Public Opinion Poll
Residents of Kyrgyzstan
February 21 - March 5, 2021
Detailed Methodology

• The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's Center for Insights in Survey Research by SIAR Research and Consulting.

• Data were collected between February 21 - March 5, 2021, through computer-assisted telephone interviews administered via mobile and landline numbers.

• The sample consisted of n=1,200 residents of Kyrgyzstan, aged 18 and older.

• A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample according to the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic's 2019 Demographic Yearbook of the Kyrgyz Republic (January 1, 2019). The sample was stratified by oblast/city and urbanicity.
  
  • An initial database of mobile and landline numbers was assembled that comprised two separate sources. Two-thirds of the database’s numbers are sourced from SIAR’s proprietary database of previous survey participant phone numbers. SIAR’s database is derived from phone numbers collected during nationally-representative surveys conducted throughout the past twelve months. The remaining third of the database’s phone numbers are randomly generated from operators' area codes at the time of this study. Numbers were randomly selected from the combined database.
  
  • The respondent selection methodology depended on the type of line used to contact respondents. For mobile numbers, the mobile phone user is selected. For landline numbers shared by multiple individuals, the last birthday protocol is used for randomized respondent selection.
  
  • The data is weighted by age and gender according to the 2019 Demographic Yearbook of the Kyrgyz Republic.

• The response rate for the survey was 47 percent.

• The margin of error at the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed ±2.8 points at the 95 percent confidence level.

• Interviews were conducted in Kyrgyz (80 percent), Russian (18 percent), and Uzbek (2 percent).

• Cited bases are weighted. Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

• The survey was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.
## Frequently Cited Disaggregates

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*Cited bases are weighted. Margin of error will vary with sample size n*
Geographical Key: 7 Oblasts and 2 Cities

- Issyk-Kul Oblast
- Chui Oblast
- Bishkek City
- Talas Oblast
- Jalal-Abad Oblast
- Naryn Oblast
- Osh Oblast
- Osh City
- Batken Oblast
National Outlook
In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

### Age Groups
- **Age 18-35**: 70% in the right direction, 24% in the wrong direction, 6% don't know/refused to answer
- **Age 36-55**: 66% in the right direction, 29% in the wrong direction, 4% don't know/refused to answer
- **Age 56 and older**: 75% in the right direction, 22% in the wrong direction, 4% don't know/refused to answer

### Gender
- **Men**: 70% in the right direction, 26% in the wrong direction, 4% don't know/refused to answer
- **Women**: 70% in the right direction, 24% in the wrong direction, 6% don't know/refused to answer

### Urbanicity
- **Urban**: 62% in the right direction, 34% in the wrong direction, 5% don't know/refused to answer
- **Rural**: 74% in the right direction, 20% in the wrong direction, 5% don't know/refused to answer

### Oblast/City
- **Bishkek City**: 52% in the right direction, 42% in the wrong direction, 6% don't know/refused to answer
- **Chui Oblast**: 75% in the right direction, 23% in the wrong direction, 2% don't know/refused to answer
- **Issyk-Kul Oblast**: 63% in the right direction, 20% in the wrong direction, 17% don't know/refused to answer
- **Naryn Oblast**: 75% in the right direction, 25% in the wrong direction
- **Talas Oblast**: 56% in the right direction, 44% in the wrong direction
- **Osh Oblast**: 80% in the right direction, 16% in the wrong direction
- **Jalal-Abad Oblast**: 74% in the right direction, 20% in the wrong direction
- **Batken Oblast**: 68% in the right direction, 26% in the wrong direction
- **Osh City**: 78% in the right direction, 20% in the wrong direction

Legend:
- In the right direction
- In the wrong direction
- Don't know/Refused to answer
In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

*Note: Comparison between polls in August 2020 or after and polls before August 2020 should be treated with caution due to differing methodologies. The polls done before August 2020 were conducted via face-to-face interviews at respondents’ homes.*
In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction? (Disaggregated by respondents’ views on democracy)
How would you describe the current economic situation in your household?
What is the most important problem facing our country today? (Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted)

