Public Opinion Survey
Residents of Kyrgyzstan
February 15 - March 2, 2017
Detailed Methodology

• The survey was conducted by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene of the public and market research company Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the Center for Insights in Survey Research. The field work was carried out by SIAR Research and Consulting.

• Data was collected throughout Kyrgyzstan between February 15 and March 2, 2017 through face-to-face interviews at respondents’ homes.

• The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Kyrgyzstan ages 18 and older and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education, region and settlement size.

• A multistage probability sampling method was used, employing the random route and Kish Method for respondents’ selection procedures.
  • Stage one: All districts of Kyrgyzstan were grouped into seven regions plus Bishkek. Each region of Kyrgyzstan was surveyed.
  • Stage two: Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in the particular type of the settlement in each region.
  • Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.

• The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent.

• The response rate was 75 percent.

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

• Interviews were conducted in the Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek languages.

• The survey was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.
Mood of the Country
Generally speaking, do you think that things in Kyrgyzstan are going in the right direction or wrong direction?

[Chart showing percentage of people's opinions over time from Apr-05 to Mar-17.]

Right direction: 48%, 54%, 62%, 58%, 52%, 63%, 60%, 58%, 45%, 44%, 43%, 45%, 50%, 47%, 48%, 49%, 47%, 59%, 63%, 65%, 65%

Wrong direction: 37%, 30%, 31%, 38%, 38%, 29%, 28%, 30%, 28%, 43%, 39%, 39%, 39%, 39%, 39%, 39%, 28%, 29%, 25%, 23%

Don't know/No answer: 7%, 9%, 8%, 11%, 11%, 10%, 8%, 12%, 12%, 11%, 10%, 14%, 13%, 12%, 14%, 13%, 13%, 8%, 10%, 12%
Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Kyrgyzstan changed?

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In your opinion, how will the economic situation of Kyrgyzstan change in the next year?

- Improve a lot
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- Stay the same
- Worsen somewhat
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- Don’t know/No answer

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What are the most important problems that Kyrgyzstan is facing at the moment?

(Three spontaneous answers)

- Unemployment: 52%
- Corruption: 40%
- Economic development: 13%

Other problems:
- High prices: 6%
- Political instability: 6%
- Economic crisis: 6%
- Low pensions: 6%
- Low salaries: 5%
- Weak and/or incompetent authorities: 5%
- Migration: 5%
- No industry/Factories: 4%
- Poor roads: 4%
- Low standard of living: 4%
- Problems in border areas: 4%
- Ecological problems: 4%
- Social problems: 4%
- State-level financial problems: 3%
- Undeveloped agriculture: 2%
- Instability: 2%
What are the most important problems that Kyrgyzstan is facing at the moment?

(Three spontaneous answers)
What are the most important problems your town/village is facing at the moment?

(Three spontaneous answers)

- Poor roads and streets: 45%
- Lack of drinking water: 33%
- Unemployment: 24%
- Lack of kindergartens: 10%
- Dirty city/Trash: 7%
- Insufficient street lighting: 5%
- Electricity supply: 5%
- Lack of schools/Schools are not repaired: 4%
- Lack of irrigation water: 4%
- Problems with public transportation: 4%
- High prices: 4%
- Corruption: 3%
- Problems with sewage: 3%
- Low pensions: 3%
- Poor infrastructure: 3%
- No land: 2%
- No trust in government: 2%
- Lack of sports facilities: 2%
- Gas supply: 2%

(Percentages are approximate and may not sum up to 100% due to rounding)
What are the most important problems your town/village is facing at the moment?  
(Three spontaneous answers)
What are the most important problems facing your household? (Three spontaneous answers)

1. Financial problems/Low standard of living - 40%
2. Unemployment - 25%
3. Health problems - 6%
4. Housing problems - 5%
5. Low pensions - 5%
6. Social problems - 4%
7. Water supply - 3%
8. Low salaries - 3%
9. Migration - 3%
10. Problems with land - 2%
11. No problems - 5%
What are the most important problems facing your household? (Three spontaneous answers)

*Data for “high prices” is shown from May 2011 when this problem abruptly became one of the most mentioned at 21%. In the previous poll in November 2010 only 3% of respondents had mentioned high prices as an important problem.
How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Kyrgyzstan?

