Public Opinion Survey Residents of Ukraine

July 16-30, 2015

International Republican Institute

Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted by <u>Rating Group Ukraine</u> on behalf of the <u>International Republican Institute</u>.
- Data was collected throughout Ukraine (except the occupied territories of Crimea, Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts*) between July 16-30, 2015 through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,200 permanent residents of Ukraine aged 18 and older and eligible to vote. It is representative for the general population by age, education, region and size of the settlement. In addition, 665 respondents were also surveyed from the Odesa region. Please refer to the next slide for information on how the Odesa polling was conducted.
- Multistage probability sampling method was used with the random route ant next birthday respondent's selection procedures.
 - Stage one: 25 official administrative regions of Ukraine were defined (24 regions of Ukraine and Kyiv). All regions of Ukraine were surveyed except except occupied territories of Crimea, Donetsk and Luhansk.
 - Stage two: selection of the settlements towns and villages. Towns were grouped into subtypes according to the size
 - City more than one million residents
 - City 500,000-999,000 residents
 - City 100,000-499,000 residents
 - City 50,000-99,000 residents
 - City to 50,000 residents
 - Village
 - Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in a particular type of the settlement in each region.
 - Stage three: primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.8 percent.
- Response rate was 62.8 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Detailed Methodology Odesa Oversample

- Data was collected throughout the Odesa region between July 16-30, 2015, through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 665 permanent residents of the Odesa region, aged 18 and older and eligible to vote. It is representative for the general population by age, education, region and size of the settlement.
- Multistage probability sampling method was used with the random route and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
 - Stage one: region territory was divided into 33 administrative districts (26 districts, six cities of regional subordination and the regional center). The survey was conducted in all districts.
 - Stage two: selection of the settlements towns and villages. Towns were grouped into subtypes according to the size
 - City more than one million residents (Odesa)
 - City 50,000-99,000 residents
 - City to 50,000 residents
 - Village
 - Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of the population living in a particular type of the settlement in each region.
 - Stage three: primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 3.8 percent.
- Response rate was 61.8 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

Geographical Key



Due to the Russian occupation of Crimea and the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine, residents of the regions of Donetsk, Luhansk and Crimea were not included in this poll.

Support for Decentralization Reforms Strong

International Republican Institute

In your opinion, should more rights be transferred from central authorities to local authorities and communities?



In your opinion, should more rights be transferred from central authorities to local authorities and communities? (by region)



In your opinion, are your local authorities and community able to cope with more rights that might result from the decentralization reforms?



In your opinion, are your local authorities and community able to cope with more rights that might result from the decentralization reforms? (by region)



Which institution do you believe is most responsible for improving the standard of living and quality of life for Ukrainians?



There are currently more than 4,000 state-run companies in Ukraine. Which of the following statements do you agree with?



Growing Frustration with Lack of Progress

International Republican Institute

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



Which of the following issues are the most important for Ukraine? (three responses)



Which of the following issues are the most important for you personally? (three responses)



Are you satisfied with the pace of change in Ukraine today?



- I am satisfied; change is happening at the right pace
- I am dissatisfied; change is not happening fast enough
- I am dissatisfied; change is happening too fast
- No changes are taking place in Ukraine
- Difficult to answer/No answer

Are you ready to live through some economic difficulties today (e.g., higher tariffs and prices), if it leads to improvement in the quality of your life?



Are you ready to live through some economic difficulties today (e.g., higher tariffs and prices), if it leads to improvement in the quality of your life? (by region)



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



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



If you could choose only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?



Democracy is definitely more important to me
Democracy is somewhat more important to me
Prosperity is somewhat more important to me
Prosperity is definitely more important to me
Difficult to answer/No answer

If you could choose only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy? (by region)



Continued Commitment to European Integration

International Republican Institute

If Ukraine were able to enter only one international economic union, which of the following should it be?



If Ukraine were able to enter only one international economic union, which of the following should it be? (by region)



If a referendum was held today on Ukraine joining NATO, how would you vote?

	 Would vote for Ukraine to join NATO Would not vote 					 Would vote against Ukraine joining NATO Difficult to answer 					
July 2015						30%			14% 1		
September 2014	43%					31%			17%		8%
April 2014		38%				40%			7%	15%	
March 2014	34%				43%				9%	13%	
C)%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%

26

If a referendum was held today on Ukraine joining NATO, how would you vote? (by region)



How do you evaluate your attitude toward each of the following countries?



Internally Displaced Persons

International Republican Institute

Do you know of any displaced persons from the Donbas or Crimea in your community?



Do you know of any displaced persons from Donbas or Crimea in your community? (by region)



How accepting are the people in your community of these displaced persons?

Among those who know any internally displaced people from either the Donbas or Crimea in their community, n=477



Do you know if the Ukrainian government is currently doing anything to support displaced persons?



If yes, what do you know about the Ukrainian government's support for displaced persons?

Among those who know something about the actions of Ukrainian authorities to support internally displaced persons, n=603



Do you think the government should do something to support displaced persons?



If yes, what do you think is the most important thing the government should do to support displaced persons?

Among those who believe that the government should take some action to support internally displaced persons, n=1,099


How would you evaluate the efforts of the government of Ukraine to retake occupied territories in Eastern Ukraine?



How would you evaluate the efforts of the government of Ukraine to retake occupied territories in Eastern Ukraine? (by region)



Approval of and Satisfaction with Officials and Institutions

International Republican Institute

Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Petro Poroshenko is doing?



Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Cabinet of Ministers under Arseniy Yatsenyuk is doing?



Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Parliament of Ukraine is doing?



What is your opinion about of each of the following Ukrainian politicians or members of the Ukrainian government?

Somewhat favorable

Very unfavorable President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk Head of Parliament, Volodymyr Hroisman Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovyi Kyiv Mayor Vitaliy Klychko Minister of Defense, Stepan Poltorak Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pavlo Klimkin Minister of Internal Affairs, Arsen Avakov Right Sector Party leader, Dmytro Yarosh Radical Party leader, Oleh Lyashko Fatherland (Batkivshchyna) Party leader, Yuliya Tymoshenko Freedom (Svoboda) Party leader, Oleh Tyahnybok Strong Ukraine Party leader, Serhiy Tihipko Opposition Bloc leader, Yuriy Boyko Communist Party of Ukraine leader, Petro Symonenko

Very favorable

Have not heard the name Difficult to answer <1% 5% 10% 22% 31% 32% 25% <<u>1%</u> 6% 1% 9% 58% 4% 14% 18% 32% 30% 29% 19% 7% 7% 22% 17% 1% 12% 3% 22% 26% 37% 1%11% 20% 23% 31% 14% 17% 17% 25% 16% 22% 3% 16% 1% 14% 30% 36% 5% 20% 20% 39% 3% 13% 1% 9% 6% 19% 24% 41% **1% 10%** 5% 24% 44% 17% 1% 10% 16% 23% 47% 3% 1% 8% 22% 60% 8% 3% 10% 19% 7% 10% 51% 17% 69% 1%7% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Somewhat unfavorable

In your opinion, has the situation in the following areas improved or worsened under the post-Maidan government compared to under the Yanukovych government?

Improved a lotWorsened somewhat	Improved somWorsened a lo					Stayed the sameDifficult to answer					
Defense capability of the country	6%		3	7%		20	%	11%	15%		11%
European integration	2 %	19%			36%			15%	11%	18%	
Decentralization	1%	6 10%		40%	40%		9% 13%		27%		
Fight against corruption	1%	10%		32%		19%	/ D		32%		7%
Status of Russian language	<1%	9%			65%				8%	10%	7%
Government competence	1% 7	% 7% 19%			22%			43%	43%		8%
Fight against crime	<1%	< <u>1%</u> 7% 3			88%		22%		26%		8%
Political stability	4%	4% 16%			31%			45%			4%
Social protection	<1%	1% 2% 21%			31%			42%			3%
Agriculture	2%	2% 28%			24%		28%		18%		
Healthcare	<1% 〕	<1% 2% 33%			29%		32		32%	% 3%	
Salary/Pension payments	<1%	<1% 2% 43%				29%		215		1%	6%
Small and medium business	1%	1% 25%			27%		26%			20%	
Housing and communal services	1%	1% 21%			26%		49 %				3%
Economy	<1%	1% 11 <mark>%</mark>		32%				5 4%	0		<mark>2%</mark>
Stability of hryvnia	1%	5% 2	0%				7	2%			<mark>2</mark> %
Employment	<1%	1% 1% 18%			32%			4	46%		3%
Rights to land ownership	<1%	1%	40%			14%		17%		28%	
Prices	<1 <mark>%</mark>	<1% 3%		20%			76	%			1%
Relationship with Russia	<1%	4% 21	21%				7	2%			<mark>2</mark> %
	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70 %	80%	90%	100%

How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next local elections*?



■ Very likely

- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Very unlikely
- Difficult to answer

*Local elections are currently scheduled for October 25, 2015.

Women and Youth in Ukraine

International Republican Institute

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?



Would vote for the female candidate
Would vote for the male candidate
Makes no difference to me
Difficult to answer/No answer

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women"?



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people"?





- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Difficult to answer/No answer

Should Ukrainian women serve in influential positions in the national government?



Should Ukraine institute a quota system to guarantee a minimum number of women in the Parliament?



Odesa Region, n=665

July 16-30, 2015

International Republican Institute

Do you approve of the appointment of Mikheil Saakashvili as the governor of the Odesa region?



Strongly approve

- Somewhat approve
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove
- Difficult to answer

Do you approve the job performance of the...



In your opinion, which areas should be a priority for the governor of the Odesa region? (three responses)



*In Ukraine, the term lustration refers to the exclusion from public office of civil servants who worked under Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych for more than a year and civil servants who were active in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. They may be excluded for five to ten years (Source: <u>Kyiv Post</u>).

Do you approve or disapprove the job of...



Do you feel that Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine are under pressure or threat because of their language?



Do you feel that Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine are under pressure or threat because of their language?



Do you support the decision of the Russian Federation to send its army "to protect Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine?"



Do you support the decision of the Russian Federation to send its army "to protect Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine?"



How do you evaluate Russia's actions toward Crimea?



How do you evaluate Russia's actions toward Crimea?

■ It is an illegal invasion and occupation of independent Ukraine ■ It is a lawful protection of Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine ■ Other

Difficult to answer/No answer





In your opinion, which of the following should Ukraine do?



Remain a unitary country
Remain a unitary country, but without Crimea
Become a federal country
Be divided into several countries
Other
Difficult to answer/No answer

In your opinion, which of the following should Ukraine do?



Demographics



Demographics



Demographics



50%

Demographics Odesa Oversample



Demographics Odesa Oversample



Demographics Odesa Oversample



70

50%

International Republican Institute (202) 408-9450 | info@iri.org www.IRI.org | @IRIGlobal