- Unemployment: 59%
- Corruption: 50%
- Cost of living/High prices: 48%
- Education: 28%
- COVID-19/Coronavirus: 27%
- Migration: 23%
- Healthcare: 22%
- Economy—other/general: 18%
- Poverty: 17%
- Social services/Benefits/Pensions: 17%
- Housing: 13%
- Internal conflicts: 12%
- Agriculture: 10%
- Infrastructure: 9%
- Small business opportunities/Access to loans: 8%
- Water: 6%
- Crime/Public Safety: 6%
- Environment: 5%
- Solve border/Customs problems: 5%
- External debts: 5%
- Low wages: 3%
- Electricity: 2%
- Political instability: 2%
- Illicit drugs: 2%
- Other: 9%
- No problem: <1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: <1%

*Responses receiving less than 2% are collapsed into Other.*
What is the most important problem facing our country today? (Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Top 10 responses displayed)

**All Respondents**
- Unemployment: 59%
- Corruption: 50%
- Cost of living/High prices: 48%
- Education: 28%
- COVID-19/Coronavirus: 27%
- Migration: 23%
- Healthcare: 22%
- Economy—other/general: 18%
- Poverty: 17%
- Social services: 17%

**Bishkek City**
- Cost of living/High prices: 60%
- Unemployment: 40%
- Corruption: 25%
- Social services: 16%
- Education: 14%
- Poverty: 12%
- Low wages: 11%
- Healthcare: 11%
- Internal conflicts: 9%
- Political instability: 9%

**Chui Oblast**
- Cost of living/High prices: 67%
- Unemployment: 62%
- Corruption: 46%
- COVID-19/Coronavirus: 38%
- Economy—other/general: 31%
- Education: 30%
- Poverty: 25%
- Healthcare: 24%
- Social services: 12%
- Border/Customs problems: 9%

**Issyk-Kul Oblast**
- Unemployment: 50%
- Corruption: 39%
- Healthcare: 36%
- Cost of living/High prices: 32%
- Education: 29%
- COVID-19/Coronavirus: 25%
- Social services: 18%
- Migration: 12%
- Agriculture: 11%
- Poverty: 10%

*Social services includes mentions of benefits and pensions.*
What is the most important problem facing our country today? (Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; **Top 10 responses displayed**)

### All Respondents

- **Unemployment**: 59%
- **Corruption**: 50%
- **Cost of living/High prices**: 48%
- **Education**: 28%
- **COVID-19/Coronavirus**: 27%
- **Migration**: 23%
- **Healthcare**: 22%
- **Economy—other/general**: 18%
- **Poverty**: 17%
- **Social services**: 17%

### Naryn Oblast

- **Cost of living/High prices**: 73%
- **Unemployment**: 57%
- **Corruption**: 56%
- **Social services**: 46%
- **Economy—other/general**: 44%
- **Healthcare**: 32%
- **Education**: 27%
- **Agriculture**: 22%
- **Migration**: 17%
- **External debts**: 17%

### Jalal-Abad Oblast

- **Unemployment**: 75%
- **Corruption**: 57%
- **Migration**: 43%
- **Cost of living/High prices**: 37%
- **Education**: 32%
- **COVID-19/Coronavirus**: 24%
- **Housing**: 23%
- **Internal conflicts**: 22%
- **Healthcare**: 20%
- **Poverty**: 12%

### Talas Oblast

- **Cost of living/high prices**: 82%
- **Corruption**: 71%
- **Social services**: 67%
- **Unemployment**: 66%
- **Economy—other/general**: 62%
- **Healthcare**: 57%
- **Education**: 45%
- **Agriculture**: 40%
- **Migration**: 30%
- **Crime/Public Safety**: 22%

*Social services includes mentions of benefits and pensions.*
What is the most important problem facing our country today?
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Top 10 responses displayed)

