Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Moldova

November 16, 2019 - December 8, 2019
Detailed Methodology

• The survey fieldwork was carried out by Magenta Consulting on behalf of the International Republican Institute’s Center for Insights in Survey Research.

• Data was collected throughout Moldova (with the exception of Transnistria) between November 16, 2019 and December 8, 2019 through face-to-face interviews in respondents’ homes.

• The sample consisted of n=1,204 permanent residents of Moldova aged 18 and older and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and settlement size.

• Sampling frame: Moldova Statistical Databank. Weighting: Data was weighted for age groups and gender using newly released population figures by the National Bureau of Statistics.

• A multistage probability sampling method was used, with random route and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
  • Stage one: All districts (raions) of Moldova are grouped into 11 groups; all regions (with the exception of Transnistria) were surveyed.
  • Stage two: Selection of the settlements (cities and villages).
    • Settlements were selected at random.
    • The number of settlements selected in each region was proportional to the share of population living in the particular type of settlement in each region.
  • Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.

• The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.8 points at the 95% confidence level.

• The response rate was 62 percent.

• Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

• The survey was funded by the United States Agency for International Development.
Mood of the Country
In general, would you say that Moldova is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

*In December 2014, news broke of a major banking scandal involving nearly $1 billion missing from three state banks. The scandal is often referred to as “the stolen billion.”

**In 2016, Moldova conducted the first popular election of the president since 1996. Igor Dodon was elected in the second round contest on November 13, 2016.*
How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of the Moldovan population?

- **Belief that the future will definitely be better**
  - Nationwide: 7%
  - Chisinau: 3%

- **Hope that the future will be somewhat better**
  - Nationwide: 30%
  - Chisinau: 28%

- **Not much hope for a better future**
  - Nationwide: 21%
  - Chisinau: 27%

- **Apathy, indifference**
  - Nationwide: 11%
  - Chisinau: 11%

- **Insecurity, worry, fear for the future**
  - Nationwide: 12%
  - Chisinau: 13%

- **Total disappointment, disbelief in any improvement**
  - Nationwide: 16%
  - Chisinau: 17%

- **Don't know/No answer**
  - Nationwide: 3%
  - Chisinau: 2%
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the pace of change in the country?

- I am satisfied; change is happening at the right pace
- I am dissatisfied; change is not happening fast enough
- I am dissatisfied; change is happening too fast
- No change is taking place
- Don’t know/No answer

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How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

- Very good
- Somewhat good
- Somewhat bad
- Very bad
- Don't know/No answer

**Nationwide**
- 1% Very good
- 47% Somewhat good
- 33% Somewhat bad
- 13% Very bad
- 6% Don't know/No answer

**Chisinau**
- 1% Very good
- 51% Somewhat good
- 34% Somewhat bad
- 7% Very bad
- 7% Don't know/No answer
What is the most important problem facing Moldova today?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; problems mentioned by at least 2 percent of respondents)

- Economy: Unemployment: 40%
- Economy: Cost of living/High prices: 36%
- Low income: 33%
- Corruption: 32%
- Emigration: 22%
- Poverty: 20%
- Pensions: 12%
- Infrastructure: 12%
- Internal conflicts: 11%
- Economy: Other/General: 11%
- Insecurity: 9%
- Healthcare: 8%
- Education: 8%
- Crime/Public Safety: 4%
- Social services/Benefits: 4%
- Economy: Small business opportunities/Access to loans: 3%
- Agriculture: 3%
- Environment: 3%
- Housing: 2%
- Don't know/No answer: 2%
What is the most important problem facing your town/village today?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; problems mentioned by at least 2 percent of respondents)

