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## *Citizens' Assessments of the State of Affairs in the Country. Trust in Social Institutions, Politicians, Officials and Public Figures*

*The results of a sociological survey conducted by the Razumkov Center's sociological service in cooperation with the Ilko Kucheriv Democratic Initiatives Foundation from December 8 to 15, 2023.*

*The face-to-face survey was conducted in Vinnytsia, Volyn, Dnepropetrovsk, Zhytomyr, Zakarpattia, Zaporizhzhia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kyiv, Kirovohrad, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Poltava, Rivne, Sumy, Ternopil, Kharkiv, Kherson, Khmelnytsky, Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Chernivtsi regions and the city of Kyiv. In Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, Kharkiv, Kherson regions, the survey was conducted only in the territories controlled by the government of Ukraine and where no combat actions are taking place.*

*The survey was conducted using a stratified multi-stage sampling using random selection at the first stages of sampling and a quota method of selecting respondents at the final stage (when respondents were selected in accordance with gender and age quotas). The structure of the sample population corresponds to the demographic structure of the adult population of the surveyed areas as of the beginning of 2022 (by age, gender, type of settlement).*

*2019 respondents aged 18 and older were interviewed. The theoretical sampling error does not exceed 2.3%. At the same time, additional systematic sample deviations may be caused by the consequences of Russian aggression, in particular, the forced displacement of millions of citizens.*

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## **Evaluation of the developments in the country**

After the outbreak of Russia's full-scale aggression against Ukraine, the share of citizens who believe that events in Ukraine are developing in the right direction increased significantly (from 20% in December 2021 to 51% in September-October 2022, reaching its highest level in February-March 2023 (61%). Since then, there has been a downward trend in this indicator (to 45% according to the latest survey). 33% of respondents believe that events are developing in the wrong direction (21.5% are not sure).

32% of Ukrainians believe that Ukraine is able to overcome the existing challenges in the next few years, 45% believe that Ukraine will be able to overcome the challenges in the longer term, and 7% believe that Ukraine is not able to overcome the existing challenges (the rest are undecided).

Ukrainians were most optimistic about overcoming challenges and complications in late 2022 and early 2023 (for example, in February-March 2023 - 49%, 36%, and 3%, respectively). And the opinions before the outbreak of a full-scale war were much more pessimistic (in December 2021 the figures were 18%, 54% and 18%, respectively).

## **Economic situation assessment**

Ukrainian citizens are quite skeptical about the economic situation in the country: in May 2021, eight months before the outbreak of full-scale war, 60% of respondents considered it "very bad" or "rather bad" (and only 5% as "good" or "very good", and 32% as "neither bad nor good"). In September-October 2022, seven months after the outbreak of the war, the share of citizens who assessed it as "very bad" or "rather bad" increased (to 64.5%). These assessments improved in February-March 2023, when a decrease in negative assessments was recorded even compared to the "pre-war" period: 55% of respondents assessed the economic situation in the country as "very bad" or "rather bad" (4% as "good" or "very good", 37% as "neither bad nor good"). However, according to the survey conducted in December 2023, these evaluations have deteriorated (66.5%, 3%, and 27%, respectively) and now do not differ statistically from those observed in September-October 2022.

Citizens tend to assess the well-being of their own families better than the economic situation in the country. In May 2021, only 36% assessed their family's well-being as "very" or "fairly" bad, 48% as "neither bad nor good," and 14% as "good" or "very good". In September-October 2022, the share of citizens who rated it as "very" or "fairly" bad slightly increased (to 39%), while the share of those who considered it "good" or "very good" decreased to 10%. The survey conducted in February-March 2023 revealed that, similarly to the assessment of the economic situation in the country, the assessment of family well-being has slightly improved and is close to the indicators observed in May 2021: 35% rated it as "very" or "fairly" bad, 50% as "neither bad nor good," and 12% as "good" or "very good." However, since then, assessments of their own family's well-being have deteriorated somewhat (37%, 51%, and 10.5%, respectively) and do not differ statistically from those observed in September-October 2022.

When assessing the family's financial well-being in terms of what purchases family income allows, after the outbreak of full-scale aggression, compared to June 2021, there has been an increase in the share of people who say they can barely make ends meet, with not enough money even for basic groceries (from 9% in June 2021 to 14% in February-March 2023). However, in December 2023, the share of such people decreased to 10% and is now not statistically different from the figure for mid-2021. Similarly, in June 2021 and December 2023, significant differences are not observed between those who reported "having enough money only for food and to buy necessary inexpensive items" (38% and 39%, respectively), those who said "in general, we have enough to live on, but buying durable goods such as furniture, fridge, TV is already causing difficulties" (44% and 42%, respectively), and "we live well, but we are not yet able to make some purchases (buy an apartment, car, etc.)" (6% and 7%, respectively). However, while in June 2021, 0.9% of respondents answered "we can afford to buy almost anything we want," no respondents gave this answer now).

