Survey of Macedonian Public Opinion

April 19-25, 2016
Detailed Methodology

• The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute by the Brima market research firm (member of Taylor Nelson Sofres and Gallup International) in cooperation with Chariot LLC in San Francisco, California.

• Data was collected from April 19 to 25, 2016, using in-person, face-to-face methodology by trained professional interviewers.

• A total of 1,104 interviews were completed, yielding an overall margin of error of plus or minus three percent at the midrange of the 95-percent confidence level. A nationally representative sample was based on a multistage stratification proportionate to population sample distribution, with a random selection of households and respondents. The response rate was 75 percent.

• The sample was prepared using the 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, education, type of housing, national affiliation and region while updating accordingly to estimates and primary information, collected by Brima.

• Stratification was based on three stages: first, the number of respondents for each of region was specified in proportion to the size of its population aged 18 and older. Second, the sampling plan consisted of 163 sampling points located according to urban/rural split, municipality size and nationality diffusion. Third, the selection of households was based on a random route method, whereby 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 to select 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 18 years and older.

• Figures in charts and tables may not add to 100 percent due to rounding error.

• This poll was conducted with support from the United States Agency for International Development.
The Political Situation in Macedonia
How would you describe the current internal political situation in Macedonia?
Is the Republic of Macedonia more or less stable today than it was one year ago?
Overall, is Macedonia moving in the right or wrong direction?
In your opinion, what are the two most serious problems facing Macedonia today? (Open-Ended)

- Unemployment: 27% (First Mention) 10% (Second Mention)
- General/current political situation/the political crisis: 26% (First Mention) 12% (Second Mention)
- Poverty, low standard of living, problems of common people: 23% (First Mention) 13% (Second Mention)
- Economic crisis and financial crisis: 19% (First Mention) 7% (Second Mention)
- Low or non-payment of salary or pension: 14% (First Mention) 10% (Second Mention)
- Corruption: 9% (First Mention) 6% (Second Mention)
- Crime: 8% (First Mention) 5% (Second Mention)
- High prices: 6% (First Mention) 4% (Second Mention)
- Immigration/youth: 4% (First Mention) 3% (Second Mention)
- The current protests: 4% (First Mention) 2% (Second Mention)
- Poor performance of the current government: 3% (First Mention) 2% (Second Mention)
- Law and order, rule of law: 3% (First Mention) 2% (Second Mention)
- Security crisis, peace, stability, war, terrorism: 3% (First Mention) 1% (Second Mention)
Do you support or do not support President Ivanov’s decision to pardon all politicians and their associates against whom there are judicial investigations in regards to the political crisis and the wiretapping?

- 53% completely support it
- 14% somewhat support it
- 11% somewhat do not support it
- 9% completely do not support it
- 12% don’t know/Refused to answer
Should the politicians who were pardoned by the President about deeds connected to the political crisis and the wiretapping be eligible or not be eligible to be candidates for MPs in the upcoming parliamentary elections?

- 70% Yes, they should be eligible
- 18% No, they should not be eligible
- 12% Don't know/Refused to answer
A special public prosecutor, Katica Janeva, was appointed to investigate cases connected to the wiretapped conversations mentioned previously. Do you think that Ms. Janeva will be able to investigate these cases independently and without obstruction?
Do you support the work of the Special Public Prosecutor for the resolution of the wiretapping scandal?

- I completely support it: 42%
- I somewhat support it: 17%
- I somewhat do not support it: 12%
- I completely do not support it: 9%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 21%
Some people think that the conditions for free and fair elections in Macedonia (including cleaning the voter list, increasing the capacity of the State Election Commission, and establishing regulations reducing political interference in the media) have been met and because of this elections should take place on June 5; while others think that these conditions have not been met and because of this the elections should be postponed until the conditions are fulfilled. Which is closer to your opinion?

Note: Data taken for January 2016 relates to proposed April 24, 2016 election date.
How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next elections expected on June 5, 2016?

* In January, the question was phrased “How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next elections expected on April 24, 2016?”
How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next elections expected on June 5, 2016?

