# NATIONAL SURVEY OF MONGOLIAN YOUTH 

## A NATIONWIDE PUBLIC OPINION POLL

## May 14 - June 15, 2020

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's Center for Insights in Survey Research (CISR) by the Independent Research Institute of Mongolia (IRIM).
- Data collection was conducted between May 14 - June 15, 2020 through interviews administered face-to-face in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of $n=2,494$ residents of Mongolia, aged 18 to 40 .
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample according to population estimates from the National Statistical Office. The sample was stratified by region and by urban/rural residency, followed by random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. Households were selected by randomly walking in each of the 250 PSUs, and respondents were selected by the last birthday method.
- The data was weighted by gender and age groups according to 2019 estimates from the National Statistical Office.
- The response rate was 20 percent.
- The margin of error at the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed $\pm 2.0$ points at the $95 \%$ confidence level.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.


## Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

| Disaggregate |  | Category |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Age Brackets | Age 18-25 | $\mathrm{n}=787$ |
|  | Age 26-30 | $\mathrm{n}=603$ |
|  | Age 31-35 | $\mathrm{n}=605$ |
|  | Age 36-40 | $\mathrm{n}=499$ |
| Gender | Male | $\mathrm{n}=1,246$ |
|  | Female | $\mathrm{n}=1,248$ |
| Regions of Mongolia | Western Region | $\mathrm{n}=298$ |
|  | Khangai Region | $\mathrm{n}=439$ |
|  | Central Region | $\mathrm{n}=413$ |
|  | Eastern Region | $\mathrm{n}=182$ |
|  | Ulaanbaatar Region | $\mathrm{n}=1,162$ |

## Geographical key: Regions of Mongolia



Central Region

Khangai Region

Eastern Region

Ulaanbaatar

Western Region

## Previous IRI Mongolia polls

| Poll | Fieldwork Dates | Total Sample Size |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pre-Presidential Election National Survey of Mongolian Public Opinion | April 24-May 4, 2017 | $\mathrm{n}=3,000$ |
| Mongolian Public Opinion: Parliament After 100 Days | January 23 - February 5, 2017 | $\mathrm{n}=5,000$ |
| Post-Election National Survey of Mongolian Public Opinion | August 16-August 26, 2016 | $\mathrm{n}=5,000$ |
| National Survey of Mongolian Public Opinion | March 1-March 15, 2016 | $\mathrm{n}=5,000$ |
| Survey of Mongolian Public Opinion | October 12-November 12, 2011 | $\mathrm{n}=2,413$ |
| Survey of Mongolian Public Opinion | August 10 - September 3, 2010 | $\mathrm{n}=2,250$ |

## About the Center for Insights In Survey Research (CISR)



Research and qualitative and quantitative public opinion data is a cornerstone of IRI's approach to programming. Our data helps put citizens' need at the center of the political debate and guide our projects' goals. To date, IRI has conducted more than 900 polls in over 100 countries, surveying more than 1.5 million people and measuring community attitudes on a wide range of issues.

IRI's research approach integrates CISR's methodological polling best practices protocol and field partner in-depth knowledge of the local research environment. This close collaboration begins at project design, with carefully calibrated sampling and instrument development, and continues throughout the entire fieldwork cycle to ensure the collection of reliable qualitative and quantitative data.

## Youth Perspectives on Issues Facing Mongolia

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In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?


How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?


To what extent do civil society organizations (CSOs) impact government policy in our country?


Do you think that today's generation of young people has a good future in our country or not?


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## What is the biggest problem for our country?