- Economy: Unemployment: 43%
- Economy: Cost of living/High prices: 35%
- Infrastructure: 30%
- Low income: 25%
- Emigration: 17%
- Poverty: 14%
- Corruption: 12%
- Cleanliness/Insufficient trash bins: 10%
- Insufficient street lighting: 8%
- Pensions: 7%
- Water: 7%
- Healthcare: 7%
- Insecurity: 6%
- Education: 6%
- Stray animals: 5%
- Social services/Benefits: 5%
- Economy: Other/General: 5%
- Agriculture: 4%
- Economy: Small business opportunities/Access to loans: 3%
- Internal conflicts: 3%
- Housing: 3%
- Crime/Public Safety: 3%
- Environment: 3%
- No (other) problem: 3%
- Lack of daycares and kindergartens: 2%
- Lack of public transportation: 2%
- Electricity: 2%
- Don't know/No answer: 3%
What is the most important problem facing your household today?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; problems mentioned by at least 2 percent of respondents)

- Economy: Cost of living/High prices: 55%
- Low income: 51%
- Economy: Unemployment: 24%
- Healthcare: 21%
- Pensions: 19%
- Emigration: 11%
- Poverty: 10%
- Housing: 8%
- Social services/Benefits: 7%
- Insecurity: 6%
- Economy: Other/General: 4%
- Water: 4%
- Infrastructure: 4%
- Agriculture: 3%
- Economy: Small business opportunities/Access to loans: 3%
- No (other) problem: 3%
- Corruption: 2%
- Education: 2%
- Environment: 2%
- Electricity: 2%
- Don't know/No answer: 5%
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know/No answer

Nationwide:
- Very satisfied: 3%
- Somewhat satisfied: 26%
- Somewhat dissatisfied: 34%
- Very dissatisfied: 31%
- Don't know/No answer: 7%

Chisinau:
- Very satisfied: 2%
- Somewhat satisfied: 20%
- Somewhat dissatisfied: 34%
- Very dissatisfied: 39%
- Don't know/No answer: 5%
How would you describe the current status of each of the following items in our country?

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Views on Corruption
Do you consider our country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or in the interest of some groups?

- Majority of people: 78%
- Some groups: 14%
- Don't know/No answer: 8%
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains.

To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

- It has had a lot of negative impact
- It has had some negative impact
- It has had little negative impact
- It has not had any negative impact
- Don’t know/No answer

Nationwide

Chisinau

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In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?

For Nationwide:

- 61% Not at all
- 25% Less frequently
- 4% Monthly
- 1% Weekly
- 1% Daily
- 10% Don’t know/No answer

For Chisinau:

- 59% Not at all
- 24% Less frequently
- 7% Monthly
- 1% Weekly
- 9% Daily
- 10% Don’t know/No answer
Whom did you have to do favors for, give gifts or pay bribes to?
(Respondents who had to do this in the last 12 months; respondents permitted to supply several answers)

- Doctors/Hospital employee
  - Nationwide; n=355: 74%
  - Chisinau; n=93: 70%
- Teachers/University official
  - Nationwide; n=355: 27%
  - Chisinau; n=93: 42%
- Police
  - Nationwide; n=355: 26%
  - Chisinau; n=93: 27%
- Kindergarten administrator
  - Nationwide; n=355: 10%
  - Chisinau; n=93: 19%
- Local government officials
  - Nationwide; n=355: 7%
  - Chisinau; n=93: 3%
- Other (not local) government officials
  - Nationwide; n=355: 7%
  - Chisinau; n=93: 4%
- Border official
  - Nationwide; n=355: 5%
  - Chisinau; n=93: 4%
- Judge/Lawyer
  - Nationwide; n=355: 2%
  - Chisinau; n=93: 2%
- Business people
  - Nationwide; n=355: 1%
  - Chisinau; n=93: 2%
- Don’t know/No answer
  - Nationwide; n=355: 5%
  - Chisinau; n=93: 5%
What, in your opinion, is the greatest cause of corruption in our country?

- Poverty and necessity: Nationwide - 32%, Chisinau - 24%
- Lack of government control and oversight: Nationwide - 29%, Chisinau - 29%
- The actions of business leaders and oligarchs: Nationwide - 18%, Chisinau - 22%
- Education levels of citizens: Nationwide - 11%, Chisinau - 16%
- Custom and history: Nationwide - 4%, Chisinau - 3%
- Other: Nationwide - 1%, Chisinau - 1%
- Don’t know/No answer: Nationwide - 5%, Chisinau - 4%

Don't know/No answer: 3%
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?