Age 55+
- Very likely: 46%
- Somewhat likely: 16%
- Somewhat unlikely: 8%
- Very unlikely: 13%
- Would not vote: 7%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 10%

Age 35-54
- Very likely: 40%
- Somewhat likely: 18%
- Somewhat unlikely: 11%
- Very unlikely: 12%
- Would not vote: 8%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 11%

Age 18-34
- Very likely: 31%
- Somewhat likely: 22%
- Somewhat unlikely: 7%
- Very unlikely: 8%
- Would not vote: 16%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 16%
Do you think there are conditions in the country to hold free and fair elections?

- **April 2016**
  - Definitely Yes / Probably Yes: 48%
  - Definitely No / Probably No: 45%
  - Don’t know: 7%

- **January 2016**
  - Definitely Yes / Probably Yes: 59%
  - Definitely No / Probably No: 35%
  - Don’t know: 6%

- **October 2015**
  - Definitely Yes / Probably Yes: 63%
  - Definitely No / Probably No: 30%
  - Don’t know: 7%
As you may know, a credible voter list should contain all eligible voters in the country and not have any ineligible or duplicate voters in it. How confident are you in the accuracy of the voter list in Macedonia?

![Bar chart showing confidence levels in the voter list over time.]

- **October 2015**
  - I am very confident: 17%
  - I am somewhat confident: 29%
  - I am not that confident: 21%
  - I am not confident at all: 24%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 9%

- **January 2016**
  - I am very confident: 15%
  - I am somewhat confident: 31%
  - I am not that confident: 26%
  - I am not confident at all: 23%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 13%

- **April 2016**
  - I am very confident: 12%
  - I am somewhat confident: 26%
  - I am not that confident: 27%
  - I am not confident at all: 26%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 10%
Do you think that state institutions are capable of sufficiently addressing any irregularities, should they occur, on Election Day?

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What institution do you think is most responsible to ensure the elections will be free, democratic and with no irregularities?

- State Election Commission: 51% (October 2015), 43% (January 2016), 33% (April 2016)
- Ministry of Internal Affairs/Police: 25% (October 2015), 13% (January 2016), 17% (April 2016)
- The Government: 20% (October 2015), 17% (January 2016), 18% (April 2016)
- Political Parties: 11% (October 2015), 7% (January 2016), 9% (April 2016)
- The Judiciary: 2% (October 2015), 2% (January 2016), 2% (April 2016)
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 11% (October 2015), 0% (January 2016), 10% (April 2016)
To what degree did you trust the following according to their actions in the last 12 months?

- Special Public Prosecution: 33% I Trust Them, 40% I Fully Trust Them, 40% I Have No Trust, 16% I Have No Trust at All
- The President: 30% I Trust Them, 52% I Fully Trust Them, 20% I Have No Trust, 18% I Have No Trust at All
- Ministries: 27% I Trust Them, 43% I Fully Trust Them, 30% I Have No Trust, 10% I Have No Trust at All
- The Government: 27% I Trust Them, 53% I Fully Trust Them, 20% I Have No Trust, 10% I Have No Trust at All
- State Election Commission: 26% I Trust Them, 44% I Fully Trust Them, 30% I Have No Trust, 8% I Have No Trust at All
- Public Prosecution: 25% I Trust Them, 46% I Fully Trust Them, 29% I Have No Trust, 10% I Have No Trust at All
- The Assembly: 23% I Trust Them, 54% I Fully Trust Them, 24% I Have No Trust, 0% I Have No Trust at All
- Courts: 21% I Trust Them, 52% I Fully Trust Them, 26% I Have No Trust, 11% I Have No Trust at All
- Media: 20% I Trust Them, 43% I Fully Trust Them, 30% I Have No Trust, 17% I Have No Trust at All
- State Commission for Prevention of Corruption: 20% I Trust Them, 52% I Fully Trust Them, 20% I Have No Trust, 18% I Have No Trust at All
- Political Parties: 16% I Trust Them, 49% I Fully Trust Them, 35% I Have No Trust, 10% I Have No Trust at All
Do you believe that your vote on Election Day is secret?

