

## Press release

### Public opinion in Donbas: July 2017

*The Ilko Kucheriv Democratic Initiatives Foundation (with engagement of the "Ukrainian Sociology Service" network) carried out polling on government-controlled territories of Luhansk and Donetsk regions: July 1-11, 2017 in Donetsk region and July 8-26, 2017 in Luhansk region. In general, 500 adult respondents from each of the regions (except for occupied territories) were polled based on representative sample. The sample is representative in terms of such indicators as gender, age, education and place of residence. Margin of error amounts to 4.6%.*

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- Both **majority of the population in Donetsk and Luhansk regions support enlargement of powers and resources of local government administrations**: 49% of respondents in Luhansk region and 50% of respondents in Donetsk region fully or rather support decentralization. At the same time, **population has different views on consequences of decentralization**, which range from optimistic (20% of respondents in Luhansk region and 14% of respondents in Donetsk region believe that citizens will get new means of influence on authorities, 27% of respondents in Luhansk region and 29% of respondents in Donetsk region expect that quality of services provided to citizens will improve) to pessimistic (17% of respondents in Luhansk region and 22% of respondents in Donetsk region are rather afraid of more rapid desolation of villages as a result of decentralization processes, while 14% of respondents in Luhansk region and 29% of respondents in Donetsk region believe that processes of enlargement of powers of local authorities will lead to appearance of local "princelings"). In general, **citizens of Donetsk region are more pessimistic about decentralization than citizens of Luhansk region**: 52% of respondents in Donetsk region and 30% of respondents in Luhansk region expect negative consequences, while differences in levels of optimism are smaller: 47% among respondents in Luhansk region and 43% of respondents in Donetsk region (each third citizen of Luhansk region is undecided).
- At the same time, **majority of the population of both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (49%) has not noticed any changes resulting from use of additional funds received by local budgets during the recent years**. However, in Luhansk region, more people have noticed a change for the better (28% as compared with 21% in Donetsk region) and less people have noticed a deterioration (19% as compared with 24% in Donetsk region). As compared with other regions, Donbas – along with Western Ukraine – is a region where the largest share of population has noticed a change for the better (16% on average in Ukraine) and, at the same time, along with South of Ukraine it is a region where the largest share of population has noticed deterioration (16% on average in Ukraine).
- **In both regions, doubts whether local authorities will manage to cope with new powers they will get in the course of decentralization prevail**. Citizens have become less confident about it during the recent year: fully confident respondents account for 10% (15% in 2016), rather confident respondents account for 32% (37% in 2016), while 29% of respondents have strong doubts about it (20% in 2016), and 17% believe it is not possible (10% in 2016). The largest share of those confident in capabilities of their local authorities is observed in Western Ukraine

