Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Malaysia

March 2022
Detailed Methodology

• The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute’s Center for Insights in Survey Research by Central Force with support from Designs, Data, Decisions (D3).

• This computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) survey was conducted across Malaysia from March 7-24, 2022, and is a nationally-representative sample of 1,207 mobile phone owning Malaysia citizens aged 18 or older. The June 2020 poll was carried out from June 4 - 15 2020, and was a nationally-representative sample of 1,207 mobile or landline phone owning Malaysia citizens aged 18 or older. The October 2021 poll was carried out from September 28 - October 2021, and was a nationally-representative sample of 1,202 mobile phone owning Malaysia citizens aged 18 or older.

• The sample was drawn using Random-Digit-Dialing (RDD). The sampling frames for mobile phones were structured according to the National Numbering Plans from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC). These frames are maintained and updated by D3 for national CATI surveys in Malaysia. Mobile phones were assumed to be personal devices and the person who answered was selected if he/she fit the eligibility criteria.

• After the data collection, the sample was post-weighted for state, gender, age, ethnicity, and urbanicity based upon the 2019 estimates of the Malaysia Department of Statistics. The same weighting procedures were applied for the June 2020 and October 2021 polls.

• The margin of error at the midrange does not exceed 2.8 percentage points with a confidence level of 95 percent.

• The response rate was 18 percent.

• Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

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Cited bases are weighted. Margin of error will vary with sample size n.
In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

83% 70% 64% 14% 22% 28% 3% 9% 8%

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

June 2020 October 2021 March 2022

Right direction
Wrong direction
Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer

The unsure due to current situation response option was added in 2021.
In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

| March 2022 | Age 18-35 | 68% | 26% | 6% |
| Age 36-50 | 55% | 35% | 10% |
| Age 51-65 | 67% | 25% | 8% |
| Age 66+ | 65% | 20% | 15% |
| Age 18-35 | 75% | 20% | 5% |
| Age 36-50 | 69% | 20% | 11% |
| Age 51-65 | 59% | 30% | 11% |
| Age 66+ | 67% | 17% | 16% |
| Age 18-35 | 91% | 7% | 2% |
| Age 36-50 | 81% | 16% | 3% |
| Age 51-65 | 76% | 18% | 7% |
| Age 66+ | 64% | 36% | 7% |

The unsure due to current situation response option was added in 2021.
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?

**All respondents**
- Very satisfied: 17%
- Somewhat satisfied: 44%
- Somewhat dissatisfied: 27%
- Very dissatisfied: 11%
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: <1%

**Gender**

**Men**
- Very satisfied: 21%
- Somewhat satisfied: 41%
- Somewhat dissatisfied: 24%
- Very dissatisfied: 14%
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: <1%

**Women**
- Very satisfied: 12%
- Somewhat satisfied: 47%
- Somewhat dissatisfied: 31%
- Very dissatisfied: 9%
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Unsure due to current situation/Don’t know/Refused to answer

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**Very satisfied**

**Somewhat satisfied**

**Somewhat dissatisfied**

**Very dissatisfied**

**Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer**

The *unsure due to current situation* response option was added in 2021.
Would you like to see new political parties in future elections or are you satisfied with the current choices?

- **March 2022**
  - I would like to see new political parties: 50%
  - I am satisfied with the current choices: 44%
  - Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 6%

- **October 2021**
  - I would like to see new political parties: 46%
  - I am satisfied with the current choices: 49%
  - Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%

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The *unsure due to current situation* response option was added in 2021.
To what extent do you approve or disapprove of the Ismail Sabri Yaakob government?

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To what extent do you approve or disapprove of the Ismail Sabri Yaakob government?

All respondents
- Approve a lot: 17%
- Somewhat approve: 45%
- Somewhat disapprove: 22%
- Disapprove a lot: 13%
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%

Ethnicity

Malay (n=671)
- Approve a lot: 21%
- Somewhat approve: 51%
- Somewhat disapprove: 18%
- Disapprove a lot: 7%
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

Chinese (n=309)
- Approve a lot: 7%
- Somewhat approve: 36%
- Somewhat disapprove: 31%
- Disapprove a lot: 20%
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 6%

Indian (n=90)
- Approve a lot: 18%
- Somewhat approve: 35%
- Somewhat disapprove: 22%
- Disapprove a lot: 21%
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%

Bumiputera (n=124)
- Approve a lot: 18%
- Somewhat approve: 46%
- Somewhat disapprove: 22%
- Disapprove a lot: 13%
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, how has your trust in government officials in Malaysia changed?

