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INTRODUCTION

The Social Research Center has been at the forefront of studying and monitoring public opinion regarding the performance of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. This latest report, covering the second quarter of 2020 from April to June, provides an analytical overview of the public's perception of the President's multifaceted activity during this period. It also compares this perception with the previous quarter.

The months of April through June 2020 were marked by the global fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This period represented a unique challenge, serving as a global 'stress test' for national political leadership, the personalities of leaders, and their qualities. According to researchers, countries that successfully navigate this test will emerge stronger, implementing reforms necessary to adapt to the new reality. Conversely, countries with weak and ineffective leadership may face significant challenges, leading to poverty, instability, and economic stagnation. Unfortunately, the number of countries falling into the latter category may exceed those in the former.

Political history demonstrates that major crises have major repercussions. Roosevelt's policy, for instance, helped the United States emerge from the Great Depression and become a global superpower. Or, more recently, the global financial crisis of 2008 caused dozens of world leaders to leave the political scene. Undoubtedly, shortly, historians will analyze all the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic according to this historical logic and justify the rise of some countries just with their more successful solution to the current crisis problems than others.

The results of the public opinion poll indicate that Azerbaijan is poised to emerge successfully from this test and gain even greater strength.

This statement is based on 3 key factors that determine the successful fight against the pandemic, discovered by researchers and experts about a year after it started:

1. Political leader factor;

2. Potential resources, power, and opportunities of the State;

3. Public trust and confidence.

In countries where leaders possess

these three 'success factor' pillars—citizens' confidence and trust, flexible strategic management, and a society characterized by mutual trust and national unity—they are better equipped to navigate the challenges posed by the pandemic and foster strong development. These qualities become invaluable national assets in times of crisis such as the coronavirus pandemic.

It is now widely recognized that during a pandemic, nations must make decisions that are not only practical but also moral, ethical, and spiritual. States have grappled with the dilemma of choosing between "saving citizens' health or the economy." In this context, the President of Azerbaijan prioritized the lives of the people above all else. This strategic decision underscored the government's commitment to safeguarding the health, well-being, and safety of its citizens, which is commendable.

President Ilham Aliyev has undertaken several anti-crisis measures such as providing economic support programs and social packages, modernizing healthcare infrastructure, and constructing new clinics to prioritize the welfare of the citizens. This approach emphasizes the citizens as the highest value and serves the purpose of creating a better society.

The Key Vectors of the Activity of the President of Azerbaijan in 2020/2

Further improvement of the Armed Forces, the National Army of Azerbaijan.

Considering the deep geopolitical transformations in the region and the world, the extreme aggravation of military-political processes, and probable threats to our national interests, the President stated his determination to improve further the Armed Forces, the National Army of Azerbaijan, and the importance of reviewing military expenditures against the background of the said processes. In public opinion, this policy was highly appreciated by the absolute majority.

Transforming the state administration according to the current challenges and the anti-crisis line.

The adaptable precautions implemented to combat the pandemic proved effective, and the state administration was prepared for worst-case scenarios, enabling the containment of the disease. This proactive approach allowed us to strike a balance amidst the pandemic's 'trilemma,' which poses a threat to all states: the health of citizens, economic sustainability, and political stability. The respondents unanimously share this opinion.

Despite the pandemic conditions, the President's reform policy was pursued continuously, with more decisive measures of a turning nature.

In particular, the reforms declared in the judicial and legal system, related to ensuring full transparency and accountability in the field of state revenues and forming good governance, and the exercise of political will attracted public attention.

Azerbaijan managed to combat COVID-19 mainly due to its economic and financial opportunities.

Combating the pandemic has created severe economic and financial problems on a global scale. As the President noted, "According to the details disclosed by the leading international financial institutions, more than 150 world countries applied to them for financial assistance. Azerbaijan was not on that list."

This is the practical result of the President's consistent policy and tireless activity aimed at making the Azerbaijani State independent of international financial institutions and other organizations and ensuring state independence in all areas based on its resources. In the course of combating the coronavirus, the Republic of Azerbaijan provided financial support to the World Health Organization and some countries.

As noted, many countries applied for aid and were assisted by huge financial donors. For example, Georgia received financial support of nearly USD 3 billion from foreign donors to combat the coronavirus. The exposure of large-scale corruption in Georgia, whose fight against the pandemic has been positively assessed, is currently one of the most discussed topics in the global media.

The President's socioeconomic support packages are incomparable in terms of their size and coverage of the citizens.

In Azerbaijan, about 5 million citizens are covered by a wide social package; Although 900,000 people work in the public sector, they do not work but receive wages from the State. Required financial support was provided to 760 thousand people, and their jobs were saved. 600,000 unemployed citizens, including those employed informally and temporarily losing their jobs, are covered by state support.

Despite the pandemic, no one social project was stopped, on the contrary, the volume of these projects reached a record level in 2020.

Social projects included 12 measures in four areas:

1. Protecting the employment of 1,660,000 citizens working under labour agreements;

2. Paying an aid of AZN 190 to the unemployed and low-income informally employed who have lost their income;

3. A paid public work program, specially created for the unemployed and informally employed.

Social payments of pensions, allowances, and scholarships, covering 2 million people, allowed Azerbaijan to rank first and second in purchasing power in the CIS area in terms of, respectively, minimum and average pensions.

In the 2nd quarter of 2020, measures were taken to create healthcare infrastructure in line with the pandemic policy.

During the corresponding quarter of the present year, 46 hospitals, 9 modular hospitals, 31 laboratories, and more than 10,000 beds were made ready to fight the coronavirus in 35 regions and cities of the Republic. Specifically, 46 hospitals were designated solely for coronavirus patients. In the 2nd quarter, AZN 58 million 300 thousand of wages, with temporary supplements of 3-5 times the salary, were paid to 64,038 medical employees. According to the survey results, the public attitude toward these measures is positive.

The public response to the President's activity in the field of foreign policy during the mentioned period was positive

During the reporting period, President Ilham Aliyev spearheaded the strategic initiative of unity and solidarity in combating the pandemic, not only on a national but also on a global scale.

President Aliyev's proactive approach led to the convening of the Extraordinary Summit of the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States via video conference. This historic summit, dedicated to addressing the global COVID-19 pandemic, marked the creation of the first international platform initiated by President Aliyev to combat the coronavirus.

Furthermore, on May 4, President Aliyev, in his capacity as the chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, convened the Non-Aligned Movement Summit via video conference. The summit, held in the format of a Contact Group under the theme 'We are together against COVID-19,' focused on combating the pandemic. President Aliyev highlighted in his speech, "The Coronavirus pandemic has fundamentally altered the global landscape, giving rise to new realities. Azerbaijan has responded with flexibility and adequacy to these new circumstances. The Summit of the Contact Group against the coronavirus of the Non-Aligned Movement, spearheaded by Azerbaijan, is a testament to this."

