



“SANT MARAL” Foundation

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The “Sant Maral” foundation presents the results of the Nov 2004 survey. The representative sample of 1612 respondents from the capital Ulan Bator and Uvs, Hentii, Dundgovi, Selenge aymaks was collected from 1 to 10 of Nov, 2004. Tabulations are band by Rural, Capital and Nationwide areas.

Voting intention in November 2004

“If elections were held tomorrow, would you participate?”			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “yes”	69	58	63
• “no”	18	26	22
• DK ¹	10	16	13
• no answer	3	1	2

“If Parliament Elections were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?”			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
▪ MPRP	45	41	43
▪ Democratic Party	31	25	28
▪ MDNSP	2	1	1
▪ CW-Rep Party	1	3	2
▪ Republican Party	2	4	3
▪ Other parties	1	1	1
▪ Independent	11	15	13
▪ Missing / DK	8	10	9

“If DP, MDNSP and CW-RP form a coalition and Parliament Elections were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?”			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
▪ MPRP	43	42	42
▪ M-D Coalition ²	33	30	32
▪ Other parties	3	5	5
▪ Independent	12	15	13
▪ Missing / DK	9	8	9

Best Party			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• MPRP	44	41	42
• Democratic Party	14	15	15
• M-D Coalition	11	4	8
• MDNSP	1	1	1
• CW-Rep Party	1	1	1
• Republican Party	1	3	2
• other parties	2	4	3
• no parties	2	5	3
• missing/DK	25	26	25

¹ DK –don’t know

² Motherland-Democracy Coalition of CW-RP, DP and MDNSP

“Was the transition to Democratic system in 1990 right step or wrong?”			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “right”	89	90	89
• “wrong”	7	7	7
• missing	3	3	3

“Was the transition to Market Economy in 1990 right step or wrong?”			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “right”	85	85	85
• “wrong”	8	9	9
• missing	7	6	6

Present economic situation in Mongolia			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
♦ very good	1	-	1
♦ good	6	2	4
♦ partly good/partly bad	41	34	37
♦ rather bad	45	48	46
♦ bad	7	15	11
♦ missing	1	1	1

Satisfaction with Government		Satisfaction with Opposition	
	Nationwide		Nationwide
very satisfied	3	very satisfied	2
fairly satisfied	38	fairly satisfied	24
rather not satisfied	44	rather not satisfied	43
totally unsatisfied	7	totally unsatisfied	17
missing	8	missing	14

Government greatest success (nationwide, only top 5)		Government biggest failure (nationwide, only top 5)	
Grand Coalition agreement	13.8	Election promises	9.4
Settling Great Debt	3.8	Government policy	4.8
Election promises	1.9	Grand Coalition agreement	4.0
10000 tugriks allowance	1.9	10000 tugriks allowance	2.8
Millenium road	1.6	Staff nomination	2.0

Satisfaction with present political system

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very satisfied	5	6	5
• fairly satisfied	42	40	41
• rather not satisfied	40	39	40
• totally unsatisfied	6	9	8
• missing	6	6	6

Confidence in state institutions (nationwide)

	President	Parliament	Judiciary system	State organisations	Political parties
very confident	19	8	3	2	2
rather confident	49	42	18	27	24
rather not confident	14	26	37	35	35
totally not confident	5	7	23	13	17
no answer	13	17	19	22	21

Are political parties representing public opinion?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	23	20	22
• No	44	49	46
• DK	28	27	28
• Missing	4	4	4

Corruption sources³ (in capital area⁴)

(each respondent could give three answers; the ranking is based on the percentage of citations)

