Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Moldova
February-March 2018
Detailed Methodology

- The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene from Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the Center for Insights in Survey Research. The field work was carried out by Magenta Consulting.

- Data was collected throughout Moldova (with the exception of Transnistria) between February 7 and March 7, 2018 through face-to-face interviews in respondents’ homes.

- The sample consisted of 1,513 permanent residents of Moldova aged 18 and older and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and settlement size.

- Sampling frame: Moldova Statistical Databank. Weighting: Data weighted for 11 regional groups, urban/rural and gender.

- A multistage probability sampling method was used, with the random route and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
  - Stage one: All districts of Moldova are grouped into 11 groups; all regions (with the exception of Transnistria) were surveyed.
  - Stage two: Selection of the settlements (cities and villages).
    - Settlements were selected at random.
    - The number of settlements selected in each region was proportional to the share of population living in the particular type of settlement in each region.
  - Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.

- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent.

- The response rate was 64 percent.

- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

- The survey was funded by the United States Agency for International Development.
Mood of the Country
Generally speaking, do you think that things in Moldova are going in the right direction or wrong direction?

*In December 2014, news broke of a major banking scandal involving nearly $1 billion missing from three state banks. The scandal is often referred to as “the stolen billion.”

**In 2016, Moldova conducted the first popular election of the president since 1996. Igor Dodon was elected in the second round contest on November 13, 2016.
Are you satisfied with the pace of change in Moldova today?

- I am satisfied; change is happening at the right pace
- I am dissatisfied; change is not happening fast enough
- I am dissatisfied; change is happening too fast
- No change is taking place
- Don’t know/No answer

- **February 2018**
  - I am satisfied: 5%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is not happening fast enough: 44%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is happening too fast: 6%
  - No change is taking place: 42%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 2%

- **October 2017**
  - I am satisfied: 4%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is not happening fast enough: 48%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is happening too fast: 7%
  - No change is taking place: 39%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 2%

- **March 2017**
  - I am satisfied: 10%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is not happening fast enough: 45%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is happening too fast: 9%
  - No change is taking place: 33%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 3%

- **September 2016**
  - I am satisfied: 3%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is not happening fast enough: 38%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is happening too fast: 7%
  - No change is taking place: 49%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 3%

- **March 2016**
  - I am satisfied: 4%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is not happening fast enough: 31%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is happening too fast: 15%
  - No change is taking place: 46%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 4%

- **October 2015**
  - I am satisfied: 1%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is not happening fast enough: 30%
  - I am dissatisfied, change is happening too fast: 15%
  - No change is taking place: 50%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 4%
Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Moldova changed?

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Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?

- Improved a lot
- Improved somewhat
- Stayed the same
- Worsened somewhat
- Worsened a lot
- Don't know/No answer
In your opinion, how will the economic situation of Moldova change in the next 12 months?
What are the most important problems that Moldova is facing at the moment?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)

- Low income/Pensions: 34%
- Unemployment: 32%
- Corruption: 31%
- Emigration: 16%
- Poverty: 15%
- Bad government: 13%
- High prices/Inflation: 10%
- Roads: 9%
- Economic crisis: 6%
- Government indifference: 4%
- "The stolen billion": 4%
- Expensive utilities/Housing: 4%
- Low standard of living: 3%
- Citizen indifference: 3%
- Crime: 3%
- Healthcare: 3%
- Conflicts between politicians: 2%
- Political crisis: 2%
- Ineffective laws: 2%
- Education: 2%
What are the most important problems facing your village/town at the moment?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)

- Roads: 48%
- Unemployment: 20%
- Water supply: 11%
- Cleanliness: 11%
- Emigration: 8%
- Insufficient street lighting: 7%
- Lack of public transport: 6%
- Expensive utilities/Housing: 6%
- Low income/Pensions: 6%
- High prices/Inflation: 5%
- Gas supply: 5%
- Lack of sanitation or sewerage: 5%
- Corruption: 4%
- Lack of gas stations: 4%
- Healthcare system: 4%
- Poor conditions at schools: 2%
- School closing: 2%
- Citizen indifference: 2%
- Lack of cultural centers and activities: 2%
What are the most important problems facing you and your household?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)

- Low income/Financial problems: 45%
- Unemployment: 14%
- Health problems: 12%
- Expensive utilities/Housing: 9%
- Emigration: 6%
- High prices/Inflation: 5%
- Poverty: 4%
- Expensive medicine/Poor medical service: 3%
- Loneliness: 3%
- Poor housing and utilities: 3%
- Poor social assistance: 2%
How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Moldova?