- Very likely: 12%
- Somewhat likely: 27%
- Somewhat unlikely: 28%
- Very unlikely: 6%
- Don't know/No answer: 27%
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country’s adult population, including women, youth, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?

Nationwide:
- Very important: 44%
- Somewhat important: 34%
- Somewhat unimportant: 11%
- Very unimportant: 4%
- Don’t know/No answer: 8%

Chisinau:
- Very important: 45%
- Somewhat important: 39%
- Somewhat unimportant: 10%
- Very unimportant: 3%
- Don’t know/No answer: 3%
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

- 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/No answer

**Nationwide**

- Yes: 53%
- No, equally good: 18%
- No, better: 11%
- Don’t know: 18%

**Chisinau**

- Yes: 55%
- No, equally good: 21%
- No, better: 14%
- Don’t know: 11%
The rule of law in a democracy could be understood as “a state when all people and institutions are accountable to the law and the Constitution, and the Constitution and the law are equally applied towards all.”

How strongly do you agree or disagree that rule of law exists in our country?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don’t know/No answer

### Nationwide
- Strongly agree: 25%
- Somewhat agree: 25%
- Somewhat disagree: 16%
- Strongly disagree: 23%
- Don’t know/No answer: 12%

### Chisinau
- Strongly agree: 28%
- Somewhat agree: 26%
- Somewhat disagree: 13%
- Strongly disagree: 27%
- Don’t know/No answer: 6%
Which politician or public person do you trust the most?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; persons mentioned by at least 2 percent of respondents)
What is your opinion of the following Moldovan politicians or members of the Moldovan government?

- **Igor Dodon**: Favorable 40%, Unfavorable 53%, Have not heard 6%, Don't know/No answer 6%
- **Zinaida Greceanîi**: Favorable 35%, Unfavorable 56%, Have not heard 1%, Don't know/No answer 8%
- **Maia Sandu**: Favorable 34%, Unfavorable 57%, Have not heard <1%, Don't know/No answer 9%
- **Andrei Năstase**: Favorable 29%, Unfavorable 61%, Have not heard 2%, Don't know/No answer 9%
- **Vladimir Voronin**: Favorable 28%, Unfavorable 64%, Have not heard <1%, Don't know/No answer 8%
- **Pavel Filip**: Favorable 26%, Unfavorable 64%, Have not heard 2%, Don't know/No answer 9%
- **Ilan Șor**: Favorable 23%, Unfavorable 68%, Have not heard 1%, Don't know/No answer 8%
- **Dorin Chirtoacă**: Favorable 21%, Unfavorable 63%, Have not heard 4%, Don't know/No answer 12%
- **Renato Usatii**: Favorable 19%, Unfavorable 69%, Have not heard 2%, Don't know/No answer 9%
- **Tudor Deliu**: Favorable 10%, Unfavorable 44%, Have not heard 32%, Don't know/No answer 14%
Attitudes Toward the President, Government and Local Authorities
Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the President of Moldova Igor Dodon?

- Strongly approve
- Somewhat approve
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove
- Don't know/No answer

### Nationwide
- Strongly approve: 24%
- Somewhat approve: 17%
- Somewhat disapprove: 17%
- Strongly disapprove: 37%
- Don't know/No answer: 4%

### Chisinau
- Strongly approve: 18%
- Somewhat approve: 14%
- Somewhat disapprove: 14%
- Strongly disapprove: 52%
- Don't know/No answer: 2%
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- Strongly disapprove: 37%
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June 2019:
- Strongly approve: 27%
- Somewhat approve: 21%
- Somewhat disapprove: 16%
- Strongly disapprove: 32%
- Don’t know/No answer: 4%
Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of your local government (i.e. mayor, local councilors and raion councilors)?

- Strongly approve
- Somewhat approve
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove
- Don’t know/No answer

**Nationwide**
- 30% Strongly approve
- 33% Somewhat approve
- 15% Somewhat disapprove
- 14% Strongly disapprove
- 8% Don’t know/No answer

**Chisinau**
- 17% Strongly approve
- 31% Somewhat approve
- 19% Somewhat disapprove
- 29% Strongly disapprove
- 5% Don’t know/No answer
Do you think the Moldovan Parliament is responsive to the needs of voters like you?

