



“SANT MARAL” Foundation

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The “Sant Maral” foundation presents the results of the November 2005 survey. The representative sample of 1738 respondents from the capital Ulan Bator and Suhbaatar, Tuv, Uvurhangay, Zavhan aymaks was collected from 7 to 14 of November, 2005. Tabulations are band by Rural, Capital and Nationwide areas. The survey is sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation of Germany.

Voting intention in November 2005

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “yes”	59	60	60
• “no”	24	25	25
• DK ¹	16	14	15
• missing	1	1	1

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
▪ MPRP	38	31	35
▪ Democratic Party	23	17	20
▪ Motherland (MDNSP)	2	1	1
▪ CW-Rep Party	3	6	4
▪ Republican Party	2	3	3
▪ Other parties	1	4	3
▪ Independent	18	26	22
▪ Missing / DK	13	13	13

3. Best Party

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
▪ MPRP	40.2	33.3	36.9
▪ Democratic Party	18.7	12.8	15.9
▪ Coalition	4.2	3.4	3.8
▪ Motherland	1.8	1.3	1,6
▪ CW-Rep Party	2.4	7.4	4.8
▪ Republican Party	2.1	2.8	2.4
▪ other parties	0.1	1.0	.6
▪ no parties	14.5	22.4	18.3
▪ missing/DK	15.9	15.7	15.8

¹ DK –don’t know

4. “Was the transition to Democratic system in 1990 right step or wrong?”			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “right”	88	88	88
• “wrong”	10	10	10
• missing	3	2	2

5. “Was the transition to Market Economy in 1990 right step or wrong?”			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• “right”	83	85	84
• “wrong”	12	11	12
• missing	5	4	4

6. Present economic situation in Mongolia			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
♦ very good	1	0	0
♦ good	4	2	3
♦ partly good/partly bad	36	33	34
♦ rather bad	46	47	46
♦ bad	12	17	15
♦ missing	2	1	1

7. Satisfaction with Government		8. Satisfaction with Opposition	
	Nationwide		Nationwide
very satisfied	4	very satisfied	4
fairly satisfied	37	fairly satisfied	23
rather not satisfied	46	rather not satisfied	46
totally unsatisfied	10	totally unsatisfied	18
missing	5	missing	9

9. Government greatest success (nationwide, only top 5)		10. Government biggest failure (nationwide, only top 5)	
IT program	4.9	Corruption	5.7
Settling Foreign Debt ²	3.6	False promises ³	5.6
Corruption	3.5	Lack of unity	4.7
Election promises ⁴	3.3	Poor Management	3.5
Grand Coalition agreement	1.9	Government policy	2.2

² Some achievements are “inherited” from previous government

³ “False promises” category includes Election promises and an accusation of the government that is talking more than doing

⁴ “Election promises” category includes 3000 tugriks allowance, some aspects of government social policy referred to elections 2004 etc

11. Satisfaction with present political system			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very satisfied	3	2	3
• fairly satisfied	38	30	34
• rather not satisfied	48	50	49
• totally unsatisfied	8	15	12
• missing	3	2	2

12. Confidence in state institutions (nationwide)					
	<i>President</i>	<i>Parliament</i>	<i>Judiciary system</i>	<i>State organisations</i>	<i>Political parties</i>
very confident	17	5	3	2	2
rather confident	38	32	15	19	14
rather not confident	21	33	37	38	39
totally not confident	11	11	24	17	23
no answer	13	19	21	24	22

13. Are political parties representing public opinion?			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	20	11	16
• No	45	62	53
• DK	30	25	28
• Missing	5	2	3

