



# “SANT MARAL” Foundation

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The “Sant Maral” foundation presents the results of the March 2007 survey. The representative sample of 1767 respondents from the capital Ulan Bator and Suhbaatar, Uvurhangai, Uvs, Selenge aymaks was collected from March 17 to March 24, 2007. Tabulations are band by Capital, Countryside and Nationwide areas.

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## Voting intention

<b>1. “If elections were held tomorrow, would you participate?”</b>			
	<b>Countryside</b>	<b>Ulan Bator</b>	<b>Nationwide</b>
• “yes”	72,8	62.9	68,4
• “no”	14,3	24.0	18,6
• DK <sup>1</sup>	10,9	12.4	11,5
• missing	2,0	.8	1.5

<b>2. “If Parliament Elections were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?”</b>			
	<b>Countryside</b>	<b>Ulan Bator</b>	<b>Nationwide</b>
▪ MPRP	34,2	24.6	30,0
▪ Democratic Party	37,1	26.8	32,6
▪ Motherland (MDNSP)	1,7	.8	1,3
▪ CW Party	1,7	5.5	3,4
▪ Republican Party	1,1	2.4	1,7
▪ People’s Party	3,6	5.2	4,3
▪ New National Party	,6	1.0	,8
▪ Other parties	1,7	1.9	1,8
▪ Independent	5,9	11.7	8,4
▪ Missing / DK	12,3	20.0	15,7

<b>3. Best Party</b>			
	<b>Countryside</b>	<b>Ulan Bator</b>	<b>Nationwide</b>

<sup>1</sup> DK –don’t know

▪ MPRP	33,3	24.2	29,3
▪ Democratic Party	32,8	22.8	28,4
▪ Motherland	1,4	.9	1,2
▪ CW-Rep Party	2,8	8.9	5,5
▪ Republican Party	,8	1.7	1,2
▪ People's Party	2,4	3.0	2,7
▪ New National Party	,6	.5	,6
▪ other parties	,1	.3	,2
▪ Parties Coalition	3,7	1.8	2,9
▪ no parties	9,8	17.5	13,2
▪ missing/DK	12.2	18.4	14.9

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• "right"	88,3	88.8	88,5
• "wrong"	8,2	8.9	8,5
• missing	3,5	2.3	3,0

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• "right"	84,9	83.2	84,2
• "wrong"	9,6	10.7	10,1
• missing	5,5	6.1	5,8

**6. Present economic situation in Mongolia**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
♦ very good	3,5	.3	2,1
♦ good	15,3	7.9	12,1
♦ partly good/partly bad	45,3	39.9	43,0
♦ rather bad	29,3	38.1	33,2
♦ bad	5,5	12.5	8,6
♦ missing	1,0	1.3	1.1

**7. Satisfaction with Government**

	Nationwide		Nationwide
very satisfied	5,4	very satisfied	8,2
fairly satisfied	32,2	fairly satisfied	30,9
rather not satisfied	46,0	rather not satisfied	39,5
totally unsatisfied	11,1	totally unsatisfied	15,7
missing	5,4	missing	5,7

**8. Satisfaction with Opposition**

9. Government greatest success (nationwide, only top 5)		10. Government biggest failure (nationwide, only top 5)	
Election promises <sup>2</sup>	18.9	Lack of unity	9
Salaries, pensions	7.3	Poor management	6.6
Social policy	7.0	Corruption	5.9
Economy	2.4	Coalition agreement	3.4
Foreign debt	1.9	Mining area	2.6

11. Satisfaction with present political system			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very satisfied	7,5	3.0	5,5
• fairly satisfied	41,4	24.4	33,9
• rather not satisfied	39,3	53.1	45,3
• totally unsatisfied	9,3	15.9	12,2
• missing	2,6	3.7	3,1

12. Confidence in state institutions (nationwide)						
	President	Parliament	Judiciary system	State org-s	Political parties	Civil society
very confident	14,4	4,1	1,7	2,5	1,9	7,2
rather confident	37,3	29,4	16,0	24,7	16,5	28,0
rather not confident	23,0	36,6	38,3	36,8	41,1	28,5
totally not confident	14,9	14,4	26,5	16,5	20,9	21,2
no answer	10,4	15,4	17,5	19,5	19,6	15,1

