



“SANT MARAL” Foundation

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The “Sant Maral” foundation presents the results of the October-November 2006 survey. The representative sample of 1775 respondents from the capital Ulan Bator and Hovd, Dornogovi, Dornod, Bayanhongor aymaks was collected from October 27 to November 3, 2006. Tabulations are band by Capital, Countryside and Nationwide areas.

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Voting intention in October 2006

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “yes”	62.8	57.0	60.2
• “no”	20.8	28.6	24.3
• DK ¹	15.0	12.9	14.1
• missing	1.4	1.5	1.5

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
▪ MPRP	35.7	32.1	34.1
▪ Democratic Party	33.2	24.2	29.2
▪ Motherland (MDNSP)	1.5	.5	1.1
▪ CW-Rep Party	2.2	3.0	2.6
▪ Republican Party	.9	2.4	1.6
▪ People’s Party	4.3	5.5	4.8
▪ New National Party	.8	1.1	1.0
▪ Other parties	1.4	3.8	2.5
▪ Independent	8.5	10.0	9.2
▪ Missing / DK	11.3	17.3	14.0

3. Best Party

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
▪ MPRP	36.1	30.9	33.7
▪ Democratic Party	27.5	20.5	24.3
▪ Motherland	.8	.3	.6
▪ CW-Rep Party	2.9	4.1	3.4
▪ Republican Party	.5	1.0	.7
▪ People’s Party	3.8	3.6	3.7
▪ New National Party	.3	.6	.5
▪ other parties	.5	.4	.5
▪ Parties Coalition	2.7	2.3	2.5
▪ no parties	11.5	18.4	14.6
▪ missing/DK	13.5	18.0	15.5

¹ DK –don’t know

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• "right"	86.9	87.1	87.0
• "wrong"	10.1	10.2	10.1
• missing	3.0	2.8	2.9

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• "right"	82.6	86.2	84.2
• "wrong"	11.7	9.7	10.8
• missing	5.7	4.1	5.0

6. Present economic situation in Mongolia

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
♦ very good	.8	.6	.7
♦ good	9.9	5.6	8.0
♦ partly good/partly bad	40.6	37.0	39.0
♦ rather bad	38.4	41.4	39.8
♦ bad	9.3	14.1	11.4
♦ missing	.9	1.3	1.1

7. Satisfaction with Government

	Nationwide
very satisfied	3.2
fairly satisfied	33.2
rather not satisfied	46.6
totally unsatisfied	12.5
missing	4.4

8. Satisfaction with Opposition

	Nationwide
very satisfied	7.4
fairly satisfied	29.8
rather not satisfied	39.9
totally unsatisfied	15.8
missing	7.1

9. Government greatest success (nationwide, only top 5)

Salaries, pensions	13.3
Election promises ²	9.7
Social policy	4.8
Economy	1.7
Coalition agreement	1.6

10. Government biggest failure (nationwide, only top 5)

Poor Management	10.5
Corruption	6.6
Coalition agreement	5.4
Lack of unity	4.7
Election promises	2.4

11. Satisfaction with present political system

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very satisfied	5.8	3.3	4.7
• fairly satisfied	35.0	30.7	33.1
• rather not satisfied	46.0	49.1	47.4

² "Election promises" category includes 3000 tugriks child allowance, some aspects of government social policy referred to elections 2004 etc

• totally unsatisfied	10.1	13.4	11.6
• missing	3.1	3.5	3.3

12. Confidence in state institutions (nationwide)

	<i>President</i>	<i>Parliament</i>	<i>Judiciary system</i>	<i>State org-s</i>	<i>Political parties</i>	<i>Civil society</i>
very confident	14.5	5.4	2.8	1.9	1.7	7.8
rather confident	33.4	28.8	16.5	22.1	14.4	22.5
rather not confident	23.4	32.0	35.8	35.6	35.6	24.2
totally not confident	13.5	12.8	22.1	14.5	21.6	23.9
no answer	15.2	21.1	22.9	25.9	26.7	21.6

13. Are political parties representing public opinion?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	24.9	15.7	20.8
• No	48.0	60.2	53.5
• DK	25.4	21.7	23.7
• Missing	1.7	2.4	2.0

14. How you evaluate your nearest future?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Optimistic	78.2	77.7	78.0
• Pessimistic	16.1	15.9	16.0
• Missing	5.7	6.4	6.0

15. In a democratic country all power should belong to people. Do you think that you have an opportunity to exercise this power?