**All Respondents**

- Unemployment: 59%
- Corruption: 50%
- Cost of living/High prices: 48%
- Education: 28%
- COVID-19/Coronavirus: 27%
- Migration: 23%
- Healthcare: 22%
- Economy—other/general: 18%
- Poverty: 17%
- Social services: 17%

**Batken Oblast**

- Unemployment: 73%
- Cost of living/High prices: 63%
- Corruption: 53%
- Economy—other/general: 41%
- Social services: 40%
- Poverty: 36%
- Education: 36%
- Migration: 35%
- COVID-19/Coronavirus: 34%
- Healthcare: 33%

**Osh City**

- COVID-19/Coronavirus: 67%
- Corruption: 63%
- Unemployment: 53%
- Housing: 44%
- Economy—other/general: 38%
- Internal conflicts: 33%
- Cost of living/High prices: 30%
- Migration: 27%
- Small business opportunities: 17%
- Education: 15%

**Osh Oblast**

- Corruption: 62%
- Unemployment: 59%
- COVID-19/Coronavirus: 35%
- Migration: 33%
- Education: 30%
- Cost of living/High prices: 26%
- Poverty: 20%
- Water: 17%
- Infrastructure: 16%
- Housing: 15%

*Social services* includes mentions of benefits and pensions, *Small business opportunities* includes mentions of access to loans.
Democracy and Political Interest
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

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Legend:
- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy.
- Don't know/Refused to answer
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people to be able to influence decisions made in our country?

### Age Groups
- **Age 18-35**
  - Very likely: 12%
  - Somewhat likely: 46%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 25%
  - Very unlikely: 15%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
- **Age 36-55**
  - Very likely: 11%
  - Somewhat likely: 42%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 28%
  - Very unlikely: 17%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
- **Age 56 and older**
  - Very likely: 12%
  - Somewhat likely: 52%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 23%
  - Very unlikely: 13%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

### Gender
- **Men**
  - Very likely: 10%
  - Somewhat likely: 44%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 28%
  - Very unlikely: 17%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
- **Women**
  - Very likely: 13%
  - Somewhat likely: 47%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 24%
  - Very unlikely: 14%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

### Urbanicity
- **Urban**
  - Very likely: 16%
  - Somewhat likely: 45%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 22%
  - Very unlikely: 15%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
- **Rural**
  - Very likely: 9%
  - Somewhat likely: 46%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 28%
  - Very unlikely: 16%
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### Oblast/City
- **Bishkek City**
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- **Naryn Oblast**
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Categories:
- Very likely
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How likely or unlikely are ordinary people to be able to influence decisions made in our country? (Disaggregated by respondents’ views on democracy)
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country’s adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision-making?

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Legend:
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Somewhat unimportant
- Very unimportant
- Don't know/Refused to answer
What factors are most important to you in determining whether or not you will vote for a candidate? (Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted)

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Please name all of the political parties you are familiar with in your region.
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted)

- Mekenchil: 42%
- Ata-Meken: 41%
- Respublika: 31%
- Kyrgyzstan: 30%
- Birimdik: 29%
- Ata-Jurt: 24%
- SDPK: 23%
- Mekenim Kyrgyzstan: 23%
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- Bir-Bol: 17%
- Yiman Nuru: 12%
- Zamandash: 9%
- Onuguu-Progress: 6%
- Reforma: 5%
- Chon Kazat: 3%
- Meken Yntymagy: 2%
- Ordo: 2%
- Ar-Namys: 1%
- Party of youth/Party consist of young people: 1%
- Other: 5%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 6%

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Please name all of the political parties you are familiar with in your region.

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Top 10 responses)
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For each of the following items, do they have great influence, some influence, not much influence, or no influence at all on your views of political parties or candidates?