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Which of these statements is closest to your own point of view?

- Our society needs serious reforms (structural and systemic change)
- Our society needs gradual reforms which preserve the existing system
- Our society has to be protected from the forces who want to change the current order
- Don't know/No answer

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Views on Corruption
Do you consider the country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or the interest of some groups?

- Majority of people
- Some groups
- Don't know/No answer

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How big of a problem is corruption in Moldova today?

- It is a very big issue
- It is a big issue
- It is not an issue at all
- Don’t know/No answer

The chart shows the percentage of people who believe corruption is a problem in Moldova over various dates:

- February 2018: 80% agree it is a very big issue, 16% agree it is a big issue, 2% agree it is not an issue at all.
- October 2017: 85% agree it is a very big issue, 11% agree it is a big issue, 2% agree it is not an issue at all.
- March 2017: 75% agree it is a very big issue, 19% agree it is a big issue, 3% agree it is not an issue at all.
- September 2016: 89% agree it is a very big issue, 7% agree it is a big issue, 1% agree it is not an issue at all.
- March 2016: 87% agree it is a very big issue, 8% agree it is a big issue, 1% agree it is not an issue at all.
- October 2015: 87% agree it is a very big issue, 8% agree it is a big issue, 2% agree it is not an issue at all.
- September 2014: 73% agree it is a very big issue, 18% agree it is a big issue, 5% agree it is not an issue at all.
- June 2014: 81% agree it is a very big issue, 14% agree it is a big issue, 1% agree it is not an issue at all.
- January 2012: 73% agree it is a very big issue, 21% agree it is a big issue, 2% agree it is not an issue at all.
- December 2011: 80% agree it is a very big issue, 15% agree it is a big issue, 2% agree it is not an issue at all.
- August 2011: 61% agree it is a very big issue, 29% agree it is a big issue, 3% agree it is not an issue at all.
- February 2011: 59% agree it is a very big issue, 33% agree it is a big issue, 3% agree it is not an issue at all.
- September 2010: 57% agree it is a very big issue, 31% agree it is a big issue, 4% agree it is not an issue at all.
- May 2010: 53% agree it is a very big issue, 37% agree it is a big issue, 4% agree it is not an issue at all.
- February 2010: 58% agree it is a very big issue, 33% agree it is a big issue, 4% agree it is not an issue at all.
- November 2009: 61% agree it is a very big issue, 31% agree it is a big issue, 3% agree it is not an issue at all.
- November 2008: 62% agree it is a very big issue, 27% agree it is a big issue, 4% agree it is not an issue at all.
- April 2008: 60% agree it is a very big issue, 25% agree it is a big issue, 5% agree it is not an issue at all.
- March 2007: 64% agree it is a very big issue, 26% agree it is a big issue, 2% agree it is not an issue at all.
- March 2006: 66% agree it is a very big issue, 25% agree it is a big issue, 3% agree it is not an issue at all.
- November 2004: 72% agree it is a very big issue, 24% agree it is a big issue, 2% agree it is not an issue at all.
What, in your opinion, is the greatest cause of corruption in Moldova?

- Lack of government control and oversight: 42% (February 2018), 36% (October 2017), 38% (March 2017)
- Poverty and necessity: 21% (February 2018), 27% (October 2017), 25% (March 2017)
- The actions of business leaders and oligarchs: 17% (February 2018), 21% (October 2017), 21% (March 2017)
- Education levels of citizens: 9% (February 2018), 9% (October 2017), 11% (March 2017)
- Custom and history: 5% (February 2018), 4% (October 2017), 2% (March 2017)
- Other: 2% (February 2018), 2% (October 2017), 1% (March 2017)
- Don’t know/No answer: 5% (February 2018), 3% (October 2017), 2% (March 2017)
Where, in your opinion, is corruption most present in Moldova?

