



“Sant Maral” Foundation

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The “Sant Maral” foundation presents the results of the March 2003 survey. The representative sample of 1536 respondents from the capital Ulan Bator and Dornod, Uvs, Dornogovi, Övörhangay aymaks was collected from February 28 to March 10, 2003. Tabulations are band by Rural, Capital and Nationwide areas. The survey is sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation of Germany.

Voting intention in March 2003

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “yes”	78	71	74
• “no”	11	15	13
• DK ¹	10	14	12
• no answer	2	1	1

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
▪ MPRP	47	35	41
▪ Democratic Party	28	30	29
▪ MNDSP	3	3	3
▪ CW-Rep Party	7	12	9
▪ Other parties	1	1	1
▪ Independent	9	13	11
▪ Missing / DK	6	7	7

Best Party

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• MPRP	48	34	41
• Democratic Party	19	23	21
• MNDSP	3	2	2
• CW-Rep Party	7	10	8
• other parties	-	1	1
• no parties	3	6	4
• missing/DK	20	25	22

¹ DK –don’t know

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “right”	92	90	91
• “wrong”	6	7	6
• missing	2	3	3

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “right”	89	86	87
• “wrong”	6	8	7
• missing	5	6	6

Present economic situation in Mongolia

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
♦ very good	1	1	1
♦ good	14	5	10
♦ partly good/partly bad	48	44	46
♦ rather bad	31	37	34
♦ bad	5	12	9
♦ missing	1	1	1

Satisfaction with Government

	Total
very satisfied	6
fairly satisfied	45
rather not satisfied	38
totally unsatisfied	6
missing	4

Satisfaction with Opposition

	Total
very satisfied	12
fairly satisfied	30
rather not satisfied	39
totally unsatisfied	15
missing	4

Government greatest success (nationwide)

Millenium road	8.2
Privatisation (including land)	5.7
Economy	4.5
Salary / pension policy	4.0
Foreign policy	3.5

Government biggest failure (nationwide)

Privatisation (including land)	9.0
Corruption	7.4
Election promises	6.9
No opposition	4.8
Tax policy	3.9

Satisfaction with present political system

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very satisfied	8	6	7
• fairly satisfied	57	40	48
• rather not satisfied	28	40	34
• totally unsatisfied	4	10	7
• 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	22	8	5	4	5
rather confident	47	40	22	33	30
rather not confident	13	27	38	33	35
totally not confident	7	10	21	12	13
no answer	11	15	15	18	17

Was the decision to privatise land right or wrong?