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If you could only choose one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?

- Democracy is definitely more important to me
- Democracy is somewhat more important to me
- Prosperity is somewhat more important to me
- Prosperity is definitely more important to me
- Don’t know/No answer

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Notes:
- Majority are afraid: 60% or more
- Many are afraid: 40%-59%
- Some are afraid: 20%-39%
- Nobody is afraid: 0%-19%
- Don't know/No answer: 0%
In your opinion, are there groups that do not feel safe to openly express their political views?

- Yes: 46%
- No: 33%
- Don't know/No answer: 21%
Which of these statements is closest to your own point of view?

- Our society needs serious reforms (structural and systemic change).
- Our society needs gradual reforms which preserve the existing system.
- Our society has to be protected from the forces who want to change the current order.
- Don't know/No answer

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Do you approve or disapprove of the activity of the President?

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

**Mar-17**
- Strongly approve: 20%
- Somewhat approve: 53%
- Somewhat disapprove: 20%
- Strongly disapprove: 4%
- Don’t know/No answer: 3%

**Mar-16**
- Strongly approve: 17%
- Somewhat approve: 61%
- Somewhat disapprove: 15%
- Strongly disapprove: 3%
- Don’t know/No answer: 3%

**Jul-15**
- Strongly approve: 20%
- Somewhat approve: 55%
- Somewhat disapprove: 14%
- Strongly disapprove: 4%
- Don’t know/No answer: 7%
Do you approve or disapprove of the activity of the Parliament?

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

Mar-17: 3% Strongly approve, 37% Somewhat approve, 39% Somewhat disapprove, 15% Strongly disapprove, 6% Don’t know/No answer

Mar-16: 7% Strongly approve, 36% Somewhat approve, 38% Somewhat disapprove, 9% Strongly disapprove, 10% Don’t know/No answer

Jul-15: 4% Strongly approve, 36% Somewhat approve, 37% Somewhat disapprove, 12% Strongly disapprove, 11% Don’t know/No answer
Corruption
In your opinion, is corruption a big problem in Kyrgyzstan?

- **Mar-17**: 78% (Very big issue), 17% (Big issue), 3% (Not a big issue), 1% (Not an issue at all), 1% (Don’t know/No answer)
- **Mar-16**: 70% (Very big issue), 24% (Big issue), 3% (Not a big issue), 1% (Not an issue at all), 2% (Don’t know/No answer)
- **Jul-15**: 72% (Very big issue), 23% (Big issue), 2% (Not a big issue), 1% (Not an issue at all), 2% (Don’t know/No answer)
- **Feb-15**: 71% (Very big issue), 21% (Big issue), 3% (Not a big issue), 1% (Not an issue at all), 2% (Don’t know/No answer)
- **Oct-14**: 71% (Very big issue), 24% (Big issue), 1% (Not a big issue), 1% (Not an issue at all), 3% (Don’t know/No answer)
- **Feb-14**: 73% (Very big issue), 23% (Big issue), 1% (Not a big issue), 3% (Not an issue at all), 2% (Don’t know/No answer)
- **Feb-13**: 69% (Very big issue), 24% (Big issue), 2% (Not a big issue), 2% (Not an issue at all), 3% (Don’t know/No answer)
- **Aug-12**: 75% (Very big issue), 18% (Big issue), 4% (Not a big issue), 1% (Not an issue at all), 3% (Don’t know/No answer)
- **Feb-12**: 75% (Very big issue), 21% (Big issue), 1% (Not a big issue), 2% (Not an issue at all), 1% (Don’t know/No answer)
- **Sep-11**: 72% (Very big issue), 24% (Big issue), 3% (Not a big issue), 1% (Not an issue at all), 1% (Don’t know/No answer)
Do you think the Kyrgyz Government is making a sufficient effort to fight corruption?

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How much interest do you have in politics?

