Detailed Methodology

• The survey was conducted on behalf of the Center for Insights in Survey Research by GfK Skopje market research firm.
• Data was collected from June 28 to July 15, 2018, through face-to-face interviews by trained professionals.
• A nationally representative sample size of 1,100 respondents ages 18 and over was surveyed. The margin of error was plus or minus three percent at the midrange of the 95 percent confidence level. The response rate was 69 percent.
• The national sample was prepared using State Statistical Office data (2002 census results) for the population aged 18 and older. It also considered the structure of the population according to age, gender, housing type, ethnic affiliation and region, and was updated accordingly with estimates and primary information collected by GfK Skopje.
• A stratified multistage sampling probability sampling method was used with the random route and next birthday methods for respondent selection.
• Stratification was based on three stages:
  • Stage One: The number of respondents for each of the regions was specified in proportion to the size of its population (aged 18 and older).
  • Stage Two: Each region was stratified by the level of urbanization, i.e. urban and rural strata.
  • Stage Three: The sampling plan consisted of 150 sampling points located according to urban/rural split, municipality size and ethnic diffusion.
  • Stage Four: The selection of households was based on a random route method. In urban areas, every third household on the left-hand side of the street was selected. In rural areas, the “wave-wise” approach was applied, in which the interviewer selects every fourth inhabited house/dwelling on both sides of the interviewer’s route/track, counting from the first house on the left.
• The “next birthday method” was used to select respondents.
• This dataset has been weighed for gender, age, ethnicity and education.
• Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
• Any data cited from previous surveys comes from surveys with comparable methodology.
• This poll was conducted with support from the United States Agency for International Development.
Political Context Prior to/During Data Collection

• 17 June 2018 - Signing of agreement with Greece about resolution of name issue
• 17 June 2018 - Protest of VMRO-DPMNE in Bitola against name change
• 20 June 2018 - Parliament adopts the law ratifying the agreement with Greece
• 23 June 2018 - Protest in Skopje against name change
• 26 June 2018 - President Ivanov declares that he will not sign the agreement with Greece
• 26 June 2018 - European Council provides a conditional recommendation for the date of negotiations for EU
• 29 June 2018 - NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg announces that invitation will be sent to the country after fulfillment of the agreement with Greece
• 5 July 2018 - Parliament once again adopts the law ratifying the agreement with Greece
• 12 July 2018 - NATO conditional invitation sent to Macedonia
Political Party Glossary

- VMRO-DPMNE: Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization - Democratic Party for Macedonian National Unity
- SDSM: Social Democratic Union of Macedonia
- DUI: Democratic Union for Integration
- BESA: Movement BESA (party of Bilall Kasami)
- BESA: Movement BESA (party of Afrim Gashi)
- AA: Alliance for Albanians
- DPA: Democratic Party of Albanians
- NDR: National Democratic Revival
Overall, is Macedonia moving in the right or wrong direction?
Is the Republic of Macedonia more or less stable today than it was one year ago?
How would you describe the current internal political situation in Macedonia?
In your opinion, what are the two most serious problems facing Macedonia today? (Open-ended)

- Economy: 25%
- Name issue: 22%
- Unemployment: 22%
- Poverty, low standard of living, problems of common people: 21%
- Low or non-payment of salary or pension: 18%
- The general political situation: 18%
- Law and order, the rule of law: 13%
- High prices: 13%
- Social problems: 7%
- Integration into the EU: 7%
- Poor performance of the current government: 6%
- Crime: 6%
- Interethnic relations/conflict: 4%
- Security crisis, peace, stability, war, terrorism: 4%
- Corruption: 5%
- Entrance into NATO: 4%
- Emigration/Brain drain: 3%
- Inadequate infrastructure, roads: 3%
- Agriculture, low prices of agricultural products: 3%
- Social problems: 7%
- Poor performance of the current government: 6%
- Crime: 6%
- Interethnic relations/conflict: 4%
- Security crisis, peace, stability, war, terrorism: 4%
- Corruption: 5%
- Entrance into NATO: 4%
- Emigration/Brain drain: 3%
- Inadequate infrastructure, roads: 3%
- Agriculture, low prices of agricultural products: 3%
- Other: 2%
- Don't know: 2%

