



“SANT MARAL” Foundation

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The “Sant Maral” foundation presents the results of the October 2003 survey. The representative sample of 1703 respondents from the capital Ulan Bator and Huvsgul, Hovd, Suhbaatar, Övörhangay aymaks was collected from 24 of October to November 1, 2003. Tabulations are band by Rural, Capital and Nationwide areas. The survey is sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation of Germany.

Voting intention in October 2003

| “If elections were held tomorrow, would you participate?” | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
| • “yes” | 75 | 72 | 74 |
| • “no” | 10 | 12 | 11 |
| • DK ¹ | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| • no answer | 1 | 1 | 1 |

| “If Parliament Elections were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?” | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
| ▪ MPRP | 43 | 33 | 38 |
| ▪ Democratic Party | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| ▪ MNDSP | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| ▪ CW-Rep Party | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| ▪ Other parties | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| ▪ Independent | 12 | 18 | 15 |
| ▪ Missing / DK | 5 | 5 | 5 |

| “If three opposition parties form a Coalition and elections were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?” | | | |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
| • MPRP | 39 | 32 | 35 |
| • Coalition | 37 | 41 | 39 |
| • Other Parties | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| • Independent | 12 | 16 | 14 |
| • Missing/ DK | 10 | 8 | 9 |

| Best Party | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
| • MPRP | 42 | 32 | 37 |
| • Democratic Party | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| • M-D Coalition | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| • MNDSP | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| • CW-Rep Party | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| • other parties | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| • no parties | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| • missing/DK | 26 | 30 | 27 |

¹ DK –don’t know

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

| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| • “right” | 89 | 93 | 91 |
| • “wrong” | 9 | 5 | 7 |
| • missing | 2 | 2 | 2 |

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

| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| • “right” | 87 | 90 | 89 |
| • “wrong” | 9 | 6 | 7 |
| • missing | 4 | 4 | 4 |

Present economic situation in Mongolia

| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| ♦ very good | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| ♦ good | 12 | 9 | 10 |
| ♦ partly good/partly bad | 48 | 43 | 46 |
| ♦ rather bad | 30 | 37 | 34 |
| ♦ bad | 5 | 10 | 7 |
| ♦ missing | 1 | 1 | 1 |

| Satisfaction with Government | | Satisfaction with Opposition | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| | Nationwide | | Nationwide |
| very satisfied | 7 | very satisfied | 6 |
| fairly satisfied | 40 | fairly satisfied | 29 |
| rather not satisfied | 40 | rather not satisfied | 44 |
| totally unsatisfied | 7 | totally unsatisfied | 15 |
| missing | 6 | missing | 6 |

| Government greatest success (nationwide, only top 5) | | Government biggest failure (nationwide, only top 5) | |
|---|------|--|-----|
| Millenium road | 16.3 | Privatisation (including land) | 5.6 |
| Foreign policy /foreign debt | 5.7 | No opposition | 3.5 |
| Economy | 5.5 | Election promises | 3.2 |
| Privatisation (including land) | 3.6 | Tax policy | 3.0 |
| Salary / pension policy | 2.8 | Law Enforcement | 2.7 |

Satisfaction with present political system

| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| • very satisfied | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| • fairly satisfied | 49 | 35 | 42 |
| • rather not satisfied | 33 | 47 | 41 |
| • totally unsatisfied | 6 | 9 | 8 |
| • missing | 4 | 2 | 3 |

Confidence in state institutions (nationwide)

| | President | Parliament | Judiciary system | State organisations | Political parties |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| very confident | 19 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| rather confident | 49 | 35 | 18 | 28 | 23 |
| rather not confident | 13 | 29 | 36 | 31 | 34 |
| totally not confident | 5 | 10 | 22 | 12 | 18 |
| no answer | 14 | 19 | 21 | 25 | 22 |

Is the Population of Mongolia properly represented in the Parliament through the current Electoral System?

| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| • Fully represented | 12 | 8 | 10 |
| • Rather represented | 33 | 25 | 28 |
| • Rather not represented | 31 | 34 | 32 |
| • Not represented at all | 9 | 18 | 13 |
| • Missing, DK | 16 | 16 | 16 |

