NATIONAL SURVEY OF TIMOR-LESTE

February - March 2023
• The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute’s Center for Insights in Survey Research by INSIGHT LTD.

• Data was collected between February 21 and March 16, 2023, through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews in respondents’ homes.

• The sample consisted of n=1,500 residents of Timor-Leste aged 17 and older. Government workers, political party employees, police and enlisted military personnel were excluded.

• A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample of Timor-Leste as per the 2015 population census. The sample was stratified by district and by urban/rural residency using a Probability Proportionate to Size (PPS) approach, followed by random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. Sucos served as PSUs within each stratum. Aldeias were selected within each selected Suco. Aldeias served as sampling points.

• Households were selected by random walk, and respondents were selected by Kish grid while observing a gender quota.

• The achieved sample was weighted for age, gender, municipality, and educational attainment as per the 2015 census of Timor-Leste. The samples for polls conducted prior 2018 are not weighted.

• The margin of error for the mid-range full sample does not exceed ± 2.5 points at the 95% level of confidence.

• 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.*
### Previous IRI Timor-Leste polls

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### 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 ensures citizens’ needs are at the center of the political debate and guide our projects’ goals. To date, IRI has conducted more than 1,000 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.

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

All Respondents
- In the right direction: 61%
- In the wrong direction: 33%
- Don't know/Refused: 6%

Urbanicity
- Urban
  - In the right direction: 56%
  - In the wrong direction: 38%
  - Don't know/Refused: 6%
- Rural
  - In the right direction: 64%
  - In the wrong direction: 31%
  - Don't know/Refused: 5%
What is the most important problem facing our country today? And what is the second most important problem?

Spontaneous response, top ten responses displayed

- **Economy—cost of living, high prices**: 35% (Most important), 25% (Second most important)
- **Economy—unemployment**: 23% (Most important), 16% (Second most important)
- **Roads**: 15% (Most important), 16% (Second most important)
- **Access to clean water**: 8% (Most important), 10% (Second most important)
- **Natural disasters**: 3% (Most important), 3% (Second most important)
- **Electricity**: 2% (Most important), 3% (Second most important)
- **Economy—other/general**: 3% (Most important), 2% (Second most important)
- **Crime/Public safety**: 1% (Most important), 3% (Second most important)
- **Agriculture**: 2% (Most important), 3% (Second most important)
- **Economy—small business opportunities/access to loans**: 2% (Most important), 3% (Second most important)
- **No (other) problem**: 1% (Most important), 2% (Second most important)
- **Don’t know/Refused**: 1% (Most important), 1% (Second most important)
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

All Respondents
- Very good: 11%
- Somewhat good: 67%
- Somewhat bad: 21%
- Very bad: 2%

Age Group
- 17-35:
  - Very good: 10%
  - Somewhat good: 69%
  - Somewhat bad: 20%
  - Very bad: 1%

- 36+:
  - Very good: 12%
  - Somewhat good: 64%
  - Somewhat bad: 22%
  - Very bad: 2%

Urbanicity
- Urban:
  - Very good: 13%
  - Somewhat good: 69%
  - Somewhat bad: 16%
  - Very bad: 2%

- Rural:
  - Very good: 9%
  - Somewhat good: 66%
  - Somewhat bad: 23%
  - Very bad: 2%

Legend:
- Very good
- Somewhat good
- Somewhat bad
- Very bad
- Don't know/Refused
Now, I’m going to read you a list of issues, and for each one, please tell me whether you feel that the situation has improved, stayed the same, or become worse in the last year?

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<td>48%</td>
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<td>37%</td>
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<td>27%</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>Land ownership</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>55%</td>
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<td>Employment</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>61%</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<td>Corruption</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>Price of goods and food</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>74%</td>
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Elections
If elections were held this coming Saturday, for which party, if any, would you vote?

Spontaneous response

- CNRT: 39%
- FRETILIN: 21%
- PD: 4%
- PLP: 1%
- KHUNTO: 1%
- PUDD: <1%
- Other: <1%
- Spoiled ballot: <1%
- I would not vote: <1%
- It's confidential: 23%
- Don’t know: 5%
- Refused: 5%
Would you consider voting for other political parties in future elections?

