



**"Sant Maral" Foundation**



**Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung**

**POLITBAROMETER #15(49), March 2016**

The "Sant Maral" foundation presents the results of the survey, conducted from March 11 to March 31, 2016. The representative sample of 1500 respondents was collected in the capital Ulan Bator and Khovd, Bulgan, Uvurhangay, Selenge, Sukhebaatar, Dundgovi aymags (split proportionally by 4 regional divisions and Ulan Bator).

In the data below, tabulations are sorted by "capital," "countryside," and "nationwide" when relevant.

This survey was sponsored by the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation of Germany

Director

/L. Sumati

## Economy

### E1. Present economic situation in Mongolia is

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	.4	.5	.4
• good	4.2	3.8	4.1
• not good, nor bad	32.2	24.9	29.1
• bad	44.2	50.9	47.1
• very bad	16.5	19.1	17.6
• (No answer)	0	0	0
• (Don't know)	2.5	.8	1.7

### E2. The economic situation is

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Improving	7.5	5.7	6.7
• Stagnating	41.4	40.6	41.1
• In decline	47.2	49.8	48.3
• (No answer)	.4	.2	.3
• (Don't know)	3.5	3.7	3.6

**E3. In five years the economic situation will be**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Much better	3.9	3.7	3.8
• Slightly better	39.1	41.2	40.0
• The same	14.9	16.9	15.8
• Slightly worse	9.4	10.2	9.7
• Much worse	3.9	5.1	4.4
• (No answer)	.9	.3	.7
• (Don't know)	27.9	22.6	25.6

**E4. Through recent development of the mining sector Mongolia has gained considerable wealth. How should this money be used?**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
There should be increased social programs to give immediate relief to the poor	10.7	9.1	10.0
There should be long-term social programs through more investment in education, health, etc.	35.1	36.9	35.9
All citizen should equally benefit through direct disbursement	8.2	8.3	8.3
Funds should be invested by the state to improve economic development	40.0	40.6	40.3
(No answer)	1.4	.5	1.0
(Don't know)	4.6	4.6	4.6

**E5. What should be the proportion of Mongolian and Foreign ownership in strategic mine deposits**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• 100% Mongolian	21.1	20.3	20.7
• more than 51% Mongolian	63.4	64.6	63.9
• Equal	10.0	8.5	9.3
• more than 51% foreign	1.2	1.4	1.3
• 100% Foreign	.2	0	.1
(Don't know)	3.8	4.3	4.0
(No answer)	.4	.9	.6

**E6. The ownership of Mongolian investment in strategic mine deposits should be**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Only state	40.8	40.5	40.7
• Mixed	47.9	48.3	48.1
• Only private business	4.2	4.9	4.5
(Don't know)	5.8	5.7	5.7
(No answer)	1.3	.6	1.0

## Social schemes

### E7. There is a government social insurance scheme in Mongolia. Are you aware of it?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	60.4	57.7	59.2
• No	32.2	34.9	33.4
(Don't know)	7.1	7.4	7.2
(No answer)	.4	0	.2

### E8. Are you paying taxes for social insurances?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	45.9	42.0	44.2
• No	54.1	58.0	55.8
• (No answer)	0	0	0
• (Don't know)	0	0	0

### E9. If you are not paying then why?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• No regular income	27.6	24.6	26.3
• Registration problems	.2	.9	.5
• High social tax to pay	1.4	1.4	1.4
• No need/don't want to pay	3.4	4.6	3.9
• Student	4.6	9.4	6.7
• Retired/social benefits	15.5	15.8	15.7
• Army	.1		.1
• Other	.7	.8	.7
• (No answer)	.1	.2	.1
• (Don't know)	.4	.3	.3

### E10. In your opinion is the governmental insurance enough if you lose your job?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	14.4	9.9	12.5
• No	69.7	73.6	71.3
(Don't know)	15.9	16.1	16.0
(No answer)	0	.4	.2

**E11. In which ratio would you pay higher taxes for receiving more financial assistance, if you lose your job?**

	<b>Countryside</b>	<b>Ulan Bator</b>	<b>Nationwide</b>
0 % more taxes to receive 0% more assistance	52.1	36.3	45.6
10 % more taxes to receive 10% more assistance	24.1	26.7	25.2
20 % more taxes to receive 20% more assistance	9.0	14.7	11.3
30 % more taxes to receive 30% more assistance	4.6	7.3	5.7
40 % more taxes to receive 40% more assistance	.3	.7	.5
50 % more taxes to receive 50% more assistance	2.8	1.1	2.1
Over 50% more taxes to receive over 50% more assistance	1.3	1.1	1.2
(Don't know)	5.6	8.8	6.9
(No answer)	.3	3.3	1.5