13. Are political parties representing public opinion?			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	27,3	14.3	21,6
• No	48,5	56.7	52,1
• DK	21,2	27.2	23,8
• Missing	2,9	1.8	2.4

14. How you evaluate your nearest future?			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Optimistic	81,5	79.6	80,7
• Pessimistic	11,5	15.7	13,4
• Missing	7,0	4.6	5,9

15. In a democratic country all power should belong to people. Do you think that you have an opportunity to exercise this power?			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes, I have	10,5	6.1	8,5
• Rather yes	32,1	22.4	27,8
• Rather no	35,3	40.1	37,4

<sup>2</sup> "Election promises" category includes 10000 tugriks child allowance, some aspects of government social policy referred to elections 2004 etc

• Not at all	19,2	28.0	23,0
• Missing	2,9	3.5	3,2

**16. Are you supporting “Civic Union<sup>3</sup>” activity to protect citizen rights?**

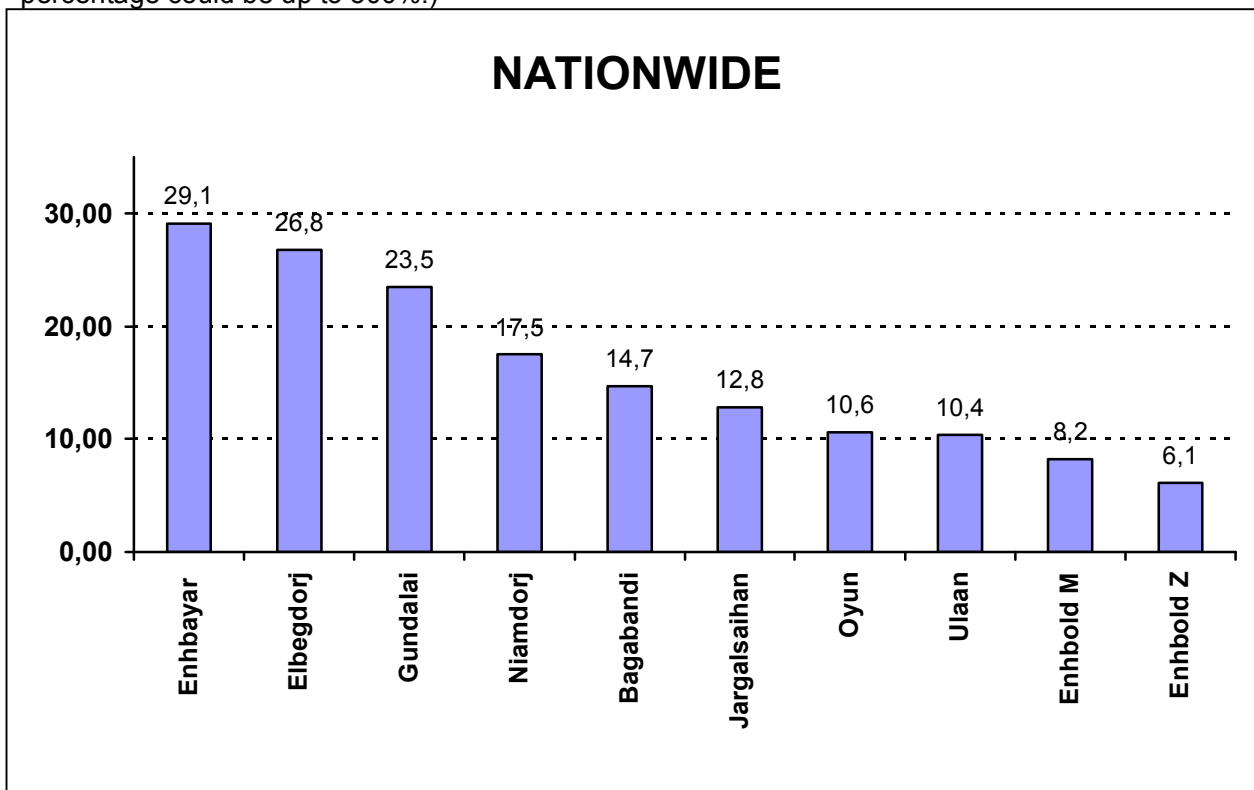
	<b>Countryside</b>	<b>Ulan Bator</b>	<b>Nationwide</b>
• Yes	60,9	50.0	56,1
• No	11,0	9.9	10,5
• DK	25,5	37.1	30,6
• Missing	2,5	3.0	2,7