- (50% of "fully" or "rather" confident respondents), while the lowest share is observed in the South of Ukraine (32%).
- 38% of respondents in Luhansk region and 34% of respondents in Donetsk region believe that urgent problems of their cities (villages) are being more or less solved. **Financial and social issues are considered by respondents to be the most urgent:** resumption of enterprises operation, new jobs creation (64% in Luhansk region and 50% in Donetsk region), increase of pensions, salaries and welfare benefits (42% and 40% respectively), restoration of destroyed infrastructure (44% and 25%), organization of medical servicing (33% and 23.5%). Among these issues, **only problems of restoration of destroyed infrastructure are being solved successfully** (it was noticed by 17% of respondents in Luhansk region and 25% of respondents in Donetsk region). A large share of population has not noticed a single problem solved successfully (49% in Luhansk region and 52% in Donetsk region).
  - **If citizens of the region could distribute local budget, they would allocate most of the funds for encouraging of economic growth** – resumption of enterprises operation and new jobs creation (63% in Luhansk region and 56% in Donetsk region). Other priorities include repairs and improvement of infrastructure (56% in Luhansk region and 28% in Donetsk region), increase of welfare benefits for disabled and retired persons (22% and 36% respectively), improvement of medical servicing (25% and 27%), city/village public welfare (24% and 20.5%), helping people to start small and medium business (26% and 17%).
  - **A large share of citizens in Luhansk and Donetsk regions** (32% and 38% respectively) **experience problems in protecting their rights:** mainly economic rights (44% in Luhansk region and 35% in Donetsk region) and rights to social protection (34% in Luhansk region and 15% in Donetsk region). At the same time, a certain share of the region's population experiences problems with the right to safety and protection by the state (12% in Luhansk region and 9% in Donetsk region).
  - As compared with other regions of Ukraine, **Donbas demonstrates greater readiness for peace "at any price"** (41% of respondents). Both in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, share of citizens who support any compromise (44% and 38% respectively) is slightly higher than share of those who believe that not all compromises are acceptable (39% and 34%). At the same time, Donbas also demonstrates the lowest share of those who believe that peace may be restored by force only.
  - In opinion of 38% of Donbas residents, **successful restoration of normal life on territories controlled by Ukraine is a key to resolve the conflict.** At the same time, 22% of respondents (32% in Donetsk region and 12% in Luhansk region) believe that forcing Russia to stop intervening into the Donbas conflict (tightening of international sanctions, international institutions' pressure on Russia) is an efficient step towards conflict resolution. Granting "DPR" and "LPR" special status within territory of Ukraine (14%), declaring Russian as the second state language (14%), and refusal from prospects of joining NATO (12%) are less popular steps towards peace according to respondents.
  - **Half of respondents in Donetsk and Luhansk regions (49%) have relatives and friends** who live **on uncontrolled territories of Donbas.** Absolute majority of them maintains some kind of contact with them (93.5% of those who have relatives on uncontrolled territories in Luhansk region and 88% of those in Donetsk region). Intensity of contacts between residents of controlled and uncontrolled territories is higher in Luhansk region (57% of respondents maintain regular contacts) than in Donetsk region (21.5%).
  - **Conflict had no impact on relations with relatives for relative majority of polled Donbas citizens who have relatives on uncontrolled territories (44.5%).** However, 25% of respondents noted that the conflict had worsened their relations leading to various controversies or even discontinuance of communication. Conflicts are more frequent among citizens of Donetsk region (38% as compared with 11% in Luhansk region). In case of 16% of citizens of both

regions, the conflict drew them together with their relatives and friends who live on another side of the conflict line.

- In general, ***less than 3% of Donbas residents have already obtained new biometric passport for travels abroad.*** This figure is somewhat lower than in the West (11%), South (7.5%) and Center (7%) of Ukraine. Another 3% of citizens have old passport for travels abroad with valid Schengen visa. Share of citizens who have passport without Schengen visa is higher in Donetsk region (30%) than in Luhansk region (14%). Consequently, share of citizens who have any passport for travels abroad is higher in Donetsk region (37%) than in Luhansk region (18%). Average Donbas figure is comparable to that of all other regions, except for Western Ukraine where much more citizens have a passport for travels abroad (44%).
- ***81% of Donbas residents have never been to any country of the European Union.*** Share of those who visited the EU at least once is higher in Donetsk region (24%) than in Luhansk region (15%). At the same time, majority of Donbas population (59%) visited Russia: 65.5% of citizens of Luhansk region and 52% of citizens of Donetsk region. Majority of those who visited Russia did it several times.
- ***Absolute majority of Donbas population (63.5%) does not support introduction of visa regime with Russia.*** Support of this initiative is somewhat higher in Donetsk region (29%) than in Luhansk region (10%). As compared with other regions, share of Donbas citizens who support an idea of visa regime with Russia (19%) is slightly higher than in the South (14.5%), similar to that in Eastern Ukraine (20%) and slightly lower than in the Center of Ukraine (28%). The West is the only macro region of Ukraine where absolute majority of citizens supports introduction of visa regime with Russia (60%).
- ***Half of Donbas residents (51%) identifies himself/herself as a citizen of Ukraine, while 34% of them bear regional identity*** (i.e. identify themselves as residents of a city/village or a region of their residence). National identity significantly prevails over regional one in Luhansk region (62% vs. 22%), while in Donetsk region there are more bearers of regional identity (47%) than those of national identity (40%).
- In Luhansk region, only 14% of respondents support prospective EU membership, 27% of respondents support membership in Customs Union with Russia, while relative majority (31%) believes that Ukraine shall not join any of these unions. In Donetsk region, support of EU membership is considerably higher (32%), support of Customs Union is somewhat lower (19%), while relative majority (36%) similarly prefers remaining outside of both of these unions. As compared with other regions of Ukraine, ***Donbas demonstrates the lowest support to EU membership (23%) and the highest support of joining the Customs Union with Russia (23%).***
- There are ***much more supporters of Ukraine's membership in NATO (30%) in Donetsk region (30%) than in Luhansk region (10%).*** At the same time, ***majority of population of both Donbas oblasts prefers neutral status of Ukraine*** (39% in Luhansk region and 36% in Donetsk region). A certain share of population still hopes for military alliance with Russia and other CIS countries as the security option: 17% in Luhansk region and 16% in Donetsk region.
- Holding of pre-term parliamentary elections is generally supported in Donetsk region (51% – "in favor", 41% – "against") and not supported in Luhansk region (32.5% – "in favor", 46% – "against"). 56.5% of respondents in Luhansk region and 52% of respondents in Donetsk region declared their readiness to participate in the elections.
- ***Significant share of potential voters in Donbas has not decided on their political sympathies.*** In Luhansk region, 24% of respondents are not ready to participate in elections, while 43.5% of respondents have not chosen any party (68% in total). Among political parties, only "Opposition Bloc" overcomes election barrier confidently in Luhansk region (12.8% of those ready to participate in elections). Oleh Liashko's "Radical Party" (4.1%) and party "For Life!"