Among those who would vote for a party in upcoming elections:

**All Respondents (n=1,345)**
- Yes: 21%
- Maybe: 15%
- No: 63%
- Don’t know/Refused: 2%

**Urbanicity**
- Urban (n=431)
  - Yes: 26%
  - Maybe: 13%
  - No: 59%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 1%
- Rural (n=914)
  - Yes: 19%
  - Maybe: 15%
  - No: 64%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 2%

**Education**
- Primary or less (n=680)
  - Yes: 18%
  - Maybe: 16%
  - No: 63%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 2%
- Secondary (n=531)
  - Yes: 22%
  - Maybe: 13%
  - No: 64%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 1%
- Post-secondary (n=134)
  - Yes: 32%
  - Maybe: 12%
  - No: 55%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 1%

**Region**
- Dili (n=322)
  - Yes: 31%
  - Maybe: 11%
  - No: 56%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 1%
- Rest of Timor-Leste (n=1,023)
  - Yes: 18%
  - Maybe: 16%
  - No: 65%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 2%
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?

- 31% Very likely
- 39% Somewhat likely
- 18% Somewhat unlikely
- 6% Very unlikely
- 6% Don't know/Refused
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?

Region:
- All Respondents: 31% Very likely, 39% Somewhat likely, 18% Somewhat unlikely, 6% Very unlikely, 6% Don’t know/Refused
- Dili (n=382): 35% Very likely, 38% Somewhat likely, 13% Somewhat unlikely, 11% Very unlikely, 3% Don’t know/Refused
- Rest of Timor-Leste (n=1,118): 29% Very likely, 40% Somewhat likely, 19% Somewhat unlikely, 5% Very unlikely, 7% Don’t know/Refused

Education:
- Primary or less (n=760): 25% Very likely, 40% Somewhat likely, 19% Somewhat unlikely, 7% Very unlikely, 9% Don’t know/Refused
- Secondary (n=589): 36% Very likely, 39% Somewhat likely, 16% Somewhat unlikely, 6% Very unlikely, 3% Don’t know/Refused
- Post-secondary (n=151): 37% Very likely, 39% Somewhat likely, 15% Somewhat unlikely, 8% Very unlikely, 2% Don’t know/Refused
In your opinion, who are the top two best political or government leaders in Timor-Leste?

(Spontaneous response, up to two responses accepted)

José Alexandre Kay Rala
Xanana Gusmão
José Manuel Ramos Horta
Francisco Guterres "Lú-Olo"
José Maria de Vasconcelhos
 "Taur Matan Ruak"
Marí Bin Amude Alkatiri
Mariano Sabino "Assanami"
Tito Cristovão da Costa "Lere
Anan Timur"
Rui Maria de Araújo
Nivio Manuel Leite
Magalhães
Don’t know/Refused

First choice
Second choice

José Alexandre Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão 57% 6%
José Manuel Ramos Horta 3% 23% 27%
Francisco Guterres "Lú-Olo" 12% 5% 17%
José Maria de Vasconcelhos "Taur Matan Ruak" 2% 6% 8%
Marí Bin Amude Alkatiri 2% 5% 7%
Mariano Sabino "Assanami" 2% 3% 5%
Tito Cristovão da Costa "Lere Anan Timur" <1% 3% 3%
Rui Maria de Araújo <1% 1% 1%
Nivio Manuel Leite Magalhães <1% 1% 1%
Don’t know/Refused 20%
I will read you a list of names. For each, please tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or strongly unfavorable opinion of this individual.

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Legend:
- **Strongly favorable**
- **Somewhat favorable**
- **Somewhat unfavorable**
- **Never heard of/Don't know/Refused**
Which political party do you associate with or belong to, if any?

Spontaneous response

- CNRT: 32%
- FRETILIN: 17%
- PD: 4%
- PLP: 1%
- KHUNTO: 1%
- PUDD: <1%
- Don't associate with or belong to a political party: 33%
- Other: 6%
- Don't know: 3%
- Refused: 2%
Which political party do you associate with or belong to, if any?

