# Public Opinion Survey of Residents of Ukraine

May 10-21, 2019



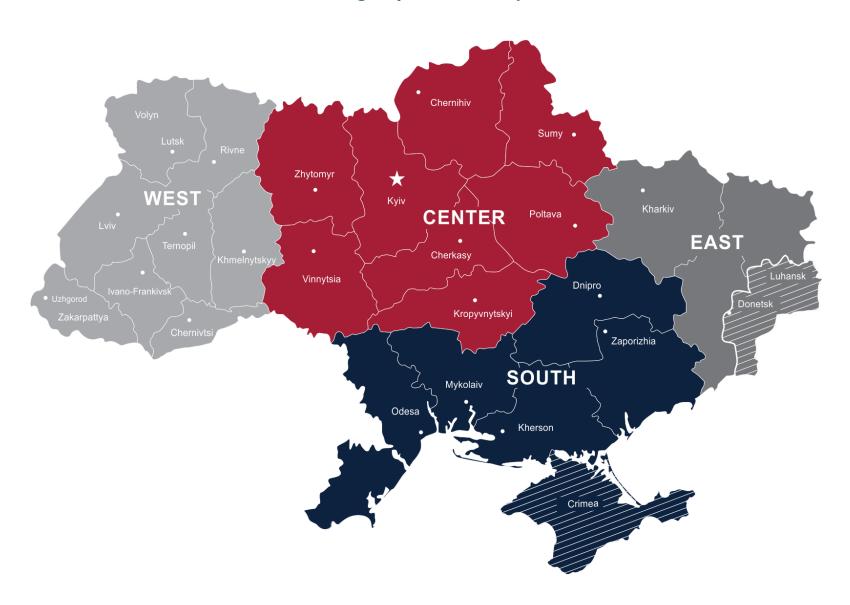
#### Methodology

- The survey was conducted by <u>Rating Group Ukraine</u> on behalf of the International Republican Institute's <u>Center for Insights in Survey Research</u>.
- The survey was conducted throughout Ukraine (except for the occupied territory of Crimea and certain areas of Donbas) from May 10-21, 2019, through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 2,400 permanent residents of Ukraine aged 18 and older and eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by gender, age, region, and settlement size. The distribution of population by regions and settlements is based on statistical data of the Central Election Commission from the 2019 presidential elections, and the distribution of population by age and gender is based on data from the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine from January 1, 2018.
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used with the random route and "last birthday" methods for respondent selection.
  - Stage One: The territory of Ukraine was split into 25 administrative regions (24 regions of Ukraine and Kyiv). The survey was conducted throughout all regions of Ukraine, with the exception of the occupied territories of Crimea and Donbas.
  - Stage Two: The selection of settlements was based on towns and villages. Towns were grouped into subtypes according to their size:
    - Cities with populations of more than 1 million
    - Cities with populations of between 500,000-999,000

Cities and villages were selected by the PPS method (probability proportional to size). The number of selected cities/villages in each region is proportional to the share of population living in cities/villages of a certain type in each region.

- The margin of error does not exceed 2.0 percent for the full sample.
- The response rate was 64.2 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was financed by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

#### Geographical Key



<sup>\*</sup>Due to the Russian occupation of Crimea and ongoing conflict in the East of Ukraine, citizens of Crimea and parts of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts controlled by the separatists did not participate in the survey

#### Frequently Cited Disaggregates

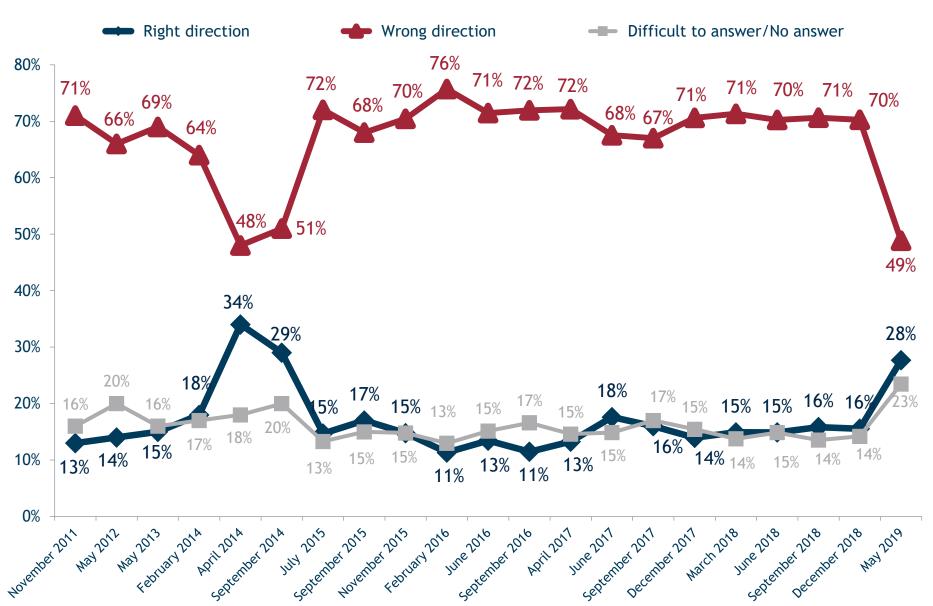
Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base
Region	West	n=645
	Center	n=835
	South	n=593
	East	n=328
Age	18-35	n=744
	36-50	n=631
	51+	n=1,025
Political Party Preference*	BPP Solidarnist**	n=138
	Batkishchyna	n=128
	Civic Position	n=51
	Oppositional Platform	n=169
	Syla y Chest	n=59
	Sluha Narodu	n=648
	Would Not Vote	n=140
	Undecided	n=692

<sup>\*</sup>Only the six parties receiving the largest shares of intended votes are displayed throughout disaggregates in this presentation--no other party received a sufficiently large share of respondents to conduct reliable analysis.

<sup>\*\*</sup>On 24 May 2019 BPP Solidarnist changed its name from BPP Solidarnist to European Solidarity.

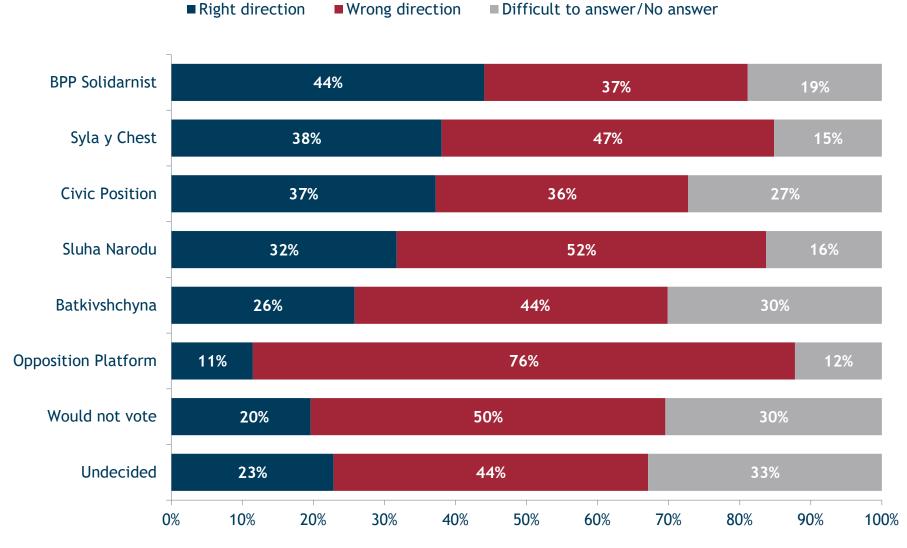


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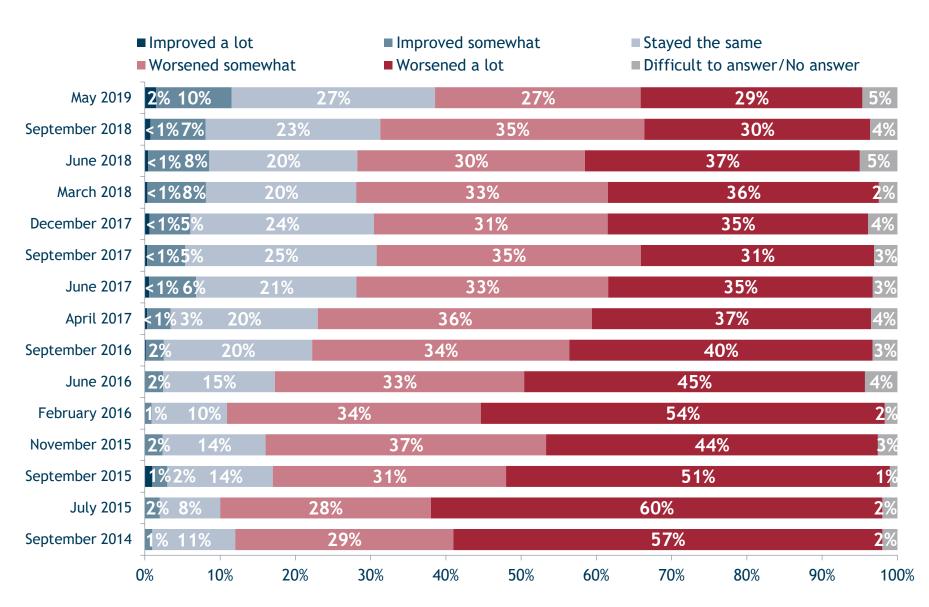


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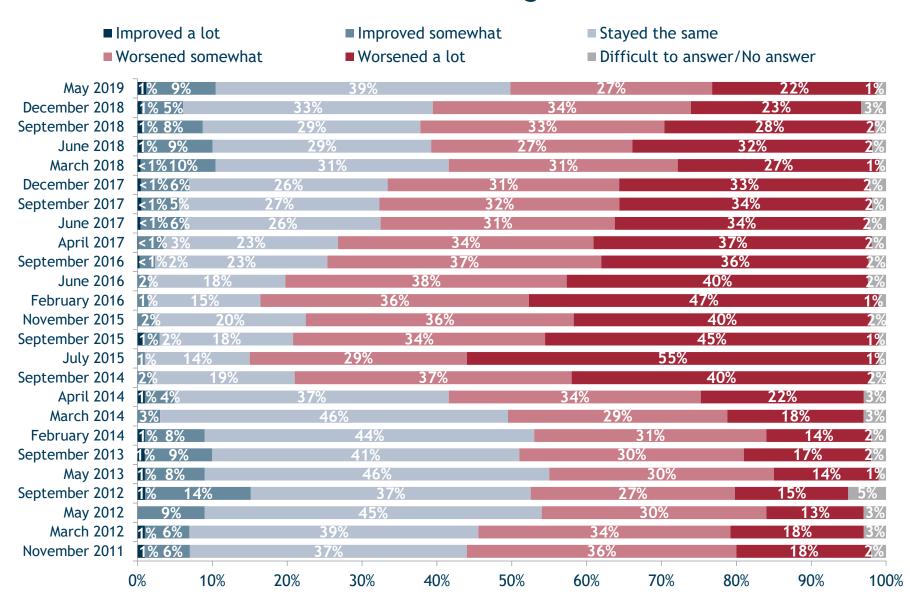
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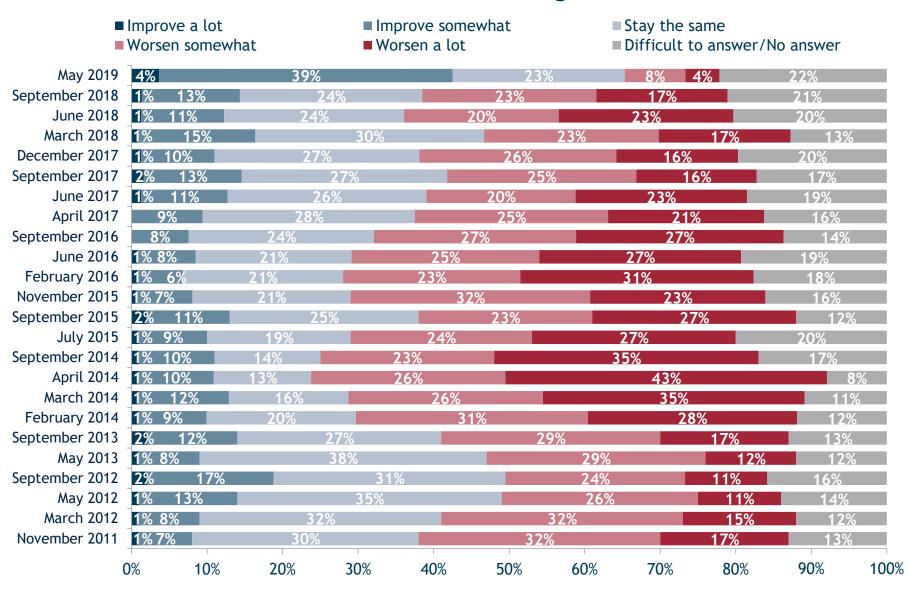
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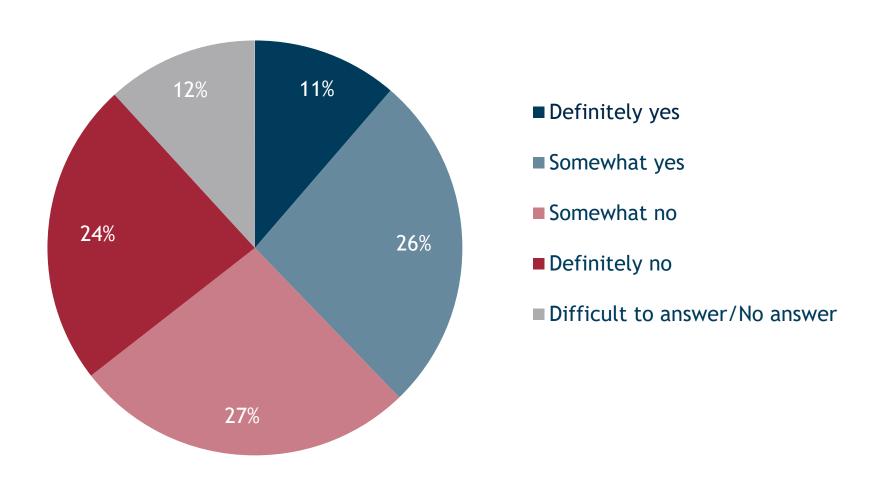
### Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation of your household changed?



## In the next 12 months, how do you expect the economic situation in Ukraine to change?



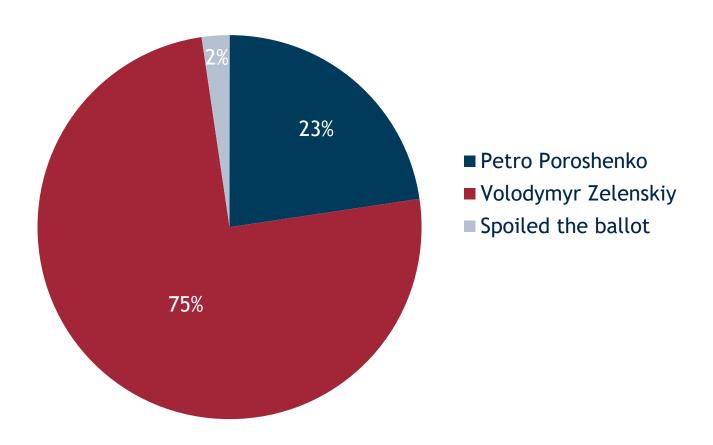
#### Do you think that today's generation of young people has a good future in Ukraine?



