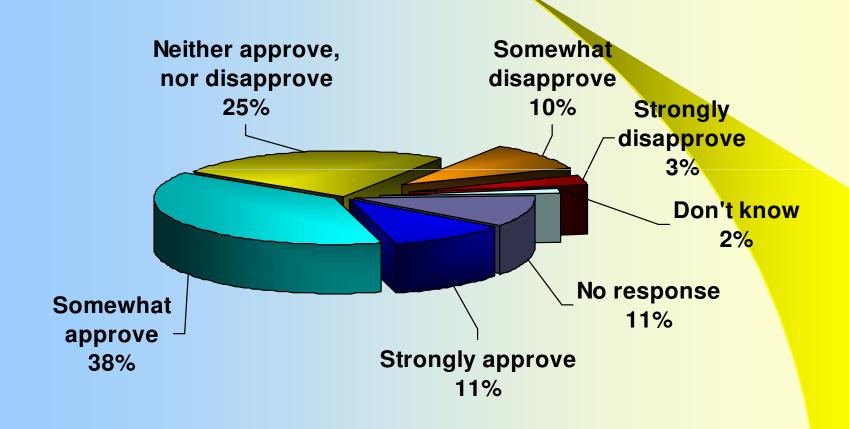


LEADERSHIP RATINGS

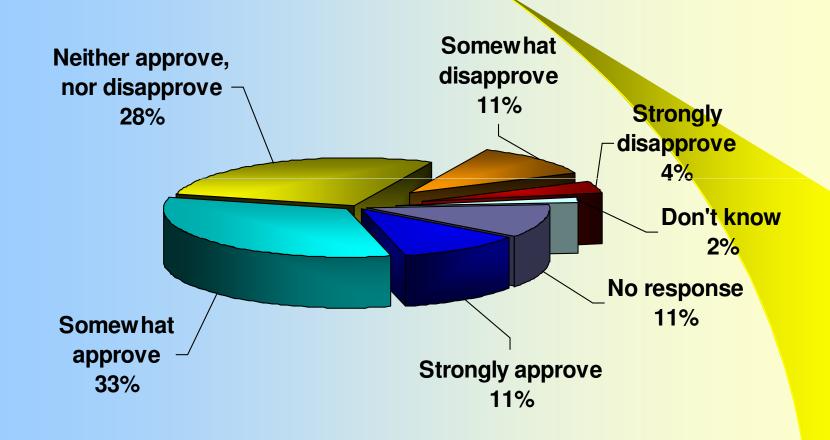
If the opposition political parties decided to form a Grand Opposition Alliance, would you support this grand alliance or not?



Do you approve or disapprove of the way your regional akim (governor) is handling his job?

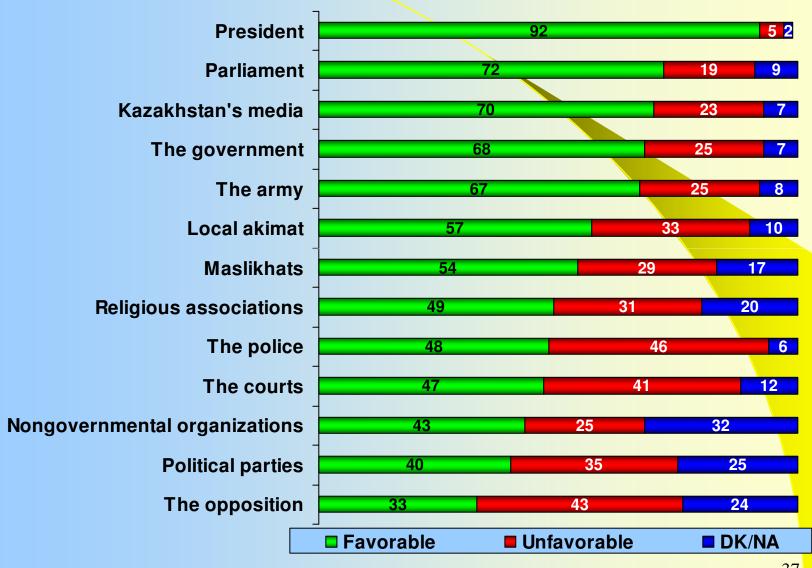


Do you approve or disapprove of the way your district akim (governor) is handling his job?