Spontaneous response

- CNRT: 37% Urban, 30% Rural
- FRETILIN: 13% Urban, 19% Rural
- PD: 5% Urban, 4% Rural
- PLP: 1% Urban, 2% Rural
- KHUNTO: 2% Urban, 1% Rural
- PUDD: <1% Urban, <1% Rural
- Don't associate with or belong to a political party: 29% Urban, 35% Rural
- Other: 5% Urban, 7% Rural
- Don’t know: 3% Urban, 2% Rural
- Refused: 1% Urban, 4% Rural
What is the main reason that you associate with or belong to this political party?

Among those who associate with a political party, disaggregates for top 3 parties displayed:

- They have good development plans
- They care about the people
- They have a strong history
- They have a good leader
- They have good policies
- They stand for freedom
- They provide good infrastructure services
- They provide good education
- They increase the people’s wealth
- Other
- Don’t know/Refused

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Do you agree or disagree that political parties are doing enough to address the needs of voters like you?
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### Urbanicity

**Urban**
- Strongly agree: 37%
- Somewhat agree: 38%
- Somewhat disagree: 18%
- Strongly disagree: 6%
- Don’t know/Refused: 2%

**Rural**
- Strongly agree: 31%
- Somewhat agree: 41%
- Somewhat disagree: 19%
- Strongly disagree: 6%
- Don’t know/Refused: 2%

All Respondents
- Strongly agree: 33%
- Somewhat agree: 40%
- Somewhat disagree: 19%
- Strongly disagree: 6%
- Don’t know/Refused: 2%
Do you agree or disagree that political parties are doing enough to address the needs of voters like you?

Disaggregated by ...
Which political party do you associate with or belong to, if any? (Top three responses)

- **CNRT (n=481)**
  - Strongly agree: 41%
  - Somewhat agree: 46%
  - Somewhat disagree: 8%
  - Strongly disagree: 4%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 2%

- **FRETILIN (n=257)**
  - Strongly agree: 35%
  - Somewhat agree: 43%
  - Somewhat disagree: 11%
  - Strongly disagree: 1%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 2%

- **PD (n=63)**
  - Strongly agree: 32%
  - Somewhat agree: 49%
  - Somewhat disagree: 8%
  - Strongly disagree: 8%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 8%
Which political party is most active in your neighborhood?

Spontaneous response

- **CNRT**: 45% (52%)
- **FRETILIN**: 22% (42%)
- **PD**: 3% (3%)
- **PLP**: 1% (1%)
- **KHUNTO**: 1% (1%)
- **PUDD**: <1% (<1%)
- **None**: 20% (22%)
- **Other**: 1% (1%)
- **Don't know/Refused**: 6% (6%)
I will read you a list of party names. For each, please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of this party. If you have not heard of this party, please let me know.

- **CNRT**: Very favorable 69%, Somewhat favorable 27%, Somewhat unfavorable <1%, Very unfavorable <1%, Have not heard of this party 3%, Don't know/Refused 1%.
- **FRETILIN**: Very favorable 47%, Somewhat favorable 46%, Somewhat unfavorable <1%, Very unfavorable <1%, Have not heard of this party 7%, Don't know/Refused <1%.
- **PD**: Very favorable 33%, Somewhat favorable 56%, Somewhat unfavorable <1%, Very unfavorable <1%, Have not heard of this party 1%, Don't know/Refused 1%.
- **PLP**: Very favorable 24%, Somewhat favorable 60%, Somewhat unfavorable 14%, Very unfavorable 1%, Have not heard of this party 1%, Don't know/Refused 1%.
- **FM**: Very favorable 12%, Somewhat favorable 48%, Somewhat unfavorable 32%, Very unfavorable 4%, Have not heard of this party 2%, Don't know/Refused 2%.
- **KHUNTO**: Very favorable 13%, Somewhat favorable 42%, Somewhat unfavorable 35%, Very unfavorable 8%, Have not heard of this party 2%, Don't know/Refused 2%.
- **UDT**: Very favorable 12%, Somewhat favorable 47%, Somewhat unfavorable 34%, Very unfavorable 5%, Have not heard of this party 2%, Don't know/Refused 2%.
- **PUDD**: Very favorable 12%, Somewhat favorable 43%, Somewhat unfavorable 34%, Very unfavorable 7%, Have not heard of this party 2%, Don't know/Refused 2%.
For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?