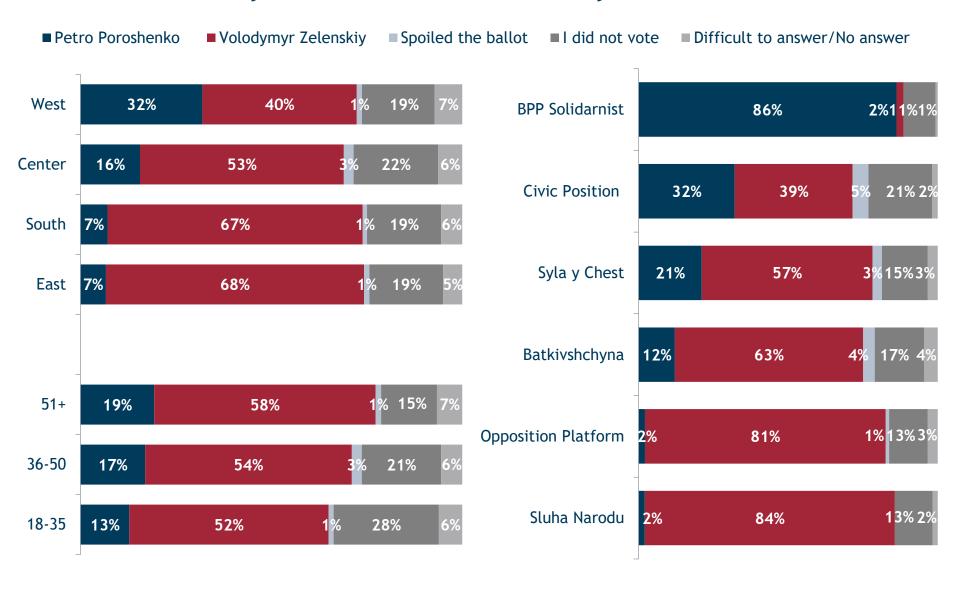


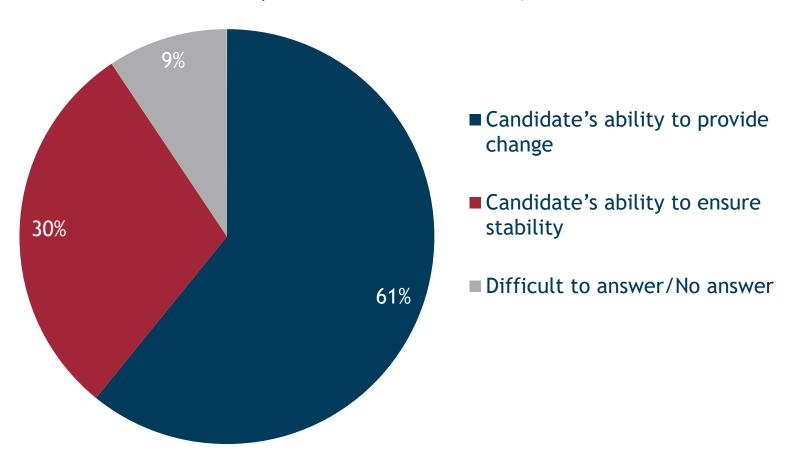
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(Respondents who indicated that they had taken part in the April 21, 2019 presidential elections; n= 1,765)



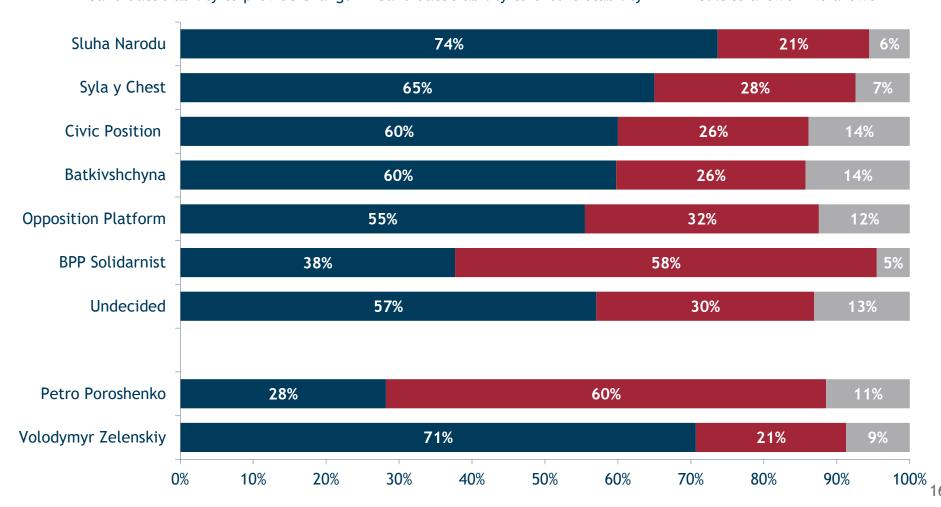
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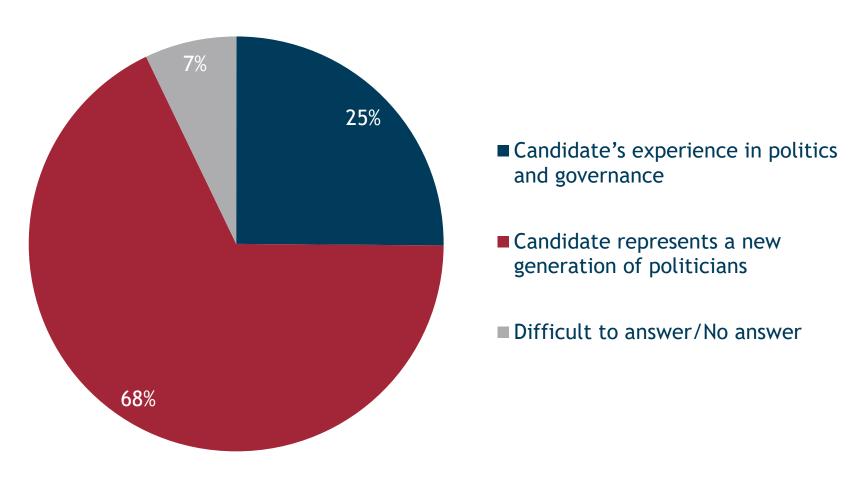


(Disaggregated by party preference and among those who indicated they voted for either Zelenskiy or Poroshenko in the April 21, 2019 presidential elections; n=1,724)

■ Candidate's ability to provide change ■ Candidate's ability to ensure stability ■ Difficult to answer/No answer



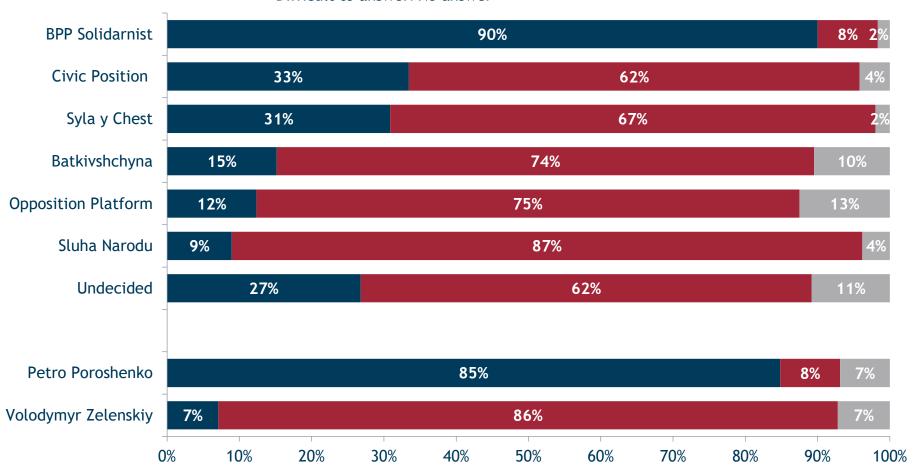
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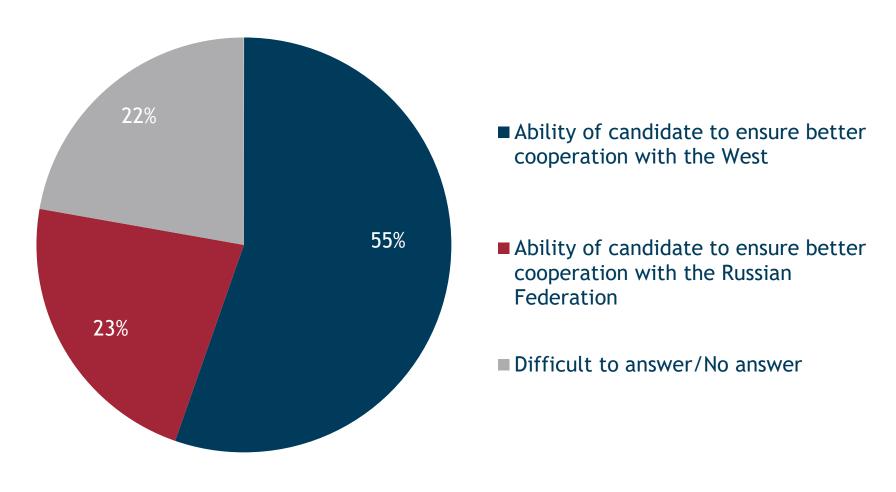


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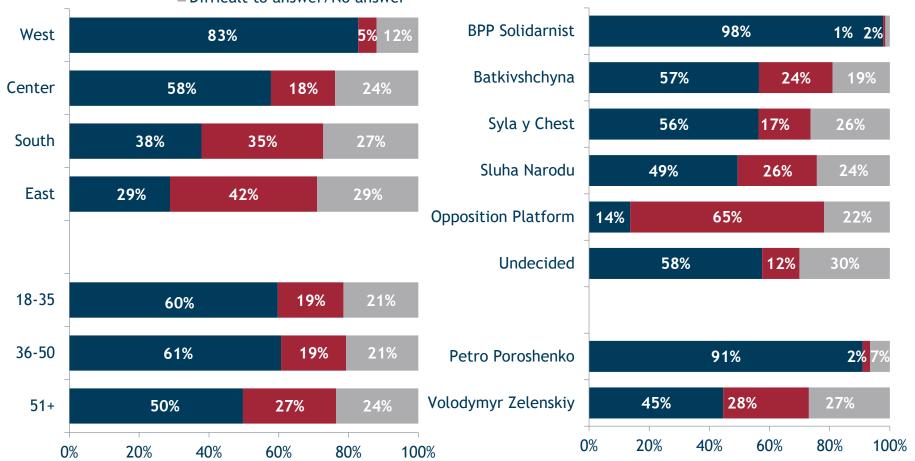
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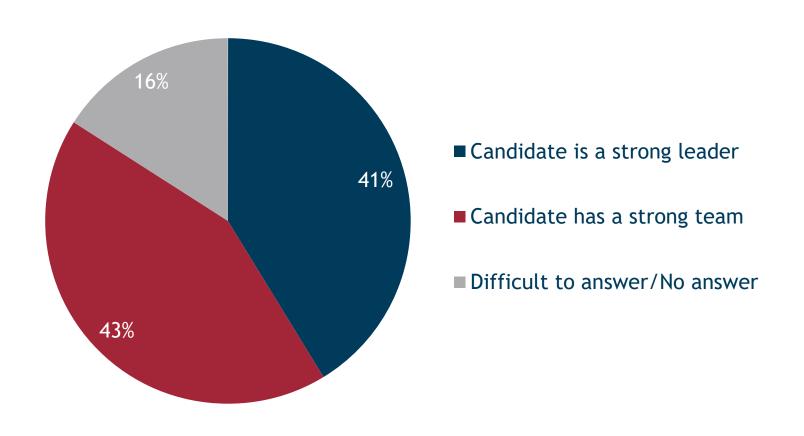
- Candidate's experience in politics and governance
- Candidate represents a new generation of politicians
- Difficult to answer/No answer

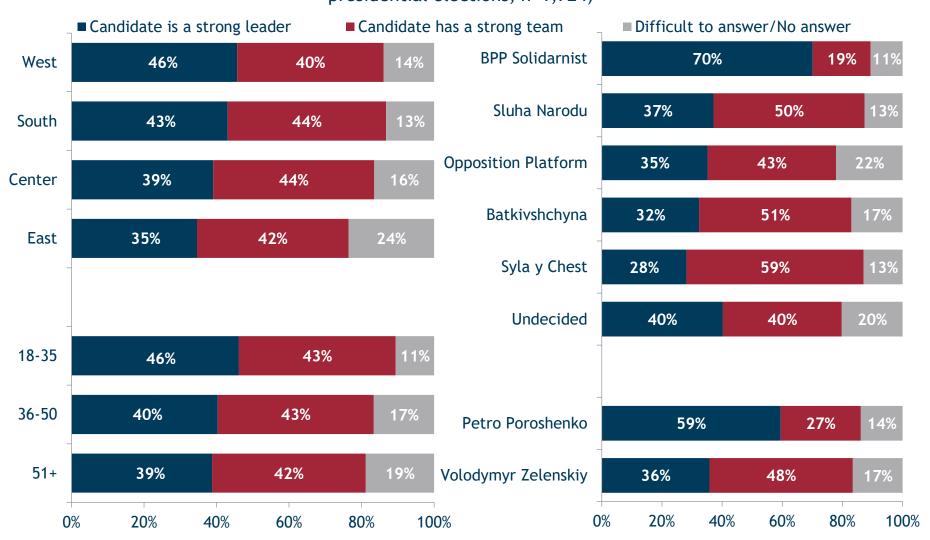




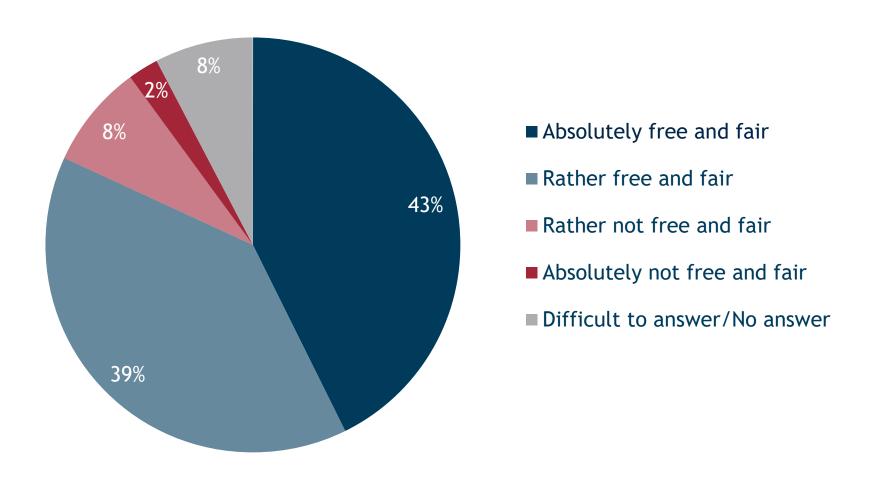
- Ability of candidate to ensure better cooperation with the West
- Ability of candidate to ensure better cooperation with the Russian Federation
- Difficult to answer/No answer