Before the outbreak of full-scale war, citizens did not believe much in rapid changes in the economic situation: in May 2021, only 12% believed that the country's economic situation would change for the better in the next 3 months, and 13% hoped that their family's well-being would improve over that time. More often, citizens expected the situation to deteriorate in the months following the survey: 22% said that the country's economic situation would change for the worse, 18% thought that their family's well-being would change for the worse. However, the most widespread opinion was that the situation would not change significantly in 3 months (56% and 57%, respectively, did not expect changes in these areas).

In September-October 2022, the share of those who expected the economy to deteriorate increased significantly to 35% (due to a decrease to 37.5% of those who believed that the situation would not change), while only 9.5% believed that the situation would change for the better. However, according to a survey conducted in February-March 2023, the share of those who expected the economy to deteriorate within 3 months decreased to 23%. At the same time, the share of those who expected the situation to improve increased (to 13%) as well as the share of those who believed it would not change (to 45%). In December 2023, the share of those who believe the situation will change for the better decreased to 7%, those who believe it will worsen increased to 33%, and the share of those who believe it will not change is 48% and does not differ statistically from the indicator for February-March 2023.

Similar trends were observed in the dynamics of expected changes in the short-term level of their family's well-being. According to the latest survey, the share of those who believe that it will improve over this period is 8%, those who believe that it will deteriorate make up 25%, and those who think it will not change make up 53%.

It should be noted that expectations of changes in the short term are less pessimistic than in December 2020: back then, 41% of respondents expected a deterioration in the economic situation in the country over the next 3 months, and 32% expected a deterioration in their own family's well-being.

After the outbreak of a large-scale war, there was a significant improvement in economic expectations in the mid-term (2-3 years). Thus, the share of those who expected the country's economic situation to improve in the next 2-3 years increased from 30% to 43% in September-October 2022 compared to May 2021, and in February-March 2023 it increased to 52%. However, in December 2023, this optimism declined, with 34.5% now believing so (which is still 5% more than in May 2021). The share of those who expect the situation to worsen is 22% (about the same as in May 2021), while 16% believe that the situation in this area will not change (which is 10% less than in May 2021).

The share of those who expected their family's well-being to improve in the next 2-3 years increased from 29% to 41% in September-October 2022 compared to May 2021, and in February-March 2023 it increased to 49.5%. According to the latest survey, the share of such people is 34%. 18% believe that family well-being will deteriorate during this period, and 19% think it will not change.

## **Trust in social institutions**

Among governmental and social institutions, the most trusted are the Armed Forces of Ukraine (94% of respondents trust them), volunteer military units (89%), volunteer organizations (86%), State Emergency Service (83%), National Guard of Ukraine (82%), Ministry of Defense of Ukraine (73%), State Border Guard Service (72%), Security Service of Ukraine (71%), President of Ukraine (68%), Church (63%), NGOs (63%), National Police of Ukraine (58%), Mayor of the city (town, village) where the respondent lives (53%), National Bank of Ukraine (51%).

Also, more often trust is expressed than distrust in the Ukrainian media (48% and 43%, respectively), the council of the city (town, village) where the respondent lives (47% and 41%, respectively), and the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) (43% and 31%, respectively).

The majority of respondents express distrust in political parties (76% do not trust them), the bureaucracy (officials) (73% do not trust them), courts and the judicial system in general (72% express distrust), the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (66%), the Government of Ukraine (63%), the Prosecutor's Office (62%), commercial banks (58%), the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (52%), the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption (51%), and the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (51%).

Also, more often distrust than trust is expressed in trade unions (46.5% distrust them, while 25% trust them).

### **Trust in politicians, officials and public figures**

Among the politicians, officials, and public figures analyzed in this study, respondents most often expressed trust in Volodymyr Zelenskyi (71%), Vitalii Kim (65%), Dmytro Kuleba (56%), Serhii Prytula (55%), and Mykhailo Podoliak (52%).

More often respondents expressed trust than distrust in Oleksii Danilov (44% trust him and 30% do not trust), Vasyl Malyuk (41% and 21%, respectively), Rustem Umerov (35% and 22%, respectively), and Ihor Klymenko (31% and 21%, respectively). The shares of those who trust and distrust Iryna Vereshchuk (40% and 39%, respectively) and Yaroslav Zhelezniak (19% and 21%, respectively) do not differ statistically significantly.