- **The Parliament**
  - February 2018: 30%
  - October 2017: 20%
  - March 2017: 30%

- **Public servants (doctors, teachers, policemen)**
  - February 2018: 21%
  - October 2017: 22%
  - March 2017: 25%

- **Judicial branch**
  - February 2018: 11%
  - October 2017: 9%
  - March 2017: 10%

- **Prime Minister and Cabinet**
  - February 2018: 8%
  - October 2017: 10%
  - March 2017: 11%

- **Political parties and leadership of parties**
  - February 2018: 7%
  - October 2017: 7%
  - March 2017: 7%

- **Business leaders, oligarchs**
  - February 2018: 9%
  - October 2017: 9%
  - March 2017: 13%

- **Everywhere**
  - February 2018: 5%
  - October 2017: 4%
  - March 2017: 6%

- **The President**
  - February 2018: 4%
  - October 2017: 4%
  - March 2017: 3%

- **Local officials**
  - February 2018: 3%
  - October 2017: 3%
  - March 2017: 3%

- **Other**
  - February 2018: 1%
  - October 2017: 1%
  - March 2017: 6%

- **Don't know/No answer**
  - February 2018: 2%
  - October 2017: 3%
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Survey dates:
- February 2018
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How much interest do you have in politics?
Are people in Moldova afraid or not to openly express their political views?

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Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?
(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)

- Igor Dodon: 31%
- Maia Sandu: 16%
- Andrei Nastase: 8%
- Pavel Filip: 6%
- Zinaida Grecianii: 6%
- Vladimir Plahotniuc: 4%
- Vladimir Voronin: 4%
- Renato Usatii: 2%
- Irina Vlah: 2%
- Iurie Leancă: 2%
- Local mayor: 1%
- Andrian Candu: 1%
- Ilan Shor: 1%
- Other: 13%
- None: 26%
- Don't know/No answer: 10%
What is your opinion of the following Moldovan politicians or members of the Moldovan government?

- Favorable
- Unfavorable
- Have not heard
- Don't know/No answer

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What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?

- Moldovan Orthodox Church: Favorable 69%, Unfavorable 25%, Don’t know/No answer 6%
- Army: Favorable 68%, Unfavorable 25%, Don’t know/No answer 7%
- Romanian Orthodox Church: Favorable 65%, Unfavorable 25%, Don’t know/No answer 10%
- Moldovan mass media: Favorable 57%, Unfavorable 36%, Don’t know/No answer 7%
- Education system: Favorable 56%, Unfavorable 41%, Don’t know/No answer 3%
- International Monetary Fund: Favorable 53%, Unfavorable 31%, Don’t know/No answer 16%
- Local authorities: Favorable 51%, Unfavorable 46%, Don’t know/No answer 3%
- NGOs: Favorable 49%, Unfavorable 29%, Don’t know/No answer 22%
- Police authorities: Favorable 47%, Unfavorable 50%, Don’t know/No answer 3%
- President’s Office: Favorable 43%, Unfavorable 53%, Don’t know/No answer 4%
- Central Bank: Favorable 36%, Unfavorable 50%, Don’t know/No answer 14%
- Central Electoral Commission: Favorable 36%, Unfavorable 50%, Don’t know/No answer 14%
- Healthcare system: Favorable 36%, Unfavorable 62%, Don’t know/No answer 2%
- Moldovan Government: Favorable 32%, Unfavorable 64%, Don’t know/No answer 4%
- Courts of justice: Favorable 24%, Unfavorable 66%, Don’t know/No answer 10%
- Moldovan Parliament: Favorable 22%, Unfavorable 75%, Don’t know/No answer 3%
- Political parties: Favorable 20%, Unfavorable 76%, Don’t know/No answer 4%
Youth Political Engagement
Do you think that today’s generation of young people has a good future in Moldova?
Which of the following should be the government’s first priority regarding Moldovan youth?

- Employment: 63% first choice, 17% second choice
- Educational reform: 18% first choice, 21% second choice
- Institute reforms that make it easier for youth to start businesses: 9% first choice, 32% second choice
- Address youth health and psychological issues: 5% first choice, 14% second choice
- Encourage youth participation in public life: 3% first choice, 6% second choice
- Encourage youth participation in political life: 1% first choice, 5% second choice
- Don’t know/No answer: 1% first choice, 4% second choice
What is the main challenge to young people’s political participation in Moldova today?