- **High interest**
- **Medium interest**
- **Low interest**
- **Don't know/No answer**

**Mar-17**: 15% High, 23% Medium, 62% Low, 6% Don't know/No answer

**Mar-16**: 11% High, 26% Medium, 63% Low, 6% Don't know/No answer

**Jul-15**: 19% High, 17% Medium, 64% Low, 6% Don't know/No answer

**Feb-15**: 15% High, 26% Medium, 59% Low, 6% Don't know/No answer

**Oct-14**: 14% High, 25% Medium, 61% Low, 6% Don't know/No answer

**Feb-14**: 13% High, 26% Medium, 55% Low, 6% Don't know/No answer

**Feb-13**: 20% High, 26% Medium, 53% Low, 6% Don't know/No answer

**Aug-12**: 14% High, 26% Medium, 59% Low, 6% Don't know/No answer

**Feb-12**: 19% High, 30% Medium, 50% Low, 6% Don't know/No answer

**Sep-11**: 18% High, 28% Medium, 53% Low, 6% Don't know/No answer

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Are you a member of a political party?

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How often do you participate in political party activities? (Members of political parties)

Oct-14 (N=132)
- Very often: 24%
- Sometimes: 32%
- Rarely: 32%
- Never: 32%
- Don’t know/No answer: 5%
- Others: 7%

Feb-15 (N=90)
- Very often: 38%
- Sometimes: 37%
- Rarely: 25%
- Never: 25%
- Don’t know/No answer: 5%
- Others: 7%

Jul-15 (N=226)
- Very often: 15%
- Sometimes: 39%
- Rarely: 38%
- Never: 8%
- Don’t know/No answer: 8%

Mar-16 (N=141)
- Very often: 15%
- Sometimes: 43%
- Rarely: 29%
- Never: 11%
- Don’t know/No answer: 1%

Mar-17 (N=91)
- Very often: 12%
- Sometimes: 32%
- Rarely: 42%
- Never: 14%
- Don’t know/No answer: 14%
Why are you not a member of a political party? (Spontaneous answers; respondents who are not members of political parties, N=1,409)

No interest or desire to participate: 33%
- No need: 9%
- No confidence in parties: 7%
- Too old/Too young: 7%
- There is no point: 6%
- No time: 6%
- No money/Friends: 4%
- Uneducated/Uninformed: 4%
- Nobody invited me: 2%
- I did not think about this: 2%
- There are no worthy parties: 2%
- I don't understand politics: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Don't know/No answer: 18%
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "It is healthy for Kyrgyzstan’s democracy to have multiple parties in power."

- Fully agree: 16%
- Somewhat agree: 27%
- Somewhat disagree: 25%
- Fully disagree: 23%
- Don’t know/No answer: 9%
Elections
How likely are you to vote in the upcoming elections?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Very unlikely
- Don't know/No answer

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How likely are you to vote in the upcoming elections? (Disaggregated by age)

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In your opinion, does your financial situation depend on the results of elections in general?

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Thinking about the local elections in Kyrgyzstan in March and December 2016, do you believe those were free and fair elections?

- Yes: 48%
- No: 37%
- Don’t know/No answer: 15%
Please state whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

- **The 2016 local council elections were free and fair.**
  - Agree: 45%
  - Disagree: 46%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 9%

- **The 2015 parliamentary elections were fair/legitimate.**
  - Agree: 41%
  - Disagree: 48%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 11%

- **The voting process was well-organized.**
  - Agree: 41%
  - Disagree: 49%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 10%

- **I am confident in the counting and reporting of election results.**
  - Agree: 39%
  - Disagree: 48%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 13%

- **The voting process was free of bribery and corruption.**
  - Agree: 38%
  - Disagree: 48%
  - Don’t know/No answer: 13%
Did anyone offer you money, gifts or some other incentive in exchange for your vote in the last election?
During the last local election, did you know or witness anyone who was offered money, gifts or other incentives in exchange for their vote?

- Yes, myself: 2%
- Yes, a family member: 8%
- Yes, a friend/member of the community: 4%
- No: 12%
- Don’t know/No answer: 74%
If yes, how much were they offered in exchange for their vote? If the offer was a gift, please estimate its value in Kyrgyz som.

(Respondents who knew someone who was offered money, gifts or other incentives in exchange for his or her vote, N=358)
Considering that votes are cast electronically, how do people ensure that those they have bribed vote as they promised?