The majority of respondents do not trust Yulia Tymoshenko (85%), Oleksii Arestovych (82%), Yurii Boiko (81%), Petro Poroshenko (74%), Mariana Bezuhla (58.5%), Davyd Arakhamia (57%), Andrii Yermak (54%).

Distrust rather than trust was expressed more often in Vitalii Klychko (45% do not trust him, while 40% trust), Denys Shmyhal (42% and 38%, respectively), Ruslan Stefanchuk (41% and 28%, respectively), Oleh Tatarov (34% and 10%, respectively), Danylo Hetmantsev (33% and 20%, respectively), Olha Stefanyshyna (23% and 17%, respectively), and Rostyslav Shurma (21% and 10%, respectively).

### **DISTRIBUTIONS OF RESPONDENTS' ANSWERS**

*The data in the tables are expressed as a percentage, unless otherwise stated*

**In general, do you think that events in Ukraine are developing in the right or wrong direction?**

In the right direction	45,3
In the wrong direction	33,2
Don't know	21,5

**Do you think that Ukraine can overcome the existing problems and difficulties?**

It can overcome in the coming years	32,2
It can overcome in a more remote future	45,3
It can't	7,2
Don't know	15,3

**How would you assess the situation in Ukraine in the following areas? Please rate on a 5-point scale, where a score of "1" means that the situation is very bad, and a score of "5" means that the situation is very good.**

	Very bad	Somewhat bad	Neither bad nor good	Somewhat good	Very good	Don't know
Economic situation of the country	22,0	44,5	27,4	2,7	0,4	3,0
Your family's level of well-being	8,8	28,2	50,7	9,6	0,9	1,9

**What is the overall financial situation of your family?**

We can barely make ends meet, we don't even have enough money to buy the necessary groceries	9,8
We have enough money for food and to buy the necessary inexpensive items	38,8
In general, we have enough money to live on, but buying durable goods (e.g. furniture, a fridge, a TV etc.) is challenging	42,4
We live well, but we are not yet able to make some purchases (e.g. a car, an apartment etc.)	7,2
We can afford to buy almost everything we want	0,0
Don't know	1,8

**In your opinion, how will the situation in Ukraine change in the following areas in the next 3 months?**

	It will change for the better	It will change for the worse	It will not change	Don't know
Economic situation of the country	6,8	32,9	48,1	12,2
Your family's level of well-being	8,3	25,1	53,4	13,1

**In your opinion, how will the situation in Ukraine change in the following areas in the next 2-3 years?**

	It will change for the better	It will change for the worse	It will not change	Don't know
Economic situation of the country	34,5	22,1	16,1	27,3
Your family's level of well-being	34,0	17,7	19,2	29,2

**To what extent do you trust the following social institutions?**

	Highly distrust	Somewhat distrust	Somewhat trust	Completely trust	Don't know	<i>The balance of trust and distrust*</i>
President of Ukraine	10,7	15,4	39,3	28,3	6,3	41,5
Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (Parliament of Ukraine)	31,0	35,1	22,1	5,5	6,3	-38,5
Government of Ukraine	27,2	35,4	25,9	5,1	6,4	-31,6
State machinery (officials)	33,7	39,7	14,7	3,9	8,0	-54,8
Your city/settlement/village mayor	15,6	24,2	41,9	11,3	7,0	13,4
Your city/settlement/village council	14,6	26,6	38,3	9,0	11,4	6,1
Armed Forces of Ukraine	2,7	1,9	19,0	74,7	1,7	89,1

Ministry of Defense of Ukraine	6,5	13,7	38,0	35,1	6,7	52,9
State Border Guard Service	7,3	12,7	39,2	32,5	8,4	51,7
National Guard of Ukraine	5,2	6,4	35,9	45,9	6,5	70,2
National Police	11,9	22,2	39,5	18,5	7,9	23,9
Security Service of Ukraine (SSU)	7,5	13,6	38,2	32,6	8,1	49,7
State Emergency Service	5,3	6,4	30,9	52,4	4,9	71,6
Prosecutor's Office	25,4	36,2	19,2	5,0	14,2	-37,4
Courts (the judicial system as a whole)	35,1	36,9	12,3	3,7	12,1	-56,0
National Anticorruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU)	24,2	26,7	23,2	9,1	16,8	-18,6
Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office	24,0	28,2	20,5	8,3	19,0	-23,4
National Agency on Corruption Prevention (NACP)	24,3	26,6	21,2	7,5	20,5	-22,2
Verkhovna Rada Human Rights Commissioner (Ombudsman)	12,3	18,3	33,9	9,3	26,2	12,6
Ukrainian media	15,1	28,1	40,4	7,7	8,7	4,9
National Bank of Ukraine	13,6	24,3	44,3	6,6	11,2	13,0
Commercial banks	23,5	34,7	23,3	3,7	14,8	-31,2
Trade unions	20,8	25,7	21,2	3,8	28,4	-21,5
Political parties	32,6	43,3	10,2	2,6	11,3	-63,1
Civil society organizations	7,0	17,6	51,6	11,2	12,7	38,2
Church	11,2	13,6	40,8	22,6	11,7	38,6
Volunteer battalions	2,8	3,2	42,9	46,0	5,1	82,9
Volunteer organizations	2,9	5,3	48,4	37,2	6,1	77,4