(Respondents permitted to supply several spontaneous answers)

- Lack of interest or motivation: 14%
- Emigration: 10%
- Lack of investment in or support for young people: 10%
- Unemployment: 7%
- Lack of trust/Disappointment: 7%
- Political parties do not encourage: 5%
- Poor education: 5%
- Corruption: 5%
- Financial problems/Low incomes: 4%
- Youth are not respected/Do not feel heard: 4%
- Politics are dominated by older people: 3%
- Lack of confidence or hope in future: 3%
- Lack of information: 3%
- Nepotism: 2%
- Fear for physical safety: 2%
- Impact of general negative situation in the country: 2%
- Poor social assistance: 2%
- There are no opportunities in political parties: 2%
- Bureaucracy: 1%
- Lack of civic education: 1%
- Other: 5%
- Don’t know/No answer: 35%
Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the President of Moldova Igor Dodon?

- Strongly approve
- Somewhat approve
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove
- Don’t know/No answer

February 2018:
- Strongly approve: 28%
- Somewhat approve: 21%
- Somewhat disapprove: 15%
- Strongly disapprove: 33%
- Don’t know/No answer: 3%

October 2017:
- Strongly approve: 26%
- Somewhat approve: 22%
- Somewhat disapprove: 14%
- Strongly disapprove: 33%
- Don’t know/No answer: 4%

March 2017:
- Strongly approve: 31%
- Somewhat approve: 23%
- Somewhat disapprove: 15%
- Strongly disapprove: 29%
- Don’t know/No answer: 2%
Do you approve or disapprove of the Filip government?

- Strongly approve
- Somewhat approve
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove
- Don’t know/No answer

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What is your opinion of the activities of each of the following Moldovan ministries?

- Ministry of Defense: 54% Positive, 38% Negative, 8% Don’t know/No answer
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration: 52% Positive, 38% Negative, 10% Don’t know/No answer
- Ministry of Education, Culture and Research: 48% Positive, 46% Negative, 6% Don’t know/No answer
- Ministry of Internal Affairs: 47% Positive, 45% Negative, 8% Don’t know/No answer
- Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment: 43% Positive, 51% Negative, 6% Don’t know/No answer
- Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection: 35% Positive, 60% Negative, 5% Don’t know/No answer
- Ministry of Finance: 25% Positive, 68% Negative, 7% Don’t know/No answer
- Ministry of Justice: 24% Positive, 68% Negative, 8% Don’t know/No answer
- Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure: 24% Positive, 69% Negative, 7% Don’t know/No answer
What are the most important problems that the Filip government must solve?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)

- Wages/Pensions: 28%
- Job creation: 27%
- Tackling corruption: 12%
- Economic performance: 7%
- Emigration: 6%
- Roads: 6%
- Low standard of living: 5%
- Disconnect between the government and citizens: 5%
- Consumer prices: 4%
- Government should quit: 3%
- Healthcare system: 3%
- Recovering the "stolen billion": 3%
- Assistance to young people: 3%
- High price of utilities: 3%
- Issues of public order: 2%
- Social Assistance: 2%
- Assistance to pensioners: 2%
Do you approve or disapprove of the parliamentary majority led by the Democratic Party?

- **February 2018**
  - Strongly approve: 5%
  - Somewhat approve: 21%
  - Somewhat disapprove: 22%
  - Strongly disapprove: 46%
  - Don't know/No answer: 6%

- **October 2017**
  - Strongly approve: 3%
  - Somewhat approve: 18%
  - Somewhat disapprove: 26%
  - Strongly disapprove: 45%
  - Don't know/No answer: 8%
Do you think that the Moldovan parliament is responsive to the needs of citizens like you?

- **Very responsive**
- **Rather responsive**
- **Rather not responsive**
- **Not responsive at all**
- **Don’t know/No answer**

**February 2018**
- Very responsive: 1%
- Rather responsive: 18%
- Rather not responsive: 30%
- Not responsive at all: 49%
- Don’t know/No answer: 2%

**October 2017**
- Very responsive: 1%
- Rather responsive: 14%
- Rather not responsive: 29%
- Not responsive at all: 53%
- Don’t know/No answer: 3%

**March 2017**
- Very responsive: 1%
- Rather responsive: 13%
- Rather not responsive: 27%
- Not responsive at all: 57%
- Don’t know/No answer: 2%

**September 2016**
- Very responsive: 1%
- Rather responsive: 7%
- Rather not responsive: 20%
- Not responsive at all: 70%
- Don’t know/No answer: 2%
Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of your local government (i.e. mayor, local councilors and raion councilors)?

