# Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Armenia

June 2022



### Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of International Republican Institute's <u>Center for</u> <u>Insights in Survey Research</u> by <u>CRRC-Armenia</u>.
- Data was collected via computer assisted telephone interviews (CATI) throughout Armenia between June 10 and June 21, 2022, via automatized Random Digit Dialing (RDD) with stratification by mobile operators according to their market shares. While numbers were drawn at random, quotas were used for settlement based on the 2011 census of Armenia. For the second half of fieldwork, soft quotas for mobile operators were added.
- The sample consisted of 1,499 residents of Armenia with access to mobile phones, aged 18 and older.
  - Some slides feature trend data based the <u>April-May 2021 Armenia survey</u> (n=1,203 residents of Armenia aged 18 and older.) While the same sampling approach has been used for the 2021 and 2022 surveys, the 2021 sample was weighted for gender, age, settlement type, and region according to data from the National Statistical Service of Armenia (NSS) as of January 2020.
- The response rate was 22 percent.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percentage points for the full sample.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Datapoints for the June 2022 poll are unweighted.
- The survey was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

### Frequently Cited Disaggregated Bases

| Disaggregate   | Disaggregation Category    | Base  |
|----------------|----------------------------|-------|
|                | 18-35 years old            | n=484 |
| Age groups     | 36-55 years old            | n=530 |
|                | 56+ years old              | n=485 |
| Condor         | Male                       | n=740 |
| Gender         | Female                     | n=759 |
|                | Yerevan                    | n=522 |
| Community type | Urban                      | n=431 |
|                | Rural                      | n=534 |
|                | Incomplete higher or less  | n=966 |
| Education      | Complete university/Higher | n=523 |

### Frequently Cited Disaggregated Bases

| Disaggregate  | Disaggregation Category                                | Base  |
|---|--|-------|
| Political party preference*   | Civil Contract   | n=376 |
|   | Armenia Alliance/Armenian<br>Revolutionary Federations | n=115 |
|   | None   | n=226 |
|   | I would not vote                                       | n=382 |
| First mention, most trustworthy media<br>outlets as sources for political<br>information*** | Public TV  | n=222 |
|   | Shant  | n=109 |
|   | Armenia TV   | n=108 |
|   | Yerkir Media**   | n=39  |
| Household income†   | Food insecure income                                   | n=193 |
|   | Subsistence income                                     | n=370 |
|   | Adequate income  | n=658 |
|   | Secure income  | n=233 |

\*Respondents were asked: Please tell me which political party or alliance, if any, would you vote for if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday?

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\*\*\*Respondents were asked: Which specific media outlets, such as a specific TV channel, radio station, newspaper, website, social media network, etc. do you consider most trustworthy for political information?

†Respondents were asked "Which statement best describes your household's current economic situation?" The possible answers presented were: "We do not have enough money even for food" (Food insecure income); 2. "We have enough money for food, but have difficulties buying clothes (Subsistence income); 3. "We have money for food and clothes, we can save some, but we do not have enough money to buy expensive items" (Adequate Income); 4. "We can afford some expensive things like a car, but not an apartment or a country house" (Secure Income); and 5. "We can afford anything we want including an apartment or a country house" (Secure Income).

### Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

| Disaggregate | Disaggregation Category | Base  |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------|
|              | Yerevan                 | n=522 |
|              | Ararat                  | n=140 |
|              | Armavir                 | n=133 |
|              | Aragatsotn              | n=68  |
| Marz*        | Lori                    | n=93  |
|              | Tavush                  | n=69  |
|              | Shirak                  | n=151 |
|              | Gegharkunik             | n=89  |
|              | Vayots dzor**           | n=32  |
|              | Syunik                  | n=63  |
|              | Kotayk                  | n=129 |

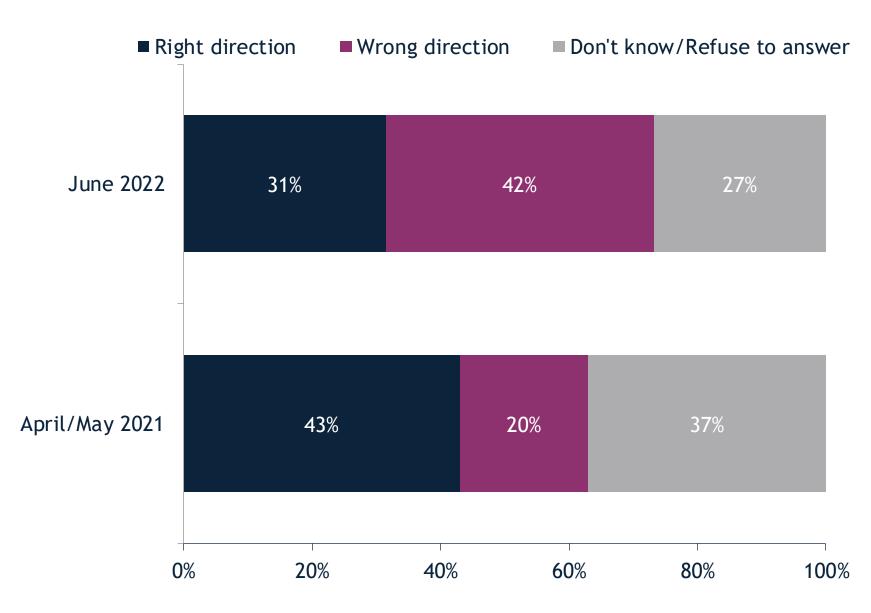
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# **General Outlook**

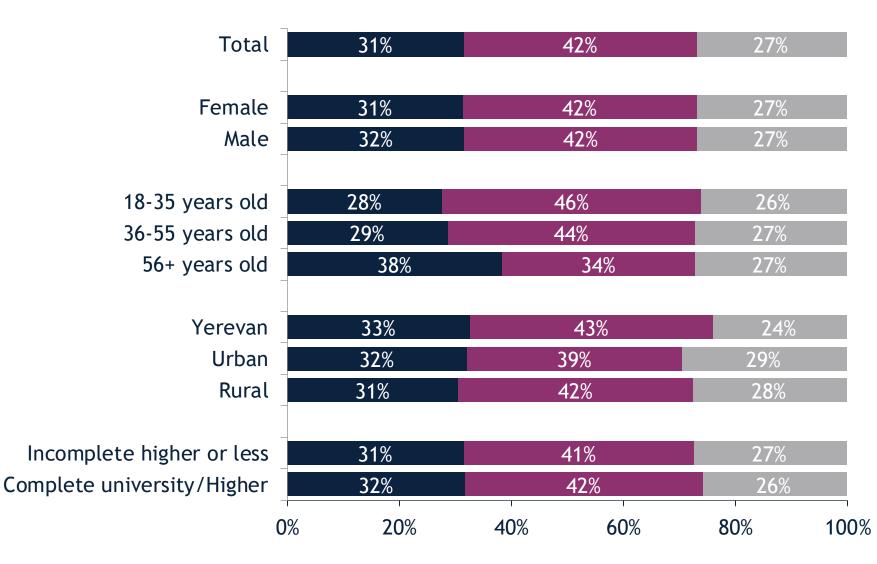


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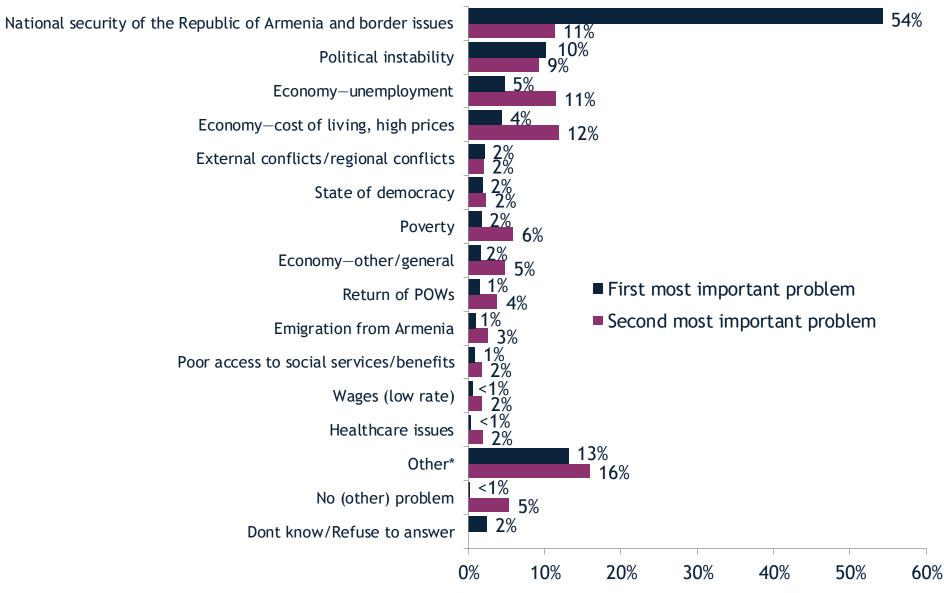


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### What is the most important problem facing our country? And what is the second most important problem? (Spontaneous response)

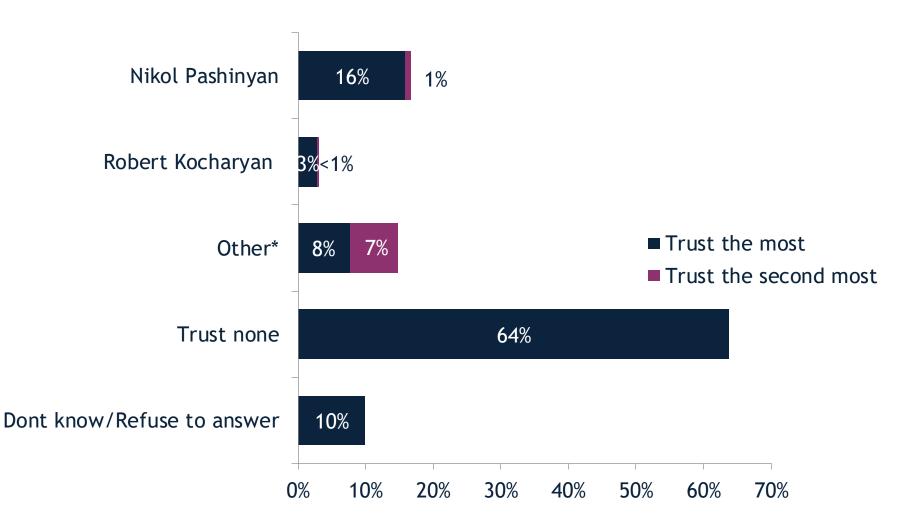


\*Total mentions less than 2% are combined into "Other."

