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# **Public Opinion in Russia: Russians' Attitudes on Economic and Domestic Issues**

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*Interviews: 2,008 Russian adults (age 18 and over)*

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*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

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**Q1. Generally speaking, would you say that things in our country are headed in the right direction or in the wrong direction?**

|                          | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Right direction          | 67                    |
| Wrong direction          | 20                    |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ) | 12                    |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)    | *                     |

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**Q2. When you think about how things are going in your life in general, would you say you are very happy, somewhat happy, neither happy nor unhappy, somewhat unhappy or very unhappy?**

|                                  | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Happy NET</b>                 | <b>59</b>             |
| Very happy                       | 11                    |
| Somewhat happy                   | 48                    |
| <b>Neither happy nor unhappy</b> | <b>30</b>             |
| <b>Unhappy NET</b>               | <b>8</b>              |
| Somewhat unhappy                 | 7                     |
| Very unhappy                     | 1                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ)         | 3                     |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)            | *                     |

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**Q3. What do you think are the most important problems facing our country today?**

**INTERVIEWER: ENTER THE OPEN END VERBATIM RESPONSE**

| AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7  | First Response |
|--|----------------|
| Corruption   | 5              |
| Crime  | 1              |
| Demographics   | *              |
| Difficult to answer  | 7              |
| Drugs, alcoholism  | 2              |
| Economic and financial crisis, decline in production                     | 21             |
| Health care, education, and social services: poor quality/lack of access | 6              |
| Housing and public utilities, poor living conditions                     | 1              |
| Immigration in to Russia, migrants                                       | 1              |
| Import ban of Western food products                                      | *              |
| Incompetence/red tape in government                                      | 2              |
| Infrastructure, roads  | *              |
| No problem   | 1              |
| Pollution, environmental problems  | 1              |
| Poor quality of life, low standard of living                             | 3              |
| Price increases, inflation, low wages/pensions                           | 15             |
| Russia's position in the world   | 6              |
| Situation in Ukraine   | 16             |
| Terrorism  | *              |
| USA  | 2              |
| Unemployment   | 5              |
| Unrest and armed conflicts in the North Caucasus                         | *              |
| Western sanctions  | 4              |
| Exchange rate  | 4              |

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**Q4. What are the most important problems facing you and your family today?**

**INTERVIEWER: ENTER THE OPEN END VERBATIM RESPONSE**

| AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7  | First Response |
|--|----------------|
| Corruption   | 1              |
| Crime  | *              |
| Difficult to answer  | 8              |
| Drugs, alcoholism  | *              |
| Economic and financial crisis, decline in production                     | 1              |
| Exchange rate  | 1              |
| Health care, education, and social services: poor quality/lack of access | 13             |
| High prices for accommodation  | 6              |
| High taxes   | *              |
| Housing and public utilities, poor living conditions                     | 3              |
| Immigration in to Russia, migrants                                       | *              |
| Incompetence/red tape in government                                      | *              |
| Infrastructure, roads  | 1              |
| Limitation of civil liberties, powerlessness of ordinary citizens        | 1              |
| No problem   | 14             |
| Personal problems  | 2              |
| Pollution, environmental problems  | *              |
| Poor quality of life, low standard of living                             | 2              |
| Price increases, inflation, low wages/pensions                           | 40             |
| Russia's position in the world   | *              |
| Situation in Ukraine   | *              |
| USA  | *              |
| Unemployment   | 6              |
| Western sanctions  | *              |

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**Q5. Please tell me if you have a favorable, unfavorable or neither favorable nor unfavorable view of each of the following people and institutions?**