- Honor system: 29%
- Taking an oath: 10%
- Giving away one's identity card: 8%
- Taking a picture of their ballot before submission: 7%
- Other: 1%
- All of the above: 16%
- Don't know/No answer: 29%
Why do you think people would accept money or gifts in exchange for their vote? (Spontaneous answers)

- Need for money/Financial difficulties: 37%
- Parties and politicians personally offer money: 6%
- Politicians do not serve the country anyway: 6%
- Indifference: 5%
- Poverty: 5%
- It is a habit or norm: 3%
- Seeking benefit or profit: 3%
- Corruption is booming/Everything is sold and bought: 2%
- Other: 4%
- Don’t know/No answer: 30%
In your opinion, what would make people less likely to accept money or gifts in exchange for their vote?

- Stronger enforcement of election laws: 34%
- Better income/Economy: 23%
- Better performance by political leaders: 15%
- Political parties with genuine ideological platforms: 9%
- Nothing will make it less likely: 2%
- Other: 1%
- Don’t know/No answer: 16%
If political parties and their candidates had a distinct ideological platform, would voters be more or less likely to reject money for votes?

- More likely: 48%
- Less likely: 24%
- Does not matter: 19%
- Don’t know/No answer: 9%
Did you vote in the most recent elections?

- Yes: 68%
- No: 32%
If no, what was the reason?
(Respondents who did not vote in the most recent elections, N=482)

- No time: 30%
- Issues with biometric identification: 19%
- My vote does not matter: 13%
- Physical/Mobility/Transportation issues: 12%
- No interest: 11%
- No worthy candidates: 9%
- Don’t know/No answer: 5%
In the past six months, were you informed of the constitutional referendum?

- Yes: 42%
- No: 56%
- Don't know/No answer: 2%
Did you vote in the referendum?

- Yes: 50%
- No: 49%
- Don't know/No answer: 1%
If yes, which changes did you support?
(Spontaneous answers; respondents that voted in the referendum, N=746)

- I supported all of the changes: 17%
- I do not remember: 10%
- Human rights: 4%
- Judicial system/Independence of courts: 4%
- Strengthening the independence of the state: 3%
- I voted but I did not understand the proposed changes: 3%
- I voted against the changes: 2%
- Adoption of laws/Change of laws: 2%
- Changes in the government: 2%
- Prohibition of same-sex marriages: 1%
- Changes in the parliament: 1%
- Powers of the prime minister: 1%
- Other: 3%
- Don’t know/No answer: 47%
If yes, what prompted you to vote in the referendum? (Respondents that voted in the referendum, N=746)

- Consciously supported the referendum: 46%
- Desire to see the system change: 33%
- Pressured to do so by manager/elders/family: 6%
- Consciously rejected the referendum: 3%
- Just went to vote: 2%
- Offered money or gifts to support the referendum: 2%
- My civic duty: 1%
- Don’t know/No answer: 7%
Which politicians or public figures do you trust the most?
(Three spontaneous answers)

- Omurbek Babanov: 35%
- Almazbek Atambaev: 31%
- Bakyt Torobaev: 11%
- Kamchibek Tashiev: 11%
- Adakhan Madumarov: 7%
- Omurbek Tekebaev: 7%
- Temir Sariev: 3%
- Melisbek Myrzakmatov: 3%
- Soronbai Jeenbekov: 3%
- Akhmatbek Keldibekov: 2%
- Chynybay Tursunbekov: 1%
- Kanatbek Isaev: 1%
- Roza Otunbaeva: 1%
- Kurmanbek Bakiev: 1%
- Other: 10%
- Do not trust anybody: 4%
- Don't know/No answer: 25%
What is your opinion of the following politicians in Kyrgyzstan?

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How would you assess the current relations between Kyrgyzstan and the following countries?

