

Survey among emigrants for the assessment of current state and development of democracy in Moldova

Project

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Objective

Supporting public debate about current state of democracy in Moldova based on available data, results of a survey among key personalities, focus groups, and results of a representative public opinion poll.

Survey among emigrants

Questions:

- 1. Please, write your name:**

- 2. Do you agree that your name will be published in the list of respondents to this survey?**
 - Yes
 - No

- 3. Your age:**
 - 18 - 29 years
 - 30 - 44 years
 - 45 - 59 years
 - 60+ years

- 4. Which countries have you lived in since you left Moldova?**

- 5. How long have you been abroad?**

- 6. Why did you move abroad? Please, choose appropriate answers (multiple choices possible).**
 - To have better work opportunities
 - To have better education opportunities
 - To live in more democratic country

- To live in less corrupt country
- To live in country with higher standard of living
- To escape poverty
- To help my family

7. Do you plan to come back to Moldova and live here?

- Yes, sure
- Rather yes
- Rather no
- Not at all

8. Under what circumstances would you come back to Moldova? Please, choose appropriate answers (multiple choices possible).

- If it changed to standard democratic country with low corruption
- If I found well-paid job there
- If there was higher standard of living
- If it entered the EU
- If I saw positive perspectives of its development
- Other:

9. How would you assess quality of democracy in following countries? Please, write number from -3 to +3 to every country, where -3 means very low quality and +3 means very high quality.

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| • Moldova: | • Ukraine: |
| • Romania: | • Russia: |

10. How has quality of democracy in Moldova changed over past 5 years? Please, write number from -3 to +3, where -3 means substantially worsened and +3 means substantially improved.

Change in quality of democracy in Moldova over past 5 years:

11. How would you assess contribution of following political parties to quality of democracy in Moldova? Please, write number from -3 to +3, where -3 means very negative contribution and +3 means very positive contribution.

- Social Party of Republic of Moldova (PSRM)
- The Action and Solidarity Party (PAS)
- Democratic Party of Moldova (PDM)
- Political Party "Dignity and Truth Platform" (PPDA)
- Sor Party PSOR
- Our Party Partidul Nostru
- Liberal Democratic Party PLDM

12. How would you assess contribution of following institutions to quality of democracy in Moldova? Please, write number from -3 to +3, where -3 means very negative contribution and +3 means very positive contribution.

- Current government:
- Current National Parliament:
- Current President:
- Prosecutor office:
- Police:
- Courts:
- Private media:
- Public media:
- NGOs:

13. How would you assess the impact of following events happening over past 5 years on the quality of democracy in Moldova? Please, write number from -3 to +3, where -3 means very negative impact and +3 means very positive impact.

- Results of parliamentary elections in year 2019:
- Defraud of savings in private banks:
- Dismissal of the government under Maia Sandu
- Other:

14. How would you assess the functioning of following factors with regards to the quality of democracy in Moldova? Please, write number from -3 to +3, where -3 means not functioning at all and +3 means very good functioning.

- Fight against corruption:
- Media freedom:
- Quality of NGOs:
- Fair political competition:
- Independent regulatory and public watchdog institutions:
- Rule of law (quality of courts, police and prosecutors):
- Engagement of citizens in public affairs:
- Protecting national minorities:
- Protecting human rights:
- Stability and comprehensibility of legislation:
- Politicians working in public benefit:

15. Why do you think many people vote for authoritative, non-democratic leaders? Please, write number from -3 to +3, where -3 means that you totally disagree and +3 means that you totally agree.

- People distrust democracy and democratic leaders:
- People believe authoritative leaders will bring order and stability:
- People believe authoritative leaders will increase their standard of living:
- People are disoriented and search for easy solutions:
- Because of populism – authoritative politicians are good liars:
- People do not have choice, there is no real democratic alternative among politicians:
- People do not have enough information about democratic leaders:

16. What would help to improve quality of democracy in Moldova in short time? Please, write number from -3 to +3, where -3 means that you totally disagree and +3 means that you totally agree.

- Trustful investigation of banking defraud and other corruption cases:
- Better monitoring and informing public about corruption cases:
- Publishing of detailed declarations of property of leading politicians and public officials:
- Regular and public fact-checking of key politicians:
- Other:

17. What would help to improve quality of democracy in Moldova in long-time? Please, write number from -3 to +3, where -3 means that you totally disagree and +3 means that you totally agree.

- Better education about democracy at schools:
- More independent media:
- More honest people engaged in public affairs:
- More independent regulatory and public watchdog institutions (including courts, police, prosecutors):
- Higher economic growth:
- Removing poverty:
- Entering the EU:
- Accession to the Eurasian Customs Union:

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