![Bar chart showing the percentage of yes, no, and don't know/refused to answer responses over time.]

- **February 2014**: 69% Yes, 23% No, 8% Don't Know/Refused to Answer
- **May 2014**: 49% Yes, 39% No, 13% Don't Know/Refused to Answer
- **September 2014**: 66% Yes, 27% No, 7% Don't Know/Refused to Answer
- **December 2014**: 71% Yes, 22% No, 7% Don't Know/Refused to Answer
- **October 2015**: 62% Yes, 31% No, 7% Don't Know/Refused to Answer
- **January 2016**: 66% Yes, 23% No, 11% Don't Know/Refused to Answer
- **April 2016**: 61% Yes, 28% No, 11% Don't Know/Refused to Answer

The chart shows fluctuations in the percentage of people believing their vote is secret, with a general trend of increasing belief over time.
Who do you think violates the secrecy of your vote?
Those who think that their vote on election day is not secret, n=309

- **Political Parties, All of Them**
  - April-16: 38%
  - January-16: 39%
  - October-15: 43%
  - Don’t Know/Refused to Answer: 19%

- **The Government**
  - April-16: 12%
  - January-16: 15%
  - October-15: 19%
  - Don’t Know/Refused to Answer: 6%

- **VMRO-DPMNE**
  - April-16: 12%
  - January-16: 17%
  - October-15: 19%
  - Don’t Know/Refused to Answer: 6%

- **SDSM**
  - April-16: 1%
  - January-16: 1%
  - Don’t Know/Refused to Answer: 1%

- **DUI**
  - April-16: 7%
  - January-16: 6%
  - Don’t Know/Refused to Answer: 5%

- **DPA**
  - April-16: 1%
  - January-16: 0%
  - Don’t Know/Refused to Answer: 1%

- **State Election Commission**
  - April-16: 3%
  - January-16: 8%
  - Don’t Know/Refused to Answer: 6%

- **The Police**
  - April-16: 2%
  - January-16: 1%
  - Don’t Know/Refused to Answer: 2%

- **Don’t Know/Refused to Answer**
  - April-16: 18%
  - January-16: 20%
  - October-15: 19%
Have you or has a member of your family, relative or someone you know personally ever been subject to pressure, such as force, threats, vote-buying or other illegal means, to vote in a particular way?

Has Nikola Gruevski done his job well enough to deserve re-election?

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Euro Atlantic Orientation Prevails
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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According to you, which one of these countries helps Macedonia’s national interests the most?

- European Union: 22%
- Turkey: 12%
- Russia: 11%
- United States of America: 10%
- Germany: 7%
- China: 1%
- Neither: 19%
- All of them: 5%
- Don’t know: 13%
Do you support Macedonia becoming a member of the EU?
In how many years do you think Macedonia will become a member of the EU?

- 1-5 years: 16% (October 2015), 18% (January 2016), 21% (April 2016)
- 6-10 years: 25% (October 2015), 25% (January 2016), 23% (April 2016)
- More Than 10 years: 27% (October 2015), 25% (January 2016), 21% (April 2016)
- Never: 18% (October 2015), 17% (January 2016), 16% (April 2016)
- Don't Know/Refused to Answer: 14% (October 2015), 16% (January 2016), 17% (April 2016)
Do you think Macedonia is closer to EU entry today, or was it closer when it got its EU candidate member status?
According to you, what is the reason for the slowdown in Macedonia’s EU integration?

- **The Name Issue**: 47% (June 2015), 45% (October 2015), 47% (January 2016), 48% (April 2016)
- **Lack of Domestic Reforms**: 23% (June 2015), 27% (October 2015), 28% (January 2016), 41% (April 2016)
- **New Conditions Set by the EU**: 16% (June 2015), 15% (October 2015), 17% (January 2016), 28% (April 2016)
- **Don’t Know/Refused to Answer**: 11% (June 2015), 9% (October 2015), 17% (January 2016), 11% (April 2016)
- **Other**: 2% (June 2015), 2% (October 2015), 3% (January 2016), 3% (April 2016)
Do you support Macedonia becoming a member of NATO?
Given its capacities, how do you feel the Macedonian government has handled the refugee crisis?