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<sup>3</sup> “Civic Union” non government organization created in February 2007 to evoke citizen activity. Its leadership is criticizing existing party-centric system dominated by two major party.

**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**

<b>18. in Ulan Bator</b>		<b>19. in Countryside</b>	
1. Bagabandi	24.6	1. Enhbayar	33.4
2. Elbegdorj	24.5	2. Elbegdorj	28.7
3. Enhbayar	23.6	3. Gundalai	24.1
4. Gundalai	22.7	4. Niamdorj	21.1
5. Jargalsaihan	16.9	5. Ulaan	16.6
6. Oyun	16	6. Enhbold M (PM)	10.5
7. Niamdorj	13	7. Enhbold Z (MP)	9.6
8. Amarjargal	9.2	8. Jargalsaihan	9.6
9. Ganbaatar	8.1	9. Lundejantsan	7.5
10. S. Bayar	6.5	10. Bagabandi	6.9

## 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%)

<b>1. Unemployment</b>	30.3
<b>2. Corruption</b>	14.6
<b>3. Poverty</b>	13.3
<b>4. Education</b>	7.3
<b>5. Environment</b>	7.2
<b>6. State administration</b>	7.1
<b>7. Life level</b>	6.6
<b>8. Mining sector</b>	6.4
<b>9. Manufacturing</b>	6.2
<b>10. Low income</b>	6.0

## 21. Present personal and family's life level situation

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	2,0	1.0	1,6
• good	17,3	14.6	16,1
• partly good/partly bad	40,9	46.0	43,1
• rather bad	31,6	29.8	30,8
• bad	6,9	7.9	7,3
• missing	1,4	.8	1,1

## 22. Life level development comparing to last year

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• better	22,3	20.6	21,6
• the same	66,4	64.4	65,5
• worsened	9,4	14.4	11,6
• Missing	1,9	.5	1,3

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
Stay aside	7,9	5.4	6,8
It is not important which kind of actions	18,4	14.4	16,6
Should do something	36,1	45.7	40,4
Should clear it absolutely	30,6	29.9	30,3
Missing	7,1	4.5	5,9

## 24. How much are you interested in politics?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very much interested	9,7	6.3	8,2
• interested	22,9	18.3	20,9
• somehow interested	45,6	46.8	46,1
• rather not interested	14,4	19.5	16,6
• not interested	5,7	7.6	6,5
• Missing	1,7	1.5	1,6

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very strong	10,3	10.7	10,5
• rather strong	39,0	25.9	33,2
• rather small	34,6	41.4	37,6
• very small	11,4	18.6	14,5
• Missing	4,7	3.5	4,2

## 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	18,8	12.5	16,0
• Rather approve	55,3	40.7	48,9
• Rather disapprove	17,1	30.9	23,1
• Totally disapprove	5,3	13.0	8,7
• Non response	3,5	2.8	3,2

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

	Narantsatsralt IV.1999	Amarjargal V.2000	Enhbayar VI.2004	Elbegdorj XI.2004	Enhbald 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	56,3%	47.0%	51,9%
• China	16,1%	18.3%	17,1%
• USA	39,5%	40.7%	40,1%
• European Union <sup>4</sup>	5,5%	10.1%	7,6%
• Japan	32,4%	38.1%	35,1%
• South Korea	19,8%	11.4%	15,9%
• Others	4,8%	4.1%	4,5%

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<sup>4</sup> Includes all mentioned EU countries