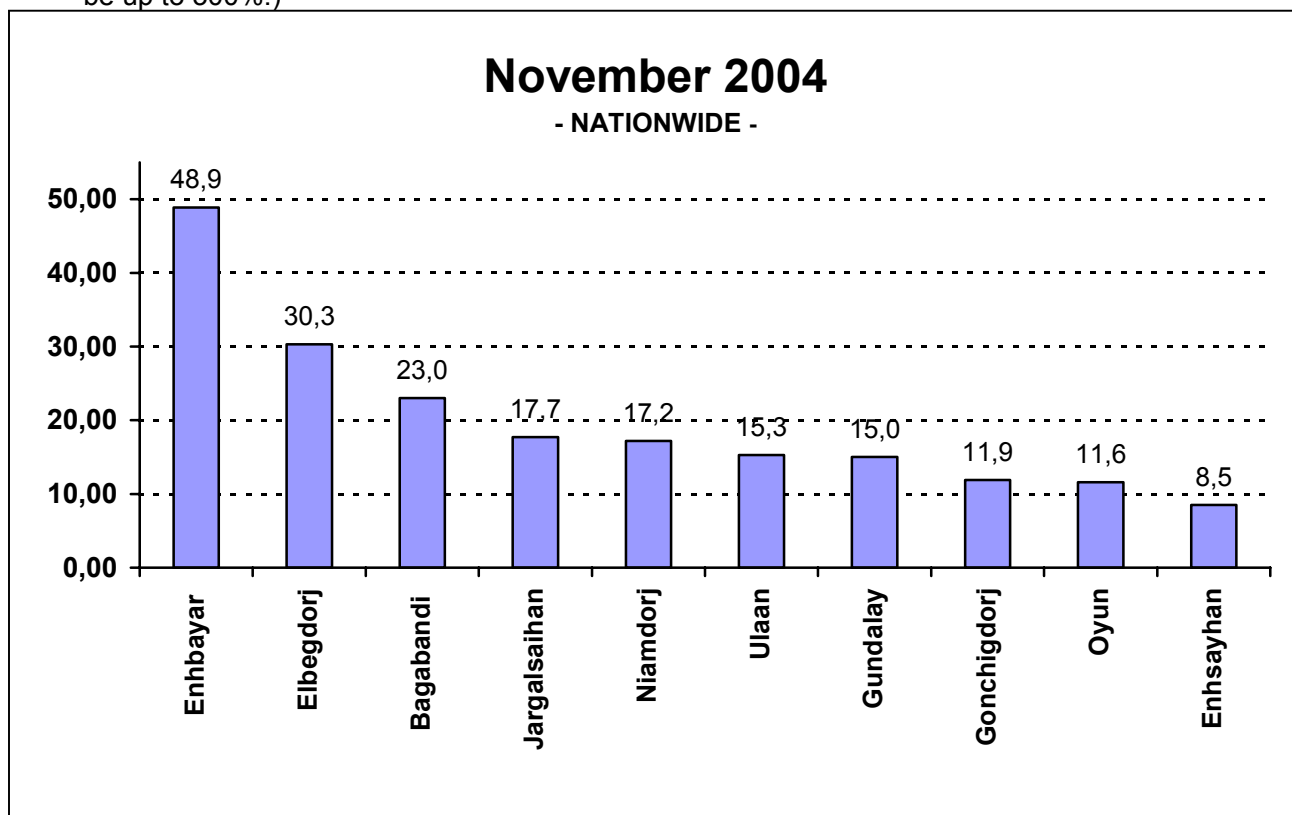
	1999 April	2004 November
• Unstable situation	39.6	24.9
• Imperfect legislation	44.6	45.3
• Government incapability	17.2	15.2
• Low income	56.5	54.3
• Low moral	31.6	27.2
• Bureaucracy	20.9	39.4
• Shadow economy	17.5	23.8
• Other	1.8	1.2
• All given reasons	2.7	-

³ According to Transparency International the last measured 1999 Corruption Perception Index for Mongolia was 4.3 that changed in 2004 to 3.0 therefore placing Mongolia among countries with the rampant corruption.

⁴ Only Ulan Bator data are available from SMF 1999 surveys.

“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 in Ulan Bator		Top 10 politicians in Countryside	
1. Enhbayar	43.3	1. Enhbayar	54.1
2. Elbegdorj	35.4	2. Elbegdorj	26.1
3. Jargalsaihan	24.6	3. Bagabandi	23.3
4. Bagabandi	22.4	4. Ulaan	21.3
5. Gundalai	14.5	5. Niamdorj	20.6
6. Oyun	14.2	6. Gundalay	15.9
7. Niamdorj	13.8	7. Gonchigdorj	12.2
8. Gonchigdorj	12.0	8. Jargalsaihan	11.3
9. Ulaan	9.8	9. Narantsatsralt	9.5
10. Enhsaihan	8.1	10. Oyun	9.3

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	32.7
2. Poverty	29.1
3. Education	13.5
4. Corruption	9.0
5. Life Level	8.7
6. Income	7.7
7. National Economy	7.5
8. Manufacturing	6.2
9. Small & Medium business	4.4
10. Environment	3.6

Present personal and family's life level situation

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	1	1	1
• good	11	14	12
• partly good/partly bad	37	40	39
• rather bad	44	35	40
• bad	8	8	8

Life level development comparing to last year

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• better	12	12	12
• the same	65	65	65
• worsened	21	22	22
• Missing	2	1	1

How much are you interested in politics?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very much interested	9	7	8
• interested	23	22	22
• somehow interested	47	48	48
• rather not interested	15	15	15
• not interested	4	7	6
• Missing	3	2	2

How much influence have voters on political decision making?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very strong	13	9	11
• rather strong	37	36	37
• rather small	33	35	34
• very small	14	15	14
• Missing	4	5	4

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	9	11
• Rather approve	52	47	49
• Rather disapprove	21	27	24
• Totally disapprove	7	10	8
• Non response	8	7	8

Government confidence trend from PM Elbegdorj (Oct.1998) to PM Elbegdorj (Nov.2004) in the Capital area

	Elbegdorj X.1998	Narantsatsralt IV.1999	Amarjargal V.2000	Enhbayar VI.2004	Elbegdorj XI.2004
• Fully approve	9	4	8	22	9
• Rather approve	44	35	42	48	47
• Rather disapprove	28	36	31	21	27
• Totally disapprove	16	23	15	6	10
• Non response	3	3	4	4	7

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	54	62
• China	21	20	21
• USA	34	40	37
• European Union ⁵	6	7	6
• Japan	26	34	30
• South Korea	13	19	16
• Others	2	5	4

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⁵ Includes all mentioned EU countries