The WHO administration, the UN, the EU, and other international organizations, as well as the political leaders of other nations, warmly praised the President's initiative. "The coronavirus pandemic is a global threat, so it requires a global response. Starting from the first days of the pandemic, we have witnessed some countries and international organizations being confused by the coronavirus and choosing to close their borders. Under the current conditions when the pandemic is sweeping the world, the latter greatly needs solidarity and collaboration."

Also, on the initiative of the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Suma Chakrabarty, a video conference was held between him and President Ilham Aliyev. Suma Chakrabarti stressed that Azerbaijan ranks high in the world in terms of the poverty reduction rate. It should also be emphasised that the conceptual speeches of President Ilham Aliyev at his numerous meetings with the people as a clear example of improving the state administration under the conditions of a new extreme crisis - the coronavirus, the analysis of socio-economic development with the higher executive bodies, and his speeches concerning the tasks facing the governmental structures, should be evaluated as deep scientific and political provisions of a successful policy in a difficult period of a global pandemic and studied in depth from the standpoint of enriching the crisis management science.

Thus, due to the strategic leadership and crisis management abilities of President Ilham Aliyev, during the 2nd quarter of 2020, important success has been achieved in any and every area of his activity; under the conditions of global crisis and low oil prices, the citizens' health, sustainability of socio-economic development, and socio-political stability environment have been ensured.

The President's steady political course - the principle of unshakable political sovereignty, built on stable economic independence, formed the basis for ensuring national unity and created confidence in the public opinion that in the forthcoming period, the Republic of Azerbaijan will get out of the multifaceted global crisis with minimal losses.

This conclusion was confirmed in the analytical report based on the public opinion poll 'Trust Index'.

METHODOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES OF SURVEY

1.1. The Survey Coverage

The survey encompassed nine economic-geographic regions in Azerbaijan, including Baku, Absheron, Ganja-Gazakh, Shaki-Zagatala, Lankaran, Guba-Khachmaz, Upper Karabakh, Aran, and Daghlig Shirvan. It aimed to gather the opinions of 1212 respondents across these regions. Notably, the survey did not extend its coverage to the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic or the occupied regions.

1.2. Selection of Respondents

The report offers valuable insights into public opinion regarding various facets of President Ilham Aliyev's performance, both domestically and internationally. It underscores the importance of the President's initiatives, speeches, and actions, particularly during pivotal periods like the response to the COV-ID-19 pandemic. The report also delves into the public's trust and confidence in the President, along with their expectations regarding ongoing reforms.

1.3. The Research Method

The study utilized quantitative analysis, while the analytical analysis applied observational and comparative analysis methods.

1.4. Questionnaire

The survey questionnaire comprised 25 fundamental questions and 7 socio-demographic inquiries about the powers of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as outlined in Article 109 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan. These questions were organized into different combinations to assess citizens' sentiments toward the systematic efforts undertaken by the President across various strategic domains during the current period.

Before the nationwide and comprehensive survey, a preliminary telephone survey was conducted on July 23-24, 2020, involving a minimum of 25 respondents. Participants included individuals of both genders across all age groups. The questionnaire was subsequently revised based on the findings of the test survey.

1.5. Fieldwork

The fieldwork was performed on July 25-29, 2020, according to the survey plan. Phone calls were made between 10 a.m.-9 p.m. The average poll time was 7 min 26 s (standard deviation 3 min 35 s).

1.6. The Survey Method

Due to quarantine restrictions and concerns for the health of both the surveyors and respondents, telephone interviews were conducted for the survey. Modern technologies were utilized for the survey process, with the SurveytoGo survey software being employed to facilitate data collection and analysis.

1.7. Ethical Principles

During the survey, the code of ethics was met. Each respondent was completely informed of the purpose, regulations, and the organization performing the survey. Also, the respondents were informed in detail that their participation was voluntary, and they had the right to stop the talk at any time, abstain from expressing their opinion on any question, and delay the talk if the call time was not suitable.

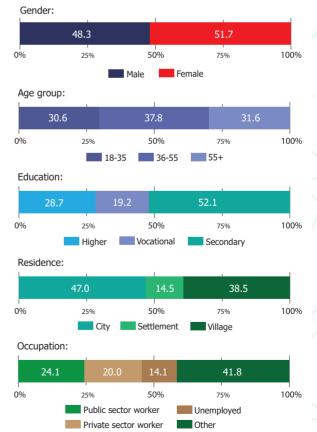
1.8. The privacy of the interviews was strictly maintained. In every interview, confidentiality was maintained. It was made clear to respondents that their responses would only be used broadly. The excellent trustworthiness of the survey data was ensured by this feature. Instructions

The Center employees have developed instructions for interviewers. Before starting the work, the interviewers have passed appropriate training.

During the training, interviewers got acquainted with the questionnaire and guidelines and were completely prepared for the survey. The interviewers received extensive explanations for each question in the questionnaire and performed the test survey.

1.9. Data Processing and Analysis

After the completion of the survey, the data collected for each profile was entered into the database and analyzed using a special software SPSS - Statistical Package for the Social Sciences. X2 and Pearson correlation analyses were used to find a statistically significant relationship between variables, compare variables between different socio-demographic groups, and study other dependencies.



Note: Due to rounding, the total percentages in the charts may differ from 100% (up to 2%).

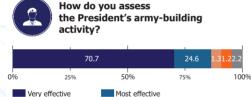
ASSESSING THE ARMY BUILDING ACTIVITY



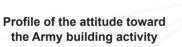
President's Action Calendar

May 09, 2020. Ilham Aliyev visited the grave of the twice Hero of the Soviet Union Hazi Aslanov. https://president.az/articles/38055

June 03, 2020. Ilham Aliyev visited military unit No. 'N' in the Aghdam region. https://president.az/articles/38990 June 25, 2020. Ilham Aliyev attended the opening of military unit No. 'N' of the Ministry of Defense. https://president.az/articles/39338



Mostly ineffective



Not effective

Not sure



A long with the factor that our country is at war, we can associate the need for rapid modernization of military power with geopolitical dynamics observed on a regional scale. - The attitude toward the President's army building activity in public opinion allows for stating that while the absolute majority of the respondents, 70.7% assess it as very effective and 24.6% - mainly effective, only 2.5% of the respondents expressed the opposite opinion. 2.2% of the total respondents had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

- In general, the President's work to build the army and modernize the armed forces was appreciated by 70.7% of the respondents higher compared to other actions.

