

PRESS RELEASE

BISHKEK, December 21, 2020 - Central Asia Barometer has conducted a public opinion poll in the Kyrgyz Republic. The goal of the poll was to obtain a reliable reading of public opinion on the upcoming presidential elections and referendum in Kyrgyzstan, specifically:

- Current political and economic situation in the country;
- Attitudes towards the change of power on October 5, 2020
- Electoral preferences;
- Vote intentions;
- Attitudes towards the proposed constitutional amendments;
- Preferences on the form of the government;
- Attitudes towards the upcoming referendum;
- Trust in politicians;
- Trust in the Jogorku Kenesh, the Government and the judiciary of the Kyrgyz Republic.

METHODOLOGY

The poll was conducted over the phone from 9 through 17th of December of 2020 with a national sample of 1000 respondents of voting age (18+).

Results are accurate with a margin of error of $\pm 3.09\%$ in 95 times out of 100.

RESULTS

Change of power

- Asked about their attitude to the change of power, which took place in Bishkek on October 5, 2020, more than 58% of respondents said they fully support the change of power, with another 23% stating they rather support the change of power.

Presidential elections

- 73% of respondents intend to take part in the presidential elections on January 10, 2021.
- If the presidential elections were held tomorrow, 64% of respondents would vote for Sadyr Japarov.
- 17% of respondents stated they still undecided who they would vote for.

Situation in the country

- Political instability is the most critical problem in the country as reported by 40% of respondents.
- The most worrisome problems also include economic instability, unemployment, and inflation, reported by 27%, 25% and 21% of respondents respectively.

Constitutional referendum

- The majority of respondents (76%) support holding of the referendum on constitutional amendments on January 10, 2021, while about 7% of respondents said they were not aware of the referendum.

Form of government

- When asked about preferred form of government in Kyrgyzstan 80% of respondents chose the presidential form of government and 14% parliamentary form of government.

Trust in politicians

- Asked about trust in any politician in Kyrgyzstan 48% of respondents said that they trust Sadyr Japarov, while more than 30% of respondents said they do not trust any politician in Kyrgyzstan.

ABOUT CENTRAL ASIA BAROMETER

Central Asia Barometer (CAB) is a regional, independent, non-profit public polling institution. We measure the social, economic, and political "atmosphere" in the countries of Central Asia. The results of our research help our partners make data-based decisions in the best interests of the region's citizens.

CAB has large experience in conducting a wide range of surveys and polls on subjects of public interest, both on the national and regional level. We stick to recognized international quality standards (ESOMAR, WAPOR) and strict multi-level quality control. We built a large and credible network of data collection partners in all countries of Central Asia.

Since 2017 Central Asia Barometer has been implementing a regular public opinion survey in all Central Asian countries.

Please, contact us if you are interested in full results of the poll, including demographics and correlation analysis:

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