- Very responsive
- Rather responsive
- Rather unresponsive
- Not responsive at all
- Don’t know/No answer

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December 2018: 31% think the Moldovan Parliament is very responsive, 22% think it is rather responsive, 28% think it is rather unresponsive, 44% think it is not responsive at all, and 3% do not know or do not answer.

June 2019: 31% think the Moldovan Parliament is very responsive, 13% think it is rather responsive, 31% think it is rather unresponsive, 51% think it is not responsive at all, and 4% do not know or do not answer.

December 2019: 3% think the Moldovan Parliament is very responsive, 19% think it is rather responsive, 31% think it is rather unresponsive, 44% think it is not responsive at all, and 4% do not know or do not answer.
What specific issues should be the top priority for the government to address?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; problems mentioned by at least 2 percent of respondents)

- Low income: 30%
- Economy: Unemployment: 28%
- Pensions: 18%
- Corruption: 17%
- Infrastructure: 13%
- Economy: Cost of living/High prices: 12%
- Emigration: 11%
- Economy: Other/General: 9%
- Social services/Benefits: 9%
- The government must stimulate youth: 5%
- Laws and reforms for the benefit of the people: 4%
- Education: 4%
- Political instability: 3%
- Poverty: 3%
- Agriculture: 3%
- Healthcare: 3%
- Cheaper communal services: 2%
- Poor government/Bad management: 2%
- Cheaper medicines: 2%
- Attract foreign investments: 2%
- Take care of the elderly: 2%
- Don’t know/No answer: 12%
What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?

- Positive
- Negative
- Don’t know/No answer

1. Moldovan Orthodox Church: 74% positive, 16% negative, 11% don’t know/no answer
2. Army: 66% positive, 23% negative, 11% don’t know/no answer
3. Local authorities: 62% positive, 32% negative, 6% don’t know/no answer
4. Moldovan media: 61% positive, 30% negative, 9% don’t know/no answer
5. Romanian Orthodox Church: 54% positive, 25% negative, 21% don’t know/no answer
6. Police: 54% positive, 43% negative, 3% don’t know/no answer
7. Education system: 50% positive, 40% negative, 9% don’t know/no answer
8. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs): 46% positive, 24% negative, 30% don’t know/no answer
9. Central Electoral Commission: 41% positive, 44% negative, 15% don’t know/no answer
10. President’s Office: 40% positive, 55% negative, 5% don’t know/no answer
11. Healthcare system: 36% positive, 59% negative, 5% don’t know/no answer
12. Prime Minister’s Office: 32% positive, 60% negative, 8% don’t know/no answer
13. Parliament: 30% positive, 64% negative, 6% don’t know/no answer
14. Political parties: 26% positive, 67% negative, 8% don’t know/no answer
15. Prosecutor’s Office: 25% positive, 61% negative, 13% don’t know/no answer
16. Courts of justice: 24% positive, 62% negative, 14% don’t know/no answer
What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?

**Government/Prime Minister’s office**

- June 2018: 31%
- December 2018: 36%
- June 2019: 26%
- December 2019: 32%

**President’s office**

- June 2018: 42%
- December 2018: 44%
- June 2019: 43%
- December 2019: 40%

**Parliament**

- June 2018: 22%
- December 2018: 26%
- June 2019: 19%
- December 2019: 30%

**Central Election Commission**

- June 2018: 37%
- December 2018: 38%
- June 2019: 30%
- December 2019: 41%

**Political parties**

- June 2018: 16%
- December 2018: 25%
- June 2019: 17%
- December 2019: 26%

**Local authorities**

- June 2018: 58%
- December 2018: 57%
- June 2019: 51%
- December 2019: 62%

*This question was asked as “What is your opinion of the Prime Minister’s office” during the December 2019 poll.*
How do you view the dismissal of the Sandu government through the vote-of-no-confidence?