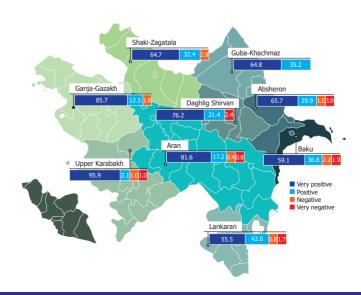
- Regional comparative analysis in this field allowed for stating that while the Upper Karabakh region gave the highest estimate, the Absheron economic region was distinguished by the lowest one with an indicator of 4.5%.

- 82.0% of 24.6% of the respondents who stated that over the last three months, their confidence and trust in the President had increased, also very positively assessed the President's army-building activity. 27.6% of 2.6% of the respondents who expressed an opposite opinion stated their consent with that idea (X²(12)=213.311, p<0.01).

- Herewith, 73.7% of 73.1% of the respondents who highly appreciated the President's activity in the aforementioned field also positively assessed the strategic measures taken in security and foreign policy. Considering that currently, these two fields of activity require very high coordination, we can affirm that the results of the analysis of the respondents' opinions show an adequate response to the work done in this area (X²(9)=432.467, p<0.01).

- 47.1% of 70.7% of the respondents who highly appreciate the army-building activity state that the President is well aware of what is happening in places (X^2 (9) = 85.237, P <0.01).

- Analyses show a significant statistical correlation between the President's army-building activity and measures taken as part of the Personnel reforms (r=0.512 (p<0.01)).



B oth global and national challenges require a new approach to state administration. The new approach requires competence in flexible decision-making based on mobile solutions and loyal Personnel policy based on the principles of statehood.

- The analysis of the survey results regarding Personnel reforms implemented by the President indicates that 53.9% of respondents view this activity as very effective, while 32.0% consider it mainly effective. On the other hand, 6.5% express negative opinions about these reforms.

- When examining public opinion on Personnel reforms by region, significant variations become apparent. The Upper Karabakh economic region received the highest estimation, with 83.3% of respondents considering the reforms effective. In contrast, Daghlig Shirvan stands out as a key economic region where only 11.9% of respondents view the activity in this field as effective, based on a direct comparison of opinions.

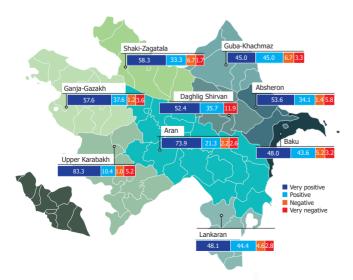
- 68.6% of 24.6% of the respondents who stated that their confidence and trust in the President had increased, also positively assessed the trend in the work done as part of the President's Personnel reforms. On the other hand, 8.0% of 2,6% of the respondents who stated that their confidence and trust had decreased, expressed a similar opinion concerning this field (X²(12)=211.629, p<0.01).

- 81.2% of 53.9% of the respondents who highly appreciate the President's new course in the field of Personnel reforms also very positively assess the President's initiatives on combating corruption and state that they support this process ($X^2(8)$ =704.979, p<0.01).

- On the other hand, 87.4% of 53.9% of the respondents who assess the work done in this field as very effective in general, consider the media coverage of the President's meetings with ministers and high-ranking officials to have a significant impact on the effective arrangement of their work ($X^2(6)=129.633$, p<0.01).

- While up to 74.3% of 6.4% of the respondents who negatively assess the Personnel reforms have a positive attitude toward arraigning officials on a criminal charge against the background of combating corruption, 18.0% of them expressed a negative attitude.

- Analyses allow for stating a significant statistical correlation between purposeful measures taken in the field of Personnel reforms and those associated with combating corruption (r=0.565 (p<0.01)).



ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF PERSONNEL REFORMS



President's Action Calendar

April 04, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing A.M. Ismayilov as the Executive Director of the Fund for the State Support to the Development of Mass Media under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. - https://president.az/articles/36330

May 01, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing K.B. Aliyev as the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

- https://president.az/ articles/37511

May 06, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing Deputy Chairman and chairpersons of Court Boards of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan. - https://president.az/articles/37854

May 12, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing A.M. Shirinov as the Rector of the Azerbaijan Institute of Theology. - https://president.az/ articles/38139

May 13, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing A.B. Gojayev as the Head of the Kalbajar Region Executive Power.

- https://president.az/articles/38217

May 14, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing T.G. Piriyev as the Executive Director of the Deposit Insurance Fund.

- https://president.az/articles/38638

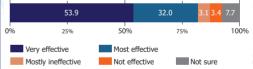
May 21, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing S.V. Orujov as the Head of the Agstafa Region Executive Power.

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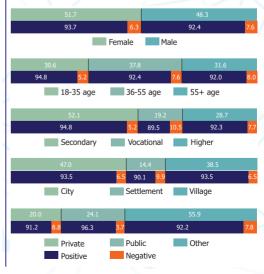
May 21, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing E.A. Rzayev as the Head of the Imishli Region Executive Power.

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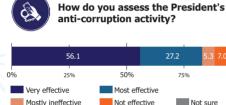
How do you assess the President's activity in the field of Personnel reforms?



Profile of the attitude toward the activity in the field of Personnel Reform

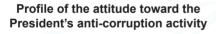


ASSESSING THE ANTI-CORRUPTION ACTIVITY



100%

100%



How do you assess arraigning officials

75%

Not sure

on a criminal charge against the background of combating corruption?

50%

Most effective

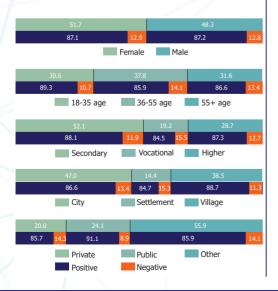
Not effective

78.5

25%

Very effective Mostly ineffective

0%



ombating corruption is always in the President's spotlight as one of the key priorities. In this regard, systemic improvement is being performed in both law-making and institutional aspects.

Analysis of the general situation in this field reveals that 56.1% of respondents view the work done as very effective, while 27.2% consider it mainly effective. However, 12.3% of respondents hold a negative attitude toward these efforts, and 4.4% had difficulty expressing their opinion.

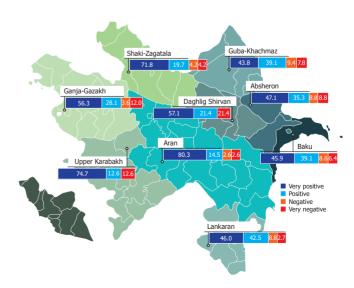
When comparing the survey results by region, it is evident that a significant portion of respondents from the Aran region (80.3%) positively assess the activity in this field. On the contrary, Daghlig Shirvan stands out as a region where the majority of respondents (21.4%) hold a negative opinion about the work done.

