Moldova National Voter Study

May 24 - June 11, 2010



International Republican Institute Baltic Surveys Ltd./The Gallup Organization





METHODOLOGY

- The national representative survey was carried out in May 24 June 11, 2010.
- The survey was conducted on behalf of International Republican Institute. The study was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization (Dr. R. Alisauskiene). The fieldwork was carried out by Magenta Consulting.

The sample design was a multi-stage random sample.
Stage One: Break country into official administrative regions.
Stage Two: Select clusters of sampling points based on settlement population. One sample point=approximately one percent of survey population. Sampling points in each region were selected based on the percentage of population living in various levels of settlement in that same region.

- The sample consists of 1,200 Moldovan residents older than the age of 18 and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender and education.
- Respondents were selected by the random route method, using the next birthday rule to select a respondent from within a household.
- Data is collected through face-face interviews with respondents. The response rate is 53 percent.
- The margin of error does not exceed three percent.

MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

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



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



Over the last 12 months, has the financial situation of your household changed?



How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Moldova?



Are people in Moldova afraid to openly express their political views?



ISSUES

What are the main problems that Moldova is facing at the moment? (May 2010) (Spontaneous, more than two percent)



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*EU – European Union, NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization *Transnistria is a disputed region on Moldova's eastern border

What are the main problems that Moldova is facing at the moment? (February 2010) (Spontaneous, more than two percent)



What are the main problems your town/village is facing at the moment? (May 2010) (Spontaneous, more than three percent)



What are the main problems your town/village is facing at the moment? (February 2010) (Spontaneous, more than three percent)



What are the most important problems facing you and your household? (May 2010) (Spontaneous, more than two percent)



What are the most important problems facing you and your household? (February 2010) (Spontaneous, more than two percent)



Thinking about the current situation and future of your country, what are you most afraid of? (May 2010) (Spontaneous, more than two percent)



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POLITICS

How much interest do you have in politics?



Is corruption a big problem in Moldova today?



Thinking about the last parliamentary elections in Moldova in July 2009, do you believe those were free and fair elections?



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Are you going to vote in the next parliamentary elections?*



* Question wording in April and November 2008 surveys: "Are you going to vote in the next parliamentary elections in 2009?" IRI Baltic Surveys / The Gallup Organization MOLDOVA NATIONAL STUDY, May-June 2010 One option to save money on repeat parliamentary elections would be to hold them at the same time as the local elections in spring 2011. In your opinion, would it be confusing to hold parliamentary and local elections at the same time or not?



Do you support or oppose the action proposed by interim President Mihai Ghimpu to overcome constitutional crisis by conducting a national referendum?



Do you agree with Moldova's European Integration Strategic Partnership, signed by interim President Mihai Ghimpu and Romanian President Traian Basescu?



Do you support or oppose the Alliance for European Integration (AEI) government?



What are three most important accomplishments of the AEI government? May 2010

(Up to three answers, spontaneous)

EU-oriented development Good relations with Romania/Other countries 6 Eliminated Communist Party from power Δ Received grants 3 Foreign aid 3 Small border traffic (Romania) 3 **Repairing roads** 3 Trying to eliminate visas 12 Combating corruption 72 Economic development/Stability 2 Democracy 72 Political stability/Development 2 Foreign trade relations □ 1 Pensions/Salaries paid timely 1 Pensions/Salaries increased □ 1 Change of mentality 1 Freedom of expression □ 1 None

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What are the main achievements of the current AEI government? February 2010

(Up to three answers, spontaneous)



What are the most important failures of the AEI government? May 2010

(Up to three answers, spontaneous)



What are the main mistakes or failures of the AEI government? February 2010

(Up to three answers, spontaneous)



What is your opinion about the following financial support, offered to Moldova by foreign entities? (May 2010)



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What is your opinion about the government signing the small-border traffic treaty with Romania?



In your opinion, should the Constitution of Moldova be amended in order to change the method of electing the President?



Which method of electing the president do you support?



In your opinion, should the current parliament be dissolved and new elections scheduled?



When do you think new parliamentary elections should be called?

(Respondents thinking that current parliament should be dissolved, N=721)


Have you heard of the referendum on religious education in schools for which the Moldovan Orthodox church is collecting signatures?



Would you vote to support such a referendum?



In your opinion, should religious education in schools be voluntary or compulsory?



If religious education is introduced in schools, should it be taught by Moldovan Orthodox priests only or by the religious leaders of all faiths?



If religious education is introduced in schools, should only Christian Orthodox theology be taught or should education about all religions be introduced?



INSTITUTIONS

Please look at this card with the names of the ministries and tell me whether in the last three months you have heard anything about their activities? (May 2010)

Prime Minister		36		40		<mark>14</mark>	<mark>3</mark> 7
Ministry of Economy	16	45			24		8 7
Ministry of External Affairs and European Integration	16	35		27		14	9
Ministry of Justice	15	37		29		11	8
Ministry of Healthcare	14	42		25		10	9
Ministry of Internal Affairs	14	38		30		9	9
Ministry of Finance	13	40	2		28	<mark>11</mark> 8	
Ministry of Education	12	37	28			13	10
Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family	10	32	29			19	10
Ministry of Defense	8	34	31			17 10	
Ministry of Transportation and Road Infrastructure	8	32	31			19	10
Ministry of Culture	8	33	30			19	10
Ministry of Youth and Sports	7	32	29		2	20 12	
Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry	7	30	34			19	10
Ministry of Environment	5	24	34		27		10
Ministry of Construction and Regional Development	5	24	37		2	3	11
Ministry of Information Technology and Communications	4	26	32		27		11
■Have heard a lot ■Have heard something □Have heard of, b	out don't kn	ow about its acti∨ities	■Have	heard not	ning abou	itit ∎D	K/NA

What is your opinion about the activity of each of these ministries? (May 2010)

Prime Minister	54		30 16
Ministry of Education	41	33	26
Ministry of External Affairs and European Integration	41	34	25
Ministry of Finance	41	38	21
Ministry of Healthcare	41	39	20
Ministry of Economy	41	40	19
Ministry of Justice	38	40	22
Ministry of Youth and Sports	36	30	34
Ministry of Defense	36	34	30
Ministry of Culture	36	35	29
Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family	35	39	26
Ministry of Internal Affairs	35	42	23
Ministry of Information Technology and Communications	34	30	36
Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry	33	39	28
Ministry of Environment	32	38	30
Ministry of Transportation and Road Infrastructure	29	47	24
Ministry of Construction and Regional Development	27	40	33
	■Positive	■Negative	■DK/NA

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

How would evaluate the current state of relations between Moldova and the following? (May 2010)



Which countries are the most important partners for Moldova? Which countries are the greatest political and economic threats to Moldova? (May 2010)



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What do you think the future of Transnistria should be?



What should Moldova do in the future? (May 2010)



What should Moldova do in the future? (February 2010)



How important is Moldova's relationship with the USA in regards to the following?



Do you think that May 9 should be celebrated in Moldova as a state holiday or should it no longer be a state holiday?



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



SOURCES OF INFORMATION

What are your sources of political information?



What sources of information influence you during the election campaign? (May 2010)



How often do you use the Internet?



Where do you access the Internet?

(Internet users, N=552)



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