\* Difference between the shares of those who trust and those who distrust

### How much do you trust the following politicians, officials and public figures?

	Highly distrust	Somewhat distrust	Somewhat trust	Completely trust	I don't know him/her	Not sure	<i>The balance of trust and distrust*</i>
Davyd Arakhamiia	27,4	29,9	16,5	1,9	12,0	12,2	-38,9
Oleksii Arestovych	57,7	24,1	6,2	2,0	2,3	7,5	-73,6
Mariana Bezuhla	40,0	18,5	6,8	0,9	27,2	6,6	-50,8
Yurii Boiko	65,0	16,3	5,2	0,9	6,8	5,9	-75,2
Iryna Vereshchuk	16,0	22,8	32,1	8,0	11,2	10,0	1,3
Danylo Hetmantsev	14,3	19,1	17,6	2,8	35,6	10,6	-13,0
Oleksii Danilov	12,7	17,6	34,8	9,6	15,0	10,3	14,1
Andrii Yermak	29,2	25,1	23,3	6,4	5,9	10,1	-24,6
Yaroslav Zhelezniak	7,8	12,8	14,8	4,2	50,8	9,6	-1,6
Volodymyr Zelenskyi	10,0	13,4	30,8	39,9	0,3	5,6	47,3
Vitalii Kim	6,1	10,9	39,3	25,4	8,9	9,4	47,7
Ihor Klymenko	8,2	12,8	24,2	6,6	35,8	12,3	9,8
Vitalii Klychko	17,0	28,2	32,8	7,2	1,2	13,6	-5,2

	Highly distrust	Somewhat distrust	Somewhat trust	Completely trust	I don't know him/her	Not sure	<i>The balance of trust and distrust*</i>
Dmytro Kuleba	8,6	16,1	39,8	16,2	9,2	10,1	31,3
Vasyl Maliuk	7,5	13,3	28,9	12,2	27,1	11,1	20,3
Mykhailo Podoliak	11,1	18,3	37,0	14,6	10,0	9,1	22,2
Petro Poroshenko	43,1	31,1	13,7	4,5	0,7	6,9	-56,0
Serhii Prytula	14,1	19,4	40,0	14,8	3,6	8,1	21,3
Olha Stefanyshyna	9,9	13,3	14,8	2,4	47,1	12,5	-6,0
Ruslan Stefanchuk	18,0	23,4	24,1	3,7	18,1	12,7	-13,6
Oleh Tatarov	19,6	14,6	9,1	1,0	47,0	8,7	-24,1
Yuliia Tymoshenko	54,3	30,3	7,0	1,1	1,0	6,3	-76,5
Rustem Umerov	9,0	12,8	28,0	7,2	23,1	19,9	13,4
Denys Shmyhal	15,4	27,0	31,7	6,7	7,0	12,2	-4,0
Rostyslav Shurma	10,0	10,9	7,8	1,8	59,9	9,6	-11,3

\* Difference between the shares of those who trust and those who distrust

### TRENDS COMPARED TO PREVIOUS SURVEYS

**In general, do you think that events in Ukraine are developing in the right or wrong direction?**

	<i>December 2021</i>	<i>September-October 2022</i>	<i>December 2022</i>	<i>February-March 2023</i>	<i>May 2023</i>	<i>July 2023</i>	<i>September 2023</i>	<i>December 2023</i>
In the right direction	20,3	51,0	58,9	60,6	55,7	52,1	48,7	45,3
In the wrong direction	65,5	27,8	23,6	21,0	21,9	26,8	30,5	33,2
Don't know	14,2	21,3	17,5	18,5	22,4	21,1	20,8	21,5

