The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute’s Center for Insights in Survey Research by IDRA Research & Consulting.

Data was collected between November 17 - December 12, 2023, through the Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) technique, administered through face-to-face interviews in respondents’ homes.

The total sample consisted of n= 1,798 Albanian citizens, aged 18 and older. The total sample includes oversamples in Durres (n=390), Tirana (n=400) and Elbasan (n=400).

A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample. The sample was stratified by region and by urban/rural residency, followed by a random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. The random route method was applied to select households and the ‘last birthday’ method was used to select respondents within households. A predefined age quota was applied to keep sample representativeness. The sampling frame was based on the Albania Census 2011 data.

The national sample was weighted for age groups, region, gender, and urbanicity according to the 2011 Census parameters. The national weight brings the oversamples into national proportions. The oversamples in Durres, Tirana, and Elbasan were weighted for county-level urbanicity, gender and age groups according to county-level statistics from the 2011 Census.

The response rate was 54 percent. The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed ±2.8 points at the 95% confidence level. The margin of error for each oversampled county does not exceed ±5.0 points at the 95% confidence level.

Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
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*Those responding 'Don’t know' or who refused to answer (n=326) are not displayed.*

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

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**Age Group**

- **18-35**: 55% In the right direction, 42% In the wrong direction, 3% Don't know/Refused
- **36-55**: 59% In the right direction, 37% In the wrong direction, 4% Don't know/Refused
- **56+**: 60% In the right direction, 38% In the wrong direction, 2% Don't know/Refused

**Gender**

- **Men**: 57% In the right direction, 40% In the wrong direction, 3% Don't know/Refused
- **Women**: 58% In the right direction, 38% In the wrong direction, 4% Don't know/Refused
How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of our country’s population?

- Belief that the future will definitely be better: 21% (Dec. 2023), 16% (Feb. 2023)
- Hope that the future will be somewhat better: 46% (Dec. 2023), 46% (Feb. 2023)
- Not much hope for a better future: 18% (Dec. 2023), 17% (Feb. 2023)
- Apathy, belief in fate: 2% (Dec. 2023), 1% (Feb. 2023)
- Insecurity, worry, fear for the future: 7% (Dec. 2023), 9% (Feb. 2023)
- Total disappointment, disbelief in any improvement: 6% (Dec. 2023), 10% (Feb. 2023)
- Don’t know/Refused: <1% (Dec. 2023), <1% (Feb. 2023)
What is the most important problem facing your MUNICIPALITY today? And what is the second most important?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses allowed)

- Economy—cost of living, high prices: 41% (First response), 22% (Second response) [63% total]
- Economy—unemployment: 23% (First response), 17% (Second response) [40% total]
- Corruption: 6% (First response), 10% (Second response) [16% total]
- Migration: 5% (First response), 7% (Second response) [12% total]
- Infrastructure: 5% (First response), 6% (Second response) [11% total]
- Roads: 4% (First response), 5% (Second response) [9% total]
- Healthcare: 2% (First response), 6% (Second response) [8% total]
- Crime/Public Safety: 2% (First response), 4% (Second response) [6% total]
- Water: 2% (First response), 3% (Second response) [5% total]
- Electricity: 2% (First response), 2% (Second response) [4% total]
- Garbage: 1% (First response), 2% (Second response) [3% total]
- Traffic: 1% (First response), 2% (Second response) [3% total]
- Other: 7% (First response), 11% (Second response) [18% total]
- No problem: 1% (First response)
- Don't know/Refused: <1% (First response), <1% (Second response)

*Responses receiving total mentions <3% are collapsed into Other
What is the most important problem facing your MUNICIPALITY today? And what is the second most important?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses allowed, total mentions for top 10 responses displayed)
What is the most important problem facing your MUNICIPALITY today? And what is the second most important?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses allowed, total mentions displayed)