# Attitudes towards politicians and political institutions



## Which politician or public person do you trust the most? And the second most? (Spontaneous response)



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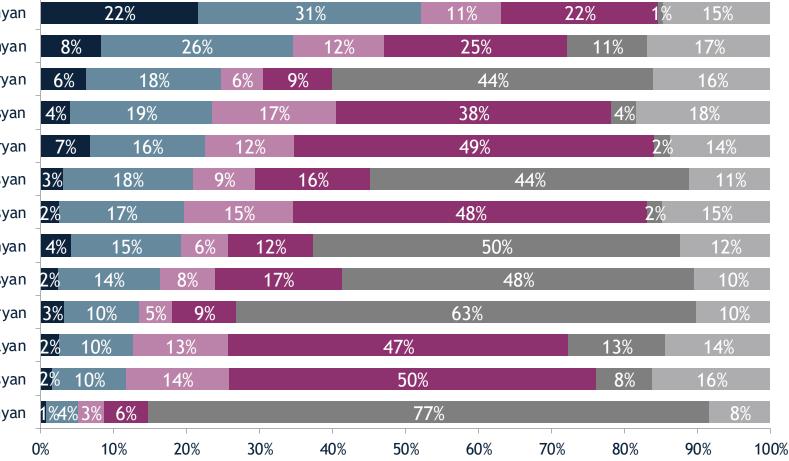
I will read you a list of names. For each, please tell me if you have a highly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or highly unfavorable opinion of this individual. If you have not heard of this person, please tell me.

Highly favorable

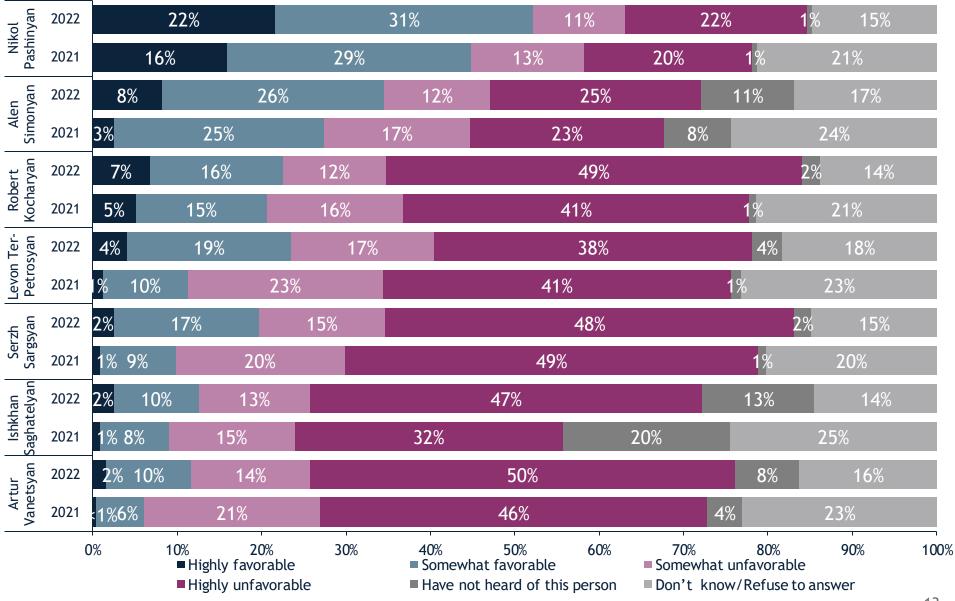
#### Highly unfavorable

Nikol Pashinvan Alen Simonyan Vahagn Khachaturyan Levon Ter Petrosyan Robert Kocharvan Anahit Avanesvan Serzh Sargsyan Ruben Rubinyan Taguhi Tovmasyan Nazeli Baghdasaryan Ishkhan Saghatelyan Artur Vanetsvan Heriknaz Tigranyan

- Somewhat favorableHave not heard of this person
- Somewhat unfavorable
- Don't know/Refuse to answer

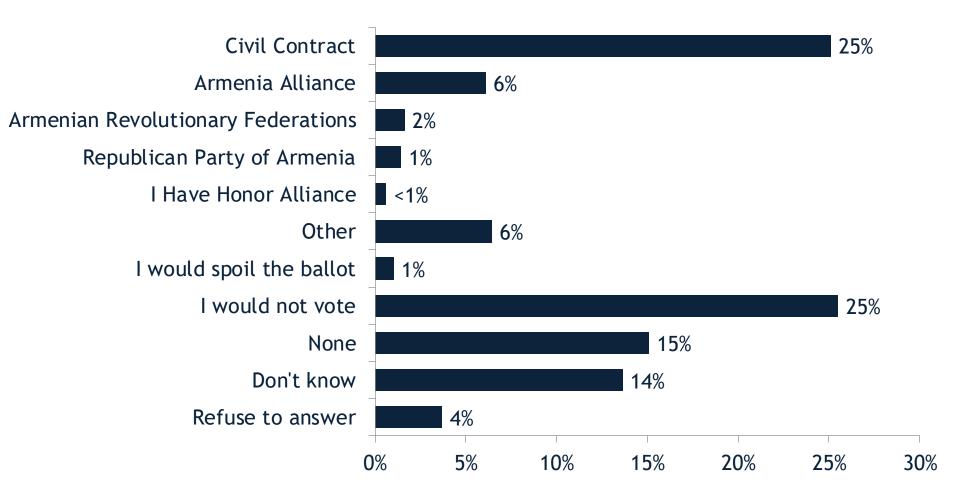


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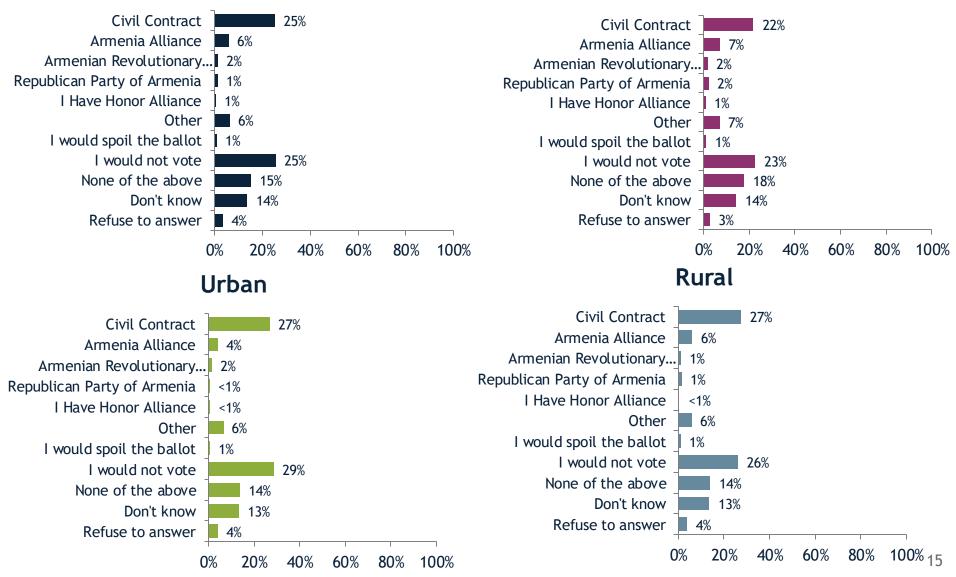
The 2021 poll refers to the April/May 2021 IRI poll in Armenia.

#### Please tell me which political party or alliance, if any, you would vote for if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday. (Spontaneous response)



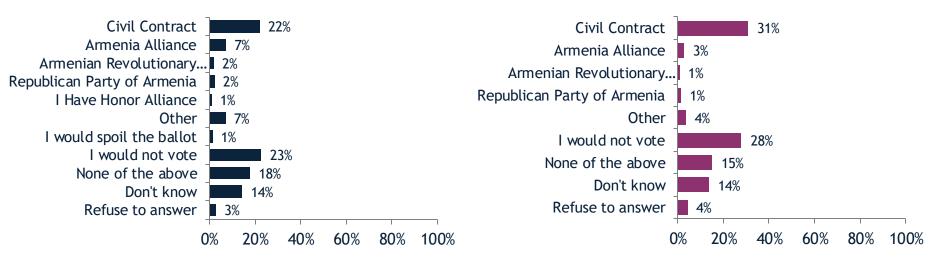
#### Please tell me which political party or alliance, if any, you would vote for if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday? (Spontaneous response) All respondents

Yerevan



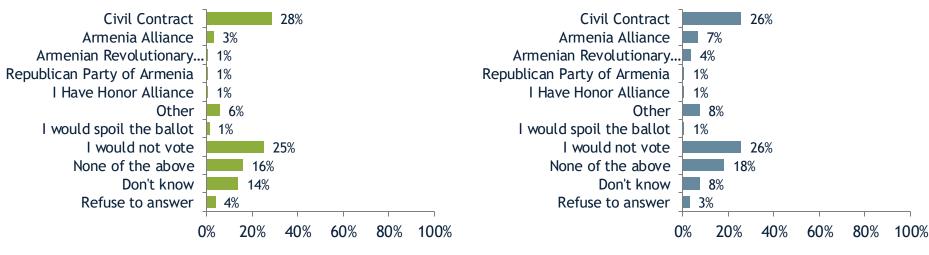
Please tell me which political party or alliance, if any, you would vote for if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday?

