Moldova National Voter Study

August 20 – September 2, 2011

International Republican Institute
Baltic Surveys Ltd. / The Gallup Organization
METHODOLOGY

- The national representative survey was carried out in August 20 – September 2, 2011.
- The survey was conducted on behalf of International Republican Institute. The study was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization (Dr. R. Alisauskiene). The fieldwork was carried out by Magenta Consulting.
- The sample design was a multi-stage random sample.
  - Stage One: Break country into official administrative regions.
  - Stage Two: Select clusters of sampling points based on settlement population. One sample point=approximately one percent of survey population. Sampling points in each region were selected based on the percentage of population living in various levels of settlement in that same region.
- The sample consisted of 1,200 Moldovan residents aged 18 and older and eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by age, gender and education.
- Data is collected through face-to-face, in-home interviews with respondents. Random route method with the next birthday rule was used for the selection of respondents. Response rate was 57.4 percent.
- The margin of error does not exceed +/- three percent.
MOOD OF THE COUNTRY
Generally speaking, do you think that things in Moldova are going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

- **August-11**: 38% Right direction, 53% Wrong direction, 9% DK/NA
- **February-11**: 41% Right direction, 45% Wrong direction, 14% DK/NA
- **September-10**: 33% Right direction, 54% Wrong direction, 13% DK/NA
- **May-10**: 42% Right direction, 47% Wrong direction, 11% DK/NA
- **February-10**: 37% Right direction, 51% Wrong direction, 12% DK/NA
- **November-09**: 40% Right direction, 42% Wrong direction, 17% DK/NA
- **June-09**: 19% Right direction, 66% Wrong direction, 15% DK/NA
- **November-08**: 31% Right direction, 55% Wrong direction, 14% DK/NA
- **April-08**: 27% Right direction, 58% Wrong direction, 15% DK/NA
- **March-07**: 32% Right direction, 54% Wrong direction, 14% DK/NA
- **April-06**: 33% Right direction, 57% Wrong direction, 10% DK/NA
- **November-04**: 30% Right direction, 61% Wrong direction, 9% DK/NA
- **March-04**: 34% Right direction, 58% Wrong direction, 8% DK/NA
Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Moldova changed?
### Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?

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Are people in Moldova afraid to openly express their political views?

- Majority are afraid
- Many are afraid
- Some are afraid
- Nobody is afraid
- DK/NA

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ISSUES
What are the main problems that Moldova is facing at the moment? (Spontaneous, more than two percent)

- Unemployment: 32
- Corruption: 19
- Low incomes: 18
- Poverty: 17
- Political crisis: 17
- High prices/Inflation: 17
- Election of the president: 16
- Poor roads: 12
- Emigration: 6
- Economic crisis: 6
- Inefficient public employees: 5
- Fighting crime: 4
- Expensive utilities/Housing: 4
- Economic development: 4
- Ecology: 4
- Education: 3
- Instability/Chaos: 2
- Lack of spirituality/Morality: 2
What are the main problems that Moldova is facing at the moment? (February 2011) (Spontaneous, more than two percent)

- Unemployment: 26
- Corruption: 22
- High prices/Inflation: 18
- Low incomes: 18
- Poverty: 17
- Political crisis: 16
- Economic crisis: 13
- Election of the president: 9
- Poor roads: 8
- Emigration: 6
- Economic development: 5
- Joining European Union/NATO: 5
- Expensive utilities/Housing: 4
- Inefficient public employees: 4
- Transnistrian conflict*: 3
- Instability/Chaos: 3
- Ecology: 2
- Low living standards: 2
- Rising crime: 2

*Transnistria is a breakaway region on Moldova’s eastern border.
What are the main problems your town/village is facing at the moment?  
(Spontaneous, more than two percent)

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What are the main problems your town/village is facing at the moment? (February 2011) (Spontaneous, more than two percent)

- Poor roads: 32
- Jobs/Unemployment: 25
- Environmental issues: 13
- High prices/Inflation: 10
- Low incomes: 9
- Corruption: 6
- Emigration: 6
- Expensive utilities/Housing: 6
- Transport problems: 5
- No/Inefficient local authorities: 5
- Insufficient street lights: 4
- Poverty: 4
- Agriculture: 4
- Gas supply: 3
- Water supply: 3
- Homeless dogs: 3
- Youth issues: 2
What are the most important problems for you and your household members?
(Spontaneous, more than two percent)

- Financial problems/Low income: 52
- Jobs/Unemployment: 19
- High prices/Inflation: 9
- Health problems: 9
- Emigration: 8
- Expensive utilities/Housing: 7
- Expensive/Poor medical services: 5
- Poverty: 4
- Family conflicts: 3
- Corruption: 3
- Difficulties obtaining living space: 3
- Bad social assistance: 2
What are the most important problems for you and your household members? (February 2011) (Spontaneous, more than two percent)

- **Financial problems/Low incomes**: 59
- **Jobs/Unemployment**: 22
- **High prices**: 14
- **Expensive utilities/Housing**: 9
- **Health problems**: 8
- **Emigration**: 7
- **Expensive/Poor medical services**: 3
- **Poverty**: 3
- **Poor housing conditions**: 2
Thinking about the current situation and future of your country, what are you most afraid of?
(Spontaneous, more than two percent)