**[ROTATE ITEMS]**

|   | <b>Favorable NET</b> | Strongly Favorable | Somewhat Favorable | <b>Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable</b> | <b>Unfavorable NET</b> | Somewhat Unfavorable | Strongly Unfavorable | Don't know | Refused |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|---------|
| AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7                   |                      |                    |                    |  |                        |                      |                      |            |         |
| President Vladimir Putin                | <b>81</b>            | 40                 | 41                 | <b>13</b>                                | <b>6</b>               | 4                    | 2                    | *          | *       |
| Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev          | <b>55</b>            | 18                 | 38                 | <b>30</b>                                | <b>12</b>              | 8                    | 4                    | 2          | *       |
| Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov | <b>28</b>            | 8                  | 21                 | <b>46</b>                                | <b>21</b>              | 13                   | 7                    | 5          | *       |
| Blogger Alexei Navalny                  | <b>6</b>             | 1                  | 5                  | <b>27</b>                                | <b>31</b>              | 13                   | 17                   | 35         | 2       |

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**Q7. Do you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Vladimir Putin is handling his job as president?**

|                                       | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Approve NET</b>                    | <b>81</b>             |
| Strongly approve                      | 35                    |
| Somewhat approve                      | 46                    |
| <b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b> | <b>11</b>             |
| <b>Disapprove NET</b>                 | <b>6</b>              |
| Somewhat disapprove                   | 4                     |
| Strongly disapprove                   | 1                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ)              | 2                     |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)                 | *                     |

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**Q8. For each of the following institutions in our country, please tell me how often you think you can trust each one to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, only about half of the time, only sometimes, or never?**

**(ROTATE ITEMS)**

|                               | <b>Just about<br/>always/most of the<br/>time NET</b> | Just about always | Most of the time | <b>About half of the<br/>time</b> | <b>Only<br/>Sometimes/Never<br/>NET</b> | Only sometimes | Never | Don't know | Refused |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|-------|------------|---------|
| AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7         |   |                   |                  |                                   |   |                |       |            |         |
| The presidency                | <b>75</b>   | 36                | 39               | <b>16</b>                         | <b>7</b>                                | 5              | 2     | 2          | *       |
| The military                  | <b>65</b>   | 27                | 38               | <b>21</b>                         | <b>10</b>                               | 7              | 3     | 4          | *       |
| Federal<br>assembly<br>(Duma) | <b>31</b>   | 8                 | 24               | <b>33</b>                         | <b>28</b>                               | 18             | 10    | 8          | *       |
| The judiciary                 | <b>30</b>   | 7                 | 22               | <b>33</b>                         | <b>29</b>                               | 19             | 10    | 8          | *       |
| The police                    | <b>30</b>   | 9                 | 22               | <b>34</b>                         | <b>31</b>                               | 20             | 11    | 5          | *       |

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**Q9. How would you rate the condition of our country's economy today? Is it...**

|                           | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Excellent/Good NET</b> | <b>15</b>             |
| Excellent                 | 1                     |
| Good                      | 14                    |
| <b>Fair</b>               | <b>44</b>             |
| <b>Poor/Very poor NET</b> | <b>39</b>             |
| Poor                      | 31                    |
| Very Poor                 | 8                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ)  | 3                     |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)     | -                     |

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**Q10. Compared to 3 years ago, would you say that the condition of our country's economy is better, worse, or about the same today as it was then?**

|                          | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Better NET</b>        | <b>24</b>             |
| Much better              | 2                     |
| Somewhat better          | 22                    |
| <b>About the same</b>    | <b>28</b>             |
| <b>Worse NET</b>         | <b>44</b>             |
| Somewhat worse           | 35                    |
| Much worse               | 9                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ) | 4                     |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)    | *                     |

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**Q11. Looking ahead 3 years from now, do you think the condition of our country's economy will be better, worse or about the same as it is today?**

|                          | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Better NET</b>        | <b>38</b>             |
| Much better              | 4                     |
| Somewhat better          | 33                    |
| <b>About the same</b>    | <b>26</b>             |
| <b>Worse NET</b>         | <b>18</b>             |
| Somewhat worse           | 15                    |
| Much worse               | 4                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ) | 18                    |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)    | *                     |

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**Q12. How would you rate the condition of your family's finances today? Are they...**

|                           | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Excellent/Good NET</b> | <b>24</b>             |
| Excellent                 | 1                     |
| Good                      | 23                    |
| <b>Fair</b>               | <b>51</b>             |
| <b>Poor/Very poor NET</b> | <b>23</b>             |
| Poor                      | 19                    |
| Very Poor                 | 4                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ)  | 2                     |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)     | *                     |