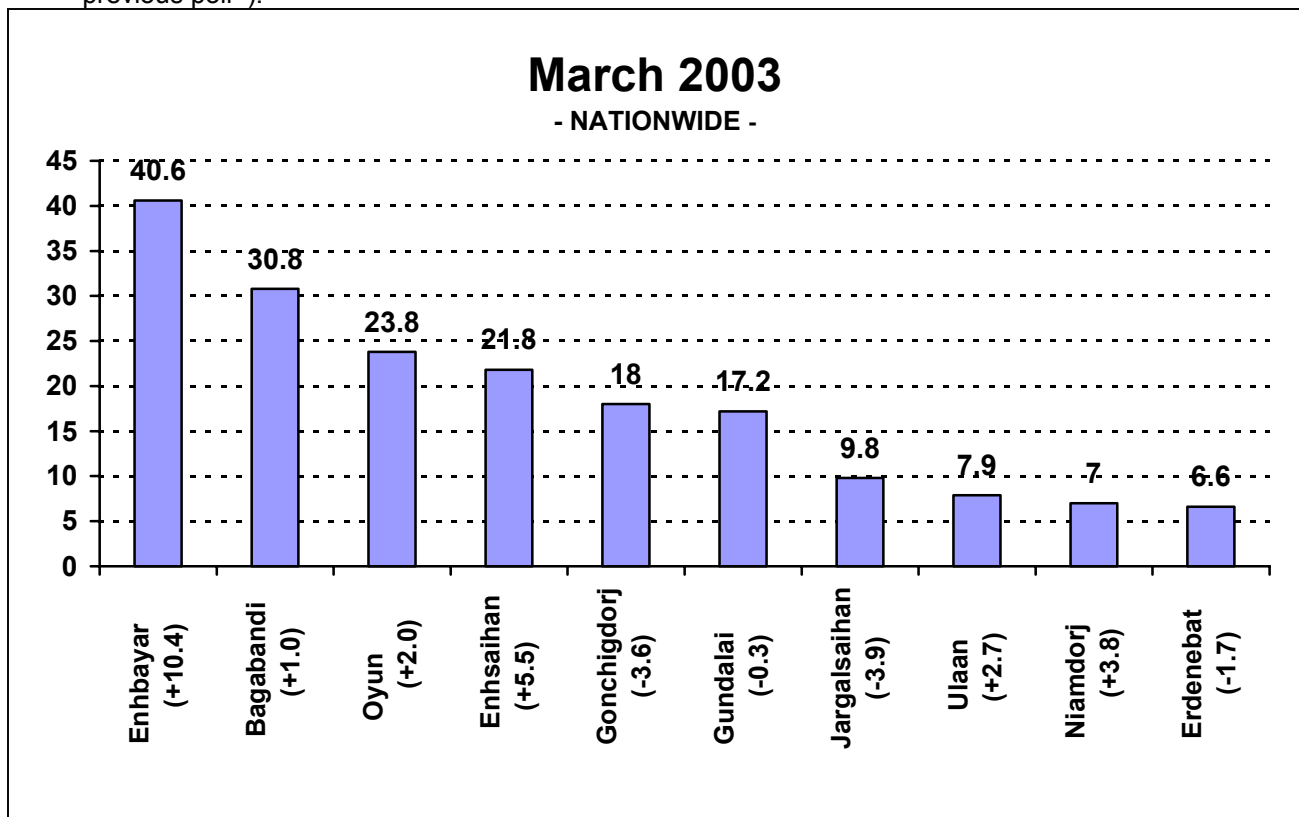
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Right	49	47	48
• Wrong	30	31	31
• Missing, DK	22	22	22

Should the Parliament decide on land privatisation or it should be decided through National referendum?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• through National referendum	63	68	65
• by Parliament	20	15	17
• Missing, DK	17	17	17

“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 a ranking order by percentage of cases. The cumulative percentage could be up to 300%. Each name is given with a rise or fall comparing to the previous poll).



Top 10 politicians in Ulan Bator		Top 10 politicians in Countryside	
1. Enhbayar	34.8	1. Enhbayar	46.3
2. Bagabandi	27.7	2. Bagabandi	35.8
3. Oyun	25.7	3. Oyun	22.0
4. Enhsaihan	24.3	4. Gonchigdorj	22.0
5. Gundalai	22.3	5. Enhsaihan	19.3
6. Gonchigdorj	14.0	6. Gundalai	12.2
7. Jargalsaihan	12.9	7. Ulaan	10.7
8. Erdenebat	8.4	8. Niamdorj	10.4
9. Tudev	5.6	9. Tömör-Ochir	7.5
10. Jasray	5.3	10. Jargalsaihan	6.8

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%)

1. Unemployment	31.4
2. Poverty	17.8
3. Education	15.5
4. Life Level	13.1
5. Manufacturing	12.4
6. Corruption	9.3
7. National Economy	9.0
8. Income	5.0
9. Alcoholism	4.5
10. Privatisation	4.4

Present personal and family's life level situation

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	1	1	1
• good	14	13	14
• partly good/partly bad	43	43	43
• rather bad	35	35	35
• bad	8	7	8

Life level development comparing to last year

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• better	18	19	18
• the same	63	62	62
• worsened	19	19	19
• Missing	1	1	1

How much are you interested in politics?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very much interested	9	8	8
• interested	25	23	24
• somehow interested	50	49	49
• rather not interested	10	10	10
• not interested	6	9	8
• Missing	-	1	1

How much influence have voters on political decision making?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very strong	11	10	11
• rather strong	40	34	37
• rather small	34	31	33
• very small	10	19	15
• Missing	5	6	5

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	25	20	22
• Rather approve	50	44	47
• Rather disapprove	16	25	21
• Totally disapprove	5	8	7
• Non response	4	4	4

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	64	58	61
• China	18	21	19
• USA	25	31	28
• European Union ²	8	11	9
• Japan	38	40	39
• South Korea	15	12	14
• Others	4	5	5

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² Includes all mentioned EU countries