Latvia's Political Survey 2018

All waves (August - October)

Summary Report

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Technical Information

Researcher	Ryo NAKAI
Polltaker	Research centre SKDS (Director: Arnis KAKTIŅŠ)
General body	Residents of Latvia aged from 18 to 74 years old.
Sample size	3049 respondents
Sampling method	Stratified random sampling
Stratification criteria	Administrative territories
Respondent selection principles	Random route method + first birthday rule.
Research Method	Face-to–face interviews (PAPI), at the places of residence of respondents.
Geographical coverage	All Latvia's regions (over 120 sampling points)
Date of Interview	Aug 4, 2018 – October 22, 2018.

Questionnaires by waves

	1st wave August	2nd wave September [pre-election]	3rd wave October [post-election]
q0 [date]	+	+	+
p02a	+	+	+
q01_01	+	+	+
q01_02	+	+	+
q01_03	+	+	+
q01_04	+	+	+
q01_05	+	+	+
q01_06	+	+	+
q02	+	+	+
q03	+	+	+
q04_01		+	+
q04_02		+	+
q04_03		+	+
q05		+	+
q06_01		+	+
q06_02		+	+
q06_03		+	+
q06_04		+	+
demographic parameters	+	+	+

Results

Show card P2A
p2a (P2A in original questionnaire)
If LR Saeima election will be held tomorrow, for which political party or alliance will you vote?

N / %	August	September [pre-election]	October [post-election	**All waves**
Latvia's Russian Union (LKS)	12 1.18%	20 1.96%	18 1.77%	**50** **1.64**%
New Conservative Party (JKP)	26 2.56%	43 4.22%	87 8.56%	**156** **5.12**%
National Alliance (NA)	55 5.42%	55 5.40%	73 7.19%	**183** **6.00**%
Progressive	1 0.10%	12 1.18%	15 1.48%	**28** **0.92**%
Harmony Social democratic party (SC)	195 19.21%	181 17.78%	187 18.41%	**563** **18.47**%
Development/For! (A/P!)	28 2.76%	44 4.32%	76 7.48%	**148** **4.85**%
Latvia's Regional Alliance (LRA)	26 2.56%	20 1.96%	36 3.54%	**82** **2.69**%
New Unity (JV)	46 4.53%	28 2.75%	37 3.64%	**111** **3.64**%
Who Owns the State (KPVLV)	68 6.70%	59 5.80%	100 9.84%	**227** **7.45**
Green and Farmers Union (ZZS)	103 10.15%	79 7.76%	47 4.63%	**229** **7.51**%
Other parties	27 2.66%	31 3.05%	2 0.20%	**60** **1.97**%
don't know, no answer	214 21.08%	231 22.69%	108 10.63%	**553** **18.14**%
I will not participate the elections	214 21.08%	215 21.12%	230 22.64%	**659** **21.61**%
Total	1015	1018	1016	**3049**

q01_01 – q01_06
I will read to you several statements. Please tell me about each of them do you totally agree, rather agree, neither agree nor disagree, rather disagree or totally disagree with the following statement

q01_01
Large differences in people's incomes are acceptable to properly reward differences in talents and efforts

N / %	August	September	October	**All waves**
Totally agree	83 8.67%	106 11.13%	112 11.67%	**301** **10.49%**
Rather agree	282 29.47%	308 32.35%	306 31.87%	**896** **31.23%**
Neither agree nor disagree	246 25.71%	248 26.05%	244 25.42%	**738** **25.72%**
Rather disagree	214 22.36%	185 19.43%	185 19.27%	**584** **20.36%**
Totally disagree	132 13.79%	105 11.03%	113 11.77%	**350** **12.20%**
Total	957	952	960	**2869** **100.00%**

