

Latvia's Political Survey 2014

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Summary Report

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Technical Information

Researcher	Ryo NAKAI
Polltaker	Research centre SKDS (Director: Arnis KAKTIŅŠ)
General body	Residents of Latvia aged from 15 to 74 years old.
Sample size	1047 respondents
Sampling method	Stratified random sampling
Stratification criteria	Administrative territories
Respondent selection principles	Random route method + first birthday rule.
Research Method	Face-to-face interviews (PAPI), at the places of residence of respondents.
Geographical coverage	All Latvia's regions (127 sampling points)

Results

Q0 Date of Interview

	N	%		N	%
8 August 2014	21	2.01%	15 August	78	7.45%
9 August	81	7.74%	16 August	175	16.71%
10 August	96	9.17%	17 August	141	13.47%
11 August	78	7.45%	18 August	48	4.58%
12 August	86	8.21%	19 August	20	1.91%
13 August	96	9.17%	20 August	12	1.15%
14 August	102	9.74%	21 August	13	1.24%
			Total	1047	100.00%

Q1 - Q4

I will read to you several statements. Please tell me about each of them do you totally agree, rather agree, neither agree nor disagree, rather disagree or totally disagree with the following statement

Q1

Large differences in people's incomes are acceptable to properly reward differences in talents and efforts

	N	%
Totally agree	154	14.71%
Rather agree	335	32.00%
Neither agree nor disagree	214	20.44%
Rather disagree	179	17.10%
Totally disagree	113	10.79%
Don't know/ No answer	52	4.97%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q2

Schools must teach children only in Latvian language

	N	%
Totally agree	254	24.26%
Rather agree	179	17.10%
Neither agree nor disagree	167	15.95%
Rather disagree	202	19.29%
Totally disagree	223	21.30%
Don't know/ No answer	22	2.10%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q3

Social benefit, service, and unemployment insurance make people lazy

	N	%
Totally agree	161	15.38%
Rather agree	228	21.78%
Neither agree nor disagree	228	21.78%
Rather disagree	226	21.59%
Totally disagree	164	15.66%
Don't know/ No answer	40	3.82%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q4

The Russian state is a threat to the peace and security of Latvia

	N	%
Totally agree	193	18.43%
Rather agree	196	18.72%
Neither agree nor disagree	174	16.62%
Rather disagree	169	16.14%
Totally disagree	253	24.16%
Don't know/ No answer	62	5.92%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q5

Which of these terms best describes how you usually think of yourself?

	N	%
Own city, locality inhabitants	340	32.57%
Own regions inhabitants (ex. Kurzeme, Latgale etc.)	90	8.60%
Latvian	380	36.29%
Russian	96	9.17%
Baltic Russian, or Russian Latvian	72	6.88%
Ukrainian	6	0.57%
Do not know	30	2.87%
No Answer	32	3.06%
Total	1047	100%

Q6

How proud are you to be Latvia inhabitant?

	N	%
Very proud	262	25.02%
Quite proud	422	40.31%
Not very proud	210	20.06%
Not at all proud	80	7.64%
No Answer	73	6.97%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q7

On an average weekday, how much time in total, do you spend reading newspapers?

	N	%
No time at all	460	43.94%
Less than 1/2 hours	321	30.66%
1/2 hours to 1 hour	171	16.33%
More than 1 hour up to 2 hours	55	5.25%
More than 2 hours up to 3 hours	6	0.57%
More than 3 hours	4	0.38%
Don't know/ No answer	30	2.87%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q8

On an average weekday, how much time in total, do you spend reading social networking service?

	N	%
No time at all	346	33.05%
Less than 1/2 hours	171	16.33%
1/2 hours to 1 hour	193	18.43%
More than 1 hour up to 2 hours	165	15.76%
More than 2 hours up to 3 hours	63	6.02%
More than 3 hours	41	3.92%
Don't know/ No answer	68	6.49%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q9

Which newspaper do you read most frequently?

	N	%
Diena	72	6.88%
Latvijas Avīze	59	5.64%
Neatkarīga Rīta Avīze	17	1.62%
Vesti Segodnya (Вести сегодня)	91	8.69%
Dienas Bizness	6	0.57%
Bizness&Baltija (Бизнес&Балтия)	11	1.05%
Other	295	28.18%
I do not read newspapers at all	461	44.03%
Don't know/ No answer	35	3.34%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q10

Which SNS do you use most frequently?