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**Q13. Compared to 3 years ago, would you say that the condition of your family's finances is better, worse, or about the same today as it was then?**

|                          | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Better NET</b>        | <b>23</b>             |
| Much better              | 2                     |
| Somewhat better          | 20                    |
| <b>About the same</b>    | <b>39</b>             |
| <b>Worse NET</b>         | <b>37</b>             |
| Somewhat worse           | 30                    |
| Much worse               | 7                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ) | 2                     |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)    | *                     |

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**Q14. Looking ahead 3 years from now, do you think the condition of your family's finances will be better, worse or about the same as it is today?**

|                          | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Better NET</b>        | <b>37</b>             |
| Much better              | 4                     |
| Somewhat better          | 33                    |
| <b>About the same</b>    | <b>28</b>             |
| <b>Worse NET</b>         | <b>13</b>             |
| Somewhat worse           | 11                    |
| Much worse               | 2                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ) | 22                    |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)    | 1                     |

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**Q15. Looking ahead 20 years from now, when children being born today grow up, do you think they will be better off, worse off or about the same as people are now?**

|                          | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Better NET</b>        | <b>49</b>             |
| Much better              | 8                     |
| Somewhat better          | 41                    |
| <b>About the same</b>    | <b>19</b>             |
| <b>Worse NET</b>         | <b>13</b>             |
| Somewhat worse           | 10                    |
| Much worse               | 2                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ) | 19                    |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)    | *                     |

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**Q16. How serious a problem are each of the following in our country today? For each one, please tell me if it is an extremely serious problem, very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious problem. How about...**

| AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7                                | Very/<br>Extremely serious<br>NET | Extremely serious<br>problem | Very serious problem | Somewhat serious<br>problem | Not very/Not at all<br>serious NET | Not too serious<br>problem | Not at all serious<br>problem | Don't know | Refused |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------|
| Drug abuse   | <b>83</b>                         | 50                           | 33                   | <b>12</b>                   | <b>3</b>                           | 2                          | 1                             | 2          | *       |
| Corruption   | <b>79</b>                         | 45                           | 33                   | <b>15</b>                   | <b>4</b>                           | 3                          | 1                             | 2          | *       |
| Pollution  | <b>71</b>                         | 31                           | 40                   | <b>22</b>                   | <b>6</b>                           | 4                          | 2                             | 1          | *       |
| The gap between<br>rich and poor                     | <b>70</b>                         | 35                           | 35                   | <b>22</b>                   | <b>6</b>                           | 5                          | 1                             | 2          | *       |
| Access to medical<br>care                            | <b>69</b>                         | 38                           | 32                   | <b>22</b>                   | <b>8</b>                           | 6                          | 1                             | 1          | *       |
| Unemployment   | <b>65</b>                         | 29                           | 35                   | <b>26</b>                   | <b>8</b>                           | 6                          | 2                             | 1          | *       |
| Poverty  | <b>64</b>                         | 26                           | 38                   | <b>26</b>                   | <b>9</b>                           | 8                          | 1                             | 1          | *       |
| Crime  | <b>63</b>                         | 26                           | 36                   | <b>29</b>                   | <b>6</b>                           | 6                          | *                             | 2          | *       |
| Organized crime                                      | <b>61</b>                         | 27                           | 34                   | <b>27</b>                   | <b>7</b>                           | 6                          | 1                             | 5          | *       |
| Terrorism  | <b>56</b>                         | 23                           | 33                   | <b>28</b>                   | <b>14</b>                          | 10                         | 3                             | 2          | *       |
| Access to<br>education                               | <b>51</b>                         | 20                           | 31                   | <b>31</b>                   | <b>15</b>                          | 11                         | 4                             | 3          | *       |
| Tensions between<br>the government<br>and opposition | <b>36</b>                         | 13                           | 23                   | <b>27</b>                   | <b>25</b>                          | 17                         | 7                             | 12         | *       |
| Election fraud                                       | <b>34</b>                         | 14                           | 20                   | <b>28</b>                   | <b>26</b>                          | 16                         | 10                            | 12         | *       |
| Hunger   | <b>26</b>                         | 13                           | 14                   | <b>29</b>                   | <b>40</b>                          | 27                         | 14                            | 4          | *       |