q01_02
Schools must teach children only in Latvian language

N / %	August	September	October	**All waves**
Totally agree	244 24.77%	278 27.94%	289 28.96%	**811** **27.23%**
Rather agree	193 19.59%	193 19.40%	190 19.04%	**576** **19.34%**
Neither agree nor disagree	127 12.82%	144 14.47%	138 13.83%	**409** **13.73%**
Rather disagree	212 21.52%	191 19.20%	169 16.93%	**572** **19.21%**
Totally disagree	209 21.22%	189 18.99%	212 21.24%	**610** **20.48%**
Total	985	995	998	**2978** **100.00%**

q01_03
Social benefit, service, and unemployment insurance make people lazy

N / %	August	September	October	**All waves**
Totally agree	454 45.90%	431 43.67%	408 41.59%	**1293** **43.73%**
Rather agree	334 33.77%	345 34.95%	353 35.98%	**1032** **34.90%**
Neither agree nor disagree	122 12.34%	136 13.78%	134 13.66%	**392** **13.26%**
Rather disagree	64 6.47%	56 5.67%	72 7.34%	**192** **6.49%**
Totally disagree	15 1.52%	19 1.93%	14 1.43%	**48** **1.62%**
Total	989	987	981	**2957** **100.00%**

q01_04
The Russian state is a threat to the peace and security of Latvia

N / %	August	September	October	**All waves**
Totally agree	84 8.72%	96 10.16%	78 8.21%	**258** **9.03%**
Rather agree	152 15.78%	156 16.51%	167 17.58%	**475** **16.62%**
Neither agree nor disagree	186 19.31%	204 21.59%	200 21.05%	**590** **20.64%**
Rather disagree	246 25.55%	240 25.40%	251 26.42%	**737** **25.79%**
Totally disagree	295 30.63%	249 26.35%	254 26.74%	**798** **27.92%**
Total	963	945	950	**2858** **100.00%**

q01_05
The Russian state is a threat to the peace and security of Latvia

N / %	August	September	October	**All waves**
Totally agree	101 10.92%	108 11.60%	75 8.06%	**284** **10.19%**
Rather agree	184 19.89%	225 24.17%	233 25.05%	**642** **23.04%**
Neither agree nor disagree	232 25.08%	217 23.31%	237 25.48%	**686** **24.62%**
Rather disagree	240 25.95%	233 25.03%	246 26.45%	**719** **25.81%**
Totally disagree	168 18.16%	148 15.90%	139 14.95%	**455** **16.33%**
Total	925	931	930	**2786** **100.00%**

q01_06
The Russian state is a threat to the peace and security of Latvia

N / %	August	September	October	**All waves**
Totally agree	153 17.81%	146 17.38%	132 15.33%	**431** **16.84%**
Rather agree	333 38.77%	337 40.12%	373 43.32%	**1043** **40.74%**
Neither agree nor disagree	254 29.57%	264 31.43%	275 31.94%	**793** **30.98%**
Rather disagree	92 10.71%	70 8.33%	56 6.50%	**218** **8.52%**
Totally disagree	27 3.14%	23 2.74%	25 2.90%	**75** **2.93%**
Total	859	840	861	**2560** **100.00%**

q02
How proud are you to be Latvia inhabitant?

	August	September	October	**All Waves**
Very proud	252 26.28%	264 27.10%	256 26.20%	**772** **26.53%**
Quite proud	457 47.65%	476 48.87%	436 44.63%	**1369** **47.04%**
Not very proud	194 20.23%	193 19.82%	219 22.42%	**606** **20.82%**
Not at all proud	56 5.84%	41 4.21%	66 6.76%	**163** **5.60%**
Total	959	974	977	**2910** **100.00%**

q03
How interested would you say you are in politics?

