Aceh, Indonesia
Provincial Opinion Poll

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Methodology

• This survey was designed, analyzed and fielded by JRI Research under the supervision of Fallon Research and Communications, Inc. on behalf of the International Republican Institute.
• The provincial representative survey was carried out from May 7-28, 2012. A sample of 1,061 Aceh participants were interviewed face-to-face in their homes.
• Multi-stage sampling was used to select villages from 22 districts in Aceh to be included in the sample.
  – Stage one: the sample was stratified into 22 districts.
  – Stage two: the sample was further stratified into rural, urban and village sampling units.
  – Stage three: primary sampling units (PSU) were described.
• The Kish grid method was used to randomize the selection within households among eligible respondents. The eligibility criteria was based on eligibility to vote in the local elections held on April 9, 2012. The households were selected using the random route method.
• The sample was distributed at the district level, in rural and urban areas, in 22 districts of Aceh.
• The response rate was 84 percent.
• The margin of error for the survey does not exceed plus or minus three percent with a confidence level of 95 percent.
• Thirty-six interviewers worked on the study, on average completing 6-10 interviews per PSU. The interviews were administered using local dialects and conducted by interviewers who are native speakers.
• The survey questions were asked in a different order than the order in which they are presented here.
• Due to rounding, charts may not add up to 100 percent.
## Survey Demographics

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<td>Age</td>
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<td>Monthly Household Expenditure</td>
<td>Up to 500,000 rupiah (53.00 USD) 3% 500,000 to 1,000,000 rupiah (53-106 USD) 16% 1,000,001 to 2,000,000 rupiah (106-212 USD) 50% 2,000,001 to 3,000,000 rupiah (212-319 USD) 23% More than 3,000,000 rupiah (&gt;319 USD) 8%</td>
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District of Respondents

- Aceh Utara: 11%
- Aceh Barat: 4%
- Aceh Timur: 8%
- Aceh Besar: 7%
- Aceh Tamiang: 5%
- Gayo Lues: 3%
- Aceh Barat Daya: 3%
- Kota Langsa: 3%
- Kota Lhoksumawe: 4%
- Aceh Singkil: 3%
- Subulussalam: 3%
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- Pidie: 8%
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- Benar Meriah: 3%
- Aceh Jaya: 3%
- Nagan Raya: 3%
- Aceh Tamiang: 5%
- Gayo Lues: 3%
- Aceh Barat Daya: 3%
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- Aceh Barat Daya: 3%
- Kota Sabang: 3%
SOCIAL INDICATORS INDEX
Are you currently employed?

- Not working: 32%
- Full-time: 28%
- Part-time: 26%
- Seasonal/Occasional: 14%
If you are not employed, what is your status?

Respondents indicating that they are not working, N=341

- Housewife/On maternity leave: 62%
- Unemployed/Looking for a job: 7%
- Unemployed/Not looking for a job: 11%
- Student: 13%
- Retired: 6%
Generally speaking, would you say that things in Aceh are headed in the right direction or the wrong direction? (responses in %)

August 2011

- Right direction: 74%
- Wrong direction: 19%

May 2012

- Right direction: 81%
- Wrong direction: 15%
Why do you think that things in Aceh are headed in the right direction? (Closed-ended)

Respondents who think things are headed in the right direction, N=861

- There is peace and security: 65
- The general environment is good or improving: 14
- Government governs well/Assisting people: 13
- Economic conditions are good: 8
- No response/Don't know: 1
Why do you think that things in Aceh are headed in the wrong direction? (Closed-ended)

Respondents who think things are headed in the wrong direction, N=156

- Economic conditions are not good: 42
- Low standard of living: 21
- The government is not governing well: 20
- Corruption: 6
- Limited job opportunities: 5
- Not safe: 3
- Other: 4
In the past year, has your personal financial situation improved, stayed more or less the same or worsened?

![Bar chart showing financial situation changes from August 2011 to May 2012](chart.png)
In the next year, do you expect the economic situation in Aceh to get better, stay the same or get worse?

August 2011
- Better: 42
- Stay the same: 31
- Worse: 7
- No response/Don't know: 10

May 2012
- Better: 40
- Stay the same: 43
- Worse: 6
- No response/Don't know: 10
ELECTION INDEX
Did you feel that you had enough information about the candidates to make informed decision about who to vote for?

