



“SANT MARAL” Foundation

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The “Sant Maral” foundation presents the results of the October 2007 survey. The representative sample of respondents from the capital Ulan Bator and Hentii, Huvsgul, Hovd, Bayan-Ulgy, Umnugovi aymaks was collected from October 12 to October 21, 2007. Tabulations are band by Capital, Countryside and Nationwide areas.

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Voting intention

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “yes”	71,8	64,9	68,8
• “no”	14,3	18,5	16,2
• DK ¹	12,2	16,2	14,0
• missing	1,6	,4	1,1

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
▪ MPRP	30,7	25,3	28,3
▪ Democratic Party	33,0	29,1	31,2
▪ Motherland (MDNSP)	2,0	,4	1,3
▪ CW Party	2,9	3,3	3,1
▪ Republican Party	,7	2,0	1,3
▪ People’s Party	3,3	3,7	3,4
▪ New National Party	1,2	1,2	1,2
▪ Other parties	2,2	4,1	3,0
▪ Independent	10,2	12,2	11,1
▪ Missing / DK	14,0	18,8	16,2

3. Best Party

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
▪ MPRP	30,6	26,2	28,6
▪ Democratic Party	27,0	26,4	26,7
▪ Motherland	1,1	1,0	1,0
▪ CW Party	4,1	4,9	4,5
▪ Republican Party	,8	2,6	1,6
▪ People’s Party	2,4	2,4	2,4
▪ New National Party	1,4	,7	1,1
▪ other parties	,3	,5	,4
▪ Parties Coalition	2,5	2,4	2,5
▪ no parties	15,0	14,7	14,8
▪ missing/DK	14,8	18,2	16,4

¹ DK –don’t know

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “right”	86,7	90,2	88,3
• “wrong”	10,4	6,8	8,8
• missing	2,9	3,0	3,0

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “right”	84,4	86,1	85,1
• “wrong”	10,2	8,6	9,4
• missing	5,5	5,3	5,4

6. Present economic situation in Mongolia

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
♦ very good	1,1	1,1	1,1
♦ good	11,0	6,1	8,8
♦ partly good/partly bad	44,8	39,8	42,5
♦ rather bad	34,5	37,8	35,9
♦ bad	7,8	14,1	10,6
♦ missing	,9	1,1	1,0

7. Satisfaction with Government		8. Satisfaction with Opposition	
	Nationwide		Nationwide
very satisfied	4,2	very satisfied	6,5
fairly satisfied	27,5	fairly satisfied	27,6
rather not satisfied	50,6	rather not satisfied	43,4
totally unsatisfied	13,6	totally unsatisfied	16,6
missing	4,1	missing	6,0

9. Government greatest success (nationwide, only top 5)		10. Government biggest failure (nationwide, only top 5)	
Salaries, pensions	11.1	State administration	6.9
Children allowance	7.4	Lack of unity	6.5
Social policy	3.6	Corruption	5.6
Economy	1.9	Inflation	4.5
Millenium road	1.8	Law enforcement	3.1

11. Satisfaction with present political system

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very satisfied	5,5	5,4	5,4
• fairly satisfied	34,7	27,9	31,6
• rather not satisfied	48,6	48,2	48,4
• totally unsatisfied	8,6	16,3	12,0
• missing	2,6	2,2	2,5

12. Confidence in state institutions (nationwide)

	President	Parliament	Judiciary system	State org-s	Political parties	Civil society
very confident	11,9	3,3	3,0	2,8	2,1	4,6
rather confident	39,0	27,5	20,0	31,0	18,3	25,5
rather not confident	27,6	43,1	43,4	38,8	42,2	34,8
totally not confident	12,6	14,5	20,1	13,5	22,4	22,1
no answer	8,9	11,7	13,4	13,8	15,1	12,9

13. Are political parties representing public opinion?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	23,5	11,7	18,2
• No	51,9	66,0	58,1
• DK	22,9	20,8	22,0
• Missing	1,7	1,5	1,7

14. How you evaluate your nearest future?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Optimistic	76,3	78,0	77,1
• Pessimistic	14,5	15,2	14,8
• Missing	9,2	6,8	8,1