First mention:
- Economy: 15%
- Unemployment: 10%
- Poverty, low standard of living, problems of common people: 9%
- Low or non-payment of salary or pension: 8%
- The general political situation: 7%
- Law and order, the rule of law: 7%
- High prices: 4%
- Social problems: 4%
- Integration into the EU: 4%
- Poor performance of the current government: 3%
- Crime: 3%
- Interethnic relations/conflict: 2%
- Security crisis, peace, stability, war, terrorism: 2%
- Corruption: 2%
- Entrance into NATO: 1%
- Emigration/Brain drain: 1%
- Inadequate infrastructure, roads: 1%
- Agriculture, low prices of agricultural products: 1%
- Other: 1%

Second mention:
- Economy: 10%
- Unemployment: 10%
- Poverty, low standard of living, problems of common people: 9%
- Low or non-payment of salary or pension: 9%
- The general political situation: 9%
- Law and order, the rule of law: 7%
- High prices: 4%
- Social problems: 4%
- Integration into the EU: 4%
- Poor performance of the current government: 3%
- Crime: 3%
- Interethnic relations/conflict: 2%
- Security crisis, peace, stability, war, terrorism: 2%
- Corruption: 2%
- Entrance into NATO: 1%
- Emigration/Brain drain: 1%
- Inadequate infrastructure, roads: 1%
- Agriculture, low prices of agricultural products: 1%
- Other: 1%

Other: 2%

Don't know: 2%
In the next two years, will the economy in Macedonia get better, get worse, or stay the same?
In your opinion, has unemployment increased or decreased over the last year?

- Increased a lot: November 2016 = 18%, March 2017 = 18%, August 2017 = 9%, July 2018 = 13%
- Increased somewhat: November 2016 = 28%, March 2017 = 26%, August 2017 = 31%, July 2018 = 23%
- Decreased somewhat: November 2016 = 25%, March 2017 = 29%, August 2017 = 32%, July 2018 = 27%
- Decreased a lot: November 2016 = 9%, March 2017 = 7%, August 2017 = 4%, July 2018 = 5%
- The same: November 2016 = 12%, March 2017 = 11%, August 2017 = 17%, July 2018 = 17%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: November 2016 = 6%, March 2017 = 6%, August 2017 = 7%
How is your family’s economic situation compared to one year ago?

- Much better
- Somewhat better
- Same
- Somewhat worse
- Much worse
Speaking personally, is your overall quality of life...?
Which of the following statements applies to you?

- I can buy anything I want: 5%
- I can buy somewhat more than what’s necessary: 29%
- I can buy only what’s necessary: 55%
- I cannot even buy what’s necessary: 10%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%
Is there any member of your household who has emigrated to live and/or work abroad?

- Yes, in the last year: 1%
- Yes, in the last three years: 10%
- Yes, over three years ago: 12%
- No: 54%
- Refused to answer: 22%
For each of the following institutions: please state whether you completely trust, somewhat trust, somewhat distrust or completely distrust

- The EU
- NATO
- The army
- Religious communities
- The police
- Local government
- Educational institutions
- NGOs
- Health institutions
- The media
- The judicial system

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The Name Issue
Is now the right time for solving the dispute with Greece? Should it have been done earlier or should it be done later in the future?

- **44%** - Now is the right time
- **25%** - It should have been done earlier
- **17%** - It should be done later in the future
- **14%** - Don’t Know/Refused to answer
How did you learn about the content of the name agreement between Macedonia and Greece? (Multiple answers possible)

- TV (news, debates): 71%
- Internet portals: 27%
- From conversations with friends and/or relatives: 24%
- Social media (Facebook, etc.): 22%
- I did not read it: 9%
- I read it personally: 7%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%
How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- The Government removed a major obstacle to EU and NATO integration with the name agreement:
  - Strongly agree: 31%
  - Somewhat agree: 25%
  - Somewhat disagree: 13%
  - Strongly disagree: 23%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 8%

- The citizens of Macedonia will gain economic prosperity and increased access to European funds by resolving the 27-year-old Macedonia-Greece name dispute:
  - Strongly agree: 27%
  - Somewhat agree: 29%
  - Somewhat disagree: 14%
  - Strongly disagree: 23%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 8%

