Georgian National Study

February 18 – 27, 2013

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The Institute of Polling And Marketing

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

- The survey was conducted by the Institute of Polling and Marketing for Baltic Surveys/Gallup on behalf of the International Republican Institute.
- This national representative survey was carried out from February 18-27, 2013.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 Georgian residents aged 18 and older, 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 (39-41 surveys). Sampling points in each region were selected based on the percentage of population living in the various levels of settlement in that 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 through face-to-face interviews with the respondents.
- The poll was conducted nationwide, including the capitol and all major regional centers.
- The margin of error does not exceed +/- 2.5 percent.
- The response rate was 70 percent.
ISSUES
What are the main problems Georgia is facing at the moment?

- Unemployment: 42 first mentions, 64 all mentions
- Restoration of territorial integrity: 16 first mentions, 37 all mentions
- General economic situation: 12 first mentions, 32 all mentions
- Political instability: 4 first mentions, 6 all mentions
- General social problems: 3 first mentions, 9 all mentions
- Relations between political parties: 2 first mentions, 5 all mentions
- Russian aggression: 2 first mentions, 5 all mentions
- Political tension: 2 first mentions, 5 all mentions
- Agriculture: 1 first mention, 7 all mentions
- Political confrontation in government: 1 first mention, 2 all mentions
- Healthcare costs: 1 first mention, 8 all mentions
- High utility fees: 1 first mention, 6 all mentions
- Healthcare system: 1 first mention, 6 all mentions

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What are the main problems your town/village is facing at the moment?

- Unemployment: 32 mentions
- Roads: 22 mentions
- Drinking water: 18 mentions
- Gas supply: 14 mentions
- General social problems: 7 mentions
- Irrigation: 7 mentions
- High utility fees: 6 mentions
- General economic situation: 8 mentions
- Agricultural development: 6 mentions
- Mechanization of production: 4 mentions
- Expensive public transport: 3 mentions
- Infrastructure: 3 mentions
- Healthcare costs: 4 mentions
What are the most important issues for you and your household members?

- **Unemployment**: 41 first mention, 47 all mentions
- **Poverty**: 18 first mention, 27 all mentions
- **Low wages**: 5 first mention, 7 all mentions
- **Health problems**: 4 first mention, 8 all mentions
- **Social problems**: 3 first mention, 6 all mentions
- **Low pensions**: 2 first mention, 3 all mentions
- **High utility fees**: 2 first mention, 6 all mentions
- **Expensive education**: 2 first mention, 3 all mentions
- **Expensive medicines**: 1 first mention, 4 all mentions
- **Expensive healthcare**: 1 first mention, 5 all mentions
- **Poor living conditions**: 1 first mention, 2 all mentions
- **Lack of insurance coverage**: 1 first mention, 3 all mentions
Do you think it is acceptable to use the following forms of social protest?

- Collecting signatures for petition; letter: 65 acceptable, 30 not acceptable, 5 no opinion
- Legal demonstrations: 64 acceptable, 32 not acceptable, 4 no opinion
- Legal strikes: 59 acceptable, 37 not acceptable, 4 no opinion
- Boycotts: 37 acceptable, 58 not acceptable, 5 no opinion
- Demonstrations without permission: 26 acceptable, 70 not acceptable, 4 no opinion
- Strikes without permission: 23 acceptable, 73 not acceptable, 4 no opinion
- Occupation of buildings or enterprises: 8 acceptable, 86 not acceptable, 6 no opinion
- Blocking of major roads: 5 acceptable, 90 not acceptable, 5 no opinion
- Blocking of railway lines: 4 acceptable, 91 not acceptable, 5 no opinion
- Blocking of airports: 4 acceptable, 91 not acceptable, 5 no opinion
Regarding the current situation and the future of Georgia, what are the three things you are afraid of the most?

- Threat of war: 19 first mentions, 22 all mentions
- Internal tension: 17 first mentions, 22 all mentions
- Civil conflict: 8 first mentions, 10 all mentions
- Economic crisis: 5 first mentions, 10 all mentions
- Russian aggression: 4 first mentions, 6 all mentions
- Destabilization: 4 first mentions, 4 all mentions
- Restoration of territorial integrity: 4 first mentions, 6 all mentions
- Crime: 3 first mentions, 5 all mentions
- Uncertain future: 1 first mention, 1 all mentions
- Unemployment: 1 first mention, 2 all mentions
POLITICS
How much interest do you have in politics?

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What are your three main expectations of the new government?

