National Public Opinion Survey of Timor-Leste

April 17 - May 14, 2017
Detailed Methodology

• The survey was conducted on behalf of the Center for Insights in Survey Research by INSIGHT Lda., based in Dili, Timor-Leste, under the supervision of Chariot Associates LLC between April 17 and May 14, 2017. The November 2016 data is taken from a survey conducted between November 7 and 24, 2016. The 2013 data is taken from a survey conducted between September 18 and October 19, 2013.

• Data was collected through in-person, in-home interviews. The sample was stratified by the 13 districts of Timor-Leste. Interviews were conducted in both urban and rural locations.

• The sample consisted of 1,200 respondents (response rate: 99 percent) aged 17 and older and is representative of voting-age adults nationally.

• The survey was conducted according to a random multistage stratified section process. The first stage of the survey was stratified by Timor-Leste’s 13 districts. In the second stage, the survey was further stratified by suco (village). Next, aldeias (neighborhood administrative units) were chosen by random sampling, using the 2015 census information. Within each aldeia, households were selected from a random starting point and then every fifth house was chosen. Following random household selection, respondents in each household were chosen based on the Kish Grid method to select respondents 17 years and older.

• Interview teams were comprised of both men and women.

• The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.8 percent at the mid-range with a confidence level of 95 percent.

• The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies. Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
Are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction in Timor-Leste?
Why do you think the country is moving in the right direction?
(Open-ended; respondents who answered affirmatively: n=402)

- Continuing development of infrastructure and services: 68%
- Everything is changing for the better: 8%
- The country is in a state of peace: 6%
- Government institutions are working more effectively: 6%
- Other: 1%
- Don't know: 11%
Why do you think the country is moving in the wrong direction? (Open-ended; respondents who answered negatively: n=369)

- Infrastructure and service development has not been broadly instituted across the country: 57%
- Government institutions are inefficient or uninvolved: 17%
- Economic inequality: 14%
- Corruption: 7%
- Other: 3%
- Don't know: 3%
In your opinion, do you think Timor-Leste is better off, the same or worse off than last year?

- Better off
  - May 2017: 45%
  - November 2016: 57%
- The same
  - May 2017: 45%
  - November 2016: 35%
- Worse off
  - May 2017: 5%
  - November 2016: 2%
- Don't know
  - May 2017: 4%
  - November 2016: 6%
Thinking ahead, do you think Timor-Leste will be better off, the same or worse off in the coming year?

- **Better off**
  - May 2017: 68%
  - November 2016: 72%
- **The same**
  - May 2017: 20%
  - November 2016: 20%
- **Worse off**
  - May 2017: 1%
  - November 2016: 1%
- **Don't know**
  - May 2017: 11%
  - November 2016: 7%
In the last year, did you and your family’s financial situation improve, stay the same or worsen?

- Improved: 23% (May 2017), 31% (November 2016)
- Stayed the same: 62% (May 2017), 56% (November 2016)
- Worsened: 10% (May 2017), 8% (November 2016)
- Don’t know: 6% (May 2017), 6% (November 2016)
Do you think you and your family’s financial situation will improve, stay the same or worsen in the coming year?

- **Improve**
  - May 2017: 46%
  - November 2016: 50%

- **Stay the same**
  - May 2017: 35%
  - November 2016: 39%

- **Worsen**
  - May 2017: 5%
  - November 2016: 2%

- **Don’t know**
  - May 2017: 13%
  - November 2016: 9%
If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?
How would you rate the performance of the government of Timor-Leste?

