Public Opinion Survey
Residents of the

Autonomous Republic of Crimea
November 5 – December 4, 2009

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GfK Ukraine
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Methodology

- The survey was conducted by the Institute of Polling and Marketing for Baltic Surveys/Gallup on behalf of the International Republican Institute.

- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent Crimea residents older than 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 was collected November 5–December 4, 2009, 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.

- Response rate was 70 percent.
Mood of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea
Generally speaking, do you think things in Ukraine are headed in the right direction or wrong direction?

- Right direction: 80
- Wrong direction: 6
- Don't know, no answer: 14

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Over the last 12 months, the financial situation of your household has improved or worsened?
In the next 12 months, do you expect the economic situation in Crimea will improve or worsen?

- Significantly improve: 1%
- Slightly improve: 18%
- Stay the same: 29%
- Slightly worsen: 24%
- Significantly worsen: 27%
- Don't know, no answer: 11%
Issues
What is the most important issue Crimea is facing at the moment?

Unemployment: 17
Economy: 7
Political problems: 5
Authorities incompetence: 4
Corruption: 4
Increasing prices: 4
Russian language official status: 3
Low wages and pensions: 3
Financial crisis: 3
Poverty / low social standards: 3
Land market regulation problems: 3
Interethnic relationships: 2
Lack of energy / resources: 2
Crimea annexation to Russia: 2
Relationship with Russia: 2
Epidemic influenza: 2
Lack of legislation and authority: 2
Crimea autonomy / independence: 2
Other: 12
Hard to answer / no answer: 19

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Which three of the following issues are the most important for Crimea?

- Unemployment: 47
- Low level of production: 29
- Control prices: 28
- Corruption in government: 27
- Social protection of the poor: 20
- Relationship with Russia: 19
- Political instability: 18
- Status of Russian language: 17
- Incompetence in government: 16
- Crime: 12
- Wage / pension payment delays: 11
- Weakening Ukrainian currency: 10
- Land ownership law: 9
- Gas, electricity, water shortages / cutoffs: 8
- Russian naval forces in Crimea: 4
- All are important: 2
- Hard to answer / no answer: 1

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Which three of the following issues are most important for you personally?

- Unemployment: 43
- Control prices: 34
- Social protection of the poor: 21
- Low level of production: 21
- Corruption in government: 21
- Relationship with Russia: 20
- Status of Russian language: 18
- Incompetence in government: 16
- Political instability: 14
- Wage / pension payment delays: 14
- Weakening Ukrainian currency: 13
- Crime: 8
- Gas, electricity, water shortages / cutoffs: 8
- Land ownership law: 7
- Russian naval forces in Crimea: 6
- All are important: 1
- Low wages and pension: 1
- Other: 1
- Hard to answer / no answer: 2
Do you think the following methods of protest are acceptable?

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<td>Occupation of buildings or enterprises</td>
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In your opinion, should Ukraine cooperate with the United States on the following issues?

- **Science**
  - Definitely should cooperate: 32
  - Probably should cooperate: 22
  - Probably should not cooperate: 7
  - Definitely should not cooperate: 22
  - DK/NA: 16

- **Economics and trade issues**
  - Definitely should cooperate: 25
  - Probably should cooperate: 23
  - Probably should not cooperate: 12
  - Definitely should not cooperate: 24
  - DK/NA: 15

- **Healthcare**
  - Definitely should cooperate: 24
  - Probably should cooperate: 25
  - Probably should not cooperate: 8
  - Definitely should not cooperate: 24
  - DK/NA: 18

- **Social sphere**
  - Definitely should cooperate: 20
  - Probably should cooperate: 22
  - Probably should not cooperate: 11
  - Definitely should not cooperate: 26
  - DK/NA: 21

- **Rule of law and democratic development**
  - Definitely should cooperate: 20
  - Probably should cooperate: 17
  - Probably should not cooperate: 12
  - Definitely should not cooperate: 30
  - DK/NA: 20

- **Military cooperation**
  - Definitely should cooperate: 7
  - Probably should cooperate: 8
  - Probably should not cooperate: 14
  - Definitely should not cooperate: 52
  - DK/NA: 18
What is your opinion about Russia?

- Very favorable: 70%
- Somewhat favorable: 21%
- Somewhat unfavorable: 3%
- Very unfavorable: 2%
- DK/NA: 4%
Land ownership is an important issue in Crimea. Many Crimean Tatars believe they should be allocated land by the government to compensate for deportation. Do you agree or disagree?