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## Political Institutions and Governance

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



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## Mean (Average) Index of Institution Rating

| Issue | Age 18-25 | Age 26-30 | Age 31-35 | Age 36-40 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Parliament | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| General Election Commission | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Courts | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Army | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Police | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| Media | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| President's office | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| Cabinet | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Political parties | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Religious institutions | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| Local government | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| CSOs and NGOs | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 |

*Top 3 most positive ratings are highlighted.
*Index is the average of ratings: 1 = Very positive, $2=$ Somewhat positive, $3=$ Somewhat negative, $4=$ Very negative.
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| Creating jobs | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Providing healthcare | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| Providing education | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| Maintaining infrastructure like roads and public buildings | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Fighting corruption | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Providing childcare (through pre-schools) | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| Fighting crime | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| Fighting domestic violence | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| Fighting fake news (disinformation) | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Providing economic opportunity | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| Responding to the needs of citizens | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Providing all citizens an opportunity to engage in politics | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 |

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## Youth and Women's Political Participation

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How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population are included in political decision-making?


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Why are there not more youth aged 40 and younger politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.


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## Percentage of "Major role" Displayed



## Election and Political Parties

## Did you vote in the most recent elections?*


*At the time of fieldwork, most recent elections referred to the 2017 Presidential Elections or

## What is the primary reason you did not vote in the most recent elections?*

(Among those who did not vote in the most recent elections, $\mathrm{n}=681$; spontaneous response)

*At the time of fieldwork, most recent elections referred to the 2017 Presidential Elections or the 2016 Parliamentary Elections.

Have you or your family encountered any of the following during the election campaign or on election day?


## Should the upcoming elections be postponed due to COVID-19?



How likely or unlikely are you to vote in the upcoming elections?


## Which factor will be most important in determining your vote?

(Spontaneous response; among likely and decided voters, $\mathrm{n}=1,172$ )


## Why are you very unlikely to vote in the upcoming elections?

(Among very unlikely voters, $\mathrm{n}=459$; spontaneous response)


Do you agree or disagree that political parties are doing enough to address the needs of young people like you?


## Democracy and its Elements

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Nyamdavaa, Anand. Demonstrations in the 1990s demanding change. Quora, 3 January 2019, https://www.quora.com/What-is-good and-ba democracy-happen-in-Mongolia.

Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?


- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country

Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country but needs further advancement and improvement $\square$ No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country
$■$ No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy

- Don't know/Refused to answer

Thinking about our country's current political system, do you believe it is a democracy?

$\square$ Full democracy $\square$ Nearly full democracy $\square$ Flawed democracy $\square$ Not a democracy at all $\square$ Don't know/Refused to answer

## How important or unimportant are each of these elements in making any country a democracy?



Do people in our country feel free to openly express their opinions or are they afraid?


Is the media in our country free to independently cover any issue or not?


## Have you ever engaged in any of the following

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Why have you never engaged in any of these activities?
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## Corruption

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


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


## To whom did you have to pay a bribe, make a gift or do a favor?

(Among those who had to provide a bribe, gift or favor in the last 12 months, $\mathrm{n}=561$; multiple responses permitted)


## To whom did you have to pay a bribe, make a gift or do a favor?

(Among those who paid a bribe in the last 12 months; multiple responses permitted)


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## Foreign Policy

## Please tell me your opinion of each of the following countries:



## What should our country's foreign policy course be?



■ Don't know/Refused to answer

## Media and Disinformation

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How interested or uninterested are you in political news and information?


## Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

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Which specific media outlets, such as a specific TV channel, radio FM station, newspaper, website, social media platform, etc. do you consider most trustworthy for political information?
(Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)

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Top 20 Responses
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How often, if ever, do you use the internet or social media?


How frequently do you encounter information in the media, including social media, that you believe is misleading or false?


## Where do you encounter disinformation or false news most frequently?

(Among those who reported encountering information that they believe is misleading or false, $\mathrm{n}=2,320$ )


Which statement comes closest to your personal opinion regarding news and reporting from Chinese media outlets?


Which statement comes closest to your personal opinion regarding news and reporting from Russian media outlets?


Have you ever been tricked into believing fake news/disinformation was true?


Do you regularly take action to verify information you receive?


## If so, what action did you take?

(Among those who regularly verify information, $\mathrm{n}=1,104$; spontaneous response)


Which of the following is the biggest threat to a free and open information space in Mongolia?


## Demographics

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