- Creation of jobs: 27% (45% all mentioned)
- Improvement of economic situation: 14% (25% all mentioned)
- Development of agriculture: 6% (15% all mentioned)
- Increase pensions: 6% (12% all mentioned)
- Solve social problems: 5% (11% all mentioned)
- Fulfill their promises: 5% (7% all mentioned)
- Decrease taxes: 4% (14% all mentioned)
- Restoration of territorial integrity: 4% (11% all mentioned)
- Restoration of justice: 4% (9% all mentioned)
- Improve the country's well being: 3% (5% all mentioned)
- Improve Russian-Georgian relations: 3% (7% all mentioned)
- Keep peace in the country: 2% (6% all mentioned)
- Improve healthcare: 2% (16% all mentioned)
- Reduce prices on goods: 1% (5% all mentioned)
- Improve education system: 1% (5% all mentioned)
What are the three main accomplishments of the new government?

- Reduction of taxes: 16 first mention, 23 all mentioned
- Improved justice: 5 first mention, 8 all mentioned
- Granted amnesty: 5 first mention, 7 all mentioned
- Freedom of speech: 4 first mention, 5 all mentioned
- Development of agriculture: 2 first mention, 5 all mentioned
- Reduced prices of goods: 2 first mention, 4 all mentioned
- Moderated relations with Russia: 2 first mention, 3 all mentioned
- Reformed the situation in prisons: 1 first mention, 3 all mentioned
- Provided aid to natural disaster victims: 1 first mention, 1 all mentioned
- Increased pensions: 1 first mention, 2 all mentioned
- Won elections: 1 first mention, 2 all mentioned
- Reduced fuel prices: 1 first mention, 2 all mentioned
- Doubled social assistance: 1 first mention, 2 all mentioned
- Nothing: 18 first mention, 18 all mentioned
- DK/NA: 34 first mention, 34 all mentioned

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What are the three biggest failures of the new government?

- Granted amnesty for all
- Fight near the National Library *
- Not kept promises
- Worsened criminal situation
- Arrests of former officials
- Tense relations with opposition
- Loyalty towards United National Movement
- Human resources policies
- Internal confrontation
- Slow speed of governing

* On February 8, President Saakashvili attempted to give his State of the Nation speech at the National Library in Tbilisi, but routes into the library were blocked by Georgian Dream activists who attacked several parliamentarians and the Mayor of Tbilisi. The violence was quickly denounced by the new government.

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In what field should the Georgian government carry out reforms first?

- Economy: 35 First, 28 Second, 18 Third
- Healthcare system: 27 First, 28 Second, 20 Third
- Judiciary: 11 First, 9 Second, 13 Third
- Education: 10 First, 10 Second, 13 Third
- Defense: 5 First, 6 Second, 7 Third
- Penitentiary and corrections: 3 First, 5 Second, 6 Third
- Agriculture: 3 First, 3 Second, 3 Third
- Local governance: 2 First, 4 Second, 8 Third
- Environmental protection: 1 First, 3 Second, 3 Third
- Energy sector: 1 First, 3 Second, 3 Third
- Other: 0.5 First, 0.1 Second, 0.2 Third
- DK/NA: 12 First, 8 Second, 0 Third
Do you feel the governor of your region is doing a good job and is working effectively to address the problems of your region?

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Do you feel the governor of your region is doing a good job and is working effectively to address the problems of your region? (by region)
What are three main issues that the Mayor of Tbilisi needs to address? (Residents of Tbilisi, N=380)

- Infrastructure: 38
- Care for the people: 22
- General social problems: 26
- Employment: 16
- Decrease transport prices: 18
- Decrease taxes: 11
- Clean the city: 8
- Healthcare: 6
- Pension reform: 5
- Renovate buildings: 6
- Roads: 2

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What are three main issues the new parliament first needs to address? (All mentions)

- Employment: 38
- Healthcare: 18
- Economics: 17
- Agriculture: 12
- Prosperity: 10
- Territorial integrity: 9
- General social problems: 8
- Pensions: 8
- Decrease taxes: 7
- General legislative issues: 6
- Decrease prices: 5
- Education: 5
- Keep promises: 4
- Foreign policy: 3
- Russian-Georgian relations: 3
- Protect human rights: 3
- Constitutional changes: 3
- Other: 28
- DK/NA: 11

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**Do you think that government and opposition should continue dialog?**

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I am going to read you a list of issue areas. In your opinion, is each getting better, worse or no change?

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Would you support a quota for women’s participation in Parliament or local *sakrebulos* (councils)?

**Georgia**

- Yes, strongly support: 55
- Maybe, depending on the quota size: 21
- No, do not support: 15
- DK/NA: 9

**Tbilisi**

- Yes, strongly support: 62
- Maybe, depending on the quota size: 20
- No, do not support: 8
- DK/NA: 10

**Other territories**

- Yes, strongly support: 53
- Maybe, depending on the quota size: 22
- No, do not support: 17
- DK/NA: 8
Since the elections, would you say the prices of the following products have increased, stayed the same, or decreased?