(Spontaneous response; disaggregated by marz\* - 1/3) Yerevan Ararat





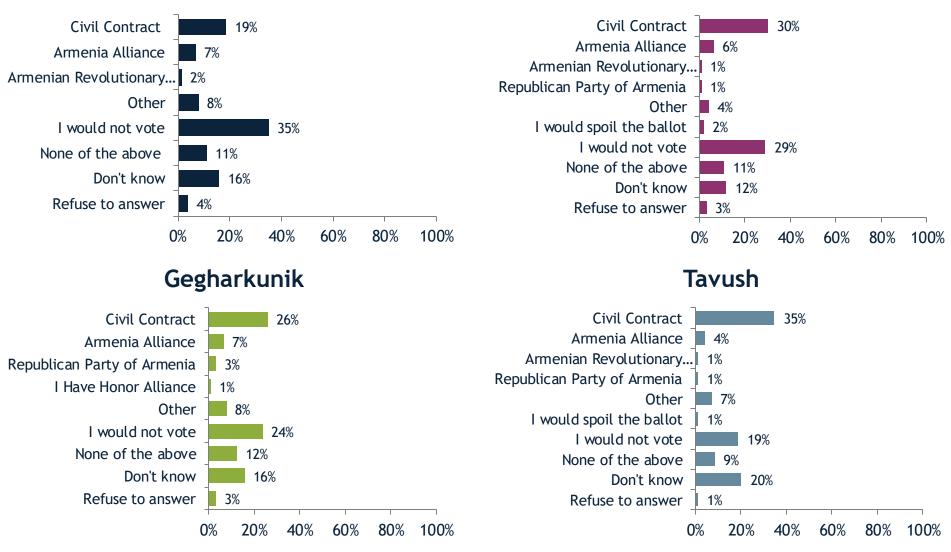




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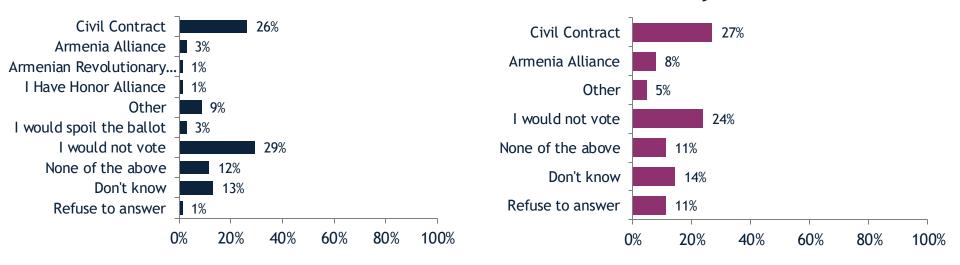
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(Spontaneous response; disaggregated by marz\* - 2/3) Kotayk Lori

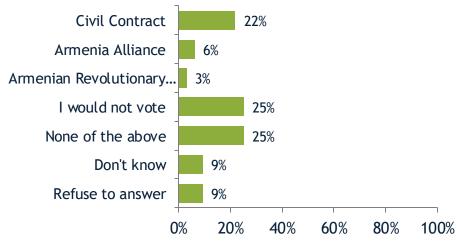


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Please tell me which political party or alliance, if any, you would vote for if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday? (Spontaneous response; disaggregated by marz\* - 3/3) Aragatsotn Syunik



#### Vayots Dzor\*\*



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# Please tell me which political party or alliance, if any, you would vote for if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday?

(Spontaneous response; disaggregated by top first mentioned TV channel preferences)

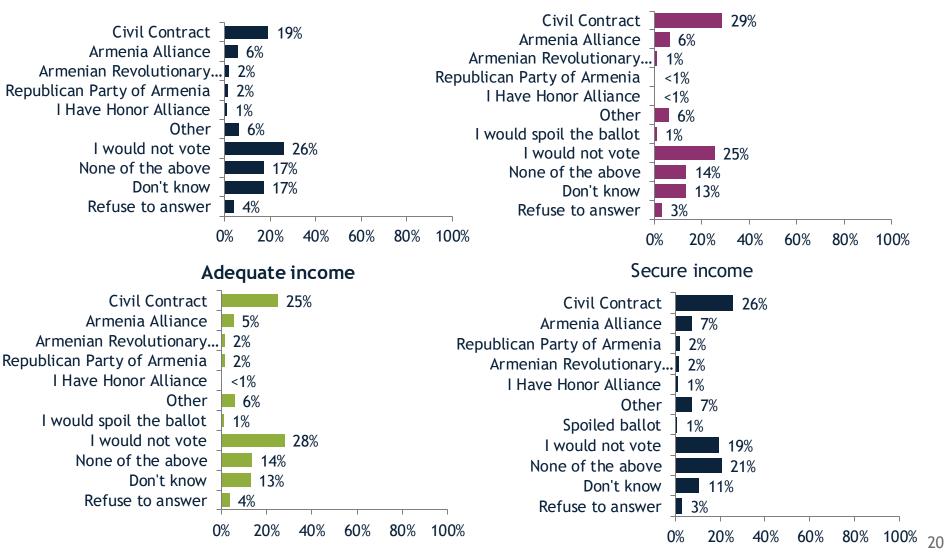
|                                       | Public TV  | Shant      | Armenia TV | Yerkir<br>Media* |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| Civil Contract                        | 50%        | 34%        | 23%        | 8%               |
| Armenian Revolutionary<br>Federations | 1%         | 1%         | 2%         | 8%               |
| Armenia Alliance                      | 1%         | 1%         | 7%         | 44%              |
| Republican Party of<br>Armenia        | 1%         | 3%         | 3%         | -                |
| I Have Honor Alliance                 | 1%         | -          | -          | 3%               |
| Other                                 | 7%         | 8%         | 6%         | 3%               |
| None of the above                     | 12%        | <b>9</b> % | 17%        | -                |
| I would spoil the ballot              |            | 2%         | 1%         | -                |
| I would not vote                      | 17%        | 21%        | 15%        | 15%              |
| Don't know                            | <b>9</b> % | 16%        | 20%        | 15%              |
| Refuse to answer                      | 2%         | 6%         | 6%         | 5%               |

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Please tell me which political party or alliance, if any, you would vote for if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday? (Spontaneous response; disaggregated by household economic situation)

#### Food insecure income

#### Subsistence income



# How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the following government ministries?

Somewhat satisfied

Very satisfied

| <ul> <li>Somewhat dissatisfied</li> <li>I am not familiar with the work of this Ministry</li> </ul> |                           | -               | ssatisfied<br>now/Refu | ise to ans    | wor           |        |         |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|---------|
|   | <b>y</b>                  |                 |                        | ise to ans    | WEI           |        |         |
| Ministry of Emergency Situations  | 2                         | 5%              | 37                     | %             | 5% <b>9</b> % | 18%    | 6%      |
| Ministry of Health  | 12%                       |                 | 36%                    | 13%           | 27%           | 0      | 8% 4%   |
| Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport   | <b>9</b> %                | 342             | %                      | 14%           | 26%           | 13     | % 5%    |
| Ministry of Defense   | <b>9</b> %                | 30%             | 1                      | 4%            | 27%           | 12%    | 8%      |
| Ministry of High-Tech Industry  | 10%                       | 27%             | 5%                     | 11%           | 41%           |        | 6%      |
| Ministry of Foreign Affairs   | 7%                        | <b>29</b> %     | 10%                    | 6 <b>22</b> % |               | 25%    | 7%      |
| Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs  | 6%                        | 6 30% 1         |                        | 12% 21%       |               | 25%    | 5%      |
| Ministry of Environment   | Environment 6% 29% 9% 17% |                 | 17%                    | 3             | 3%            | 5%     |         |
| Ministry of Finance   | 4%                        | <b>29</b> %     | 10%                    | 20%           | 3             | 0%     | 6%      |
| Ministry of Territorial Administration and  | . 6%                      | 27%             | 9%                     | 14%           | 38%           | 6      | 6%      |
| Ministry of Economy   | 4%                        | 27%             | 8%                     | 17%           | 37%           | /<br>0 | 7%      |
| Ministry of Justice   | 4%                        | 25%             | 12%                    | 27%           |               | 24%    | 7%      |
| C   | 0% 10                     | % <b>20</b> % : | 30% 40%                | 50% 60        | % 70%         | 80% 90 | 0% 100% |

# **Patrol Service**



# How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the new patrol service of Armenian Police?

- Completely satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Completely dissatisfied
- I have not experienced this new patrol service
- Don't know/Refuse to answer



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- Completely satisfied Somewhat dissatisfied ■ I have not experienced this new patrol service ■ Don't know/Refuse to answer
  - Somewhat satisfied
  - Completely dissatisfied



#### How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the new patrol service of Armenian Police? (Disaggregated by marz\*)

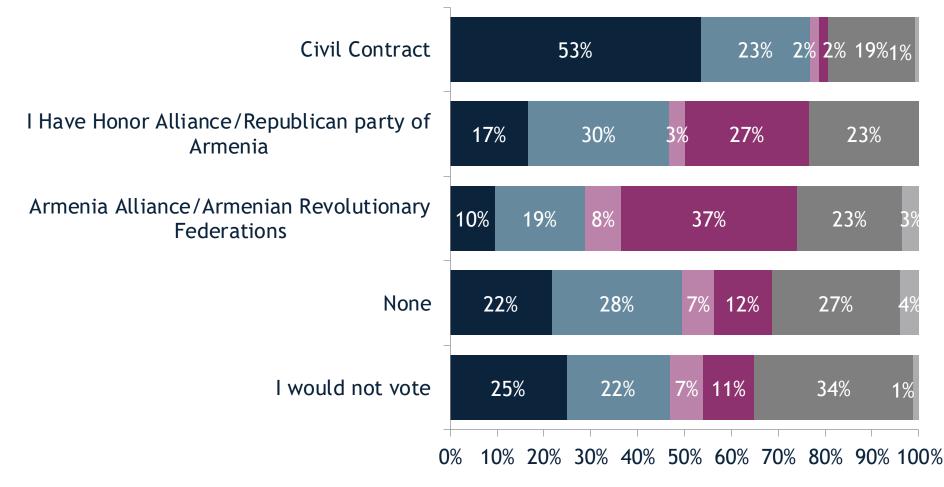
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| Lori                           | 5                                    |                |       | 17         | %          | 6%         | 5%   | <b>19</b> % |     |     |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------|------------|------------|------------|------|-------------|-----|-----|
| Shirak                         | 40%                                  |                |       | 26         | %          |            | 5% 1 | 1%          | 16% | 2%  |
| Ararat                         | 31%                                  |                | 25%   |            | 4%         | 6%         |      | 31%         |     | 2%  |
| Yerevan                        | 30%                                  |                | 25%   |            | 6%         |            | 16%  |             | 22% | 1%  |
| Aragatsotn                     | 32%                                  |                | 21%   |            | 6%         | <b>9</b> % |      | 26%         |     | 6%  |
| Armavir                        | 24%                                  | 2              | 23%   | 4%         | 13%        |            |      | 35%         |     | 2%  |
| Kotayk                         | 24%                                  | 2              | 23%   | 6%         | <b>9</b> % |            |      | 36%         |     | 2%  |
| Vayoc dzor                     | 25%                                  |                | 22%   | 3% 9       | 9%         |            | 31   | %           |     | 9%  |
| Gegharkunik                    | 22%                                  | 18%            | 6%    | 11%        |            |            | 4    | 40%         |     | 2%  |
| Tavush                         | 20%                                  | 19%            | 6%    | <b>9</b> % |            |            | 45   | 5%          |     | 1%  |
| Syunik                         | 21%                                  | 16%            | 6% 5% | 5          |            |            | 48%  |             |     | 5%  |
| 0%<br>* Marz is an administrat | 10% 20%<br>ive territorial unit in A | 30%<br>rmenia. | 40%   | 50%        | 60         | %          | 70%  | 80%         | 90% | 100 |