- 56.5% of the respondents who stressed that their confidence and trust in the President had increased (24.6%), also positively assessed the fundamental measures taken by the President as part of anti-corruption measures. 20.7% of 2,6% of the respondents who stated that their confidence and trust had decreased, expressed a similar opinion (X²(4)=113.442, p<0.01).

- Herewith, while 47.8% of 56.1% of the respondents with a positive attitude toward strategic decisions made by the President as part of anti-corruption measures, according to public opinion, noted that the President has operative information on what is happening in places, 4.1% stated their negative attitude toward the process (X²(9)=81.718, p<0.01).

- 36.5 and 33.4% of 56.1% of the respondents who express a positive attitude toward combating corruption, considering the coordinated actions of other governmental institutions along with the President's direct involvement in this activity, state their trust in, respectively, the Cabinet of Ministers ($X^2(12)=217.416$, p<0.01) and the Parliament ($X^2(11)=163.728$, p<0.01).

- Analyses allow for stating a significant statistical correlation between the anti-corruption measures and reforms in law enforcement bodies (r=0.499 (p<0.01)).



- The work carried out to ensure sociopolitical stability in the country is a major determinant of domestic policy and plays a strategic role in attracting foreign investment and other production factors to the country.

- According to the study of public opinion on the President's activity in this field, 59.0% of respondents view it as very effective, while 32.1% consider it mainly effective. However, 5.3% of respondents hold a negative attitude toward these efforts, and 3.6% had difficulty expressing their opinions on this issue.

- When comparing the survey results by region, it is notable that the Upper Karabakh region has the highest indicator of respondent satisfaction in this field, at 84.8%. Conversely, Daghlig Shirvan stands out as a region where negative attitudes prevail, with an indicator of 9.5%.

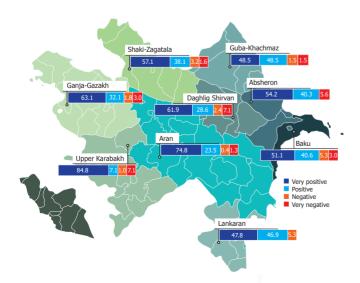
- Moreover, 68.7% of respondents who stated that their confidence and trust in the President had increased (24.6%) also positively assessed his initiatives in the field of sociopolitical stability on a national scale. Interestingly, 34.5% of respondents who stated that their confidence and trust had decreased still positively assessed the work done in this field (X²(12)=89.994, p<0.01).

- 79.7% of 59.0% of the respondents who assessed the strategic measures taken by the President in the field of sociopolitical stability as very effective as part of the survey, Also positively assessed the President's work to ensure social welfare (X²(9)=390.288, p<0.01).

- 85.0% of 59.0% of the respondents who assessed the measures taken by the President in the field of sociopolitical stability as very effective, also expressed a positive attitude toward arraigning officials on a criminal charge against the background of combating corruption (X²(12)=83.973, p<0.01).

- 32.9 and 38.2% of 59.0% of the respondents who assess the measures taken by the President in the field of sociopolitical stability as very effective, also trusts in, respectively, the Parliament (X²(12)=140.051, p<0.01) and local executive bodies (X²(12)=135.896, p<0.01).

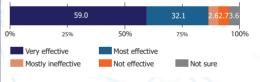
- There is a significant statistical correlation between the measures taken by the President in the field of sociopolitical stability and strategic measures implemented in the field of foreign policy (r=0.555 (p<0.01)).



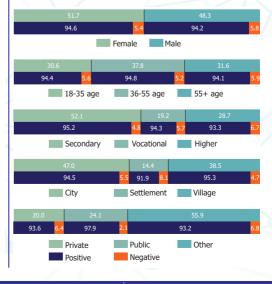
ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF SOCIOPOLITICAL STABILITY



How do you assess the President's activity in the field of sociopolitical stability?



Profile of the attitude toward the President's activity in the field of sociopolitical stability



ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELDS OF SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY



President's Action Calendar

April 10, 2020. The Extraordinary Summit of the Turkic Council was held via a video conference on the initiative of Ilham Aliyev. https://president.az/articles/36412 June 18, 2020. Ilham Aliyev attended the Eastern Partnership Summit via a video conference.

https://president.az/articles/39235

June 30, 2020. A video conference was held between Ilham Aliyev and the Secretary General of the World Tourism Organization. https://president.az/articles/39379

How do you evaluate the President's activities in the direction of security and foreign policy?

	54.0		28.9	3.	3 3.1	10.7
0%	25%	50%		75%		100%
Very	effective	Most e	effective			
Most	tly ineffective	Not ef	fective	No	ot sure	9

Profile of the attitude toward the President's activity in the fields of security and foreign policy



ur country's geopolitical position and the state of war determine the President's strategic course in the fields of security and foreign policy, which requires extremely flexible decisions while considering all possible scenarios. Additionally, bi- and multilateral cooperation formats in ensuring economic independence also demand a strategic approach based on permanent state interests.

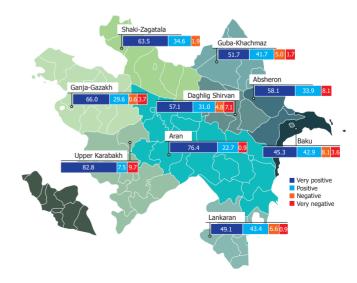
The assessment of the President's activity in the fields of security and foreign policy during the period under consideration, based on public opinion, can be summarized as follows: 54.0% and 28.9% of respondents view the work done in this field as very and mainly effective, respectively. However, 6.4% of respondents hold a negative attitude toward these efforts, and interestingly, 10.7% had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

- Based on the assessment of the President's work in the fields of security and foreign policy, it can be concluded that the Upper Karabakh region has the highest rating of 82.8%. On the other hand, Daghlig Shirvan with an indicator of 11.9% has the highest number of respondents with a negative attitude, making it the region where people have the most negative views.

- The majority of the respondents positively assess foreign policy as one of the main fields of the President's activity, having strategic importance (54.0% very effective, 28.9% mainly effective). 59.6% of these respondents stated that their confidence and trust in the President have increased. When estimating the opposite attitude, we see that 23.1% of 4.3% of the respondents who state that their confidence and trust in the President have decreased, also positively assess the work done in the field of security and foreign policy X²(12)=137.904, p<0.01).

- 79.7% of 54.0% of the respondents who assessed the President's activity in the fields of security and foreign policy as very effective, and also positively assess the measures taken to develop international economic cooperation ($X^2(9)$ =578.442, p<0.01).

- There is a significant statistical correlation between the strategic measures taken by the President in the fields of security and foreign policy and measures implemented to ensure economic development (r=0.520 (p<0.01)).