- **May 2017**
  - Very good: 26%
  - Good: 45%
  - Neither good nor bad: 21%
  - Bad: 3%
  - Very bad: 4%
  - Don't know: 1%

- **November 2016**
  - Very good: 29%
  - Good: 45%
  - Neither good nor bad: 18%
  - Bad: 6%
  - Don't know: 1%

- **October 2013**
  - Very good: 43%
  - Good: 47%
  - Neither good nor bad: 8%
  - Bad: 1%
  - Very bad: 1%
  - Don't know: 1%
Which government institution in Timor-Leste do you view most favorably? (Open-ended)

- Ministry of Education: 18%
- Ministry of Health: 15%
- Ministry of Public Works, Transportation & Communication: 8%
- Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries: 6%
- Ministry of Social Solidarity: 3%
- SEPFOPE*: 3%
- Other: 7%
- Don’t know: 40%

*Secretary of State for Vocational Training Policy and Employment
Issues and Priorities
In your opinion, what is the most important issue/problem facing Timor-Leste?
(Open-ended)

- Roads: 42% (May 2017), 29% (November 2016)
- Employment: 11% (May 2017), 9% (November 2016)
- Education: 9% (May 2017), 8% (November 2016)
- Electricity: 7% (May 2017), 5% (November 2016)
- Prices of goods and food: 5% (May 2017), 3% (November 2016)
- Crime: 7% (May 2017), 3% (November 2016)
- State-related corruption: 4% (May 2017), 2% (November 2016)
- Government relations with neighboring countries: 4% (May 2017), 2% (November 2016)
- Political violence: 4% (May 2017), 2% (November 2016)
- Other: 5% (May 2017), 3% (November 2016)
- Don't know: 16% (May 2017), 10% (November 2016)
I’m going to read you a list of issues, and for each one, please tell me how you feel the situation has changed in the last year.

- **Government relations with Indonesia**: 71% Improved, 19% Stayed the same, 2% Worsened, 8% Don't know
- **Healthcare**: 69% Improved, 20% Stayed the same, 10% Worsened, 1% Don't know
- **Electricity**: 67% Improved, 20% Stayed the same, 13% Worsened, 6% Don't know
- **Education**: 64% Improved, 28% Stayed the same, 6% Worsened, 2% Don't know
- **Government relations with Australia**: 64% Improved, 23% Stayed the same, 3% Worsened, 10% Don't know
- **Access to water**: 52% Improved, 30% Stayed the same, 17% Worsened, 1% Don't know
- **Crime Reduction**: 44% Improved, 35% Stayed the same, 9% Worsened, 12% Don't know
- **Political violence**: 37% Improved, 33% Stayed the same, 8% Worsened, 22% Don't know
- **Access to Internet**: 33% Improved, 21% Stayed the same, 6% Worsened, 40% Don't know
- **Land ownership law**: 33% Improved, 40% Stayed the same, 14% Worsened, 13% Don't know
- **Judicial processes**: 31% Improved, 33% Stayed the same, 9% Worsened, 28% Don't know
- **Employment**: 31% Improved, 46% Stayed the same, 15% Worsened, 9% Don't know
- **Roads**: 24% Improved, 39% Stayed the same, 36% Worsened, 1% Don't know
- **Price of goods and food**: 18% Improved, 62% Stayed the same, 18% Worsened, 2% Don't know
- **State-related corruption**: 17% Improved, 33% Stayed the same, 29% Worsened, 22% Don't know
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### Roads

- **May 2017**
  - Improved: 24%
  - Stayed the same: 39%
  - Worsened: 36%
  - Don’t know: 1%

- **November 2016**
  - Improved: 29%
  - Stayed the same: 38%
  - Worsened: 32%
  - Don’t know: 2%

### State-related corruption

- **May 2017**
  - Improved: 17%
  - Stayed the same: 33%
  - Worsened: 29%
  - Don’t know: 22%

- **November 2016**
  - Improved: 24%
  - Stayed the same: 42%
  - Worsened: 17%
  - Don’t know: 17%
Have you personally received any benefits from the government?
(Open-ended)

- No: 73%
- Social subsidy to elderly citizens: 9%
- Bolsu da mae pension*: 8%
- Veterans’ pension†: 7%
- Subsidy for more than four children: 1%
- Clandestine pension‡: 1%
- Pensan vitilisia pension††: <1%
- Other: 1%

*Pension for single mothers with three or more children
†Pension for FALINTIL (The Armed Forces for the National Liberation of East Timor) fighters
‡Pension for former members of the government
††Pension for non-FALINTIL fighters
Based on your prior knowledge, do you approve of how the government is spending the petroleum fund* money?