- **Economy—cost of living, high prices**: 63% (Dec. 2023) 68% (Feb. 2023)
- **Economy—unemployment**: 40% (Dec. 2023) 54% (Feb. 2023)
- **Corruption**: 16% (Dec. 2023) 13% (Feb. 2023)
- **Migration**: 12% (Dec. 2023) 10% (Feb. 2023)
- **Infrastructure**: 11% (Dec. 2023) 13% (Feb. 2023)
- **Roads**: 9% (Dec. 2023)
- **Healthcare**: 8% (Dec. 2023) 5% (Feb. 2023)
- **Crime/Public Safety**: 6% (Dec. 2023) 2% (Feb. 2023)
- **Water**: 5% (Dec. 2023) 6% (Feb. 2023)
- **Electricity**: 4% (Dec. 2023) 3% (Feb. 2023)
- **Garbage**: 3% (Dec. 2023) <1% (Feb. 2023)
- **Traffic**: 3% (Dec. 2023)

*Responses receiving total mentions of 3% or greater in December 2023 are displayed.*
What is the most important problem facing your MUNICIPALITY today? And what is the second most important?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses allowed, total mentions for top 10 responses displayed)

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Top 10 responses displayed. Total mentions displayed.
You said that [ITEM] was the most important problem facing your municipality today. If municipal elections were being held today, how important would this issue be in determining who you would vote for Municipal Council?

(Among those who listed one of the top five most mentioned problems facing their municipality)

Disaggregated by top 5 first most important problems:

- **Economy - cost of living, high prices (n=739)**
  - Very important: 65%
  - Somewhat important: 24%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 4%
  - Very unimportant: 6%
  - Don't know/Refused: 1%

- **Economy - unemployment (n=409)**
  - Very important: 60%
  - Somewhat important: 30%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 4%
  - Very unimportant: 6%
  - Don't know/Refused: 1%

- **Corruption (n=113)**
  - Very important: 48%
  - Somewhat important: 30%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 12%
  - Very unimportant: 8%
  - Don't know/Refused: 2%

- **Migration (n=92)**
  - Very important: 57%
  - Somewhat important: 32%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 3%
  - Very unimportant: 8%
  - Don't know/Refused: 1%

- **Infrastructure (n=84)**
  - Very important: 62%
  - Somewhat important: 23%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 5%
  - Very unimportant: 7%
  - Don't know/Refused: 4%
You said that **economy-cost of living, higher prices** was the most important problem facing your municipality today. If municipal elections were being held today, how important would this issue be in determining who you would vote for Municipal Council?

(Among those who said that the cost of living and higher prices were the most important problems facing their municipality)

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You said that *economy-unemployment* was the most important problem facing your municipality today. If municipal elections were being held today, how important would this issue be in determining who you would vote for Municipal Council?

(Among those who said that unemployment was the most important problem facing their municipality)

![Bar chart showing preferences by age group and gender.](chart.png)
Do you consider our country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or in the interest of some groups?

Dec. 2023
- Majority of people: 38%
- Some groups: 59%
- Don't know/Refused: 3%

Feb. 2023
- Majority of people: 32%
- Some groups: 63%
- Don't know/Refused: 5%
Do you think that today’s generation of young people has a good future in our country or not?

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- **Good future**
- **Not a good future**
- **Don’t know/Refused**
Municipal Government
On May 14, 2023, municipal elections were held. How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the performance of your municipal government prior to the elections?

- **All Respondents**:
  - Very satisfied: 15%
  - Somewhat satisfied: 39%
  - Somewhat dissatisfied: 25%
  - Very dissatisfied: 19%
  - Don't know/Refused: 3%

- **Region**:
  - **North**:
    - Very satisfied: 13%
    - Somewhat satisfied: 39%
    - Somewhat dissatisfied: 26%
    - Very dissatisfied: 20%
    - Don't know/Refused: 2%
  - **Central**:
    - Very satisfied: 14%
    - Somewhat satisfied: 37%
    - Somewhat dissatisfied: 24%
    - Very dissatisfied: 20%
    - Don't know/Refused: 5%
  - **South-West**:
    - Very satisfied: 13%
    - Somewhat satisfied: 40%
    - Somewhat dissatisfied: 29%
    - Very dissatisfied: 15%
    - Don't know/Refused: 3%
  - **South-East**:
    - Very satisfied: 23%
    - Somewhat satisfied: 40%
    - Somewhat dissatisfied: 15%
    - Very dissatisfied: 20%
    - Don't know/Refused: 2%
When thinking about the following individuals or groups in your municipal government prior to the May 2023 election, how well or how poorly do you think they represented the interests of the citizens living in your municipality?