- Strongly agree: 10%
- Somewhat agree: 8%
- Somewhat disagree: 11%
- Strongly disagree: 57%
- DK/NA: 14%
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- Ukrainians: 6 Strongly agree, 9 Somewhat agree, 13 Somewhat disagree, 60 Strongly disagree, 12 DK/NA
- Russians: 4 Strongly agree, 6 Somewhat agree, 12 Somewhat disagree, 62 Strongly disagree, 16 DK/NA
- Tartars: 69 Strongly agree, 17 Somewhat agree, 1 Somewhat disagree, 8 Strongly disagree, 5 DK/NA
- Other ethnicity: 6 Strongly agree, 12 Somewhat agree, 30 Somewhat disagree, 47 Strongly disagree, 5 DK/NA
There is a provision in Ukrainian law that requires a rayon council to address an issue if it is raised in a citizen initiated public hearing. Are you aware of this provision in the law or have you ever participated in a public hearing?

- Yes, I have participated in a public hearing: 4%
- Yes, I am aware of this law but I have not participated in a public hearing: 14%
- No, I am not aware of this law and have not participated in a public hearing: 59%
- DK/NA: 23%
In your opinion, should Ukraine and Crimea be part of a collective security organization to ensure national defense and sovereignty?

- Definitely yes: 24%
- Probably yes: 27%
- Probably no: 10%
- Definitely no: 11%
- DK/NA: 28%
Do you support or oppose Ukraine joining NATO?

- Strongly support: 3%
- Somewhat support: 3%
- Somewhat oppose: 12%
- Strongly oppose: 76%
- DK/NA: 6%

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In your opinion, how likely is it that military conflict will take place in Crimea in the near future?

- Very likely: 8%
- Somewhat likely: 19%
- Not very likely: 32%
- Not at all likely: 31%
- DK/NA: 10%

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Do you support or oppose Ukraine becoming a member of the European Union?

- Strongly support: 16%
- Somewhat support: 25%
- Somewhat oppose: 19%
- Strongly oppose: 27%
- DK/NA: 13%

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The Russian government signed a lease with the Ukrainian government in 1997 which allowed it to continue basing Russian naval forces in Crimea until 2017. Do you think Russia should honor the lease and remove its naval forces in 2017 if the lease is not extended?

**Strongly agree**: 15%

**Somewhat agree**: 11%

**Somewhat disagree**: 15%

**Strongly disagree**: 48%

**DK/NA**: 11%
Politics
Do you intend to vote in the election for president on January 17, 2010?

- Yes: 80%
- No: 6%
- DK/NA: 14%
Mass Media
Which of these sources of information do you use for obtaining political information?

- TV news, programs: 92
- Articles in newspapers: 51
- Relatives, friends: 30
- Radio news, programs: 28
- Internet: 17
- Colleagues at work: 12
- Billboards, stands in the streets: 8
- Articles in magazines: 6
- Leaflets and the other free information by post: 4
- Meetings with politicians: 2
- None: 1
- DK/NA: 1

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Which newspapers do you read regularly?

- Krymskaya Pravda: 17
- Komsomolskaya Pravda in Ukraine: 12
- Factly & commentary: 8
- Pervaya Krymskaya: 6
- Kafa: 5
- Krymskie Izvestiya: 5
- Vse dlya vseh: 5
- Nedelka: 4
- Polyostrov: 4
- Don’t read newspapers: 33

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Which TV stations do you watch regularly?

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Which radio stations do you listen to regularly?

- Russkoe Radio: 15
- Europa+: 11
- Nashe Radio: 9
- Radio Shanson: 8
- Hit FM: 7
- Trans-M-Radio: 7
- Avto Radio Ukraine (Dovira Niko FM): 6
- Don’t listen to radio: 49
Which TV station’s news and political information do you trust the most?

- Inter: First mentioned 33, All mentioned 59
- 1+1: First mentioned 25, All mentioned 47
- ICTV: First mentioned 19, All mentioned 47
- 5 channel: First mentioned 9, All mentioned 19
- TPK Chornomorska: First mentioned 14, All mentioned 19
- ORT: First mentioned 5, All mentioned 10
- STB: First mentioned 13, All mentioned 19
- Novyy channel: First mentioned 10, All mentioned 19
- TPK Ukraine: First mentioned 10, All mentioned 19
- TRK Crimea: First mentioned 8, All mentioned 19
- NTV: First mentioned 2, All mentioned 10
- RTR: First mentioned 3, All mentioned 10
- Other: First mentioned 12, All mentioned 19
- None: First mentioned 9, All mentioned 19
- Hard to answer / no answer: First mentioned 5, All mentioned 19
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- **Europa+**: 5, 9
- **Radio Shanson**: 3, 6
- **Avto Radio Ukraine (Dovira Niko FM)**: 3, 4
- **Nashe Radio**: 2, 6
- **Maidan**: 2, 2
- **Trans-M-Radio**: 2, 4
- **HIT FM**: 1, 4
- **105.4 FM**: 1, 2
- **Radio LUX FM**: 1, 2
- **Lider**: 1, 2
- **Crimea**: 1, 2
- **Other**: 8, 14
- **None**: 53, 53
- **Hard to answer / no answer**: 10, 10