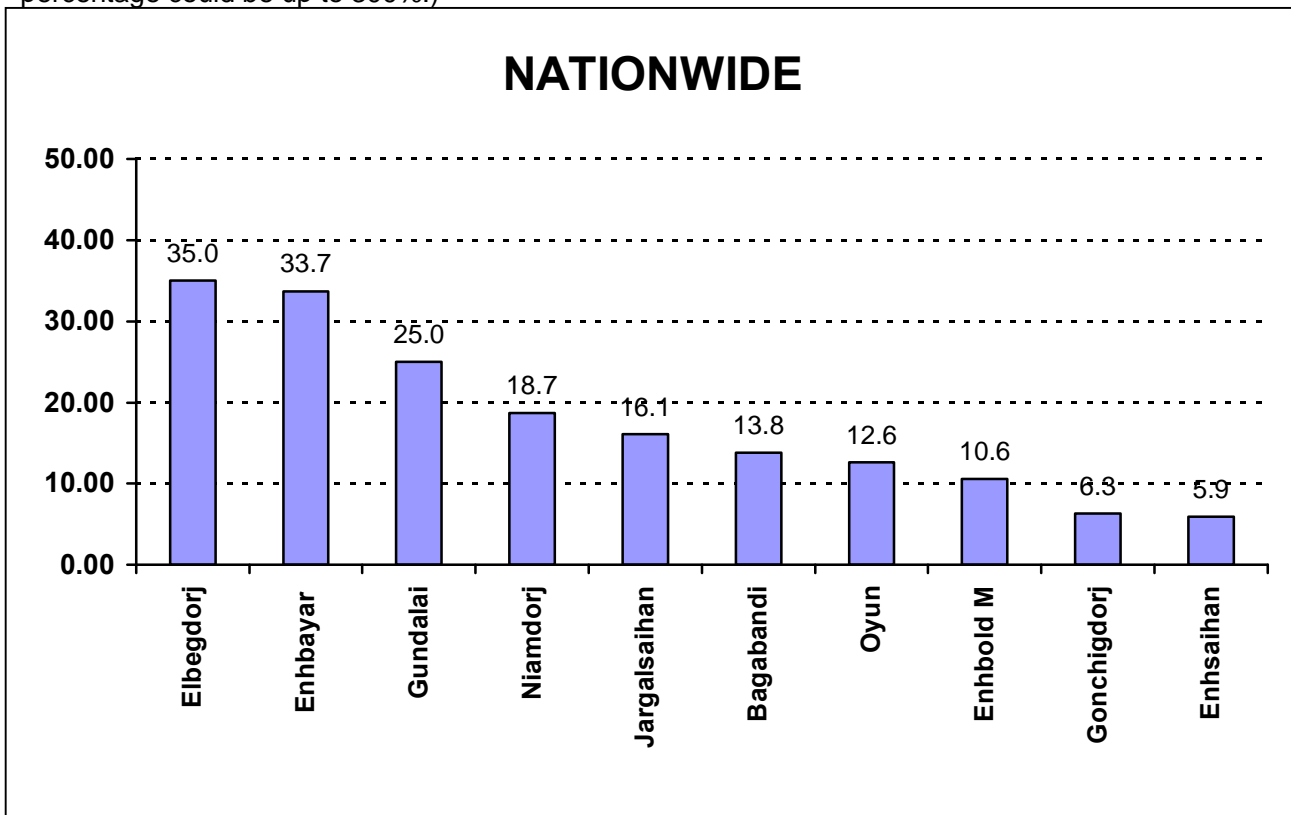
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
Yes, I have	8.8	5.9	7.5
Rather yes	31.9	28.1	30.2
Rather no	34.7	35.5	35.0
Not at all	22.7	25.5	23.9
Missing	1.9	5.0	3.3