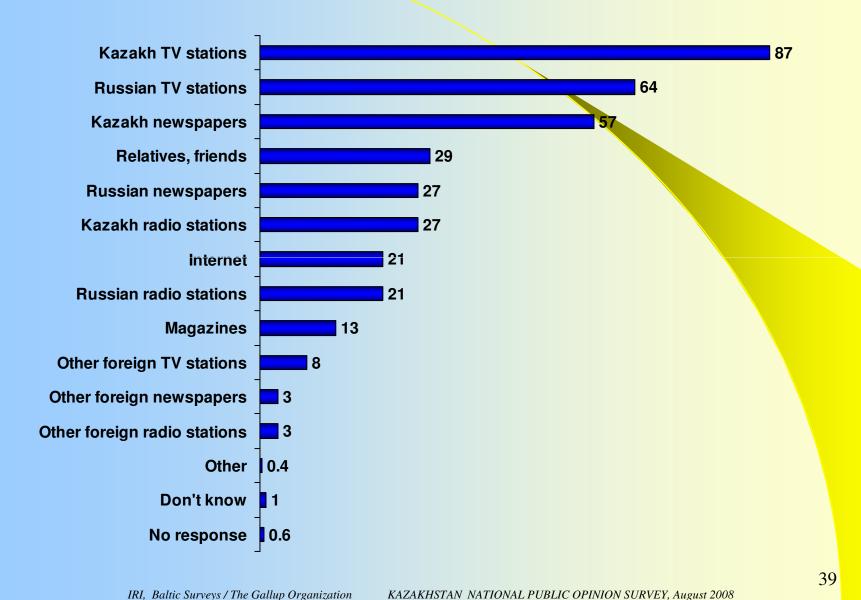
INSTITUTIONAL RATINGS

How would you rate each of the following institutions?

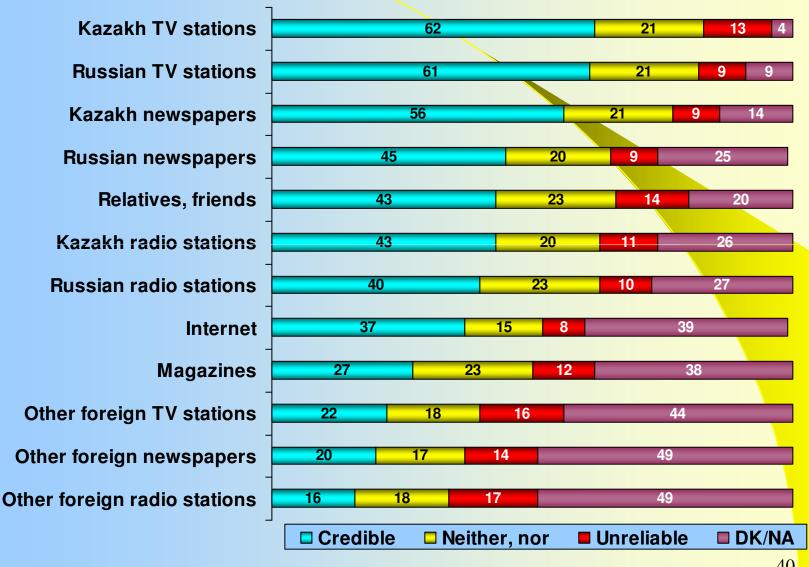


SOURCES OF INFORMATION

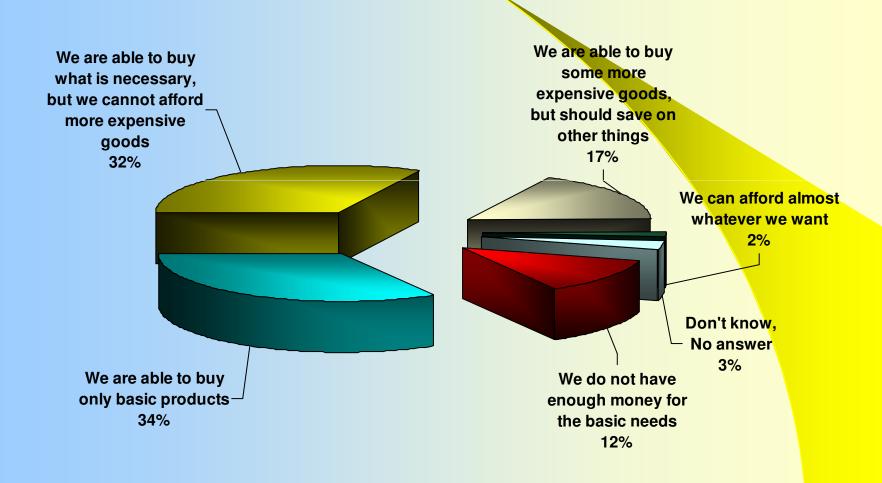
What are your sources for political information?



How would evaluate credibility of information sources?



How would you evaluate the financial state of your household?



SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS