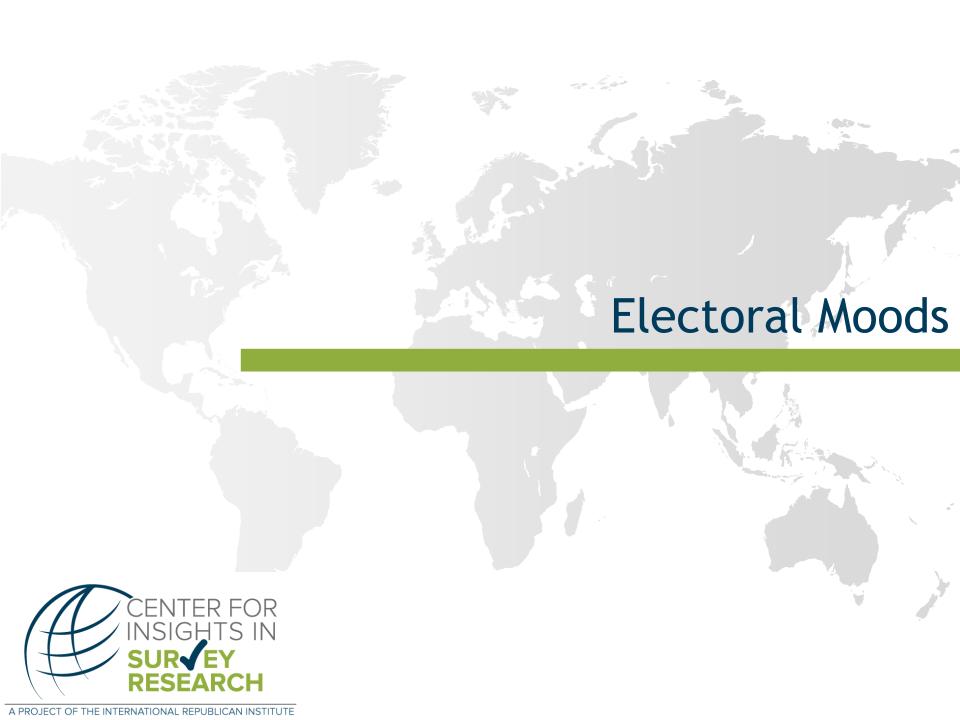




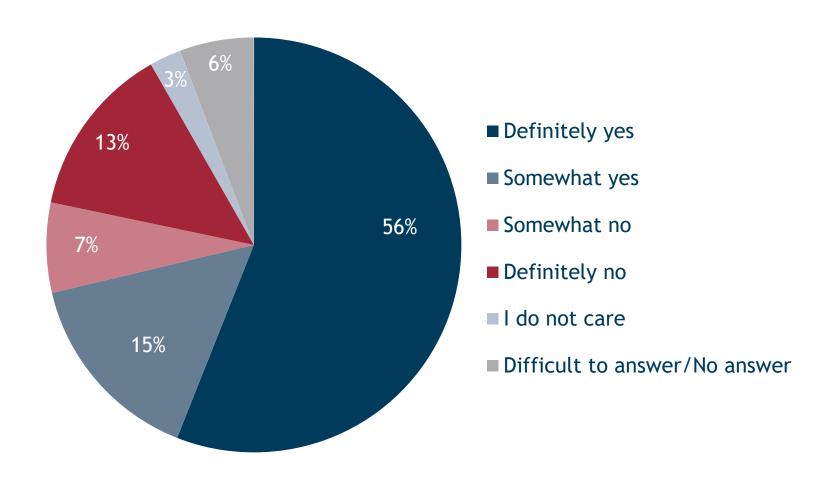


#### In your opinion, were the presidential elections on April 21, 2019 free and fair?





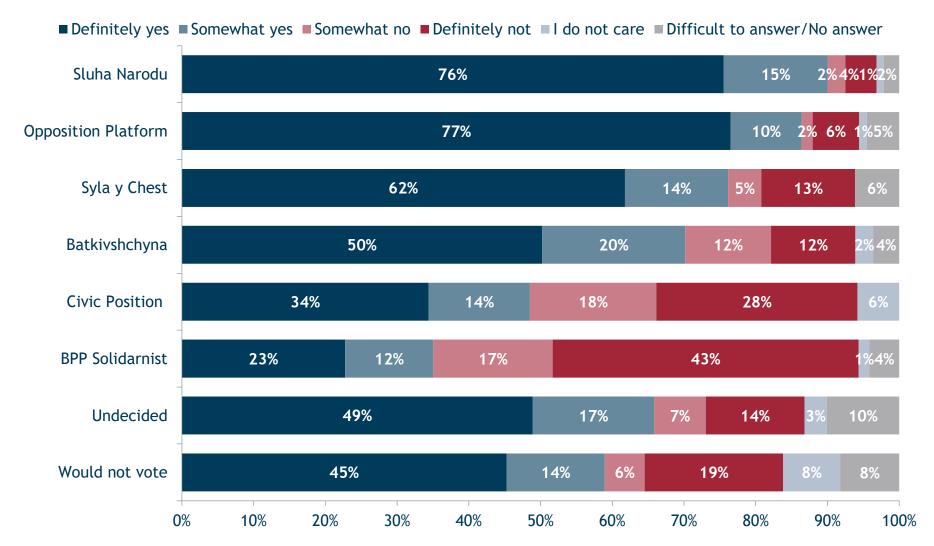
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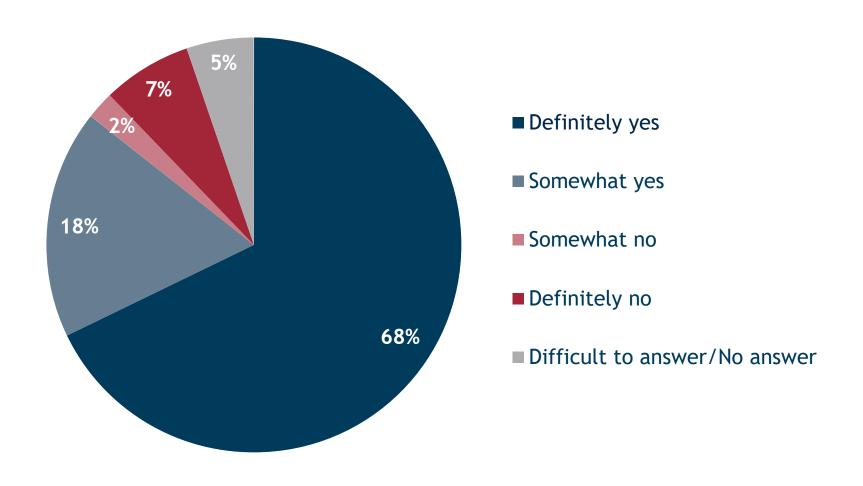
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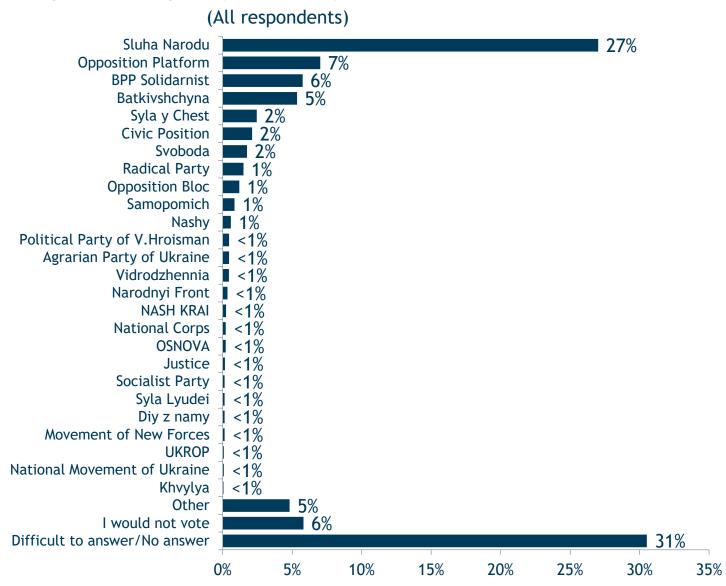


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#### Do you intend to vote in the parliamentary elections scheduled for October 2019?\*

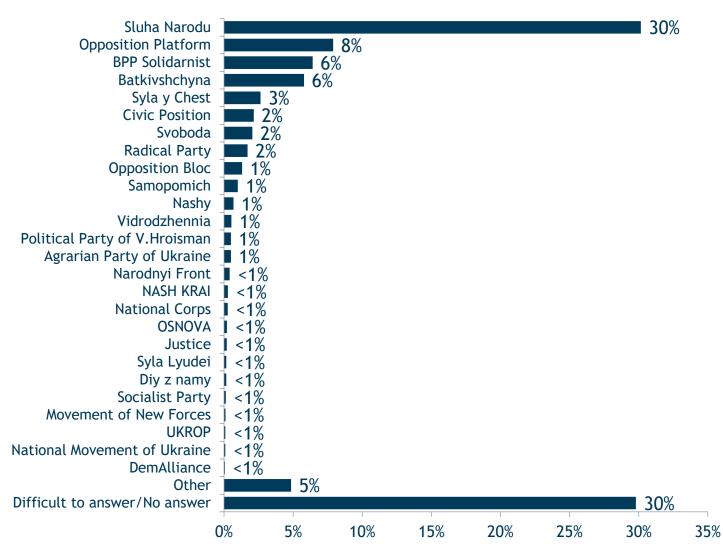


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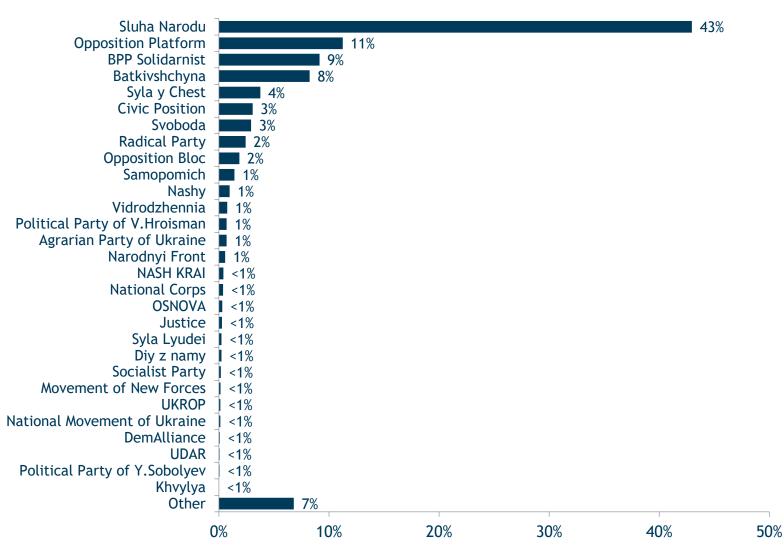


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(Among likely voters; n=2,056)



(Among likely and decided voters; n=1,442)



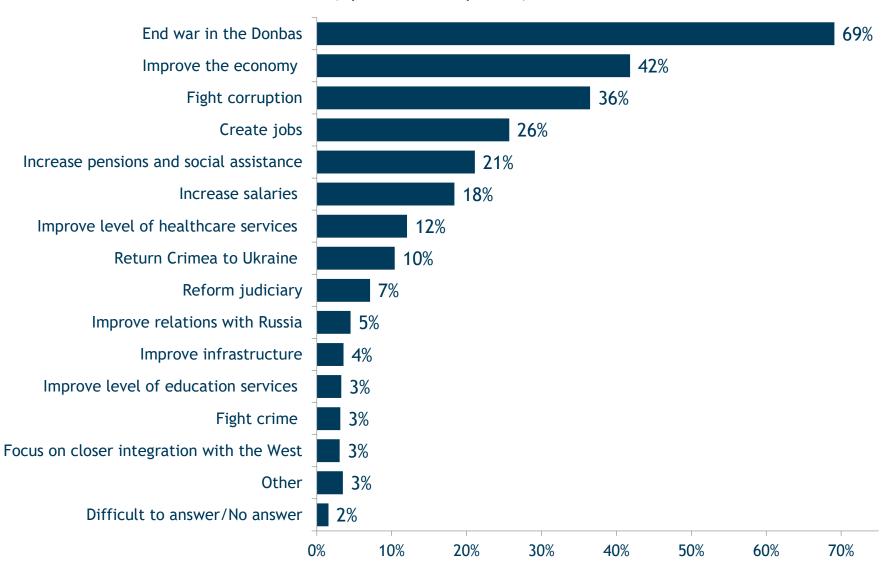
(Among all voters)

	18-35	36-50	51+	West	Center	South	East
Sluha Narodu	34%	27%	22%	20%	25%	35%	31%
Opposition Platform	2%	5%	12%	1%	4%	9%	23%
BPP Solidarnist	5%	<b>7</b> %	6%	10%	6%	3%	2%
Batkivshchyna	3%	5%	8%	6%	7%	4%	3%
Syla y Chest	-	1%	5%	4%	3%	1%	2%
Civic Position	1%	2%	3%	5%	1%	2%	1%
Svoboda	1%	2%	2%	4%	1%	-	1%
Radical Party	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	-	1%
Opposition Bloc	1%	2%	1%	-	-	3%	2%
Samopomich	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%
Nashy	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	2%
Agrarian Party of Ukraine	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	-
Political Party of Hroisman	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-
Vidrodzhennia	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	2%
Other	8%	6%	6%	<b>7</b> %	7%	<b>7</b> %	4%
I would not vote	<b>9</b> %	6%	4%	5%	<b>7</b> %	5%	4%
Difficult to answer/No answer	32%	33%	28%	32%	33%	29%	22%

#### Expectations from the Authorities



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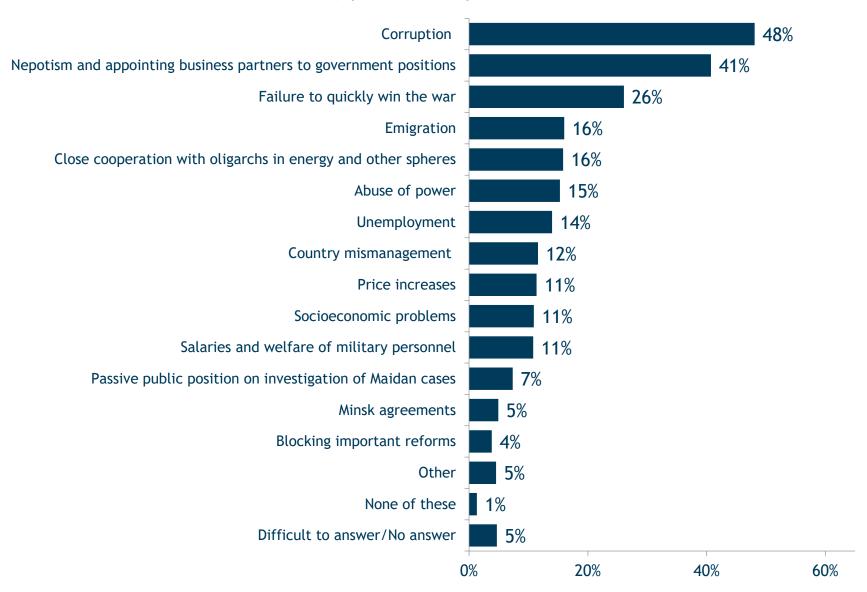
	June 2018	May 2019
End war in the Donbas	71%	69%
Improve the economy	45%	42%
Fight corruption	-	36%
Create jobs	26%	26%
Increase pensions and social assistance	24%	21%
Increase salaries	22%	18%
Improve level of healthcare services	22%	12%
Return Crimea to Ukraine	9%	10%
Reform judiciary	-	7%
Improve relations with Russia	3%	5%
Improve infrastructure	8%	4%
Improve level of education services	4%	3%
Fight crime	7%	3%
Focus on closer integration with the West	2%	3%
Fight corruption and reform judiciary*	31%	-
Other	3%	3%
Difficult to answer/No answer	2%	2%