	N	%
Facebook	201	19.20%
Draugiem	281	26.84%
Odnoklassniki (Одноклассники)	86	8.21%
Vkontakte (ВКонтакте)	19	1.81%
Twitter	30	2.87%
LinkedIn	2	0.19%
Other SNSs	50	4.78%
I do not watch the SNS	353	33.72%
Don't know/ No answer	25	2.39%
Total	1047	100.00%

*Show card Q11/12***Q11.** What do you think are the two most important problem facing Latvia today?

(MAX. 2 ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

	N	%
Crime and Terrorism	54	2.71%
Public transport	16	0.80%
Rising prices	305	15.31%
Taxation	267	13.40%
Unemployment	438	21.99%
National Security and Foreign Affairs	154	7.73%
Energy	52	2.61%
Immigration	127	6.38%
Health care	301	15.11%
Pensions	128	6.43%
Education	48	2.41%
Language	39	1.96%
Others	37	1.86%
Don't know/ No answer	26	1.31%
Total	1992	100.00%

Q12. What do you think are the two most important issues to you today?
(MAX. 2 ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

	N	%
Crime and Terrorism	22	1.16%
Public transport	24	1.26%
Rising prices	425	22.32%
Taxation	223	11.71%
Unemployment	246	12.92%
National Security and Foreign Affairs	64	3.36%
Energy	33	1.73%
Immigration	31	1.63%
Health care	347	18.22%
Pensions	210	11.03%
Education	121	6.36%
Language	41	2.15%
Others	78	4.10%
Don't know/ No answer	39	2.05%
Total	1904	100.00%

Q13

How interested would you say you are in politics?

	N	%
Very interested	57	5.44%
Quite interested	313	29.89%
Hardly interested	478	45.65%
Not at all interested	173	16.52%
Don't know / No Answer	26	2.48%
Total	1047	100.00%

Show card P2A

Q14 (P2A in original questionnaire)

If LR Saeima election will be held tomorrow, for which political party or alliance will you vote?

	N	%
Sovereign	4	0.38%
"Harmony" Socialdemocratic Party	166	15.85%
Party "Unity"	131	12.51%
National Alliance "All for Latvia!" – "For Fatherland and Freedom/LNNK"	78	7.45%
Green and Farmers Union	115	10.98%
Russian Union of Latvia	9	0.86%
Political Party Development	1	0.10%
For Latvia from the Heart	29	2.77%
Party "Union for Latvia"	9	0.86%
For Latvia's Development	12	1.15%
Regional Alliance of Latvia	9	0.86%
New Conservative Party	2	0.19%
Party "Freedom. Free from fear, hate, and anger"	2	0.19%
Don't know	179	17.10%
Don't participate in elections.	301	28.75%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q15 – Q19 Please tell me on a score of 0-10 how much you personally trust each of the institutions.
0 means you do not trust an institution at all, and 10 means you have complete trust:

Q15

United Nations

	N	%
0 Not trust at all	100	9.55%
1	27	2.58%
2	50	4.78%
3	81	7.74%
4	86	8.21%
5	189	18.05%
6	89	8.50%
7	100	9.55%
8	77	7.35%
9	41	3.92%
10 Complete trust	45	4.30%
No Answer	162	15.47%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q16

European Parliament

	N	%
0 Not trust at all	96	9.17%
1	46	4.39%
2	50	4.78%
3	117	11.17%
4	94	8.98%
5	233	22.25%
6	99	9.46%
7	97	9.26%
8	66	6.30%
9	20	1.91%
10 Complete trust	31	2.96%
No Answer	98	9.36%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q17

Saeima (Latvia's national parliament)

	N	%
0 Not trust at all	146	13.94%
1	68	6.49%
2	100	9.55%
3	153	14.61%
4	130	12.42%
5	180	17.19%
6	74	7.07%
7	65	6.21%
8	21	2.01%
9	17	1.62%
10 Complete trust	17	1.62%
No Answer	76	7.26%

Total	1047	100.00%
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Q18

City / local parliament

	N	%
0 Not trust at all	82	7.83%
1	28	2.67%
2	27	2.58%
3	77	7.35%
4	96	9.17%
5	232	22.16%
6	124	11.84%
7	135	12.89%
8	97	9.26%
9	56	5.35%
10 Complete trust	43	4.11%
No Answer	50	4.78%
Total	1047	100.00%