**Russia**
- Good: 99%
- Bad: 1%
- Neither good nor bad: 0%

**Kazakhstan**
- Good: 89%
- Bad: 5%
- Neither good nor bad: 6%

**European Union**
- Good: 68%
- Bad: 5%
- Neither good nor bad: 27%

**Turkey**
- Good: 67%
- Bad: 13%
- Neither good nor bad: 19%

**China**
- Good: 60%
- Bad: 18%
- Neither good nor bad: 22%

**Japan**
- Good: 51%
- Bad: 13%
- Neither good nor bad: 36%

**Uzbekistan**
- Good: 48%
- Bad: 33%
- Neither good nor bad: 19%

**Tajikistan**
- Good: 40%
- Bad: 34%
- Neither good nor bad: 26%

**United States**
- Good: 32%
- Bad: 32%
- Neither good nor bad: 36%
How would you assess the current relations between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan?

- Good
- Bad
- Neither good nor bad
- Don't know/No answer

![Graph showing the percentage of responses for each assessment over time from May 2011 to March 2017.](image)
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partners and greatest economic threats to Kyrgyzstan?

- **Partner**
  - Russia: 97%
  - Kazakhstan: 65%
  - European Union: 37%
  - Turkey: 35%
  - China: 32%
  - Uzbekistan: 23%
  - Japan: 21%
  - Tajikistan: 15%
  - United States: 11%
  - None: 13%
  - Don't know/No answer: 12%

- **Threat**
  - Russia: 2%
  - Kazakhstan: 6%
  - European Union: 10%
  - Turkey: 15%
  - China: 35%
  - Uzbekistan: 32%
  - Japan: 32%
  - Tajikistan: 14%
  - United States: 50%
  - None: 13%
  - Don't know/No answer: 12%
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partners and greatest economic threats to Kyrgyzstan?
Do you believe that Kyrgyzstan joining the Eurasian Economic Union with Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Armenia has been positive or negative for Kyrgyzstan?

- Very positive: 32%
- Somewhat positive: 9%
- Somewhat negative: 11%
- Very negative: 47%
- Don’t know/No answer: 1%
Human Rights
In which sectors of society do you feel it is most important for women to play a role? (Three answers)

- Education: 76% Mar-17, 56% Mar-16, 61% Jul-15
- Healthcare: 78% Mar-17, 72% Mar-16, 61% Jul-15
- Households/At home: 78% Mar-17, 50% Mar-16, 49% Jul-15
- Business: 24% Mar-17, 20% Mar-16, 17% Jul-15
- Politics: 22% Mar-17, 15% Mar-16, 17% Jul-15
- Law enforcement: 15% Mar-17, 7% Mar-16, 4% Jul-15
- Farming: 8% Mar-17, 5% Mar-16, 2% Jul-15
- Don't know/No answer: 4% Mar-17, 2% Mar-16, 2% Jul-15
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?

- **Mar-17**: 35% Man, 15% Woman, 47% Makes no difference to me, 3% Don't know/No answer
- **Mar-16**: 32% Man, 19% Woman, 49% Makes no difference to me, 1% Don't know/No answer
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- **Feb-15**: 37% Man, 20% Woman, 41% Makes no difference to me, 2% Don't know/No answer
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”

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In your opinion, should more women be active in politics?

- Yes: 61%
- No: 34%
- Don't know/No answer: 5%
If yes, why should more women be active in politics? (Respondents who believe more women should be active in politics, N=918)

- Women can address issues pertaining to women’s rights more effectively: 57%
- Young women should be empowered to be more politically and socially active: 38%
- Equal representation is important: 32%
- Other: 1%
- Don’t know/No answer: 1%
If no, why should there not be more women active in politics? (Respondents who do not believe more women should be active in politics, N=512)

- **It is difficult for women to fully devote themselves to both job and family**: 42%
- **Politics is dirty, so women should not participate in it**: 21%
- **Women in politics lose their femininity**: 14%
- **Women do not possess the same skills for politics as men do**: 13%
- **There are too many women in politics already**: 8%
- **Don’t know/No answer**: 8%
In some countries, laws assign gender quotas to government representatives to ensure that men and women are more equally represented. In your opinion, should Kyrgyzstan initiate such laws or not?

- Yes, they are useful: 51%
- No: 29%
- Don't know/No answer: 20%
In the next parliamentary election, will your vote be affected by which parties have a fair representation of women on their lists?