- Strongly approve
- Somewhat approve
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove
- Don’t know/No answer

February 2018:
- 19% Strongly approve
- 35% Somewhat approve
- 23% Somewhat disapprove
- 20% Strongly disapprove
- 3% Don’t know/No answer

October 2017:
- 21% Strongly approve
- 36% Somewhat approve
- 21% Somewhat disapprove
- 18% Strongly disapprove
- 4% Don’t know/No answer

*Below the central government, Moldova is divided administratively into 3 municipalities, 2 autonomous regions and 32 districts which are referred to as raions. The raions are governed by a locally-elected council.*
Parliamentary Elections
What is your opinion of the mixed election system, with half the deputies being elected on party lists and half in single-mandate constituencies? *

* The wording of the question in March 2017 was: “Would you support reforming the electoral law to include a mixed election system, with half the deputies being elected on party lists and half in single-mandate constituencies?”
How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next parliamentary elections?

- **Very likely**
- **Somewhat likely**
- **Somewhat unlikely**
- **Very unlikely**
- **Don’t know/No answer**

- **February 2018**
  - Very likely: 62%
  - Somewhat likely: 25%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 6%
  - Very unlikely: 5%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 2%

- **October 2017**
  - Very likely: 60%
  - Somewhat likely: 23%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 7%
  - Very unlikely: 7%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 3%

- **March 2017**
  - Very likely: 62%
  - Somewhat likely: 24%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 8%
  - Very unlikely: 3%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 3%

- **September 2016**
  - Very likely: 61%
  - Somewhat likely: 26%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 5%
  - Very unlikely: 5%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 3%

- **March 2016**
  - Very likely: 75%
  - Somewhat likely: 18%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 3%
  - Very unlikely: 2%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 1%
How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next parliamentary elections?  
(Disaggregated by age)

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If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and the following political parties participated in the election, for which political party would you vote?

- **Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova (Greceanii)**
  - First choice: 32%
  - Second choice: 4%

- **Political party “Action and Solidarity” (Sandu)**
  - First choice: 18%
  - Second choice: 6%

- **Democratic Party of Moldova (Plahotniuc)**
  - First choice: 8%
  - Second choice: 4%

- **Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova (Voronin)**
  - First choice: 4%
  - Second choice: 6%

- **Political party “Dignity and Truth Platform” (Nastase)**
  - First choice: 4%
  - Second choice: 9%

- **European People’s Party of Moldova (Leancă)**
  - First choice: 2%
  - Second choice: 2%

- **Our Party (Usatii)**
  - First choice: 2%
  - Second choice: 3%

- **Liberal Party (Ghimpu)**
  - First choice: 1%
  - Second choice: 1%

- **Socialist People’s Party of Moldova (Stepaniuc)**
  - First choice: 1%
  - Second choice: 1%

- **National Unity Party (Salaru)**
  - First choice: 1%
  - Second choice: 1%

- **Other**
  - First choice: 1%
  - Second choice: 1%

- **None of the parties**
  - First choice: 4%
  - Second choice: 13%

- **Will not vote**
  - First choice: 4%
  - Second choice: 13%

- **Don’t know/No Answer**
  - First choice: 18%
  - Second choice: 36%
If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and the following political parties participated in the election, for which political party would you vote?

(Likely voters: N=1,317)

- Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova (Greceanii): 36%
- Political party “Action and Solidarity” (Sandu): 20%
- Democratic Party of Moldova (Plahotniuc): 8%
- Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova (Voronin): 4%
- Political party “Dignity and Truth Platform” (Nastase): 4%
- European People’s Party of Moldova (Leancă): 2%
- Our Party (Usatii): 2%
- Liberal Party (Ghimpu): 2%
- Socialist People’s Party of Moldova (Stepaniuc): 1%
- National Unity Party (Salaru): 1%
- Other: 1%
- None of the parties: 2%
- Don’t know/No Answer: 17%
When voting for a candidate to represent your district in parliament, what is more important to you?

- The candidate as a person: 40%
- The party or bloc the candidate represents: 6%
- The fact that the candidate is from my city/raion/village: 6%
- The fact that the candidate is a well-known national political leader: 8%
- All are equally important: 34%
- Don’t know/No answer: 6%
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?

