PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN: PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

May 2-3, 2018

Vladimir Putin’s performance assessments, which improved in March 2014, have stayed at the same level for four years (about 82%-88% based on May 2014 - 2018 survey data). According to the data of May 2-3, today eighty-two percent of Russians approve of the work of the president (positive answers are more often expressed by women, older generation, rural area residents, and people with good income).

Figure 1 Do you generally approve or disapprove of the work of the Russian president? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)
Presidential average approval rating has been 81.2% over the recent week. The assessments of the performance of the Russian prime minister and the government have been 44.7% and 49.8%, respectively. Army holds the leading position among all other public institutions’ ratings with its April score of 86.3%. Top three public institutions with high approvals also involve the Russian Orthodox Church (71.8%) and the media (59.6%).
**Figure 4** Government institutions’ disapproval (% respondents). Full question: Do you generally approve/disapprove...?" (closed-ended question, one answer for each institution)

**Figure 5** Confidence in political leaders (% respondents). Full question: We all tend to trust some people and distrust others. Speaking about the politicians, who would you entrust important public matters to? (open-ended question, any number of answers)
Figure 6 Non-confidence in political leaders (% respondents). Full question: We all tend to trust some people and distrust others. Speaking about the politicians, who would you not entrust important public matters to? (open-ended question, any number of answers)

Figure 7 Electoral rating of political parties (% respondents). Full question: If the Russian State Duma elections took place next Sunday, which of the following parties would you vote for? (closed-ended question, one answer)
More than half of Russians (59%) are interested in the situation in Armenia, however only 9% keep a sharp eye on it. Whether the current developments will have any impact on Russia-Armenia relationships, and what kind of impact, is an ambiguous question: according to 28% of respondents who follow the situation the relationships will get worse; on the contrary, 20% say they will improve; 27% think no changes in bilateral relations will happen.

**Figure 8** Are you personally interested to know more about what is happening in Armenia today, or not? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)
Can you describe in two or three words what is currently happening in Armenia? (open-ended question, not more than 3 answers, % of those who are interested in the developments in Armenia)

![Bar chart showing the responses to the question.]

**Figure 9**
Figure 10 In your opinion, how will the developments in Armenia affect Russia-Armenia relationships, or will there be no effect? If yes, will those changes be positive or negative? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of those who are interested in the developments in Armenia)

![Pie chart showing responses]

Figure 11 In your opinion, can anything similar to what is happening in Armenia take place in Russia today? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of those who are interested in the developments in Armenia)

DMITRY MEDVEDEV'S GOVERNMENT: THE PAST AND THE RPRESENT

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An overwhelming majority of Russians are aware that Dmitry Medvedev was reappointed as Russian Prime-Minister (86%). More than half of respondents (54%) positively assess the performance of the government in recent years (they are mainly United Russia supporters (75%)). Russians have moderate and positive expectations from the new government: 37% of respondents hope the work of the new government will be productive, 49% say that its performance will not differ much from that of the previous one.
Figure 12 After his inauguration Vladimir Putin appointed Dmitry Medvedev as the Prime Minister of the new government. Do you know/have you heard/do you hear for the first time about this appointment? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

Figure 13 In your opinion, has Dmitry Medvedev managed (or not) to create his team: to gather those people who he fully trust, who he can rely on? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)
Figure 14 How would you assess the performance of the government headed by Dmitry Medvedev over the recent years? (closed-ended question, one answer % of total respondents)

Figure 15 In your opinion, will the new government perform better/worse/the same as the previous government? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)