



# “Sant Maral” Foundation

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The “Sant Maral” foundation presents the results of the April 2002 survey. The representative sample of 1607 respondents from the capital Ulan Bator and Dundgovi, Selenge, Suhebaatar, Hovd aymaks was collected from April 6 to April 12, 2002. Tabulations are split by Rural, Capital and Nationwide areas. The survey is sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation of Germany.

## Voting intention in April 2002

### “If elections were held tomorrow, would you participate?”

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “yes”	72	60	67
• “no”	16	22	19
• DK <sup>1</sup>	11	16	13
• no answer	1	2	1

### “If Parliament Elections were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?”

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
▪ MPRP	45	36	41
▪ Democratic Party	25	25	25
▪ MNDSP	5	2	4
▪ CW-Rep Party	6	11	8
▪ Other parties	0	1	1
▪ Independent	12	15	13
▪ Missing / DK	7	10	9

### Best Party

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• MPRP	43	31	38
• Democratic Party	20	20	20
• MNDSP	4	1	3
• CW-Rep Party	4	7	5
• other parties	2	0	1
• no parties	2	5	4
• missing/DK	25	37	30

<sup>1</sup> DK –don’t know

**“Was the transition to Democratic system in 1990 right step or wrong?”**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “right”	89	90	89
• “wrong”	11	8	9
• missing	1	2	2

**“Was the transition to Market Economy in 1990 right step or wrong?”**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “right”	82	85	83
• “wrong”	13	9	11
• missing	5	7	6

**Present economic situation in Mongolia**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
♦ very good	2	1	1
♦ good	9	4	7
♦ partly good/partly bad	39	31	36
♦ rather bad	41	48	44
♦ bad	9	15	12
♦ missing	1	1	1

**Satisfaction with Government**

	Total
very satisfied	6
fairly satisfied	43
rather not satisfied	40
totally unsatisfied	8
missing	4

**Satisfaction with Opposition**

	Total
very satisfied	9
fairly satisfied	32
rather not satisfied	38
totally unsatisfied	16
missing	5

**Government greatest success (nationwide)**

Foreign policy	5.7
Millenium road	3.8
Salary / pension policy	3.4
Economy	3.0
Foreign debt problem	3.0

**Government biggest failure (nationwide)**

Tax policy	9.1
Election promises	6.5
By-partisan policy	3.2
Staff administration policy	2.2
No opposition	1.6

### Satisfaction with present political system

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very satisfied	8	6	7
• fairly satisfied	46	38	43
• rather not satisfied	37	42	39
• totally unsatisfied	6	9	8
• missing	3	5	4

### Confidence in state institutions (nationwide)

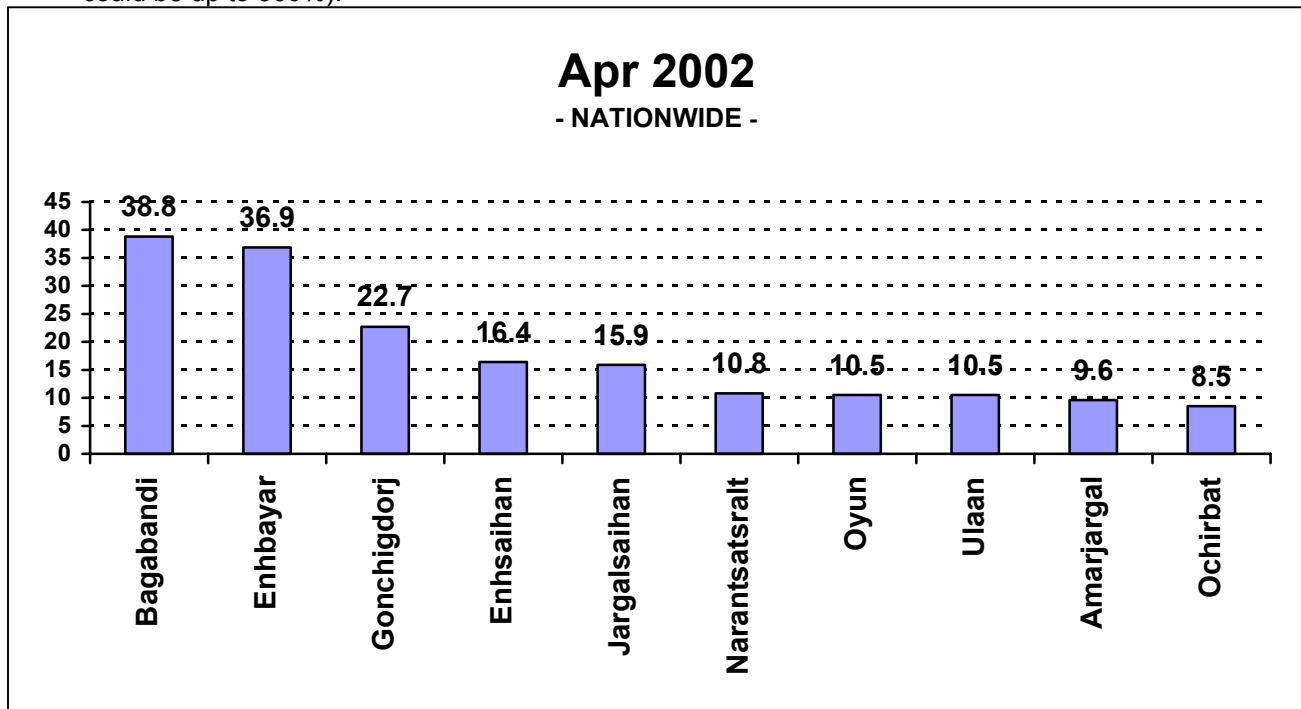
	<i>President</i>	<i>Parliament</i>	<i>Judiciary system</i>	<i>State organisations</i>	<i>Political parties</i>
very confident	19	9	4	3	3
rather confident	47	41	20	26	23
rather not confident	14	24	37	34	33
totally not confident	6	7	18	13	18
no answer	14	19	22	25	22

