"SANT MARAL"

Foundation

The "Sant Maral" foundation presents the results of the May 2003 survey. The representative sample of 1662 respondents from the capital Ulan Bator, Darhan and Dundgovi, Uvs, Suhbaatar, Arhangay aymaks was collected from May 18 to May 25, 2003. Tabulations are band by Rural, Urban (Ulan Bator and Darhan) and Nationwide areas.

Voting intention in May 2003

"If elections were held tomorrow, would you participate?"

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• "yes"	72	69	70
• "no"	12	15	14
• DK [1]	14	13	14
• no answer	1	3	2

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

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
▪ MPRP	42	37	39
▪ MDC[2]	31	27	29
▪ CW-Rep Party	4	11	8
▪ Other parties	3	1	2
▪ Independent	13	15	14
▪ Missing / DK	7	9	8

Best Party

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• MPRP	38	32	35
• Democratic Party	20	17	18
• MDNSP	3	2	2
• MDC	1	3	2
• CW-Rep Party	3	9	6

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[1] DK –don't know

[2] "Motherland – Democracy Coalition" of Democratic Party and Mongolian Democratic New Socialist Party (MDSNP). The agreement between two parties was signed on 2 of May, 2003

• other parties	2	1	1
• no parties	2	4	3
• missing/DK	32	32	32

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

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• "right"	83	91	87
• "wrong"	14	7	10
• missing	3	2	2

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

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• "right"	79	87	83
• "wrong"	13	9	11
• missing	8	4	6

Present economic situation in Mongolia

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
♦ very good	2	2	2
♦ good	9	6	8
♦ partly good/partly bad	48	43	45
♦ rather bad	34	40	37
♦ bad	6	9	8
♦ missing	1	1	1

Satisfaction with Government

	Total
very satisfied	6
fairly satisfied	42
rather not satisfied	41
totally unsatisfied	7
missing	4

Satisfaction with Opposition

	Total
very satisfied	11
fairly satisfied	30
rather not satisfied	40
totally unsatisfied	13
missing	7

Government greatest success (nationwide)

Privatisation (including land)	12.0
Millenium road	9.1
Economy	2.8

Government biggest failure (nationwide)

Privatisation (including land)	9.3
Election promises	4.7
Tax policy	3.3

Salary / pension policy	2.4	Corruption	2.8
Stability	1.7	No opposition	1.9

Satisfaction with present political system

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• very satisfied	6	6	6
• fairly satisfied	50	39	44
• rather not satisfied	34	44	39
• totally unsatisfied	5	8	7
• missing	5	3	4

Confidence in state institutions (nationwide)

	President	*Parliament*	*Judiciary system*	*State organisations*	*Political parties*
very confident	22	8	5	3	4
rather confident	45	39	20	27	25
rather not confident	16	26	39	37	37
totally not confident	4	9	18	11	14
no answer	13	18	19	22	20

Was the decision to privatise land right or wrong?

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• Right	40	54	47
• Wrong	35	28	31
• Missing, DK	25	19	21

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

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• through National referendum	53	59	56
• by Parliament	22	20	21
• Missing, DK	25	21	23

"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).