- Electricity: 75 Decreased, 19 Stayed the same, 1 Increased, 5 DK/NA
- Gasoline: 53 Decreased, 27 Stayed the same, 2 Increased, 18 DK/NA
- Drugs and medicine: 26 Decreased, 54 Stayed the same, 5 Increased, 15 DK/NA
- Foodstuffs: 19 Decreased, 65 Stayed the same, 8 Increased, 8 DK/NA
- Natural gas: 18 Decreased, 53 Stayed the same, 1 Increased, 28 DK/NA
Have you been in a situation during the last 12 months when you had to pay a bribe in order to get a service or a decision?

No, have not paid any bribe in the last 12 months | Yes, had to pay | Refuse | DK/NA

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Mar 10: 96
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Do you approve or disapprove of the changes in the composition and leadership of local *sakrebulos* without elections?

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Did you know that on February 7, the Georgian Dream parliamentary majority postponed President Saakashvili’s annual address until an agreement is made on constitutional reforms?

If yes, do you...

- Fully support: 22
- Mostly support: 25
- Mostly oppose: 16
- Fully oppose: 23
- DK/NA: 14
- Yes: 70
- No: 26
- DK/NA: 4

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Would you support a constitutional amendment calling for the president of Georgia to be elected by parliament instead of being directly elected by the people?

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Would you support a constitutional amendment that would make Georgia’s pro-Western foreign policy course guaranteed?

- **Georgia**
  - Fully support: 33
  - Mostly support: 29
  - Mostly oppose: 7
  - Fully oppose: 9
  - DK/NA: 22

- **Tbilisi**
  - Fully support: 37
  - Mostly support: 29
  - Mostly oppose: 3
  - Fully oppose: 10
  - DK/NA: 20

- **Other territories**
  - Fully support: 31
  - Mostly support: 29
  - Mostly oppose: 9
  - Fully oppose: 9
  - DK/NA: 22

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Do you support the arrests of former government officials?

- Yes, all of them: 30
- Some of them: 51
- No, none of them: 12
- DK/NA: 7

If you do, should these arrests continue? (N=1,213)

- Definitely yes, the arrests should continue: 30
- Yes, but with caution: 54
- No, arrests should stop: 12
- DK/NA: 4
Have you heard about the new amnesty law based on which several thousand prisoners were released?

Yes 94
No 5
DK/NA 1

All prisoners should have been released 19
Only prisoners not convicted of serious crimes should have been released 45
Prisoners should only have been released after individual cases had been reviewed on the merits 33
DK/NA 3

If yes, do you approve or disapprove of the law and the release of prisoners? N=1,408
Have you heard about the new amnesty law based on which several thousand prisoners were released?

- Yes: 94
- No: 5
- DK/NA: 1

If yes, do you agree with the list of political prisoners and their release? N=1,408

- All of those deemed to be political prisoners should have been released: 40
- Only some of those deemed to be political prisoners should have been released: 48
- DK/NA: 12
INSTITUTIONS
What is your opinion about the work of the following institutions?

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
How would you evaluate the current state of relations between Georgia and...?

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Which countries are the most important partners for Georgia? Which comprise the most political and economic threat?
Would you support further dialogue with Russia?

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Do you think that Russian aggression to Georgia is over or is it still going on?

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Do you support Georgia joining NATO?

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If/when Georgia becomes a member of NATO, what do you expect from membership?

- Ensure our country’s security: 38 (60)
- Promote stability in our country: 11 (39)
- Contribute to the restoration of territorial integrity: 11 (36)
- Improve the public welfare in our country: 7 (37)
- Strengthen democracy in our country: 4 (21)
- NATO bases will be deployed in our country: 3 (10)
- NATO enlargement will become an obstacle in Georgia-Russia relations: 2 (8)
- Georgian territory will be used during hostilities: 2 (6)
- Georgia’s military forces will be involved in NATO operations: 1 (6)
- Georgia will be involved in war operations: 1 (5)
- Georgia will lose more territories: 1 (3)
- Nothing: 3 (3)
- DK/Refuse: 17 (17)
Do you support Georgia joining the European Union?

- **Georgia**
  - Fully support: 67
  - Mostly support: 21
  - Mostly oppose: 3
  - Fully oppose: 2
  - DK/Refuse: 7

- **Tbilisi**
  - Fully support: 74
  - Mostly support: 15
  - Mostly oppose: 3
  - Fully oppose: 2
  - DK/Refuse: 6

- **Other territories**
  - Fully support: 64
  - Mostly support: 23
  - Mostly oppose: 2
  - Fully oppose: 3
  - DK/Refuse: 7

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION
Which sources do you use to obtain political information?