(3.8%) also have chances to overcome the threshold. 57.4% of potential voters in Luhansk region have not decided on their electoral choice.

- Voters in Donetsk region are somewhat more decided than in Luhansk region: 34% of citizens would not participate in the elections, 18% – has not decided yet. "Opposition Bloc" is a leader among political parties - 12.2% of potential voters are ready to vote for this party. Parties "Batkivshchyna" (7%) and "For Life!" (7%) overcome the election barrier, parties "Our Land" (4.9%), Oleh Liashko's "Radical Party" (4.9%), "Movement of New Forces" (4.3%), "Samopomitch" (3.7%), Petro Poroshenko's Bloc "Solidarity" (3.7%) have chances to overcome the threshold, too. 28% of those who has an intention to participate in the elections have not yet decided on their choice.

### Polling results

#### Do you support enlargement of powers and resources of local government administrations?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Fully support	22.0	11.1
Rather support	26.6	39.4
Rather don't support	16.5	24.9
Don't support at all	9.1	11.5
It is difficult to say	25.8	13.1

#### What will citizens gain from decentralization of power (i.e. transfer of many functions from the center to local administrations)?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Citizens will gain new opportunities to influence authorities	20.1	14.1
Quality of services for citizens will improve	26.6	29.0
Desolation of villages and some cities will become more rapid	16.9	22.3
Will lead to appearance of local "princelings"	13.8	29.4
Other	6.7	0.6
It is difficult to say	33.9	8.5

#### Income of local budgets has increased significantly during 2015-2016. Have you noticed any results of use of these funds as compared with previous years?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Yes, I have noticed a change for the better	28.1	21.1
No, I haven't noticed any change	49.2	48.7
I have noticed a change for the worse only	19.1	24.1
It is difficult to say	3.5	6.0

#### Do you think local authorities in your city/village will cope with their tasks, if they get more powers and responsibilities as a result of decentralization?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
I am sure that our local authorities are quite capable to cope with more powers	11.8	5.0
I think that they will cope with more powers on the whole	28.1	24.6
I have doubts whether they will cope with more powers	25.8	48.1

I am sure that local authorities will not cope with more powers	17.5	17.2
It is difficult to say	16.7	5.0

**Perhaps, there are many problems in your city (village) to be solved. In your opinion, are these problems being solved in your city (village)?**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
They are being solved successfully on the whole	3.9	7.6
Some of them are being solved successfully, while other are not being solved	34.3	26.7
Authorities are trying to solve some problems, however, unsuccessfully	34.6	36.7
In fact, nothing is being done	20.3	23.2
It is difficult to say	6.9	5.8

**Which problems of your city (village) shall be solved first? (choose top three)**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Renovation of destroyed housing	8.5	6.2
Resumption of enterprises operation, new jobs creation	63.6	50.4
Increase of pensions, salaries and welfare benefits	41.6	40.0
Restoration of destroyed infrastructure (roads, bridges, heating systems, gas and electric power networks)	44.4	24.9
Organization of medical servicing	33.3	23.5
Organization of reliable protection of a city against possible attack	2.2	11.4
Organization of normal work of all government services	14.1	8.6
Primary and secondary education quality improvement	7.3	6.4
Law enforcement in a city, crime fighting	4.6	8.0
Assistance to people in starting small business and self-employment	8.5	9.4
Solving of IDPs' problems	2.4	10.2
Corruption fighting	7.7	29.3
Land issues solving (land ownership)	2.2	5.2
Delimitation line crossing facilitation	1.6	2.6
Attraction of investments	7.7	13.5
Change of local authorities in a pre-term election	2.6	6.0
Other	5.5	0.8
It is difficult to say	5.7	5.4
None	4.8	0.6