15. Do you think that the decision of Sumo federation on Asashioru case is justified?

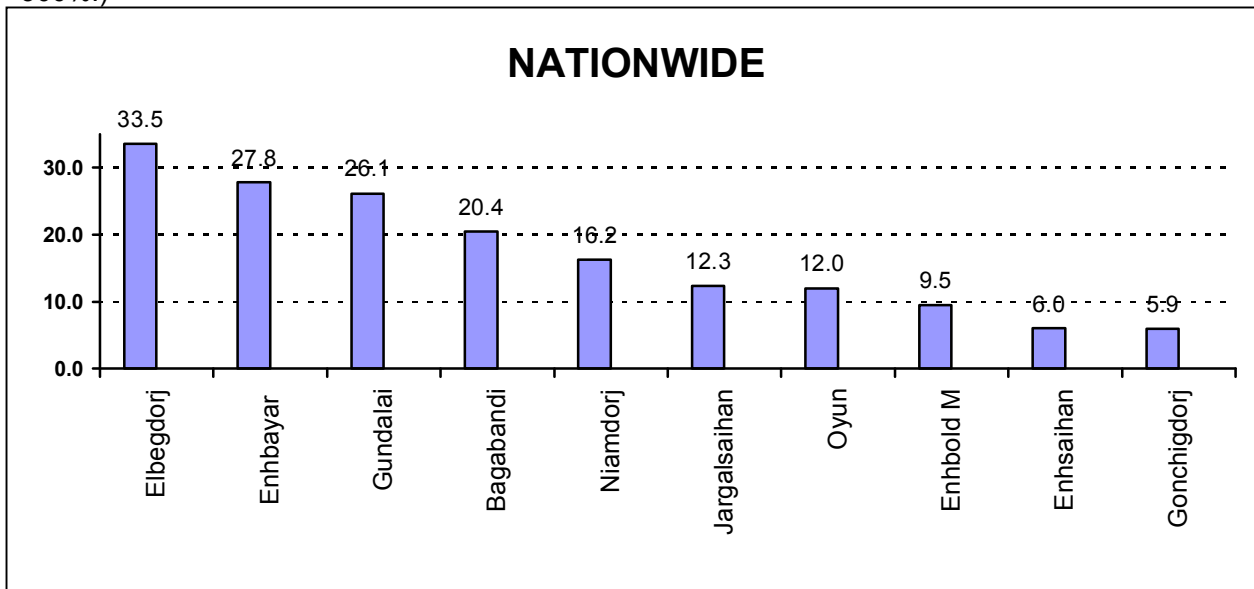
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	19.1	26.8	22.5
• No	26.2	28.3	27.1
• DK	52.8	43.3	48.6
• Missing	1.9	1.6	1.8

16. Do you think Asashioru case may damage Japanese-Mongolian relationship?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• A lot	2.6	2.7	2.7
• Somehow	6.2	6.0	6.1
• A bit	16.2	15.9	16.0
• Not at all	23.5	28.0	25.5
• DK	49.6	45.0	47.5
• Missing	2,0	2,4	2.2

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%.)



Top 10 politicians

18. in Ulan Bator		19. in Countryside	
1. Elbegdorj	32.3	1. Elbegdorj	34.3
2. Gundalai	27.2	2. Enhbayar	31.4
3. Enhbayar	22.7	3. Gundalai	25.3
4. Bagabandi	22.1	4. Bagabandi	19.1
5. Jargalsaihan	18.4	5. Niamdorj	15.9
6. Niamdorj	16.6	6. Oyun	10.7
7. Oyun	13.9	7. Enhbold M	8.9
8. Enhbold M	10.4	8. Jargalsaihan	8
9. Ganbaatar	6.3	9. Enhtuvshin	6.9
10. Bat Uul	5.7	10. Enhsaihan	6.9
11. Gonchigdorj	5.7		

Top 3 politicians

By MPRP supporters		By DP supporters		By nonpartisans	
Enhbayar	50.8	Elbegdorj	58.7	Elbegdorj	32.8
Niamdorj	28.8	Gundalai	34.6	Gundalai	26.9
Bagabandi	23.7	Bagabandi	16.3	Enhbayar	21.4

20. 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	25.3
2. Corruption	15.7
3. Poverty	14.5
4. Inflation	13.7
5. Education	10.2
6. Low income	7.6
7. Mining sector	6.7
8. Life level	6.7
9. Environment	5.2
10. National Economy	4,7

21. Present personal and family's life level situation

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	1,2	,7	1,0
• good	17,1	16,7	16,9
• partly good/partly bad	43,8	49,9	46,5
• rather bad	31,6	25,0	28,6
• bad	5,2	6,7	5,9
• missing	1,1	1,1	1,1

22. Life level development comparing to last year

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• better	23,0	18,6	21,1
• the same	63,0	59,1	61,3
• worsened	12,7	21,5	16,6
• Missing	1,3	,8	1,1

23. Which actions should government undertake to eliminate social differentiation?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
Stay aside	5,8	6,0	5,9
It is not important which kind of actions	14,5	16,0	15,2
Should do something	45,6	38,5	42,4
Should clear it absolutely	29,3	35,1	31,9
Missing	4,8	4,5	4,7

24. How much are you interested in politics?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very much interested	6,1	4,8	5,5
• interested	20,1	21,7	20,8
• somehow interested	44,8	41,0	43,1
• rather not interested	19,8	22,0	20,8
• not interested	7,6	9,2	8,3
• Missing	1,6	1,2	1,5

25. How much influence have voters on political decision making?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very strong	10,2	9,9	10,0
• rather strong	34,1	33,4	33,8
• rather small	39,3	36,1	37,9
• very small	12,9	15,5	14,0
• Missing	3,6	5,0	4,3

26. 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	11,0	5,3	8,5
• Rather approve	52,5	33,7	44,1
• Rather disapprove	26,0	34,9	30,0
• Totally disapprove	6,9	21,6	13,4
• Non response	3,6	4,5	4,0

27. Government confidence trend from PM Narantsatsralt(April 1999) to PM Enhbold (Apr-May 2006) in Ulan Bator

	Narantsatsralt IV.1999	Amarjargal V.2000	Enhbayar VI.2004	Elbegdorj XI.2004	Enhbold IV.2006
• Fully approve	4	8	22	9	5
• Rather approve	35	42	48	47	38
• Rather disapprove	36	31	21	27	32
• Totally disapprove	23	15	6	10	22
• Non response	3	4	4	7	3

28. 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	70,3%	54,4%	63,0%
• China	20,2%	16,2%	18,4%
• USA	38,0%	44,4%	40,9%
• European Union ²	3,3%	11,4%	7,0%
• Japan	22,6%	25,7%	24,1%
• South Korea	8,7%	12,7%	10,6%
• Others	6,7%	3,5%	5,2%

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² Includes all mentioned EU countries