**Do you think that Ukraine can overcome the existing problems and difficulties?**

	<i>December 2021</i>	<i>September-October 2022</i>	<i>December 2022</i>	<i>February-March 2023</i>	<i>May 2023</i>	<i>July 2023</i>	<i>September 2023</i>	<i>December 2023</i>
It can overcome in the coming years	17,7	40,6	49,9	49,4	43,0	42,7	38,0	32,2
It can overcome in a more remote future	54,4	42,6	37,0	35,9	43,2	41,7	43,4	45,3
It can't	17,6	5,2	5,1	3,4	4,8	6,4	8,6	7,2
Don't know	10,3	11,6	8,0	11,3	9,0	9,2	10,0	15,3

**How would you assess the situation in Ukraine in the following areas? Please rate on a 5-point scale, where a score of "1" means that the situation is very bad, and a score of "5" means that the situation is very good.**

	Very bad	Somewhat bad	Neither bad nor good	Somewhat good	Very good	Don't know	Average score
<b>Economic situation of the country</b>							
<i>December 2020</i>	27,6	44,4	23,0	1,9	0,2	3,0	2,0
<i>January-February 2021</i>	28,6	40,6	26,0	1,8	0,1	2,8	2,0
<i>May 2021</i>	22,1	37,9	32,2	4,7	0,7	2,4	2,2
<i>September-October 2022</i>	21,5	43,0	28,9	3,7	0,5	2,5	2,2
<i>February-March 2023</i>	15,7	39,6	36,8	4,0	0,3	3,5	2,3
<i>September 2023</i>	18,7	37,8	35,2	5,0	0,3	3,0	2,3

<i>December 2023</i>	22,0	44,5	27,4	2,7	0,4	3,0	2,1
<b>Your family's level of well-being</b>							
<i>December 2020</i>	14,0	33,8	42,0	7,2	0,2	2,9	2,4
<i>January-February 2021</i>	11,1	32,1	46,4	6,3	0,4	3,6	2,5
<i>May 2021</i>	10,4	25,5	47,6	13,0	0,9	2,6	2,7
<i>September-October 2022</i>	10,5	28,1	49,5	8,5	1,1	2,3	2,6
<i>February-March 2023</i>	8,3	26,5	49,7	11,4	0,7	3,4	2,7
<i>September 2023</i>	8,5	25,1	50,0	13,7	0,6	2,0	2,7
<i>December 2023</i>	8,8	28,2	50,7	9,6	0,9	1,9	2,7

**What is the overall financial situation of your family?**

	<i>April 2017</i>	<i>March 2019</i>	<i>June 2021</i>	<i>August 2022</i>	<i>February-March 2023</i>	<i>September 2023</i>	<i>December 2023</i>
We can barely make ends meet, we don't even have enough money to buy the necessary groceries	17,6	15,4	9,2	13,5	14,2	11,1	9,8
We have enough money for food and to buy the necessary inexpensive items	44,8	37,1	38,3	37,8	42,0	36,8	38,8
In general, we have enough money to live on, but buying durable goods (e.g. furniture, a fridge, a TV etc.) is challenging	30,9	41,1	43,8	39,0	33,7	42,7	42,4
We live well, but we are not yet able to make some purchases (e.g. a car, an apartment etc.)	4,3	5,2	6,4	7,2	6,1	6,7	7,2
We can afford to buy almost everything we want	0,2	0,1	0,9	0,3	1,3	0,6	0,0
Don't know	2,1	1,1	1,4	2,2	2,6	2,1	1,8

**In your opinion, how will the situation in Ukraine change in the following areas in the next 3 months?**

	It will change for the better	It will change for the worse	It will not change	Don't know
<b>Economic situation of the country</b>				
<i>December 2020</i>	8,3	40,8	39,0	11,9
<i>January-February 2021</i>	6,9	32,2	47,8	13,1
<i>May 2021</i>	11,8	22,1	55,7	10,5
<i>September-October 2022</i>	9,5	35,2	37,5	17,9
<i>February-March 2023</i>	13,4	22,7	45,3	18,5
<i>September 2023</i>	10,0	28,2	49,8	12,0
<i>December 2023</i>	6,8	32,9	48,1	12,2
<b>Your family's level of well-being</b>				
<i>December 2020</i>	9,2	32,3	43,7	14,8
<i>January-February 2021</i>	7,8	23,8	53,2	15,3
<i>May 2021</i>	12,6	18,3	57,1	12,0
<i>September-October 2022</i>	9,2	25,9	45,2	19,7
<i>February-March 2023</i>	13,3	18,0	48,0	20,7
<i>September 2023</i>	9,8	22,0	53,6	14,5
<i>December 2023</i>	8,3	25,1	53,4	13,1