- The security and safety of the citizens of Macedonia will be increased by resolving the 27-year-old Macedonia-Greece name dispute:
  - Strongly agree: 26%
  - Somewhat agree: 26%
  - Somewhat disagree: 16%
  - Strongly disagree: 24%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 9%

- The speed and quality of reforms in Macedonia will increase by resolving the 27-year-old Macedonia-Greece name dispute:
  - Strongly agree: 25%
  - Somewhat agree: 27%
  - Somewhat disagree: 15%
  - Strongly disagree: 23%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 9%

- The governments of the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Greece permanently resolved the 27-year-old dispute with the name agreement:
  - Strongly agree: 25%
  - Somewhat agree: 25%
  - Somewhat disagree: 15%
  - Strongly disagree: 25%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 9%
How much do you support or oppose the proposal for Macedonia to join the EU and NATO as the “Republic of North Macedonia?”

- 37% Completely support
- 28% Somewhat oppose
- 20% Somewhat support
- 10% Completely oppose
- 5% Don’t know/Refused to answer
How strongly do you agree or disagree that the benefits of joining the EU and NATO justify the acceptance of the name “Republic of North Macedonia?”

- Strongly agree: 36%
- Somewhat agree: 21%
- Somewhat disagree: 12%
- Strongly disagree: 26%
- Don’t Know/Refused to answer: 5%
How will you vote in the referendum on resolving the 27-year-old Macedonia-Greece name dispute?

- 49% Positively (in favor of the agreement)
- 22% Negatively (against the agreement)
- 16% I won’t vote
- 13% Don’t know/Refused to answer
Do you know that amendments to the Constitution need to be made in order to resolve the 27-year-old name dispute?

- Yes: 75%
- No: 16%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 9%
Perceptions of the Government’s Performance
Please select the statement you agree with most: “The Government led by SDSM works...”

- Better compared to the government led by VMRO-DPMNE: 39%
- The same compared to the government led by VMRO-DPMNE: 24%
- Worse compared to the government led by VMRO-DPMNE: 12%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 25%
If we compare the previous government led by VMRO-DPMNE and the current government led by SDSM, which government is better in the following areas:

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The rule of law in a democracy can be understood as “a state where all people and institutions are accountable to the law and the Constitution, and the Constitution and the law are equally applied to all.”

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

“The rule of law exists in Macedonia.”

![Graph showing the percentage of responses over time from November 2016 to July 2018.](chart_image)

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don’t know/Refused to answer
Do you think your phone conversations are:

- 34% Private and safe
- 45% Not private and safe
- 21% Don't know/Refused to answer

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- 39% Private and safe
- 46% Not private and safe
- 15% Don't know/Refused to answer

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- 35% Private and safe
- 50% Not private and safe
- 15% Don't know/Refused to answer

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- 31% Private and safe
- 52% Not private and safe
- 18% Don't know/Refused to answer
Following the change in power, has the government dedicated itself to solving the most important problem Macedonia is facing?

- Yes, completely: 17%
- In general, yes: 23%
- In general, no: 20%
- Not at all: 6%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 33%

(Chart showing percentages)
On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means you think the government gives more support to foreign investments and companies and 5 means you think the government gives more support to domestic investments and companies, where would you place your views?

- 1: The government gives more support to foreign investments and companies
- 2: 
- 3: The government gives more support to domestic investments and companies
- 4: 
- 5: 
- Don’t know/Refused to answer

![Bar chart showing the distribution of responses]

- 10% for 1
- 13% for 2
- 32% for 3
- 20% for 4
- 9% for 5
- 16% for Don’t know/Refused to answer
Do you think that the minimum monthly salary increased during the last year, following the election of the new government led by SDSM?

- Yes: 43%
- No: 26%
- Remained the same: 23%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 8%
Some people believe that those who earn higher salaries should pay higher personal income tax, while others oppose this idea. Do you support this type of tax?

- Yes: 38%
- Yes, but it should depend on the salary level above which the higher personal income tax will be paid: 25%
- No: 26%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 11%
If higher taxes for people with higher incomes are introduced, how will companies react?