- **It is providing too much support to the refugees**
  - October 2015: 21%
  - January 2016: 28%
  - April 2016: 27%
  - Total: 28%

- **It is providing sufficient support to the refugees**
  - October 2015: 34%
  - January 2016: 37%
  - April 2016: 35%
  - Total: 37%

- **It is providing some support, but needs to do more for the refugees**
  - October 2015: 11%
  - January 2016: 10%
  - April 2016: 9%
  - Total: 10%

- **It is not providing sufficient support to the refugees**
  - October 2015: 16%
  - January 2016: 16%
  - April 2016: 14%
  - Total: 16%

- **I am not aware of the current refugee crisis**
  - October 2015: 4%
  - January 2016: 5%
  - April 2016: 7%
  - Total: 7%

- **Refuse to answer/Don't know**
  - October 2015: 12%
  - January 2016: 5%
  - April 2016: 11%
  - Total: 11%
In your opinion, how is the European Union’s handling of the refugee crisis affecting Macedonia?

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October 2015, January 2016, April 2016
Citizens’ Everyday Concerns and Economic Issues
Speaking personally, is your overall quality of life...?
How is your family’s economic situation compared with one year ago?
In the next two years, will the Macedonian economy get better, get worse or stay the same?
In your opinion, has unemployment increased or decreased over the last year?
According to you, does the government have an effective plan to address the economic problems Macedonia is facing?
How would you place your views on this scale?

1 means you agree completely with the statement on the left; 7 means you agree completely with the statement on the right; and if your views fall somewhere in between, you can choose any number in between.

Support more foreign investments and companies (1+2+3) 21%

In between (4) 24%

Support more domestic investments and companies (5+6+7) 51%

Don’t know 4%
Using the scale in Macedonian schools, from one to five (one being the least important and five being the most important), how important are each of these issues in your daily life?
For some people some types of personal security are more important than others. How important is each of the following types of personal security to you?

- **Health Insurance**: 97%
- **Physical Security**: 96%
- **Pension Insurance**: 88%
- **Job Security**: 73%
- **Social Aid**: 54%

The diagram uses a color-coding system to represent the levels of importance:
- **Very Important/Important**: Dark blue
- **Very Unimportant/Unimportant**: Green
- **Not applicable**: Gray
Regardless of how you answered the previous question, can you tell me if the security of each of the following is getting worse, is the same, or is getting better for you personally?

- **Health Insurance**
  - Better: 15%
  - Same: 57%
  - Worse: 25%
  - Not applicable: 1%
  - Don’t know: 2%

- **Pension Insurance**
  - Better: 13%
  - Same: 47%
  - Worse: 23%
  - Not applicable: 13%
  - Don’t know: 4%

- **Physical Security**
  - Better: 10%
  - Same: 57%
  - Worse: 30%
  - Not applicable: 2%
  - Don’t know: 2%

- **Job Security**
  - Better: 7%
  - Same: 39%
  - Worse: 23%
  - Not applicable: 26%
  - Don’t know: 4%

- **Social Aid**
  - Better: 5%
  - Same: 27%
  - Worse: 19%
  - Not applicable: 40%
  - Don’t know: 8%
When was life better for you, today or before the breakup of Yugoslavia?
If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?

![Bar chart showing the percentage of people who believe democracy or prosperity is more important from December 2014 to April 2016. The data is presented in the following way:

- **December 2014**
  - Democracy is Definitely More Important to Me: 38%
  - Democracy is Somewhat More Important to Me: 28%
  - Prosperity is Somewhat More Important to Me: 15%
  - Prosperity is Definitely More Important to Me: 13%
  - Don't Know/Refused to Answer: 9%

- **June 2015**
  - Democracy is Definitely More Important to Me: 33%
  - Democracy is Somewhat More Important to Me: 14%
  - Prosperity is Somewhat More Important to Me: 14%
  - Prosperity is Definitely More Important to Me: 15%
  - Don't Know/Refused to Answer: 6%