- Providing education: 43% Very good, 49% Somewhat good, 7% Somewhat bad, 1% Very bad, <1% Don't know/Refused
- Providing personal security: 37% Very good, 54% Somewhat good, 9% Somewhat bad, 1% Very bad, <1% Don't know/Refused
- Providing pensions: 51% Very good, 39% Somewhat good, 8% Somewhat bad, 2% Very bad, <1% Don't know/Refused
- Providing health care: 45% Very good, 44% Somewhat good, <1% Somewhat bad, 11% Very bad, 1% Don't know/Refused
- Creating jobs in private businesses: 22% Very good, 47% Somewhat good, 25% Somewhat bad, 2% Very bad, 4% Don't know/Refused
- Maintaining infrastructure like roads and public buildings: 22% Very good, 42% Somewhat good, 31% Somewhat bad, 3% Very bad, 2% Don't know/Refused
- Fighting corruption: 19% Very good, 39% Somewhat good, 31% Somewhat bad, 2% Very bad, 9% Don't know/Refused
For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?

(Total for very good and somewhat good responses shown)

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Do you consider each of the following organizations effective or not effective in addressing challenges our country and community may face?

- **Religious organizations**: 85% effective, 14% not effective, 1% don't know/refused
- **Local government**: 77% effective, 22% not effective, 1% don't know/refused
- **Private companies**: 67% effective, 29% not effective, 4% don't know/refused
- **National government**: 64% effective, 33% not effective, 3% don't know/refused
- **Political parties**: 48% effective, 49% not effective, 3% don't know/refused
Do you consider each of the following organizations effective or not effective in addressing challenges our country and community may face?

**National government**

- All Respondents:
  - Effective: 64%
  - Not Effective: 33%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 3%

- Urbanicity:
  - Urban:
    - Effective: 60%
    - Not Effective: 37%
    - Don’t know/Refused: 3%
  - Rural:
    - Effective: 66%
    - Not Effective: 31%
    - Don’t know/Refused: 3%
How would you rate the performance of...

The current Government of Timor-Leste (GOTL)
- Very good: 33%
- Somewhat good: 56%
- Somewhat bad: 9%
- Very bad: 1%
- Don't know/Refused: 1%

The current Parliament of Timor-Leste (PN)
- Very good: 29%
- Somewhat good: 57%
- Somewhat bad: 13%
- Very bad: 1%
- Don't know/Refused: 1%

The current President of Timor-Leste
- Very good: 59%
- Somewhat good: 37%
- Somewhat bad: 4%
- Very bad: 1%
- Don't know/Refused: <1%
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

- 78% Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country
- 15% No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country
- 4% No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy
- 3% Don't know/Refused
Inclusion
How important or unimportant is it that [...] are included in political decision making?

Women
- Very important: 66%
- Somewhat important: 32%
- Somewhat unimportant: <1%
- Very unimportant: 1%
- Don’t know/Refused: <1%

Young adults
- Very important: 66%
- Somewhat important: 32%
- Somewhat unimportant: <1%
- Very unimportant: 1%
- Don’t know/Refused: <1%

People with disabilities
- Very important: 43%
- Somewhat important: 46%
- Somewhat unimportant: 8%
- Very unimportant: 2%
- Don’t know/Refused: <1%

LGBTQI, which means people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex
- Very important: 23%
- Somewhat important: 41%
- Somewhat unimportant: 21%
- Very unimportant: 10%
- Don’t know/Refused: 5%
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a younger person and one is an older person, which candidate are you more likely to support?

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Comparison by Urban and Rural areas.
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**: 45% (All Respondents), 58% (Men), 32% (Women)
- **Woman**: 27% (All Respondents), 15% (Men), 40% (Women)
- **Does not matter**: 23% (All Respondents), 23% (Men), 24% (Women)
- **Don't know/Refused**: 4% (All Respondents), 5% (Men), 4% (Women)
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: 44% (17-35), 47% (36+)
- Woman: 30% (17-35), 24% (36+)
- Does not matter: 23% (17-35), 24% (36+)
- Don't know/Refused: 4% (17-35), 5% (36+)
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?
Which woman political leader, if any, do you view most favorably?