The profound impacts of the COVID-19 wave, characterizing the period under review in the President's activity, have emerged as a pivotal focus on the global and local healthcare agenda. Within this context, the emphasis on the human (civil) factor, identified by the President as a central determinant of the anti-crisis strategy, has catalyzed comprehensive regulatory and supportive measures directed towards healthcare system enhancement. Consequently, noteworthy findings have been gleaned about the modernization of the healthcare system.

- In this field, 46.7% and 32.6% of the respondents assessed the work as very and mainly effective, respectively. Conversely, 17.1% expressed a negative attitude. Additionally, 3.6% of the total respondents abstained from expressing their opinions on this matter.

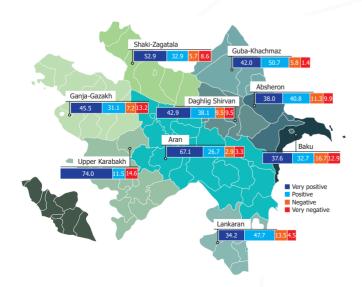
- The assessment of the President's activity in the healthcare system varies regionally. The Upper Karabakh economic region stands out with the highest positive attitude, expressed by the absolute majority of its respondents (74.0%). Conversely, the Baku region ranked last due to the opposite position held by 29.6% of its respondents.

- 57.5% of 24.6% of the respondents who stated that their confidence and trust in the President had increased, also positively assessed the work done to modernize the healthcare system. On the other hand, up to 22.2% of the respondents who stated that their confidence and trust in the President had decreased, positively assessed the work done in this field (X²(12)=101.485, p<0.01).

- 53.2% of 46.7% of the respondents who assess the modernization initiatives in the said field as very effective, consider that the President is well-informed of what is happening in places ($X^2(3)$ =118.365, p<0.01).

- 78.3% of the respondents who assessed the work performed by the President to modernize the healthcare system as very effective, also positively assesses the President's approach to combating corruption ($X^2(12)=312.284$, p<0.01).

- There is a significant statistical correlation between the activity in this field and measures implemented by the President to ensure economic development (r=0.505 (p<0.01)).



ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM MODERNIZATION



President's Action Calendar

April 06, 2020. Ilham Aliyev attended the opening of a medical mask production facility in the Sumgait Chemical Industrial Park. - https://president.az/articles/36333

April 07, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on supplementary measures to strengthen the fight against the Coronavirus pandemic.

- https://president.az/articles/36349

April 09, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the allocation of funds for the supply of necessary medical equipment and other medical products as part of the healthcare measures performed in the Republic of Azerbaijan. - https://president.az/articles/36384

May 07, 2020. Ilham Aliyev attended the opening of the first modular hospital complex.

- https://president.az/articles/37923

May 12, 2020. Ilham Aliyev attended the opening of Gilan Textile Park LLC's medical mask factory protective overall production facility in Sumgait.

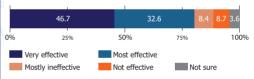
- https://president.az/articles/38153

June 09, 2020. Ilham Aliyev and First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva attended the opening of three modular hospitals. - https://president.az/articles/39064

June 24, 2020. Ilham Aliyev attended the opening of a modular hospital in Ganja. - https://president.az/ articles/39310 June 25, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on supplementary measures associated with the design and construction of the Samukh Regional Central Hospital. - https://president.az/articles/39332



How do you assess the President's activity in modernizing the healthcare system?



Profile of the attitude toward the President's activity in modernizing the healthcare system

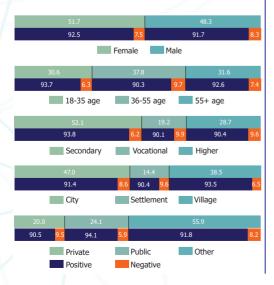


ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM MODERNIZATION

How do you assess the President's activity in modernizing the law enforcement system?

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Profile of the attitude toward the President's activity in modernizing the law enforcement system



The analysis indicates that a significant portion of the respondents expressed satisfaction with the President's activity in modernizing the law enforcement system, with 52.6% considering it very effective and 32.0% mostly effective. Those expressing an opposite attitude make up 7.3% of the respondents, while approximately the same number (8.2%) had difficulty expressing their opinion on the work done in this field.

Regionally, the Upper Karabakh region ranks first with a satisfaction indicator of 76.5%, reflecting a high level of satisfaction, while Absheron stands out as a region with the most negative attitude, with an indicator of 11.5%.

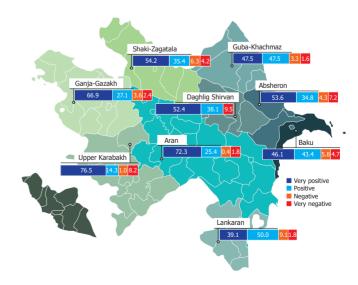
Furthermore, among respondents who stated that their trust and confidence in the President had increased (24.6%), 65.4% expressed satisfaction with the reforms in law enforcement agencies. Conversely, among those whose trust and confidence had decreased (2.6% of respondents), around 28.0% expressed satisfaction with the measures implemented in this field (X²(12)=171.760, p<0.01).

- 79.2% of 52.6% of the respondents who assessed the systemic reforms performed by the President in the field of modernizing the law enforcement system as very effective, also appreciated the work done in combating corruption ($X^2(9)=453.010$, p<0.01).

- On the other hand, the absolute majority of the respondents who positively assess the President's activity on modernizing law enforcement bodies state that they support the President's reform initiatives in the judicial system to a significant extent (78.7%). Up to 5.3% of 7.3% of the respondents who negatively assessed the measures taken in the said field, assessed positively the judicial reforms (X²(1)=344.369, p<0.01).

- 87.1% of 52.6% of the respondents who positively assessed the focused policy implemented by the President in the field of modernizing law enforcement bodies, also positively assessed arraigning officials on a criminal charge against the background of combating corruption ($X^2(12)=179.242$, p<0.01).

- There is a significant statistical correlation between the measures taken to modernize the law enforcement system and the work done in the field of sociopolitical stability (r=0.551 (p<0.01)).



The judicial system reforms have been developing according to new dynamics since the end of 2019. In the development trajectory of these dynamics, the recent trend of forming specialized courts and mediation institutions at the country level is noteworthy. In general, the judicial system modernization continues to be among the President's key priorities.

- The general sentiment regarding the work done in the field of modernizing the judicial system indicates that 37.6% and 30.5% of the respondents view it as very and mostly effective, respectively. Conversely, only 9.9% expressed an opposite attitude, while 22.0% had difficulty expressing their opinion on this matter.

- By region, Upper Karabakh stands out as the most satisfied economic region, with 73.9% of respondents indicating satisfaction. Conversely, the most dissatisfied respondents come from the Guba-Khachmaz economic region, with an indicator of 17.0%.