**In your opinion, how will the situation in Ukraine change in the following areas in the next 2-3 years?**

	It will change for	It will change for	It will not change	Don't know
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	the better	the worse		
<b>Economic situation of the country</b>				
<i>December 2020</i>	22,8	26,7	20,4	30,1
<i>January-February 2021</i>	19,7	25,0	21,0	34,4
<i>May 2021</i>	29,9	21,2	26,1	22,8
<i>September-October 2022</i>	43,4	14,8	14,1	27,7
<i>February-March 2023</i>	52,1	11,0	11,1	25,8
<i>September 2023</i>	38,1	20,3	16,8	24,8
<i>December 2023</i>	34,5	22,1	16,1	27,3
<b>Your family's level of well-being</b>				
<i>December 2020</i>	24,7	21,8	21,8	31,7
<i>January-February 2021</i>	20,8	19,5	24,3	35,5
<i>May 2021</i>	29,2	16,5	27,1	27,1
<i>September-October 2022</i>	40,6	12,8	16,5	30,0
<i>February-March 2023</i>	49,5	10,0	13,1	27,5
<i>September 2023</i>	36,5	16,5	21,0	26,0
<i>December 2023</i>	34,0	17,7	19,2	29,2

### Trust in social institutions

	July-August 2021				September 2023				December 2023			
	Do not trust*	Do trust**	Do not know	Balance of trust and distrust***	Do not trust*	Do trust**	Do not know	Balance of trust and distrust***	Do not trust*	Do trust**	Do not know	Balance of trust and distrust***
Armed Forces of Ukraine	24,8	68,3	6,7	43,5	5,2	93,1	1,7	87,9	4,6	93,7	1,7	89,1
Volunteer military units	33,4	53,5	13,1	20,1	9,3	85,2	5,5	75,9	6,0	88,9	5,1	82,9
Volunteer organizations	25,1	63,6	11,3	38,5	11,1	84,3	4,5	73,2	8,2	85,6	6,1	77,4
State Emergency Service	28,7	61,4	9,9	32,7	13,0	82,8	4,3	69,8	11,7	83,3	4,9	71,6
National Guard of Ukraine	36,0	53,6	10,4	17,6	14,3	80,8	5	66,5	11,6	81,8	6,5	70,2
Ministry of Defense of Ukraine	-	-	-	-	22,3	70,6	7,1	48,3	20,2	73,1	6,7	52,9
State Border Guard Service	34,3	55	10,7	20,7	17,2	76,5	6,3	59,3	20	71,7	8,4	51,7
Security Service of Ukraine (SSU)	49,7	37,5	12,7	-12,2	25,2	66,0	8,8	40,8	21,1	70,8	8,1	49,7
President of Ukraine	57,6	36,2	6,2	-21,4	20,2	71,7	8,2	51,5	26,1	67,6	6,3	41,5
Church	26,3	63,5	10,3	37,2	27,7	59,2	13,1	31,5	24,8	63,4	11,7	38,6
Civil society organizations	37,4	47	15,5	9,6	27,2	60,5	12,3	33,3	24,6	62,8	12,7	38,2
National police	52,9	38,5	8,5	-14,4	36,0	56,9	7,1	20,9	34,1	58,0	7,9	23,9
Your city/settlement/village mayor	33,6	57,1	9,3	23,5	38,9	53,7	7,5	14,8	39,8	53,2	7	13,4
National Bank of Ukraine	60,1	29,1	10,9	-31,0	41,8	45,8	12,5	4,0	37,9	50,9	11,2	13,0
Ukrainian media	45,8	45,4	8,9	-0,4	43,0	47,1	9,9	4,1	43,2	48,1	8,7	4,9
Your city/settlement/village council	37,8	51,4	10,7	13,6	41,3	48,6	10,2	7,3	41,2	47,3	11,4	6,1
Verkhovna Rada Human Rights Commissioner (Ombudsman)	40,1	31,7	28,1	-8,4	30,6	44,1	25,2	13,5	30,6	43,2	26,2	12,6