- Opinions of respected people:
  - Great influence: 19%
  - Some influence: 38%
  - Not much influence: 20%
  - No influence at all: 22%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: <1%

- Candidates/politician debates:
  - Great influence: 18%
  - Some influence: 34%
  - Not much influence: 21%
  - No influence at all: 26%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- Meetings with politicians:
  - Great influence: 18%
  - Some influence: 32%
  - Not much influence: 22%
  - No influence at all: 27%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: <1%

- Social media:
  - Great influence: 20%
  - Some influence: 27%
  - Not much influence: 20%
  - No influence at all: 31%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- TV ads:
  - Great influence: 13%
  - Some influence: 21%
  - Not much influence: 19%
  - No influence at all: 46%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- Visits of party or candidate representatives to your house:
  - Great influence: 10%
  - Some influence: 21%
  - Not much influence: 24%
  - No influence at all: 43%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

- Candidates giving away food or supplies in your district:
  - Great influence: 9%
  - Some influence: 19%
  - Not much influence: 25%
  - No influence at all: 46%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- Phone calls to your house from the political party or candidate:
  - Great influence: 7%
  - Some influence: 18%
  - Not much influence: 22%
  - No influence at all: 51%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- Personal letters to you from the candidate:
  - Great influence: 7%
  - Some influence: 17%
  - Not much influence: 23%
  - No influence at all: 51%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

- Articles in newspapers about the candidates:
  - Great influence: 4%
  - Some influence: 17%
  - Not much influence: 27%
  - No influence at all: 51%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- Radio ads:
  - Great influence: 5%
  - Some influence: 12%
  - Not much influence: 26%
  - No influence at all: 56%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- Slogans, text messages on vehicles:
  - Great influence: 4%
  - Some influence: 13%
  - Not much influence: 27%
  - No influence at all: 56%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- Paid ads in newspapers for the candidate or party:
  - Great influence: 3%
  - Some influence: 13%
  - Not much influence: 28%
  - No influence at all: 54%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- Billboards:
  - Great influence: 4%
  - Some influence: 13%
  - Not much influence: 27%
  - No influence at all: 56%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- Brochures, pamphlets:
  - Great influence: 3%
  - Some influence: 13%
  - Not much influence: 28%
  - No influence at all: 55%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%
During the Presidential election, did anyone offer you money, gifts or some other incentive in exchange for your vote?

- **All Respondents**: 7% Yes, 92% No, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer

- **Oblast/City**
  - **Bishkek City**: 12% Yes, 88% No, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - **Chui Oblast**: All respondents answered No
  - **Issyk-Kul Oblast**: 4% Yes, 95% No, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - **Naryn Oblast**: 4% Yes, 96% No, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - **Talas Oblast**: 4% Yes, 96% No, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - **Osh Oblast**: 5% Yes, 94% No, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - **Jalal-Abad Oblast**: 16% Yes, 83% No, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - **Batken Oblast**: 6% Yes, 94% No, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - **Osh City**: 0% Yes, 100% No, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
During the Presidential Election, did you know or witness anyone who was offered money, gifts, or an incentive in exchange for their vote?

### Oblast/City

- **Bishkek City**
  - Yes, myself: 7%
  - Yes, family member: 4%
  - Yes, friend or member of the community: 4%
  - No: 84%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

- **Chui Oblast**
  - Yes, myself: 2%
  - Yes, family member: 8%
  - Yes, friend or member of the community: 4%
  - No: 98%

- **Issyk-Kul Oblast**
  - Yes, myself: 3%
  - Yes, family member: 8%
  - Yes, friend or member of the community: 3%
  - No: 87%

- **Naryn Oblast**
  - Yes, myself: 2%
  - Yes, family member: 2%
  - Yes, friend or member of the community: 4%
  - No: 92%

- **Talas Oblast**
  - Yes, myself: 4%
  - Yes, family member: 4%
  - Yes, friend or member of the community: 3%
  - No: 91%

- **Osh Oblast**
  - Yes, myself: 4%
  - Yes, family member: 3%
  - Yes, friend or member of the community: 3%
  - No: 84%

- **Jalal-Abad Oblast**
  - Yes, myself: 11%
  - Yes, family member: 5%
  - Yes, friend or member of the community: 7%
  - No: 74%

- **Batken Oblast**
  - Yes, myself: 3%
  - Yes, family member: 8%
  - Yes, friend or member of the community: 0%
  - No: 80%

- **Osh City**
  - Yes, myself: 3%
  - Yes, family member: 0%
  - Yes, friend or member of the community: 0%
  - No: 97%
If yes, how much were [you/they] offered in exchange for [your/their] vote?