**Specify problems, which are being solved more or less successfully? (choose any number of answers)**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Renovation of destroyed housing	8.0	6.6
Resumption of enterprises operation, new jobs creation	6.2	1.2
Increase of pensions, salaries and welfare benefits	6.8	2.1
Restoration of destroyed infrastructure (roads, bridges, heating systems, gas and electric power networks)	17.3	25.3
Organization of medical servicing	9.5	7.4
Organization of reliable protection of a city against possible attack	6.0	8.8

Organization of normal work of all government services	6.6	10.3
Primary and secondary education quality improvement	7.4	1.9
Law enforcement in a city, crime fighting	7.8	9.5
Assistance to people in starting small business and self-employment	0.6	1.9
Solving of IDPs' problems	9.1	8.2
Corruption fighting	0.4	4.3
Land issues solving (land ownership)	0.2	0.4
Delimitation line crossing facilitation		1.4
Attraction of investments	1.2	8.0
Change of local authorities in a pre-term election	0.4	0.8
Other	12.8	1.2
It is difficult to say	21.4	18.1
None	27.2	34.2

**As is generally known, money is always tight. If you had an influence on local budget distribution, for solving of which problems would you allocated funds first? (choose no more than three answers)**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Restoration of buildings destroyed during the war - houses, schools, hospitals, etc.	9.5	5.4
Restoration and improvement of infrastructure (roads, bridges, heating systems and electric power networks)	56.2	27.9
Stimulation of economic development - resumption of enterprises operation, new jobs creation	62.9	55.6
Assistance to people in starting small and medium businesses	25.8	17.1
Increase of salaries in public sector - doctors, teachers, etc.	11.9	7.6
Increase of social payments to disabled and retired persons	22.4	35.9
Improvement of medical servicing	25.4	26.9
Assistance to kindergartens and educational institutions	11.5	8.2
Increase of salaries of local government administrations' employees	1.4	1.8
Improvement of environment	1.0	12.2
Improvement of public transportation operation	4.6	12.0
City (village) planning and organization of public services	23.8	20.5
Assistance to servicemen in organization of reliable protection of territory	0.2	9.6
Solving of IDPs' problems	0.8	10.2
Other	2.6	0.4
It is difficult to say	3.4	5.6

**Do you experience problems with protection of your rights?**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Yes, I do	31.9	37.9
No, I don't	55.1	42.5
It is difficult to say	13.0	19.6

**If yes, which rights exactly?**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Economic rights (right to labor, decent salary, etc.)	43.9	34.7

Right to social protection (pension, unemployment allowance, etc.)	34.1	14.8
Political rights (participation in elections, participation in protests, rallies, etc.)	3.1	1.1
Right to safety and protection by the state	12.1	9.4
Right to liberty and security of person (privacy)	4.9	1.8
Environmental rights	0.9	2.2
Right to freedom of speech and self-expression	3.6	1.1
Right to use native language	1.8	2.5
Free movement on the territory of Ukraine	4.0	0.7
Right to go abroad	2.2	5.1
Other	3.1	1.4
It is difficult to say	25.6	30.0

**Currently, negotiations on ways for resolving military conflict in Donbas are being carried out. In your opinion, which compromises are acceptable for the sake of peace in Donbas?**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Peace "at any price", it is necessary to make any compromise – with anyone and on anything	38.0	43.9
For the sake of peace it is necessary to accept compromises, but not all of them	34.4	39.3
Peace in Donbas may be restored by force only – when one of the parties wins	6.7	11.6
It is difficult to say	20.9	5.2