- Would vote for the female candidate
- Makes no difference to me
- Would vote for the male candidate
- Don’t know/No answer

October 2015: 23% for female, 27% for male, 35% no difference, 14% don’t know.

September 2016: 15% for female, 37% for male, 44% no difference, 4% don’t know.

March 2016: 17% for female, 31% for male, 44% no difference, 8% don’t know.

March 2017: 14% for female, 35% for male, 49% no difference, 2% don’t know.

February 2018: 14% for female, 47% for male, 37% no difference, 2% don’t know.
Have you seen any political activists working in your area in the last 12 months?

- February 2018: 18% Yes, 81% No, 1% Don’t know/No answer
- October 2017: 19% Yes, 78% No, 3% Don’t know/No answer
- March 2017: 27% Yes, 70% No, 3% Don’t know/No answer
- September 2016: 16% Yes, 81% No, 3% Don’t know/No answer
- March 2016: 30% Yes, 63% No, 7% Don’t know/No answer
- October 2015: 27% Yes, 66% No, 7% Don’t know/No answer

Poll dates:
- October 2015
- March 2016
- September 2016
- March 2017
- October 2017
- February 2018

Poll categories:
- Yes
- No
- Don’t know/No answer

Poll breakdowns:
- 66% Yes in October 2015
- 63% Yes in March 2016
- 27% Yes in October 2017
- 27% Yes in March 2017
- 19% Yes in October 2018
- 16% Yes in September 2016
- 18% Yes in February 2018
If yes, which political party did the political activists in your area represent?

(Respondents who reported having seen political activists working in their area: N=276; Respondents allowed to provide multiple answers)

- Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova (Greceanii): 54%
- Democratic Party of Moldova (Plahotniuc): 25%
- Political party “Action and Solidarity” (Sandu): 10%
- Liberal Party (Ghimpu): 6%
- Our Party (Usatii): 5%
- Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova (Voronin): 5%
- Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova (Cibotaru): 5%
- Socialist People's Party of Moldova (Stepaniuc): 3%
- Political party “Dignity and Truth Platform” (Nastase): 3%
- Shor Party: 3%
- Other: 2%
- Don’t know/No Answer: 9%
How would you assess current relations between Moldova and each of the following countries?

- **European Union**: 64% Good, 18% Neither good nor bad, 14% Bad, 3% No answer
- **Romania**: 62% Good, 17% Neither good nor bad, 18% Bad, 3% No answer
- **United States**: 50% Good, 25% Neither good nor bad, 14% Bad, 11% No answer
- **Russia**: 49% Good, 21% Neither good nor bad, 28% Bad, 2% No answer
- **Ukraine**: 45% Good, 29% Neither good nor bad, 21% Bad, 5% No answer
Which of these countries do you consider to be the greatest economic partner, political partner and threat for Moldova?

- **Economic partner**: European Union (70%), Russia (68%), Romania (44%), United States (29%), Ukraine (27%), None (1%), Don't know/No answer (4%).
- **Political partner**: European Union (55%), Russia (56%), Romania (38%), United States (24%), Ukraine (21%), None (6%), Don't know/No answer (6%).
- **Threat**: European Union (30%), Russia (18%), Romania (16%), United States (9%), Ukraine (9%), None (10%), Don't know/No answer (9%).
If Moldova could only join one international economic union, which one should it be?

- **The European Union**
- **The Customs Union/Eurasian Union**
- **Other**
- **Don’t know/No answer**

### Survey Results

#### February 2018
- The European Union: 43%
- The Customs Union/Eurasian Union: 42%
- Other: 7%
- Don’t know/No answer: 8%

#### October 2017
- The European Union: 49%
- The Customs Union/Eurasian Union: 38%
- Other: 5%
- Don’t know/No answer: 8%

#### March 2017
- The European Union: 42%
- The Customs Union/Eurasian Union: 43%
- Other: 8%
- Don’t know/No answer: 7%

#### September 2016
- The European Union: 40%
- The Customs Union/Eurasian Union: 43%
- Other: 8%
- Don’t know/No answer: 9%

#### March 2016
- The European Union: 43%
- The Customs Union/Eurasian Union: 44%
- Other: 4%
- Don’t know/No answer: 9%

#### October 2015
- The European Union: 38%
- The Customs Union/Eurasian Union: 45%
- Other: 3%
- Don’t know/No answer: 14%

#### September 2014
- The European Union: 46%
- The Customs Union/Eurasian Union: 42%
- Other: 1%
- Don’t know/No answer: 11%
If Moldova could only join one international economic union, which one should it be? 
(Disaggregated by age)
If a referendum was held today on Moldova joining NATO, how would you vote?