- Television news and programs
- Newspaper articles
- Internet
- Friends and relatives
- Radio news and programs
- Magazine articles
- Colleagues
- Meetings with politicians

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Is Georgian mass media free to express various political views or there is government control over media content?

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Why do you think that Georgian mass media is not free to express various political views? (N=148)

- Government puts pressure on media: 47 (Feb 13), 47 (Nov 12), 65 (Mar 12), 63 (Nov 11), 69 (May 11)
- Media refuses to report bad news: 14 (Feb 13), 9 (Nov 12), 9 (Mar 12), 11 (Nov 11), 10 (May 11)
- Media is corrupt: 12 (Feb 13), 4 (Nov 12), 5 (Mar 12), 6 (Nov 11), 17 (May 11)
- Other: 3 (Feb 13), 1 (Nov 12), 4 (Mar 12), 1 (Nov 11), 1 (May 11)
- DK/NA: 23 (Feb 13), 23 (Nov 12), 15 (Mar 12), 18 (Nov 11), 20 (May 11)
Do you feel that television stations offer a fair and balanced view of the political situation?

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If not, what would improve this situation?  
(TV stations don’t offer a fair/balanced view)

More interactive shows that allow regular people to participate and not just the same old faces

More debates between different parties

More time allowed for coverage of opposition activities and events

Other

DK/NA

Feb 13, N=246
Nov 12, N=328
Jul 12, N=551
Mar 12, N=1,273
Nov 11, N=1,469

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How many times per week do you access the Internet?

Tbilisi

- Every day: 49
- 5-6 times per week: 5
- 3-4 times per week: 6
- 1-2 times per week: 2
- Less often: 4
- Never: 34

Other territories

- Every day: 19
- 5-6 times per week: 3
- 3-4 times per week: 3
- 1-2 times per week: 4
- Less often: 6
- Never: 65
Where do you access the Internet? (Internet users)

- **Home**: 85% in Feb 13, 82% in Nov 12, and 79% in Mar 12.
- **Work**: 13% in Feb 13, 14% in Nov 12, and 13% in Mar 12.
- **Friend's house**: 9% in Feb 13, 9% in Nov 12, and 12% in Mar 12.
- **Internet café**: 3% in Feb 13, 3% in Nov 12, and 3% in Mar 12.
- **By phone**: 2% in Feb 13, 2% in Nov 12, and 2% in Mar 12.
- **Other**: 0.7% in Feb 13, 0.4% in Nov 12, and 0.6% in Mar 12.
- **DK/NA**: 6% in Feb 13.

Survey datasets include:
- Feb 13, N=634
- Nov 12, N=613
- Jul 12, N=559
- Mar 12, N=1,397
- Nov 11, N=1,293
- May 11, N=567

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How often do you do the following when using the Internet? (Internet users, N=634)

- **Read political news**: 11% Everyday, 3% 5-6 times/week, 7% 3-4 times/week, 11% 1-2 times/week, 13% Less often, 51% Never, 3% DK/NA
- **Watch political videos**: 5% Everyday, 3% 5-6 times/week, 6% 3-4 times/week, 10% 1-2 times/week, 14% Less often, 58% Never, 4% DK/NA
- **Read a political blog**: 5% Everyday, 2% 5-6 times/week, 4% 3-4 times/week, 6% 1-2 times/week, 9% Less often, 71% Never, 3% DK/NA
- **Visit a party website**: 1% Everyday, 4% 5-6 times/week, 11% 3-4 times/week, 11% 1-2 times/week, 78% Less often, 4% Never, 3% DK/NA
- **Communicate with a politician**: 1% Everyday, 12% 5-6 times/week, 4% 3-4 times/week, 11% 1-2 times/week, 92% Less often, 4% Never, 3% DK/NA
- **Take part in political discussion**: 3% Everyday, 0.4% 5-6 times/week, 3% 3-4 times/week, 0.5% 1-2 times/week, 3% Less often, 92% Never, 3% DK/NA
SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS
Gender

- Male: 47
- Female: 53

Age groups

- 18-29: 19
- 30-49: 38
- 50+: 43
**Religion**

- Orthodox: 87
- Muslim: 9
- Other: 3
- None: 1

**Attendance of religious service**

- Once a week: 14
- A few times a week: 5
- A few times per year: 41
- Once a month: 26
- Never: 14
Sector of employment

- Don't work: 71
- Private sector: 21
- State sector: 8

Occupation

- Executive: 11
- Retired: 19
- Student: 4
- Housewife: 14
- Unemployed: 33
- White collar: 5
- Farmer: 6
- Blue collar: 6
- Self-employed: 2