*On November 12, 2019, the coalition government led by Prime Minister Maia Sandu collapsed after losing a no-confidence vote in parliament. The no-confidence motion was filed on November 8 after Sandu's cabinet changed the procedure for appointing the prosecutor general.*
Which political party do you think is the best to address each of the following issues?

Grow the Economy

- Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova (Greceanii): 26%
- Political party “Action and Solidarity” (Sandu): 22%
- Democratic Party of Moldova (Filip): 9%
- Political party “Șor” (Șor): 4%
- Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova (Voronin): 3%
- Political party “Dignity and Truth Platform” (Nastase): 2%
- Our Party (Usatii): 2%
- Other*: 4%
- None: 16%
- Don’t know/No answer: 12%

*Parties named by less than 2% merged into Other
Which political party do you think is the best to address each of the following issues?

**Fight Corruption**

- **Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova (Greceanii)**: 25%
- **Political party “Action and Solidarity” (Sandu)**: 22%
- **Democratic Party of Moldova (Filip)**: 8%
- **Political party “Șor” (Șor)**: 4%
- **Political party “Dignity and Truth Platform” (Nastase)**: 3%
- **Our Party (Usatii)**: 3%
- **Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova (Voronin)**: 2%
- **Other**: 4%
- **None**: 18%
- **Don’t know/No answer**: 12%

*Parties named by less than 2% merged into Other*
Which political party do you think is the best to address each of the following issues?

Support Women and Youth

- **Support women**
  - Political party “Action and Solidarity” (Sandu): 23%
  - Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova (Greceanii): 7%
  - Democratic Party of Moldova (Filip): 8%
  - Political party “Șor” (Șor): 3%
  - Our Party (Usatii): 2%
  - Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova (Voronin): 2%
  - Political party “Dignity and Truth Platform” (Nastase): 1%
  - Other: 4%
  - None: 16%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 15%

- **Support youth**
  - Political party “Action and Solidarity” (Sandu): 25%
  - Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova (Greceanii): 25%
  - Democratic Party of Moldova (Filip): 25%
  - Political party “Șor” (Șor): 4%
  - Our Party (Usatii): 3%
  - Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova (Voronin): 2%
  - Political party “Dignity and Truth Platform” (Nastase): 2%
  - Other: 5%
  - None: 16%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 16%
 Elections
Do you feel that the upcoming elections will be free and fair or not?

- Definitely free and fair
- Probably free and fair
- Probably not free and fair
- Definitely not free and fair
- Don't know/No answer

**Nationwide**
- Definitely free and fair: 15%
- Probably free and fair: 38%
- Probably not free and fair: 18%
- Definitely not free and fair: 12%
- Don't know/No answer: 18%

**Chisinau**
- Definitely free and fair: 10%
- Probably free and fair: 44%
- Probably not free and fair: 20%
- Definitely not free and fair: 13%
- Don't know/No answer: 15%
If parliamentary elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote?

*The political parties “Action and Solidarity” (Sandu) and “Dignity and Truth Platform” (Nastase) ran together as an electoral bloc for the previous two election cycles: February 2019 parliamentary elections and October/November 2019 local elections.*
If parliamentary elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote?

(Chisinau Respondents, n=296)
Do you feel that the October 20/November 3 local elections were free and fair or not?

- Definitely free and fair
- Probably free and fair
- Probably not free and fair
- Definitely not free and fair
- Don't know/No answer

Nationwide:
- Definitely free and fair: 25%
- Probably free and fair: 37%
- Probably not free and fair: 15%
- Definitely not free and fair: 8%
- Don't know/No answer: 15%

Chisinau:
- Definitely free and fair: 16%
- Probably free and fair: 41%
- Probably not free and fair: 22%
- Definitely not free and fair: 11%
- Don't know/No answer: 10%
Do you feel that the October 20/November 3 local elections were free and fair or not?

- 15% Definitely free and fair
- 25% Probably free and fair
- 37% Probably not free and fair
- 15% Definitely not free and fair
- 8% Don't know/No answer

Do you feel that the February 24 parliamentary elections were free and fair?

- 11% Definitely free and fair
- 28% Probably free and fair
- 23% Probably not free and fair
- 24% Definitely not free and fair
- 14% Don't know/No answer
Have you seen any political party activists working in your area in the last 12 months?