### What do you think is the most important in Mongolia to build strong national economy? (up to 2 responses could be selected)

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Popular support for government policy	19	18	19
• To develop legal environment	38	37	37
• Strong centralised state	36	40	38
• Strong private sector	13	13	13
• Large scale investments	27	21	24
• Independent national policy	18	21	19
• Effective social welfare policy	12	12	12

**“Whom of the prominent persons in the country would you like to name; who, in your opinion, should play an important role in politics?”**

(No names were suggested, each respondent could mention up to three persons. Responses are listed here in ranking order by percentage of cases. Cumulative percentage could be up to 300%).



Top 10 politicians in Ulan Bator		Top 10 politicians in Countryside	
1. Bagabandi	33.6	1. Bagabandi	42.1
2. Enhbayar	31.2	2. Enhbayar	40.5
3. Jargalsaihan	23.1	3. Gonchigdorj	22.6
4. Gonchigdorj	22.7	4. Ulaan	14.3
5. Enhsaihan	21.4	5. Narantstsralt	13.9
6. Oyun	12.7	6. Enhsaihan	11.4
7. Amarjargal	10.0	7. Jargalsaihan	11.3
8. Ochirbat	9.8	8. Amarjargal	9.4
9. Jasray	9.2	9. Oyun	9.1
10. Niamdorj	6.8	10. Ochirbat	7.6

**Most important socio-political or economic problems in Mongolia today (nationwide)**

(each respondent could give two answers; only the ten highest ranking problems are shown. Cumulative percentage could be up to 200%)

<b>1. Unemployment</b>	28.9
<b>2. Poverty</b>	19.0
<b>3. Manufacturing</b>	13.1
<b>4. Education</b>	11.6
<b>5. Life Level</b>	10.4
<b>6. National Economy</b>	9.1
<b>7. Rule of Law</b>	6.7
<b>8. Income</b>	6.4
<b>9. Alcoholism</b>	5.3
<b>10. Tax system</b>	4.7

**Present personal and family's life level situation**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	3	1	2
• good	13	14	13
• partly good/partly bad	37	39	38
• rather bad	39	38	39
• bad	9	9	9

**Life level development comparing to last year**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• better	14	15	15
• the same	66	59	63
• worsened	19	24	21
• Missing	1	2	1

**How much are you interested in politics?**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very much interested	7	6	7
• interested	20	21	21
• somehow interested	49	49	49
• rather not interested	16	16	16
• not interested	7	6	7
• Missing	1	2	1

### How much influence have voters on political decision making?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very strong	11	9	10
• rather strong	42	36	39
• rather small	31	35	33
• very small	13	15	14
• Missing	4	5	4

### How do you approve or disapprove the following statement: “In principal you can trust that government is doing right things for citizens”?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Fully approve	24	17	21
• Rather approve	47	43	45
• Rather disapprove	18	24	21
• Totally disapprove	6	9	7
• Non response	5	6	6

### Which country is the best partner for Mongolia?

No names were suggested, each respondent could mention up to two countries. Responses are listed by percentage of cases. Cumulative percentage could be up to 200%).

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Russia	70	65	68
• China	14	19	16
• USA	33	39	36
• European Union <sup>2</sup>	7	7	7
• Japan	33	35	34
• South Korea	14	9	12
• Others	3	3	3

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<sup>2</sup> Includes all mentioned EU countries