

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	1030 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 (123 sampling points)

Results

Q0 Date of Interview

	N	%		N	%
5 September 2014	10	0.97%	14 September	145	14.08%
6 September	57	5.53%	15 September	60	5.83%
7 September	64	6.21%	16 September	17	1.65%
8 September	80	7.77%	17 September	14	1.36%
9 September	115	11.17%	18 September	6	0.58%
10 September	101	9.81%	19 September	12	1.17%
11 September	89	8.64%	20 September	14	1.36%
12 September	94	9.13%	21 September	24	2.33%
13 September	128	12.43%	Total	1030	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	122	11.84%
Rather agree	323	31.36%
Neither agree nor disagree	179	17.38%
Rather disagree	219	21.26%
Totally disagree	130	12.62%
Don't know/ No answer	57	5.53%
Total	1030	100.00%

Q2

Schools must teach children only in Latvian language

	N	%
Totally agree	193	18.74%
Rather agree	192	18.64%
Neither agree nor disagree	138	13.40%
Rather disagree	242	23.50%
Totally disagree	244	23.69%
Don't know/ No answer	21	2.04%
Total	1030	100.00%

Q3

Social benefit, service, and unemployment insurance make people lazy

	N	%
Totally agree	175	16.99%
Rather agree	231	22.43%
Neither agree nor disagree	199	19.32%
Rather disagree	229	22.23%
Totally disagree	157	15.24%
Don't know/ No answer	39	3.79%
Total	1030	100.00%

Q4

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

	N	%
Totally agree	200	19.42%
Rather agree	190	18.45%
Neither agree nor disagree	139	13.50%
Rather disagree	177	17.18%
Totally disagree	271	26.31%
Don't know/ No answer	53	5.15%
Total	1030	100.00%

Q5

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

	N	%
Own city, locality inhabitants	321	31.17%
Own regions inhabitants (ex. Kurzeme, Latgale etc.)	86	8.35%
Latvian	390	37.89%
Russian	94	9.13%
Baltic Russian, or Russian Latvian	83	8.06%
Ukrainian	6	0.58%
Do not know	32	3.11%
No Answer	18	1.75%
Total	1030	100.00%

Q6

How proud are you to be Latvia inhabitant?

	N	%
Very proud	280	27.18%
Quite proud	451	43.79%
Not very proud	179	17.38%
Not at all proud	57	5.53%
No Answer	63	6.12%
Total	1030	100.00%

Q7

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

	N	%
No time at all	435	42.23%
Less than 1/2 hours	339	32.91%
1/2 hours to 1 hour	175	16.99%
More than 1 hour up to 2 hours	45	4.37%
More than 2 hours up to 3 hours	7	0.68%
More than 3 hours	2	0.19%
Don't know/ No answer	27	2.62%
Total	1030	100.00%

Q8

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

	N	%
No time at all	298	28.93%
Less than 1/2 hours	194	18.83%
1/2 hours to 1 hour	253	24.56%
More than 1 hour up to 2 hours	139	13.50%
More than 2 hours up to 3 hours	69	6.70%
More than 3 hours	49	4.76%
Don't know/ No answer	28	2.72%
Total	1030	100.00%

Q9

Which newspaper do you read most frequently?

	N	%
Diena	68	6.60%
Latvijas Avīze	48	4.66%
Neatkarīga Rīta Avīze	22	2.14%
Vesti Segodnya (Вести сегодня)	99	9.61%
Dienas Bizness	6	0.58%
Bizness&Baltija (Бизнес&Балтия)	3	0.29%
Other	319	30.97%
I do not read newspapers at all	429	41.65%
Don't know/ No answer	36	3.50%
Total	1030	100.00%

Q10

Which SNS do you use most frequently?

	N	%
Facebook	186	18.06%
Draugiem	274	26.60%
Odnoklassniki (Одноклассники)	88	8.54%
Vkontakte (ВКонтакте)	14	1.36%
Twitter	29	2.82%
LinkedIn	2	0.19%
Other SNSs	86	8.35%
I do not watch the SNS	305	29.61%
Don't know/ No answer	46	4.47%
Total	1030	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	50	2.51%
Public transport	8	0.40%
Rising prices	325	16.30%
Taxation	254	12.74%
Unemployment	430	21.56%
National Security and Foreign Affairs	165	8.27%
Energy	46	2.31%
Immigration	124	6.22%
Health care	311	15.60%
Pensions	135	6.77%
Education	57	2.86%
Language	48	2.41%
Others	28	1.40%
Don't know/ No answer	13	0.65%
Total	1994	100.00%

Q12.

What do you think are the two most important issues to you today?

(MAX. 2 ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

	N	%
Crime and Terrorism	21	1.10%
Public transport	18	0.95%
Rising prices	406	21.36%
Taxation	200	10.52%
Unemployment	194	10.21%
National Security and Foreign Affairs	80	4.21%
Energy	29	1.53%
Immigration	30	1.58%
Health care	392	20.62%
Pensions	225	11.84%
Education	142	7.47%
Language	56	2.95%
Others	79	4.16%
Don't know/ No answer	29	1.53%
Total	1901	100.00%

Q13

How interested would you say you are in politics?