- 22% They will pay the full amount of tax (the net salary of the employee will remain the same)
- 31% They will find ways to pay a lower amount of tax to avoid payment of the full tax
- 26% They will deduct the amount they need to pay for higher taxes from salary (the net salary will be decreased)
- 21% Don’t know/Refused to answer
Using the scale used in Macedonian schools, where 1 is unsatisfactory and 5 is excellent, what grade would you give for the... ?

(Mean score)

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*Answers from December 2014 refer to the government led by Nikola Gruevski, VMRO-DPMNE.*
Based on its actions and behavior, do you consider the SDSM-led government to be transparent or non-transparent?

*Answers from December 2014 refer to the government led by Nikola Gruevski, VMRO-DPMNE.*
How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “The SDSM-led government is open and accountable to the citizens/public”?

- **20%** Strongly agree
- **34%** Somewhat agree
- **19%** Somewhat disagree
- **19%** Strongly disagree
- **7%** Don’t know/Refused to answer

- **34%** Don’t know/Refused to answer
Which three ministers in the Government of Macedonia make the best impression on you and are doing the best job they can? (Multiple responses)

- Zoran Zaev (Prime Minister) - 19% first mention, 5% second mention, 2% third mention
- Nikola Dimitrov (Minister of Foreign Affairs) - 5% first mention, 5% second mention, 5% third mention
- Radmila Sekerinska (DPM and Minister of Defense) - 4% first mention, 5% second mention, 3% third mention
- Bujar Osmani (DPM for European Affairs) - 4% first mention, 3% second mention, 3% third mention
- Oliver Spasovski (DPM and Minister for Internal Affairs) - 3% first mention, 5% second mention, 4% third mention
- Koco Angushev (DPM for Economic Affairs) - 3% first mention, 3% second mention, 2% third mention
- Renata Treneska Deskoska (Minister of Justice) - 2% first mention, 3% second mention, 3% third mention
- Mila Carovska (Minister of Labor and Social Policy) - 2% first mention, 2% second mention, 3% third mention
- Venko Filipce (Minister of Health) - 1% first mention, 1% second mention, 1% third mention
- Arber Ademi (Minister of Education) - 1% first mention, 1% second mention, 1% third mention
- Dragan Tevdovski (Minister of Finance) - 1% first mention, 2% second mention, 1% third mention
- Other - 6% first mention, 6% second mention, 6% third mention
- None - 6% first mention, 6% second mention, 6% third mention
- Don’t know/Refused to answer - 18% first mention, 31% second mention, 3% third mention

* DPM stands for Deputy Prime Minister.
Which three government ministers leave the worst impression on you and are not doing their job as they should? (Multiple responses)

- Zoran Zaev (Prime Minister): 18% (First mention), 3% (Second mention), 1% (Third mention)
- Radmila Sekerinska (DPM and Minister of Defense): 4% (First mention), 8% (Second mention), 4% (Third mention)
- Venko Filipce (Minister of Health): 4% (First mention), 2% (Second mention), 2% (Third mention)
- Oliver Spasovski (DPM and Minister for Internal Affairs): 3% (First mention), 4% (Second mention), 4% (Third mention)
- Koco Angushev (DPM for Economic Affairs): 3% (First mention), 3% (Second mention), 2% (Third mention)
- Nikola Dimitrov (Minister of Foreign Affairs): 2% (First mention), 5% (Second mention), 4% (Third mention)
- Hazbi Lika (DPM for Implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement): 2% (First mention), 2% (Second mention), 2% (Third mention)
- Bujar Osmani (DPM for European Affairs): 1% (First mention), 1% (Second mention), 3% (Third mention)
- Arber Ademi (Minister of Education): 1% (First mention), 2% (Second mention), 1% (Third mention)
- Sadula Duraku (Minister of Environment): 1% (First mention), 1% (Second mention), 1% (Third mention)
- Kreshnik Bekteshi (Minister of Economy): 1% (First mention), 1% (Second mention), 1% (Third mention)
- Other: 9% (First mention), 10% (Second mention), 11% (Third mention)
- None: 20%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 31%
Social Cohesion
Macedonia is...
(Multiple responses possible)

