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Introduction

This summary report addresses the results of the survey held in Estonia in September 2019. The study focused on respondents' awareness of Estonian politics. Estonia held the general elections in March 2019, and a new coalition government was formed by the Centre Party, Isamaa (Fatherland), and Estonia Conservative Peoples' Party (EKRE). We conducted this post-election survey to grasp peoples' attitude towards politics.

The survey took place from 16th to 27th September 2019 with the help of a poll-taker, Norstat Latvia/Estonia. The poll-taker collected 1,087 effective responses through stratified online CAWI (15%) and telephone CATI (85%) from across Estonia.

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(1) We had conducted a pre-election survey in Estonia in February 2019, before the general elections. This had received financial support from Queen's University Belfast, UK.

special research by the University of Kitakyushu, while we had also conducted a cooperated project with Dr Timofey Agarin (Queen's University Belfast, UK)⁽¹⁾.

1. Questionnaires and Aggregate Results

Table 1. Q1 If there were Riigikogu election next Sunday, for which party on this list would you vote?

<i>N=1002</i>	Freq. (%)
Reform Party	271 (27.05%)
Estonian Conservative Peoples' Party	126 (12.57%)
Centre Party	112 (11.18%)
Social Democratic Party	58 (5.79%)
Isamaa	38 (3.79%)
Estonia 200	30 (2.99%)
Estonia Green Party	20 (2.00%)
Others	15 (1.50%)
Hard to Say/ Don't Remember	167 (16.67%)
Don't want to Say	150 (14.97%)

Table 2. Q2 If You still would have to choose, for which party on this list would you vote?

<i>N=167</i>	Freq. (%)
Centre Party	14 (8.38%)
Reform Party	9 (5.39%)
Social Democratic Party	4 (2.40%)
Estonian Conservative Peoples' Party	3 (1.80%)
Others	6 (3.59%)
Hard to Say/ Don't Remember	128 (76.65%)
Don't want to Say	3 (1.80%)

Table 3. Q3 How interested would you say you are in politics?

<i>N=1087</i>	Freq. (%)
Very interested	203 (18.68%)
Somewhat interested	546 (50.23%)
Not very interested	219 (20.15%)
Not at all interested	109 (10.03%)
Hard to Say	4 (0.37%)
No Answer	6 (0.55%)

Table 4. Q4 On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Estonia?

<i>N=1087</i>	Freq. (%)
Very satisfied	52 (4.79%)
Fairly satisfied	544 (50.05%)
Not very satisfied	342 (31.46%)
Not at all satisfied	79 (7.27%)
Hard to Say	70 (6.44%)

Table 5. Q5 In the last Riigikogu election held in March 2019, did you go to vote?

<i>N=1002</i>	Freq. (%)
Yes	804 (80.24%)
No	161 (16.07%)
I could not take part in the elections	37 (3.69%)

Table 6. Q6 In the last Riigikogu election held in March 2019, for which party on this list did you vote?

<i>N=1002</i>	Freq. (%)
Reform Party	250 (24.95%)
Centre Party	153 (15.27%)
Estonian Conservative Peoples' Party	142 (14.17%)

Social Democratic Party	75 (7.49%)
Isamaa	60 (5.99%)
Estonia 200	34 (3.39%)
Estonia Green Party	17 (1.70%)
Independent candidates	13 (1.30%)
Others	15 (1.50%)
Hard to Say/ Don't Remember	57 (5.69%)
Don't want to Say	186 (18.56%)

Table 7. Q7 Please specify all political parties which have formed the current coalition government in Estonia (after the April 2019)
[note: multiple answers allowed]

<i>N=1087</i>	Freq. (%)
Centre Party	867 (79.76%)
Estonian Conservative Peoples' Party	809 (74.43%)
Reform Party	100 (9.20%)
Isamaa	699 (64.31%)
Social Democratic Party	85 (7.82%)
Estonia Green Party	3 (0.28%)
Estonian Free Party	2 (0.18%)
Hard to Say/ Don't Remember	195 (17.94%)

Note: The correct options are the Centre Party, Estonian Conservative Peoples' Party, and Isamaa. Out of the 1,087 respondents, 655 (60.26%) gave the right answers.

Table 8. Q8 To what degree you would say, you trust Riigikogu?

<i>N=1087</i>	Freq. (%)
Completely don't trust	75 (6.90%)
Rather don't trust	333 (30.63%)
Rather trust	536 (49.31%)
Completely trust	41 (3.77%)
Hard to Say	102 (9.38%)

2. Sociodemographic parameters (provided by the polltaker)

Table 9. Gender

<i>N=1087</i>	Freq. (%)
Male	501 (46.09%)
Female	586 (53.91%)

Table 10. Age group

<i>N=1087</i>	Freq. (%)
18-24	74 (6.81%)
25-34	200 (18.40%)
35-44	198 (18.22%)
45-54	202 (18.58%)
55-64	176 (16.19%)
65-74	134 (12.33%)
75+	103 (9.48%)

Table 11. Nationality

<i>N=1087</i>	Freq. (%)
Estonian	870 (80.04%)
Russian	177 (16.28%)
Other	40 (3.68%)

Note: in Estonian context, nationality is not identical with citizenship.