(Among those who know of or witnessed money, gifts or an incentive being offered in exchange for votes, n=143)

During the presidential election, did you know or witness anyone who was offered money, gifts or an incentive in exchange for their vote?

- Yes, myself: 86%
- Yes, family member: 3%
- Yes, friend or member of the community: 4%
- No: 3%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%

During the presidential election, did you know or witness anyone who was offered money, gifts or an incentive in exchange for their vote?

- Less than 1,000 som*: 18%
- Between 1,001-3,000 som: 15%
- Between 3,001-5,000 som: 1%
- Between 5,001-7,000 som: 1%
- More than 7,000 som: 7%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

*Note: Exchange rate of 1,000 som to $11.79 USD as of March 5, 2021 per OANDA
How effective or ineffective do you believe the Central Election Commission is in the management and oversight of elections in Kyrgyzstan?

- Feb./Mar-21: 9% Very effective, 49% Somewhat effective, 25% Somewhat ineffective, 15% Very ineffective, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Dec-20: 10% Very effective, 35% Somewhat effective, 24% Somewhat ineffective, 27% Very ineffective, 4% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Aug-20: 8% Very effective, 26% Somewhat effective, 27% Somewhat ineffective, 29% Very ineffective, 10% Don't know/Refused to answer
### Did you vote in parliamentary elections using Form #2?*

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*Note: Form #2 was a method of voting in absentia, removed after the October 2020 elections and not used in the January 2021 elections.*
Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?
(Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)
Parties and Elections
Do you intend to vote in the planned local and parliamentary elections in the spring or summer?

- Yes: 81%
- Local only: 12%
- Parliamentary only: 4%
- No: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

*Repeat parliamentary elections were tentatively scheduled for Spring or Summer 2021 at time of fieldwork and have since been postponed.*
If the parliamentary elections were held today, for which party would you vote? (Spontaneous response)

- Mekenchil: 10%
- Yiman Nuru: 8%
- Ata-Jurt: 6%
- Birimdik: 5%
- Respulika: 4%
- Ata-Meken: 3%
- Butun Kyrgyzstan: 3%
- Kyrgyzstan: 2%
- Mekenim Kyrgyzstan: 2%
- Bir-Bol: 2%
- Reforma: 1%
- SDPK: 1%
- Zamandash: 1%
- Chon Kazat: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Undecided: 8%
- I would vote "against all": 12%
- Would not vote: 11%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 17%
If the parliamentary elections were held today, for which party would you vote? (Spontaneous response)

Among Likely Voters, n=1,018
- Mekenchil: 11%
- Yiman Nuru: 9%
- Ata-Jurt: 6%
- Birimdik: 5%
- Respublika: 4%
- Ata-Meken: 4%
- Butun Kyrgyzstan: 3%
- Mekenim Kyrgyzstan: 3%
- Kyrgyzstan: 3%
- Bir-Bol: 2%
- Reforma: 1%
- SDPK: 1%
- Chon Kazat: 1%
- Zamandash: 1%
- *Other: 3%
- Undecided: 9%
- I would vote "against all": 11%
- Wouldn’t vote: 4%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 18%

Among *Decided Voters, n=570
- Mekenchil: 20%
- Yiman Nuru: 17%
- Ata-Jurt: 11%
- Birimdik: 9%
- Respublika: 7%
- Ata-Meken: 7%
- Butun Kyrgyzstan: 6%
- Mekenim Kyrgyzstan: 6%
- Kyrgyzstan: 6%
- Bir-Bol: 4%
- Reforma: 2%
- SDPK: 2%
- Chon Kazat: 2%
- Zamandash: 2%
- *Other: 3%
- Undecided: 9%
- I would vote “against all”: 11%
- Wouldn’t vote: 4%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 18%