**E12. In your opinion do you get enough money after going in retirement?**

	<b>Countryside</b>	<b>Ulan Bator</b>	<b>Nationwide</b>
• Yes	21.0	15.8	18.9
• No	62.1	71.8	66.1
(Don't know)	16.7	12.1	14.8
(No answer)	.3	.4	.3

**E13. In which ratio would you pay higher taxes for receiving more financial assistance, if you go in retirement?**

	<b>Countryside</b>	<b>Ulan Bator</b>	<b>Nationwide</b>
0 % more taxes to receive 0% more assistance	50.0	38.8	45.4
10 % more taxes to receive 10% more assistance	24.1	30.4	26.7
20 % more taxes to receive 20% more assistance	12.8	11.0	12.1
30 % more taxes to receive 30% more assistance	4.1	4.8	4.4
40 % more taxes to receive 40% more assistance	2.6	2.6	2.6
50 % more taxes to receive 50% more assistance	2.6	3.7	3.0
Over 50% more taxes to receive over 50% more assistance	.5	.4	.5
(Don't know)	3.1	7.0	4.7
(No answer)	.3	1.5	.8

**E14. In your opinion is governmental insurance after you got injured and you have to pay for a doctor enough?**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	20.5	17.2	19.2
• No	68.7	71.1	69.7
(Don't know)	10.8	11.7	11.2
(No answer)	0	0	0

**E15. In which ratio would pay higher taxes for receiving more financial assistance to pay your hospital bills?**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
0 % more taxes to receive 0% more assistance	57.4	41.0	50.7
10 % more taxes to receive 10% more assistance	19.5	26.0	22.2
20 % more taxes to receive 20% more assistance	9.7	11.0	10.3
30 % more taxes to receive 30% more assistance	3.3	4.8	3.9
40 % more taxes to receive 40% more assistance	1.3	1.5	1.4
50 % more taxes to receive 50% more assistance	1.3	1.8	1.5
Over 50% more taxes to receive over 50% more assistance	.8	.4	.6
(Don't know)	6.4	12.5	8.9
(No answer)	.3	1.1	.6

**E16. How do you evaluate the general social insurance system in Mongolia?**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	.5	.9	.7
• good	25.2	21.4	23.5
• not good, nor bad	40.6	43.7	41.9
• bad	13.9	19.1	16.1
• very bad	4.8	4.2	4.5
(Don't know)	14.8	10.2	12.8
(No answer)	.2	.6	.4

## Economic System

**E17. In 1990, Mongolia changed from a state controlled, planned economic system to a free market economy. What is your opinion about its success or failure and the future?**

**(only one answer)**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• The system functions in principle but is not liberal enough. The state should provide more freedom for the enterprises.	23.6	24.9	24.2
• The free market economy as it is at present functions and serves Mongolia well; it should continue unchanged	25.3	22.3	24.0
• The system functions in principle but is too liberal. The state should protect consumers/ citizens and exercise more control that enterprises cannot abuse their economic power.	26.6	27.2	26.9
• The free market system has not worked well for Mongolia and the country should reverse to a state controlled economy.	15.9	17.2	16.5
(Don't know)	7.6	7.2	7.5
(No answer)	.9	1.1	1.0

**E18. Would you pay higher taxes to fight poverty and support poor people with low or without any income?**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	36.1	35.8	36.0
• No	53.8	47.7	51.1
(Don't know)	9.5	15.2	12.0
(No answer)	.6	1.2	.9

**E19. Some people think that the state should nationalize every Mongolian company**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• The government has to nationalize every Mongolian company	17.1	13.1	15.3
• The government has to take different actions than nationalizing	39.4	38.6	39.1
• The government should not interfere	29.3	32.9	30.9
• Spontaneously (it may interfere, or may not interfere)	7.4	9.7	8.4
(Don't know)	6.0	5.2	5.7
(No answer)	.8	.5	.7

**E20. Do you think that nationalizing every Mongolian company will reduce social inequality?**

	<b>Countryside</b>	<b>Ulan Bator</b>	<b>Nationwide</b>
• to a large extent	4.1	2.2	3.3
• to some extent	17.1	15.5	16.4
• a little	29.1	28.9	29.0
• not at all	31.1	37.4	33.8
(Don't know)	17.5	15.7	16.7
(No answer)	1.2	.3	.8