	August	September	October	**All Waves**
Very interested	33 3.28%	47 4.72%	58 5.79%	**138** **4.60%**
Quite interested	257 25.57%	265 26.63%	248 24.78%	**770** **25.66%**
Hardly interested	472 46.97%	499 50.15%	435 43.46%	**1406** **46.85%**
Not at all interested	243 24.18%	184 18.49%	260 25.97%	**687** **22.89%**
Total	1005	995	1001	**3001** **100.00%**

q04_1 – q04_03
Please tell me, to what extent do you trust each of them - do you trust them completely, do you trust them to some extent, do you not trust them at all, do you not trust them at all?

q04_01
City or country council

	September	October	**All Waves**
Completely trust	76 8.12%	7 0.74%	**83** **4.40%**
Rather trust	477 50.96%	195 20.48%	**672** **35.59%**
Rather distrust	248 26.50%	520 54.62%	**768** **40.68%**
Completely distrust	135 14.42%	24.16%	**365** **19.33%**
Total	936	952	**1888** **100.00%**

q04_02
Saeima (national parliament)

	September	October	**All Waves**
Completely trust	11 1.15%	71 7.47%	**82** **4.29%**
Rather trust	186 19.38%	459 48.32%	**645** **33.77%**
Rather distrust	505 52.60%	272 28.63%	**777** **40.68%**
Completely distrust	258 26.88%	148 15.58%	**406** **21.26%**
Total	960	950	**1910** **100.00%**

q04_03
European parliament

	September	October	**All Waves**
Completely trust	27 3.33%	19 2.34%	**46** **2.83%**
Rather trust	291 35.84%	296 36.45%	**587** **36.15%**
Rather distrust	300 36.95%	313 38.55%	**613** **37.75%**
Completely distrust	194 23.89%	184 22.66%	**378** **23.28%**
Total	812	812	**1624** **100.00%**

q05
In politics, there are concepts such as "left" and "right" forces. How would you rate your affiliation of this scale in general?

	September	October	**All Waves**
0 [Left]	4 0.54%	0 0.00%	**4** **0.27%**
1	16 2.18%	12 1.60%	**28** **1.88%**
2	14 1.91%	19 2.53%	**33** **2.22%**
3	44 5.99%	31 4.12%	**75** **5.05%**
4	61 8.31%	55 7.31%	**116** **7.81%**
5	218 29.70%	195 25.93%	**413** **27.79%**
6	136 18.53%	118 15.69%	**254** **17.09%**
7	86 11.72%	104 13.83%	**190** **12.79%**
8	75 10.22%	109 14.49%	**184** **12.38%**
9	47 6.40%	67 8.91%	**114** **7.76%**
10 [Right]	33 4.50%	42 5.59%	**75** **5.05%**
Total	734	752	**1486** **100.00%**

q06_01 – q06_03
Please evaluate, to what extent should Latvia allow the people from the following countries to move to live here?

q06_01
from poorer European countries

	September	October	**All Waves**
allow many	46 4.86%	46 4.95%	**92** **4.90%**
allow some	234 24.71%	202 21.72%	**436** **23.23%**
allow a few	309 32.63%	294 31.64%	**603** **32.13%**
allow none	358 37.80%	388 41.72%	**746** **39.74%**
Total	947	930	**1877** **100.00%**

q06_02
from poorer the Middle East countries

	September	October	**All Waves**
allow many	13 1.36%	17 1.81%	**30** **1.59%**
allow some	121 12.70%	122 12.99%	**243** **12.84%**
allow a few	251 26.34%	221 23.54%	**472** **24.95%**
allow none	568 59.60%	579 61.66%	**1147** **60.62%**
Total	953	939	**1892** **100.00%**

q06_03
from poorer African countries

	September	October	**All Waves**
allow many	11 1.15%	14 1.49%	**25** **1.32%**
allow some	68 7.14%	78 8.30%	**146** **7.71%**
allow a few	198 20.78%	174 18.51%	**372** **19.65%**
allow none	676 70.93%	674 71.70%	**1350** **71.32%**
Total	953	940	**1893** **100.00%**

q06_04
from poorer Asian countries

	September	October	**All Waves**
allow many	14 1.47%	13 1.39%	**27** **1.43%**
allow some	80 8.40%	80 8.55%	**160** **8.47%**
allow a few	204 21.43%	196 20.94%	**400** **21.19%**
allow none	654 68.70%	647 69.12%	**1301** **68.91%**
Total	952	936	**1888** **100.00%**

