Public Opinion Survey Residents of Moldova

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Detailed Methodology

- The survey was coordinated and analyzed by Dr. Rasa Ališauskienė from public opinion and market research company <u>Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization</u> on behalf of the <u>International Republican Institute</u>. The field work was carried out by <u>Magenta Consulting</u>.
- Data was collected throughout Moldova (except in Transnistria) between March 11-25, 2016 through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The main sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Moldova older than the age of 18 and eligible to vote with an oversample in the capital Chisinau. It is representative of the general population by age, gender, education, region and size of the settlement.
- Multistage probability sampling method was used with the random route and next birthday respondent's selection procedures.
 - Stage one: all districts of Moldova are grouped into 11 groups. All regions of Moldova were surveyed.
 - Stage two: selection of the settlements: cities and villages.
 - Settlements were selected at random.
 - The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in a 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 2.8 percent.
- Response rate was 50 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the <u>National Endowment for Democracy</u>.

Overwhelming Dissatisfaction with Status Quo

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Generally speaking, do you think that things in Moldova are going in the right direction or wrong direction?



*In December 2014, news broke of a major banking scandal which resulted in nearly \$1 billion missing from three state banks.

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

(Three spontaneous answers)



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

(Three spontaneous answers)



Is corruption a big problem in Moldova today?

	a very big issue not an issue at all		a big issue t know/No answer		Ilt is not a bi	g issue	1
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October 2015			87%			8%	6 1% 2 <mark>%</mark> 2%
September 2014		73	%		18%	6	5% 1 <mark>%</mark> 3%
June 2014			81%			14%	1% <mark>1%</mark> 3%
January 2012		73	%		2	1%	2 <mark>%</mark> 3%
December 2011			80%			15%	2%1 <mark>%</mark> 2%
August 2011		61%			29%	3	3% 1 <mark>%</mark> 6%
February 2011		59%			33%		<mark>3% 1%</mark> 4%
September 2010		57%			31%	4%	6 1 <mark>%</mark> 7%
May 2010		53%			37%		4% 1 <mark>%</mark> 5%
February 2010		58%			33%		4% <mark>2%</mark> 3%
November 2009		61%			31%		<mark>3%</mark> 5%
November 2008		62%			27%		4%1 <mark>%</mark> 6%
April 2008		60%			25%	5%	10%
March 2007		64%			26%		2% 8%
April 2006		66%			25%		<mark>3%</mark> 5%
November 2004		72%	6		2	4%	<mark>2%</mark>
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Do you consider the country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or the interest of some groups?



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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

Are you satisfied with the pace of change in Moldova today?



Do you approve or disapprove of the parliamentary majority of the Liberal Democratic Party, Democratic Party, Liberal Party and ex-Communist Party MPs?

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



Do you approve or disapprove of the new Filip government?

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



What are the most important problems that the Filip government must solve? Nationwide

(Three spontaneous answers)



What are the most important problems that the Filip government must solve? Chisinau

(Three spontaneous answers)



What is your opinion of each of the following institutions? Nationwide

■ Favor	rable ∎U	Infavorabl	e ■Don't knov	w/No answer		
Moldovan Orthodox Church			67%		24%	
Romanian Orthodox Church in Moldova		5	i 9 %		29%	12%
Army			57%		30%	12%
Moldovan mass media		55	%		37%	8%
Education system		47% 43%				10%
Local authorities		43%		50	%	7%
Professional associations		38%	8% 39%			
International Monetary Fund		36%		40%		24%
Trade unions		34%				20%
Healthcare system	3	1%		63%		6%
Police authorities	27%	6		67%		6%
Central Electoral Commission	25%			57%		18%
Central Bank	25%			63%		12%
Courts of justice	20%			67%		13%
Moldovan Government	19%			75%		6%
Political parties	17%			76%		7%
President's Office	17%			76%		7%
Moldovan Parliament	17%			77%		6%
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What is your opinion of each of the following institutions? Chisinau