- Poverty: 12
- Emigration: 8
- War/Conflict: 7
- Increasing prices/Taxes: 6
- Communism returning: 6
- Economic crisis: 6
- Unemployment: 5
- Romanianization: 5
- Political instability: 5
- Corruption: 4
- Sovereignty/Threat to independence: 4
- Hunger/No drinking water: 4
- Natural disasters: 4
- Crime: 4
- Transnistrian conflict: 3
- Having no president: 3
- Children's future: 3
- Civil war/No peace/No unity: 3
- Low incomes: 2
- Degradation of the society: 2
Thinking about the current situation and future of your country, what are you most afraid of?

(February 2011)

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- Economic crisis: 4
- Children's future: 3
- Civil war/No peace/No unity: 3
- Worsening financial situation: 2
- Natural disasters: 2
- Worsening economy: 2
- Diseases: 2
Is corruption a big problem in Moldova today?

- **August-11**: 61% It is a very big issue, 29% It is a big issue, 3% It is not a big issue, 1% It is not an issue at all, 6% DK/NA
- **February-11**: 59% It is a very big issue, 33% It is a big issue, 3% It is not a big issue, 1% It is not an issue at all, 4% DK/NA
- **September-10**: 57% It is a very big issue, 31% It is a big issue, 4% It is not a big issue, 1% It is not an issue at all, 7% DK/NA
- **May-10**: 53% It is a very big issue, 37% It is a big issue, 4% It is not a big issue, 1% It is not an issue at all, 5% DK/NA
- **February-10**: 58% It is a very big issue, 33% It is a big issue, 4% It is not a big issue, 2% It is not an issue at all, 3% DK/NA
- **November-09**: 61% It is a very big issue, 31% It is a big issue, 3% It is not a big issue, 5% It is not an issue at all, 5% DK/NA
- **November-08**: 62% It is a very big issue, 27% It is a big issue, 4% It is not a big issue, 1% It is not an issue at all, 6% DK/NA
- **April-08**: 60% It is a very big issue, 25% It is a big issue, 5% It is not a big issue, 10% It is not an issue at all, 10% DK/NA
- **March-07**: 64% It is a very big issue, 26% It is a big issue, 2% It is not a big issue, 8% It is not an issue at all, 8% DK/NA
- **March-06**: 66% It is a very big issue, 25% It is a big issue, 3% It is not a big issue, 5% It is not an issue at all, 5% DK/NA
- **November-04**: 72% It is a very big issue, 24% It is a big issue, 2% It is not a big issue, 2% It is not an issue at all, 2% DK/NA
INSTITUTIONS
How much confidence do you have in the following institutions?

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
How would you evaluate the current state of relations between Moldova and the following entities?

- **Romania**: 69 Good, 9 Neither/Nor, 18 Bad, 4 DK/NA
- **European Union**: 69 Good, 11 Neither/Nor, 14 Bad, 5 DK/NA
- **United States**: 60 Good, 12 Neither/Nor, 16 Bad, 12 DK/NA
- **Ukraine**: 59 Good, 14 Neither/Nor, 20 Bad, 7 DK/NA
- **Russia**: 58 Good, 9 Neither/Nor, 29 Bad, 4 DK/NA
How would you evaluate the current state of relations between Moldova and the following entities? (February 2011)

- Romania: 68 Good, 12 Neither/Nor, 13 Bad, 7 DK/NA
- European Union: 67 Good, 16 Neither/Nor, 9 Bad, 8 DK/NA
- Ukraine: 56 Good, 17 Neither/Nor, 15 Bad, 12 DK/NA
- United States: 53 Good, 19 Neither/Nor, 10 Bad, 18 DK/NA
- Russia: 50 Good, 14 Neither/Nor, 30 Bad, 6 DK/NA
Which countries are the most important partners for Moldova? Which countries are the greatest political and economic threats to Moldova?

- **European Union**: 72% Partners, 16% Threats
- **Russia**: 66% Partners, 35% Threats
- **Romania**: 62% Partners, 22% Threats
- **Ukraine**: 49% Partners, 20% Threats
- **United States**: 45% Partners, 24% Threats
- **DK/NA**: 5% Partners, 22% Threats
- **None**: 3% Partners, 14% Threats
Which countries are the most important partners for Moldova? Which countries are the greatest political and economic threat to Moldova? (February 2011)
What should Moldova do in the future?

- **Join the European Union:**
  - Yes: 64
  - No: 28
  - DK/NA: 8

- **Be an independent neutral state:**
  - Yes: 53
  - No: 32
  - DK/NA: 15

- **Remain a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States:**
  - Yes: 45
  - No: 39
  - DK/NA: 16

- **Join NATO:**
  - Yes: 39
  - No: 45
  - DK/NA: 16
What should Moldova do in the future? (February 2011)

- **Join the European Union**
  - Yes: 65%
  - No: 24%
  - DK/NA: 11%

- **Remain a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States**
  - Yes: 47%
  - No: 37%
  - DK/NA: 16%

- **Be an independent neutral state**
  - Yes: 46%
  - No: 37%
  - DK/NA: 17%

- **Join NATO**
  - Yes: 37%
  - No: 41%
  - DK/NA: 22%
Do you think there is a political crisis in Moldova at the moment or not?