- **October 2015**
  - Democracy is Definitely More Important to Me: 32%
  - Democracy is Somewhat More Important to Me: 20%
  - Prosperity is Somewhat More Important to Me: 18%
  - Prosperity is Definitely More Important to Me: 21%
  - Don't Know/Refused to Answer: 6%

- **January 2016**
  - Democracy is Definitely More Important to Me: 32%
  - Democracy is Somewhat More Important to Me: 25%
  - Prosperity is Somewhat More Important to Me: 27%
  - Prosperity is Definitely More Important to Me: 27%
  - Don't Know/Refused to Answer: 7%

- **April 2016**
  - Democracy is Definitely More Important to Me: 32%
  - Democracy is Somewhat More Important to Me: 25%
  - Prosperity is Somewhat More Important to Me: 27%
  - Prosperity is Definitely More Important to Me: 27%
  - Don't Know/Refused to Answer: 7%
Do you think that free speech and the free expression of ideas exists in Macedonia today?
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”
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?
What is your primary source of political news?

*Multiple Responses*

- **Television**: 90% (Dec 2014), 87% (June 2015), 89% (Oct 2015), 88% (Jan 2016)
- **Radio**: 5% (Dec 2014), 4% (June 2015), 12% (Oct 2015), 13% (Jan 2016)
- **Print Media**: 7% (Dec 2014), 8% (June 2015), 16% (Oct 2015), 13% (Jan 2016)
- **Family/Friends**: 15% (Dec 2014), 18% (June 2015), 23% (Oct 2015), 27% (Jan 2016)
- **Political Parties**: 2% (Dec 2014), 3% (June 2015), 4% (Oct 2015), 4% (Jan 2016), 5% (April 2016)
- **Internet/Web Pages**: 19% (Dec 2014), 23% (June 2015), 23% (Oct 2015), 35% (Jan 2016), 37% (April 2016)
Which television station do you watch most often for political news?

- Alsat M: 21% (April 2016), 22% (January 2016), 24% (October 2015)
- SITEL: 20% (April 2016), 23% (January 2016), 28% (October 2015)
- Kanal 5: 13% (April 2016), 14% (January 2016), 13% (October 2015)
- 24 Vesti: 10% (April 2016), 12% (January 2016), 13% (October 2015)
- Telma: 10% (April 2016), 12% (January 2016), 10% (October 2015)
- Do Not Watch TV: 6% (April 2016), 4% (January 2016, October 2015)
- MTV (Macedonian Language): 5% (April 2016, January 2016, October 2015)
- Alfa: 3% (April 2016), 1% (January 2016, October 2015)
Do the following TV stations favor or do not favor a particular political party?

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<th>TV Station</th>
<th>VMRO-DPMNE</th>
<th>SDSM</th>
<th>DUI</th>
<th>DPA</th>
<th>Not in favor of any party</th>
<th>Don’t know</th>
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<td>Telma</td>
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<td>7%</td>
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<td>19%</td>
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Which daily newspaper do you read most often for political news?

- Do Not Read Newspapers: 67%
- Koha: 9%
- Dnevnik: 8%
- Vest: 6%
- Lajme: 4%
- Sloboden Pecat: 4%
- Vecer: 2%
- Utrinski Vesnik: 2%
- Nova Makedonija: 2%

Survey results for April 2016, January 2016, and October 2015.
Which weekly newspaper do you read most often for political news?

- **Do Not Read Weekly Newspapers**
  - April 2016: 90%
  - January 2016: 87%
  - October 2015: 88%
  - June 2015: 85%

- **Fokus**
  - April 2016: 5%
  - January 2016: 5%
  - October 2015: 5%
  - June 2015: 5%

- **Republika**
  - April 2016: 3%
  - January 2016: 3%
  - October 2015: 3%
  - June 2015: 2%

- **Kapital**
  - April 2016: 1%
  - January 2016: 1%
  - October 2015: 1%
  - June 2015: 1%
To what level do you agree with the statement?
“Government advertising in the media negatively affects press freedom.”