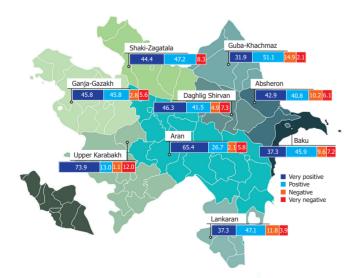
- The survey results reveal that 24.6% of respondents who stated that their trust and confidence in the President had increased also consider the reforms implemented in modernizing the judicial system to be acceptable. Conversely, among the 2.6% of respondents who stated a decrease in trust and confidence in the President, 14.6% expressed a positive attitude toward the measures taken in this field (X²(12)=100.661, p<0.01).

- Another strategic point is that 47.8 and 28.7% of 37.6% of the respondents who assess the judicial system modernization initiatives as very effective, also state that for the current period, they, respectively, trust and mostly trust the courts ($X^2(12)=330.888$, p<0.01). Note that in the previous Social Research Center surveys, this indicator was around 49.0%.

- 88.6% of 37.6% of the respondents who assess the President's thoroughgoing judicial reforms as very effective, also positively assess arraigning officials on a criminal charge against the background of combating corruption ($X^2(12)=109.186$, p<0.01).

- 55.7 and 36.4% of the respondents who assess the focused measures taken in this field as very effective, also state that the President is, respectively, completely and partially aware of what is happening in places ($X^2(9)$ =128.821, p<0.01).

- There is a significant statistical correlation between the judicial system modernization initiatives and the measures taken toward law enforcement bodies (r=0.551 (p<0.01)).



ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM MODERNIZATION



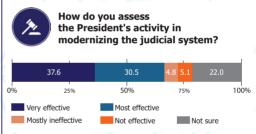
President's Action Calendar

May 01, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing K.B. Aliyev as the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Azerbaijan. - https://president.az/ articles/37511

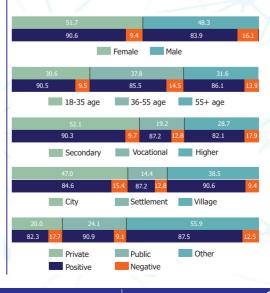
May 06, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing Deputy Chairman and chairpersons of Court Boards of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan. - https://president.az/articles/37854

May 06, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing chairpersons of Court Boards of Courts of Appeal. - https://president.az/articles/37856 May 06, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appointing judges and chairpersons of some first-instance courts and changing the duties of some first-in-

stance court judges. - https://president.az/articles/37857



Profile of the attitude toward the President's activity in modernizing the judicial system



ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF ENSURING SOCIAL WELFARE



President's Action Calendar

April 06, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the amnesty of some convicted persons. - https://president.az/articles/36336

April 24, 2020. Ilham Aliyev got acquainted with the progress of construction work in estates of residential buildings for 3042 internally displaced families.

- https://president.az/articles/37016

May 19, 2020. Ilham Aliyev participated in the opening of DOST Center No. 3. - https://president.az/articles/38535 On May 25, 2020, Ilham Aliyev participated in the opening of baby houses/nursery schools in the city of Shamakhi and the region's Meysari village. - https://president.az/articles/38771 May 25, 2020. Ilham Aliyev got acquainted with the conditions in multi-apartment buildings being built in Shamakhi. - https://president.az/articles/38772

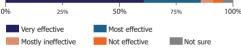
May 28, 2020. Ilham Aliyev attended the opening of the Gobu Park-3 residential complex built for internally displaced persons. - https://president.az/articles/38814

June 03, 2020. Ilham Aliyev participated in the opening of the ASAN Hayat complex in Aghjabedi.

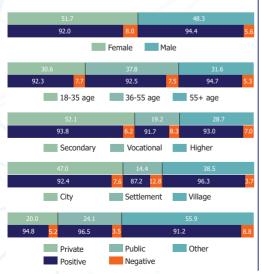
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June 24, 2020. Ilham Aliyev got acquainted with the construction of a residential complex by the State Housing Construction Agency (SHCA) in Ganja. - https://president.az/articles/39302 June 24, 2020. Ilham Aliyev got acquainted with the construction of a residential estate for internally displaced persons in the Samukh region. - https://president.az/articles/39329





Profile of the attitude toward the President's activity in the field of ensuring social welfare



The quest for social welfare demands optimal coordination and strategic planning within the policies pursued in this domain. Enhancing social welfare and fostering inclusivity stand as fundamental components of the President's overarching political agenda. Amid the challenges posed by the pandemic, the President's approach to this sphere is notably distinctive.

- The overall assessment of the survey results reveals that 61.1% and 29.9% of respondents appraise the initiatives and efforts in this realm as very and mostly effective, respectively. A mere 6.7% of the respondents hold an opposing view. When examining opinions based on regional perspectives, the Upper Karabakh economic region stands out for its positive sentiments. Baku, on the other hand, stands out with a notable 15.4% of respondents expressing a contrary attitude compared to other regions.

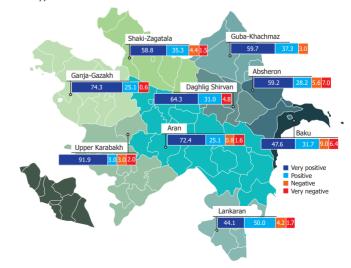
- Analyzing the measures taken in this field concerning the key survey indicator, it is observed that 73.1% of those who claim an increase in trust and confidence in the President (24.6% of the respondents) positively evaluate the medium- and long-term strategic measures implemented for social welfare. Conversely, 13.3% of those who state a decrease in trust and confidence (2.6% of the respondents) express a positive attitude towards these measures (X²(12)=274.287, p<0.01).

- Of the respondents who assessed the President's focused measures on improving social welfare (61.1%) as very effective, 78.5% also positively evaluated the President's programmatic initiatives in the field of ensuring economic development (X²(9)=941.839, p<0.01).

- The public perception of the President's sustainable development strategy, directly linked to the field and aimed at regional development, is marked by the positive opinion of 76.0% of the respondents ($X^2(9)=521.796$, p<0.01).

- Among those who positively assess these policy initiatives, 40.1% express trust in local executive bodies ($X^2(12)=138.267$, p<0.01). Additionally, the same segment of respondents conveys the opinion that media coverage of the President's meetings with heads of relevant institutions and ministers positively influenced the efficiency of their work (87.0%) ($X^2(6)=147.184$, p<0.01).

- There is a significant statistical correlation between the President's initiatives in the field of ensuring social welfare and the measures taken to ensure regional development (r=0.553 (p<0.01)).



The restricted activity of various sectors of the economy, based on quarantine requirements due to the pandemic, necessitates taking specific support measures in this field. The President's conceptual approaches aimed at ensuring economic development in the said period also cover the post-pandemic period.