Q19

Noncitizen Congress

	N	%
0 Not trust at all	254	24.26%
1	54	5.16%
2	37	3.53%
3	44	4.20%
4	38	3.63%
5	77	7.35%
6	17	1.62%
7	26	2.48%
8	27	2.58%
9	5	0.48%
10 Complete trust	14	1.34%
No Answer	454	43.36%
Total	1047	100.00%

Sociodemographic parameters

D1

Gender

	N	%
Male	470	44.89%
Female	577	55.11%
Total	1047	100.00%

(Ministry of Interior, registered population [Feb. 2014] / Male 47.7%, Female 52.3%)

D2

Age (shortened)

	N	%
15-24	161	15.38%
25-34	216	20.63%
35-44	178	17.00%
45-54	176	16.81%
55-74	316	30.18%
Total	1047	100.00%

(Ministry of Interior, registered population [Feb. 2014] / 15-24: 14.8%, 25-34: 19.9%, 35-44: 18.1%, 45-54: 18.5%, 55-74: 28.8%)

D2A

Marital status

	N	%
Married / Live with partner	564	53.87%
Divorced / Separated	151	14.42%
Unmarried	241	23.02%
Widowed	91	8.69%
Total	1047	100.00%

D3

Number of household members

	N	%
1	185	17.67%
2	325	31.04%
3	261	24.93%
4	180	17.19%
5	69	6.59%
6	19	1.81%
7	6	0.57%
8	2	0.19%
9	0	0.00%
10	0	0.00%
11	0	0.00%
Total	1047	100.00%

D3A

Children aged under 18

	N	%
Yes	411	39.26%
No	632	60.36%
DK/NA	4	0.38%
Total	1047	100.00%

D4

Education

	N	%
No education	12	1.15%
Primary / Secondary uncompleted	155	14.80%
Secondary	246	23.50%
Professional or vocational secondary	354	33.81%
Tertiary education	280	26.74%
Total	1047	100.00%

D5

Nationality (lv: Tautība)

	N	%
Latvian	615	58.74%
Russian	333	31.81%
Others	99	9.46%
Total	1047	100.00%

(Ministry of Interior, registered population [Feb. 2014] / Latvian: 58.7%, Non-Latvian: 41.3%)

D5A

Language spoken in family

	N	%
Latvian	619	59.12%
Russian	419	40.02%
Other	9	0.86%
Total	1047	100.00%

D6

Citizenship of the Republic of Latvia (lv:pilsonība)

	N	%
Have	889	84.91%
Don't have	158	15.09%
Total	1047	100.00%

D7

Sector of work

	N	%
Public sector (national and regional)	183	17.48%
Private sector	449	42.88%
Don't work	415	39.64%
Other	0	0.00%
DK/NA	0	0.00%
Total	1047	100.00%

D8

Occupation

	N	%
Manager, senior or middle level	51	4.87%
Specialist or clerk, for non-physical work	276	26.36%
Laborer, for physical work	262	25.02%
Farmer (with own farm)	18	1.72%
Self-employed	25	2.39%
Pensioner	201	19.20%
Student	89	8.50%
House-worker / parental leave	55	5.25%
Unemployed	70	6.69%
Total	1047	100.00%

D9

Average monthly income level per one family member (Euro, shortened)

	N	%
Under 160 euro	169	16.14%
161-219 euro	166	15.85%
220-289 euro	169	16.14%
290-380 euro	176	16.81%
over 381 euro	197	18.82%
DK	170	16.24%
Total	1047	100.00%

D10

Region (electoral district)

	N	%
Riga	340	32.47%
Vidzeme	292	27.89%
Kurzeme	131	12.51%
Zemgale	127	12.13%
Latgale	157	15.00%
Total	1047	100.00%

D10A

Region (statistical district)

	N	%
Riga	340	32.47%
Pieriga	180	17.19%
Vidzeme	112	10.70%
Kurzeme	131	12.51%
Zemgale	127	12.13%
Latgale	157	15.00%
Total	1047	100.00%

(Ministry of Interior, registered population [Feb. 2014] / Riga: 32.1%, Pieriga: 17.8%, Vidzeme: 10.1%,

Kurzeme: 13.0%, Zemgale: 12.2%, Latgale: 14.7%)