### How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the new patrol service of Armenian Police?

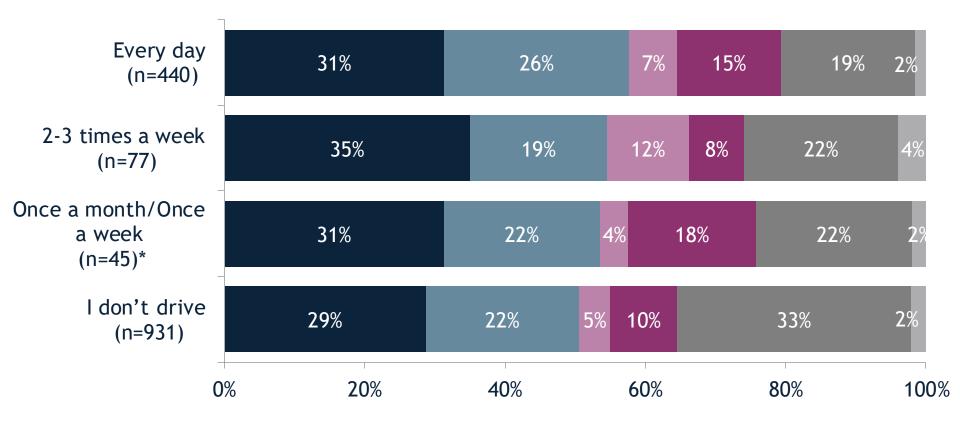
(Disaggregated by political party/alliance preferences)

- Completely satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- I have not experienced this new patrol service Don't know/Refuse to answer
- Somewhat satisfied
- Completely dissatisfied



#### How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the new patrol service of Armenian Police? (Disaggregated by vehicle driving frequency)

- Completely satisfied Somewhat dissatisfied
- I have not experienced this new patrol service Don't know/Refuse to answer
- Somewhat satisfied
- Completely dissatisfied

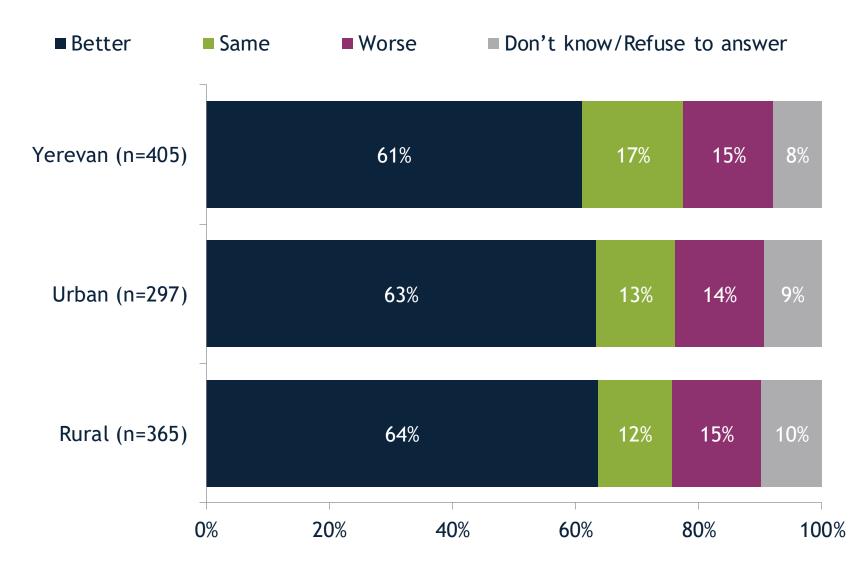


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Is the new patrol service better, the same or worse than the old traffic police or state guard service? (Among those who experienced the new patrol service, n=1,078)

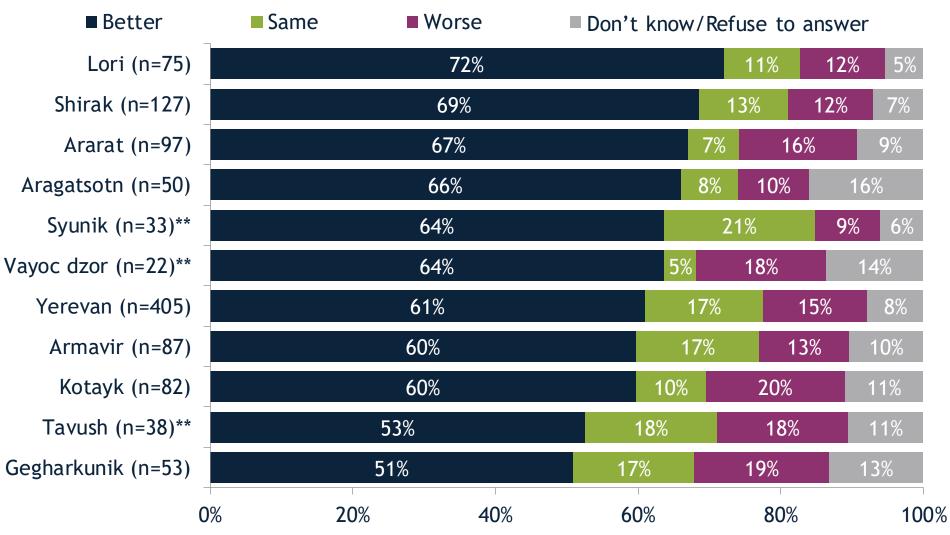
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|----|--------------|-------------|----------------------|----------|------|
|    |              | 52%         | 14%                  | 15%      | 9%   |
| 0% | 20%          | 40%         | 60%                  | 80%      | 100% |

Is the new patrol service better, the same or worse than the old traffic police or state guard service? (Among those who experienced the new patrol service)



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(Among those who experienced the new patrol service; disaggregated by marz\*

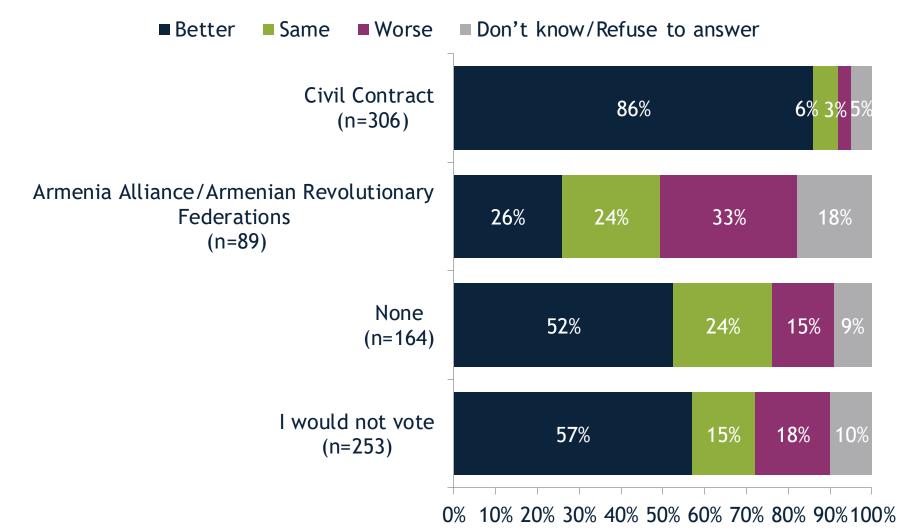


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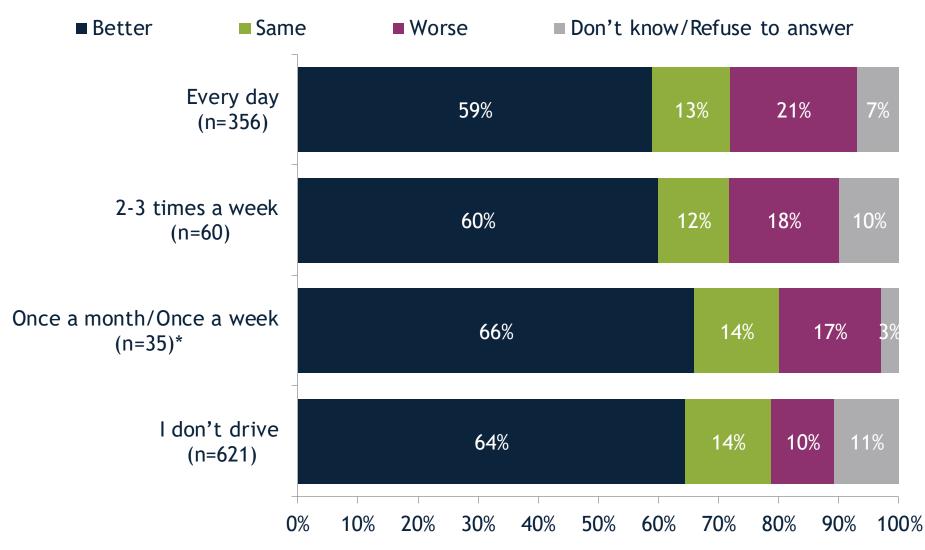
(Among those who experienced the new patrol service; disaggregated by political party/alliance preferences)



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### Is the new patrol service better, the same or worse than the old traffic police or state guard service?

(Among those who experienced with the patrol service; disaggregated by vehicle driving frequency)



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# **Relations with Turkey**



# What is your opinion on the normalization of Armenia-Turkey relations?

Very positive Somewhat positive Somewhat negative Very negative Don't know/Refuse to answer Total 7% 21% 13% 11% 48% Male 7% 21% 9% 51% 12% Female 6% 13% 21% 13% 46% 18-35 years old 5% 17% 14% 52% 13% 36-55 years old 7% 20% 12% 14% 48% 8% 9% 26% 11% 56+ years old 46% 9% 11% Yerevan 24% 9% 47% Urban 6% 13% 22% 14% 45% Rural 6% 14% 17% 11% 52% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

### What is your opinion on the normalization of Armenia-Turkey relations?

- (Disaggregated by marz\*)
- Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

- Very negative
- Don't know/Refuse to answer



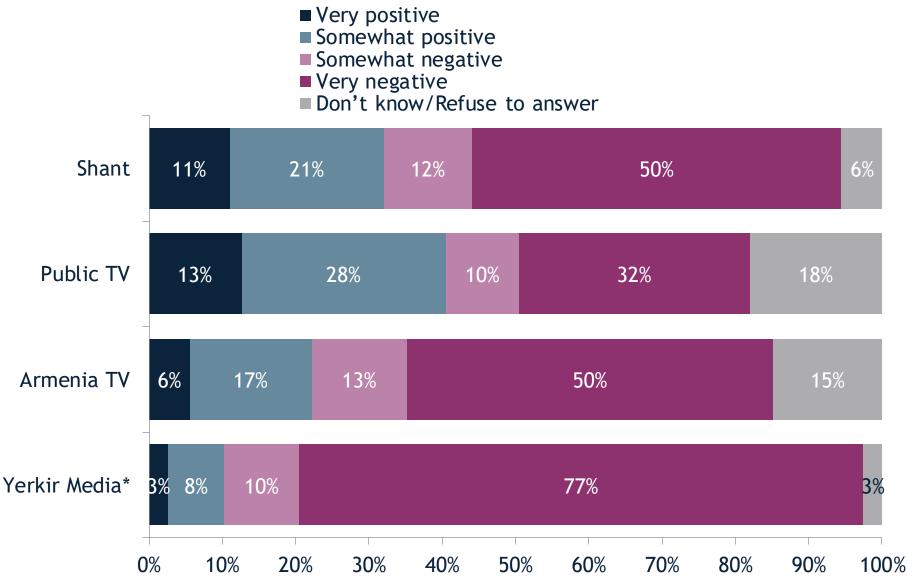
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What is your opinion on the normalization of Armenia-Turkey relations? (Disaggregated by political party/alliance preferences) ■ Very positive Somewhat positive Somewhat negative Very negative Don't know/Refuse to answer **Civil Contract** 11% 13% 30% 32% 14% Armenia Alliance/Armenian 2% 10% 5% 79% **Revolutionary Federations** None 4% 15% 10% 12% 58% I would not vote 6% 17% 12% 52% 12% 0% 80% 20% 40% **60**% 100%

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## What is your opinion on the normalization of Armenia-Turkey relations?