Table 12. Region

<i>N=1087</i>	Freq. (%)
Tallinn	346 (31.83%)
Põhja Eesti	186 (17.11%)
Ida-Virumaa	71 (6.253%)
Lääne Eesti	138 (12.70%)
Kesk Eesti	118 (10.86%)
Lõuna Eesti	228 (20.98%)

Table 13. Education

<i>N=1087</i>	Freq. (%)
Primary education [basic]	93 (0.28%)
Basic education (finished 6th grade) [basic]	23 (2.12%)
Basic education (finished 9th grade) [basic]	60 (5.52%)
Vocational education without basic education [basic]	7 (0.64%)
General secondary [secondary]	283 (26.03%)
Vocational secondary education based on basic education [secondary]	55 (5.06%)
Vocational secondary education based on secondary education [secondary]	47 (4.32%)
Technical secondary [secondary]	259 (23.83%)
Bachelor [higher]	130 (11.96%)
Master [higher]	209 (19.23%)
Doctor [higher]	11 (1.01%)

Note: The poll-taker provides three blanketed categories.

3. Some basic correlations between variables.

Table 14. Party supports and political attitude (average scores and standard errors)

Party Support	Political interest (1: disinterest – 4: interest)	Satisfaction with democracy in Estonia (1: dissatisfied – 4: satisfied)	Trust to the parliament (1: distrusted – 4: trusted)
Reform	2.98 (.042)	2.58 (.040)	2.51 (.042)
Centre	2.86 (.076)	2.55 (.065)	2.67 (.065)
EKRE	3.07 (.069)	2.50 (.070)	2.66 (.066)
SDE	3.06 (.089)	2.78 (.083)	2.56 (.081)
Isamaa	3.18 (.096)	2.84 (.110)	2.85 (.086)
Hard to Say	2.36 (.080)	2.55 (.066)	2.44 (.065)
Don't want to say	2.42 (.079)	2.49 (.064)	2.48 (.066)
Avg.	2.78 (.026)	2.56 (.022)	2.55 (.022)

Note: EKRE: Estonian Conservative Peoples' Party, SDE: Social Democratic Party

Table 15. Party supports and sociodemographic backgrounds. (%)

Party	Reform	Centre	EKRE	SDE	Isamaa	HtS
<i>age</i>						
18-24	19.12	7.35	8.82	2.94	5.88	19.12
25-34	33.51	6.49	8.65	9.73	2.70	12.97
35-44	39.55	5.08	8.47	9.60	2.82	15.82
45-54	32.11	8.42	14.74	6.32	5.26	9.47
55-64	22.36	16.77	16.15	3.73	3.73	9.94
65-74	17.74	21.77	20.16	3.23	0.81	11.29
75+	16.49	30.93	13.40	3.09	8.25	15.46
<i>nationality</i>						
Estonian	31.49	10.15	14.65	5.77	4.50	11.30
Russian	4.35	27.83	0.00	9.57	0.00	23.48
<i>gender</i>						
Male	26.91	9.63	14.66	3.94	3.50	13.13
Female	28.81	15.05	11.38	8.07	4.22	12.48
<i>educational level</i>						
Basic	18.07	16.87	14.46	1.20	1.20	22.89
Secondary	25.38	13.63	13.29	4.94	4.43	12.27
Higher	34.94	9.64	11.75	9.64	3.61	11.14
<i>region</i>						
Tallinn	28.09	14.38	9.36	8.70	4.35	12.37
Põhja Eesti	36.00	10.29	9.14	4.00	6.29	11.43
Ida-Viru	6.00	24.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	18.00
Lääne Eesti	27.41	9.63	16.30	5.19	2.96	14.07
Kesk Eesti	24.58	12.71	22.88	5.08	4.24	11.86
Lõuna Eesti	28.44	11.11	14.22	5.78	1.78	12.89
<i>avg</i>	27.94	12.57	12.87	6.19	3.89	12.77

Note: EKRE: Estonian Conservative Peoples' Party, SDE: Social Democratic Party, HtS: Hard to Say

Table 16. Pre-election party support and their voting record in March 2019. (N=1002)

For which party on this list did you vote in the last Riigikogu election? (Q6)	If there were Riigikogu election next Sunday, for which party on this list would you vote? (Q1+Q2)							
	Centre	Reform	EKRE	SDE	Isamaa	Others	HtS	DWtS
Centre Party	95	4	7	6	0	12	13	16
Reform Party	2	213	2	3	2	6	14	8
EKRE	6	7	104	1	3	3	8	10
SDE	2	15	0	44	0	3	7	4
Isamaa	0	9	2	0	31	3	10	5
Others	2	9	1	2	0	40	9	1
Independents	4	0	0	1	1	4	1	2
HtS/Don't Remember	3	6	4	0	1	4	32	7
DWtS	12	17	8	4	1	10	34	100

Note: EKRE: Estonian Conservative Peoples' Party, SDE: Social Democratic Party, HtS: Hard to Say, DWtS: Don't want to Say

Appendix 1 Questionnaires in Estonian and Russian

Q1

Kui järgmisel pühapäeval toimuksid Riigikogu valimised, siis millise erakonna kandidaadi poolt te hääletaksite?