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<th>Month</th>
<th>Completely Agree</th>
<th>Somewhat Agree</th>
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Political Parties and Elections
To which political party do you belong or would you consider joining?

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<th>Party</th>
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<td>NDR</td>
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<td>1%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Undecided</td>
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<td>BESA</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Would Not Join</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<tr>
<td>No Answer/Refused to Answer</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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January 2016 vs April 2016
(If all parties participate), for which party would you vote if parliamentary elections were held today?
Which party, in your opinion, is most active in your village/town/city?

- VMRO-DPMNE: 45% (April 2016), 47% (January 2016), 45% (October 2015), 47% (June 2015)
- SDSM: 42% (April 2016), 45% (January 2016), 45% (October 2015), 47% (June 2015)
- DUI: 11% (April 2016), 11% (January 2016), 10% (October 2015), 11% (June 2015)
- None: 13% (April 2016), 15% (January 2016), 14% (October 2015), 15% (June 2015)
- Other: 2% (April 2016), 2% (January 2016), 2% (October 2015), 2% (June 2015)
- Don't Know/Refused to Answer: 1% (April 2016), 3% (January 2016), 1% (October 2015), 1% (June 2015)
Which party, in your opinion, works the hardest to get your support?

- VMRO-DPMNE
  - June 2015: 32%
  - October 2015: 27%
  - January 2016: 30%
  - April 2016: 27%

- SDSM
  - June 2015: 13%
  - October 2015: 10%
  - January 2016: 13%

- DUI
  - June 2015: 5%
  - October 2015: 9%

- None
  - June 2015: 33%
  - October 2015: 31%
  - January 2016: 30%

- Other
  - June 2015: 2%

- NDR
  - June 2015: 1%

- BESA
  - June 2015: 1%

- DPA
  - June 2015: 2%

- Don't Know/Refused to Answer
  - June 2015: 11%
Using the scale used in Macedonian schools, what grade would you give for the overall performance of ...?
Using the scale used in Macedonian schools, what grade would you give for the overall performance of ...?
When you think about people in public political life, who is the one person in Macedonia that you view most favorably? (Open-Ended)

- None: 45% (April 2016), 40% (January 2016), 38% (October 2015)
- Nikola Gruevski: 23% (April 2016), 21% (January 2016), 18% (October 2015)
- Zoran Zaev: 8% (April 2016), 9% (January 2016), 5% (October 2015)
- Ali Ahmeti: 4% (April 2016), 4% (January 2016), 4% (October 2015)
- Gjorge Ivanov: 4% (April 2016), 4% (January 2016), 4% (October 2015)
- Menduh Thaci: 1% (April 2016), 2% (January 2016), 2% (October 2015)
- Branko Crvenkovski: 2% (April 2016), 3% (January 2016), 2% (October 2015)
- Rufi Osmani: 2% (April 2016), 2% (January 2016), 2% (October 2015)
- Zijadin Sela: 1% (April 2016), 1% (January 2016), 1% (October 2015)
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 that person. If you have never heard of that person please just say so.
Why do you support the party you vote for; is it because it can help you or your family personally or do you support it because you believe it is the best for the country as a whole?

- 49%: Because I believe it is the best for the country as a whole
- 21%: Because it can help me or my family personally
- 14%: Both at the same time
- 10%: I do not vote
- 6%: Don't know
Why do you support the party you vote for; is it because you identify with this party or do you support this party because you think they are the best choice for Macedonia right now?

- 47%: Because I identify with that party
- 22%: Because I think that party is the best choice right now
- 14%: Both at the same time
- 11%: I do not vote
- 7%: Don't know
What do you consider to be the most important characteristic of a political leader?  
*Multiple responses*

- Responsible/Fulfills promises: 35%
- Honest: 34%
- Understands the problems of the people: 29%
- Qualified/Competent: 22%
- Visionary: 15%
- Consistent political views: 14%
- Hardworking: 14%
- Trustworthy: 13%
- Don't Know: 5%
### Demographics

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