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**Q17. How interested are you personally in politics?**

|  | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Extremely/Very interested NET</b>     | <b>15</b>             |
| Extremely interested                     | 4                     |
| Very interested                          | 11                    |
| <b>Somewhat interested</b>               | <b>54</b>             |
| <b>Not too/Not at all interested NET</b> | <b>30</b>             |
| Not too interested                       | 26                    |
| Not at all interested                    | 4                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ)                 | 1                     |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)                    | -                     |

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**Q19. How often do you watch, read, or hear the news? Do you generally watch, read, or hear the news at least once a day, several times a week, weekly, less often or never?**

|                          | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| At least once a day      | 56                    |
| Several times a week     | 22                    |
| Weekly                   | 9                     |
| Less often               | 11                    |
| Never                    | 1                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ) | 1                     |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)    | *                     |

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**Q20. What are your main sources of news about what is going on in our country and in the world?****(INTERVIEWER: RECORD FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT RESPONSES)**

| AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7  | First Response | Subsequent responses |
|--|----------------|----------------------|
| State-owned TV stations («Первый канал», «Россия», «Культура»),  | 75             | 14                   |
| Independently-owned TV stations («Рен-ТВ», СТС, ТНТ, «Дождь», РБК, другие негосударственные/коммерческие каналы, включая региональные и местные) | 5              | 27                   |
| Internet   | 14             | 24                   |
| Foreign news sources   | *              | 3                    |
| State-owned newspapers   | *              | 8                    |
| Independently-owned newspapers   | 1              | 5                    |
| Radio  | 1              | 12                   |
| Family, friends, and/or neighbors  | 2              | 21                   |
| Other (write in_____)  | *              | *                    |
| (Vol.) HTA   | 1              | 8                    |
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**Q21. Are you using a computer, tablet, or smart phone to access your sources of news most of the time when you watch, read, or hear the news, sometimes, or never?**

|                  | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Most of the time | 27                    |
| Sometimes        | 30                    |
| Never            | 43                    |
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**Q23. Should there be more private ownership of business and industry, or should there be more government ownership of business and industry?**

|                           | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| More private ownership    | 28                    |
| More government ownership | 57                    |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ)  | 15                    |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)     | *                     |

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**Q34. When it comes to the Ukraine, would you say except Crimea there are many parts that rightfully belong to Russia, a few parts that rightfully belong to Russia or there are no parts that rightfully belong to Russia?**

|   | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|---|-----------------------|
| Many parts rightfully belong to Russia  | 21                    |
| A few parts rightfully belong to Russia | 48                    |
| No parts rightfully belong to Russia    | 31                    |

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**Q35. Do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Vladimir Putin has handled the situation in Ukraine? Would you say somewhat approve/disapprove or strongly approve/disapprove?**

|                                       | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Approve NET</b>                    | <b>79</b>             |
| Strongly approve                      | 27                    |
| Somewhat approve                      | 53                    |
| <b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b> | <b>15</b>             |
| <b>Disapprove NET</b>                 | <b>6</b>              |
| Somewhat disapprove                   | 5                     |
| Strongly disapprove                   | 1                     |

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**Q36. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose Russia supporting Ukrainians who want to break off from the Kiev government? Would you say somewhat favor/oppose or strongly favor/oppose?**

|                                 | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Favor NET</b>                | <b>66</b>             |
| Strongly favor                  | 18                    |
| Somewhat favor                  | 48                    |
| <b>Neither favor nor oppose</b> | <b>25</b>             |
| <b>Oppose NET</b>               | <b>9</b>              |
| Somewhat oppose                 | 8                     |
| Strongly oppose                 | 1                     |