*Yes response includes those who said Yes, Local only, and Parliamentary only.
*Responses receiving less than 1 percent are collapsed into Other.
*Decided Voters are those who are likely to vote and who also expressed a party/candidate preference for upcoming elections, excluding ‘other.’
If the parliamentary elections were held today, for which party would you vote? (Spontaneous response)

*Responses receiving less than 1% are collapsed into Other.
If the parliamentary elections were held today, for which party would you vote? (Spontaneous response)

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If the parliamentary elections were held today, for which party would you vote?
(Spontaneous response)

- Mekenchil: 19%
- Chon Kazat: 6%
- Respublika: 6%
- Yiman Nuru: 4%
- Ata-Jurt: 4%
- Kyrgyzstan: 2%
- SDPK: 2%
- Birimdik: 1%
- Mekenim Kyrgyzstan: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Undecided: 21%
- I would vote "against all": 17%
- Would not vote: 7%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 8%

*Responses receiving less than 1% are collapsed into Other.
If the parliamentary elections were held today, for which party would you vote?
(Spontaneous response)

- Birimdik: 4%
- Bir-Bol: 4%
- Mekenchil: 2%
- Yiman Nuru: 2%
- Other: 0%
- Undecided: 4%
- I would vote "against all": 22%
- Would not vote: 4%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 63%
If the parliamentary elections were held today, for which party would you vote?
(Spontaneous response)

- Respublika: 9%
- Mekenchil: 7%
- Reforma: 4%
- Ata-Meken: 2%
- Other: 2%
- Undecided: 2%
- Would not vote: 2%
- I would vote “against all”: 22%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 55%
If the parliamentary elections were held today, for which party would you vote? (Spontaneous response)

- Birimdik: 12%
- Mekenchil: 11%
- Yiman Nuru: 7%
- Ata-Jurt: 6%
- Butun Kyrgyzstan: 3%
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- Zamandash: 2%
- Respublika: 2%
- Onuguu-Progress: 1%
- Bir-Bol: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Undecided: 2%
- I would vote "against all": 19%
- Would not vote: 6%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 21%

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Osh City
Coronavirus
To what extent is the Coronavirus a concern for you?

Feb./Mar-21
- Very serious: 36%
- Somewhat serious: 41%
- Somewhat not serious: 16%
- Not at all serious: 7%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: <1%

Dec-20
- Very serious: 43%
- Somewhat serious: 37%
- Somewhat not serious: 14%
- Not at all serious: 6% <1%

Aug-20
- Very serious: 46%
- Somewhat serious: 33%
- Somewhat not serious: 14%
- Not at all serious: 7% <1%

Legend:
- Very serious
- Somewhat serious
- Somewhat not serious
- Not at all serious
- Don't know/Refused to answer

Survey conducted in Feb./Mar-21, Dec-20, and Aug-20.
To what extent are you satisfied with the national government’s response to the Coronavirus?

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### Demographics

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*Household Financial Status* brackets are generated from the question “How would you assess the financial position of your family?”

- **Barely subsistence** = “Money does not suffice even for food stuffs” and “Money suffices only for food, but nothing else, it does not suffice to pay the utilities bills”
- **Subsistence** = “Money suffices for food, but purchase of clothes causes difficulties”
- **Adequate** = “Income suffices for food and clothes, but purchase of expensive durable things, such as TV set, refrigerator is a problem”
- **More than adequate** = “We can easily get durable things, but purchase of really expensive things, such as car, is a big problem for us” and “At the present time we can afford much - a car, a summer residence, travel abroad”
Demographics

What is your ethnicity?

- Kyrgyz: 89%
- Uzbek: 5%
- Russian: 4%
- Uighur: 1%
- Other: 1%

What is the main language you speak at home?

- Kyrgyz: 85%
- Russian: 10%
- Uzbek: 5%
- Other: <1%