**Which decisions shall be made, in your opinion, to establish peace in Donbas? (Please, choose no more than 5 answers)**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Separation of territories occupied by "DPR" and "LPR" from Ukraine	4.1	9.8
Granting "DPR" and "LPR" special status within territory of Ukraine	9.3	18.8
Introduction of federal system of governance in Ukraine	10.4	5.0
Successful restoration of normal life on Donbas territories controlled by Ukraine	41.9	34.7
Declare Russian as the second state language	11.4	17.4
Amnesty for all participants of military actions in Donbas	3.5	11.0
Force Russia to stop intervening into the Donbas conflict (tightening of international sanctions, international institutions' pressure on Russia)	11.6	32.3
Stop funding of territories occupied by "DPR" and "LPR" (payment of pensions, salaries, etc.)	3.7	16.6
Refusal from prospects of joining NATO, consolidation of Ukraine's neutral status in the Constitution	9.6	14.6
Restore Ukraine's control over territories of "DPR" and "LPR" by military force	4.5	11.4
Other	8.5	1.6
It is difficult to say	33.7	7.8

**Do you have relatives or friends who live on uncontrolled territories of Donbas?**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Yes	51.5	47.5
No	48.5	52.5

**Do you maintain contacts with your relatives or friends on uncontrolled territories of Donbas? (if a person has relatives or friends on uncontrolled territories of Donbas)**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Yes, we maintain contacts regularly	57.3	21.5
Yes, we maintain contacts, but not permanently	21.0	41.4
We have contact sometimes, but very occasionally	15.3	25.3
No, we don't have any contact	6.1	11.0
It is difficult to say	0.4	0.8

**How military conflict in Donbas affected your communication with relatives or friends who live on uncontrolled territories of Donbas? (if a person has relatives or friends on uncontrolled territories of Donbas)**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
In fact, it had no impact - we remain close to each other	57.7	31.2
Hardships had brought us together and made us even closer, we pay higher value to each other now	11.2	20.7
Conflicts between us occur sometimes, we assess some events differently	6.5	21.5
Conflicts with relatives and acquaintances who live on uncontrolled territories occur constantly	1.2	5.1
In fact, we have broken off communication	3.5	11.8
Situation is different with different people	20.0	9.7

**Do you have a passport for travels abroad?**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
I have new biometric passport for travels abroad	3.0	2.2
I have old passport for travels abroad with valid Schengen visas	1.4	5.2
I have old passport for travels abroad without valid Schengen visas	13.8	29.9
No, I don't have a passport for travels abroad	81.9	62.7

**Have you ever been to any country of the European Union?**

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Yes, I visit EU often	0.6	1.2
Yes, I visited EU several times	7.1	9.4

Yes, I visited EU once	6.9	13.2
No	85.4	76.2

### Have you ever been to Russia?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Yes, I visit Russia often	5.1	3.8
Yes, I visited Russia several times	47.9	33.5
Yes, I visited Russia once	12.4	15.0
No	34.5	47.7

### What is your attitude to possible introduction of visa regime with Russia?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Support	10.1	28.7
Don't support	72.1	54.9
It is difficult to say	17.8	16.4

### Whom do you feel yourself first?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Citizen of a town I live in	13.8	29.3
Citizen of a region I live in	7.9	17.3
Citizen of Ukraine	61.8	40.0
Representative of my ethnos, nation	1.2	2.8
Citizen of former Soviet Union	7.3	5.2
Citizen of the world	3.9	4.4
Other	0.4	0.0
It is difficult to say	3.7	1.0

### Which language prevails in your everyday communication?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Russian	46.9	61.9
Ukrainian	19.3	3.0
Equally Russian and Ukrainian	33.9	34.5
Other language	0.0	0.6

### In your opinion, which integration way Ukraine shall choose?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Membership in the European Union	13.6	32.1
Membership in the Customs Union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan	26.6	19.4
Non-aligned status	30.9	35.9
It is difficult to say	28.9	12.6

### In your opinion, which option of a security guarantee would be the best for Ukraine?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Joining NATO	9.9	29.7

Military union with Russia and other CIS countries	17.0	16.1
Non-aligned status of Ukraine	38.7	36.3
Other	0.8	0.2
It is difficult to say	33.7	17.7

### What is your attitude towards proposal to hold pre-term parliamentary elections?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Support	32.5	50.7
Don't support	46.3	40.7
It is difficult to say	21.3	8.6

### Would you participate in pre-term parliamentary elections?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>	<i>Donetsk region</i>
Yes	56.5	52.3
No	30.3	39.9
It is difficult to say	13.2	7.8

