

Survey among experts 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 local experts is focused on well-respected and non-partisan opinion leaders (journalists, NGO experts, sociologists, economists and business people).

List of experts to be addressed the survey:

1. Adrian Lupușor, director of Expert-Grup
2. Alexandru Coica, the European Association for Local Democracy
3. Alexandru Musteață, Soros Moldova Foundation
4. Alexandru Solvan, Political Scientist, Moldova State University
5. Alina Radu, Director of Ziarul de Gardă
6. Ana Groza, Director of the Association of Foreign Investors
7. Andrei Popov, President of the Institute for Strategic Initiatives
8. Arcadie Barbăroșie, Director of Institute of Public Policy
9. Antonîța Fonari, the director of the Platform for Active Citizenship and Partnership for Human Rights
10. Carolina Linte, director of the Association of the milk processors
11. Cornelia Cozonac, Journalist, Center for Journalistic Investigations
12. Corneliu Ciurea, political analyst
13. Dorin Chirtoaca, Member of Liberal Party
14. Dumitru Albulesa, International Association of Car Carriers of Moldova (AITA)
15. Elena Varta, ONG “CPR Moldova”
16. Emil Guțu, Expert, former member of the Competition Council
17. Eugen Dațco, Director of the Union of Carriers and Roads (The Union of Carriers and Roads)

18. Galina Bostan, Expert NGO “Centrul de Analiză și Prevenire a Corupției”
19. Gheorghe Turcanu, Academy of Economic Studies
20. Igor Boțan, Director ADEPT
21. Ion Manole, President of Promo-LEX
22. Ion Mazur, Journalist, Association of Independent Press
23. Ion Preașca, Journalist, Moldstreet.md and Rise Moldova
24. Ion Tighineanu, Science Academy
25. Iulian Groza, Institute of European Policies and Reforms
26. Iuliana Dragalin, Free International University (ULIM)
27. Liliana Barbaroșie, Radio Free Europe
28. Mariana Rufa, European Business Association
29. Mark Tcaciuc, Partidul Acțiunii Comune “Congresul Civic”
30. Mila Malairău, AmCham Moldova
31. Natalia Calenic, Vicepresident Chambers of Commerce and Industry
32. Natalia Lipskaia, Associations of brokers of Moldova (AEM-TRANS)
33. Oazu Nantoi, European People’s Party
34. Radik York, German Economic Team – GET Moldova
35. Roman Mihăeș, politic expert
36. Serghei Portarescu, Director MACIP – ASEM
37. Sergiu Gaibu, economist, Expert-Grup
38. Sergiu Harea, President of Chamber of Commerce and Industry
39. Sergiu Ostaf, CreDo
40. Sorin Mereacre, Director of the East-European Foundation
41. Svetoslav Mihalachi, Economic expert
42. Valeriu Pașa, Expert, ONG “Comunitatea watchdog”
43. Vasile Botnaru, Radio Free Europe
44. Vasile Cantaraji, CBS Axa
45. Veaceslav Negruță, Expert, Transparency International Moldova
46. Victor Clobanu, politic analyst
47. Viorel Cibotaru, Director of the European Institute for Political Studies in Moldova
48. Viorel Furdui, Congress of Local Administration of Moldova (CALM)
49. Viorel Gîrbu, Economic expert
50. Vitalie Călugăreanu, Journalist, Deutsche Welle
51. Vitalie Voznoi, NGO “Orașul meu”
52. Vladislav Kulminski, Institute of Strategic Initiatives
53. Vladislav Gribincea, President of the Center of legal resources in Moldova
54. Zina Adam, Project Manager, Migration and Local Development (MiDL, UNDP Moldova)

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. In your opinion, the elections in Moldova are free and correct?

- Yes
- No

4. In your opinion, the country is ruled according to people's will?

- Yes
- No

5. 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.

- Moldova:
- Romania:
- Ukraine:
- Russia:

6. 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:

7. 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

8. 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:

9. 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:

10. 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:

11. 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:

12. 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:

13. What would help to improve quality of democracy in Moldova in long-time? Please, write number from -3 to +3, where -3 mean 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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