16. What will you do if you don't have an opportunity to exercise the power?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
I will participate in elections to replace the government	32.6	32.0	32.3
I will join a political party to influence policy making	8.5	5.3	7.0
I will participate in strikes and demonstrations to change the situation	17.3	13.7	15.7
I will disobey state order	7.2	3.8	5.6
I will do nothing, wait	16.1	18.2	17.0
Other	9.4	14.6	11.7
Missing	9.0	12.5	10.6

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. Enhbayar	29.9	1. Elbegdorj	40.3
2. Elbegdorj	27.5	2. Enhbayar	36.4
3. Gundalai	24.3	3. Gundalai	25.4
4. Jargalsaihan	19.6	4. Niamdorj	19.3
5. Niamdorj	17.9	5. Jargalsaihan	13.7
6. Bagabandi	14.5	6. Bagabandi	13.4
7. Oyun	12.1	7. Oyun	13.0
8. Enhbold M	11.5	8. Enhbold M	10.0
9. Ganbaatar	6.8	9. Gonchigdorj	7.0
10. Bat Uul	6.8	10. Enhsaihan	6.4

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	33.3
2. Poverty	15.2
3. Corruption	13.4
4. State administration	10.3
5. Education	8.1
6. Manufacturing	7.6
7. Life level	7.3
8. Low income	5.9
9. Mining sector	5.5
10. Economy	5.0

21. Present personal and family's life level situation

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	1.0	1.0	1.0
• good	15.1	14.9	15.0
• partly good/partly bad	36.9	44.5	40.3
• rather bad	37.8	32.1	35.3
• bad	8.5	6.5	7.6
• missing	.6	.9	.7

22. Life level development comparing to last year

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• better	17.3	20.1	18.5
• the same	64.9	62.6	63.9
• worsened	17.2	15.4	16.4
• Missing	.6	1.9	1.2

23. Which actions should government undertake to improve citizen life level?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
Increase salaries and allowances	13.7	13.2	13.5
Create more jobs	53.5	40.9	47.8
Improve labour condition and evaluation	17.1	26.3	21.2
Support private initiative	8.7	7.2	8.0
Other	4.3	6.8	5.4
Missing	2.8	5.6	4.1

24. How much are you interested in politics?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very much interested	8.9	6.3	7.7
• interested	24.5	20.7	22.8
• somehow interested	45.5	46.7	46.0
• rather not interested	12.2	16.9	14.3
• not interested	7.4	7.2	7.3

• Missing	1.5	2.3	1.9
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25. How much influence have voters on political decision making?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very strong	9.2	8.3	8.8
• rather strong	35.6	31.5	33.7
• rather small	36.6	38.1	37.3
• very small	14.5	17.1	15.7
• Missing	4.1	5.0	4.5

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	12.2	10.7	11.5
• Rather approve	51.8	42.2	47.5
• Rather disapprove	21.7	30.0	25.4
• Totally disapprove	8.9	13.7	11.0
• Non response	5.4	3.5	4.6

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

	Narantsatsralt IV.1999	Amarjargal V.2000	Enhbayar VI.2004	Elbegdorj XI.2004	Enhboid 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	65.4%	51.4%	59.2%
• China	17.4%	18.9%	18.1%
• USA	37.3%	44.4%	40.5%
• European Union ³	4.6%	7.8%	6.0%
• Japan	26.8%	31.4%	28.9%
• South Korea	16.4%	14.9%	15.7%
• Others	5.1%	4.8%	5.0%

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