- My state: 24%
- My country: 21%
- My homeland: 20%
- All these: 43%
- None of these: 4%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
What does “one society” mean to you? (Open-ended)

- Citizens have equal rights, obligations and benefits from the state: 18%
- Citizens are not divided by ethnic, partisan or social affiliation: 18%
- The rule of law applies to everyone: 17%
- There are no divisions, people respect each other: 14%
- Professionalism, merit and quality of work is valued: 7%
- There is no discrimination: 7%
- All citizens are committed to common goods, goals and values: 7%
- All citizens are loyal to the state: 5%
- Other: 3%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 4%
On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means you feel completely frustrated with life in Macedonia and 5 means you feel completely satisfied, how would you rate your view of life in Macedonia?

14% I feel frustrated
18% I feel frustrated
30% I feel satisfied
26% I feel satisfied
10% I feel satisfied
2% I feel satisfied
0% Don’t know/Refused to answer
How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- This government improves gender equality
  - Strongly agree: 10%
  - Somewhat agree: 31%
  - Somewhat disagree: 23%
  - Strongly disagree: 25%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 11%

- This government improves the life of vulnerable/marginalized groups in society
  - Strongly agree: 10%
  - Somewhat agree: 29%
  - Somewhat disagree: 22%
  - Strongly disagree: 26%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 13%

- The state takes equal care of all citizens
  - Strongly agree: 7%
  - Somewhat agree: 25%
  - Somewhat disagree: 27%
  - Strongly disagree: 36%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 5%

- This government improves the life of youth
  - Strongly agree: 5%
  - Somewhat agree: 28%
  - Somewhat disagree: 28%
  - Strongly disagree: 34%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 5%
What languages do you speak at a level to be able to study and work in that language?

(Multiple responses possible)

- Macedonian: 87%
- Albanian: 28%
- Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian: 19%
- English: 17%
- Turkish: 8%
- German: 2%
- Roma: 1%
- Other: 2%
Should all citizens, regardless of ethnic background, be proficient in Macedonian language as the official state language?

- **Yes**: 86%
- **No**: 9%
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: 5%
Attitudes Toward Euro-Atlantic Integration and Foreign Relations
Do you support Macedonia becoming a member of the European Union?
Do you think Macedonia is closer to EU entry today, or was it closer when it first received its EU candidate member status?

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Closer today  When first received its EU candidate status  Don't know/Refused to answer
What is most important for Macedonia's accession into the EU?

- Resolution of the name issue: 32%
- Political will by the EU to accept Macedonia as a member: 26%
- Implementation of domestic reforms requested by the EU: 19%
- All of the above: 16%
- Other: 2%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 6%
In how many years do you think Macedonia will become a member of the EU?

- 1-5 years: 35% (July 2018)
- 6-10 years: 27% (July 2018)
- More than 10 years: 25% (July 2018)
- Never: 21% (July 2018)
- Don't know/No answer: 18% (July 2018)
Do you support Macedonia becoming a member of NATO?
How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements: “Macedonia’s interests are best served by maintaining strong relations with...”

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- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know/Refused to answer
Which one of these countries helps Macedonia’s national interests the most?

- European Union: 27%
- United States of America: 22%
- Turkey: 18%
- Russia: 11%
- Germany: 8%
- China: 3%
- None of them: 18%
- All of them: 17%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 11%
What is your opinion of the Good Neighborhood and Friendship Agreement with Bulgaria as ratified in the Macedonian Assembly?

- Completely positive: 24%
- Somewhat positive: 28%
- Somewhat negative: 14%
- Completely negative: 20%
- I have not heard about this agreement: 6%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 8%
If parliamentary elections were held today, how likely would you be to vote? (n=1,054)
If parliamentary elections were held today, how likely would you be to vote?