■ Fav	orable 🔳	Jnfavorable	■Don't know/	No answer			
Moldovan Orthodox Church			63%		28%	9%	
Army		6	0%		30%	10%	
Romanian Orthodox Church in Moldova		5	9%		27%	14%	
Moldovan mass media		57	/%		39%		
Education system		52%			43%	5%	
International Monetary Fund		47%		16%			
Professional associations		44%		17%			
Trade unions		39%		50%		11%	
Healthcare system		34%		63%		3%	
Local authorities	3	32%		63%		5%	
Central Electoral Commission	2	9%		53%		17%	
Police authorities	28	3%		68%		4%	
Central Bank	25%	6		69 %		6%	
Courts of justice	23%			70%		7%	
Moldovan Government	18%			78%		4%	
President's Office	18%			78%		4%	
Political parties	14%			80%		5%	
Moldovan Parliament	14%			82%		4%	
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How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Moldova?

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

March 2016	3%	11%	22%		58%					
October 2015	<mark>1% 7</mark> %	%	23%		669	%	3%			
September 2014	9%	5	31%		26%	26%	7%			
June 2014	4%		41%		30%	16%	9%			
January 2012	<mark>1</mark> %	18%		43%		27%	11%			
December 2011	3%	23%		36%		29%	9%			
August 2011	5%	2	5%		39%	22%	9%			
February 2011	3%	2	. 9 %		36%	21%	10%			
September 2010	5%	23	%		41%	24%	8%			
May 2010	<mark>2</mark> %	27%	%		40%	21%	10%			
February 2010	4%	22%	6	37%	%	27%	10%			
November 2009	3%	27	′%		37%	20%	14%			
June 2009	1%	16%		41%		25%	17%			
November 2008	<mark>2</mark> %	21%		42%	0	20%	15%			
April 2008	<mark>2</mark> %	17%		41%		24%	16%			
March 2007	5%	219	%	4	1%	18%	15%			
April 2006	1%	25%			43%	14%	17%			
November 2004	<mark>2</mark> %	26%	6		44%	14%	14%			
March 2004	<mark>2</mark> %	24%			44%	17%	13%			
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If you could have only 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
 Don't know/No answer



Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Moldova changed?

•	 Improved a lot Worsened somewhat 				Improved somewhatWorsened a lot			■ Don't know/No answer			
March 2016	1%	6%	23%		3	2%			36%		<mark>2</mark> %
October 2015	4%	16%	6		34%			42	2%		4%
September 2014	6%		22%		24%		21%		19%		7%
June 2014	4%	2	0%		33%			23%	14	%	6%
January 2012	<mark>2</mark> %	13%		31%			28%		22%		4%
December 2011	2 %	15%		20%		31%			29 %		3%
August 2011	5%		23%		34	1%		17%	1	8%	3%
February 2011	3%		25%		27%		2	2%	189	6	5%
September 2010	5%	18	8%		28%		26%	%	17%	6	6%
May 2010	2 %	14%		30%			30%		19%	6	5%
February 2010	<mark>2</mark> %	11%	2	4%		3	8%		21%	6	4%
November 2009	2 %	8%		34%			39%	/ D	1	0%	7%
June 2009	1%	9%	22%			42%	6		20%		5%
November 2008	2 %	20%	6	1	30%		2	8%	1	5%	5%
April 2008	2 %	13%		30%			29 %		20%		6%
March 2007	4%		24%		32%	6		27%		10%	4%
April 2006	3%	2	24%		36	5%		2	27%	5%	5%
November 2004	5%		26%			37%			22%	6%	4 %
March 2004	3%	2	.3%		37	%		2!	5%	9%	3%
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Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?