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**Q37. What, if any effect, have economic sanctions from Europe and the United States had on the Russian economy? Would you say extremely negative effect, negative effect, no effect, positive effect or extremely positive effect?**

|                            | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Positive effect NET</b> | <b>7</b>              |
| Extremely positive effect  | *                     |
| Positive effect            | 7                     |
| <b>No effect</b>           | <b>29</b>             |
| <b>Negative effect NET</b> | <b>64</b>             |
| Negative effect            | 52                    |
| Extremely negative effect  | 12                    |

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**Q38. What, if any effect, have economic sanctions from Europe and the United States had on you and your family? Would you say extremely negative effect, negative effect, no effect, positive effect or extremely positive effect?**

|                            | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Positive effect NET</b> | <b>2</b>              |
| Extremely positive effect  | *                     |
| Positive effect            | 2                     |
| <b>No effect</b>           | <b>54</b>             |
| <b>Negative effect NET</b> | <b>45</b>             |
| Negative effect            | 39                    |
| Extremely negative effect  | 6                     |

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**DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

**D1. DO NOT ASK. INTERVIEWER: RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER**

|           | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Male      | 45                    |
| Female    | 55                    |
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**D2a. What is your age?**

*(IF REFUSED)*

**D2b. In which of the following groups does your age fall in?**

|              | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 18-19        | 6                     |
| 20-24        | 9                     |
| 25-29        | 11                    |
| 30-34        | 9                     |
| 35-39        | 9                     |
| 40-44        | 9                     |
| 45-49        | 8                     |
| 50-54        | 9                     |
| 55-59        | 9                     |
| 60-64        | 7                     |
| 65-69        | 6                     |
| 70 and above | 8                     |
| Refused      | 1                     |
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**D3. Which of the following durables does your household own? (MULTIPLE RESPONSE)**

|  | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--|-----------------------|
| Air conditioner                                  | 17                    |
| Car  | 50                    |
| Hi-fi stereo with CD/VCD/DVD (all kinds of disc) | 40                    |
| Radio cassette without CD/VCD/DVD                | 20                    |
| Computer   | 71                    |
| Telephone (landline)                             | 51                    |
| Refrigerator                                     | 98                    |
| Gas cooker                                       | 80                    |
| Washing machine                                  | 94                    |
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**D4. Are you the main wage earner in your household?**

|              | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Yes, I am    | 63                    |
| No, I am not | 37                    |
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**IF THE RESPONDENT IS THE MAIN WAGE EARNER, ASK EDUCATION AND OCCUPATION QUESTIONS ONLY FOR THE RESPONDENT. OTHERWISE, ASK THEM SEPARATELY BOTH FOR THE RESPONDENT AND THE MAIN WAGE EARNER.**

**D5a. Could you please tell me the last school you've graduated from? (SINGLE CODE)**

**D5b. Could you please tell me the last school that the main wage earner in your household is graduated from? (SINGLE CODE)**

| AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7       | D5a          | D5b        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Uneducated                  | *            | *          |
| Primary school              | 1            | *          |
| Secondary school            | 6            | 2          |
| High school                 | 16           | 10         |
| Secondary special/tekhnikum | 40           | 44         |
| University                  | 37           | 42         |
| Post graduate               | *            | *          |
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**D6a. Do you currently work? If yes, do you work part time or full time?**

**D6b. Does the main wage earner currently work? If yes, does he/she work part time or full time?**

| AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 | D6a          | D6b        |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|
| Full time             | 57           | 85         |
| Part time             | 7            | 7          |
| Does not work         | 36           | 8          |
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**D7a. What is your occupation?****D7b. What is the occupation of the main wage earner in your household?**