- **Mayor**: 18% Very well, 38% Somewhat well, 21% Somewhat poorly, 16% Very poorly, 2% Don’t know/Refused
- **Municipal Administration**: 10% Very well, 41% Somewhat well, 20% Somewhat poorly, 16% Very poorly, 6% Don’t know/Refused
- **Ruling Majority Municipal Councilors**: 10% Very well, 33% Somewhat well, 21% Somewhat poorly, 16% Very poorly, 13% Don’t know/Refused
- **Opposition Municipal Councilors**: 5% Very well, 24% Somewhat well, 22% Somewhat poorly, 18% Very poorly, 20% Don’t know/Refused
Since the municipal election on May 14, 2023, have you received or seen any form of communication from the following about their goals for your municipality? This might include things like a personal visit, an email, or a social media post that talks about their goals.

- **Mayor**: 40% Yes, 57% No, 3% Don't know/Do not remember/Refused
- **Municipal Administration**: 29% Yes, 65% No, 5% Don't know/Do not remember/Refused
- **Ruling Majority Municipal Councilors**: 22% Yes, 72% No, 6% Don't know/Do not remember/Refused
- **Opposition Municipal Councilors**: 12% Yes, 78% No, 9% Don't know/Do not remember/Refused
Thinking about the time outside of election periods, how often do the opposition party members of the municipal council communicate with citizens about their work on the council?

- A few times a month or more: 1%
- Once a month: 2%
- A few times a year: 14%
- Once a year: 13%
- Less than once a year: 20%
- Never: 41%
- Don’t know/Refused: 10%
Thinking about the time outside of election, how often do ruling party members of the municipal council communicate with citizens about their work on the council?

- A few times a month or more: 2%
- Once a month: 2%
- A few times a year: 21%
- Once a year: 14%
- Less than once a year: 19%
- Never: 34%
- Don't know/Refused: 8%
How important do you think it is for opposition members of the municipal council to communicate to the community about their positions on key issues?

**Region**

- **North**: 49% Very important, 46% Somewhat important, 2% Somewhat unimportant, 2% Very unimportant, 2% Don’t know/Refused
- **Central**: 63% Very important, 30% Somewhat important, 3% Somewhat unimportant, 2% Very unimportant, 2% Don’t know/Refused
- **South-West**: 68% Very important, 28% Somewhat important, 2% Somewhat unimportant, 2% Very unimportant, 2% Don’t know/Refused
- **South-East**: 49% Very important, 42% Somewhat important, 3% Somewhat unimportant, 3% Very unimportant, 3% Don’t know/Refused

**Municipal Election Party Preference**

- **Democratic Party**: 53% Very important, 43% Somewhat important, 2% Somewhat unimportant, 1% Very unimportant, 1% Don’t know/Refused
- **Socialist Party**: 58% Very important, 35% Somewhat important, 4% Somewhat unimportant, 1% Very unimportant, 1% Don’t know/Refused
- **Other**: 70% Very important, 29% Somewhat important, 2% Somewhat unimportant, 2% Very unimportant, 2% Don’t know/Refused
- **Would not vote/Spoiled ballot**: 66% Very important, 24%Somewhat important, 2% Somewhat unimportant, 5% Very unimportant, 3% Don’t know/Refused
How important do you think it is for ruling party of the municipal council to communicate to the community about their positions on key issues?