### If elections were held next Sunday, which political party would you vote for?

	<i>Luhansk region</i>		<i>Donetsk region</i>	
	% of all respondents	% of those who would have participated in elections	% of all respondents	% of those who would have participated in elections
Agrarian Party of Ukraine (V. Skotsyuk)	2.5	3.3	1.8	2.7
Party "Public platform of Nadiya Savchenko" (N. Savchenko)	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6
Party "Public Movement "People's Control" (D. Dobrodomov)	1.4	1.9	0.6	0.9
Party "Public Position" (A. Hrytsenko)	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.2
Party "People's Front" (A. Yatseniuk)	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6
Party "Samopomitch" (A. Sadovyi)	1.7	2.2	2.4	3.7
Party "Opposition Bloc" (Yu. Boyko)	9.7	12.8	8.0	12.2
Party "All-Ukrainian Union "Svoboda" (O. Tiahnybok)	0.4	0.5	1.0	1.5
Party "National Corps" (A. Biletskyi)	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3
Party "Right Sector" (A. Tarasenko)	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.2
People's Movement of Ukraine (V. Kryvenko)	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5
"Left Opposition" (Communist Party of Ukraine and Progressive Socialistic Party of Ukraine) (P. Symonenko, N. Vitrenko)	1.0	1.4	0.8	1.2
Party "Ukrainian Union of Patriots - UKROP" (D. Borysenko, B. Filatov)	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.8
Party "Petro Poroshenko's Bloc "Solidarity"	0.6	0.8	2.4	3.7
Party "Renaissance" (V. Bondar)	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6
Party "Our Land" (Yu. Hranaturov)	1.4	1.9	3.2	4.9

Party "All-Ukrainian Union "Batkivshchyna" (Yu. Tymoshenko)	1.7	1.7	4.6	7.0
Party "Power of People" (Yu. Bova)	0.0	0.0	2.0	3.0
Party "Strong Ukraine" (S. Tyhypko)	1.0	1.4	0.4	0.6
Party of Ordinary People (S. Kaplin)	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.8
Oleh Liashko's Radical Party	3.1	4.1	3.2	4.9
People's Party (V. Lytvyn)	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3
Political Party "Democratic Alliance" (V. Hatsko, V. Ptashnyk)	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3
Political Party "People's Movement "Wave" (V. Chumak, V. Kasko, N. Novak)	0.2	0.3	1.4	2.1
Party "Yarosh's Etatist Initiative" (D. Yarosh)	0.2	0.3	0.8	1.2
Political Party "For Life" (V. Rabinovych, Ye. Muraiev)	2.9	3.8	4.6	7.0
Party "Movement of New Forces" (M. Saakashvili)	1.2	1.6	2.8	4.3
Other party	1.4	1.9	0.4	0.6
I WOULD HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE ELECTIONS	24.2	–	34.3	–
IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY / REFUSE TO ANSWER	43.5	57.4	18.4	28.8

### Regional distribution

**Income of local budgets has increased significantly during 2015-2016. Have you noticed any results of use of these funds (improvement of services quality, planning and organization of public services, public assistance) as compared with previous years?**

	<i>West</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>East (without Donbas)</i>	<i>Donbas</i>
Yes, I have noticed a change for the better	23.8	13.5	10.6	13.9	24.6
No, I haven't noticed any change	53.3	52.8	58.4	63.3	49.0
I have noticed a change for the worse only	11.8	19.2	20.5	16.2	21.6
It is difficult to say	11.1	14.5	10.4	6.1	4.8

**What will citizens gain from decentralization of power (i.e. transfer of many functions from the center to local administrations)? (mark all options you deem necessary)**

	<i>West</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>East (without Donbas)</i>	<i>Donbas</i>
Citizens will gain new opportunities to influence authorities	32.7	24.4	15.7	21.8	17.1
Desolation of villages and some cities will become more rapid	10.3	22.2	9.3	15.1	27.8
Quality of services for citizens will improve	16.9	15.6	18.6	23.8	19.6
Will lead to appearance of local "princelings"	19.1	28.6	29.7	35.5	21.6
Other	4.7	3.9	2.0	5.7	3.7
It is difficult to say	30.7	22.6	37.0	16.1	21.2

**Do you think local authorities in your city/village will cope with their tasks, if they get more powers and responsibilities as a result of decentralization?**