	 Improved a lot Worsened somewhat 				Improved somewhatWorsened a lot				 Stayed the same Don't know/No answer 				
March 2016	1%	5 <mark>%</mark>	32%			33	3%		27%	6	<mark>2</mark> %		
October 2015	4%	2	.4%		33	%			35%		4%		
September 2014	4%	21	%		389	%		19%		15%	3%		
June 2014	<mark>2</mark> %	18%			45%				24%	9	<mark>% 2</mark> %		
January 2012	<mark>2</mark> %	10%		41%			-	29%		15%	3%		
December 2011	1%	13%		39%	0		2	8%		17%	<mark>2</mark> %		
August 2011	4%	18%			43%	/ 0		18	%	14%	3%		
February 2011	1%	16%		34%				31%			3%		
September 2010	4%	14%		36%				2 9 %		14%	4%		
May 2010	1%	11%		42%				29%		15%	2 %		
February 2010	1%	8%		36%			36%			16%	4%		
November 2009	1%	7%		46%				34%		9%	3%		
June 2009	1%	9%		32%			36%		1	7%	5%		
November 2008	1%	15%		39	9%			27%		14%	4%		
April 2008	<mark>2</mark> %	11%		37%			25%		16%		9%		
March 2007	3%	19%			41%			23	8%	9 %	5%		
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In your opinion, how will economic situation of Moldova change in the next 12 months?



What are the most important problems your town/village is facing at the moment? Nationwide





What are the most important problems your town/village is facing at the moment? **Chisinau**



50%

What are the most important problems facing you and your household? Nationwide

(Three spontaneous answers)



What are the most important problems facing you and your household? Chisinau

(Three spontaneous answers)



Do you think the dissolution of the Soviet Union was a good or bad thing?



Looking to New Political Leaders

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What is your opinion of the following Moldovan politicians or members of the Moldovan government? Nationwide

■ Have not heard

Don't know/No answer

■ Unfavorable

■ Favorable

Renato Usati Maia Sand Igor Dodo Andrei Nastas Iurie Leance Dorin Chirtoaca Pavel Fili Vladimir Voroni Adrian Cand Valeriu Strele Natalia Gherma Alexandru Tanas Marian Lup Corina Fus Nicolae Timoft Eugen Carpo Dumitru Diaco Mihai Ghimp Vlad Fila Vlad Plahotniu

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What is your opinion of the following Moldovan politicians or members of the Moldovan government? Chisinau

	■ Favorable	2	■ Unfavo	rable	■Hav	e not hea	ard	■No	answer	
Maia Sandu			61%					33%		3 % 3%
Andrei Nastase			57%				21%	,	13%	9%
lurie Leanca		469	%			49%				
Renato Usatii		38%					58%			<mark>1%</mark> 3%
Igor Dodon		37%				5	9%			4%
Dorin Chirtoaca		36%				e	51%			1% 2%
Adrian Candu	26%				54%	,)			12%	8%
Pavel Filip	26%					62%			5%	7%
Alexandru Tanase	24%		44%				1	5%	179	%
Valeriu Strelet	24%				61	%			7%	8%
Natalia Gherman	23%			41%	,)		2	2%	1	4%
Marian Lupu	18%					79 %				<mark>1%</mark> 2%
Vladimir Voronin	17%				-	79%				4%
Corina Fusu	16%				64%				13%	7%
Eugen Carpov	15%		38	%			37%			10%
Dumitru Diacov	13%			(57%				12%	7%
Mihai Ghimpu	13%				84	4%				<mark>1%</mark> 2%
Nicolae Timofti	12%				81%					<mark>2%</mark> 5%
Vlad Filat	10%				85%	6				4%
Vlad Plahotniuc	5%				92 %					3%
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Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most? Nationwide

(Spontaneous)



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Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most? Chisinau

(Spontaneous)



30%

Which political party best represents your point of view? (Spontaneous)



How much interest do you have in politics?

■ Inter	ested	■ Mediur	m interes	st 🔳	Not inter	ested	∎ Don't	know/No	answer		
March 2016	31	%			39%			29 9	%	1%	
October 2015		35%			30%			33%		2 %	
September 2014		34%			28%			35%		3%	
June 2014	31	%		2	. 9 %			39 %		1%	
January 2012	28%	/ 0		32	32%			38%		<mark>2</mark> %	
December 2011		37%			33	%		299	%	1%	
August 2011	299	%		30	%			40%		1%	
February 2011	3	34%			29%			36%			
September 2010	3	2%		2	26%			41%			
May 2010	28%	/ 0		29%	29%			41%			
February 2010	3	2%			31%			36%			
November 2009	30	%		3	30%			39%			
June 2009		34%			30%		35%				
November 2008	22%			31%			4	6%		1%	
April 2008	25%			29 %			4	5%		<mark>2</mark> %	
March 2007	21%		2	9%			49 %	%		<mark>2</mark> %	
April 2006	25%			26%			469	%		3%	
November 2004	23%			28%			48	3%		1%	
March 2004	27%			31%				41%		<mark>2</mark> %	
0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	

How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the upcoming presidential elections?