Если бы выборы в Рийгикогу проходили в следующее воскресенье, Вы бы пошли голосовать?

Eesti Keskerakond

Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond

Eestimaa Ühendatud Vasakpartei

Eesti Reformierakond

Isamaa

Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond

Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised

Eesti Vabaerakond

Eesti 200

Elurikkuse erakond

Eesti Vabaduspartei - Põllumeeste kogu

Üksikkandidaadi poolt

Ei oska öelda / ei mäleta

Ei taha öelda

Центристская партия Эстонии

Консервативная народная партия Эстонии

Объединенная левая партия Эстонии

Эстонская партия реформ

Союз Отечества

Социал-демократическая партия

Партия зеленых

Свободная партия Эстонии

Ээсти 200

Богатство жизни

Партия свободы - Крестьянское собрание

Другая партия

За беспартийного кандидата

Затрудняюсь ответить / не помню

Не желаю отвечать

Q2

Kui Te ikkagi peaksite tegema valiku, siis millise erakonna kandidaadi poolt Te hääletaksite?

Если бы Вам всё-таки пришлось сделать выбор, за кандидата какой партии Вы бы проголосовали?

Eesti Keskerakond

Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond

Eestimaa Ühendatud Vasakpartei

Eesti Reformierakond

Isamaa

Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond

Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised

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Не желаю отвечать

Q3

Kui huvitatud Te olete enda meelest poliitikast?

Насколько активно, по-вашему, вы интересуетесь политикой?

Väga huvitatud

Mõnevõrra huvitatud

Mitte eriti huvitatud

Pole üldse huvitatud

Ei tea (spontaanne)

Vastus puudub (spontaanne)

Интересуюсь очень активно

Интересуюсь в некоторой степени

Не особо интересуюсь

Нисколько не интересуюсь

Я не знаю (спонтанно)

Нет ответа (спонтанно)

Q4

Kas olete üldiselt demokraatia toimimisviisiga Eestis väga rahul, üsna rahul, mitte eriti rahul või üldse ei ole rahul?

В целом, вы очень удовлетворены, вполне удовлетворены, не очень удовлетворены или совершенно не удовлетворены тем, как демократия работает в Эстонии?

Väga rahul

Üsna rahul

Mitte eriti rahul

Üldse ei ole rahul

Ei tea

Очень удовлетворен

Вполне удовлетворен

Не очень удовлетворен

Совершенно не удовлетворен

Я не знаю

Q5

Kas Te käisite hääletamas viimastel, 2019. aasta märtsis toimunud Riigikogu valimistel?

Вы ходили голосовать на последних выборах в Рийгикогу, которые прошли в марте 2019 года?

Jah

Ei

Ma ei saanud valimistest osa võtta

Да

Нет

Я не мог принять участие в выборах

Q6

Millise nimekirjas olnud erakonna poolt Te hääletasite viimastel, 2019. aasta märtsis toimunud Riigikogu valimistel?

За какую партию из этого списка вы голосовали на последних выборах в Рийгикогу, которые прошли в марте 2019 года?

Eesti Keskerakond

Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond

Eestimaa Ühendatud Vasakpartei

Eesti Reformierakond

Isamaa

Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond

Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised

Eesti Vabaerakond

Eesti 200

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Ei taha öelda

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Эстонская партия реформ

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Затрудняюсь ответить / не помню

Не желаю отвечать

Q7

Palun valige kõik poliitilised erakonnad, kes on moodustanud Eestis praeguse koalitsioonivalitsuse (pärast 2019. aasta aprilli)

Укажите, пожалуйста, все политические партии, которые сформировали действующее коалиционное правительство Эстонии (после апреля 2019).

Keskerakond

Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond

Eesti Reformierakond

Isamaa

Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond

Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised

Eesti Vabaerakond

Ei oska öelda / ei mäleta (Raske öelda / Ei mäleta)

Центристская партия Эстонии

Консервативная народная партия Эстонии

Эстонская партия реформ

Союз Отечества

Социал-демократическая партия

Партия зеленых

Свободная партия Эстонии

Затрудняюсь сказать / не помню

Q8

Millises ulatuses Te enda meelest usaldate Riigikogu?

В какой степени, по-вашему, вы доверяете Рийгикогу?

Üldse ei usalda

Pigem ei usalda

Pigem usaldan

Usaldan täielikult

Ei tea

Совершенно не доверяю

Скорее, не доверяю

Скорее, доверяю

Полностью доверяю

Не знаю