- Strongly approve: 52%
- Somewhat approve: 21%
- Somewhat disapprove: 15%
- Strongly disapprove: 5%
- Don't know: 7%

*The petroleum fund is a wealth fund for revenue from exported Timorese petroleum and gas.
Do you support the government’s plan for the *Zonas Especiais de Economia Social de Mercado* (ZEESM) project in Oecusse?

- **Yes**: 91%
- **No**: 3%
- **Never heard of it**: 7%
- **Don't know**: 6%

*ZEESM (Special Economic Zones for Social Market Economy) is an infrastructure development project based in Oecusse.*
Do you support the Tasi Mane* project?

- **Yes**: 80% (May 2017), 89% (November 2016)
- **No**: 2% (May 2017), 3% (November 2016)
- **Never heard of it**: 12% (May 2017), 3% (November 2016)
- **Don't know**: 6% (May 2017), 4% (November 2016)

*The Tasi Mane project is part of the Strategic Development Plan to build three industrial centers on the southwest coast to support Timor-Leste’s petroleum industry.*
Please indicate if you had enough information or needed more information for each of the following aspects of the voter registration process.

- **How to register to vote in the 2017 general election**
  - Had enough information: 38%
  - Needed slightly more information: 17%
  - Needed significantly more information: 42%
  - Don't know: 3%

- **When to register to vote in the 2017 general election**
  - Had enough information: 36%
  - Needed slightly more information: 19%
  - Needed significantly more information: 42%
  - Don't know: 3%

- **Where to register to vote in the 2017 general election**
  - Had enough information: 35%
  - Needed slightly more information: 20%
  - Needed significantly more information: 42%
  - Don't know: 3%
Which of the following media sources do you think is most helpful for people like you to learn about election-related issues and procedures?

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In what ways did candidates reach out to you during the 2017 presidential election? (Open-ended)

- Television ads: 31%
- Met with politicians: 27%
- Met with respected people: 10%
- Large rallies: 8%
- Radio ads: 4%
- Candidates or party representatives visited your house: 4%
- Large posters: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Don't know: 13%
How much information do you feel you had about the presidential candidates when you voted?

- A great deal of information: 34%
- A fair amount of information: 36%
- Not very much information: 19%
- No information at all: 10%
- Don’t know: 2%
Who did you vote for in the presidential election held on March 20, 2017? (Open-ended)

- **Francisco Guterres “Lú-Olo”**: 62%
- **António da Conceição “Kalohan”**: 11%
- **Did not vote**: 7%
- **Confidential**: 6%
- **Don’t know**: 1%
- **Refused to answer**: 12%
Francisco Guterres “Lú-Olo” was elected President. Are you happy with this result?

- Yes: 91%
- No: 3%
- Don't know: 7%
Why were you happy with this result?
(Open-ended; respondents who answered affirmatively: n=1,087)

- He's a good leader: 42%
- He led the fight for freedom: 22%
- The election was fair: 14%
- I supported him: 4%
- He deserves the position: 2%
- Other: 1%
- No response: 2%
- Don't know: 13%
Did you need to travel or miss days of work in order to vote? (Respondents who voted in the presidential election: n=1,116)

- Yes: 52%
- No: 47%
- Don't know: 1%
Do you believe the presidential election was free and fair?

- Yes: 88%
- No: 8%
- Don't know: 5%
How concerned were you about violence taking place during the 2017 presidential elections?

- Very concerned: 52%
- Somewhat concerned: 16%
- Not too concerned: 22%
- Not at all concerned: 7%
- Don't know: 3%
Did you observe any violence during the March 20, 2017 presidential election?

- Yes: 2%
- No: 96%
- Don't know: 2%
How concerned are you that violence may take place in your district during the 2017 parliamentary elections?