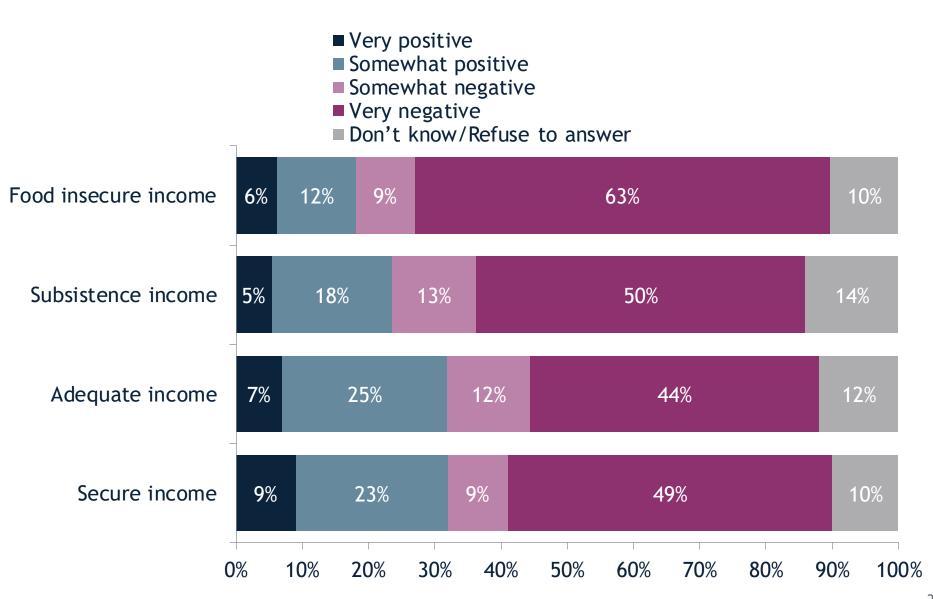
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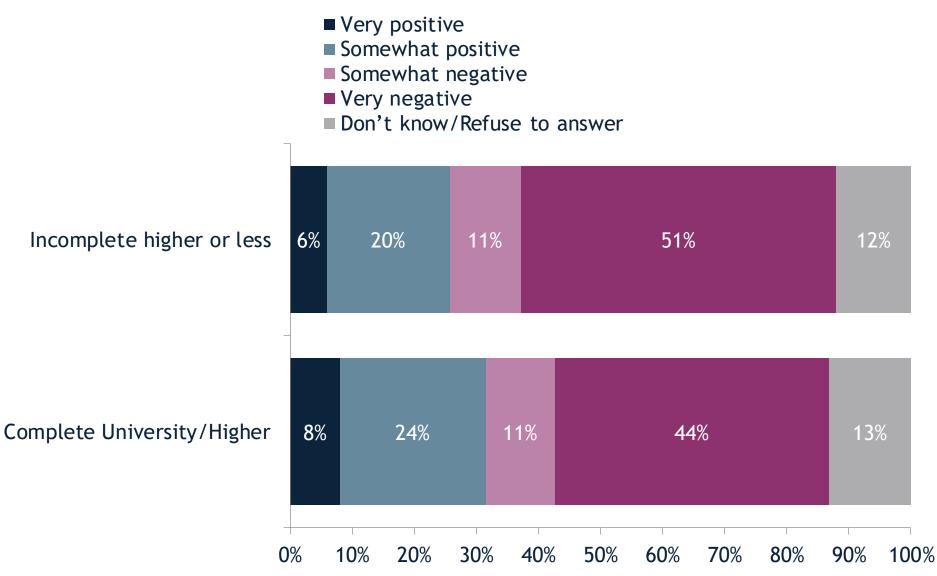
## What is your opinion on the normalization of Armenia-Turkey relations?

(Disaggregated by household economic situation)



## What is your opinion on the normalization of Armenia-Turkey relations?

(Disaggregated by educational attainment)



In your opinion, how would the opening of the border with Turkey impact the economic development of Armenia now and in ten years?

Very positive

- Somewhat negative
- It will not have any impact

Somewhat positive

Very negative

Don't know/Refused to answer

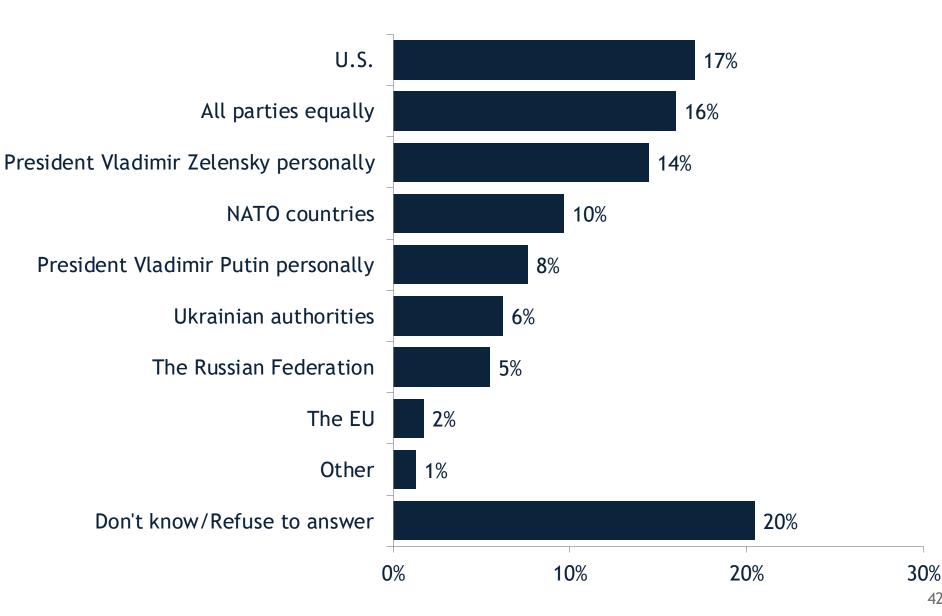


In ten years

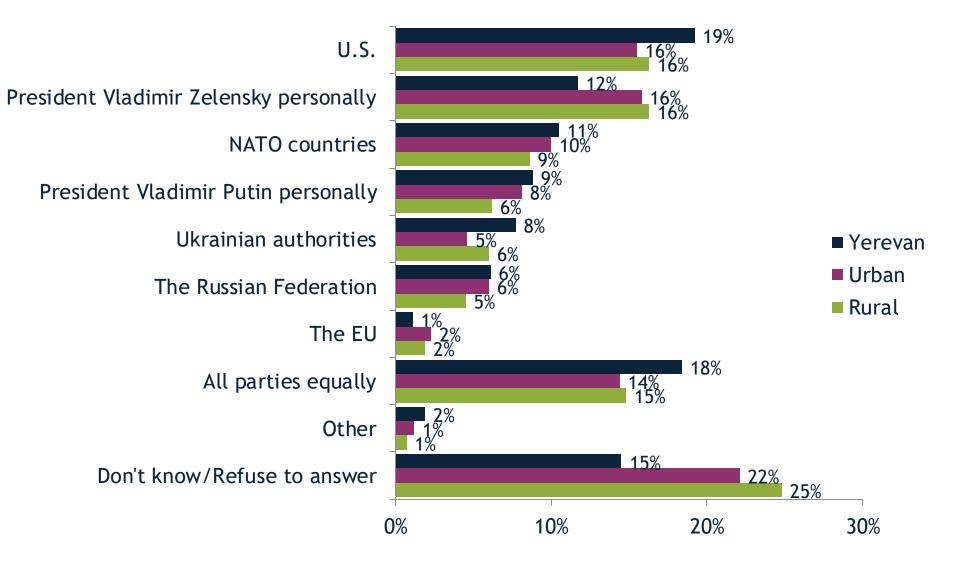
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### Perceptions of War in Ukraine









#### (Disaggregated by political party/alliance preferences)

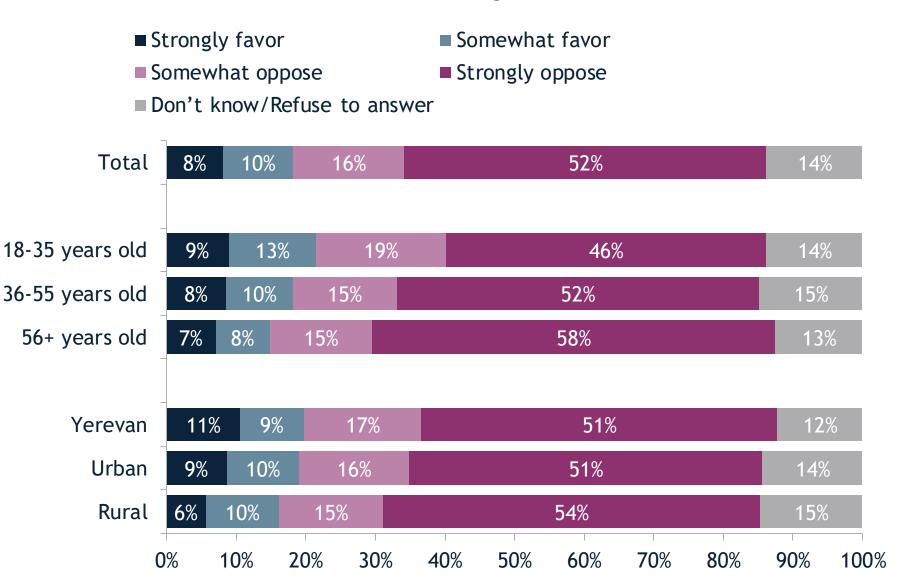
|   | Civil<br>Contract | Armenia Alliance/<br>Armenian<br>Revolutionary<br>Federations | None         | l would not<br>vote |
|---|-------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|
| U.S.                                      | 15%               | 27%   | 17%          | 17%                 |
| NATO countries                            | <b>9</b> %        | 13%   | 14%          | 8%                  |
| Ukrainian authorities                     | 6%                | <b>9</b> %  | 5%           | 7%                  |
| The Russian<br>Federation                 | 7%                | 3%  | 7%           | 4%                  |
| President Vladimir<br>Putin personally    | 7%                | 4%  | 7%           | 7%                  |
| President Vladimir<br>Zelensky personally | 16%               | 21%   | 8%           | 14%                 |
| The EU                                    | 2%                | 3%  | 1%           | 1%                  |
| All parties equally                       | 18%               | 5%  | <b>21</b> %  | 16%                 |
| Other                                     | 1%                | 2%  | 1%           | 2%                  |
| Don't know/Refuse<br>to answer            | 17%               | 14%   | 1 <b>9</b> % | 24%                 |