- Yes: 75%
- No: 23%
- No response/Don't know: 2%
Were you satisfied with the choices of candidates you had in this election or are you unsatisfied and wish other candidates had run?

- Satisfied: 90%
- Unsatisfied: 7%
- No response/Don't know: 3%
Thinking about information you may or may not have received during the campaign. Do you recall any candidate or political party contacting you to ask for your vote?

- Yes: 5%
- No: 94%
- No response/Don't know: 1%
If yes, how were you contacted? (Multiple answers possible)

Respondents who recall a candidate or political party contacting them to ask for their vote, N=50 (margin of error is 13.85 percent based on a 95 percent confidence level)*

In person: by the candidate or campaign team member
Through a community/public event
Telephone
SMS
Through a political party event
The candidate or campaign team member visited my village

*Caution should be taken when interpreting results with small sample sizes because of greater variance due to a larger margin of error.
Did you or someone you know get offered money or gifts to vote for a particular candidate?

- Yes: 3%
- No: 96%
- No response/Don't know: 1%
Regardless if you voted or not, thinking about information you may have received during the campaign. Which of the following had the most influence about who to vote for? (Closed-ended)

Responses two percent and greater

- Attending campaign rallies: 32
- Campaign poster or pamphlet: 29
- Meeting with the candidate or campaign team member: 13
- Advertisement through media (e.g. TV, radio): 8
- Knowing the candidate personally: 5
- No response/Don't know: 8
Did you vote in the previous *pilkada* elections in 2006?

- Yes: 88%
- No, I did not vote: 3%
- No, I was not eligible to vote: 8%
- No response/Don't know: 1%

*pilkada* elections are local direct elections for three executive positions (governor, district head and mayor)
Did you vote in the *pilkada* elections that were held on April 9, 2012?

- Yes: 95%
- No: 5%
If did not vote, why didn’t you vote? (One answer)
Respondents that said they did not vote in the *pilkada* elections held on April 9, N=48
(margin of error is 14.14 percent based on a 95 percent confidence level)*

- I was not registered: 33
- I did not have time to go to the polls: 25
- I am not interested in politics: 8
- I do not have an ID: 4
- My vote does not change anything: 4
- I did not believe the vote would be fair: 2
- I did not support any candidate/party: 2
- I did not have enough information about the candidates: 2
- I was concerned about violence surrounding the election: 2
- No response/Don't know: 23

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Thinking about the issues in this campaign, which one of the following would you say was the most important one that influenced the decision you made about which candidates you voted for? (Closed-ended)

Respondents that said they voted in the *pilkada* elections held on April 9, N=1,010

Only displaying responses of two percent and greater

- **Economy**: 40
- **Employment**: 15
- **Health care**: 14
- **Education**: 11
- **Peace**: 3
- **Corruption**: 3
- **Security**: 2
- **No response/Don't know**: 11
Which of the following statements best describes when you made decisions about which candidates to vote for? (Closed-ended)

Respondents that said they voted in the *pilkada* elections held on April 9, N=1,010

- I made my decision right away, from the moment the candidates announced: 27
- I made my decision on Election Day: 24
- I made my decision within the last few months: 14
- I made my decision two to three days before the Election Day: 13
- I made my decision within the last two weeks: 12
- Don't remember: 8
- No response/Don't know: 2
Did you experience any problems while voting?
Respondents that said they voted in the *pilkada* elections held on April 9, N=1,010

- Yes: 2%
- No: 98%
If yes, what kinds of problems? (Multiple answers possible)

Respondents that said they experienced problems while voting, N=18 (margin of error is 23.09 percent based on a 95 percent confidence level)*

- Barriers to vote due to health: 22
- Did not understand the voting process: 17
- Long queues and delays: 17
- Disorganization among election officials: 11
- Intimidation from candidates or their supporters: 11
- No response/Don't know: 23

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While voting, did you notice the presence of candidate agents in the polling centers monitoring the polls?

Respondents that said they voted in the *pilkada* elections held on April 9, N=1,010

- Yes: 94%
- No: 5%
- No response/Don't know: 2%
During the electoral period there were reports of politically related violence across the province. What did you view as the main reason behind the election violence? (Closed-ended)
Respondents that said they voted in the *pilkada* elections held on April 9, N=1,010

- Rivalry between candidate supporters: 48
- Competition between supporters of different political parties: 25
- Competition between candidates to gain office for enriching themselves: 4
- Poor management of the election process: 2
- Rivalry between people of different religious/ethnic groups: 1
- No response/Don't know: 21
Now I would like to read you a statement and, when I am done, please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with it. The *pilkada* elections held on April 9, were free, fair and credible.