Spontaneous response

- Milena Pires: 14%
- Fernanda Borges: 4%
- Isabel da Costa Ferreira: 2%
- Maria Fernanda Lay: 1%
- Dulce de Jesus Soares: 1%
- Odete Maria Freitas Belo: 1%
- Maria Angelica Rangel: 1%
- Maria Angelina Lopes Sarmento: 1%
- Armanda Berta dos Santos: 1%
- Don’t know/Refused: 73%
Corruption
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

- All Respondents: 58% (It has had a lot of negative impact), 19% (It has had some negative impact), 5% (It has had little negative impact), 4% (It has not had any negative impact), 13% (Don't know /Refused)

- Age Group:
  - 17-35: 58% (It has had a lot of negative impact), 21% (It has had some negative impact), 5% (It has had little negative impact), 5% (It has not had any negative impact), 10% (Don't know /Refused)
  - 36+: 58% (It has had a lot of negative impact), 16% (It has had some negative impact), 5% (It has had little negative impact), 3% (It has not had any negative impact), 17% (Don't know /Refused)

- Urbanicity:
  - Urban: 63% (It has had a lot of negative impact), 20% (It has had some negative impact), 3% (It has had little negative impact), 4% (It has not had any negative impact), 10% (Don't know /Refused)
  - Rural: 56% (It has had a lot of negative impact), 19% (It has had some negative impact), 6% (It has had little negative impact), 5% (It has not had any negative impact), 14% (Don't know /Refused)
In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?
International Relations
Which country has the biggest influence in our country?

Spontaneous response

- United States of America: 39%
- Australia: 17%
- China: 12%
- Indonesia: 7%
- Portugal: 6%
- South Korea: 3%
- European Union: 2%
- Japan: 1%
- None: 1%
- Other: <1%
- Don’t know: 12%
Please tell me your level of trust in each of the following countries and entities.

United States of America: 69% trust a great deal, 27% somewhat trust, <1% somewhat distrust, 2% do not trust at all, <1% don't know/refused.

Australia: 68% trust a great deal, 28% somewhat trust, <1% somewhat distrust, 2% do not trust at all, <1% don't know/refused.

Portugal: 64% trust a great deal, 32% somewhat trust, <1% somewhat distrust, 3% do not trust at all, <1% don't know/refused.

South Korea: 63% trust a great deal, 30% somewhat trust, <1% somewhat distrust, 4% do not trust at all, <1% don't know/refused.

The Vatican: 59% trust a great deal, 29% somewhat trust, 5% somewhat distrust, 6% do not trust at all, 1% don't know/refused.

Association of Southeast Asian Nations*: 52% trust a great deal, 40% somewhat trust, <1% somewhat distrust, 3% do not trust at all, 5% don't know/refused.

European Union: 51% trust a great deal, 40% somewhat trust, <1% somewhat distrust, 4% do not trust at all, 5% don't know/refused.

Indonesia: 48% trust a great deal, 42% somewhat trust, 7% somewhat distrust, 2% do not trust at all, <1% don't know/refused.

Japan: 42% trust a great deal, 47% somewhat trust, 8% somewhat distrust, 1% do not trust at all, 3% don't know/refused.

New Zealand: 36% trust a great deal, 45% somewhat trust, 8% somewhat distrust, 1% do not trust at all, 9% don't know/refused.

China: 36% trust a great deal, 45% somewhat trust, 14% somewhat distrust, 1% do not trust at all, 4% don't know/refused.