- Increased a lot: 10% (March 2022), 13% (October 2021)
- Increased somewhat: 23% (March 2022), 30% (October 2021)
- Stayed the same: 25% (March 2022), 21% (October 2021)
- Decreased somewhat: 25% (March 2022), 22% (October 2021)
- Decreased a lot: 16% (March 2022), 13% (October 2021)
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 1% (March 2022), <1% (October 2021)
Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, how has your trust in government officials in Malaysia changed?

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How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next general election?

March 2022
- Very likely: 53%
- Somewhat likely: 31%
- Somewhat unlikely: 8%
- Very unlikely: 8%
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

October 2021
- Very likely: 57%
- Somewhat likely: 29%
- Somewhat unlikely: 8%
- Very unlikely: 5%
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

June 2020
- Very likely: 62%
- Somewhat likely: 28%
- Somewhat unlikely: 6%
- Very unlikely: 3%
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

The unsure due to current situation response option was added in 2021.
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- **Very likely**
- **Somewhat likely**
- **Somewhat unlikely**
- **Very unlikely**
- **Unsure due to current situation/Don’t know/Refused to answer**

The **unsure due to current situation** response option was added in 2021.
When it comes to the next general election, which of the following most closely matches your main reason to vote?

- **Ensuring that the next government has the people’s vote**: 57% (March 2022), 59% (October 2021)
- **ELECTING DIFFERENT POLITICAL LEADERS**: 23% (March 2022), 18% (October 2021)
- **Supporting the current political leaders**: 16% (March 2022), 20% (October 2021)
- **Other**: <1% (March 2022), <1% (October 2021)
- **Usure due to current situation/Don’t know/Refused to answer**: 3% (March 2022), 2% (October 2021)
When it comes to the next general election, which of the following most closely matches your main reason to vote?

(Disaggregated by age)

### October 2021

- **Ensuring that the next government has the people’s vote**
  - Age 18-35: 58%
  - Age 36-50: 58%
  - Age 51-65: 63%
  - Age 66+: 58%

- **ELECTING DIFFERENT POLITICAL LEADERS**
  - Age 18-35: 20%
  - Age 36-50: 15%
  - Age 51-65: 19%
  - Age 66+: 17%

- **Supporting the current political leaders**
  - Age 18-35: 20%
  - Age 36-50: 24%
  - Age 51-65: 14%
  - Age 66+: 26%

- **Other**
  - Age 18-35: 1%
  - Age 36-50: 1%
  - Age 51-65: 1%
  - Age 66+: 1%

- **Uncertainty due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer**
  - Age 18-35: 2%
  - Age 36-50: 4%
  - Age 51-65: 4%
  - Age 66+: 9%

### March 2022

- **Ensuring that the next government has the people’s vote**
  - Age 18-35: 59%
  - Age 36-50: 60%
  - Age 51-65: 52%
  - Age 66+: 48%

- **ELECTING DIFFERENT POLITICAL LEADERS**
  - Age 18-35: 25%
  - Age 36-50: 23%
  - Age 51-65: 28%
  - Age 66+: 12%

- **Supporting the current political leaders**
  - Age 18-35: 14%
  - Age 36-50: 13%
  - Age 51-65: 16%
  - Age 66+: 31%

- **Other**
  - Age 18-35: 2%
  - Age 36-50: 1%
  - Age 51-65: 1%
  - Age 66+: 4%

- **Uncertainty due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer**
  - Age 18-35: 2%
  - Age 36-50: 4%
  - Age 51-65: 4%
  - Age 66+: 9%
When it comes to the next general election, which of the following most closely matches your main reason to vote?