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Name	Value
Enhbayar (-2.4)	38.2
Bagabandi (-1.5)	29.3
Gonchigdorj (+6.4)	24.4
Enhsaihan (+2.6)	24.4
Oyun (-4.1)	19.7
Gundalai (-3.1)	14.1
Niamdorj (+2.8)	9.8
Jargalsaihan (-0.1)	9.7
Ulaan (+1.6)	9.5
Narantstsralt (+6.4)	9.5
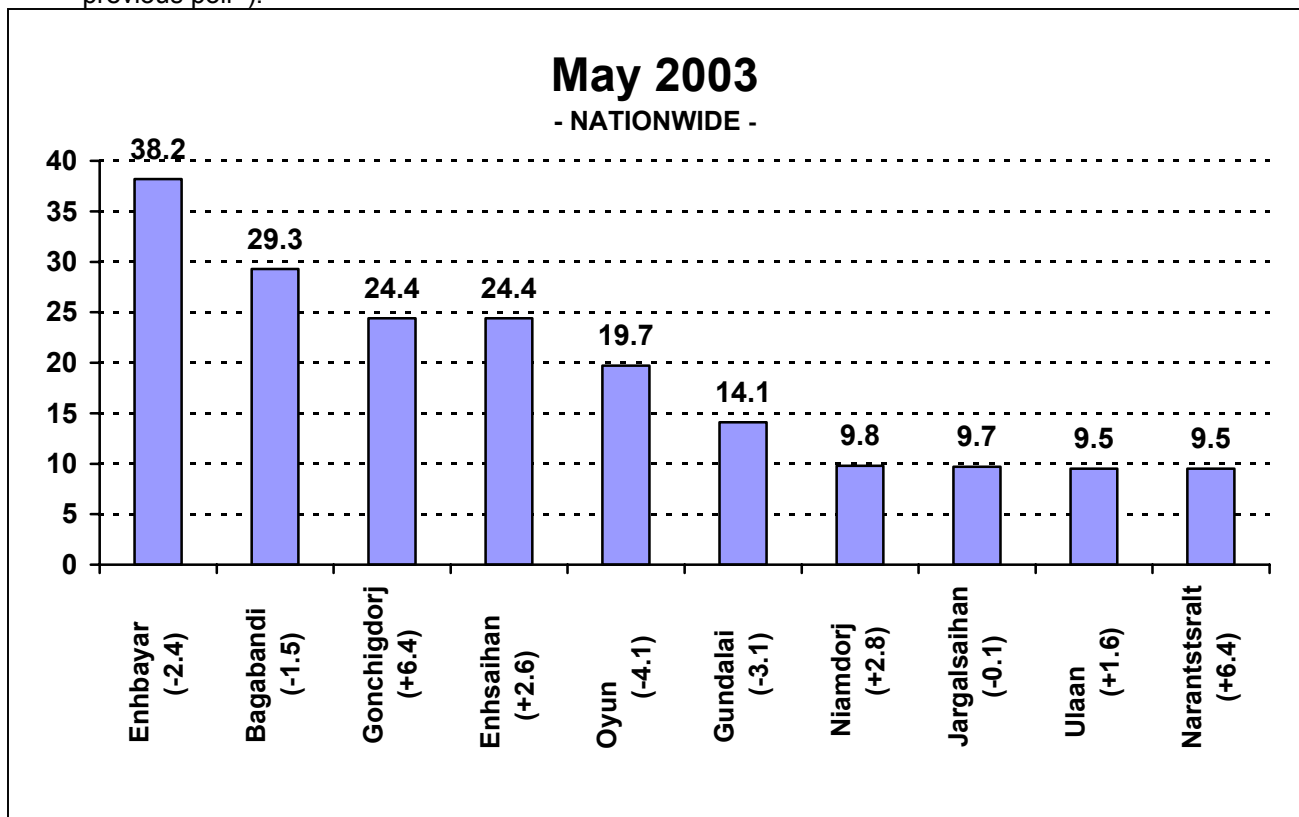
Top 10 politicians in Urban area		Top 10 politicians in Countryside	
1. Enhbayar	35.6	1. Enhbayar	41.1
2. Bagabandi	28.4	2. Gonchigdorj	33.2
3. Oyun	24.3	3. Bagabandi	30.3
4. Enhsaihan	22.3	4. Enhsaihan	27.0
5. Gundalai	18.6	5. Ulaan	15.8
6. Gonchigdorj	16.5	6. Oyun	14.5
7. Jargalsaihan	15.2	7. Narantsatsralt	12.9
8. Erdenebat	10.2	8. Niamdorj	9.4
9. Niamdorj	10.2	9. Gundalai	9.0
10. Narantsatsralt	6.3	10. Erdenebat	8.5

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	28.7
2. Poverty	21.9
3. Education	14.0
4. Life Level	11.5
5. Manufacturing	9.7
6. National Economy	8.7
7. Corruption	6.2
8. Alcoholism	4.9
9. Privatisation	4.9
10. Income	4.4

Present personal and family's life level situation

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• very good	2	1	1
• good	17	14	15
• partly good/partly bad	45	45	45
• rather bad	32	35	33
• bad	5	6	5

Life level development comparing to last year

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• better	19	19	19
• the same	65	61	63
• worsened	15	19	17
• Missing	2	1	1

How much are you interested in politics?

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• very much interested	9	6	8
• interested	23	20	21
• somehow interested	52	54	53
• rather not interested	9	10	9
• not interested	7	9	8
• Missing	1	1	1

How much influence have voters on political decision making?

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• very strong	11	11	11
• rather strong	42	36	39
• rather small	34	37	36
• very small	8	10	9
• Missing	6	6	6

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

	Countryside	Urban	Nationwide
• Fully approve	22	19	20
• Rather approve	48	50	49
• Rather disapprove	19	21	20
• Totally disapprove	6	8	7
• Non response	5	3	4

Trend of the confidence level to the government in Ulan Bator

	Enhsaihan X.1997	Elbegdorj X.1998	Narantsatsralt IV.1999	Amarjargal V.2000	Enhbayar XI.2000
Fully approve	17	9	4	8	15
Rather approve	49	44	35	42	49
Rather disapprove	22	28	36	31	23
Totally disapprove	10	16	23	15	9
Non response	2	3	3	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	Urban	Nationwide
• Russia	69	58	63
• China	15	20	18
• USA	34	36	35
• European Union[3]	5	13	9
• Japan	29	34	32
• South Korea	16	16	16
• Others	1	3	2

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[3] Includes all mentioned EU countries