**Region**

- **All Respondents**
  - Very important: 68%
  - Somewhat important: 29%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 1%
  - Very unimportant: 1%

- **North**
  - Very important: 52%
  - Somewhat important: 43%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 2%
  - Very unimportant: 1%

- **Central**
  - Very important: 68%
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**Municipal Election Party Preference**

- **Democratic Party**
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- **Socialist Party**
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  - Somewhat important: 29%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 1%

- **Other**
  - Very important: 73%
  - Somewhat important: 27%

- **Would not vote/Spoiled ballot**
  - Very important: 74%
  - Somewhat important: 19%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 3%
Do you think that opposition members of the municipal council should talk to your community about their positions on key issues more than they do currently, less than they do currently, or do they talk about their positions in the right amount?

- Should talk about positions more: 89%
- Already talk about their positions the right amount: 6%
- Should talk about their positions less: 3%
- Don't know/Refused: 3%
Do you think that ruling party members of the municipal council should talk to your community about their positions on key issues more than they do currently, less than they do currently, or do they talk about their positions in the right amount?

- Should talk about positions more: 91%
- Already talk about their positions the right amount: 5%
- Should talk about their positions less: 2%
- Don’t know/Refused: 2%
Would you say that municipal councils have more power, less power, or the same amount of power as mayors in municipal government?

Municipal councils...

- Have much more power: 11%
- Have somewhat more power: 17%
- Have the same amount of power: 21%
- Have somewhat less power: 23%
- Have much less power: 19%
- Don't know/Refused: 10%
Now, I’m going to read you a few statements. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement?

**Municipal political parties should be active outside of election times**

- **All Respondents**
  - Strongly agree: 70%
  - Somewhat agree: 27%
  - Somewhat disagree: 1%
  - Strongly disagree: 1%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 2%

- **Municipal Election Party Preference**
  - Democratic Party
    - Strongly agree: 67%
    - Somewhat agree: 31%
    - Somewhat disagree: <1%
    - Strongly disagree: 1%
    - Don’t know/Refused: 1%
  - Socialist Party
    - Strongly agree: 70%
    - Somewhat agree: 27%
    - Somewhat disagree: 1%
    - Strongly disagree: 2%
    - Don’t know/Refused: 2%
  - Other
    - Strongly agree: 72%
    - Somewhat agree: 27%
    - Somewhat disagree: 2%
    - Strongly disagree: 3%
    - Don’t know/Refused: 3%
  - Would not vote/Spoiled ballot
    - Strongly agree: 70%
    - Somewhat agree: 22%
    - Somewhat disagree: 2%
    - Strongly disagree: 3%
    - Don’t know/Refused: 3%
Now, I’m going to read you a few statements. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement?

**Albanian citizens who live outside the country should be allowed to vote in Albanian elections**

- **All Respondents**
  - Strongly agree: 63%
  - Somewhat agree: 25%
  - Somewhat disagree: 5%
  - Strongly disagree: 6%
  - Don't know/Refused: 1%

- **Municipal Election Party Preference**
  - **Democratic Party**
    - Strongly agree: 65%
    - Somewhat agree: 27%
    - Somewhat disagree: 3%
    - Strongly disagree: 3%
    - Don't know/Refused: 1%
  - **Socialist Party**
    - Strongly agree: 64%
    - Somewhat agree: 25%
    - Somewhat disagree: 5%
    - Strongly disagree: 4%
    - Don't know/Refused: 1%
  - **Other**
    - Strongly agree: 62%
    - Somewhat agree: 21%
    - Somewhat disagree: 8%
    - Strongly disagree: 10%
    - Don't know/Refused: 2%
  - **Would not vote/Spoiled ballot**
    - Strongly agree: 57%
    - Somewhat agree: 21%
    - Somewhat disagree: 8%
    - Strongly disagree: 11%
    - Don't know/Refused: 2%
Municipal Political Parties
Thinking about the political parties in your municipality, would you say you have a clear understanding of the political positions and policy priorities each party has?

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How important would you say it is for municipal political parties to talk about municipal issues rather than national issues?