(Disaggregated by top first mentioned TV channel preferences)

|  | Public TV   | Shant |            | Yerkir<br>Media* |
|--|-------------|-------|------------|------------------|
| U.S.                                   | <b>19</b> % | 12%   | 12%        | 28%              |
| NATO countries                         | <b>9</b> %  | 8%    | <b>9</b> % | 10%              |
| Ukrainian authorities                  | 3%          | 6%    | 8%         | 15%              |
| The Russian Federation                 | 7%          | 11%   | 4%         | 3%               |
|  | 10%         | 11%   | 10%        | 3%               |
| President Vladimir Putin personally    |             |       |            |                  |
|  | 15%         | 15%   | 20%        | 18%              |
| President Vladimir Zelensky personally |             |       |            |                  |
| The EU                                 | <1%         | 4%    | 1%         | -                |
| All parties equally                    | 18%         | 16%   | 8%         | 3%               |
| Other                                  | 1%          | 1%    | 1%         | -                |
| Don't know/Refuse to answer            | 18%         | 17%   | 26%        | 21%              |

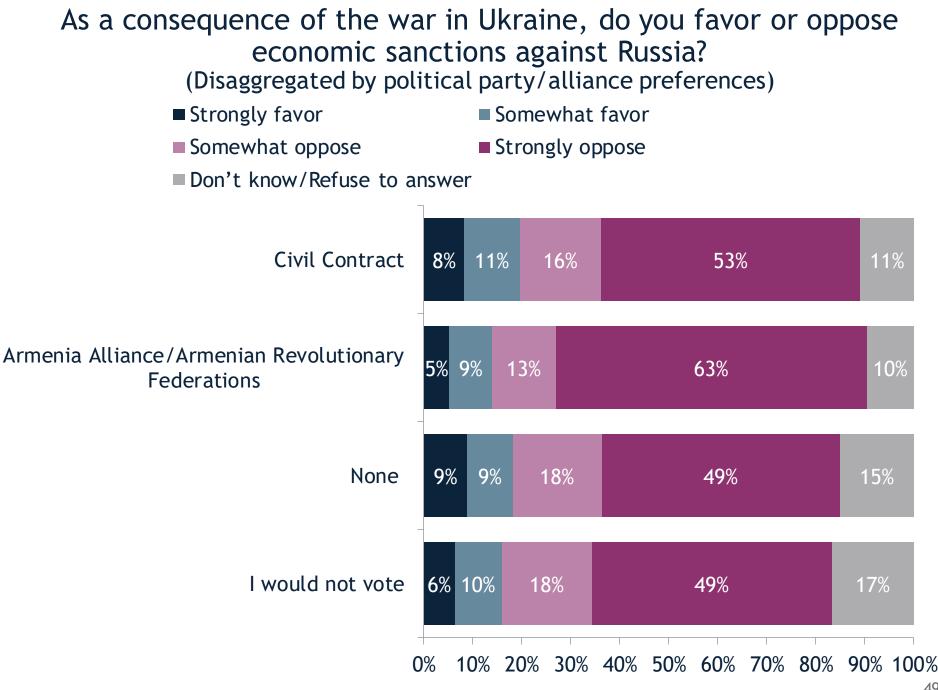
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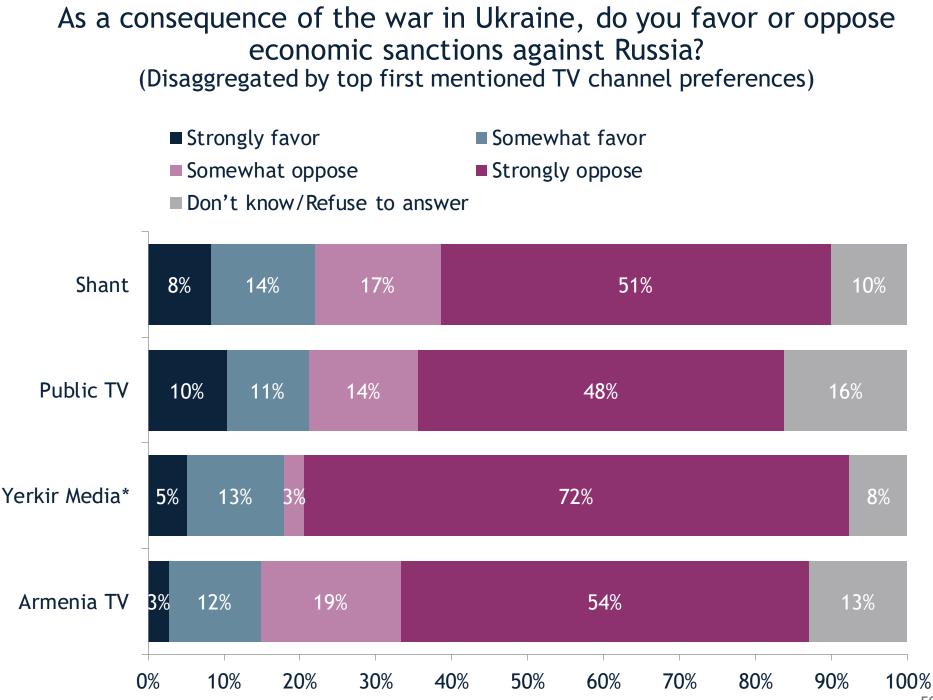
#### As a consequence of the war in Ukraine, do you favor or oppose economic sanctions against Russia?



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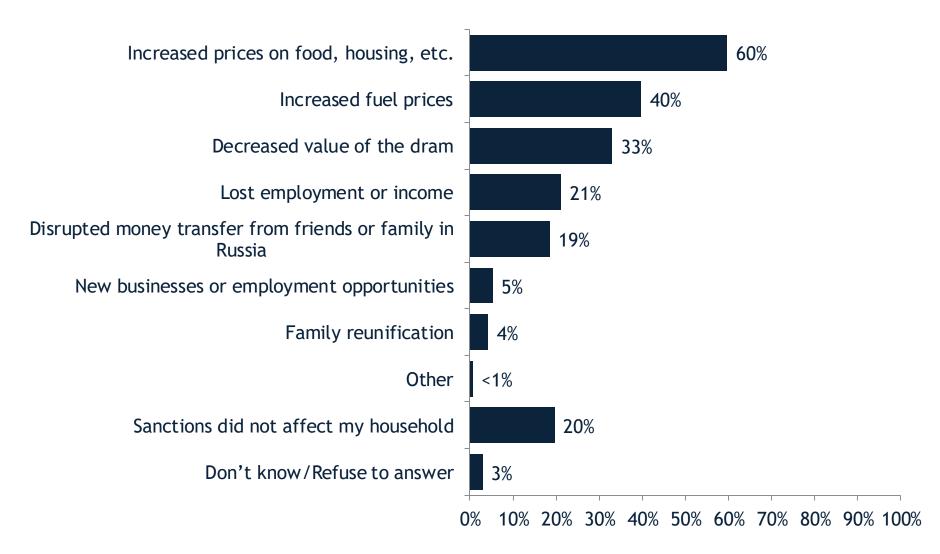




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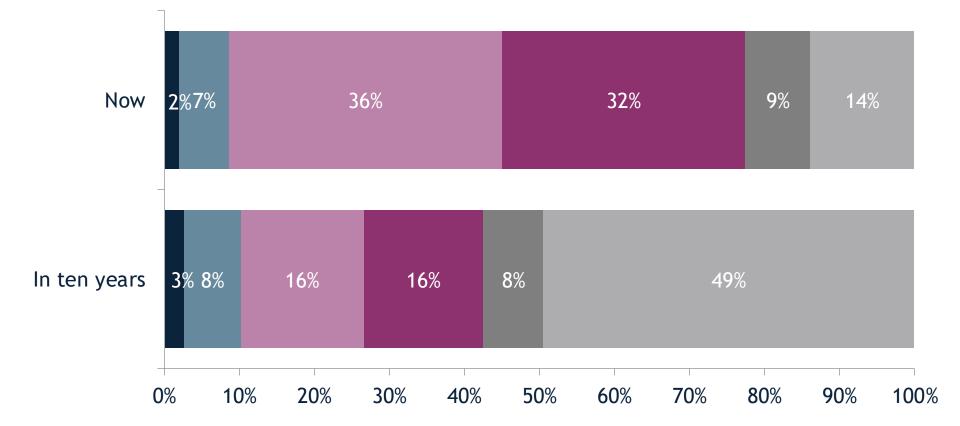
In which areas, if any, do you believe sanctions have impacted your household? Please indicate all options that you believe are true for you or your household. (Multiple responses accepted)



In your opinion, how will the war in Ukraine impact the economic situation in Armenia now and in 10 years?