- Very concerned: 53%
- Somewhat concerned: 15%
- Not too concerned: 21%
- Not at all concerned: 8%
- Don't know: 3%
Which political party do you associate with or belong to?
(Open-ended)

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May 2017: 43%  November 2016: 28%  October 2013: 15%
What is the main reason that you associate with or belong to this party?
(Open-ended; respondents who answered affirmatively: n=564)

- They have good policies: 41%
- They sacrificed for the country: 23%
- They have historic significance: 12%
- They have good leadership: 6%
- Personal connection: 4%
- Have received benefits from them: 1%
- Other: 1%
- No response: 1%
- Don't know: 11%
Which political party is most active in your neighborhood?
(Open-ended)

- FRETI LIN: 65%
- CNRT: 12%
- PD: 7%
- KHUNTO: 2%
- PLP: 2%
- No party is active: 6%
- Don’t know: 6%
If the parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, which political party would you vote for? (Open-ended)

- FREITILIN: 28%
- CNRT: 8%
- PD: 5%
- PLP: 2%
- Confidential: 2%
- KHUNTO: 1%
- Still don’t know/Undecided: 46%
- Other: 1%
- Don’t know: 7%
Why would you vote for that particular party?  
(Open-ended; respondents who would vote for a political party: n=565)

- They have good policies: 43%
- They have historic significance: 18%
- They sacrificed for the country: 15%
- They have good leadership: 7%
- Other: 4%
- Have received benefits from them: 1%
- Don't know: 12%
Examining undecided voters:

If the parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, which political party would you vote for?
(Respondents who are undecided in each district)
Who did you vote for in the presidential election held on March 20, 2017? (Respondents who are undecided in the July 2017 parliamentary elections: n=548)

Examining undecided voters:

- **Francisco Guterres “Lú-Olo” (FRETILIN):** 76%
- **Confidential:** 12%
- **António da Conceição “Kalohan” (PD):** 11%
Examining undecided voters:

In your opinion, who is the best political or government leader in Timor-Leste?

(Respondents who are undecided in the July 2017 parliamentary elections: n=548)

- Xanana Gusmão: 67%
- Francisco Guterres “Lú-Olo”: 10%
- José Ramos Horta: 5%
- Taur Matan Ruak: 3%
- Mari Alkatiri: 2%
- António da Conceição “Kalohan”: 1%
- Rui Maria de Araújo: 1%
- Don’t know: 11%
Would you consider voting for other political parties in future elections?

- Yes: 72%
- No: 12%
- Maybe: 13%
- Don't know: 3%
How important is it to have a strong opposition in the National Parliament?

- Very important: 68%
- Somewhat important: 16%
- Not too important: 1%
- Not important at all: 1%
- Don't know: 15%
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people?

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In your opinion, who is the best political or government leader in Timor-Leste?
(Open-ended)

- Xanana Gusmão: 66%
- Francisco Guterres “Lú-Olo”: 14%
- Taur Matan Ruak: 3%
- José Ramos Horta: 3%
- Mari Alkatiri: 2%
- António da Conceição “Kalohan”: 2%
- Rui Maria de Araújo: 1%
- Other: 1%
- Don’t know: 9%
In your opinion, who is the second best political or government leader in Timor-Leste?
(Open-ended)

- Francisco Guterres “Lú-Olo” - 34%
- José Ramos Horta - 20%
- Xanana Gusmão - 11%
- Taur Matan Ruak - 9%
- Mari Alkatiri - 6%
- António da Conceição “Kalohan” - 5%
- Rui Maria de Araújo - 2%
- Other - 1%
- Don’t know - 12%
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “It is time for the older generation to step back from leading the country.”

- Strongly agree: 31%
- Somewhat agree: 24%
- Somewhat disagree: 24%
- Strongly disagree: 11%
- Don’t know: 10%
Do you feel free to express your political opinions in the area where you live?

- Yes: 90%
- No: 8%
- Don't know: 2%
Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

- Women are more capable than men to serve in elected positions in government:
  - May 2017: 7%
  - November 2016: 6%
  - October 2013: 9%

- Women are as capable as men to serve in elected positions in government:
  - May 2017: 82%
  - November 2016: 80%
  - October 2013: 69%

- Women are less capable than men to serve in elected positions in government:
  - May 2017: 8%
  - November 2016: 7%
  - October 2013: 16%

- Don't know:
  - May 2017: 6%
  - November 2016: 6%
  - October 2013: 5%
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?