|  | D7a | D7b |
|--|-----|-----|
| AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7  |     |     |
| <b>UNEMPLOYED</b>  |     |     |
| -HOUSEWIFE   | 5   | *   |
| -STUDENT   | 8   | *   |
| -RETIRED   | 22  | 7   |
| -WHO LIVES ON INTEREST RATE/ STOCKS ETC.                       | *   | *   |
| -UNEMPLOYED/LOOKING FOR JOB                                    | 2   | 1   |
| <b>SELF-EMPLOYED</b>   |     |     |
| -OWNER OF LARGE SCALE ENTERPRISE (EMPLOYS +25 PEOPLE)          | *   | *   |
| -OWNER OF MEDIUM SCALE ENTERPRISE (EMPLOYS 10-24 PEOPLE)       | 1   | 1   |
| -OWNER OF SMALL SCALE ENTERPRISE (EMPLOYS -10 PEOPLE)          | 1   | 4   |
| - TRADESMAN / WHOLESALER / MERCHANT                            | *   | 1   |
| - MEDIUM TRADESMAN   | 1   | 1   |
| - SMALL TRADESMAN  | 1   | 1   |
| - DRIVER (OWNER)   | 1   | 2   |
| - STREET VENDER  | *   | *   |
| - DOCTOR / CHEMIST / DENTIST / ARCHITECT ETC. (SELF-EMPLOYED)  | 1   | 2   |
| - BIG FARMER   | -   | -   |
| - SMALL FARMER   | *   | *   |
| <b>WAGE-EARNERS</b>  |     |     |
| PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR...                                    | 4   | 5   |
| ....HIGH LEVEL MANAGER (50 EMPLOYEES)                          |     |     |
| .... HIGH LEVEL MANAGER (10- 50 +EMPLOYEES)                    | 1   | 2   |
| ....HIGH LEVEL MANAGER (-10 EMPLOYEES)                         | 1   | 1   |
| PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR...                                    | 4   | 5   |
| ....MEDIUM LEVEL MANAGER (50 + EMPLOYEES)                      |     |     |
| MEDIUM LEVEL MANAGER (10- 50 EMPLOYEES)                        | 3   | 5   |
| (MEDIUM LEVEL MANAGER (-10 EMPLOYEES)                          | 2   | 3   |
| PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR .....                                 | 1   | 1   |
| ....LOW LEVEL MANAGER  |     |     |
| PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR .....                                 | 5   | 5   |
| ....EMPLOYEE – OFFICE STAFF                                    |     |     |
| PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR .....                                 |     |     |
| PHYSICAL EFFORT WORKING (tea-seller, courier, postman, etc.)   | 1   | *   |
| - DOCTOR / CHEMIST / DENTIST / ARCHITECT ETC.                  | 1   | 2   |
| - SHOP ASSISTANT / SALES PERSON                                | 2   | 1   |
| - NURSE / HOSTESS / STEWARD / WAITER/ BARMAN ETC SERVING STAFF | 2   | 1   |
| - TEACHER (ELEMENTARY/ SECONDARY SCHOOL)                       | 2   | 3   |
| - TEACHER (UNIVERSITY)   | *   | *   |
| - LOW RANK ARMY OFFICER  | *   | 1   |
| - HIGH RANK ARMY OFFICER                                       | *   | 2   |
| - DRIVER   | 3   | 5   |
| - SKILLED WORKER   | 9   | 18  |

|   |              |            |
|---|--------------|------------|
| - WORKER  | 5            | 9          |
| - TECHNICAL PERSON                              | 3            | 3          |
| ARTIST / SPORTS PLAYER / DIVER / MODEL / SINGER | *            | *          |
| OTHER   | 6            | 9          |
| <i>N=</i>                                       | <i>2,008</i> | <i>839</i> |

**D8. What is your marital status?**

|                | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Married        | 57                    |
| Widow/divorced | 20                    |
| Single         | 22                    |
| <i>N=</i>      | <i>2,008</i>          |

**D9. Do you have children, if yes how many children do you have?**

|                  | AP-NORC 11/22-<br>12/7 |
|------------------|------------------------|
| NO children      | 38                     |
| Yes, 1 child     | 33                     |
| ... 2 children   | 23                     |
| ... 3 children   | 5                      |
| ... 4 children   | *                      |
| ... 5 children   | *                      |
| ... 6 children + | *                      |
| <i>N=</i>        | <i>2,008</i>           |