Gender

- All Respondents: 52% Very important, 35% Somewhat important, 5% Somewhat unimportant, 3% Very unimportant, 4% Don’t know/Refused
- Men: 55% Very important, 32% Somewhat important, 6% Somewhat unimportant, 4% Very unimportant, 3% Don’t know/Refused
- Women: 50% Very important, 38% Somewhat important, 4% Somewhat unimportant, 3% Very unimportant, 5% Don’t know/Refused

Urbanicity

- Urban (n=1,034): 48% Very important, 38% Somewhat important, 5% Somewhat unimportant, 4% Very unimportant, 5% Don’t know/Refused
- Rural (n=764): 58% Very important, 32% Somewhat important, 4% Somewhat unimportant, 2% Very unimportant, 3% Don’t know/Refused
How important would you say it is for municipal political parties to talk about municipal issues rather than national issues?

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Thinking of the political party that you voted for in the May 2023 elections, do you feel this political party communicates effectively with citizens about its vision for your municipality?

**Municipal Election Party Preference**

- **All Respondents**
  - Yes: 27%
  - Sometimes: 39%
  - No: 23%
  - Don't know/Refused: 7%
  - Would not vote/Spoiled ballot: 3%

- **Democratic Party**
  - Yes: 19%
  - Sometimes: 38%
  - No: 34%
  - Don't know/Refused: 6%
  - Would not vote/Spoiled ballot: 3%

- **Socialist Party**
  - Yes: 43%
  - Sometimes: 42%
  - No: 11%
  - Don't know/Refused: 2%
  - Would not vote/Spoiled ballot: 2%

- **Other**
  - Yes: 21%
  - Sometimes: 35%
  - No: 35%
  - Don't know/Refused: 7%
  - Would not vote/Spoiled ballot: 2%
How interested would you be in receiving information about policy goals and objectives from political parties in your municipality?

Age Group:
- 18-35: 17% Very interested, 41% Somewhat interested, 24% Not very interested, 17% Not at all interested
- 36-55: 18% Very interested, 45% Somewhat interested, 20% Not very interested, 16% Not at all interested
- 56+: 22% Very interested, 45% Somewhat interested, 23% Not very interested, 9% Not at all interested

Gender:
- Men: 23% Very interested, 43% Somewhat interested, 19% Not very interested, 13% Not at all interested
- Women: 14% Very interested, 44% Somewhat interested, 26% Not very interested, 16% Not at all interested
If a political party that you don’t currently support were to communicate with you about their policy goals and objectives, would that help the party to earn your vote?

- All Respondents: 25% Definitely, 43% Possibly, 20% Definitely not, and 12% Don't know/Refused.
- Democratic Party: 22% Definitely, 44% Possibly, 21% Definitely not, and 14% Don't know/Refused.
- Socialist Party: 29% Definitely, 40% Possibly, 22% Definitely not, and 9% Don't know/Refused.
- Other: 35% Definitely, 44% Possibly, 18% Definitely not, and 3% Don't know/Refused.
- Would not vote/Spoiled ballot: 18% Definitely, 50% Possibly, 21% Definitely not, and 11% Don't know/Refused.
Do you think that a municipal political party should coordinate with their party members on the municipal council to help inform citizens about their priorities for your municipality?

- All Respondents: 81% Yes, 3% No, 16% Don't know/Refused
- Democratic Party: 74% Yes, 5% No, 22% Don't know/Refused
- Socialist Party: 84% Yes, 1% No, 15% Don't know/Refused
- Other: 92% Yes, 1% No, 7% Don't know/Refused
- Would not vote/Spoiled ballot: 74% Yes, 6% No, 20% Don't know/Refused
Why do you think municipal political parties should coordinate with their party members on the municipal council to inform citizens about their priorities?

(Among those who said a municipal party should coordinate with their members to inform citizens about their priorities, n=1,451; Spontaneous response)

- Informing citizens (about the party, decisions, and current events) 19%
- Listen to citizens’ problems and provide solutions 14%
- Working for the greater good of the community 10%
- Improving the city/services/welfare/future 7%
- Making proper and fair decisions 6%
- Addressing various issues (community, unemployment, etc.) 5%
- Transparency 3%
- Including the citizens in decision-making 3%
- Influencing the citizens’ vote 2%
- General communication with the citizens 2%
- Using the people’s taxes appropriately 2%
- Avoiding corruption 1%
- Other 3%
- Don’t know/Refused 21%

*Responses receiving total mentions <1% are collapsed into Other*
If municipal elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote? I would like to remind you that your response is confidential.