- **Man**: 26% (May 2017), 26% (November 2016)
- **Woman**: 24% (May 2017), 24% (November 2016)
- **Makes no difference to me**: 54% (May 2017), 47% (November 2016)
- **Don’t know**: 3% (May 2017), 3% (November 2016)
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”

- Strongly agree: 6%
- Somewhat agree: 12%
- Somewhat disagree: 34%
- Strongly disagree: 44%
- Don't know: 4%

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”

- Strongly agree: 6%
- Somewhat agree: 12%
- Somewhat disagree: 34%
- Strongly disagree: 44%
- Don't know: 4%
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of citizens.”

- Strongly agree: 8%
- Somewhat agree: 11%
- Somewhat disagree: 34%
- Strongly disagree: 43%
- Don’t know: 4%
Do you believe that young people are capable of becoming leaders of political parties?

Yes: 39%
No: 27%
Don't know: 35%
Why do you believe that young people are capable of becoming political leaders? 

(Open-ended; respondents who answered affirmatively: n=462)

- They have the ability to lead the nation: 30%
- They have new ideas or experiences: 23%
- They are well-educated: 11%
- It is time for Timor-Leste to transition to a new generation of political leaders: 9%
- Other: 3%
- Don't know: 23%
Which young political leader do you view most favorably?
(Open-ended)

- Mariano Sabino “Asanami” 8%
- Luís Alves Tilman 3%
- António da Conceição “Kalohan” 2%
- Leovigildo Hornai 2%
- Other 7%
- Don’t know 76%
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
“It is time for Timor-Leste to transition to a younger generation of leaders.”

- Strongly agree: 38%
- Somewhat agree: 26%
- Somewhat disagree: 17%
- Strongly disagree: 8%
- Don’t know: 11%
Views of Political Parties
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following political parties?

- **FREITILIN**
  - Very favorable: 1% (0%)
  - Somewhat favorable: 9% (0%)
  - Somewhat unfavorable: 2% (0%)
  - Very unfavorable: <1% (0%)
  - Don’t know: 2% (0%)

- **CNRT**
  - Very favorable: 1% (0%)
  - Somewhat favorable: 2% (0%)
  - Somewhat unfavorable: 1% (0%)
  - Very unfavorable: 2% (0%)
  - Don’t know: 4% (0%)

- **PD**
  - Very favorable: 2% (0%)
  - Somewhat favorable: 34% (0%)
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- **PLP**
  - Very favorable: 4% (0%)
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  - Don’t know: 4% (0%)

- **Frente-Mudança**
  - Very favorable: 3% (0%)
  - Somewhat favorable: 20% (0%)
  - Somewhat unfavorable: 13% (0%)
  - Very unfavorable: 13% (0%)
  - Don’t know: 4% (0%)

- **KHUNTO**
  - Very favorable: 4% (0%)
  - Somewhat favorable: 21% (0%)
  - Somewhat unfavorable: 18% (0%)
  - Very unfavorable: 18% (0%)
  - Don’t know: 4% (0%)
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following political parties?

**May 2017**

- **FRETILIN**: 88% Very favorable, 9% Somewhat favorable, 1% Somewhat unfavorable, <1% Very unfavorable, 2% Don’t know
- **CNRT**: 71% Very favorable, 23% Somewhat favorable, 4% Somewhat unfavorable, 1% Very unfavorable, 2% Don’t know
- **PD**: 45% Very favorable, 34% Somewhat favorable, 13% Somewhat unfavorable, 7% Very unfavorable, 2% Don’t know

**November 2016**

- **FRETILIN**: 75% Very favorable, 17% Somewhat favorable, 5% Somewhat unfavorable, 2% Very unfavorable, 2% Don’t know
- **CNRT**: 57% Very favorable, 27% Somewhat favorable, 11% Somewhat unfavorable, 2% Very unfavorable, 2% Don’t know
- **PD**: 26% Very favorable, 40% Somewhat favorable, 11% Somewhat unfavorable, 20% Very unfavorable, 3% Don’t know
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International Relations
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following countries and entities?