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National Anticorruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU)	69,6	15,2	15,3	-54,4	53,3	29,2	17,5	-24,1	50,9	32,3	16,8	-18,6
Government of Ukraine	72	21,5	6,6	-50,5	60,4	31,9	7,7	-28,5	62,6	31,0	6,4	-31,6
Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office	69,3	13,6	17,2	-55,7	52,3	28,5	19,2	-23,8	52,2	28,8	19,0	-23,4
National Agency on Corruption Prevention (NACP)	69,6	13,2	17,2	-56,4	52,1	27,2	20,7	-24,9	50,9	28,7	20,5	-22,2
Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (Parliament of Ukraine)	75,1	18,7	6,1	-56,4	63,6	29,1	7,4	-34,5	66,1	27,6	6,3	-38,5
Commercial banks	70,7	18,2	11,1	-52,5	58,7	26,2	15,0	-32,5	58,2	27,0	14,8	-31,2
Trade unions	54,8	21,2	24,0	-33,6	45,7	25,3	29,0	-20,4	46,5	25,0	28,4	-21,5
Prosecutor's Office	71,1	17,8	11,1	-53,3	60,9	26,5	12,6	-34,4	61,6	24,2	14,2	-37,4
State machinery (officials)	75,7	14,9	9,4	-60,8	71,7	19,1	9,2	-52,6	73,4	18,6	8,0	-54,8
Courts (the judicial system as a whole)	74,2	15,5	10,4	-58,7	69,8	17,7	12,5	-52,1	72,0	16,0	12,1	-56,0
Political parties	71,7	16,1	12,2	-55,6	73,6	14,1	12,3	-59,5	75,9	12,8	11,3	-63,1

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#### How much do you trust the following politicians, officials and public figures?

	Do not trust*	Do trust**	Do not know him/her	Not sure	Balance of trust and distrust***
<b>Davyd Arakhamiia</b>					
February-March 2023	38,8	26,7	18,6	15,9	-12,1
May 2023	45,7	18,1	19,3	16,8	-27,6
July 2023	49,0	21,5	15,9	13,6	-27,5
September 2023	54,2	19,2	15,5	11,2	-35,0
December 2023	57,3	18,4	12,0	12,2	-38,9
<b>Oleksii Arestovych</b>					
February-March 2023	58,6	25,9	3,7	11,9	-32,7
May 2023	65,3	20,3	3,6	10,8	-45,0
July 2023	65,4	19,4	5,1	10,1	-46,0
September 2023	71,3	15,3	3,9	9,4	-56,0
December 2023	81,8	8,2	2,3	7,5	-73,6
<b>Yurii Boiko</b>					
July-August 2021	73,0	17,8	3,0	6,3	-55,2
February -March 2023	81,6	6,0	6,5	5,9	-75,6
May 2023	77,0	6,1	8,6	8,4	-70,9
July 2023	76,0	9,8	6,6	7,6	-66,2
September 2023	82,2	6,8	6,5	4,6	-75,4
December 2023	81,3	6,1	6,8	5,9	-75,2

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<b>Oleksii Danilov</b>					
<i>July-August 2021</i>	43,3	11,9	36,5	8,3	-31,4
<i>February-March 2023</i>	19,6	54,9	15,0	10,4	35,3
<i>May 2023</i>	23,3	46,1	17,9	12,7	22,8
<i>July 2023</i>	24,5	51,9	13,3	10,3	27,4
<i>September 2023</i>	35,5	41,6	13,5	9,4	6,1
<i>December 2023</i>	30,3	44,4	15,0	10,3	14,1
<b>Andrii Yermak</b>					
<i>July-August 2021</i>	58,5	10,3	22,6	8,6	-48,2
<i>February -March 2023</i>	36,0	40,6	8,1	15,3	4,6
<i>May 2023</i>	40,0	37,5	7,6	15	-2,5
<i>July 2023</i>	41,8	37,8	7,8	12,6	-4,0
<i>September 2023</i>	52,8	29,1	7,4	10,8	-23,7
<i>December 2023</i>	54,3	29,7	5,9	10,1	-24,6
<b>Volodymyr Zelenskyi</b>					
<i>July-August 2021</i>	61,0	32,6	0,4	6,1	-28,4
<i>February-March 2023</i>	9,9	84,9	0,5	4,7	75,0
<i>May 2023</i>	11,0	83,5	0,3	5,1	72,5
<i>July 2023</i>	13,6	80,8	0,6	4,9	67,2
<i>September 2023</i>	18,6	74,8	0,1	6,5	56,2
<i>December 2023</i>	23,4	70,7	0,3	5,6	47,3
<b>Vitalii Kim</b>					
<i>May 2023</i>	14,7	62,7	10,6	12,1	48,0
<i>July 2023</i>	12,9	71,1	7,8	8,3	58,2
<i>September 2023</i>	18,0	64,1	9,1	8,8	46,1
<i>December 2023</i>	17,0	64,7	8,9	9,4	47,7
<b>Ihor Klymenko</b>					
<i>February-March 2023</i>	16,9	27,2	42,5	13,3	10,3
<i>May 2023</i>	16,2	21,6	48,1	14,1	5,4
<i>July 2023</i>	17,2	32,0	38,2	12,6	14,8
<i>September 2023</i>	22,1	25,7	40,9	11,4	3,6
<i>December 2023</i>	21,0	30,8	35,8	12,3	9,8
<b>Vitalii Klychko</b>					
<i>July-August 2021</i>	64,2	25,6	0,6	9,6	-38,6
<i>February -March 2023</i>	27,5	57,9	1,6	13,0	30,4
<i>May 2023</i>	34,8	48,4	1,3	15,5	13,6
<i>July 2023</i>	35,5	47,7	2,4	14,4	12,2
<i>September 2023</i>	39,5	43,7	2,5	14,2	4,2
<i>December 2023</i>	45,2	40,0	1,2	13,6	-5,2
<b>Vasyl Maliuk</b>					
<i>February-March 2023</i>	14,7	24,7	49,2	11,3	10,0
<i>May 2023</i>	14,9	26,4	46,5	12,3	11,5