<sup>\*</sup>In May 2019, the alternative "Fight corruption and reform judiciary" was changed to "Fight corruption" and "Reform judiciary"

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Political Party Preference	Batkivshchyna	BPP Solidarnist	Civic Position	Opposition Platform	Syla y Chest	Sluha Narodu	Do not vote	Undecided
End war in the Donbas	<b>59</b> %	67%	63%	81%	77%	73%	60%	<b>69</b> %
Improve the economy	42%	44%	44%	<b>45</b> %	38%	43%	35%	41%
Fight corruption	35%	39%	43%	23%	47%	44%	30%	32%
Create jobs	<b>27</b> %	26%	22%	27%	22%	27%	27%	27%
Increase pensions and social assistance	31%	23%	22%	37%	16%	20%	14%	17%
Increase salaries	14%	18%	19%	12%	13%	22%	18%	19%
Improve level of healthcare services	18%	<b>6</b> %	15%	17%	18%	13%	11%	<b>9</b> %
Return Crimea to Ukraine	12%	21%	13%	<b>6</b> %	15%	8%	14%	10%
Reform judiciary	8%	8%	12%	3%	<b>6</b> %	<b>7</b> %	<b>5</b> %	<b>7</b> %
Improve relations with Russia	4%	1%	2%	17%	4%	4%	4%	2%
Improve infrastructure	3%	<b>5</b> %	3%	3%	-	<b>5</b> %	<b>5</b> %	3%
Improve level of education services	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	4%	3%
Fight crime	4%	3%	4%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Focus on closer integration with the West	4%	12%	4%	-	-	1%	2%	3%
Other	4%	2%	3%	<b>5</b> %	3%	2%	5%	4%
Difficult to answer/No answer	2%	1%	-	1%	3%	-	4%	3%

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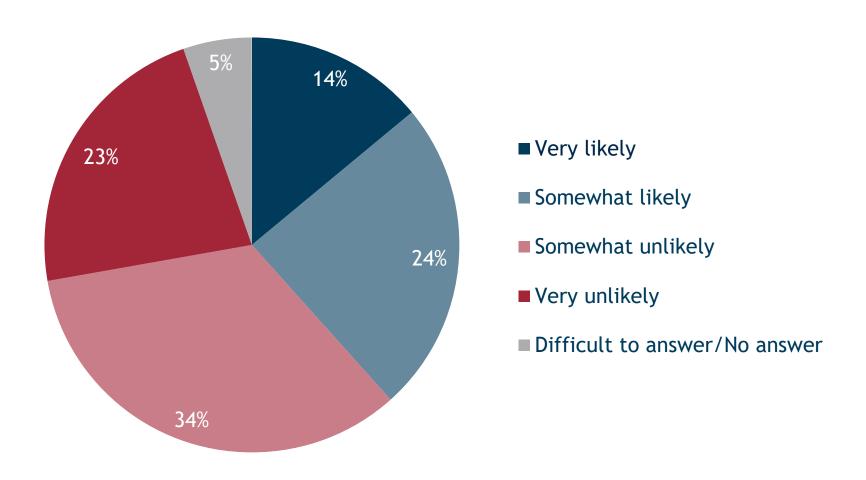
(Up to three responses)

Political Party Preference Second round choice	Batkivshchyna	BPP Solidarnist	Civic Position	Opposition Platform	Syla y Chest	Sluha Narodu	Do not vote	Undecided	Petro Poroshenko	Volodymyr Zelenskiy
Corruption	39%	39%	63%	54%	<b>55</b> %	<b>55</b> %	42%	43%	42%	<b>52</b> %
Nepotism and appointing business partners to government positions	37%	35%	32%	47%	50%	44%	32%	38%	41%	43%
Failure to quickly win the war	37%	22%	24%	28%	22%	28%	24%	25%	24%	28%
Emigration	23%	16%	11%	15%	14%	18%	11%	15%	15%	<b>17</b> %
Close cooperation with oligarchs in energy and other spheres	21%	15%	30%	12%	23%	18%	10%	12%	17%	16%
Abuse of power	14%	3%	13%	19%	18%	20%	13%	13%	<b>9</b> %	18%
Unemployment	20%	14%	<b>9</b> %	18%	12%	14%	15%	12%	12%	15%
Country mismanagement	12%	2%	11%	14%	<b>6</b> %	15%	8%	10%	3%	14%
Price increases	13%	11%	11%	11%	12%	11%	13%	10%	12%	11%
Socioeconomic problems	14%	<b>9</b> %	5%	17%	<b>9</b> %	13%	<b>6</b> %	<b>9</b> %	10%	12%
Salaries and welfare of military personnel	13%	12%	16%	11%	10%	13%	<b>6</b> %	8%	<b>9</b> %	12%
Passive public position on investigation of Maidan cases	<b>6</b> %	11%	<b>9</b> %	8%	11%	<b>5</b> %	<b>9</b> %	<b>7</b> %	13%	<b>6</b> %
Minsk agreements	<b>6</b> %	11%	<b>7</b> %	5%	<b>6</b> %	3%	8%	4%	5%	4%
Blocking important reforms	6%	1%	12%	5%	2%	4%	2%	3%	1%	5%
Other	2%	4%	3%	5%	8%	3%	<b>6</b> %	6%	4%	4%
None of these	1%	8%	-	-	-	1%	3%	1%	4%	1%
Difficult to answer/No answer	2%	<b>6</b> %	-	3%	1%	2%	<b>9</b> %	<b>9</b> %	5%	3%

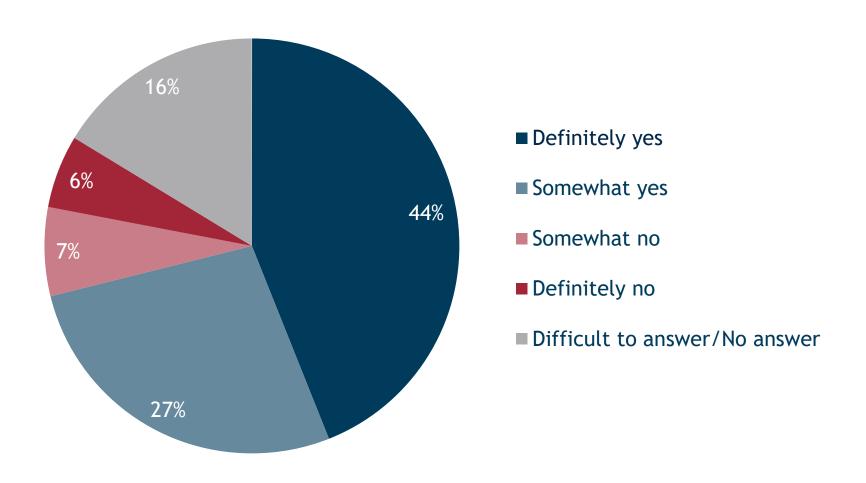




# How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?

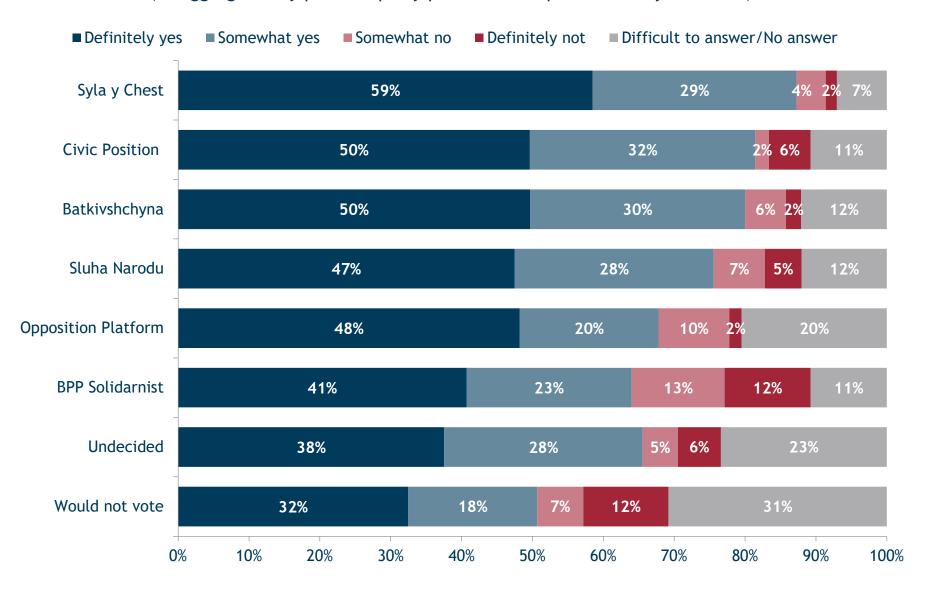


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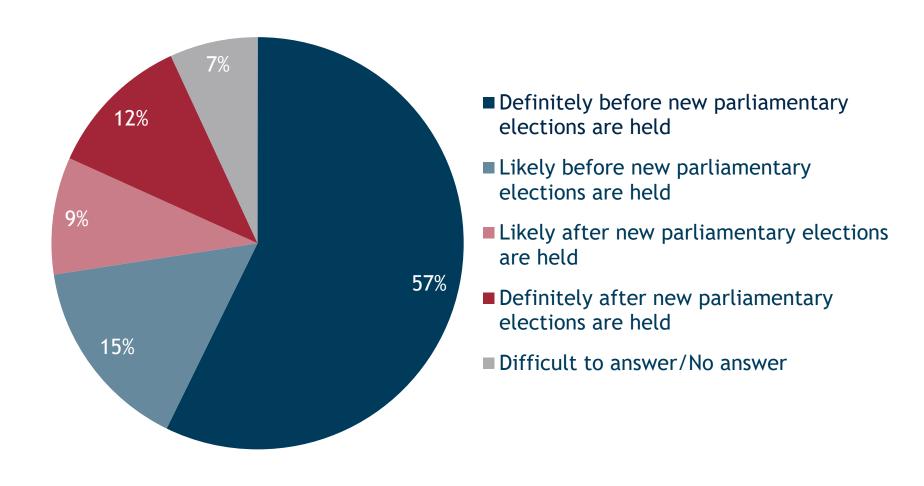
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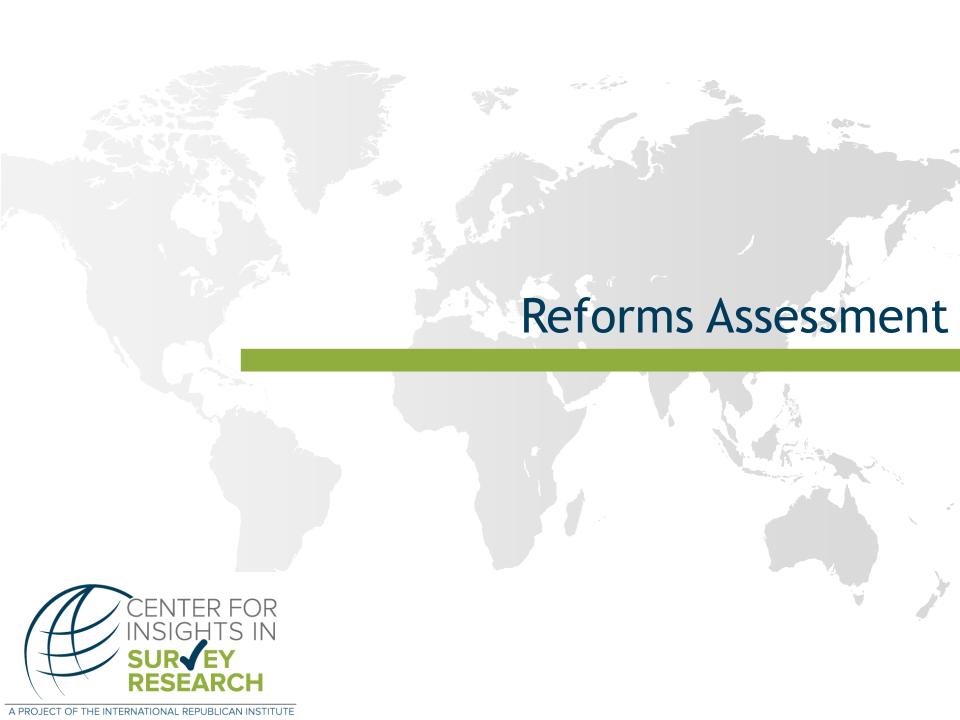
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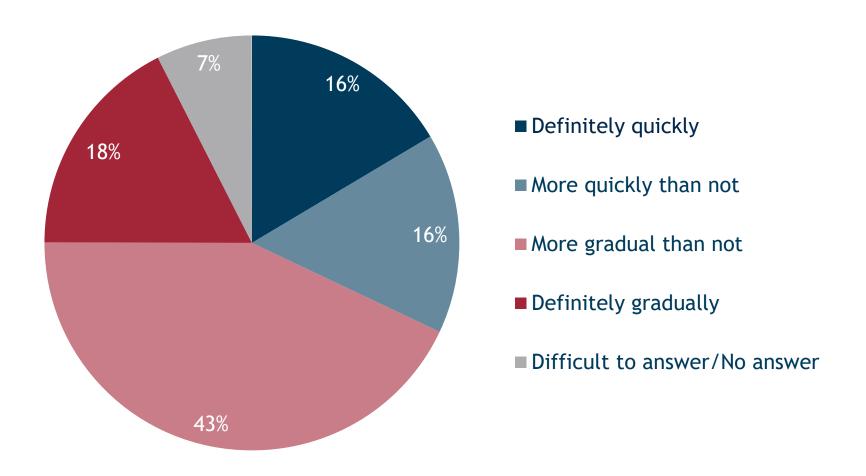
#### How soon do you think the electoral system needs to be reformed?