Nationwide

- Yes: 47%
- No: 48%
- Don't know/No answer: 4%

Chisinau

- Yes: 59%
- No: 38%
- Don't know/No answer: 3%

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Which political parties did the activists in your area represent?

(Respondents who reported having seen political activists working in their area, n=570; Respondents allowed to provide multiple answers)

- Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova (Greceanii): 78%
- Democratic Party of Moldova (Filip): 46%
- Political party “Șor” (Șor): 36%
- Political party “Action and Solidarity” (Sandu): 33%
- Political party “Dignity and Truth Platform” (Nastase): 16%
- Our Party (Usatii): 15%
- Liberal Party (Chirtoaca): 5%
- Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova (Voronin): 4%
- Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova (Deliu): 2%
- European People’s Party of Moldova (Sturza): 1%
- Other: 2%
- Don’t know/No answer: 3%
Would you be willing to engage in any of the following support activities for a political party or political movement you support?

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International Relations
How would you assess current relations between Moldova and...

- **European Union**: 72% Good, 13% Neither good nor bad, 9% Bad, 6% No answer
- **Romania**: 69% Good, 14% Neither good nor bad, 11% Bad, 6% No answer
- **Russia**: 60% Good, 17% Neither good nor bad, 17% Bad, 5% No answer
- **United States**: 56% Good, 20% Neither good nor bad, 10% Bad, 14% No answer
- **Ukraine**: 51% Good, 25% Neither good nor bad, 13% Bad, 11% No answer
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner(s) and political partner(s) for our country?

(Respondents allowed to provide multiple answers)
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner(s) and political partner(s) for our country?

(Chisinau respondents, n=296; multiple answers permitted)
If Moldova could only join one international economic union, which one should it be?

- **The European Union**: 48% nationwide, 61% in Chisinau
- **The Customs Union/Eurasian Union**: 34% nationwide, 25% in Chisinau
- **Independent**: 2% nationwide, 2% in Chisinau
- **Other**: 2% nationwide, 2% in Chisinau
- **Don’t know/No answer**: 14% nationwide, 9% in Chisinau
If Moldova could only join one international economic union, which one should it be?
(Disaggregated by age)

- The European Union
- The Customs Union/Eurasian Union
- Independent
- Other
- Don’t know/No answer

18-29 years old (n=235):
- 68% for The European Union
- 19% for The Customs Union/Eurasian Union
- 2% for Independent
- 2% for Other
- 10% for Don’t know/No answer

30-49 years old (n=434):
- 54% for The European Union
- 26% for The Customs Union/Eurasian Union
- 2% for Independent
- 2% for Other
- 17% for Don’t know/No answer

50+ years old (n=535):
- 34% for The European Union
- 48% for The Customs Union/Eurasian Union
- 2% for Independent
- 2% for Other
- 14% for Don’t know/No answer
If Moldova could only join one international economic union, which one should it be?
(Chisinau respondents; disaggregated by age)

The European Union | The Customs Union/Eurasian Union | Independent | Other | Don’t know/No answer
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18-29 years old (n=71) | 80% | 6% | 4% | 2% | 7%
30-49 years old (n=101) | 76% | 10% | 1% | 2% | 10%
50+ years old (n=124) | 37% | 48% | 3% | 2% | 10%
If a referendum was held today on Moldova joining NATO, how would you vote?

- For Moldova joining NATO: 22%
- Against Moldova joining NATO: 37%
- Would not vote: 17%
- Don’t know/No answer: 24%

Nationwide:
- For Moldova joining NATO: 32%
- Against Moldova joining NATO: 38%
- Would not vote: 17%
- Don’t know/No answer: 14%

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To what extent do you support or oppose deepening our country's integration with Europe?

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don’t know/No answer

Nationwide:
- Strongly support: 38%
- Somewhat support: 18%
- Somewhat oppose: 11%
- Strongly oppose: 24%
- Don’t know/No answer: 9%

Chisinau:
- Strongly support: 47%
- Somewhat support: 22%
- Somewhat oppose: 11%
- Strongly oppose: 15%
- Don’t know/No answer: 5%
Youth Political Engagement and Migration
Do you think that today’s generation of young people has a good future in Moldova or not?

