Georgia Information Integrity Program

Audience Research Results

May 11, 2022
Research goals

- Assessing societal vulnerability to disinformation
- Observing changes in societal vulnerability to disinformation over time (annual research)
- Supporting research-based interventions
- Selecting topics for further research

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The majority of respondents are in favor of joining the EU, main motivation of which is economic prosperity. The main reasons of the EU opponents are the fear of losing traditions and the deterioration of relations with Russia.

Most of the respondents want Georgia to join NATO for security reasons, but many think that territorial integrity issues make this difficult.

Most people think that disinformation is a significant problem in Georgia today, but they do not know how it is created and spread, nor can they verify it.

The majority of the population believes that the best way to preserve traditions and values is to integrate with the West. At the same time, 20% of the population think that traditions will be better preserved if Georgia partners with Russia.

Most of the respondents remember the Soviet Union with nostalgia, but at the same time acknowledge it had its flaws. Similarly, most are proud of Stalin, but admit that he was a tyrant, responsible for the deaths of many innocent people.

Russia is considered to be the main threat to Georgia’s territorial integrity. At the same time, many think that it is necessary to refrain from upsetting Russia in order to maintain the flow of trade and tourists.
Research methodology

CRRC Georgia conducted 3,024 face-to-face interviews in Georgian, Armenian and Azerbaijani languages. (CAPI, response rate of 33%)

Fieldwork took place between November 16th and December 14th, therefore the results reflect public opinions before the war in Ukraine.

The poll is representative of the population of Georgia (excluding occupied territories).

The poll is also representative of the capital, other urban areas, rural settlements, and predominantly ethnic minority settlements separately.

Average margin of error: ±1.7% (May be different for certain questions).

In some cases the answers do not round up to 100%, due to rounding. 'refuse to answer' option is never more than 1%, so it is added to 'don't know' options.
Attitudes to disinformation and information consumption habits
The majority of population thinks they come across disinformation frequently and that they cannot identify it.

How often do you come across news or information that you believe misrepresents reality or is even false?

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How confident are you in your ability to identify disinformation?

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Majority of population believes disinformation is a critical problem in Georgia, but is not aware how it is created and disseminated

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<td>I am aware of the impact of disinformation on society</td>
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<td>I believe that disinformation is a critically problematic issue in Georgia, currently</td>
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<td>56%</td>
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<td>I am aware of how disinformation is created and disseminated</td>
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A large portion of the population says they would not verify the allegedly false information.

Imagine that you come across a piece of important or surprising news that you think might be fake and you want to figure out if the information is real. **What steps would you take to verify this information?**

- I wouldn’t verify the information: 32%
- Check alternate news sources: 24%
- Ask friends/family for their opinion: 20%
- Think about whether I agree with the information: 9%
- Check the sources that are cited in the article: 9%
- See how many times the piece has been “liked” or shared: 5%
- Check a fact-checking, debunking website: 3%
TV and social media are believed to be the biggest sources of disinformation

Where do you see most of this type [fake, misrepresents reality] of news and information?

- TV: 56%
- Social media: 38%
- Websites: 9%
- Family, friends: 6%
- Print media: 1%
- Radio: 1%

What are your main sources of information for receiving news?

- TV: 48%
- Social media: 25%
- Family members: 13%
- Websites: 5%
- Friends, neighbors: 4%
- Colleagues: 1%
- Newspapers: 1%
Media consumption
TV is the most popular media platform

Thinking about the past month, on average, how often have you accessed the following media platforms?

- **85%** watches TV at least once a week
- **71%** uses social media at least once a week
- **56%** uses online media at least once a week
- **8%** reads print media at least once a week
- **7%** listens to radio at least once a week
Russian and Pro-Russian TV channels are the least popular

How often do you watch the following TV channels?

- Imedi: 62%
- Rustavi 2: 56%
- Mtavari: 51%
- TV Pirveli: 47%
- GPB: 41%
- Formula: 36%
- Adjara TV: 24%
- Pos TV: 22%
- Obiektivi: 21%
- Channel One Russia (ORT): 11%
- Alt Info: 7%
- Russia 24: 5%

Watch at least once a week

How much do you trust or distrust each station for news and information about current events.