- Very positive
- Somewhat negative
- It will not have any impact

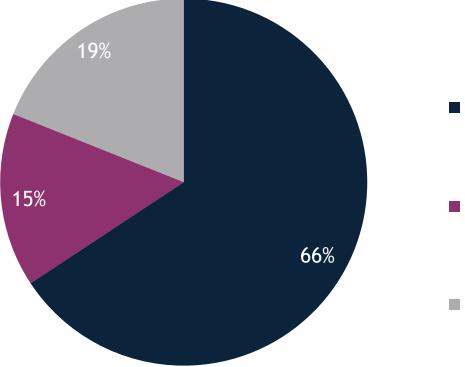
- Somewhat positive
- Very negative
- Don't know/Refuse to answer



### System of Governance and Constitution



## In your opinion, is there currently a need for constitutional reforms in Armenia?



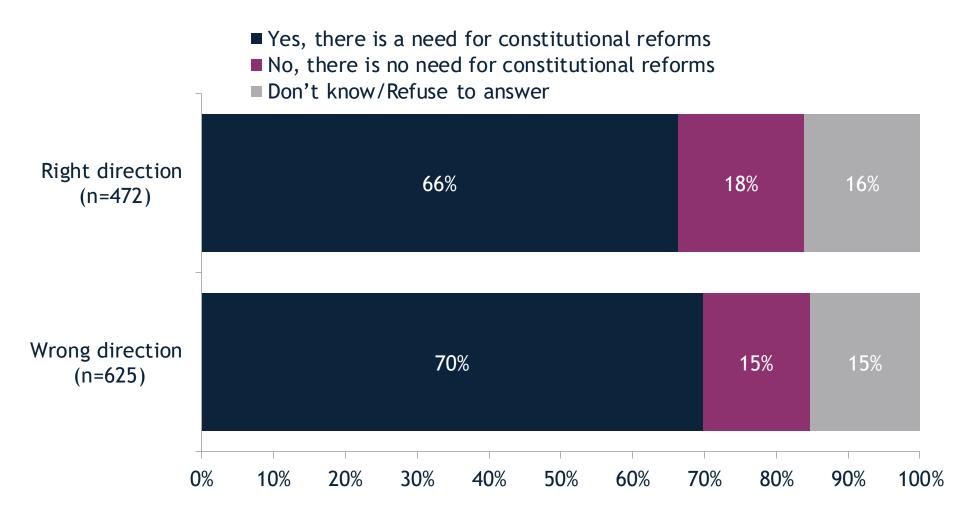
Yes, there is a need for constitutional reforms

No, there is no need for constitutional reforms

Don't know/Refuse to answer

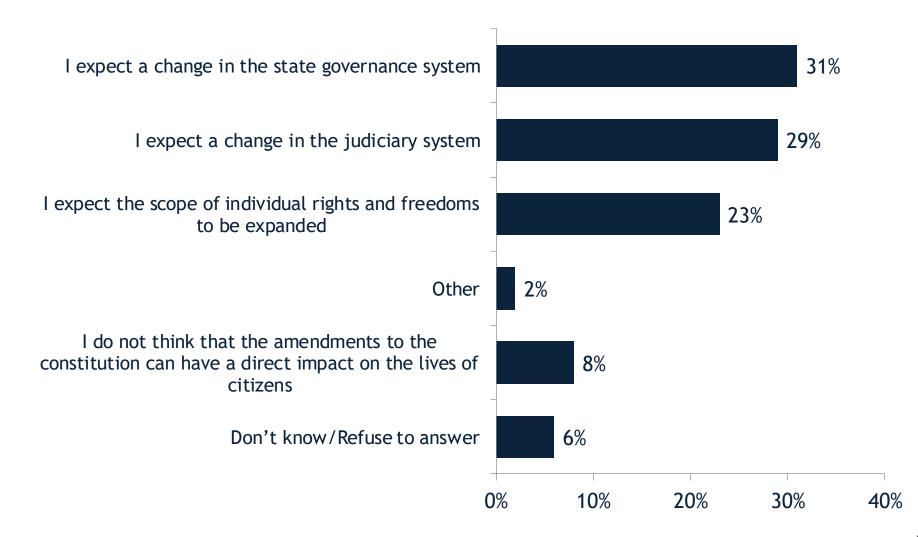
## In your opinion, is there currently a need for constitutional reforms in Armenia?

### (Disaggregated by the opinion whether Armenia is heading in the right or the wrong direction)

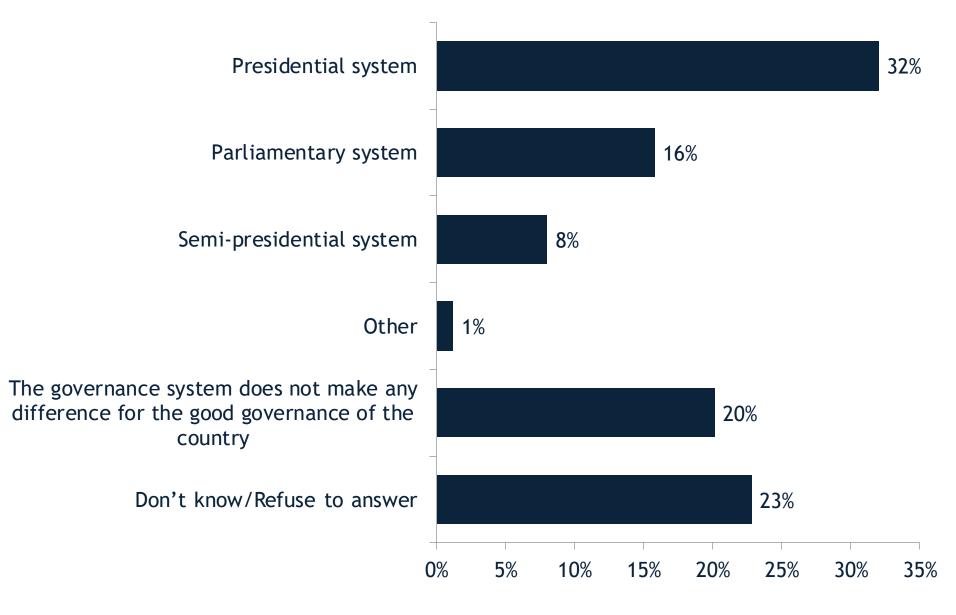


#### If yes, what changes do you expect in the process of constitutional reform? (Among those who said there is a need for constitutional reforms,

n=985;multiple responses accepted)



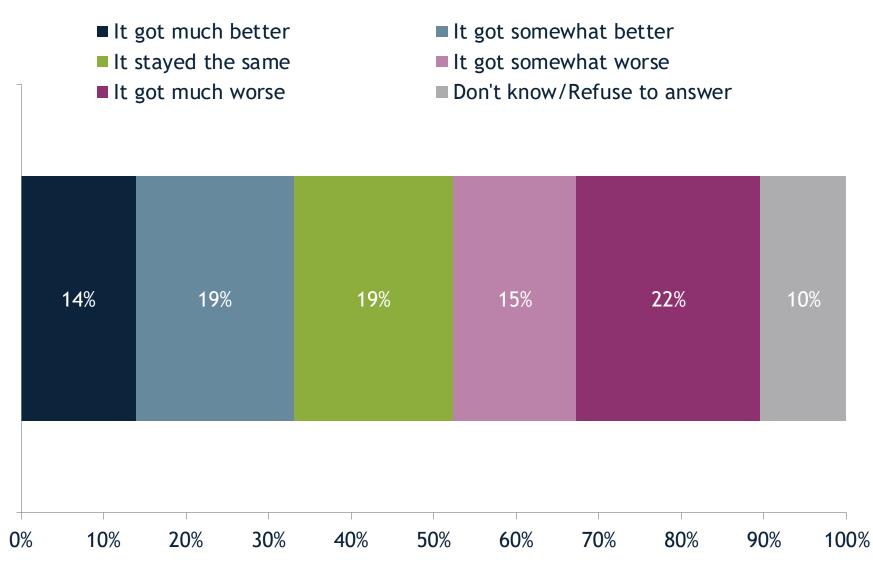
### In your opinion, which system of governance is best for Armenia?



### Media and Sources of Information



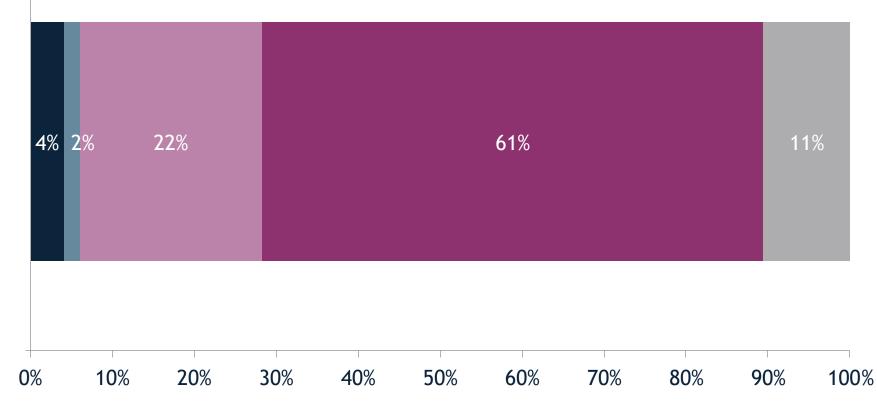
## Do you think freedom of media got better, worse or stayed the same over the past year?



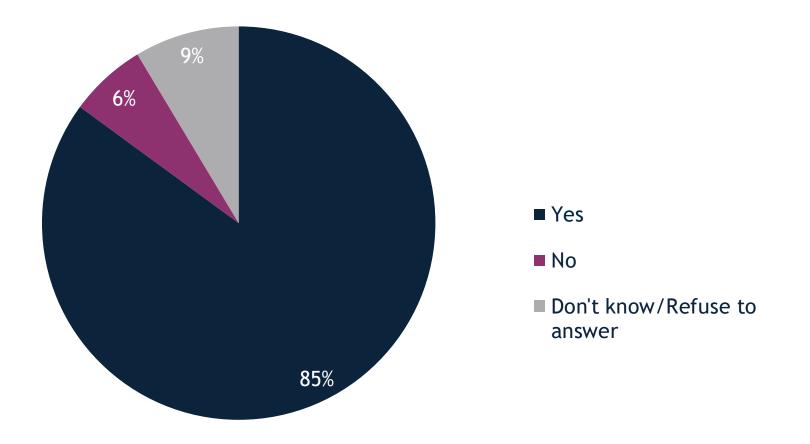
## To what extent is disinformation in the media problematic for our country?