**E21. Which economic system is more suitable for Mongolia? Could you provide your assessment of its economic efficiency?**

**a. Having a strong state that set strict rules and nationalize private companies to guarantee economic success and an equal distribution of public weal ( In such a state income inequalities are small, many people are employed in the state sector and there is little opportunity for an individual to become successful. )**

	<b>Countryside</b>	<b>Ulan Bator</b>	<b>Nationwide</b>
• very good	6.1	4.2	5.3
• good	23.1	17.5	20.7
• not good, nor bad	24.1	26.8	25.3
• bad	19.4	27.1	22.7
• very bad	12.4	13.1	12.7
(Don't know)	14.0	10.6	12.5
(No answer)	.9	.8	.9

**b. Having a state that is not engaged into economic affairs and is completely liberal to generate freedom of actions for companies? (In such a state income inequalities are large, but there are more opportunities for an individual to succeed.)**

	<b>Countryside</b>	<b>Ulan Bator</b>	<b>Nationwide</b>
• very good	7.2	6.3	6.8
• good	34.0	39.8	36.5
• not good, nor bad	25.1	30.0	27.2
• bad	12.6	11.2	12.0
• very bad	3.4	2.6	3.1
(Don't know)	15.9	9.2	13.0
(No answer)	1.9	.8	1.4

**c. Having a liberal state that set and control rules which create a good basis for founding new companies and general economic actions of companies? (In such a state income inequalities are large, individuals find opportunities in various sectors.)**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	9.1	6.3	7.9
• good	36.7	39.8	38.1
• not good, nor bad	25.3	27.7	26.3
• bad	9.4	11.5	10.3
• very bad	2.1	3.1	2.5
(Don't know)	15.4	10.6	13.3
(No answer)	2.0	.9	1.5

**d. Having a state that supports economy by investing money in private sector and supports companies with financial assistance? (In such a state income inequalities are large, individuals find opportunities mainly in the private sector.)**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	14.0	11.2	12.8
• good	40.2	43.7	41.7
• not good, nor bad	20.5	22.8	21.5
• bad	9.2	8.0	8.7
• very bad	2.5	2.5	2.5
(Don't know)	11.9	10.8	11.4
(No answer)	1.8	1.1	1.5

**E22. How satisfied are you with the governmental performance in economic affairs?**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Very satisfied	.7	.6	.7
• Fairly satisfied	11.4	10.0	10.8
• Rather not satisfied	59.6	57.1	58.5
• Totally unsatisfied	17.9	24.0	20.5
(Don't know)	9.2	7.8	8.6
(No answer)	1.2	.5	.9

**E23. How do you approve or disapprove the following statement: "In principal, every Mongolian has the same chance to achieve economic rise."?**

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Fully approve	22.9	20.8	22.0
• Rather approve	33.8	35.8	34.7
• Rather disapprove	24.4	23.2	23.9
• Totally disapprove	12.2	15.8	13.8
(Don't know)	5.4	3.5	4.6
(No answer)	1.3	.8	1.1



## Education System

### E24. Present situation for children from poor families to get well educated is ...?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• very good	.7	.5	.6
• good	10.9	7.5	9.5
• not good, nor bad	23.4	24.3	23.8
• bad	43.4	43.2	43.3
• very bad	19.4	23.2	21.1
(Don't know)	1.8	1.2	1.5
(No answer)	.4	0	.2

### E25. In your opinion should the state guarantee an education system which supports everyone in the same way?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	80.6	79.4	80.1
• No	13.6	15.4	14.4
(Don't know)	5.2	5.2	5.2
(No answer)	.6	0	.3

### E26. Would you support higher taxes to abolish tuition fees at universities for enabling everyone to get well educated?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Yes	50.4	50.6	50.5
• No	38.5	39.7	39.0
(Don't know)	10.1	9.5	9.9
(No answer)	1.1	.2	.7

### E27. How satisfied are you with the current education system in Mongolia?

	Countryside	Ulan Bator	Nationwide
• Very satisfied	2.9	1.4	2.3
• Fairly satisfied	33.6	25.2	30.0
• Rather not satisfied	50.4	57.1	53.3
• Totally unsatisfied	9.8	12.6	11.0
(Don't know)	2.9	3.4	3.1
(No answer)	.4	.3	.3