Which Electoral system is more suitable for Mongolia

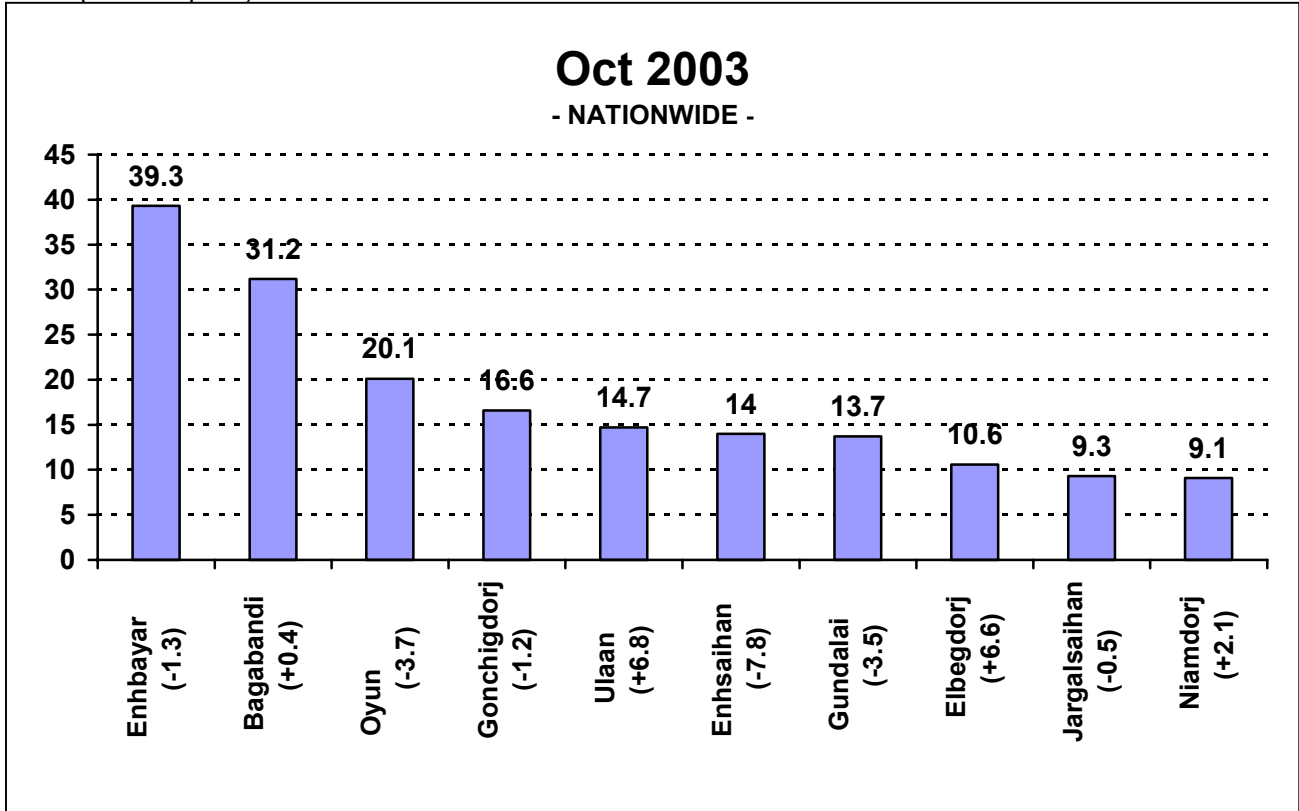
| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| • Proportional | 20 | 15 | 17 |
| • Majoritarian | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| • Combination of both | 28 | 31 | 29 |
| • Missing, DK | 27 | 29 | 28 |

Which Form of State is more suitable for Mongolia

| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| • Presidential Republic | 28 | 31 | 30 |
| • Parliamentary republic | 22 | 20 | 21 |
| • Present semi-parliamentarian | 30 | 28 | 29 |
| • Missing, DK | 21 | 21 | 21 |

“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 | 36.6 | 1. Enhbayar | 42.1 |
| 2. Bagabandi | 28.9 | 2. Bagabandi | 33.5 |
| 3. Oyun | 26.8 | 3. Ulaan | 24.6 |
| 4. Gonchigdorj | 18.7 | 4. Gundalai | 15.1 |
| 5. Enhsaihan | 15.7 | 5. Gonchigdorj | 14.4 |
| 6. Jargalsaihan | 15.6 | 6. Oyun | 13.3 |
| 7. Gundalai | 12.4 | 7. Enhsaihan | 11.7 |
| 8. Elbegdorj | 11.9 | 8. Tömör-Ochir | 10.5 |
| 9. Niamdorj | 9.9 | 9. Elbegdorj | 9.2 |
| 10. Ulaan | 5.3 | 10. Niamdorj | 8.3 |

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 | 26.5 |
| 2. Poverty | 23.5 |
| 3. Education | 13.5 |
| 4. Life Level | 10.8 |
| 5. National Economy | 8.5 |
| 6. Corruption | 8.3 |
| 7. Income | 8.0 |
| 8. Manufacturing | 6.3 |
| 9. Alcoholism | 6.1 |
| 10. Law enforcement | 5.3 |

Present personal and family's life level situation

| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| • very good | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| • good | 19 | 16 | 17 |
| • partly good/partly bad | 40 | 44 | 42 |
| • rather bad | 34 | 33 | 33 |
| • bad | 7 | 6 | 6 |

Life level development comparing to last year

| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| • better | 19 | 20 | 20 |
| • the same | 65 | 64 | 65 |
| • worsened | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| • Missing | 1 | 0 | 1 |

How much are you interested in politics?

| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| • very much interested | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| • interested | 24 | 22 | 23 |
| • somehow interested | 47 | 49 | 48 |
| • rather not interested | 15 | 19 | 17 |
| • not interested | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| • Missing | 2 | 1 | 2 |

How much influence have voters on political decision making?

| | Countryside | Ulan Bator | Nationwide |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| • very strong | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| • rather strong | 41 | 28 | 34 |
| • rather small | 37 | 43 | 40 |
| • very small | 9 | 16 | 12 |
| • 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 | 21 | 13 | 17 |
| • Rather approve | 49 | 48 | 49 |
| • Rather disapprove | 21 | 27 | 24 |
| • Totally disapprove | 5 | 9 | 7 |
| • Non response | 5 | 3 | 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 | 69 | 58 | 63 |
| • China | 18 | 20 | 19 |
| • USA | 29 | 42 | 36 |
| • European Union ² | 6 | 8 | 7 |
| • Japan | 29 | 32 | 31 |
| • South Korea | 20 | 13 | 16 |
| • Others | - | 3 | 2 |

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² Includes all mentioned EU countries