(Disaggregated by ethnicity)

**October 2021**

- Ensuring that the next government has the people’s vote:
  - Malay: 62%
  - Chinese: 59%
  - Indian: 52%
  - Bumiputera: 53%

- Supporting the current political leaders:
  - Malay: 26%
  - Chinese: 28%
  - Indian: 30%
  - Bumiputera: 30%

- Electing different political leaders:
  - Malay: 11%
  - Chinese: 16%
  - Indian: 30%
  - Bumiputera: 30%

- Other:
  - Malay: <1%
  - Chinese: 1%
  - Indian: 1%
  - Bumiputera: 1%

- Unsure due to current situation/Don’t know/Refused to answer:
  - Malay: 1%
  - Chinese: 4%
  - Indian: 2%
  - Bumiputera: 3%

**March 2022**

- Ensuring that the next government has the people’s vote:
  - Malay: 61%
  - Chinese: 52%
  - Indian: 42%
  - Bumiputera: 57%

- Supporting the current political leaders:
  - Malay: 17%
  - Chinese: 11%
  - Indian: 19%
  - Bumiputera: 15%

- Electing different political leaders:
  - Malay: 19%
  - Chinese: 28%
  - Indian: 38%
  - Bumiputera: 26%

- Other:
  - Malay: 1%
  - Chinese: 7%
  - Indian: 2%
  - Bumiputera: 1%

- Unsure due to current situation/Don’t know/Refused to answer:
  - Malay: 2%
  - Chinese: 1%
  - Indian: 1%
  - Bumiputera: 1%
Some people are concerned about freedom of elections and ballot box security in our country. Which of the following statements comes closest to your personal opinion regarding this matter?

- Elections in our country today are free and ballot box security is ensured
- I have some concerns about the freedom of the electoral process and safety of the ballot boxes, but it is still possible to conduct democratic elections in our country today
- Elections in our country today are not free and ballot box security is not ensured
- Unsure due to current situation/Don’t know/Refused to answer

The unsure due to current situation response option was added in 2021.
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- Elections in our country today are not free and ballot box security is not ensured
- Don't know/Refused to answer

### June 2020

- Elections in our country today are free and ballot box security is ensured:
  - 36% 18-35, 37% 36-50, 46% 51-65, 39% 66+

- I have some concerns about the freedom of the electoral process and safety of the ballot boxes, but it is still possible to conduct democratic elections in our country today:
  - 51% 18-35, 47% 36-50, 39% 51-65, 39% 66+

- Elections in our country today are not free and ballot box security is not ensured:
  - 12% 18-35, 15% 36-50, 14% 51-65, 9% 66+

- Don't know/Refused to answer:
  - 1% 18-35, 1% 36-50, 1% 51-65, 6% 66+

### October 2021

- Elections in our country today are free and ballot box security is ensured:
  - 30% 18-35, 38% 36-50, 43% 51-65, 60% 66+

- I have some concerns about the freedom of the electoral process and safety of the ballot boxes, but it is still possible to conduct democratic elections in our country today:
  - 50% 18-35, 45% 36-50, 36% 51-65, 10% 66+

- Elections in our country today are not free and ballot box security is not ensured:
  - 19% 18-35, 17% 36-50, 21% 51-65, 25% 66+

- Don't know/Refused to answer:
  - 1% 18-35, <1% 36-50, 1% 51-65, 5% 66+

### March 2022

- Elections in our country today are free and ballot box security is ensured:
  - 33% 18-35, 39% 36-50, 38% 51-65, 63% 66+

- I have some concerns about the freedom of the electoral process and safety of the ballot boxes, but it is still possible to conduct democratic elections in our country today:
  - 50% 18-35, 38% 36-50, 39% 51-65, 20% 66+

- Elections in our country today are not free and ballot box security is not ensured:
  - 16% 18-35, 22% 36-50, 23% 51-65, 7% 66+

- Don't know/Refused to answer:
  - 1% 18-35, 1% 36-50, 1% 51-65, 10% 66+
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 
Party hopping among elected officials should be addressed with legislation.

The unsure due to current situation response option was added in 2021.
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
*Party hopping among elected officials should be addressed with legislation.*

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In your opinion, which among the following issues is the most important for the government to address?