- Yes, I would be more likely to vote for a party with fair representation (24%)
- No, I would not be more likely to vote for a party with fair representation (17%)
- It would not affect my vote (50%)
- Don’t know/No answer (9%)
In your opinion, which organizations provide the most opportunities for women to participate in politics?

- Political parties: 51%
- Trade unions: 28%
- Civil society organizations: 28%
- Youth organizations: 24%
- Voluntary associations: 11%
- Other: 1%
- Don't know/No answer: 22%
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
“Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”
(Disaggregated by age)
In your opinion, should more youth in Kyrgyzstan be active in politics?
If yes, why should more youth be active in politics? (Respondents who believe more youth should be active in politics, N=1,442)

- **Youth are the future of the country**: 68%
- **Youth bring a new set of fresh ideas, values and opportunities**: 54%
- **To empower the next generation to be more politically and socially active**: 41%
- **Equal representation is important**: 9%
If no, why should there not be more youth active in politics? (Respondents who do not believe more youth should be active in politics, N=58)

- **Young people need to pay their dues and rise the same way as other leaders**: 31%
- **Young people do not have the stomach for politics**: 21%
- **Young people bring new ideas, which upset the existing order**: 17%
- **Young people do not have the financial resources to contribute**: 9%
- **Young people don’t have life experience**: 5%
- **Don’t know/No Answer**: 24%
Sources of Information
In general, which of the following most influences your views of parties or candidates?

- Great/Some influence
- Not much/No influence
- Don't know/No answer

Meetings with politicians: 63% Great/Some influence, 34% Not much/No influence, 3% Don't know/No answer

Meeting with/Opinions of respected people: 55% Great/Some influence, 41% Not much/No influence, 4% Don't know/No answer

TV ads: 48% Great/Some influence, 50% Not much/No influence, 2% Don't know/No answer

Articles in newspapers about the candidates: 40% Great/Some influence, 56% Not much/No influence, 4% Don't know/No answer

Visits of party representatives to your house: 37% Great/Some influence, 57% Not much/No influence, 6% Don't know/No answer

Phone calls to your house from the political party or candidate: 35% Great/Some influence, 58% Not much/No influence, 7% Don't know/No answer

Personal letters to you from the candidate: 34% Great/Some influence, 58% Not much/No influence, 8% Don't know/No answer

Paid ads in newspapers for the candidate or party: 29% Great/Some influence, 66% Not much/No influence, 5% Don't know/No answer

Billboards: 29% Great/Some influence, 67% Not much/No influence, 4% Don't know/No answer

Social media: 26% Great/Some influence, 60% Not much/No influence, 14% Don't know/No answer

Radio ads: 24% Great/Some influence, 70% Not much/No influence, 6% Don't know/No answer

Brochures/Pamphlets: 24% Great/Some influence, 71% Not much/No influence, 5% Don't know/No answer

Slogans/Text messages on vehicles: 22% Great/Some influence, 73% Not much/No influence, 5% Don't know/No answer
Which of these media outlets do you use for political information?

- TV news and programs: 94% (Mar-17), 94% (Mar-16)
- Relatives/Friends: 48% (Mar-17), 38% (Mar-16)
- Internet: 29% (Mar-17), 20% (Mar-16)
- Articles in newspapers: 30% (Mar-17), 35% (Mar-16)
- Radio news and programs: 27% (Mar-17), 19% (Mar-16)
- Billboards/Stands in the streets: 27% (Mar-17), 11% (Mar-16)
- Meetings with politicians: 11% (Mar-17), 7% (Mar-16)
- Colleagues: 7% (Mar-17), 4% (Mar-16)
- Articles in magazines: 6% (Mar-17), 2% (Mar-16)
- Leaflets/Other free information by mail: 6% (Mar-17), 1% (Mar-16)
- Don't know/No answer: 2% (Mar-17), 2% (Mar-16)

Comparison across months:
- July 2015
- March 2016
- March 2017
How often do you 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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Where do you access the internet? (Internet users, N=599)

- Via mobile phone: 69%
- At home: 39%
- At work: 7%
- At friends’ homes: 2%
- At internet cafés: 1%
- At school/University: 1%
- Don’t know/No answer: 4%
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