(n=1,054; Disaggregated by age)
Which party would you vote for if parliamentary elections were held today?*

- **SDSM**: 21% (July 2018), 20% (August 2017)
- **VMRO-DPMNE**: 18% (July 2018), 20% (August 2017)
- **DUI**: 7% (July 2018), 7% (August 2017)
- **AA**: 2% (July 2018), 5% (August 2017)
- **BESA (party of Bilall Kasami)**: 4% (July 2018), 1% (August 2017)
- **DPA**: 1% (July 2018), 1% (August 2017)
- **BESA (party of Afrim Gashi)**: 1% (July 2018), 1% (August 2017)
- **Other**: 1% (July 2018), 1% (August 2017)
- **None/Intend to spoil ballot**: 2% (July 2018), 5% (August 2017)
- **Would not vote**: 4% (July 2018), 6% (August 2017)
- **Undecided/Don’t know**: 19% (July 2018), 22% (August 2017)
- **No answer/Refused to answer**: 23% (July 2018), 22% (August 2017)

*See glossary of political parties on Slide 3.
When you think about people in political life, who is the one person in Macedonia whom you view most favorably? (Open-ended)

- **Zoran Zaev**: 16% (July 2018), 16% (August 2017)
- **Nikola Gruevski**: 7% (July 2018), 11% (August 2017)
- **Ali Ahmeti**: 5% (July 2018), 6% (August 2017)
- **Gjorge Ivanov**: 5% (July 2018), 9% (August 2017)
- **Nikola Dimitrov**: 2% (July 2018), 2% (August 2017)
- **Hristijan Mickoski**: 2% (July 2018), 2% (August 2017)
- **Ziadin Sela**: 1% (July 2018), 4% (August 2017)
- **Radmila Sekerinska**: <1% (July 2018), 1% (August 2017)
- **None**: 45% (July 2018), 31% (August 2017)
I will read you a list of public figures in Macedonia. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of each of them.
I will read you a list of institutions in Macedonia. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of that institution.
I will read you a list of political parties in Macedonia. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of that party.
Do you agree that VMRO-DPMNE acts constructively in opposition?

- Strongly agree: 13%
- Somewhat agree: 21%
- Somewhat disagree: 23%
- Strongly disagree: 22%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 21%
Sources of Political News
What is your primary source of political news?
(Multiple answers)

- Television: 86% (Nov 2016), 89% (Mar 2017), 85% (Aug 2017), 84% (Jul 2018)
- Radio: 5% (Nov 2016), 3% (Mar 2017), 4% (Aug 2017), 4% (Jul 2018)
- Print media: 12% (Nov 2016), 8% (Mar 2017), 6% (Aug 2017), 5% (Jul 2018)
- Family/Friends: 32% (Nov 2016), 27% (Mar 2017), 27% (Aug 2017), 22% (Jul 2018)
- Political parties: 9% (Nov 2016), 7% (Mar 2017), 4% (Aug 2017), 3% (Jul 2018)
- Internet/Websites: 32% (Nov 2016), 35% (Mar 2017), 39% (Aug 2017), 38% (Jul 2018)
Which television station do you watch most often for political news? (Open ended; multiple answers)

- Kanal 5: 19% (20% second mention, 4% third mention)
- Sitel: 18% (10% second mention, 5% third mention)
- Alsat-M: 17% (5% second mention, 2% third mention)
- Telma: 12% (12% second mention, 9% third mention)
- 24 Vesti: 11% (5% second mention, 9% third mention)
- MTV (Macedonian language): 7% (7% second mention, 5% third mention)
- Do not watch TV: 5%
- Alfa: 3% (2% second mention, 5% third mention)
- TV Shenja: 2% (2% second mention, 2% third mention)
- TV 21: 2% (2% second mention, 2% third mention)
- Other: 3%
- MTV (Albanian language): 3%
- Local TV Station: 3%
How much did you follow political news yesterday?

- I didn't follow any of it: 35%
- I followed some of it: 21%
- I followed most of it: 19%
- I followed all of it: 22%
Where did you follow political news yesterday? (Open ended; multiple answers, n=853: those who answered that they followed at least some political news yesterday)

* In August, 2017 n=711.
Demographics
Demographics

Religious background

- Orthodox Christian: 64%
- Muslim: 34%
- Christian-Other: 0%
- Atheist: 1%

Visit to religious temple

- Never: 72%
- Once a year: 9%
- Once a month: 23%
- Once a week: 29%
- Once a day: 16%
- Multiple times a day: 17%
- Once a day: 12%
- Once a week: 8%
- Several times in a week: 7%
- Occasionally: 32%
- Never: 12%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 13%