- National unity: 34%
- Judicial and parliamentary independence: 22%
- Discrimination and affirmative action (i.e., New Economic Policy (NEP)): 18%
- Electoral and political financing reform: 13%
- Party-hopping: 9%
- Other: 1%
- None of these: 1%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
In your opinion, which among the following issues is the most important for the government to address?

(Disaggregated by gender)

- National unity
- Judicial and parliamentary independence
- Discrimination and affirmative action (ie: New Economic Policy (NEP))
- Electoral and political financing reform
- Party-hopping
- Other
- None
- Don't know/Refused to answer

[Bar chart showing the percentage of men and women for each issue]
In your opinion, which among the following issues is the most important for the government to address?

(Disaggregated by age)

- National unity
- Judicial and parliamentary independence
- Discrimination and affirmative action (ie: New Economic Policy (NEP))
- Electoral and political financing reform
- Party-hopping
- Other
- None of these
- Don't know/Refused to answer
In your opinion, which among the following issues is the most important for the government to address?

(Disaggregated by ethnicity)

- National unity
- Judicial and parliamentary independence
- Discrimination and affirmative action (ie: New Economic Policy (NEP))
- Electoral and political financing reform
- Party-hopping
- Other
- None
- Don't know/Refused to answer

Malay (n=671)
Chinese (n=309)
Indian (n=90)
Bumiputera (n=124)
For political news and information, which social media platform do you use most frequently?

(Spontaneous response)

- Facebook: 44%
- Instagram: 8%
- Twitter: 7%
- WhatsApp: 4%
- Youtube: 4%
- Tiktok: 2%
- Telegram: 1%
- Other: 6%
- None: 20%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%

Mentions less than 1% have been combined into other.
For political news and information, which social media platform do you use most frequently?

(Spontaneous response; disaggregated by age)

Age 18-35
- Facebook: 52%
- Instagram: 14%
- Twitter: 13%
- Tiktok: 5%
- WhatsApp: 4%
- Youtube: 2%
- Telegram: 1%
- Other: 3%
- None: 6%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

Age 36-50
- Facebook: 56%
- Instagram: 4%
- Twitter: 3%
- Youtube: 2%
- WhatsApp: 2%
- Telegram: 1%
- Tiktok: 1%
- Other: 9%
- None: 17%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%

Age 51-65
- Facebook: 27%
- Youtube: 13%
- WhatsApp: 6%
- Twitter: 4%
- Instagram: 1%
- Other: 7%
- None: 37%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%

Age 66+
- Facebook: 11%
- WhatsApp: 11%
- Youtube: 4%
- Other: 7%
- None: 58%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 8%

Mentions less than 1% have been combined into other.
For political news and information, which social media platform do you use most frequently?

(Spontaneous response; disaggregated by ethnicity)

Malay, n=671

- Facebook: 42%
- Twitter: 10%
- Instagram: 10%
- WhatsApp: 4%
- Youtube: 4%
- Tiktok: 4%
- Telegram: 1%
- Other: 4%
- None: 18%

Chinese, n=309

- Facebook: 51%
- Instagram: 4%
- Youtube: 3%
- WhatsApp: 3%
- Twitter: 2%
- Telegram: 1%
- Tiktok: 1%
- Other: 9%
- None: 22%

Indian, n=90

- Facebook: 35%
- Instagram: 9%
- WhatsApp: 8%
- Youtube: 7%
- Twitter: 5%
- Telegram: 1%
- Tiktok: 1%
- Other: 11%
- None: 19%

Bumiputera, n=124

- Facebook: 45%
- WhatsApp: 7%
- Twitter: 6%
- Youtube: 5%
- Instagram: 4%
- Telegram: 2%
- Tiktok: 4%
- Other: 4%
- None: 24%

Mentions less than 1% have been combined into other.
For political news and information, which social media platform do you use most frequently?

(Spontaneous response)

- **Facebook**: 47%
- **Instagram**: 8%
- **Twitter**: 6%
- **Youtube**: 4%
- **WhatsApp**: 5%
- **Tiktok**: 3%
- **Telegram**: <1%
- **Signal**: <1%
- **Other**: 5%
- **None**: 18%
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: 26%

Urban vs. Rural

Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%
Which news media company do you most trust to deliver accurate news and information about politics in Malaysia?