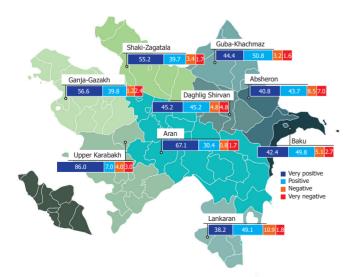
- 50.7% and 37.1% of the respondents assessed the President's initiatives in the field of ensuring economic development as very and mostly effective, respectively. On the other hand, 6.4% of the respondents negatively assessed the work done in this field, while 5.9% had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue. While the Upper Karabakh economic region with an indicator of 86.0% ranks first with the most positive opinion on this issue, Absheron with an indicator of 15.5% stands out as an economic region with the most negative attitude.

- Amid global economic uncertainties, the determinant of economic development holds significant strategic importance as a critical sub-indicator influencing the dynamics of trust and confidence in the President. Notably, 62.1% of respondents indicating an increase in trust and confidence in the President (24.6%) also expressed positive sentiments towards the strategic concepts implemented to ensure economic development. Conversely, 20.0% of the respondents who report a decrease in trust and confidence (2.6%) share the same opinion (X²(12)=162.910, p<0.01).

- A substantial portion (83.8%) of respondents who consider the President's strategic approach to ensuring economic development as very effective (50.7%) also express their support for regional development measures, acknowledged as major components of these initiatives ($X^2(12)=790.739$, p<0.01).

- Among respondents who perceive the focused measures and strategic concepts implemented in this field as very effective, 42.9% also appreciate the supplementary initiatives carried out in this area by the Cabinet of Ministers ($X^2(12)=242.430$, p<0.01).

- There is a significant statistical correlation between the President's initiatives in the field of ensuring economic development and judicial system reforms (r=0.553 (p<0.01)).



ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF ENSURING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



President's Action Calendar

April 14, 2020. A meeting dedicated to the socioeconomic results for the first quarter of the year was held via a video conference, chaired by Ilham Aliyev.

- https://president.az/articles/36526

May 22, 2020. Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on establishing and arranging the activity of the Alat Free Economic Zone.

- https://president.az/articles/38706

June 03, 2020. A cereal seed processing plant was commissioned in the Aghjabedi region.

- https://president.az/articles/38996

June 04, 2020. The regulation for granting concessional loans at the expense of the Entrepreneurship Development Fund of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

- https://president.az/articles/39024 June 24, 2020. Ilham Aliyev attended the opening of a con-

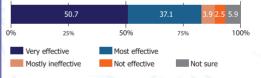
struction material plant in Ganja.

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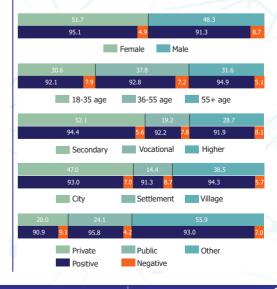
June 24, 2020. Ilham Aliyev got acquainted with the activity of Agro Dairy LLC's Agropark in Samukh. - https://president.az/articles/39331



How do you assess the measures taken by the President to ensure economic development?



Profile of the attitude toward the President's activity in the field of ensuring economic development



ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF ENSURING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



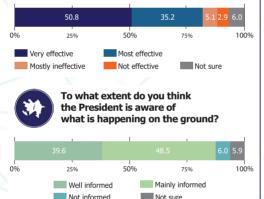
President's Action Calendar

April 03, 2020. Ilham Aliyev got acquainted with the work done as part of the Baku-Sumgait road widening. - https://president.az/articles/36313 May 25, 2020. Ilham Aliyev's visit to the Shamakhi region. - https://president.az/articles/38766 June 03, 2020. Ilham Aliyev visited the Tartar region. - https://president.az/articles/38973 June 03, 2020. Ilham Aliyev visited the Aghjabedi district.

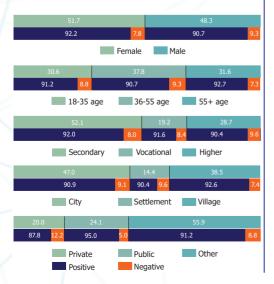
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- June 24, 2020. Ilham Alivev visited Gania.
- https://president.az/articles/39300
- June 24, 2020. Ilham Aliyev visited the Samukh region.
- https://president.az/articles/39328
- June 24, 2020. Ilham Aliyev visited Mingachevir.
- https://president.az/articles/39336



How do you assess the measures taken by the President to ensure regional development?



Profile of the attitude toward the President's activity in the field of ensuring regional development



he clustering initiatives in the field of ensuring regional development and the optimal assessment of the economic potential of respective regions are always the focus of the President's attention.

- The preliminary survey results allow for noting that 50.8 and 35.2% of the respondents assess the President's initiatives in this field as, respectively, very and mostly effective. 6.4% of them expressed the opposite opinion. On the other hand, 5.9% of the respondents had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

- The geographical dynamics of satisfaction with regional development show that Upper Karabakh (84.4%) stands out as an economic region with the most positive attitude, while Lankaran (21.7%) stands out as an economic region with a majority of respondents expressing a negative opinion.

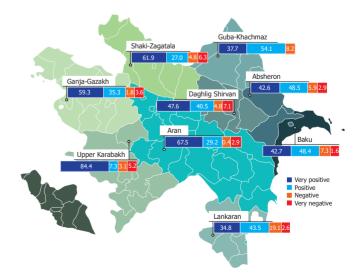
- For a long time, ensuring regional development has been in the President's spotlight as one of the key strategic goals. The analysis shows that this indicator is urgent for all periods as a decisive factor in forming trust and confidence in the President. During the current assessment, 63.1% of the respondents who stated that their trust and confidence in the President has increased, also positively assessed the systemic reforms implemented to ensure regional development while 11.1% of those who stated that their trust and confidence is low, positively assessed the work done in the said field (X²(12)=149.428, p<0.01).

- 42.5% of 50.8% of the respondents who assess the work done in the field of regional development as very efficient trust the activity of local executive bodies, which are the direct executors of the President's strategic decisions in the regions ($X^2(12)=174.583$, p<0.01).

- 87.2% of the respondents who highly appreciated the President's activity in the field of regional development, also positively assessed arraigning officials on a criminal charge against the background of combating corruption ($X^2(12)=95.926$, p<0.01).

- 54.1 and 39.4% of 50.8% of the respondents who assessed the focused initiatives in the said field as very effective, consider that the President is, respectively, completely and partially aware of what is happening in places ($X^2(12)=201.931$, p<0.01).

- There is a significant statistical correlation between the measures taken in this context and the President's initiatives in the field of ensuring social welfare (r=0.553 (p<0.01)).