(Among those who believe that the electoral system needs to be reformed; n=1,707)

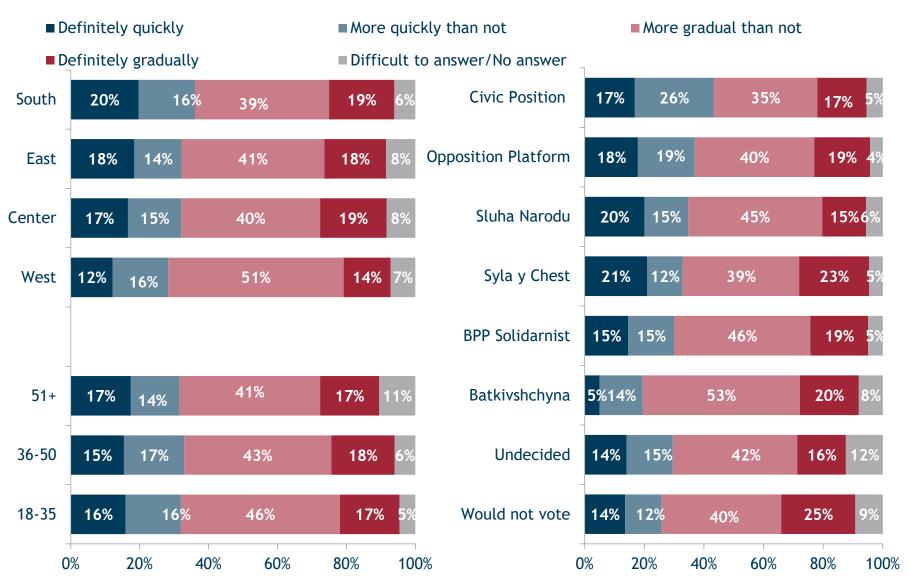




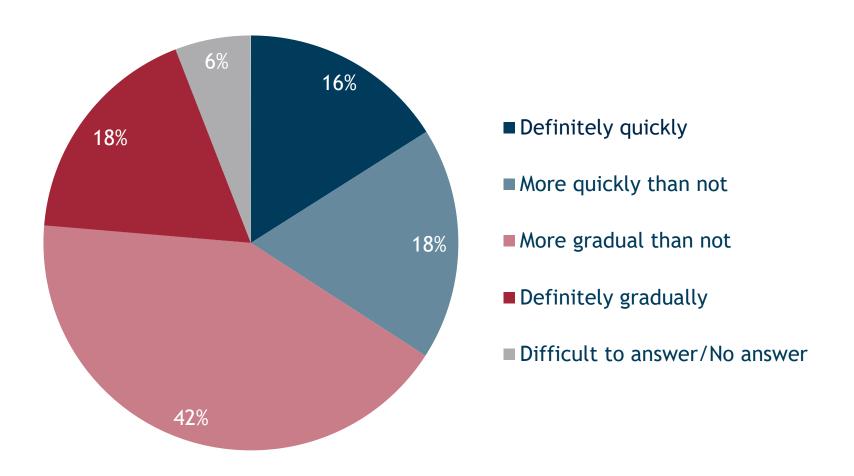
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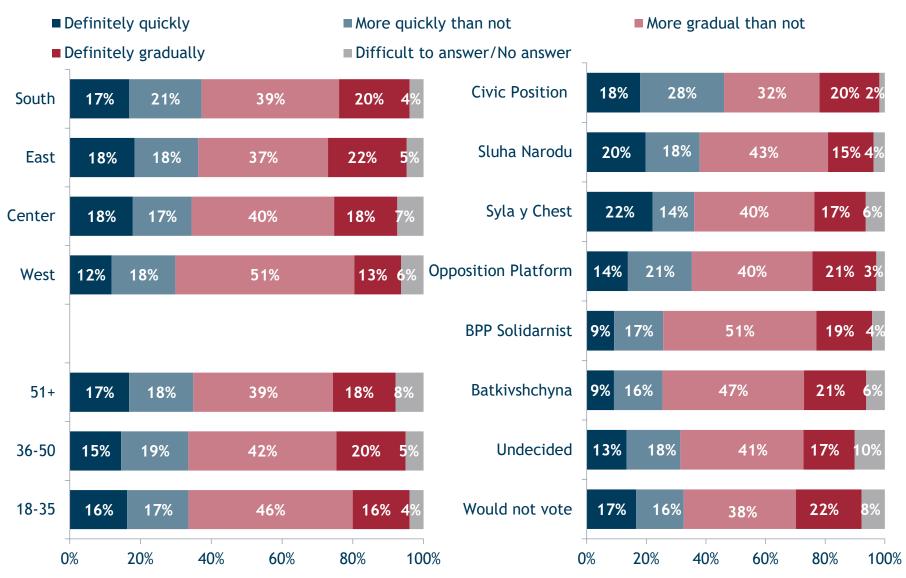
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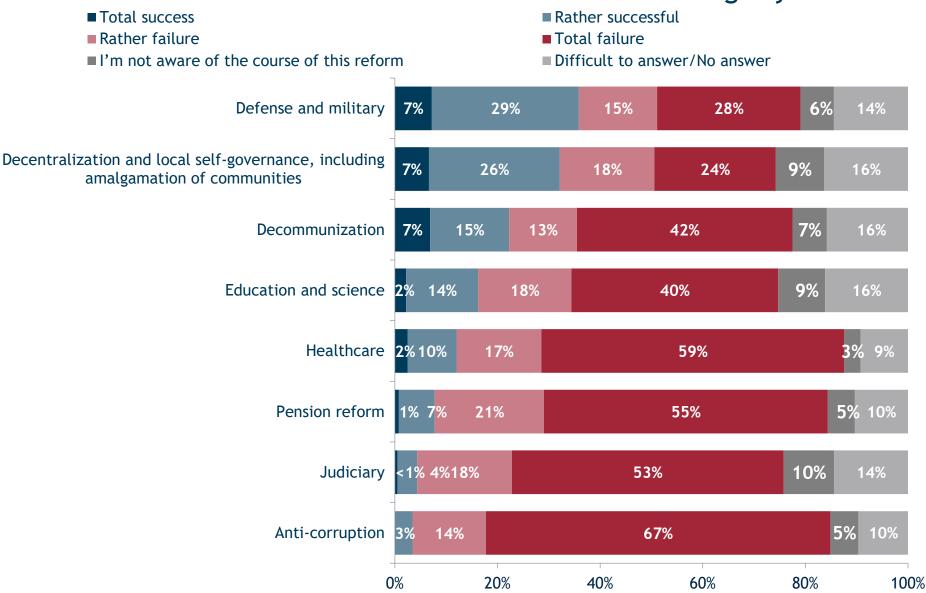
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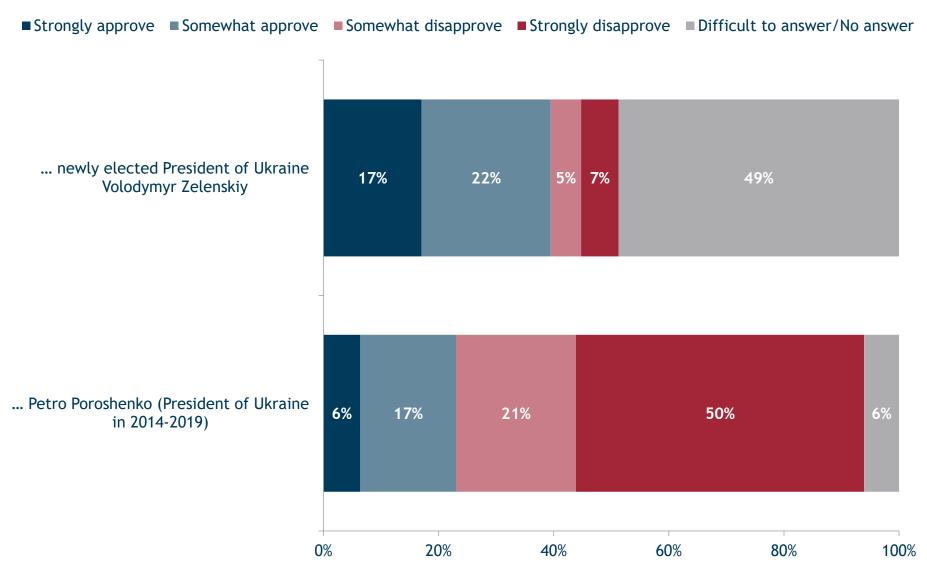
(Sum of the responses "total success" and "rather successful")

Political Party Preference	Batkivshchyna	BPP Solidarnist	Civic Position	Opposition Platform	Syla y Chest	Sluha Narodu	Would not vote	Undecided
Defense and military	45%	80%	47%	26%	44%	29%	20%	32%
Decentralization and local self-governance, including amalgamation of communities	36%	62%	46%	22%	33%	30%	19%	28%
Decommunization	19%	58%	36%	7%	36%	14%	14%	21%
Education and science	14%	43%	18%	7%	11%	13%	17%	16%
Healthcare	10%	37%	17%	4%	14%	7%	11%	11%
Pension reform	13%	24%	17%	5%	12%	3%	9%	<b>6</b> %
Judiciary	4%	13%	12%	1%	3%	4%	4%	3%
Anticorruption	4%	17%	9%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%

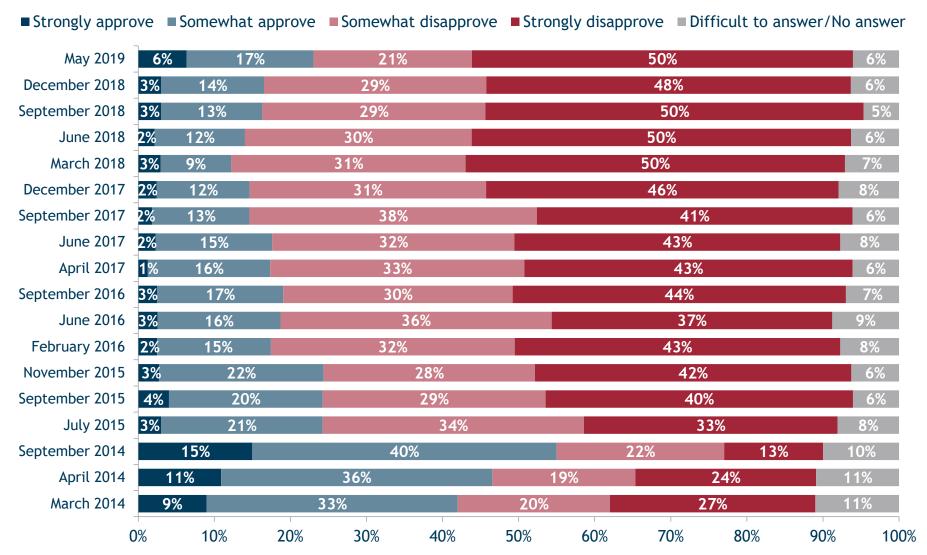
#### Assessment of Authorities' Performance



#### Do you approve or disapprove the activities of ...

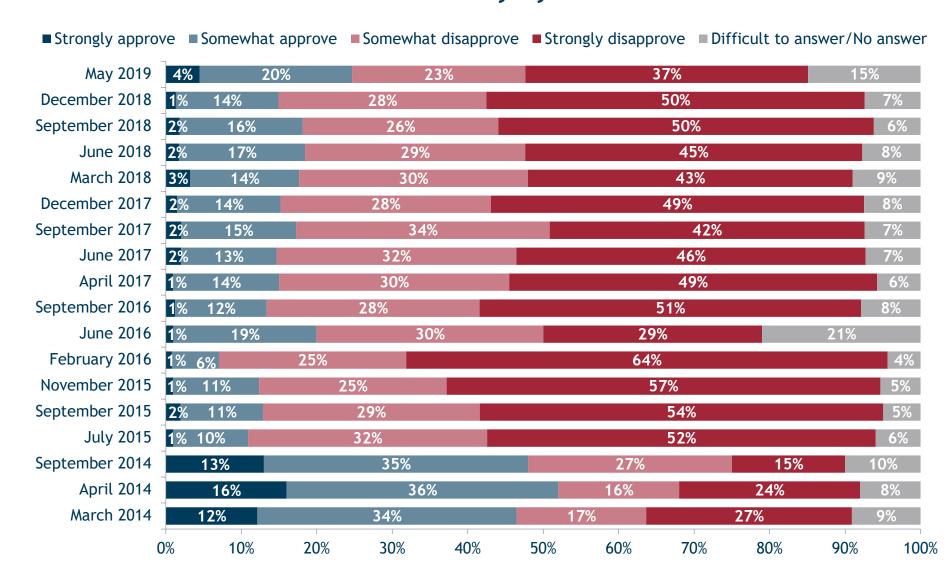


# Do you approve or disapprove the activities of Petro Poroshenko (President of Ukraine in 2014-2019)\*?



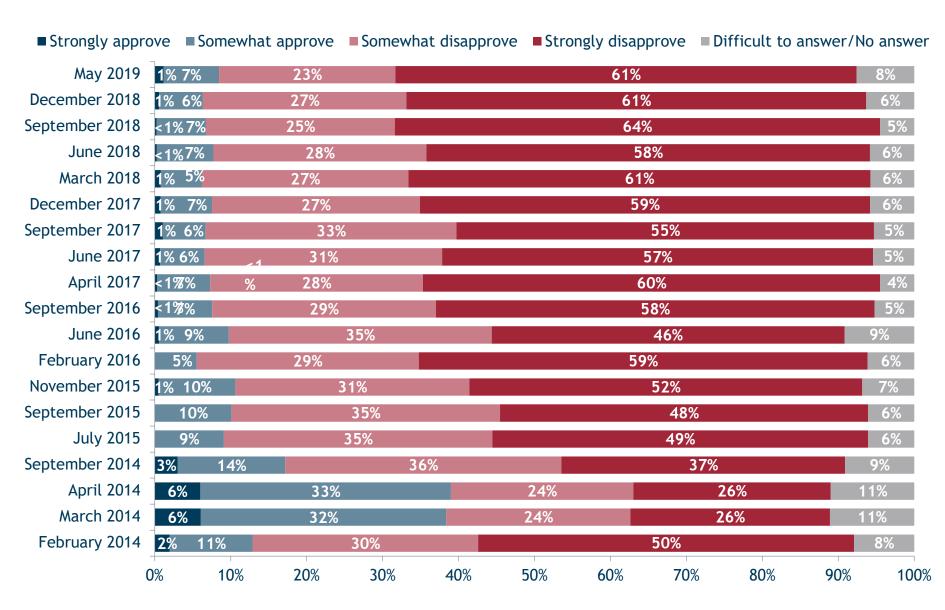
<sup>\*</sup>Volodymyr Zelenskiy was elected President of Ukraine in April 2019. Petro Poroshenko was President of Ukraine since June 2014. Previous IRI polling data reflects attitudes toward the previous president.

### Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the Cabinet of Ministers under Volodymyr Hroisman\*?