- The Catholic Church: 87% very favorable, 10% somewhat favorable, 1% strongly favorable, 1% somewhat unfavorable, 1% strongly unfavorable, 1% don't know.
- Portugal: 77% very favorable, 18% somewhat favorable, 3% strongly favorable, 1% somewhat unfavorable, 4% strongly unfavorable, 2% don't know.
- Indonesia: 77% very favorable, 18% somewhat favorable, 3% strongly favorable, 2% somewhat unfavorable, 4% strongly unfavorable, 2% don't know.
- CPLP*: 74% very favorable, 20% somewhat favorable, 2% strongly favorable, 4% somewhat unfavorable, 3% strongly unfavorable, 4% don't know.
- United States: 74% very favorable, 19% somewhat favorable, 4% strongly favorable, 3% somewhat unfavorable, 3% strongly unfavorable, 1% don't know.
- ASEAN†: 73% very favorable, 21% somewhat favorable, 1% strongly favorable, 3% somewhat unfavorable, 3% strongly unfavorable, 2% don't know.
- Australia: 71% very favorable, 21% somewhat favorable, 4% strongly favorable, 4% somewhat unfavorable, 2% strongly unfavorable, 2% don't know.
- United Nations: 70% very favorable, 22% somewhat favorable, 3% strongly favorable, 4% somewhat unfavorable, 4% strongly unfavorable, 1% don't know.
- European Union: 69% very favorable, 24% somewhat favorable, 3% strongly favorable, 4% somewhat unfavorable, 3% strongly unfavorable, 2% don't know.
- South Korea: 68% very favorable, 25% somewhat favorable, 4% strongly favorable, 3% somewhat unfavorable, 3% strongly unfavorable, 2% don't know.
- Japan: 62% very favorable, 28% somewhat favorable, 6% strongly favorable, 2% somewhat unfavorable, 2% strongly unfavorable, 2% don't know.
- Philippines: 59% very favorable, 32% somewhat favorable, 5% strongly favorable, 3% somewhat unfavorable, 3% strongly unfavorable, 2% don't know.
- China: 52% very favorable, 25% somewhat favorable, 11% strongly favorable, 9% somewhat unfavorable, 3% strongly unfavorable, 3% don't know.

*Community of Portuguese Language Countries
†Association of Southeast Asian Nations
Do you expect relations between Timor-Leste and Australia to improve, worsen or stay the same over the next five years?

- Improve: 79%
- Worsen: 3%
- Stay the same: 3%
- Don’t know: 15%
Do you expect relations between Timor-Leste and Indonesia to improve, worsen or stay the same over the next five years?

- Improve: 83%
- Worsen: 2%
- Stay the same: 1%
- Don’t know: 14%
What is your main source of political news?
(Open-ended)

- **Television**: 62% (May 2017), 46% (October 2013)
- **Local chiefs**: 11% (May 2017), 12% (October 2013)
- **Friends, family or neighbors**: 10% (May 2017), 4% (October 2013)
- **Radio**: 10% (May 2017), 30% (October 2013)
- **Newspaper**: 1% (May 2017), 1% (October 2013)
- **Internet and social media**: 2% (May 2017), 0% (October 2013)
- **Don't know**: 5% (May 2017), 4% (October 2013)
Which TV channel is your main source for political news? (Open-ended; respondents who rely on television for political news: n=747)

- RTTL: >99%
- Other: <1%
Which radio station is your main source for political news? (Open-ended; respondents who rely on radio for political news: n=114)

- RTL: 62%
- Radio Maubere: 26%
- Radio Tokodede: 5%
- Radio Atoni Lifau: 2%
- Radio Timor Kmanek: 1%
- Other: 4%
Do you use Facebook?

Yes: 24%
No: 62%
Don't know: 14%
How much do you rely on Facebook for your political news? (Respondents who use Facebook: n=282)

- You get all of your political news from Facebook: 37%
- You get most of your political news from Facebook: 30%
- You get some of your political news from Facebook: 26%
- You get a small amount of your political news from Facebook: 4%
- You get no political news from Facebook: 1%
- Don't know: 1%
### Demographics

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