	<i>West</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>East (without Donbas)</i>	<i>Donbas</i>
I am sure that our local authorities are quite capable to cope with more powers	10.4	11.6	7.1	11.2	8.4
I think that they will cope with more powers on the whole	39.8	29.2	25.0	30.3	26.4
I have doubts whether they will cope with more powers	28.8	27.9	29.5	29.8	36.9
I am sure that local authorities will not cope with more powers	10.8	18.9	14.9	16.7	17.4
It is difficult to say	10.2	12.5	23.4	10.0	10.9

**Which decisions shall be made, in your opinion, to establish peace in Donbas? (Please, choose no more than 3 answers) (regional distribution)**

	<i>West</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>East (without Donbas)</i>	<i>Donbas</i>
Separation of territories occupied by "DPR" and "LPR" from Ukraine	15.2	8.0	4.8	7.6	7.0
Granting "DPR" and "LPR" special status within territory of Ukraine	9.7	11.7	11.9	16.5	14.1
Introduction of federal system of governance in Ukraine	0.5	3.9	7.8	9.2	7.7
Successful restoration of normal life on Donbas territories controlled by Ukraine	25.3	24.0	32.4	31.0	38.3
Declare Russian as the second state language	1.2	2.9	13.4	15.5	14.4
Amnesty for all participants of military actions in Donbas	1.9	3.4	5.4	7.5	7.3
Force Russia to stop intervening into the Donbas conflict (tightening of international sanctions, international institutions' pressure on Russia)	49.1	43.6	20.4	28.0	21.9
Stop funding of territories occupied by "DPR" and "LPR" (payment of pensions, salaries, etc.)	13.3	13.0	8.9	8.7	10.2
Refusal from prospects of joining NATO, consolidation of Ukraine's neutral status in the Constitution	1.2	3.7	13.3	12.6	12.1
Restore Ukraine's control over territories of "DPR" and "LPR" by military force	17.6	13.6	9.3	11.7	8.0
Other	4.8	4.1	2.4	0.7	5.1

It is difficult to say	14.9	13.2	15.6	13.3	20.8
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**Do you have a passport for travels abroad?**

	<i>West</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>East (without Donbas)</i>	<i>Donbas</i>
I have new biometric passport for travels abroad	10.9	7.3	7.5	2.7	2.6
I have old passport for travels abroad with valid Schengen visas	11.3	7.8	6.6	8.0	3.3
I have old passport for travels abroad without valid Schengen visas	22.8	16.1	16.3	19.8	21.8
No, I don't have a passport for travels abroad	56.2	69.6	71.6	72.2	72.3

**What is your attitude to possible introduction of visa regime with Russia? (regional distribution)**

	<i>West</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>East (without Donbas)</i>	<i>Donbas</i>
Support	60.4	27.7	14.5	20.7	19.4
Don't support	28.3	53.1	61.7	70.4	63.5
It is difficult to say	11.3	17.2	23.8	8.9	17.1

**In your opinion, which integration way Ukraine shall choose?**

	<i>West</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>East (without Donbas)</i>	<i>Donbas</i>
Towards the European Union	78.8	62.2	32.5	41.5	22.8
Towards the Eurasian Economic Union with Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan	0.7	4.2	10.2	18.7	23.0
Not to join neither European nor Eurasian Union	12.7	23.7	42.7	32.8	33.4
It is difficult to say	7.8	9.9	14.6	7.1	15.8

**In your opinion, which option of a security guarantee would be the best for Ukraine?**

	<i>West</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>East (without Donbas)</i>	<i>Donbas</i>
Joining NATO	70.6	51.7	20.1	32.2	19.8
Military union with Russia and other CIS countries	0.5	3.2	10.9	13.1	16.5
Non-aligned status of Ukraine	13.4	25.8	36.6	37.6	37.5
Other	2.0	3.0	2.5	1.5	0.6
It is difficult to say	13.5	16.3	29.8	15.6	25.1

**What is your attitude towards proposal to hold pre-term parliamentary elections?**

	<i>West</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>East (without Donbas)</i>	<i>Donbas</i>
Support	36.2	47.7	42.8	61.0	41.6
Don't support	47.0	38.0	28.9	25.7	43.5
It is difficult to say	16.8	14.3	28.3	13.3	14.9