- Imedi: 23%
- Mtavari: 18%
- TV Pirveli: 16%
- Rustavi 2: 16%
- GPB: 13%
- Formula: 11%
- Adjara TV: 8%
- Obiektivi: 7%
- Pos TV: 7%
- Alt Info: 3%
- Channel One Russia (ORT): 3%
- Russia 24: 1%

Trust
In total, 30% of the population watches at least 1 pro-Russian channel every week.
The segment of population that watches pro-Russian channels every week are more interested in news

Please select the main type of TV show you watch on TV

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<th>Whole population (100%), excluding occupied territories</th>
<th>30% of population, which watches pro-Russian TV channels (Obiektivi, Alt Info Channel One Russia, Russia 24) at least once a week</th>
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<td><strong>Children's programs</strong></td>
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*This segment of population also watches other TV channels, therefore, they may watch any type of TV content on any channel*
Consumption of social media and instant messaging applications – at least once a week

How often do you use these websites/applications?

- Facebook: 67%
- YouTube: 57%
- Instagram: 25%
- TikTok: 16%
- Twitter: 4%
- OK: 4%
- VK: 3%

How often do you use these messaging applications?

- WhatsApp: 30%
- Telegram: 4%
- Line: 2%
- Viber: 35%
- Facebook Messenger: 65%
Attitudes towards Western integration
The majority of population wants Georgia to join the EU

72% for Georgia’s membership in the EU
13% against Georgia’s membership in the EU
8% no preferences
7% DK/RA

Please tell me whether you are for or against Georgia’s membership in the European Union.
Willingness to join the EU according to the demographic characteristics of the population

Please tell me whether you are for or against Georgia’s membership in the European Union

Ethnic Azerbaijani
Ethnic Armenian
Ethnic Georgian

I am for Georgia’s membership in the EU  I am against Georgia’s membership in the EU  No preferences  DK/RA
Better economic conditions are the main motivation for the population to join the EU

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<td>My economic condition would improve</td>
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<td>Quality of life in Georgia would improve</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<td>There would be better job opportunities</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>Georgia would be better protected from foreign threats</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>I would be able to travel in Europe without a visa</td>
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<td>Georgia would be less economically dependent on Russia</td>
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<td>Georgia would have a better chance to restore its territorial integrity</td>
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<td>Georgian culture and traditions would be better protected and promoted</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Condition of environment would improve</td>
<td>3%</td>
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What are the main reasons why you are for Georgia’s membership in the European Union? Please choose up to three reasons.

[Asked to the 72% of the sample who would like to join the EU]
The 13% of the population opposes EU membership mainly because of fear of losing traditions and independence

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<td>Georgia would be robbed of its traditions</td>
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<td>This would hinder good neighborly relations with Russia</td>
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<td>Georgia would not be able to make its own decisions</td>
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<td>Young people would leave Georgia</td>
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<td>There would be less of a chance to restore Georgia’s territorial integrity</td>
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<td>Life conditions in Georgia would worsen</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>EU would enforce more liberal values in Georgia</td>
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<td>Georgia would have to accept migrants</td>
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What are the main reasons why you are against Georgia’s membership in the European Union? Please choose up to three reasons.

[Asked to the 13% of the sample who would not like to join the EU]
The majority of population wants Georgia to join NATO

In your opinion, should Georgia join NATO, declare military neutrality meaning that it is not aligned with NATO or any other military alliance, or join the Russian led Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO)?

- NATO: 59%
- Military neutrality: 21%
- CSTO: 9%
- DK/RA: 10%
# Willingness to join NATO according to the demographic characteristics of the population

In your opinion, should Georgia **join NATO, declare military neutrality** meaning that it is not aligned with NATO or any other military alliance, or **join the Russian led Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO)**?

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<th>Age Group</th>
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<th>Join CSTO</th>
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- **NATO**
- **Military neutrality**
- **CSTO**
- **DK/RA**
The main motivation for the population to join NATO is security

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<td>Join NATO</td>
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<td>It will provide greater security for Georgia</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>It will strengthen democratic development of Georgia</td>
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<td>It will protect Georgia from Russia</td>
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<td>It will improve the chances to restore territorial integrity of Georgia</td>
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<td>It will strengthen Georgian defence capacity</td>
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<td>It will lead to visa free travel in NATO member states</td>
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<td>NATO will establish a military base in Georgia</td>
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<td>Georgia naturally belongs to the West</td>
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What are the main reasons you think Georgia should join NATO? Please choose up to three reasons.