Very unproblematic
Somewhat problematic
Don't know/Refuse to answer

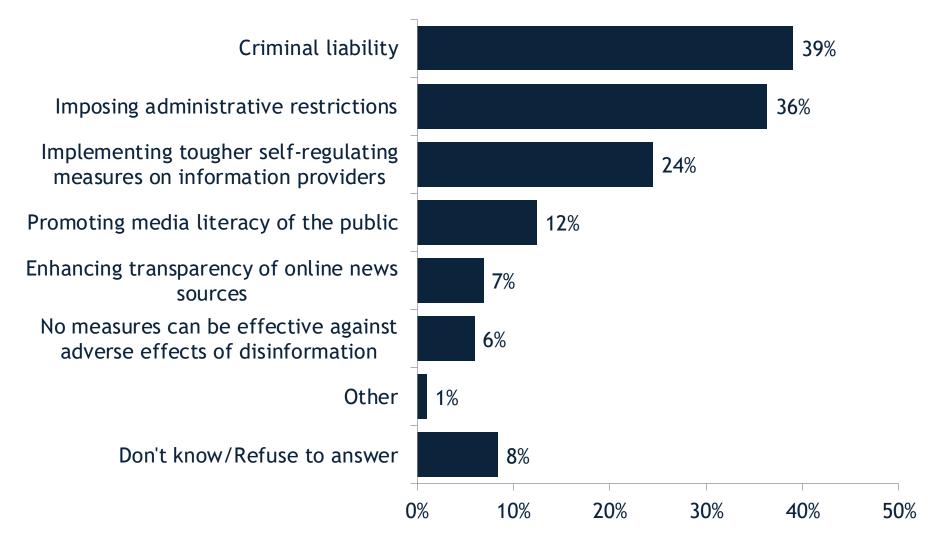
- Somewhat unproblematic
- Very problematic



## Should the government take measures in tackling disinformation?

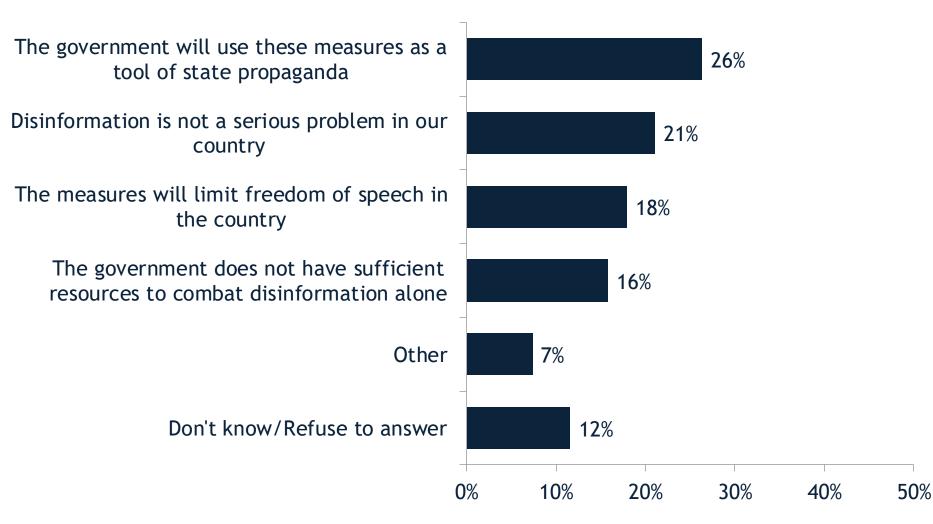


If yes, which measures of the government can be most effective in curtailing adverse effects of disinformation? (Among those who declared that the government should take measures in tackling disinformation, n=1,275; up to two responses accepted)

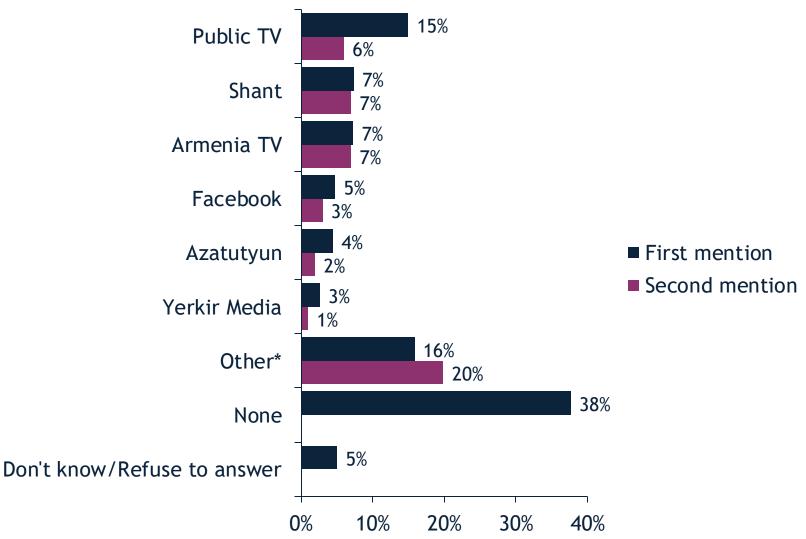


### If no, what is the main reason why the government should not take measures against disinformation?

(Among those who declared that the government should take not measures in tackling disinformation, n=95)

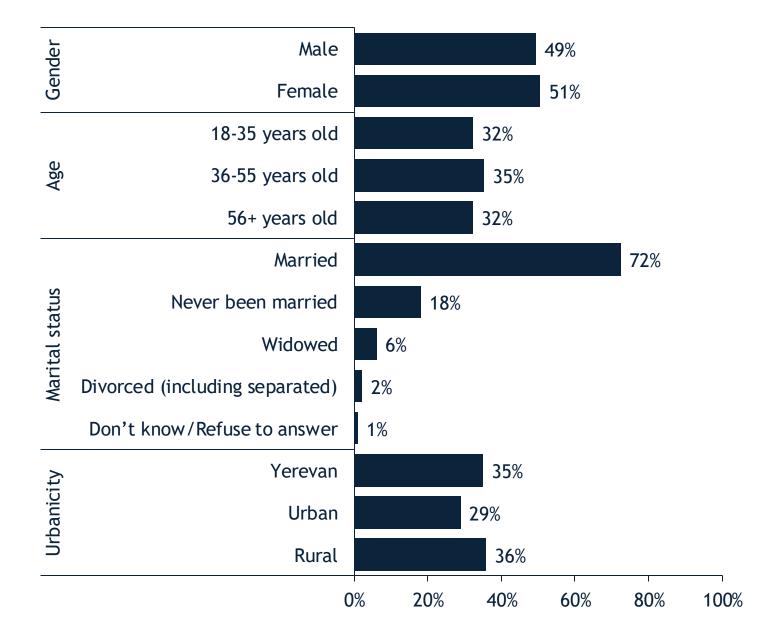


Which specific media outlets, such as a specific TV channel, radio station, newspaper, website, social media network, etc. do you consider most trustworthy for political information? (Spontaneous response; up to two responses accepted)



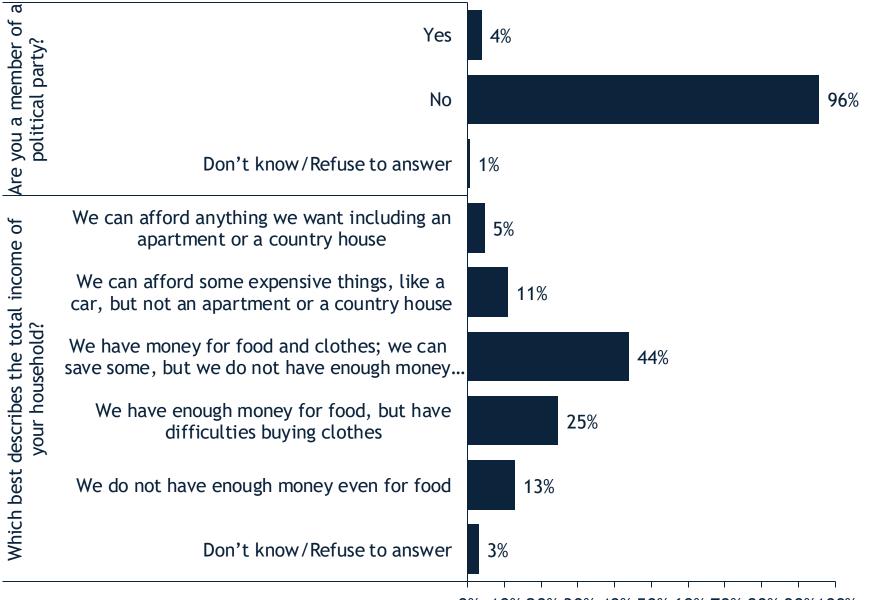
\*Total mentions less than 4% have been combined into "Other."



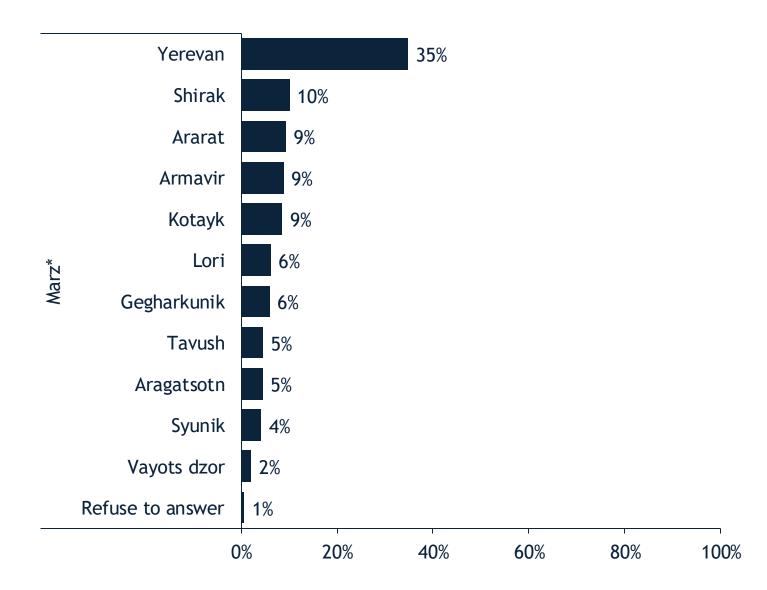


|                        | University, higher                | 35%   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Educational attainment | Unfinished higher                 | 5%  |
|                        | Vocational                        | 19%   |
|                        | Unfinished vocational             | 2%  |
|                        | Secondary                         | 35%   |
|                        | Unfinished secondary              | 3%  |
|                        | Primary                           | 1%  |
|                        | Less than completed primary       | <1%   |
|                        | Don't know/Refuse to answer       | 1%  |
| Occupational Status    | Employed in a paid job full-time  | 28%   |
|                        | Homemaker                         | 18%   |
|                        | Retired                           | 14%   |
|                        | Self-employed full-time           | 14%   |
|                        | Employed in a paid job part-time  | 6%  |
|                        | Unemployed, looking for a job     | 5%  |
|                        | Self-employed part-time           | 5%  |
|                        | Student/pupil                     | 3%  |
|                        | Unemployed, not looking for a job | 2%  |
|                        | Other                             | 3%  |
|                        | Don't know/Refuse to answer       | 2%  |
|                        | C                                 | 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% |

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