*Due to a March 4, 2016 ruling of the Moldovan Constitutional Court, Moldovan citizens will directly elect the president on October 30, 2016. This will be the first popular election of the president since 1996.

How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the upcoming presidential elections? Nationwide



How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the upcoming presidential elections? Chisinau


In a direct election for the President, for whom would you vote?



Do you support the idea of early parliamentary elections?





How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next parliamentary elections?





How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next parliamentary elections? Nationwide



How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next parliamentary elections? Chisinau



If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and the following political parties participated in the election, for which political party would you vote?



■ Nationwide ■ Chisinau

25%

If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and the following political parties participated in the election, for which political party would you vote? Likely Voters

■ Nationwide (N=1125) ■ Chisinau (N=529) 21% Our Party (Usatii) 11% 20% 19% 12% 21% 12% 19% 7% 3% 6% 3% 4% 3% 2% 3% 2% Liberal Party (Ghimpu) 3% 2% Other 1% 2% None 3% 1% Will not vote 1% **9%** Don't know/No answer 10% 5% 25% 0% 10% 15% 20%

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Party of Socialists of The Republic of Moldova (Dodon) Political party "Action and Solidarity" (Sandu) Political party "Dignity and Truth Platform" (Nastase) Democratic Party of Moldova (Lupu) Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova (Voronin) European Peoples' Party of Moldova (Leanca) Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova (Filat) Liberal Party (Ghimpu)

International Relations

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How would you assess the current relations between Moldova and...



Which of these countries do you consider to be the greatest economic partner, economic threat, political partner and political threat for Moldova? (Nationwide)



Which of these countries do you consider to be the greatest economic partner, economic threat, political partner and political threat for Moldova? (Chisinau)



If Moldova could only join one international economic union, which one should it be?



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

■ For Moldova joining NATO ■ Against Moldova joining NATO ■ Would not vote ■ Don't know/No answer



What do you think the future of Transnistria should be?

Ordinary region of Moldova, without any autonomy

Independent

■ A part of Ukraine

Autonomy within the Republic of Moldova
A part of the Russian Federation

Don't know/No answer

March 2016			489	%			26%		13%	7%	6 1 <mark>%5%</mark>
October 2015				56%				26%		5% 89	% <mark>2</mark> %3%
September 14				60%				15%	11%	8%	<mark>2%</mark> 4%
June 2014				67%	6			1	6%	6%	7%1 <mark>%</mark> 3%
January 2012		66%						16% <mark>7% 7% <1</mark> %4%			<mark>ն <1%</mark> 4%
December 2011		66%						1	7%	5% 6%	6 1% 4%
August 2011		61%						20%		8% 6	<mark>%1%</mark> 4%
February 2011		60%						18%	8%	5% <	1% 9%
September 2010		65%						16%	6 7	7% 3%	1% 8%
May 2010		72%							12%	8% 2%	<1%6%
February 2010		68%						17% 5		5% 4	<mark>%1</mark> % 5%
June 2009		69%						18%		5% 2	<mark>%1</mark> % 6%
November 2008		68%							19%	4 <mark>%1</mark> %	<mark>6<</mark> 1%7%
April 2008		65%						21% <mark>4%2%</mark> 1%7			<mark>%</mark> 1%7%
March 2007	′			61%				21%	4	<mark>% 3%</mark>	11%
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Given the current Russian activities in Ukraine, do you consider Russian troops in Transnistria to be a threat to Moldova?

They are a real threat to Moldova

They are maybe a threat to Moldova, depending on events in Ukraine

They are not a real threat to Moldova

■ Don't know/No answer



Women and Youth in Moldova



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?

Would vote for the female candidateMakes no difference to me

■ Would vote for the male candidate

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"



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people"



Demographics



Demographics Nationwide



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Demographics Nationwide



Demographics Chisinau



Demographics Chisinau



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