[Asked to the 59% of the sample who would like to join NATO]
Most of those who want to declare military neutrality, fear relations with Russia will deteriorate.

What are the main reasons you would choose military neutrality over Georgia’s membership of NATO? Please choose up to three reasons.

[Asked to the 21% of the sample who would like to declare military neutrality]

- Georgia’s membership in NATO will cause conflict with Russia (39%)
- Georgia should not be aligned with any entity (38%)
- Georgia’s membership in NATO is unrealistic (23%)
- Georgia’s membership in NATO will lead to intervention into Georgian affairs (18%)
- Georgia will lose the occupied territories forever (15%)
- Georgia’s membership in NATO would not protect Georgia (13%)
- NATO will establish a military base in Georgia (12%)
Choice between the West and Russia
Most people think that the West is the best partner for Georgia

There are many views about whether Georgia should align itself with the EU and United States or with Russia. I will now show you two statements, please tell me which best represents your views.

- Because of common values and religion, Russia is a more natural ally than the United States and the European Union (20%)
- Georgia’s best partners are the United States and the European Union because of their commonalities on democracy, human rights, and other issues (53%)
- Agree with Neither (15%)
- DK/RA (11%)
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A large part of the population thinks that the best way to preserve traditions is to integrate with the West.

There has been a large amount of conversation in society about Georgia’s values and traditions as relates the West and Russia. I will now show you two statements, please tell me which best represents your views.

- **Georgian traditions are more likely to survive if Georgia aligns with Russia rather than the US and EU.**
  - Agree: 20%
  - Disagree: 45%
  - Neither: 25%
  - DK/RA: 10%

- **Integration with the west will help preserve Georgia’s culture and traditions.**
Majority of population thinks that Russia has no right to be annoyed by Georgia's attempts to join the EU and NATO

Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:
Russia has the right to be angry about Georgia trying to join the EU and NATO

- 24% Strongly disagree
- 35% disagree
- 11% Neither
- 18% Agree
- 2% Strongly agree
- 10% DK/RA
Western investments are most welcome by Georgian population

There are many views about foreign investments in Georgia. Please tell me on a five point scale, where 5 means fully welcome in all cases, and 1 means fully unwelcome in all cases, how acceptable foreign investment from the following countries in Georgia is to you:

- **Germany**: 15% Fully welcome, 60% Welcome, 11% Neither, 7% Unwelcome, 5% Entirely unwelcome
- **Ukraine**: 10% Fully welcome, 62% Welcome, 12% Neither, 8% Unwelcome, 6% Entirely unwelcome
- **The US**: 13% Fully welcome, 58% Welcome, 13% Neither, 10% Unwelcome, 2% Entirely unwelcome
- **Baltic Countries**: 13% Fully welcome, 57% Welcome, 14% Neither, 9% Unwelcome, 6% Entirely unwelcome
- **Azerbaijan**: 6% Fully welcome, 51% Welcome, 18% Neither, 18% Unwelcome, 3% Entirely unwelcome
- **CIS**: 8% Fully welcome, 48% Welcome, 18% Neither, 16% Unwelcome, 3% Entirely unwelcome
- **China**: 5% Fully welcome, 47% Welcome, 18% Neither, 20% Unwelcome, 5% Entirely unwelcome
- **Turkey**: 6% Fully welcome, 45% Welcome, 19% Neither, 21% Unwelcome, 5% Entirely unwelcome
- **Russia**: 7% Fully welcome, 36% Welcome, 19% Neither, 25% Unwelcome, 9% Entirely unwelcome
Attitudes towards Russia
80% of the population considers Russia a threat to Georgia’s territorial integrity

Do you consider the following to be a threat to Georgia’s territorial integrity?

- **Russia**: 80% Yes, 14% No, 6% DK/RA
- **Turkey**: 55% Yes, 37% No, 8% DK/RA
- **Azerbaijan**: 37% Yes, 55% No, 8% DK/RA
- **Iran**: 29% Yes, 58% No, 14% DK/RA
- **Armenia**: 28% Yes, 61% No, 10% DK/RA
- **China**: 20% Yes, 69% No, 12% DK/RA
- **The US**: 16% Yes, 75% No, 9% DK/RA
- **The EU**: 9% Yes, 82% No, 9% DK/RA
Public opinion is divided on what the state rhetoric towards Russia should be

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<td>Strongly criticizing Russia creates a security risk for the country</td>
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<td>It is important to criticize Russia so that the world knows about the occupation of Georgia</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Agree with neither</td>
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There are many views in society about what type of attitude/approach Georgia should have towards Russia. I will now show you two statements, please tell me which best represents your views on this issue.
The position of cautious rhetoric towards Russia is largely determined by economic factors.

Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:
**Georgia should avoid upsetting Russia in order to keep the flow of trade and tourists open**

- 6% Strongly disagree
- 20% Disagree
- 20% Neither
- 39% Agree
- 8% Strongly agree
- 10% DK/RA
Attitudes towards propagandistic and disinformation narratives
Although the majority of the population wants to join NATO, a large part sees the problem of territorial integrity as a hindering factor.

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:

**Georgia's territorial problems make NATO integration impossible**

- **Strongly disagree**
- **Disagree**
- **Neither**
- **Agree**
- **Strongly agree**
- **DK/RA**

Out of the 56% of population, which considers joining NATO unrealistic, 64% thinks that Georgia should join NATO.
Anti-Western propaganda presents various hypothetical consequences of EU integration to weaken EU support. Some of the consequences are a cause of concern to the population, but nonetheless, EU support is unwavering.

- Tensions with Russia will become more severe: 59% for, 71% against, 16% undecided.
- Young people will leave the country: 55% for, 70% against, 17% undecided.
- Homosexuality will become more accepted: 44% for, 67% against, 20% undecided.
- More foreigners will come to live in Georgia: 39% for, 68% against, 20% undecided.
- The church’s position in society will decline: 27% for, 62% against, 24% undecided.
- Liberal values will be promoted: 26% for, 70% against, 20% undecided.

I believe that this event may happen as a result of the EU membership, and I think it will be negative.
One third of the population is vulnerable to anti-US disinformation narratives

There are many views about the US-Georgia relationship. I will now show you two statements, please tell me which best represents your views:

- The United States is interested in partnering with and supporting Georgia, because the US is committed to supporting freedom and democracy in the world: 43%
- The United States is only interested in using Georgia's territory as a base against Russia: 32%
- Agree with neither: 13%
- DK/RA: 12%
The majority of the population is vulnerable to anti-Turkish disinformation messages.

There are many views about Turkey’s role in Adjara. I will now show you two statements, please tell me which best represents your views.

- **Turkey plays a positive role in Adjara through investment in business and education projects**: 19%
- **Turkey plays a negative role in Adjara and is trying to slowly occupy the territory**: 57%
- **Agree with neither**: 9%
- **DK/RA**: 15%
Soviet Union legacy
Most Georgians positively assess the Soviet period and believe that they were looked after better than today

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How would you assess the period of the Soviet Union in Georgia’s history? Would you say it was…

Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:

In the Soviet Union people like me were looked after better than today

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Assessment of the Soviet period according to demographic characteristics

How would you assess the period of the Soviet Union in Georgia’s history? Would you say it was…

- **18-34**: 51% Negative, 33% Positive, 16% DK/RA
- **35-54**: 37% Negative, 53% Positive, 10% DK/RA
- **55+**: 25% Negative, 72% Positive, 3% DK/RA
- **Tbilisi**: 53% Negative, 38% Positive, 9% DK/RA
- **Urban**: 38% Negative, 54% Positive, 64% DK/RA
- **Rural**: 26% Negative, 64% Positive, 10% DK/RA
- **Ethnic Georgian**: 40% Negative, 21% Positive, 17% DK/RA
- **Ethnic Armenian**: 21% Negative, 69% Positive, 10% DK/RA
- **Ethnic Azerbaijani**: 17% Negative, 70% Positive, 13% DK/RA
Majority of population thinks that Georgian culture, religion and values were oppressed in the Soviet Union

There has been a large amount of conversation in society about the Soviet Union. I will now show you two statements, please tell me which best represents your views.

- Georgia’s culture and values were better protected in the Soviet Union than they are today
  - 31%
- Georgia’s culture, religion, and values were oppressed under the Soviet Union
  - 54%
- Agree with neither
  - 6%
- DK/RA
  - 9%
The majority of the population believed that people in the West had better opportunities than in the Soviet Union.

Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:
People like me had better opportunities in the west than in the Soviet Union.

- Strongly disagree: 2%
- Disagree: 17%
- Neither: 14%
- Agree: 37%
- Strongly agree: 9%
- DK/RA: 22%
Assessment of Stalin are conflicting

Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:

A Georgian patriot should be proud that Stalin was Georgian
- Strongly disagree: 8%
- Disagree: 20%
- Neither: 16%
- Agree: 34%
- Strongly agree: 11%
- DK/RA: 9%

It's hard to assess the legacy of Stalin, there were pluses and minuses to his rule
- Strongly disagree: 1%
- Disagree: 8%
- Neither: 15%
- Agree: 56%
- Strongly agree: 10%
- DK/RA: 9%

Stalin was a wise leader, who brought the Soviet Union to might and prosperity
- Strongly disagree: 2%
- Disagree: 10%
- Neither: 13%
- Agree: 52%
- Strongly agree: 14%
- DK/RA: 9%

Stalin was a tyrant, who is responsible for the deaths of millions of innocent people
- Strongly disagree: 2%
- Disagree: 16%
- Neither: 18%
- Agree: 40%
- Strongly agree: 12%
- DK/RA: 13%
Assessment of Stalin legacy according to demographic characteristics

**Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

*A Georgian patriot should be proud that Stalin was Georgian*

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- Disagree
- Neither
- Agree
- DK/RA
Attitudes towards domestic political processes
According to the majority of the population, democracy is the best choice for Georgia

Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:
Democracy is the best choice for Georgia

Strongly disagree: 1%
Disagree: 3%
Neither: 11%
Agree: 57%
Strongly agree: 22%
DK/RA: 6%
47% believe that Georgia is going in the wrong direction

There are different opinions regarding the direction in which Georgia is going. Which one do you agree with? Georgia is…
A large part of the population thinks that political parties do not represent their interests properly and elections are not held fairly.

Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:

**Political parties and leaders represent people like me**

- Strongly disagree: 11%
- Disagree: 42%
- Neither: 23%
- Agree: 14%
- Strongly agree: 9%

**Elections in Georgia are fair**

- Strongly disagree: 15%
- Disagree: 30%
- Neither: 18%
- Agree: 25%
- Strongly agree: 4%
- DK/RA: 8%
Majority of the population blames the problems on ‘Georgian Dream’ more than ‘United National Movement’

Georgia has many social and economic problems currently. Do you think that the Georgian Dream or the United National movement is more responsible for today’s social and economic problems?

- **Georgian Dream**: 61%
- **United National Movement**: 7%
- **Both**: 24%
- **Neither**: 4%
- **DK/RA**: 5%
Larger part of the population blames ‘Georgian Dream’ for the political polarization more than the opposition, 29% believe that both sides are equally responsible.

I will now show you two statements about political polarization, please tell me which best represents your views:

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A large part of the population thinks that the foreign policy of ‘Georgian Dream’ often benefits Russian interests.

There are many views in society about Georgian Dream’s Foreign Policy. I will now show you two statements, please tell me which best represents your views on this issue.

- ‘Georgian Dream’ is generally committed to pro-Western foreign policy, as shown by visa liberalization and the Association Agreement: 27%
- ‘Georgian Dream’s’ foreign policy is not genuinely pro-Western, which often benefits Russian interests: 39%
- Agree with neither: 15%
- DK/RA: 19%
Religiosity
Most Georgians say that religion is important to them

How important or unimportant is religion in your life?

* The question was asked by 99% of respondents who answered that they have a religion

- Not at all important: 3%
- Unimportant: 2%
- Neither important nor unimportant: 10%
- Important: 49%
- Very Important: 35%
- DK/RA: 1%
The majority of the population has no religious leader, does not attend religious services and does not fast

- **Do you have a religious leader?**
  - Yes: 26%
  - No: 67%
  - DK/RA: 7%

- **How often do you fast for religious reasons?**
  - Always: 6%
  - Mostly yes: 5%
  - Sometimes: 14%
  - Only for important holidays: 8%
  - Do not fast: 71%
  - DK/RA: 9%

- **How often do you go to church?**
  - Every week: 9%
  - At least once a month: 13%
  - Only on important holidays: 30%
  - Less often: 26%
  - Never: 14%
  - DK/RA: 14%
Thank you!