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- Kafa: 3 first mentioned, 4 all mentioned
- Pervaya Krymskaya: 3 first mentioned, 6 all mentioned
- Facy & commentary: 3 first mentioned, 8 all mentioned
- Krymskie Izvestiya: 3 first mentioned, 6 all mentioned
- Polyostrov: 2 first mentioned, 4 all mentioned
- Bospor: 2 first mentioned, 3 all mentioned
- Vse dlya vseh: 2 first mentioned, 3 all mentioned
- Vechemie Vesti: 1 first mentioned, 3 all mentioned
- Krymskaya Nedelya: 1 first mentioned, 3 all mentioned
- Nedelka: 1 first mentioned, 3 all mentioned
- Slava Sevastopolya: 1 first mentioned, 2 all mentioned
- Kommunist/Kommunist Kryma: 1 first mentioned, 2 all mentioned
- AIF: 1 first mentioned, 2 all mentioned
- Yuzhnayya gybermia: 1 first mentioned, 2 all mentioned
- Krymskoe Vremya: 1 first mentioned, 2 all mentioned
- Other: 12 first mentioned, 26 all mentioned
- None: 9 first mentioned, 35 all mentioned
- Hard to answer / no answer: 9 first mentioned, 31 all mentioned

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Which TV news program do you watch most frequently?

- Inter: 36 62
- 1+1: 26 49
- ICTV: 5 21
- ORT: 4 5
- Novyy channel: 3 10
- 5 channel: 3 8
- TPK Chornomorska: 2 16
- STB: 2 13
- TPK Ukraine: 2 10
- TRK Crimea: 1 8
- RTR: 1 3
- NTV: 1 2
- Other: 5 11
- None: 5
- Hard to answer / no answer: 5

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<td>12 minute novostey (TRK Crimea)</td>
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How many times per week do you access the Internet?

- Every day: 16%
- 5-6 times per week: 4%
- 3-4 times per week: 6%
- 1-2 times per week: 6%
- Less often: 6%
- Never: 56%
- Don't know/ No response: 6%
Where do you access the Internet? (users of internet N=496, 38%)

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Socio-Economic Status
How would you describe the financial situation in your family?

- Enough money for food, clothes, shoes and expensive purchases. It is necessary to save or borrow money for such purchases as a good suit, a mobile phone or a vacuum cleaner: 29%
- Enough money for food and necessary clothes and shoes. It is necessary to save or borrow money for such purchases as a car or an apartment: 18%
- Enough money for food, necessary to save or borrow money for buying clothes and shoes: 26%
- Need to save money on food: 19%
- I can buy anything at any time: 1%
- Don't know/No response: 4%
- Don't know/No response: 3%

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Socio-demographics
Gender

Female 55%

Male 45%

Age groups

50+ 42%

18-29 24%

30-49 34%
Education

Membership of political parties and nongovernmental organizations (NGO)

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<td>DK/NA</td>
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No answer: 2%
**Religion**

- Orthodox: 78%
- None: 7%
- Muslim: 8%
- Other: 3%
- Atheist: 4%
- None: 7%

**Attendance of religious service**

- Never: 37%
- A few times per year: 46%
- Once a month: 10%
- Once a week: 5%
- A few times a week: 2%
Sector of employment

- State sector: 19%
- NGO: 1%
- Don't work: 48%
- No answer: 4%
- Private sector: 28%
- Other: 1%

Occupation

- Pensioner: 26%
- White collar: 20%
- Farmer: 2%
- Higher and medium level executive: 1%
- Entrepreneur: 2%
- Unemployed: 7%
- Housewife: 8%
- Student: 6%
- Blue collar: 27%
Ethnicity

- Russian: 65%
- Ukrainian: 20%
- Tatar: 8%
- Other: 2%
- Refused: 5%
- Ukrainian and Russian equally: 1%
- Russian and other equally: 2%

Language usually spoken at home

- Russian: 90%
- Ukrainian: 10%
- Tatar: 5%
- Other: 2%
- Refused: 5%
- Ukrainian and Russian equally: 1%
- Russian and other equally: 2%