*If "yes" in D9*

**D10. Please tell me the age of your children? (MULTI-RESPONSE POSSIBLE)**

|              | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 0 – 12 month | 5                     |
| 1 – 3 age    | 11                    |
| 4 – 6 age    | 13                    |
| 7 – 9 age    | 12                    |
| 10 – 12 age  | 12                    |
| 13 – 15 age  | 9                     |
| 16 - 18 age  | 8                     |
| 19 age +     | 53                    |
| <i>N=</i>    | <i>1,275</i>          |

**D11. Including yourself, how many people live in your household?**

|     | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 1   | 16                    |
| 2   | 32                    |
| 3   | 26                    |
| 4   | 16                    |
| 5   | 7                     |
| 6   | 2                     |
| 7   | 1                     |
| 8 + | *                     |

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**D12. Please let me know your monthly personal income. (SHOWCARD)**

|                           | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lower than 5000 RUB       | 2                     |
| 5001 RUB- 10,000 RUB      | 13                    |
| 10,001 RUB - 17,000 RUB   | 23                    |
| 17,001 RUB - 25,000 RUB   | 17                    |
| 25,001 RUB - 34,000 RUB   | 11                    |
| 34,001 RUB - 42,000 RUB   | 5                     |
| 42,001 RUB - 50,000 RUB   | 4                     |
| 50,001 RUB - 59,000 RUB   | 2                     |
| 59,001 RUB - 67,000 RUB   | 1                     |
| 67,001 RUB - 76,000 RUB   | 1                     |
| 76,001 RUB - 84,000 RUB   | 1                     |
| 84,001 RUB - 100,000 RUB  | *                     |
| 100,000 RUB - 126,000 RUB | *                     |
| Higher than 126,000 RUB   | *                     |
| No income                 | 7                     |
| Refused (DO NOT SHOW)     | 13                    |

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**D13. About how many hours in your average week do you spend doing each of these activities?**

**INTERVIEWER: (READ EACH ITEM) (IF HESITATES, SAY: "JUST GIVE ME YOUR BEST ESTIMATE."  
(WRITE # OF HOURS. ROUND UP TO NEXT HOUR: IF 1 ½ HOURS, RECORD "02." NONE=00)**

| AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7              | Median | Mean  |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Using a computer                   | 6      | 12    |
| Using the Internet or going online | 5      | 10    |
| Watching television                | 14     | 17    |
| <i>N</i> =                         | 2,008  | 2,008 |

**D14. Generally speaking, would you say you use your landline phone most of the time, your cell phone most of the time, or would you say you use both about equally?**

| AP-NORC 11/22-12/7       | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Landline                 | 8                     |
| Cell phone               | 78                    |
| Both equally             | 12                    |
| Neither                  | 2                     |
| Don't know (DO NOT READ) | 1                     |
| Refused (DO NOT READ)    | *                     |
| <i>N</i> =               | 2,008                 |

**D15. What is your ethnicity? (DO NOT READ LIST)**

|  | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--|-----------------------|
| Russian                                | 85                    |
| Ukrainian                              | 1                     |
| Byelorussian                           | 1                     |
| Tatarian                               | 4                     |
| Bashkir                                | 1                     |
| Jewish                                 | *                     |
| German                                 | *                     |
| Udmurt                                 | 1                     |
| Khazakh                                | *                     |
| Khakas                                 | -                     |
| Komi/Komi-permyak                      | -                     |
| Chuvash                                | 1                     |
| Mordva                                 | *                     |
| Adyg                                   | -                     |
| Cherquis/Karachaeverts                 | *                     |
| Kabardin/Balkarian                     | *                     |
| Ossetin                                | *                     |
| Ingush/Chechen                         | *                     |
| Dagestani/Lezgin/Avar                  | 3                     |
| Yakut/other peoples of the Polar North | *                     |
| Buryat/Tuvin                           | *                     |
| Other (write in)                       | 1                     |
| Hard to say/multiethnic origins/       | 1                     |
| Refused                                | 1                     |

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**D16. (INTERVIEWER: RECORD TYPE OF PLACE.)**

|  | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--|-----------------------|
| Moscow                                   | 8                     |
| Capital city of oblast                   | 33                    |
| Large town (100,000 residents or more)   | 18                    |
| Small town (less than 100,000 residents) | 23                    |
| Rural                                    | 18                    |