Yes, there is 83%
No, there is not 10%
DK/NA 7%
Do you think adopting a new constitution in order to overcome the constitutional/political crisis is a good decision?

- Yes: 52%
- No: 28%
- DK/NA: 20%
There are several suggestions on how to elect a president of Moldova. Do you support the following ideas or oppose them?

- **The political parties should work more diligently to find the votes to elect a president under the current constitutional framework.**
  - Support: 55%
  - Oppose: 25%
  - DK/NA: 20%

- **It is a constitutional necessity to elect a president, even if it takes holding an early parliamentary election to do so.**
  - Support: 45%
  - Oppose: 38%
  - DK/NA: 17%

- **It is important to avoid having to hold an early parliamentary election as Moldova has had too many elections recently.**
  - Support: 44%
  - Oppose: 37%
  - DK/NA: 18%

- **Amending the constitution to find a method that will work to elect the president with the current parliament is better than having to hold another early parliamentary election to do so.**
  - Support: 40%
  - Oppose: 38%
  - DK/NA: 22%

- **The country is getting along fine with an interim president, so it is not an important issue.**
  - Support: 20%
  - Oppose: 68%
  - DK/NA: 12%
Do you support or oppose the reunification of the Republic of Moldova with Romania?

- Fully support: 11%
- Somewhat support: 20%
- Somewhat oppose: 16%
- Strongly oppose: 43%
- DK/NA: 10%
How often do you use the Internet?

- **August-11**: 45% use the Internet every day, 14% use it 5-6 days a week, 6% use it 3-4 days a week, 7% use it 1-2 days a week, 6% use it less often, 7% use it less than once a week.
- **February-11**: 51% use the Internet every day, 12% use it 5-6 days a week, 5% use it 3-4 days a week, 8% use it 1-2 days a week, 6% use it less often, 1% use it less than once a week.
- **September-10**: 51% use the Internet every day, 11% use it 5-6 days a week, 6% use it 3-4 days a week, 5% use it 1-2 days a week, 18% use it less often, 3% use it less than once a week.
- **May-2010**: 52% use the Internet every day, 13% use it 5-6 days a week, 7% use it 3-4 days a week, 8% use it 1-2 days a week, 5% use it less often, 2% use it less than once a week.
- **February-10**: 48% use the Internet every day, 12% use it 5-6 days a week, 6% use it 3-4 days a week, 7% use it 1-2 days a week, 5% use it less often, 6% use it less than once a week.
- **November-09**: 59% use the Internet every day, 12% use it 5-6 days a week, 6% use it 3-4 days a week, 4% use it 1-2 days a week, 2% use it less often, 4% use it less than once a week.
Where do you access the Internet?  
(Internet users)

- At home
  - August-11: 62%
  - February-11: 60%
  - September-10: 63%
  - May-10: 59%
  - February-10: 60%
  - November-09: 59%

- At work
  - August-11: 47%
  - February-11: 20%
  - September-10: 21%
  - May-10: 22%
  - February-10: 21%
  - November-09: 22%

- Friend's home
  - August-11: 20%
  - February-11: 23%
  - September-10: 18%
  - May-10: 21%
  - February-10: 21%
  - November-09: 18%

- By phone
  - August-11: 15%
  - February-11: 12%
  - September-10: 11%
  - May-10: 12%
  - February-10: 11%
  - November-09: 11%

- Internet café
  - August-11: 11%
  - February-11: 13%
  - September-10: 8%
  - May-10: 11%
  - February-10: 13%
  - November-09: 11%

- Other
  - August-11: 2%
  - February-11: 6%
  - September-10: 6%
  - May-10: 3%
  - February-10: 5%
  - November-09: 0.4%

- DK/NA
  - August-11: 16%
  - February-11: 7%
  - September-10: 4%
  - May-10: 4%
  - February-10: 12%
  - November-09: 12%

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DEMOGRAPHICS
**Gender**

- Female: 56%
- Male: 44%

**Age groups**

- 18-29: 29%
- 30-49: 36%
- 50+: 35%
Education

- Unfinished secondary: 10%
- Secondary: 43%
- Vocational: 14%
- Higher, incomplete: 33%

Household size

- Four: 30%
- Three: 32%
- Two: 17%
- One: 6%
- Five or more: 15%
Religion

- Romanian Orthodox: 11%
- Russian Orthodox: 86%
- None/No answer: 2%
- Other: 1%

Ethnicity

- Moldovan: 82%
- Romanian: 7%
- Ukrainian: 2%
- Bulgarian: 2%
- Russian: 2%
- Gagauz: 4%
- Other: 1%
Rural areas: 61%
Towns: 20%
Chisinau: 19%