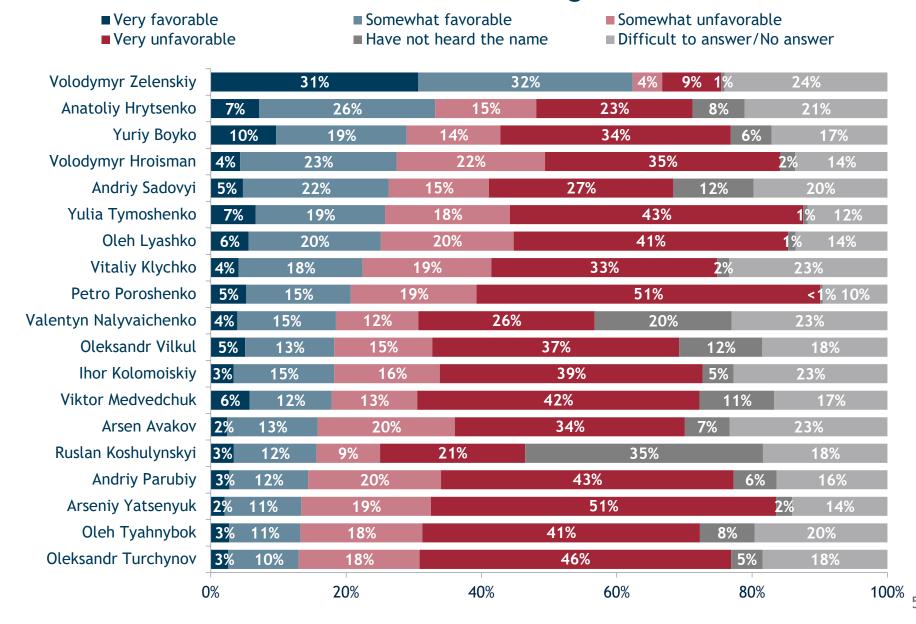
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#### Attitude towards Politicians

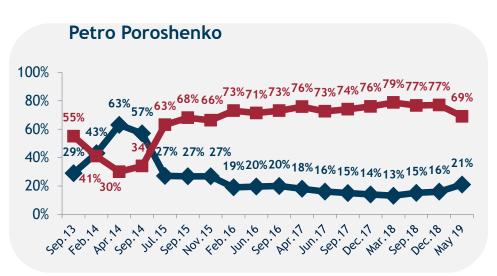


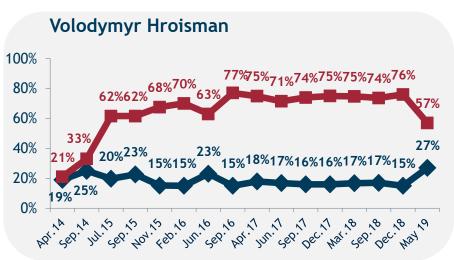


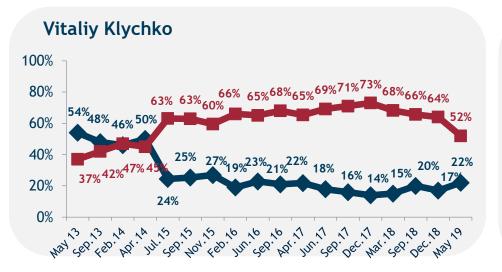
(Sum of responses "very favorable" and "somewhat favorable" responses)

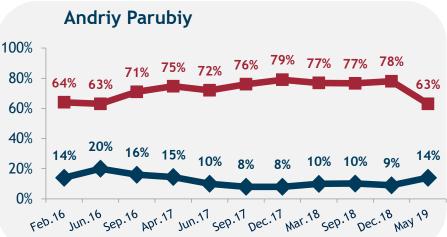
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Yulia Tymoshenko	94%	19%	22%	29%	37%	25%	11%	18%
Petro Poroshenko	19%	95%	27%	4%	24%	5%	10%	20%
Anatoliy Hrytsenko	<b>52</b> %	36%	98%	26%	49%	31%	18%	29%
Yuriy Boyko	30%	<b>6</b> %	18%	96%	12%	32%	18%	21%
Volodymyr Zelenskiy	65%	13%	37%	74%	58%	92%	45%	<b>52</b> %
Volodymyr Hroisman	31%	71%	33%	13%	37%	21%	16%	26%
Andriy Sadovyi	35%	46%	63%	11%	44%	22%	13%	21%
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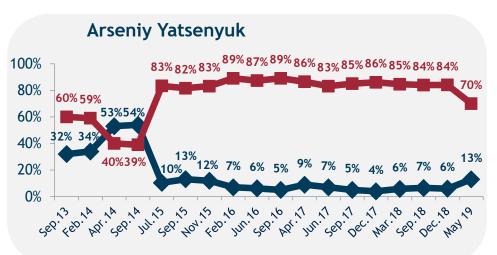


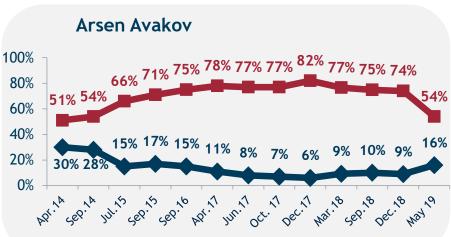


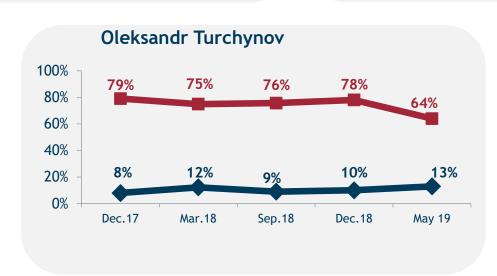




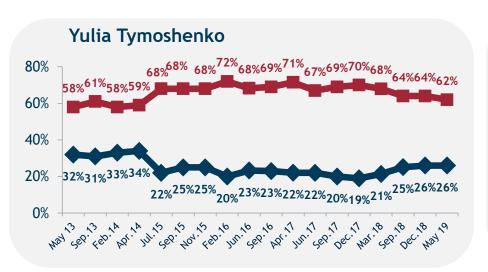


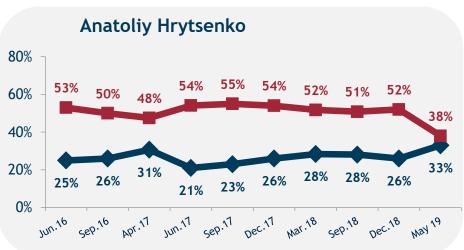


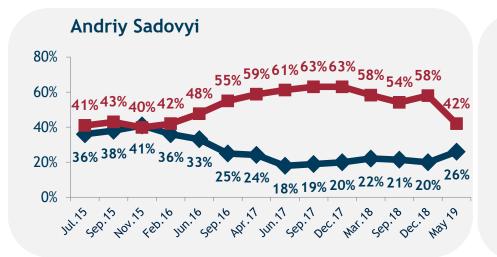






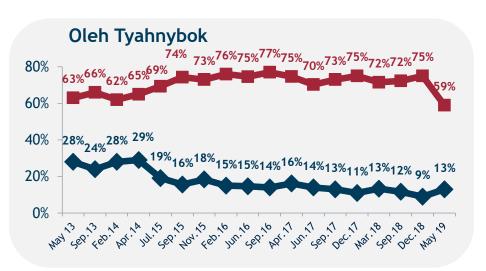


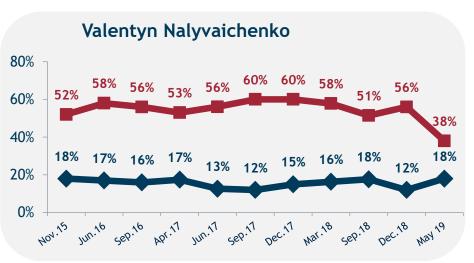


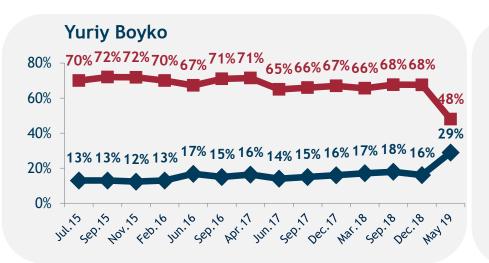


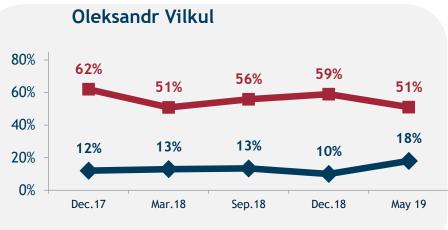


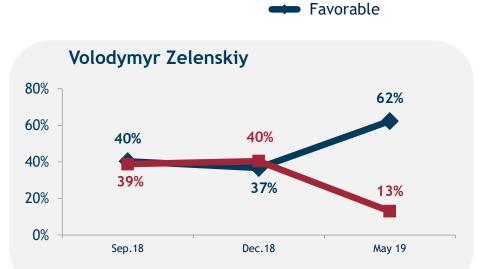




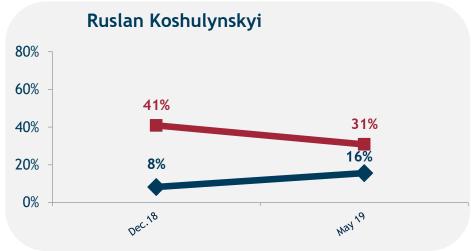


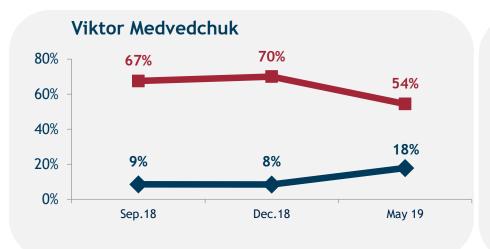


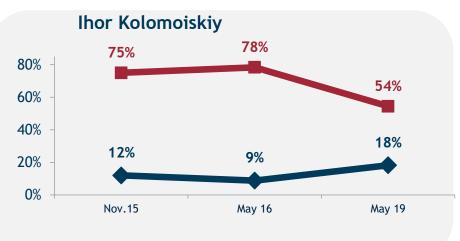












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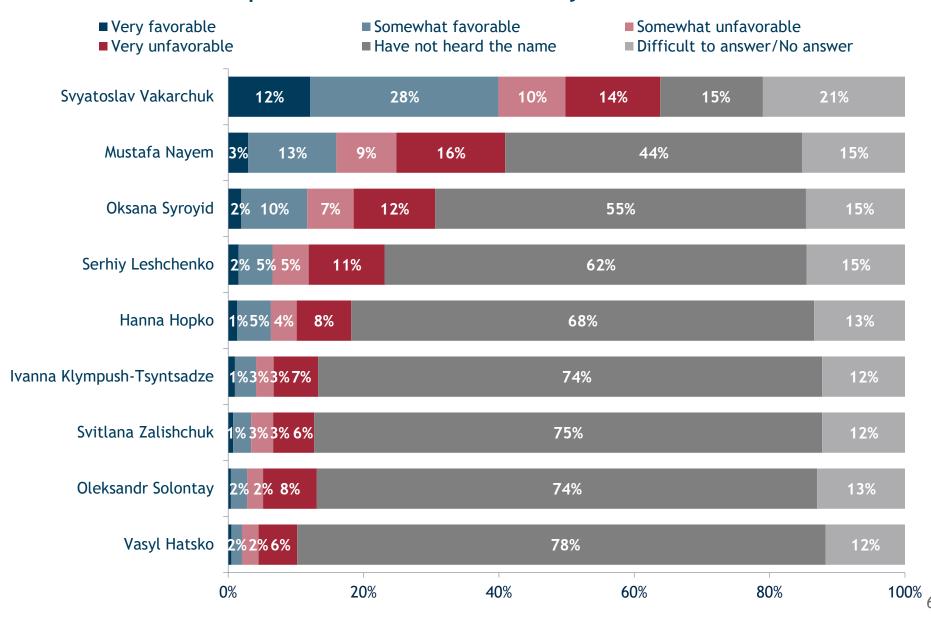
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Andriy Sadovyi	29%	24%	26%
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Oleh Lyashko	23%	22%	<b>29</b> %
Vitaliy Klychko	25%	22%	21%
Petro Poroshenko	18%	22%	22%
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Yulia Tymoshenko	94%	19%	22%	29%	37%	25%	11%	18%
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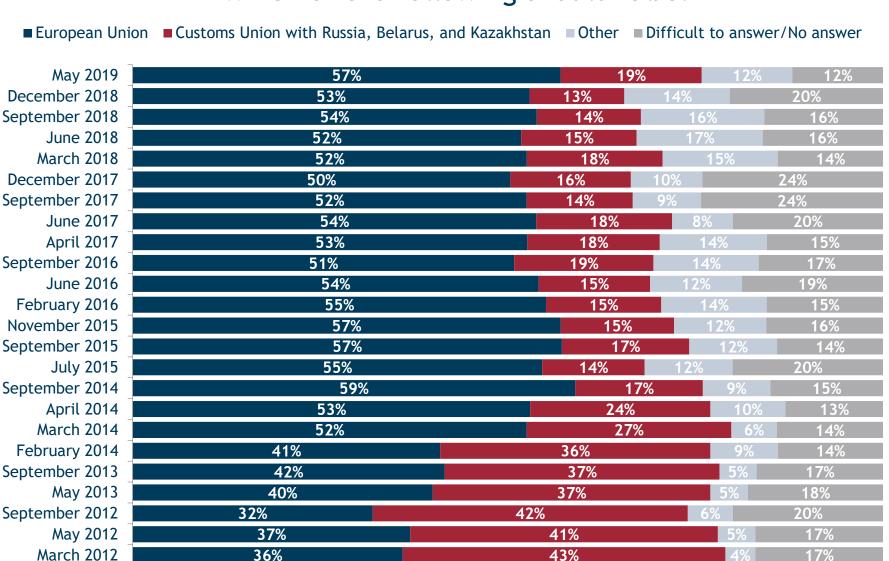
# What is your opinion of each of the following Ukrainian officials, politicians or civil society leaders?







# If Ukraine could only enter one international economic union, which of the following should it be?



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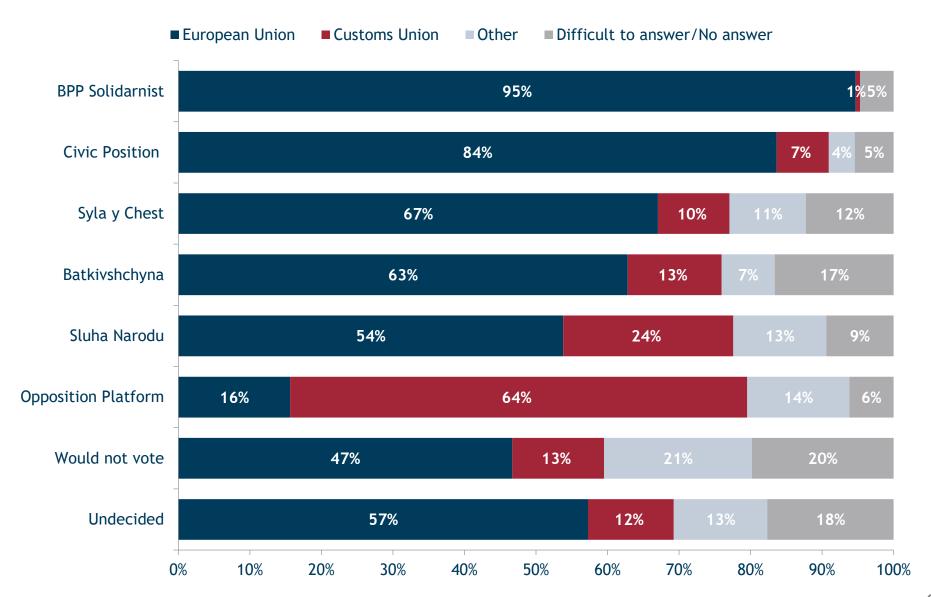
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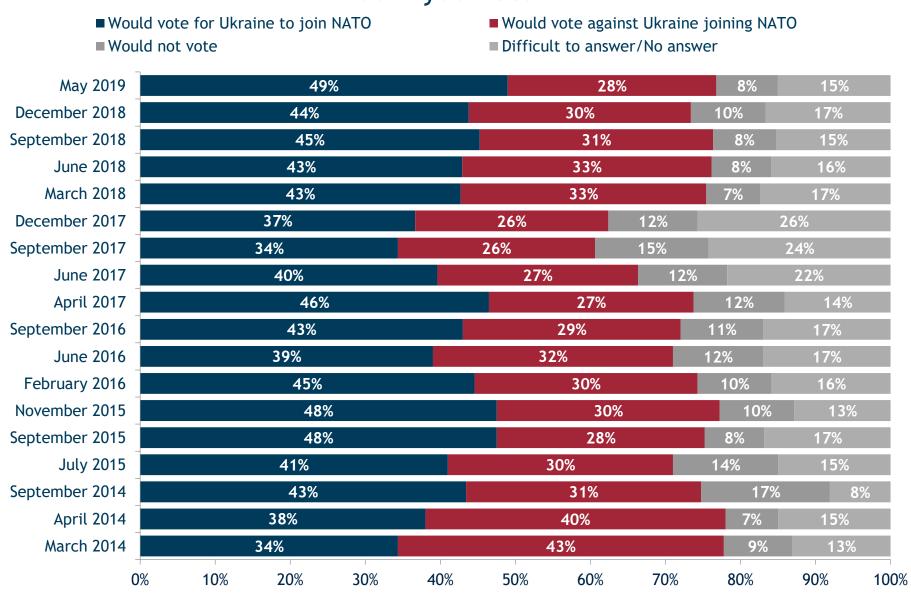
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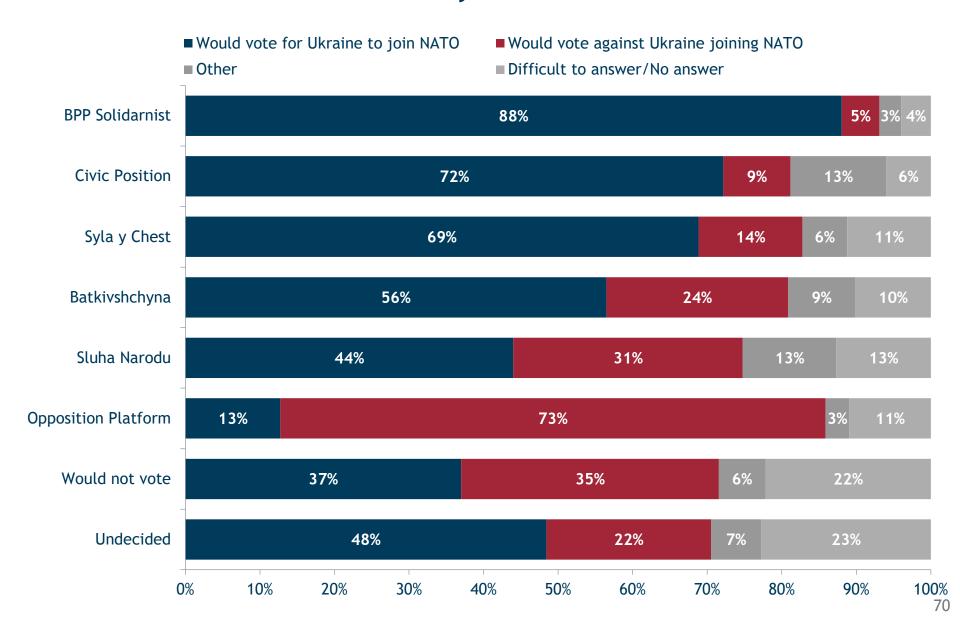
## If Ukraine could only enter one international economic union, which of the following should it be?