	N	%
Very interested	56	5.44%
Quite interested	301	29.22%
Hardly interested	470	45.63%
Not at all interested	189	18.35%
Don't know / No Answer	14	1.36%
Total	1030	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	0.78%
"Harmony" Socialdemocratic Party	173	16.80%
Party "Unity"	133	12.91%
National Alliance "All for Latvia!" – "For Fatherland and Freedom/LNNK"	83	8.06%
Green and Farmers Union	94	9.13%
Russian Union of Latvia	9	0.87%
Political Party Development	3	0.29%
For Latvia from the Heart	73	7.09%
Party "Union for Latvia"	9	0.87%
For Latvia's Development	8	0.78%
Regional Alliance of Latvia	21	2.04%
New Conservative Party	4	0.39%
Party "Freedom. Free from fear, hate, and anger"	3	0.29%
Don't know	142	13.79%
Don't participate in elections.	271	26.31%
Total	1030	100.00%

Q15 – Q19 Reserved for 2nd wave.

Q20

Who do you think is mostly to blame for the escalation of conflict in Ukraine?

	N	%
The government of Russian Federation	297	28.83%
The government of Ukraine	138	3.40%
Pro-Russian activists in Ukraine	94	9.13%
Ukrainian hardline nationalist	78	7.57%
The European Union	15	1.46%
NATO	27	2.62%
Western European countries (e.g. Germany, France, etc.)	5	0.49%
The United States	127	12.33%
Others	20	1.94%
I do not want to answer this question	101	9.81%
Don't know	128	12.43%
Total	1030	100.00%

Q21

Who do you think is mostly to blame for the origin of conflict in Ukraine?

	N	%
The government of Russian Federation	283	27.48%
The government of Ukraine	115	11.17%
Pro-Russian activists in Ukraine	92	8.93%
Ukrainian hardline nationalist	77	7.48%
The European Union	15	1.46%
NATO	30	2.91%
Western European countries (e.g. Germany, France, etc.)	5	0.49%
The United States	153	14.85%
Others	13	1.26%
I do not want to answer this question	103	10.00%
Don't know	144	13.98%
Total	1030	100.00%

Sociodemographic parameters

D1

Gender

	N	%
Male	443	43.61%
Female	587	56.99%
Total	1030	100.00%

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

D2

Age (shortened)

	N	%
15-24	145	14.08%
25-34	181	17.57%
35-44	175	16.99%
45-54	209	20.29%
55-74	320	31.07%
Total	1030	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	591	57.38%
Divorced / Separated	136	13.20%
Unmarried	208	20.19%
Widowed	95	9.22%
Total	1030	100.00%

D3

Number of household members

	N	%
1	175	16.99%
2	339	31.91%
3	250	24.27%
4	170	16.50%
5	65	6.31%
6	19	1.84%
7	11	1.07%
8	1	0.10%
9	0	0.00%
10	0	0.00%
11	0	0.00%
Total	1030	100.00%

D3A

Children aged under 18

	N	%
Yes	379	36.80%
No	649	63.01%
DK/NA	2	0.19%
Total	1030	100.00%

D4

Education

	N	%
No education	3	0.29%
Primary / Secondary uncompleted	133	12.91%
Secondary	255	24.76%
Professional or vocational secondary	347	33.69%
Tertiary education	292	28.35%
Total	1030	100.00%

D5

Nationality (lv: Tautība)

	N	%
Latvian	618	60.00%
Russian	318	30.87%
Others	94	9.13%
Total	1030	100.00%

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

D5A

Language spoken in family

	N	%
Latvian	631	61.26%
Russian	391	37.96%
Other	8	0.78%
Total	1030	100.00%

D6

Citizenship of the Republic of Latvia (lv:pilsonība)

	N	%
Have	887	86.12%
Don't have	143	13.88%
Total	1030	100.00%

D7

Sector of work

	N	%
Public sector (national and regional)	199	19.32%
Private sector	433	42.04%
Don't work	398	38.64%
Other	0	0.00%
DK/NA	0	0.00%
Total	1030	100.00%

D8

Occupation

	N	%
Manager, senior or middle level	41	3.98%
Specialist or clerk, for non-physical work	289	28.06%
Laborer, for physical work	250	24.27%
Farmer (with own farm)	19	1.84%
Self-employed	33	3.20%
Pensioner	208	20.19%
Student	78	7.57%
House-worker / parental leave	40	3.88%
Unemployed	72	6.99%
Total	1030	100.00%

D9

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

	N	%
Under 159 euro	174	16.89%
160-220 euro	159	15.44%
221-299 euro	152	14.76%
300-399 euro	169	16.41%
over 400 euro	215	20.87%
DK	161	15.63%
Total	1030	100.00%

D10

Region (electoral district)

	N	%
Riga	333	32.33%
Vidzeme	271	26.31%
Kurzeme	138	13.40%
Zemgale	136	13.20%
Latgale	152	14.76%
Total	1030	100.00%

D10A

Region (statistical district)

	N	%
Riga	333	32.33%
Pieriga	181	17.57%
Vidzeme	99	9.61%
Kurzeme	138	13.40%
Zemgale	136	13.20%
Latgale	152	14.76%
Total	1030	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%)