(Spontaneous response)

- Socialist Party: 47%
- Democratic Party: 17%
- Social Democratic Party: 2%
- Shqipëria Bëhet Movement: 1%
- Other*: 4%
- Spoiled ballot: 2%
- I would not vote: 10%
- Don’t know: 9%
- Refused: 9%

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Corruption
Do you believe that corruption in our country is a serious problem or not?

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Dec. 2023: 54% Very serious, 32% Somewhat serious, 7% Somewhat not serious, 3% Not at all serious, 4% Don’t know/Refused

Feb. 2023: 50% Very serious, 37% Somewhat serious, 8% Somewhat not serious, 3% Not at all serious, 2% Don’t know/Refused
To what extent do you trust or distrust the Special Anti-Corruption Structure, also known as SPAK, to do its job free from political influence?

- **Trust a great deal**: 27%
- **Somewhat trust**: 17%
- **Somewhat distrust**: 12%
- **Distrust a great deal**: 3%
- **Don't know/Refused**: 42%
In your experience, what type of corruption is most common in your municipality?

(Spontaneous response)

- Stealing or deliberately mismanaging funds: 30% (Dec. 2023), 42% (Feb. 2023)
- Acting in self-interest instead of interest of citizens: 15% (Dec. 2023), 12% (Feb. 2023)
- Soliciting bribes or gifts: 13% (Dec. 2023), 13% (Feb. 2023)
- Making decisions based on connections as opposed to merit: 13% (Dec. 2023), 10% (Feb. 2023)
- Failure to investigate or prosecute wrongdoing: 6% (Dec. 2023), 15% (Feb. 2023)
- Extortion: 3% (Dec. 2023), 4% (Feb. 2023)
- None of these exist in our municipality: 11% (Dec. 2023), 1% (Feb. 2023)
- Other: 1% (Dec. 2023), <1% (Feb. 2023)
- Don't know/Refused: 12% (Dec. 2023), 4% (Feb. 2023)

Dec. 2023: 30%, 15%, 13%, 13%, 6%, 3%, 1%, <1%, 12%, 4%
Feb. 2023: 42%, 12%, 13%, 10%, 15%, 4%, 1%, <1%, 12%, 4%
In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift, or pay a bribe in your municipality?

Dec. 2023
- Not at all: 68%
- Less frequently: 23%
- Monthly: 3%
- Weekly: 1%
- Daily: 1%
- Don’t know/Refused: 5%

Feb. 2023
- Not at all: 62%
- Less frequently: 22%
- Monthly: 4%
- Weekly: 1%
- Daily: 1%
- Don’t know/Refused: 11%
Sources of Information
How interested or uninterested are you in political news and information?

**All Respondents**
- Very interested: 18%
- Somewhat interested: 41%
- Somewhat disinterested: 25%
- Very uninterested: 15%
- Don’t know/Refused: <1%

**Age Group**
- 18-35
  - Very interested: 14%
  - Somewhat interested: 35%
  - Somewhat disinterested: 30%
  - Very uninterested: 21%
  - Don’t know/Refused: <1%
- 36-55
  - Very interested: 18%
  - Somewhat interested: 45%
  - Somewhat disinterested: 23%
  - Very uninterested: 14%
  - Don’t know/Refused: <1%
- 56+
  - Very interested: 26%
  - Somewhat interested: 46%
  - Somewhat disinterested: 20%
  - Very uninterested: 8%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 0%

**Municipal Election Party Preference**
- Democratic Party
  - Very interested: 17%
  - Somewhat interested: 36%
  - Somewhat disinterested: 31%
  - Very uninterested: 15%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 7%
- Socialist Party
  - Very interested: 21%
  - Somewhat interested: 49%
  - Somewhat disinterested: 23%
  - Very uninterested: 7%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 3%
- Other
  - Very interested: 24%
  - Somewhat interested: 35%
  - Somewhat disinterested: 22%
  - Very uninterested: 19%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 2%
- Would not vote/Spoiled ballot
  - Very interested: 14%
  - Somewhat interested: 30%
  - Somewhat disinterested: 28%
  - Very uninterested: 27%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 7%
Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information? And what is your second most frequently used platform?