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<i>July 2023</i>	15,5	33,1	39,9	11,6	17,6
<i>September 2023</i>	20,9	33,8	34,7	10,6	12,9
<i>December 2023</i>	20,8	41,1	27,1	11,1	20,3
<b>Mykhailo Podoliak</b>					
<i>February-March 2023 .</i>	19,2	59,5	12,1	9,2	40,3
<i>May 2023</i>	24,1	50,7	11,0	14,1	26,6
<i>July 2023</i>	24,5	52,1	13,0	10,3	27,6
<i>September 2023</i>	30,3	44,6	14	11,1	14,3
<i>December 2023</i>	29,4	51,6	10	9,1	22,2
<b>Petro Poroshenko</b>					
<i>July-August 2021</i>	75,5	17,6	0,4	6,3	-57,9
<i>February-March 2023</i>	64,8	24,4	0,1	10,7	-40,4
<i>May 2023</i>	73,1	17,1	0,5	9,4	-56,0
<i>July 2023</i>	70,7	19,7	0,5	9,1	-51,0
<i>September 2023</i>	73,1	16,9	0,7	9,4	-56,2
<i>December 2023</i>	74,2	18,2	0,7	6,9	-56
<b>Serhii Prytula</b>					
<i>July-August 2021</i>	56,5	21,8	8,9	12,9	-34,7
<i>February-March 2023</i>	21,7	65,0	2,5	10,8	43,3
<i>May 2023</i>	29,3	55,8	2,9	12	26,5
<i>July 2023</i>	31,3	55,0	4,0	9,6	23,7
<i>September 2023</i>	35,2	51,3	2,8	10,7	16,1
<i>December 2023</i>	33,5	54,8	3,6	8,1	21,3
<b>Ruslan Stefanchuk</b>					
<i>February-March 2023</i>	27,4	34,7	22,6	15,3	7,3
<i>May 2023</i>	33,7	26,9	23,1	16,3	-6,8
<i>July 2023</i>	35,6	31,0	20,1	13,3	-4,6
<i>September 2023</i>	46,0	24,6	17,8	11,5	-21,4
<i>December 2023</i>	41,4	27,8	18,1	12,7	-13,6
<b>Yuliia Tymoshenko</b>					
<i>July-August 2021</i>	72,2	19,9	0,8	7,2	-52,3
<i>February-March 2023</i>	75,7	13,2	0,7	10,4	-62,5
<i>May 2023</i>	80,4	8,7	0,6	10,3	-71,7
<i>July 2023</i>	78,0	10,4	1,2	10,3	-67,6
<i>September 2023</i>	82,1	10,8	1,0	6,1	-71,3
<i>December 2023</i>	84,6	8,1	1,0	6,3	-76,5
<b>Rustem Umerov</b>					
<i>September 2023</i>	20,9	25,1	31,7	22,4	4,2
<i>December 2023</i>	21,8	35,2	23,1	19,9	13,4
<b>Denys Shmyhal</b>					
<i>July-August 2021</i>	69,1	10,6	7,7	12,5	-58,5
<i>February-March 2023</i>	30,2	51,6	3,7	14,5	21,4
<i>May 2023</i>	39,3	36,1	5,9	18,8	-3,2
<i>July 2023</i>	37,9	41,4	6,9	13,8	3,5

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<i>September 2023</i>	44,3	36,4	5,7	13,6	-7,9
<i>December 2023</i>	42,4	38,4	7,0	12,2	-4,0

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