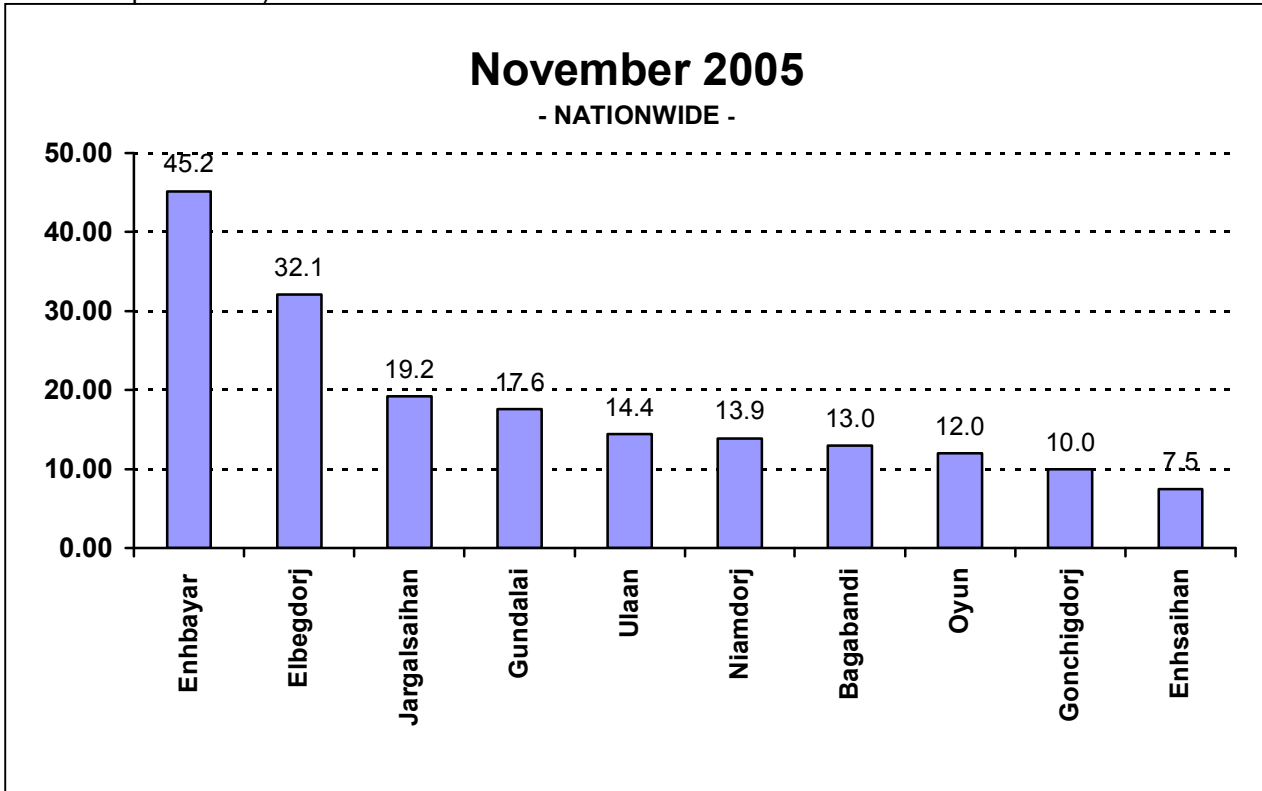
14. Which daily newspaper provides the most reliable and interesting information?			
	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Ardyn Erh	13	9	12
• Zuuny medee	32	19	25
• Mongolyn medee	10	6	8
• Udrin sonin	26	34	30
• Unuudur	10	24	17
• Unen	10	7	9

15. Who benefits most from existing law on mining?					
	<i>A lot</i>	<i>Enough</i>	<i>A little</i>	<i>Not at all</i>	<i>DK</i>
<i>Ordinary Citizen</i>	5	6	17	36	35
<i>State</i>	13	24	19	5	40
<i>Gov. Administration & Politicians⁵</i>	30	26	7	2	35
<i>Business people</i>	27	29	9	2	34
<i>Foreigners, Multinational corp.</i>	41	21	3	2	33
<i>Mongolians representing foreign investors</i>	23	29	9	2	38

⁵ Related to mining & licensing

16. “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

17. in Ulan Bator		18. in Countryside	
1. Enhbayar	39.1	1. Enhbayar	50.8
2. Elbegdorj	32.3	2. Elbegdorj	31.9
3. Jargalsaihan	25.0	3. Ulaan	22.2
4. Gundalai	21.4	4. Niamdorj	14.9
5. Oyun	14.6	5. Gundalai	14.2
6. Bagabandi	13.9	6. Jargalsaihan	13.8
7. Niamdorj	12.7	7. Bagabandi	12.1
8. Gonchigdorj	9.2	8. Gonchigdorj	10.8
9. Enhsaihan	6.2	9. Oyun	9.6
10. Ulaan	5.9	10. Enhsaihan	8.7

19. 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	25.8
2. Poverty	20.3
3. Corruption	19.9
4. Education	8.9
5. Low Income	10.0
6. Life Level	8.5
7. Alcoholism	7.0
8. Small & Medium business	6.4
9. Mining sector	4.5
10. Manufacturing	4.0

20. Present personal and family's life level situation

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	1	0	1
• good	8	9	8
• partly good/partly bad	41	42	42
• rather bad	42	39	40
• bad	7	9	8
• missing	1	1	1

21. Life level development comparing to last year

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• better	13	12	13
• the same	65	61	63
• worsened	21	26	24
• Missing	1	0	1

22. How much are you interested in politics?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very much interested	7	7	7
• interested	19	22	20
• somehow interested	45	44	45
• rather not interested	21	19	20
• not interested	7	7	7
• Missing	1	1	1

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

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very strong	7	9	8
• rather strong	30	27	28
• rather small	43	40	41
• very small	16	22	19
• Missing	5	3	4

24. 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	8	6	7
• Rather approve	53	42	48
• Rather disapprove	26	34	30
• Totally disapprove	8	16	12
• Non response	5	2	4

25. 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

26. 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	66	57	61
• China	13	15	14
• USA	42	45	44
• European Union ⁶	5	14	10
• Japan	27	27	27
• South Korea	16	12	14
• Others	2	5	4

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⁶ Includes all mentioned EU countries