### If a referendum was held today on Ukraine joining NATO, how would you vote?



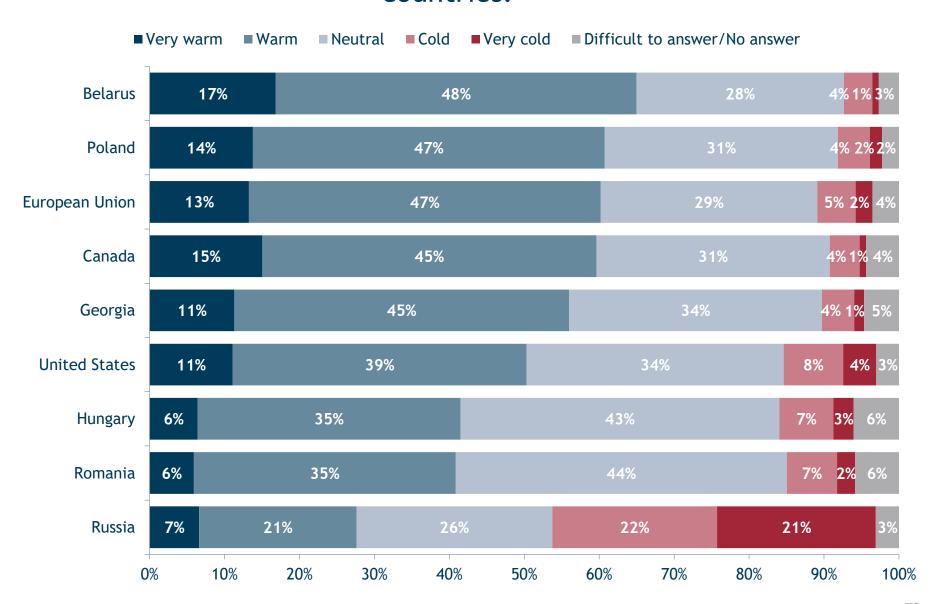
# If a referendum was held today on Ukraine joining the NATO, how would you vote?



#### **Attitude towards Countries**



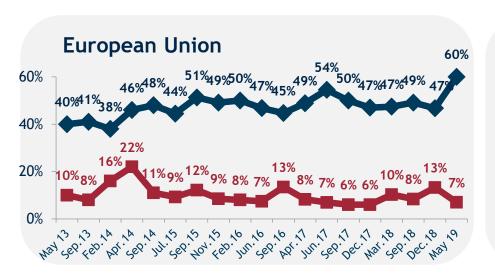
#### How do you evaluate your attitude toward each of the following countries?

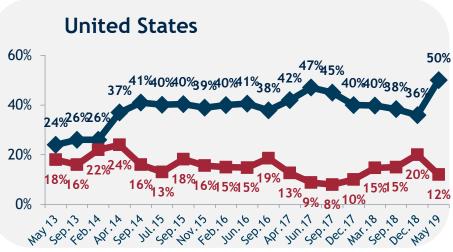


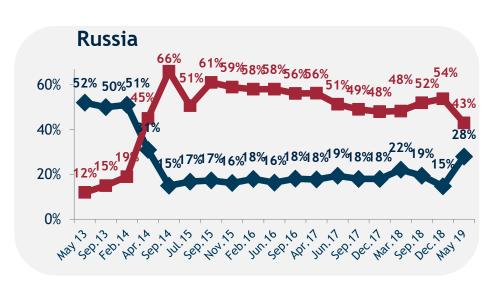
# How do you evaluate your attitude toward each of the following countries?

**→** Warm

Cold

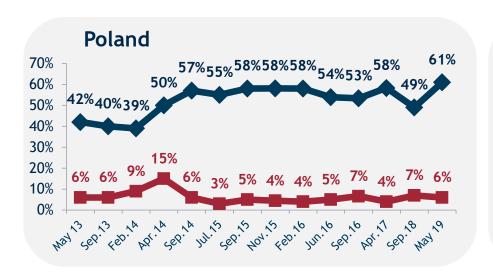


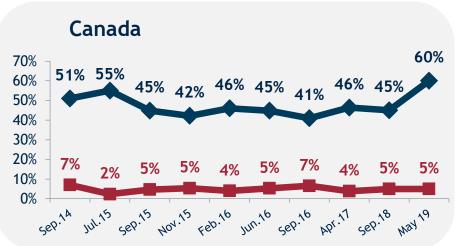


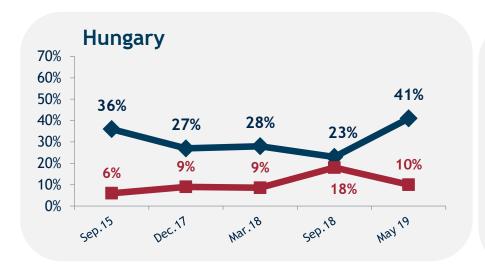


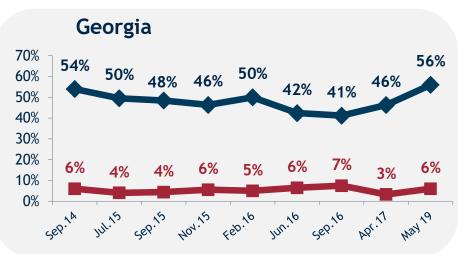
# How do you evaluate your attitude toward each of the following countries?







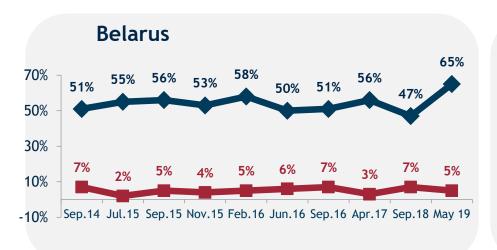


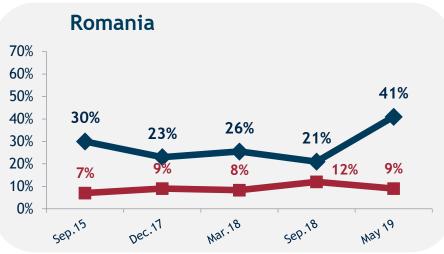


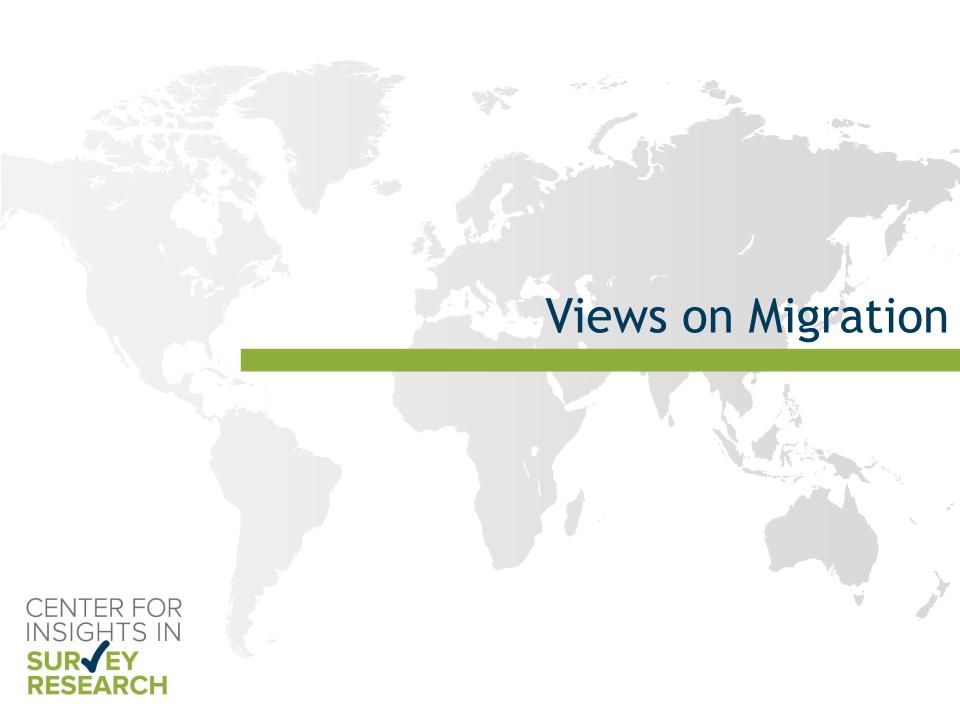
# How do you evaluate your attitude toward each of the following countries?

**→** Warm

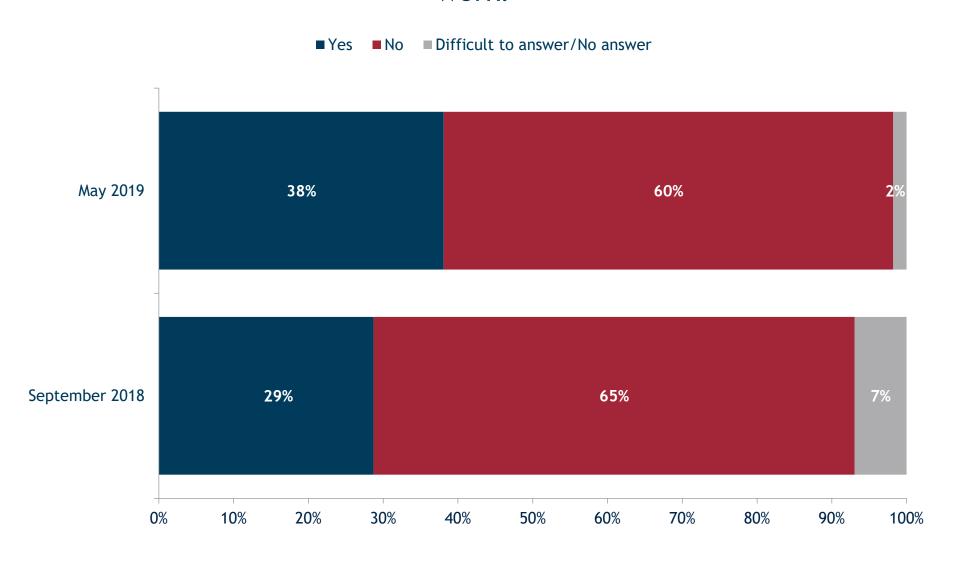
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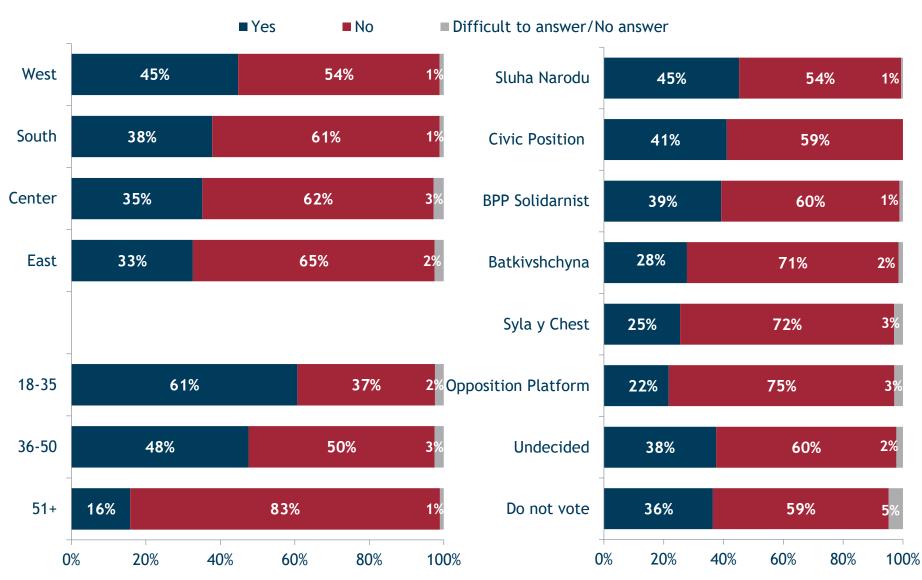




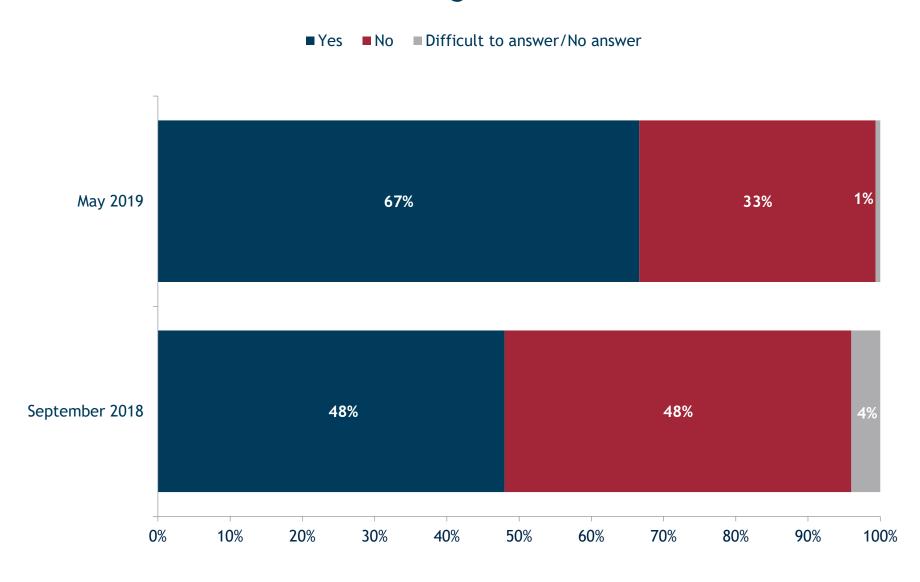
# Do you personally consider the idea of emigrating abroad to find work?