- **Television**: 50% (First response), 27% (Second response)
- **Social Media, such as Facebook, Instagram, etc.**: 40% (First response), 27% (Second response)
- **Internet, other than social media**: 6% (First response), 19% (Second response)
- **Print Media**: 1% (First response), 6% (Second response)
- **Radio**: <1% (First response), 1% (Second response)
- **None**: 3% (First response)
- **Don't know/Refused**: <1%
Which specific media outlets, such as a specific TV channel, radio station, newspaper, website etc. do you consider most trustworthy for political news and information? And what is your second most trustworthy media outlet?

(Spontaneous response)

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*Mentions of 1% and less cumulatively are collapsed into other.
How often, if ever, do you use the internet or social media?

- **Daily or almost daily**: 80% (96% of all respondents, 85% of 18-35, 51% of 36-55, 14% of 56+, 1% of 6+)
- **Several times a week**: 6% (9% of all respondents, 6% of 18-35, <1% of 36-55, 14% of 56+, 1% of 6+)
- **Weekly**: <1% (1% of all respondents, <1% of 18-35, <1% of 36-55, 1% of 56+, 10% of 6+)
- **Monthly**: <1% (1% of all respondents, <1% of 18-35, <1% of 36-55, 4% of 56+, 10% of 6+)
- **Less often**: 4% (1% of all respondents, <1% of 18-35, 4% of 36-55, 10% of 56+, 8% of 6+)
- **Never**: 4% (1% of all respondents, 4% of 18-35, 1% of 36-55, 4% of 56+, 8% of 6+)
Do you own a smart phone that you use to access the internet or apps such as Facebook and WhatsApp?

- All Respondents: 90% Yes, 10% No

Age Group:
- 18-35: 99% Yes
- 36-55: 95% Yes
- 56+: 71% Yes, 28% No

[Bar chart showing the distribution of responses by age group]
Demographics
Demographics

Educational Attainment

- No formal education: 1%
- Incomplete primary school: 2%
- Complete primary school: 3%
- Incomplete secondary school: 22%
- Complete secondary school: 38%
- Vocational training: 4%
- Incomplete higher education: 6%
- Complete higher education: 25%
- Don't know/Refused: <1%

Employment Status

- Employed in a paid job full-time: 36%
- Employed in a paid job part-time: 3%
- Self-employed full-time: 7%
- Self-employed part-time: 1%
- Homemaker: 9%
- Retired: 16%
- Unemployed, looking for a job: 14%
- Unemployed, not looking for a job: 4%
- Student or pupil: 9%
- Other: 1%
- Don't know/Refused: <1%

Sector

- Private: 65%
- State: 35%
- Other: <1%

*Among those employed in a paid job full or part-time.
Demographics

Economic situation:
- I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival: 16%
- I have enough means for survival, but I do not have enough money for extra things: 53%
- I am able to afford a few extra things: 29%
- I am able to afford most things I want: 2%
- Don’t know/Refused: 1%

Marital status:
- Single: 30%
- Married: 66%
- Widowed: 3%
- Divorced: 1%
- Don’t know/Refused: <1%
Demographics

Household financial situation compared to the average household in the country:
- My household is much worse off: 4%
- My household is somewhat worse off: 17%
- My household is about average: 59%
- My household is somewhat better off: 17%
- My household is much better off: 2%
- Don’t know/Refused: 1%

The heaviest burden on your household budget:
- Food: 56%
- Health: 14%
- Fuel for automobiles: 8%
- Electricity: 7%
- Education: 4%
- Housing: 3%
- Clothes: 2%
- Fuel for heating or cooking: 2%
- Transportation: 1%
- Agricultural expenses: <1%
- Don’t know/Refused: 1%