Respondents that said they voted in the *pilkada* elections held on April 9, N=1,010

- 91% Agree
- 8% Disagree
How would rate the performance of the Aceh Independent Election Commission (KIP) during the electoral process? Respondents that said they voted in the *pilkada* elections held on April 9, N=1,010
How concerned, if at all, were you about the possibility of violence after the election results were announced?

Respondents that said they voted in the *pilkada* elections held on April 9, N=1,010

![Bar chart showing concern levels.]

- Very concerned: 13
- Somewhat concerned: 20
- Not too concerned: 16
- Not at all concerned: 50
- No response/Don't know: 2
Regardless of how you voted, do you consider yourself a member of a political party?

- Yes: 4%
- No: 96%
In future elections do you support or oppose independent candidates being allowed to participate?
Respondents that said they voted in the pilkada elections held on April 9, N=1,010

- Support: 64%
- Oppose: 24%
- No response/Don't know: 12%
Which one of the following issues is of greatest concern to you? (Closed-ended)

Only displaying responses of two percent and greater

- Low standard of living and low income: 21 (May 2012), 8 (August 2011)
- Inflation and price increases: 19 (May 2012), 17 (August 2011)
- Unemployment and threat of losing a job: 10 (May 2012), 10 (August 2011)
- Corruption: 17 (May 2012)
- Quality and accessibility of education: 9 (May 2012)
- Insufficient support to farmers: 5 (May 2012)
- Not a sufficient level of support to small and medium-sized businesses: 5 (May 2012)
- Increase in level of crime: 5 (May 2012)
- Lack of infrastructure (electricity, roads, etc.): 7 (May 2012)
- Solution to housing problems: 3 (May 2012)
- No response/Don't know: 4 (May 2012)
What is the main issue that needs to be improved in your neighborhood? (Open-ended)

Only displaying responses of two percent and greater

- Lack of infrastructure (electricity, roads, etc.): 46
- Low standard of living and low income: 12
- Unemployment and threat of losing job: 9
- Problems of water supply: 8
- Housing problems: 5
- Quality and accessibility of education: 4
- Inflation and price increases: 4
- Environment (illegal logging, trash, etc.): 3
- Insufficient support to farmers: 3
- Not a sufficient level of support to small and medium-sized businesses: 2
- No response/Don't know: 7
What should be the first priority for the newly-elected governor?
(Open-ended)

Only displaying responses of two percent and greater

- Improving peoples economic conditions: 34
- Providing employment: 13
- Developing infrastructure: 12
- Education: 12
- Maintaining security: 8
- Peace: 7
- Public health: 4
- Housing: 2
- Agriculture: 2
- Repair the system of government: 2
- Implement laws: 2
- No response/Don't know: 4
When thinking about the future of Aceh, which of the following do you fear most? (Closed-ended)

Only displaying responses of two percent and greater

- Poverty, bad economy, lack of jobs: 51
- War, political disintegration of Aceh: 21
- Social or economic inequality: 6
- Corruption: 5
- Ethnic or religious conflict: 5
- Crime, insecurity, terrorism: 5
- Health, disease: 2
- No response/Don't know: 5
In your opinion, how prevalent is corruption in Aceh?

![Graph showing percentage of responses for August 2011 and May 2012.]

- **August 2011**:
  - Very prevalent: 29
  - Somewhat prevalent: 31
  - Not very prevalent: 13
  - Not prevalent at all: 3
  - No response: 4
  - Don't know: 18

- **May 2012**:
  - Very prevalent: 25
  - Somewhat prevalent: 41
  - Not very prevalent: 19
  - Not prevalent at all: 21
  - No response: 12
  - Don't know: 12

**Legend**:
- Very prevalent
- Somewhat prevalent
- Not very prevalent
- Not prevalent at all
- No response
- Don't know
Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the Aceh government’s efforts to fight corruption?

**May 2012**
- Very satisfied: 3
- Somewhat satisfied: 19
- Somewhat unsatisfied: 52
- Very unsatisfied: 14
- No response: 1
- Don't know: 12

**August 2011**
- Very satisfied: 4
- Somewhat satisfied: 12
- Somewhat unsatisfied: 48
- Very unsatisfied: 14
- No response: 5
- Don't know: 16
INSTITUTIONAL RATINGS
Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the quality of work performed by the provincial legislature?