- For Moldova joining NATO
- Against Moldova joining NATO
- Would not vote
- Don’t know/No answer

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September 2014: 31% For, 31% Against, 15% Would not vote, 23% Don’t know/No answer
What do you think the future of Transnistria should be?

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Sources of Information
Which of these media outlets do you use for gaining political information?

(Respondents permitted to supply several answers)

- **TV - news, programs**: 89%, 90%, 47%, 45%
- **Internet**: 42%, 47%, 40%, 45%
- **Relatives, friends**: 32%, 34%, 43%
- **Radio - news, programs**: 25%, 31%, 30%, 41%
- **Articles in newspapers**: 18%, 28%
- **Debates**: 14%
- **Social media**: 15%, 21%
- **Work colleagues**: 7%, 14%
- **Meetings with politicians**: 5%, 13%
- **Leaflets, other free information by mail**: 4%, 17%
- **Billboards, stands in the streets**: 3%, 15%
- **Articles in magazines**: 3%, 9%
- **Don’t know/No answer**: 1%
Which television channels do you watch for political information?
(TV channels mentioned at least by 1 percent of respondents)

- Prime TV: 48%
- Moldova 1: 27%
- Jurnal TV: 25%
- Publica TV: 21%
- Pro TV: 19%
- RTR: 14%
- NTV: 11%
- Canal 3: 9%
- Canal 2: 6%
- TV8: 4%
- Rossia: 2%
- TNT: 2%
- N4: 2%
- Accent TV: 1%
- TV7: 1%
- 2+: 1%
- TVR1: 1%
- Ren TV: 1%
- CTC: 1%
- CTR: 1%
- GTR: 1%
If you had to choose one, which of the following channels do you watch most of the time?

(TV channels mentioned at least by 1 percent of respondents)

- Prime TV: 26%
- NTV: 20%
- RTR: 19%
- TNT: 12%
- CTC: 12%
- Canal 3: 10%
- Moldova 1: 10%
- Canal 2: 8%
- Jurnal TV: 5%
- TV1000: 5%
- Pro TV: 4%
- Discovery: 3%
- Publica TV: 3%
- N4: 2%
- Rossia: 2%
- Mir 24: 1%
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- 2+: 1%
Which of the following is the primary channel you usually watch most of the time if you had to choose one?

- Prime TV: 26%
- Jurnal TV: 12%
- NTV: 9%
- Moldova 1: 8%
- RTR: 7%
- Pro TV: 5%
- TNT: 5%
- Publica TV: 5%
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- Other: 7%
- I do not watch TV: 7%
- Don’t know/No answer: 4%
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Do you own a smartphone which can access the internet?  
(Respondents who use the internet)

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March 2017 (N=946)
Do you use any of the following social media sites? (Respondents who use the internet)

- Odnoklassniki
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Vkontakte
- MoiMir
- Twitter
- LiveJournal
- Linkedin
- I don’t use social media

February 2018 (N=960)
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How often do you use social media as a source of daily news?

(Respondents who use the internet)
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Demographics

**Occupation**
- Manager/Director/Patron: 1%
- Specialist: 8%
- Technician: 1%
- White collar: 3%
- Services/Trade: 4%
- Blue collar: 9%
- Unqualified worker: 8%
- Farmer: 3%
- Student: 4%
- Retired (not working): 34%
- Housewife: 6%
- Unemployed/Looking for a job: 15%
- Unemployed/Not looking for a job: 3%
- Other: 1%

**Basic Sources of Livelihood**
- My salary or the income of enterprise or family farm: 38%
- The salary or income of some of the members of my family: 42%
- Sale of products of the part-time farm: 11%
- Use of products of the part-time farm: 29%
- Social benefits: 38%
- The help of relatives/friends in a form of money/food/goods: 11%
- Something else: 1%
- No answer: 2%

**Settlement Type**
- Chisinau: 21%
- Mid-sized/Small town: 24%
- Rural area: 55%