Sociodemographic parameters (all waves)

d01
Gender

	N	%
Male	1424	46.70%
Female	1625	53.30%
Total	3049	100.00%

(Ministry of Interior, registered population [Jan. 2018] / Male 47.9%, Female 52.1%)

d02
Age (shortened)

	N	%
18-24	300	9.84%
25-34	562	18.43%
35-44	612	20.07%
45-54	562	18.43%
55-63	500	16.40%
64+	513	16.83%
Total	3049	100.00%

(Ministry of Interior, registered population [Jan. 2018] / 18-24: 8.9%, 25-34: 20.6%, 35-44: 18.8%, 45-54: 18.9%, 55-63: 17.1%, 64-75: 15.7%)

d02a
Marital status

	N	%
Married / Live with partner	1811	59.40%
Divorced / Separated	396	12.99%
Unmarried	547	17.94%
Widowed	295	9.68%
Total	3049	100.00%

d03
Number of household members

	N	%
1	608	19.94%
2	1016	33.32%
3	710	23.29%
4	493	16.17%
5	160	5.25%
6	41	1.34%
7	13	0.43%
8+	8	0.26%
Total	3049	100.00%

d04
Education

	N	%
No education	8	0.26%
Primary / Secondary uncompleted	298	9.77%
Secondary	721	23.65%
Professional or vocational secondary	1134	37.19%
Tertiary education	888	29.12%
Total	3049	100.00%

d05
Nationality (lv: Tautība)

	N	%
Latvian	1819	59.66%
Russian	985	32.31%
Others	245	8.04%
Total	3049	100.00%

(Ministry of Interior, registered population [Feb. 2014] / Latvian: 58.9%, Non-Latvian: 41.1%)

d05a
Language spoken in family

	N	%
Latvian	1861	61.04%
Russian	1169	38.34%
Other	19	0.62%
Total	3049	100.00%

d06
Citizenship of the Republic of Latvia (lv:pilsonība)

	N	%
Have	2641	86.62%
Don't have	408	13.38%
Total	3049	100.00%

d07
Sector of work

	N	%
Public sector (national and regional)	576	18.89%
Private sector	1420	46.57%
Don't work	1048	34.37%
Other	5	0.16%
Total	3049	100.00%

d08
Occupation

	N	%
Manager, senior or middle level	157	5.15%
Specialist or clerk, for non-physical work	860	28.21%
Laborer, for physical work	852	27.94%
Farmer (with own farm)	32	1.05%
Self-employed	100	3.28%
Pensioner	593	19.45%
Student	136	4.46%
House-worker / parental leave	148	4.85%
Unemployed	171	5.61%
Total	3049	100.00%

d09k
Average monthly income level per one family member (Euro, shortened)

	N	%
Under 150 euro	264	8.66%
151-220 euro	354	11.61%
221-290 euro	328	10.76%
291-360 euro	471	15.45%
361-430 euro	305	10.00%
over 430 euro	940	30.83%
DK	394	12.92%
Total	3049	100.00%

d_pils
Urban-rural

	N	%
Riga	1002	32.86%
Other cities	1075	35.26%
Rural	972	31.88%
Total	3049	100.00%

d10
Region (electoral district)

	N	%
Riga	1002	32.86%
Vidzeme	778	25.52%
Kurzeme	386	12.66%
Zemgale	444	14.56%
Latgale	439	14.40%
Total	3049	100.00%

D10A
Region (statistical district)

	N	%
Riga	1002	32.86%
Pieriga	567	18.60%
Vidzeme	303	9.94%
Kurzeme	386	12.66%
Zemgale	352	11.54%
Latgale	439	14.40%
Total	3049	100.00%

(Ministry of Interior, registered population [Feb. 2014] / Riga: 33.3%, Pieriga: 18.5%, Vidzeme: 9.7%, Kurzeme: 12.6%, Zemgale: 11.9%, Latgale: 14.1%)