*Also known as ASEAN
Sources of Political News and Information
Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

- **Television**:
  - All Respondents: 60%
  - 17-35: 56%
  - 36+: 65%

- **Social media such as Facebook or Instagram**:
  - All Respondents: 18%
  - 17-35: 13%
  - 36+: 25%

- **Radio**:
  - All Respondents: 13%
  - 17-35: 11%
  - 36+: 16%

- **Internet (other than social media)**:
  - All Respondents: 15%
  - 17-35: 6%
  - 36+: 25%

- **Print media**:
  - All Respondents: 2%
  - 17-35: 2%
  - 36+: 3%

- **Other**:
  - All Respondents: 6%
  - 17-35: 5%
  - 36+: 6%

- **Don't know/Refused**:
  - All Respondents: 2%
  - 17-35: 3%
  - 36+: 4%
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- Television: 63% (Urban 63%, Rural 59%)
- Social media such as Facebook or Instagram: 19% (Urban 10%, Rural 10%)
- Radio: 6% (Urban 6%, Rural 16%)
- Internet (other than social media): 7% (Urban 3%, Rural 3%)
- Print media: <1% (Urban <1%, Rural 2%)
- Other: 2% (Urban 2%, Rural 7%)
- Don't know/Refused: 4% (Urban 2%, Rural 4%)
Do you own or have access to a smart phone that you use to access the internet or apps such as Facebook and WhatsApp?

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

(Among those who have access to a smart phone, n=625)

- Daily or almost daily: 43%
- Several times a week: 30%
- Weekly: 11%
- Monthly: 2%
- Less often: 13%
- Never: 1%
Do you use Facebook?
(Among those who have access to a smart phone)
How much do you rely on Facebook for your political news? Would you say that...?

(Among those who use Facebook)

- You get all of your political news from Facebook: 34%
  - All Respondents (n=583): 34%
  - 17-35 (n=449): 32%
  - 36+ (n=134): 34%

- You get most of your political news from Facebook: 32%
  - All Respondents (n=583): 34%
  - 17-35 (n=449): 25%
  - 36+ (n=134): 26%

- You get some of your political news from Facebook: 25%
  - All Respondents (n=583): 25%
  - 17-35 (n=449): 25%
  - 36+ (n=134): 21%

- You get a small amount of political news from Facebook: 9%
  - All Respondents (n=583): 9%
  - 17-35 (n=449): 9%
  - 36+ (n=134): 10%

- You get no political news from Facebook: 1%
  - All Respondents (n=583): 1%
  - 17-35 (n=449): <1%
  - 36+ (n=134): <1%

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  - All Respondents: 9%
  - Urban: 5%
  - Rural: 13%
- You get no political news from Facebook
  - All Respondents: <1%
  - Urban: <1%
  - Rural: 2%
- Don’t know/Refused
  - All Respondents: <1%
  - Urban: <1%
  - Rural: <1%
Demographics
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**Gender**
- Men: 50%
- Women: 50%
- Total: 53%

**Age Groups**
- 17-34: 23%
- 35-49: 14%
- 50-64: 10%
- 65+: 4%

**Region**
- Aileu: 5%
- Ainaro: 5%
- Baucau: 10%
- Bobonaro: 8%
- Covalima: 6%
- Dili: 10%
- Ermera: 5%
- Lautem: 6%
- Liquica: 4%
- Manatuto: 4%
- Manufahi: 6%
- Oecussi: 6%
- Viqueque: 6%

**Educational Attainment**
- Primary school or less: 51%
- Secondary: 39%
- Post-secondary: 10%

- Men: 50%
- Women: 50%
- Total: 53%

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**How does your household financial situation compare to the average household in our country?**

- **My household is much worse off**: 11%
- **My household is somewhat worse off**: 18%
- **My household is about average**: 68%
- **My household is somewhat better off**: 2%
- **My household is much better off**: <1%
- **Don't know/Refused**: 5%

**Occupation**

- **Employed in a paid job full-time**: 36%
- **Self-employed full-time**: 24%
- **Homemaker**: 11%
- **Retired**: <1%
- **Unemployed, looking for a job**: 8%
- **Unemployed, not looking for a job**: 8%
- **Student/pupil**: <1%
- **Other**: 1%
- **Don't know/Refused**: 1%

**Employment sector**

- **Private**: 81%
- **State**: 4%
- **Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)**: 4%
- **Informal**: 7%
- **None**: 3%

*Employment sector (n=128)
Demographics

Economic situation

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Which statement comes closest to your view?