Very satisfied | Somewhat satisfied | Somewhat unsatisfied | Very unsatisfied | No response/Don't know

6 | 44 | 40 | 5 | 6
Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the quality of work performed by the district legislature?

- Very satisfied: 4
- Somewhat satisfied: 48
- Somewhat unsatisfied: 38
- Very unsatisfied: 4
- No response/Don't know: 6

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How would you rate the performance of each of the following institutions?

- Religious leaders
- The Aceh Independent Election Commission (KIP)
- Sharia courts
- The media
- International non-governmental organizations
- The courts
- Domestic non-governmental organizations
- Civil service employees
- The police
- Political parties

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- No response/Don't know

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May 2012
On the issue most important to you do you feel that the newly elected governor is capable of solving the problem within the next two years?

- Yes: 61%
- No: 16%
- No response/Don't know: 23%
In the past year has any legislator or political party member contacted you about any issue of importance to you?

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May 2012
In the future, should a legislator or political party member need to contact you, what is the most convenient way for you to be contacted? (Multiple answers possible)

Responses two percent and greater

- **In person/travel to my house**: 76%
- **Through a community/public event**: 65%
- **Telephone**: 24%
- **Through a political party event**: 20%
- **Through a non-governmental organization**: 19%
- **SMS**: 12%
- **Letter**: 11%
- **Media (e.g. newspaper)**: 9%
- **Through a radio program**: 4%
- **No response/Don't know**: 5%
How would you rate the performance of the government of Aceh on each of the issues listed below?

August 2011
How would you rate the performance of the government of Aceh on each of the issues listed below?

May 2012

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- Good: Blue
- Fair: Red
- Poor: Green
- No response/Don't know: Purple
In your opinion, are people in Aceh afraid to openly express their political views or not?

- **May 2012**
  - Majority are afraid: 7
  - Many are afraid: 14
  - Some are afraid: 32
  - Nobody is afraid: 43
  - No response/Don't know: 4

- **August 2011**
  - Majority are afraid: 12
  - Many are afraid: 22
  - Some are afraid: 37
  - Nobody is afraid: 22
  - No response/Don't know: 7
What is your opinion about the trend of religious extremism in Aceh compared to two years ago? Has it increased, stayed more or less the same or decreased?
How concerned, if at all, are you about the rise of religious extremism in Aceh these days?

Respondents having the opinion that the trend of religious extremism in Aceh has increased

August 2011, N=301

- Very concerned: 60
- Somewhat concerned: 24
- Not too concerned: 8
- Not at all concerned: 8
- No response/Don't know: 8

May 2012, N=94

- Very concerned: 73
- Somewhat concerned: 15
- Not too concerned: 10
- Not at all concerned: 2
- No response/Don't know: 10
MEDIA INDEX
What are the main sources of political information for you? (Multiple answers possible)

Only displaying responses of two percent and greater

- TV: 78%
- Relatives, friends: 53%
- Newspapers: 51%
- Village head: 32%
- Radio: 20%
- Religious leader: 15%
- Village news board: 14%
- Politicians: 8%
- Internet: 5%
- Magazines: 3%
- No response/Don't know: 2%
How do you rate the credibility of each of these information sources?

Credible responses only

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On average, how often do you use the Internet?

- Every day: 3 (May 2012), 2 (August 2011)
- A few times per week: 4 (May 2012), 3 (August 2011)
- Once a week: 2 (May 2012), 3 (August 2011)
- Once a month: 1 (May 2012), 1 (August 2011)
- Less often: 4 (May 2012), 3 (August 2011)
- Never: 84 (May 2012), 81 (August 2011)
- No response/Don't know: 1 (May 2012), 7 (August 2011)
Where do you most regularly access the Internet?
Respondents indicating that they use the Internet at least once a month

- **Cell phone or mobile connection**: May 2012, 36; August 2011, 41
- **Internet kiosk**: May 2012, 7; August 2011, 17
- **Home**: May 2012, 18; August 2011, 19
- **Internet café**: May 2012, 7; August 2011, 19
- **School**: May 2012, 5; August 2011, 7
- **Work**: May 2012, 4; August 2011, 14
- ** Relatives' or friends' home**: May 2012, 2; August 2011, 4
- **No response/Don't know**: May 2012, 7; August 2011, 2

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