VCIOM-Sputnik daily survey results. The survey method is stratified dual-frame sample consisted of telephone interviews. The sample is based on a complete list of landline and mobile phone numbers operating in Russia and involves 1,200 persons. The data were weighted for the probability of selection and reflect social and demographic characteristics. The margin of error at a 95% confidence level does not exceed 3.5%.

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The share of Russians who would cast their vote for Vladimir Putin in presidential elections (if the voting took place next Sunday) is 73.8%; 7.2% would support Pavel Grudinin; 4.7% would vote for Vladimir Zhirinovsky. Anti-rating is headed by Xenia Sobchak: 89.8% of Russian citizens say they would not vote for her. The voter turnout is expected to be 67%. About one-third of Russians (34%) consider that the elections will be impartial; 46% say that small violations might take place.

Figure 1 Do you know the date of the next Russia’s presidential elections? If you do, please, specify month and year (open-ended question, one answer, % of all respondents, index in p.p.).
Figure 2 Will you take part in the presidential election in March 2018? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of all respondents).

- Definitely yes: 67%
- Rather yes: 11%
- Rather no: 3%
- Definitely no: 3%
- Don’t know: 1%
- Not decided yet; I will decide right before the elections: 0.6%

Figure 3 If the Presidential election took place next Sunday and the list of candidates looked as follows, who would you rather vote for? One answer is possible (closed-ended question, one answer, % of all respondents).

- Putin Vladimir: 73.8%
- Grudinin Pavel: 7.2%
- Zhirinovsky Vladimir: 4.7%
- Sobchak Xenia: 1%
- Yavlinsky Grigory: 0.6%
- Titov Boris: 0.3%
- I will come and spoil the ballot: 0.6%
- I would not take part in voting: 6.3%
- Other: 1.2%
- Don’t know: 4.2%
About three-quarters of Russians (72%) keep track of the situation in Ukraine four years after the transition of power in Ukraine. Most of Russians (75%) consider that changes that the Maidan caused have had negative impact on Ukraine; at least half of respondents in each social and demographic group think so. Forty percent of Russians say that the current relationships between Russia and Ukraine are tense (those who think so are mainly young respondents: 47% of persons aged 18-24).
Figure 5 Do you personally keep track of the current political developments in Ukraine? (closed-ended question, one answer, %).
Figure 6 More than four years ago the Euromaidan took place in Ukraine. How would you describe what was happening in Kiev’s Maidan at the time? (open-ended question, up to three answers, %).
Figure 7 Can you describe in two or three words what is happening now in Ukraine? (open-ended question, up to three answers, %).

Figure 8 In your opinion, did Ukraine win or lose due to the Maidan? (closed-ended question, one answer, %).

CRIMEA: POLITICAL SITUATION AHEAD OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

January 25-28, 2018
Crimean residents aged 18 and over take part in the survey. The survey is carried out using stratified dual-frame random sample based on a complete list of landline and mobile phone numbers operating in Russia and involved 1,600 respondents.

One month and a half before the voting, the political situation in the Republic of Crimea looks stable, and the level of negative assessments is low. The major problems the Crimean residents are worried about are social and economic: increase of salaries and pensions, lack of jobs as well as healthcare issues.

![Chart showing satisfaction levels](chart1.png)

**Figure 9** Are you generally satisfied/dissatisfied with the life you are living? (*closed-ended question, one answer, %).*

![Chart showing satisfaction levels](chart2.png)
**Figure 10** Speaking about the Republic in general, are you satisfied/dissatisfied with the situation in the Republic in general? *(closed-ended question, one answer, %)*

![Pie chart showing responses](chart.png)

- Considerably improved: 3
- Likely improved: 29
- It has not changed much: 40
- Likely deteriorated: 1
- Considerably deteriorated: 3
- Don't know: 1

**Figure 11** In your opinion, has the situation in the Republic improved/deteriorated/not changed over the recent year? *(closed-ended question, one answer, %)*
In your opinion, in what areas has the situation in the Republic improved over the recent year? (open-ended question, multiple choice, %).

Figure 12
Figure 13 In your opinion, in what areas has the situation in the Republic deteriorated over the recent year? (open-ended question, multiple choice, %).
Figure 14 What are you/your family members mostly worried about? Please, cite several most important problems. (open-ended question, multiple choice, %).

Figure 15 If the Presidential election took place next Sunday and the list of candidates looked as follows, who would you rather vote for? (closed-ended question, one answer, %).