(Spontaneous response; top ten responses displayed)

- National TV* (28%)
- Astro Awani (13%)
- Berita Harian (6%)
- Sin Chew Daily (4%)
- Satellite TV** (4%)
- MalaysiaKini (3%)
- China Press (2%)
- Sinar Harian (1%)
- The Star (1%)
- Harian Metro (1%)
- None (17%)
- Don't know/Refused to answer (6%)

*Includes channels such as TV1, TV2, TV3, and TV9.
**Includes channels such as ASTRO and TM.
Which news media company do you most trust to deliver accurate news and information about politics in Malaysia?

(Spontaneous response; top ten responses displayed; disaggregated by age)

**Age 18-35**

- National TV*: 28%
- Astro Awani: 16%
- Berita Harian: 8%
- Sin Chew Daily: 4%
- Satellite TV**: 3%
- MalaysiaKini: 2%
- Harian Metro: 2%
- The Star: 2%
- Sinar Harian: 1%
- Utusan Malaysia: 1%
- None: 12%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%

**Age 36-50**

- National TV*: 25%
- Astro Awani: 11%
- Berita Harian: 6%
- Sin Chew Daily: 5%
- China Press: 4%
- Satellite TV**: 4%
- MalaysiaKini: 2%
- Harian Metro: 2%
- Kwong Wah Yit Poh: 1%
- Sinar Harian: 1%
- None: 19%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 6%

**Age 51-65**

- National TV*: 34%
- Astro Awani: 9%
- MalaysiaKini: 5%
- Sin Chew Daily: 4%
- Satellite TV**: 3%
- Sinar Harian: 3%
- Utusan Sarawak: 1%
- China Press: 1%
- The Star: 1%
- Free Malaysia Today: 1%
- None: 21%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 9%

**Age 66+**

- National TV*: 25%
- Berita Harian: 13%
- Astro Awani: 6%
- Satellite TV**: 5%
- The Edge Malaysia: 5%
- The Star: 3%
- China Press: 3%
- Sin Chew Daily: 2%
- New Sarawak Tribune: 2%
- Utusan Malaysia: 2%
- None: 20%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 8%

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(Spontaneous response; top ten responses displayed; disaggregated by urbanicity)

- National TV*: 27% Urban, 32% Rural
- Astro Awani: 12% Urban, 13% Rural
- Berita Harian: 6% Urban, 8% Rural
- Satellite TV**: 4% Urban, 1% Rural
- Sin Chew Daily: 4% Urban, 5% Rural
- MalaysiaKini: 3% Urban, 1% Rural
- China Press: <1% Urban, 2% Rural
- The Star: 2% Urban, <1% Rural
- Harian Metro: 1% Urban, 2% Rural
- Sinar Harian: 1% Urban, 2% Rural
- None: 17% Urban, 16% Rural
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 6% Urban, 4% Rural

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## Demographics

### Gender
- Female: 50%
- Male: 50%

### Age
- 18-35 years old: 45%
- 36-50 years old: 27%
- 51-65 years old: 19%
- 66+ years old: 10%

### Religion
- Muslim: 62%
- Buddhist: 18%
- Christian: 10%
- Hindu: 6%
- Other or none: 4%

### Urbanicity
- Urban: 56%
- Suburban: 20%
- Rural: 24%

### Language of interview
- Malay: 79%
- Chinese: 11%
- English: 10%

### Ethnicity
- Malay: 56%
- Chinese: 26%
- Indian: 7%
- Bumiputera: 10%
- Other: 1%

### Location
- Perlis: 1%
- Kedah: 7%
- Kelantan: 6%
- Terengganu: 4%
- Penang: 6%
- Perak: 9%
- Pahang: 5%
- Selangor: 20%
- Kuala Lumpur: 6%
- Negeri Sembilan: 4%
- Melaka: 3%
- Johor: 12%
- Sabah: 9%
- Sarawak: 9%