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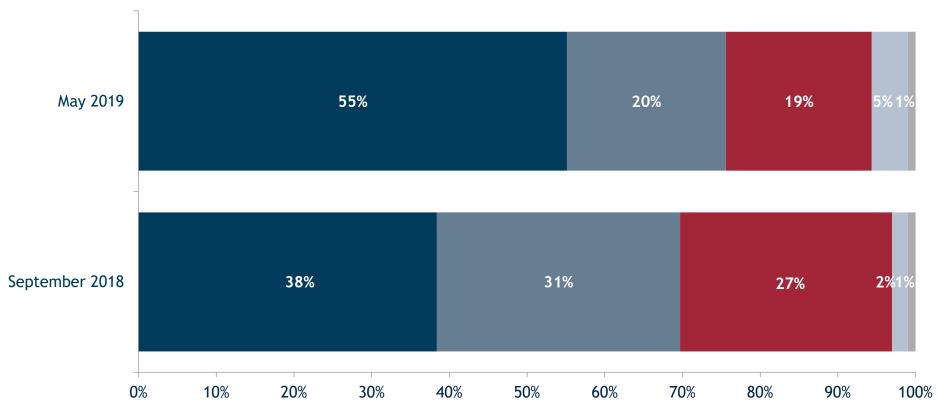
# Do you have a relative or friend who is currently abroad working or looking for work?

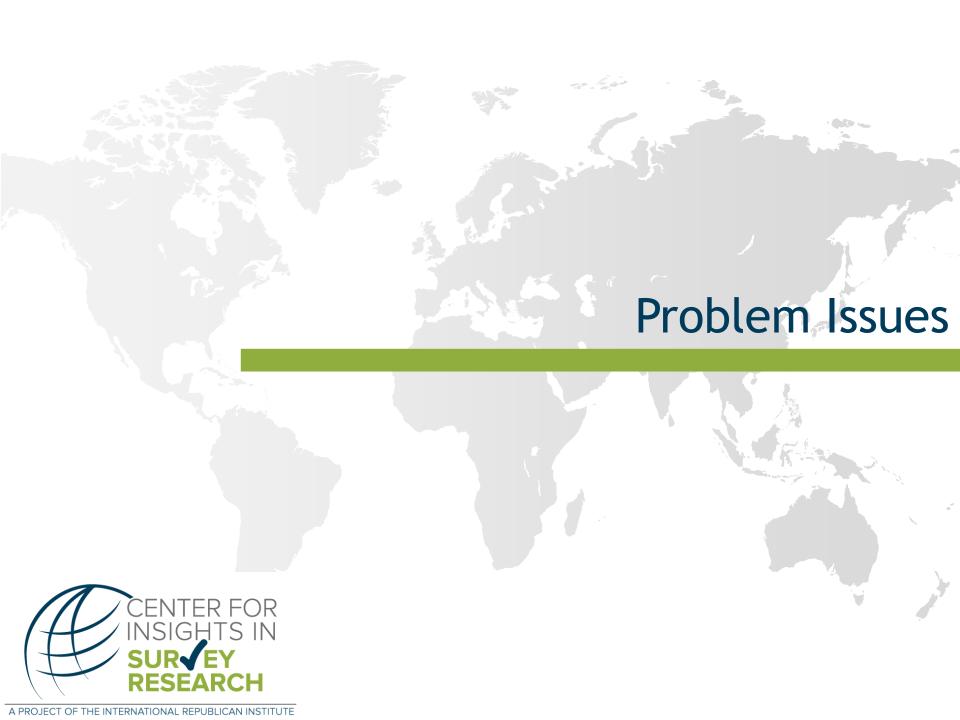


### What is the key reason why you consider emigrating abroad to find work there?

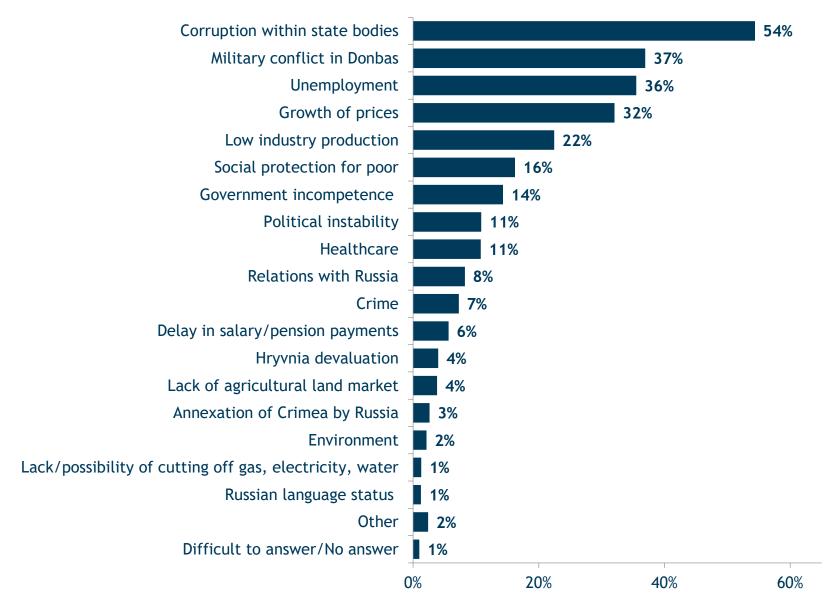
(Among those who have personally considered idea of emigrating abroad to find work there; n=914)

- I am forced to do so to satisfy basic needs of my family
- I would like to achieve self-fulfillment and find new opportunities
- I do not see any future in Ukraine
- Other
- Difficult to answer/No answer

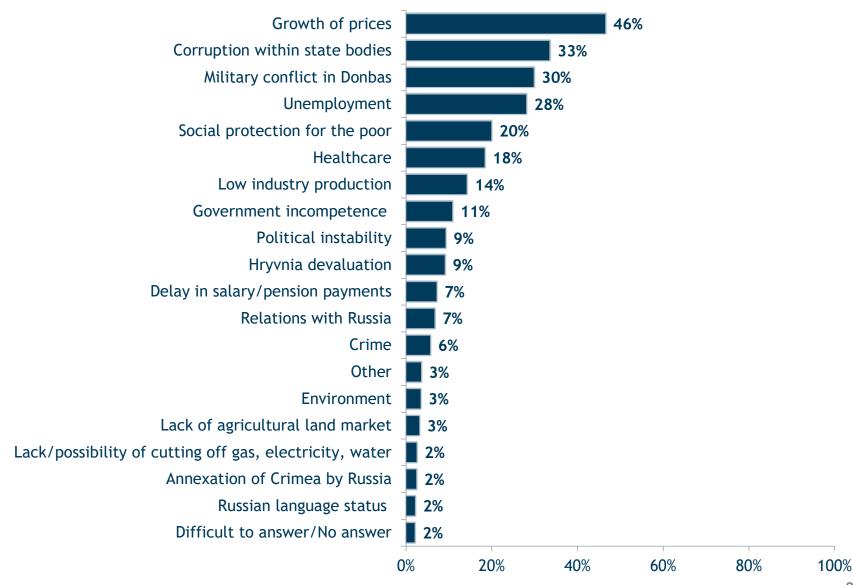


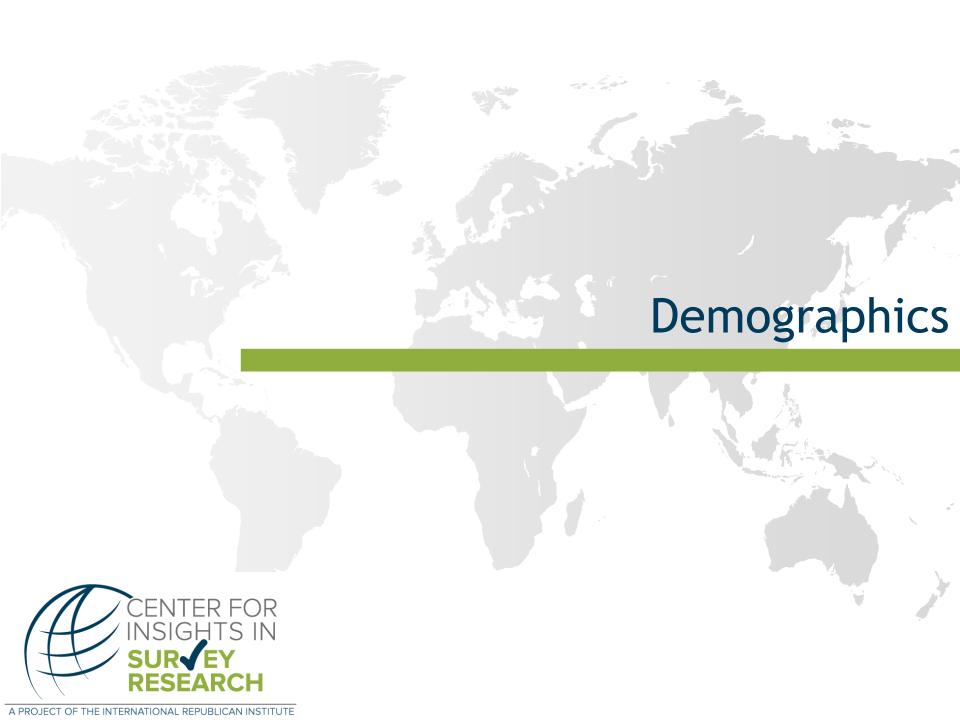


### Which three of the following issues are the most important for Ukraine?

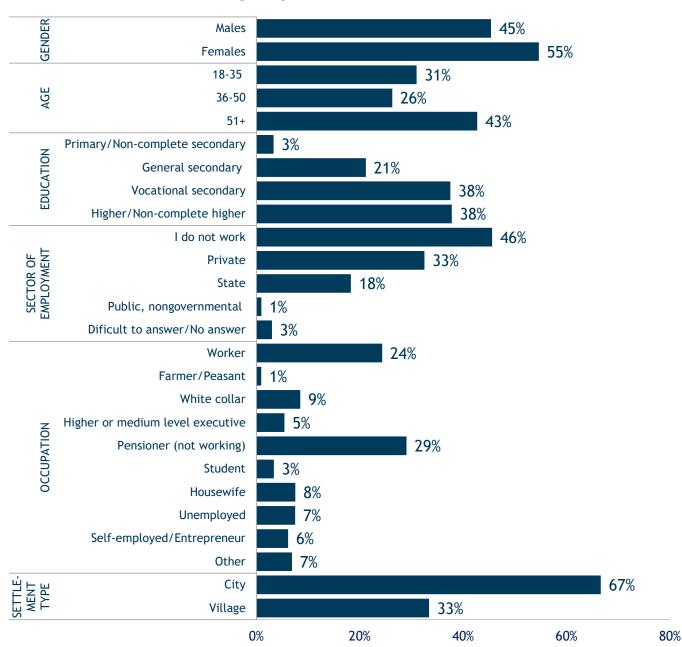


# Which three of the following issues are the most important for you personally?



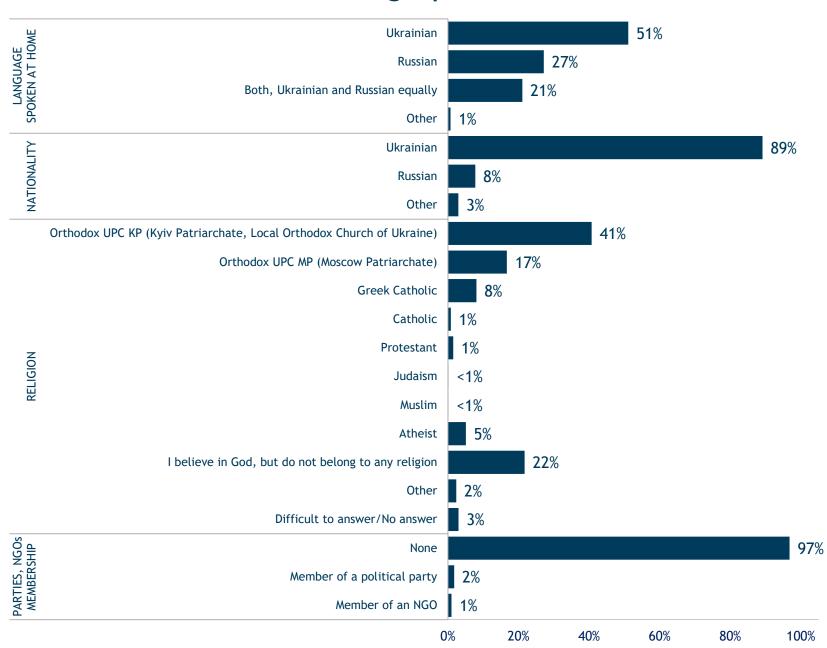


#### **Demographics**

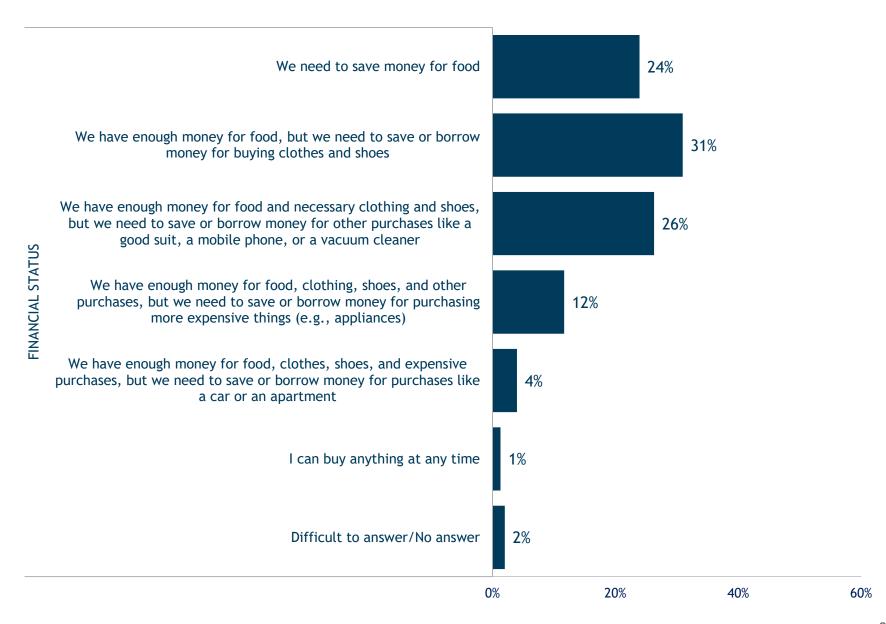


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