- **Nationwide**
  - Yes: 22%
  - No: 66%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 11%

- **Chisinau**
  - Yes: 18%
  - No: 75%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 7%
Do you think that today’s generation of young people has a good future in Moldova or not?

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Note: The dates correspond to the availability of data.
Do any members of your household currently live or work abroad?

Nationwide
- Yes: 56%
- No: 44%

Chisinau
- Yes: 51%
- No: 49%
In which country or countries members of your household currently live or work abroad?

(Respondents who have household members abroad, n=666; multiple answers permitted; shows countries with at least 2 percent of respondents)

- Russia: 25%
- Italy: 23%
- Germany: 16%
- Great Britain: 8%
- France: 8%
- Spain: 4%
- Poland: 3%
- Ireland: 3%
- Romania: 2%
- Czech Republic: 2%
- Israel: 2%
- Greece: 2%
- Portugal: 2%
- Don't know/No answer: 5%
Does your household receive remittances sent by household members abroad?

(Respondents who have household members abroad)
If you had the opportunity, would you choose to go abroad, not just for a vacation, but for a longer period?

Nationally:
- Definitely yes: 28%
- Probably yes: 23%
- Probably no: 13%
- Definitely no: 30%
- Don't know/No answer: 6%

In Chisinau:
- Definitely yes: 32%
- Probably yes: 23%
- Probably no: 14%
- Definitely no: 26%
- Don't know/No answer: 5%
If yes, why you would choose to go abroad for a long period?

(Respondents who would choose to go abroad, n=606; multiple responses accepted, motives mentioned by at least 1 percent of respondents)

- Poor economic outlook in Moldova: 57%
- Lack of job opportunities: 23%
- Joining family or friends abroad: 20%
- Lack of faith in government to solve problems: 8%
- Education: 2%
- For a better living: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Don't know/No answer: 3%
Sources of Information
In general, what is the influence of each of these forms of election campaigning on you?

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<th>Form of Campaigning</th>
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Which sources of information do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?
(Respondents permitted to supply three answers)

- Television
- Social media
- Internet (other than social media)
- Relatives/Friends
- Radio
- Print Media (newspaper and magazines articles)
- Debates
- Billboards/Stands in the streets
- Leaflets, other free information by mail
- Work colleagues
- Meetings with politicians
- None
- Don’t know/No answer

Nationwide
Chisinau

- Television: 80% (Nationwide), 79% (Chisinau)
- Social media: 44% (Nationwide), 35% (Chisinau)
- Internet (other than social media): 41% (Nationwide), 33% (Chisinau)
- Relatives/Friends: 32% (Nationwide), 30% (Chisinau)
- Radio: 29% (Nationwide), 24% (Chisinau)
- Print Media: 24% (Nationwide), 11% (Chisinau)
- Debates: 16% (Nationwide), 9% (Chisinau)
- Billboards/Stands in the streets: 16% (Nationwide), 9% (Chisinau)
- Leaflets, other free information by mail: 8% (Nationwide), 3% (Chisinau)
- Work colleagues: 6% (Nationwide), 6% (Chisinau)
- Meetings with politicians: 4% (Nationwide), 3% (Chisinau)
- None: 3% (Nationwide), 3% (Chisinau)
- Don’t know/No answer: 1% (Nationwide), 1% (Chisinau)
Which specific media outlets, such as specific TV channel, radio station, newspaper, website, etc. do you consider most trustworthy for political information?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; TV channels mentioned at least by 2 percent of respondents)
Which television channels do you watch for political information?
(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; TV channels mentioned at least by 1 percent of respondents)
What television channels do you watch for entertainment?
(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; TV channels mentioned at least by 1 percent of respondents)
Which of the following is the primary channel you usually watch most of the time if you had to choose one?

