OPINION MONITORING: MARCH - APRIL 2018

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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CRIMEA: FOUR YEARS WITH RUSSIA

March 7, 9, 2018

An overwhelming majority of Russians (91%) still consider that the incorporation of Crimea into the Russian territory was the right decision. Assessing the impact of the Crimea’s incorporation, 69% confidently say that the decision was beneficial for the country in general. The main reasons behind the unwillingness of certain countries to recognize the peninsula as Russian are “EU’s double standards/US pressure” (11%), “geopolitical interests” (9%), “negative attitudes towards Russia in general” (9%), “fear of Russia’s rise” (8%), and “envy” (8%).
In your opinion, did Russia make the right decision to incorporate Crimea into the Russian territory? *(closed-ended question, one answer, % of all respondents)*.
Crimea is ours/originally Russian territory
Crimeans’ will
Fraternal people/ protection of national interest
Protection of people and territory
Historical justice/what Khrushchev gave by mistake was returned
Strategically important point/location of military bases
Access to the Black sea
To strengthen the position internationally
Economically beneficial territory/tourism
Don’t know

**Image 8** Why do you think that Russia’s decision to incorporate Crimea was right? Cite the most important reasons *(open-ended question, one answer, % of those who consider that the decision was right).*

![Circle chart showing reasons for decision]

- More good: 18%
- More harm: 13%
- Don’t know: 69%

**Image 9** In your opinion, has the incorporation of Crimea into the Russian territory done more good or more harm to Russia? *(closed-ended question, one answer, % of all respondents).*
EU’s double standards/US pressure
Geopolitics/access to the Black sea
Negative attitudes towards Russia
They are afraid of Russia’s rise
Envy
Russia’s economic strengthening is not beneficial to them
Illegitimate referendum/violation of Ukraine’s sovereignty
Silly people/they just do not want it
Crimea is ours/violation of Russia’s history
US-Russia confrontation
Fear
Fear of losing their territories under the same scenario/destabilization
Crimea is an occupied territory
Strengthening the military capacities is not beneficial
Russia’s policy aimed at expanding territories/expansionist ambitions
Russian aggression
Other
Don’t know

Image 10 In your opinion, why do other countries refuse to officially recognize Crimea as Russian territory? (open-ended question, not more 3 answers, % of all respondents).

2018 RUSSIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: SURVEYS, FORECASTS, AND RESULTS

March 19-20, 2018

The vast majority of Russians (87%) are satisfied with the elections held on March 18, 2018. Trust in election results hit its highest levels over the entire period measurement: 60% are confident that the results of the elections are consistent with the will of the people; a further 28% admit that there was some “in situ vote rigging” which actually had no significant impact on the outcome. The estimates for Vladimir Putin were 69-73%; based on the Central Election Commission data he won 76.7% of votes.

Completely satisfied    Likely satisfied
Likely dissatisfied    Completely dissatisfied
Don’t know

Image 13 Generally, are you satisfied with the presidential election that took place on March 18, 2018, or not? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of all respondents).
I think the election results are trustworthy and consistent with the people’s will

There might have been some “in situ” election fraud but they have not had any substantial impact on the general outcome

I don’t think we can trust the election results

Don’t know

Image 14 In your opinion, to what extent are the results of the presidential election trustworthy? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of all respondents).
I learnt from TV, radio, print media
I learnt from the Internet
I learnt from friends/relatives
My personal experience
I know nothing about violations
Other sources
Don’t know

**Image 15** Are you aware of any violations during the presidential election? If yes, from what sources did you get this information? *(closed-ended question, any number of answers, % of all respondents)*.

**Table 2** Turnout. Will you take part in the presidential election which will be held in March 2018? *(closed-ended question, one answer, %)*; based on the CEC data, 11:00 Moscow time, 19 March 2018
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**EQUALITY IN THE FAMILY: FROM WORDS TO ACTION**

*February 28 – March 1, 2018*

Russians advocate for equality in a family in theory and practice: 82% of all respondents think that equality is important. Strictly female duty (or the duty which is considered normal) is doing the laundry; purely male duty is small home repairs. At the same time, certain duties are distributed in a traditional way: couples recognize that female duties involve not only the laundry but also ironing, cooking and cleaning. On average, men tend to consider that women are responsible for one-third of the budget income (32%) while women point to 43%.
The head of the family/couple should be the man; he makes decisions
The head of the family/couple should be the woman; she makes decisions
Both man and woman have equal rights in the family/couple; they make decisions jointly
Don’t know

Image 1 In your opinion, should the head of the family/couple be the man, the woman, or should both man and woman jointly make decisions? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of respondents).

![Graph showing responses](image)

Man
Woman
There is no head in our family/couple; all important decisions are made jointly
Other member of family/couple
Don’t know

Image 2 In your opinion, who is the head in your family/couple? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of married, living together, dating persons).

Table 1 In your opinion, how should the following household duties be distributed? (closed-ended question, one answer per each line, % of those who are not married, not cohabitating, not dating).

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<th>Woman</th>
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<td>3</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Activity</td>
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<td><strong>Leisure activities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Buying presents for friends, relatives, colleagues; congratulations</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Grocery shopping</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Taking care of pets</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Managing budget</strong></td>
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