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**D17. (RECORD FEDERAL DISTRICT)**

|                 | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| North Western   | 10                    |
| Central         | 27                    |
| Southern        | 10                    |
| North Caucasian | 7                     |
| Volga           | 21                    |
| Ural            | 8                     |
| Siberian        | 14                    |
| Far Eastern     | 4                     |
| <i>N=</i>       | <i>2,008</i>          |

**D18. Do you own or rent the home you currently live in?**

|                   | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Own               | 88                    |
| Rent              | 8                     |
| Other             | 3                     |
| Don't know        | *                     |
| Refused to answer | *                     |
| <i>N=</i>         | <i>2,008</i>          |

**D19. Which one party do you personally most identify with? (RECORD ONE ANSWER)**

|  | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--|-----------------------|
| Communist Party  | 10                    |
| LDPR   | 7                     |
| Yabloko  | *                     |
| United Russia  | 41                    |
| Right Cause (Pravoye Delo)                                   | *                     |
| Just Russia  | 3                     |
| Patriots of Russia   | *                     |
| People's Union (Narodniy Soyuz)                              | -                     |
| Solidarity   | *                     |
| Party of People's Freedom –Republican Party<br>(PARNAS- RPR) | *                     |
| Rodina – KRO   | *                     |
| Civil Platform Party (Prokhorov's Party                      | *                     |
| Green Alliance (Mitvol's Party)                              | -                     |
| People's Alliance (Navalny's Party)                          | *                     |
| Other (write in) (Vol.)                                      | *                     |
| None (Vol.)  | 30                    |
| Hard to answer (Vol.)  | 7                     |

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**D20. What is your religion, if any? (DO NOT READ LIST)**

|  | AP-NORC<br>11/22-12/7 |
|--|-----------------------|
| None   | 10                    |
| Christian Orthodox   | 64                    |
| Christian Other  | 4                     |
| Jewish (Judaism)   | *                     |
| Muslim (Islam)   | 7                     |
| Buddhist   | *                     |
| Atheist  | 3                     |
| Believe in God but do not belong to a particular<br>religion | 8                     |
| Other  | 1                     |
| Hard to answer/refused                                       | 2                     |

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### **About the Study**

This survey, funded by NORC at the University of Chicago, was conducted by NORC with fieldwork by GfK Russia between the dates of November 22 and December 7, 2014. Staff from NORC at the University of Chicago and the Associated Press collaborated on all aspects of the study.

The survey featured a nationally representative, multi-stage cluster, random route-sample of adults 18 years and older in Russia. The poll was conducted with in-person interviews of 2,008 adults.

At the first stage, the population was stratified into six groups, based on population size, for each of eight different regions of the country (Central, North-West, Southern, North-Caucasian, Volga, Ural, Siberian, and Far Eastern). In the end, 142 different groups were selected across 75 different regions. At the second stage, secondary sample units were randomly selected from a full list of election districts. At the third stage, a starting address point was assigned for each election district. On average, six interviews were conducted in each sampling point. Within-household selection was based on the last birthday method.

Interviewers selected and visited 14,021 addresses, and had a 57 percent contact rate. Among those contacted, 21 percent responded. Including non-contacts, the cumulative response rate is 14 percent. The overall margin of error +/- 2.4 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level (including the design effect).

Sampling weights were calculated to adjust for sample design aspects (such as unequal probabilities of selection) and for nonresponse bias arising from differential response rates across various demographic groups. Poststratification variables included age, sex, and region of the country. The data are weighted to reflect the Russian population based on the 2010 Russian Census.

All analyses were conducted using STATA (version 13), which allows for adjustment of standard errors for complex sample designs. All differences reported between subgroups of the Russian population are at the 95 percent level of statistical significance, meaning that there is only a 5 percent (or lower) probability that the observed differences could be attributed to chance variation in sampling. A comprehensive listing of all study questions, complete with tabulations of top-level results for each question, is available on the AP-NORC Center website: [www.apnorc.org](http://www.apnorc.org).