- Prime TV: Nationwide - 21%, Chisinau - 16%
- Moldova 1: Nationwide - 4%, Chisinau - 8%
- Jurnal TV: Nationwide - 8%, Chisinau - 7%
- TNT: Nationwide - 6%, Chisinau - 6%
- ProTV: Nationwide - 6%, Chisinau - 7%
- NTV: Nationwide - 4%, Chisinau - 5%
- Canal 3: Nationwide - 5%, Chisinau - 5%
- TV8: Nationwide - 6%, Chisinau - 5%
- RTR: Nationwide - 4%, Chisinau - 5%
- Publika: Nationwide - 4%, Chisinau - 3%
- Canal 2: Nationwide - 3%, Chisinau - 2%
- CTC: Nationwide - 2%, Chisinau - 1%
- N4: Nationwide - 1%, Chisinau - 1%
- Accent TV/Primul in Moldova: Nationwide - >[VALUE], Chisinau - 2%
- Other: Nationwide - 3%, Chisinau - 3%
- I do not watch television: Nationwide - 13%, Chisinau - 13%
- Don’t know/No answer: Nationwide - 8%, Chisinau - 8%
How often, if ever, do you use the internet or social media?

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<th>Frequency</th>
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<td>Several times a week</td>
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<td>Weekly</td>
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<td>Less often</td>
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<td>Never</td>
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Do you own a smartphone that you use to access the internet or apps such as Facebook and WhatsApp?

**Nationwide**
- Yes: 68%
- No: 31%
- Don’t know/No answer: 1%

**Chisinau**
- Yes: 73%
- No: 26%
- Don’t know/No answer: 1%
Do you own a smartphone which can access the internet?
(Respondents who use the internet)

*This question was asked as “Do you own a smart phone that you use to access the internet or apps such as Facebook and WhatsApp?” during the December 2019 poll.
How often do you use social media as a source of daily news?

(Respondents who use the internet)

Every day | 5-6 days a week | 3-4 days a week | 1-2 days a week | Less often | Never | Don't know/No answer

Nationwide (n=900)
- Every day: 30%
- 5-6 days a week: 9%
- 3-4 days a week: 15%
- 1-2 days a week: 15%
- Less often: 17%
- Never: 12%
- Don't know/No answer: 2%

Chisinau (n=246)
- Every day: 33%
- 5-6 days a week: 12%
- 3-4 days a week: 17%
- 1-2 days a week: 14%
- Less often: 15%
- Never: 15%
- Don't know/No answer: 7%
How often do you use social media as a source of daily news?

(Respondents who use the internet)

- Every day
- 5-6 days a week
- 3-4 days a week
- 1-2 days a week
- Less often
- Never
- Don’t know/No answer

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Do you use any of the following social media sites? (Respondents who use the internet)

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Do you use any of the following social media sites?
(Respondents who use the internet)

- Facebook
- Viber
- Odnoklassniki
- WhatsApp
- Facebook Messenger
- Instagram
- Vkontakte

December 2019 (n=900)
June 2019 (n=809)
December 2018 (n=815)
October 2018 (n=978)
June 2018 (n=1,033)
February 2018 (n=960)
October 2017 (n=940)
March 2017 (n=946)
Do you use any of the following social media sites? (Continued)
(Respondents who use the internet)

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- March 2017 (n=946)
How frequently do you encounter information in the media, including social media, that you believe is misleading or false?

- Daily or almost daily
- Several times a week
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Less often
- Never
- Don’t know/No answer

Nationwide

- 15%
- 15%
- 11%
- 7%
- 18%
- 17%
- 16%

Chisinau

- 17%
- 17%
- 16%
- 9%
- 19%
- 9%
- 12%
To what extent is misleading or false information in the media problematic for our country?

- Very problematic
- Somewhat problematic
- Somewhat unproblematic
- Very unproblematic
- Don't know/No answer

**Nationwide**
- 39% Very problematic
- 33% Somewhat problematic
- 6% Somewhat unproblematic
- 5% Very unproblematic
- 16% Don't know/No answer

**Chisinau**
- 53% Very problematic
- 29% Somewhat problematic
- 7% Somewhat unproblematic
- 3% Very unproblematic
- 8% Don't know/No answer