The analysis of the survey results allows for noting that 53.4 and 31.1% of the respondents assess the measures taken by the President to expand international economic cooperation as, respectively, very and mostly effective. 4.0% of the total respondents take the opposite position. 11.6% of the respondents had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

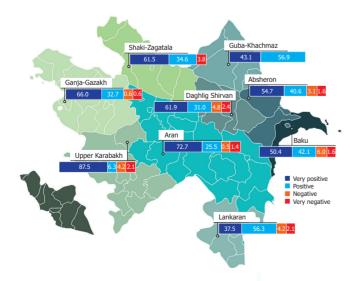
- Regarding the regional situation, a large majority of respondents in the Upper Karabakh economic region (87.5%) have expressed a positive opinion on the President's initiatives aimed at expanding economic cooperation. On the other hand, Baku has been identified as the region with the most negative attitude towards these initiatives, with only 7.6% of respondents expressing support.

- Periodic review of international economic cooperation is extremely important in terms of ensuring medium and long-term national interests. This field is considered one of the factors significantly affecting the dynamics of trust and confidence in the President based on the intersecting interests of foreign and economic policy. The analysis of the survey results allows for asserting that 54.2% of the respondents who state that their trust and confidence in the President is high, also positively assess the work done in the field of expanding international economic cooperation. 16.7% of the respondents who state that their trust and confidence in the President is low, also agree with this opinion (X²(12)=147.669, p<0.01).

- 79.7% of 53.4% of the respondents who assess the President's initiatives in the said field as very effective, also expressed a positive opinion on the measures taken to ensure economic development ($X^2(9)=790.113$, p<0.01).

40.6% of the respondents who very positively assess the work done in this field, also highly appreciate the supporting role of the Cabinet of Ministers in this area ($X^2(12)=159.640$, p<0.01). Confidence in the Parliament as another branch of the government, distinguished by its significant powers and contributions to expanding international cooperation, is around 38.8% ($X^2(12)=164.341$, p<0.01).

- Foreign policy is of particular importance as a field having a significant statistical correlation with the measures taken by the President to expand international economic cooperation (r=0.555 (p<0.01)).



ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF EXPANDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION



President's Action Calendar

April 28, 2020. A video conference was held between Ilham Aliyev and the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

- https://president.az/articles/37305

May 15, 2020. On the initiative of CISCO, a video conference was held between President Ilham Aliyev and the Company's management.

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May 22, 2020. On the initiative of Signify, a video conference was held between Ilham Aliyev and the Company's management.

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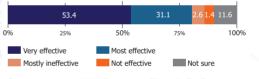
June 1, 2020. On the initiative of the Asian Development Bank, a video conference was held between President IIham Aliyev and the Bank's management.

- https://president.az/articles/38904

June 16, 2020. A video conference was held between IIham Aliyev the Vice President and other representatives of Microsoft. - https://president.az/articles/39176



How do you assess the measures taken by the President to expand international economic cooperation?



Profile of the attitude toward the President's activity in the field of expanding international economic cooperation



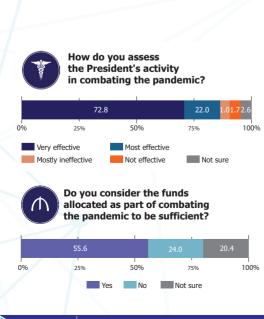
ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF COMBATING PANDEMIC



President's Action Calendar

March 19, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on some measures to reduce the negative impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the resulting sharp fluctuations in the world energy and stock markets on the economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, macroeconomic stability, employment, and business entities in the country. - https://president.az/articles/36228 April 14, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on strengthening the social protection of social service employees during the special quarantine regime. - https://president.az/articles/36518

April 14, 2020. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the allocation of funds to improve granting microcredits to agricultural producers during and after the coronavirus pandemic. - https://president.az/articles/36524 April 17, 2020. Ilham Aliyev held a meeting in video communication format with the participation of the Ministers of Labor and Social Protection of the Population and Economy. - https://president.az/articles/36654



The anti-crisis management strategy implemented by the Azerbaijani State encompasses all measures aimed at preventing the deepening of the crisis, eliminating its effects, and minimizing its consequences. This comprehensive approach includes anticipating potential crisis threats, swiftly responding to signals of crisis, establishing effective management and communication mechanisms to oversee crises, implementing preventive measures, providing socioeconomic support to mitigate negative impacts, and evaluating the overall effectiveness of crisis management efforts.

Azerbaijan has developed and executed an exemplary anti-crisis strategy in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and its resulting economic challenges. The country has rallied all social strata and resources around the President's rallying cry of "We are stronger together!" This collective national solidarity has been instrumental in combating the crisis and minimizing its adverse effects on the economy.

In general, among the individuals and institutions operating in this area, the President's activity significantly affects the positive assessment of the State's policy of combating the pandemic. Therefore, a statistically significant correlation was established between these two indicators (r=0.477, p<0.01). By the Presidential Order dated March 19, AZN 1.0 (one) billion was allocated to the Cabinet of Ministers to fund the measures aimed at reducing the negative impact of the pandemic on the country's economy, macroeconomic stability, employment, and business entities, and later these funds were increased to AZN 3.5 billion. The Action Plan related to implementing the President's appropriate order comprises 10 measures in 4 fields and covers 2.5 mln citizens.

The public attitude to the funds, allocated to combat the pandemic, was also considered as part of the survey. Thus, during the survey performed in April, 55.6% of the total respondents stated that they considered the allocated funds to be sufficient. 24.0% of the respondents took the opposite position. In particular, note that 20.4% of the respondents had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

- 71.7% of the respondents who positively assessed the State's anti-crisis policy in the said field (88.4%), also stated that they were significantly afraid of being infected with the COV-ID-19 virus. An interesting point is that 56.4% of 7.9% of the respondents who take the opposite position state that they are afraid of being infected with the virus.

While 40.5% of the respondents working in the private sector consider the funds aimed at combating the pandemic to be sufficient, 38.1% of them take the opposite position.

21.4% of the respondents working in the private sector had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

- While 46.4% of self-employed respondents consider the allocated funds to be sufficient, 42.3% of them take the opposite position.

- The attitude of public sector employees and retirees toward this issue is characterized as follows. Thus, according to the survey, 58.5 and 68.2% of the respondents working in the public sector and retirees, respectively, considered the allocated funds sufficient.

In general, implementing anti-crisis strategies at the international level is crucial, especially in response to global challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic. The mobilization efforts during the financial and economic crisis of 2008 serve as a significant example of international cooperation in crisis management.

In response to the COVID-19 epidemic, Azerbaijan has engaged in important regional and global activities. The survey investigated the public's attitudes toward these initiatives. It found that 68.2% of respondents positively assessed Azerbaijan's allocation of 5 million USD to the World Health Organization, while 5% held a negative view. Interestingly, 26.8% of respondents were unaware of this allocation.

Additionally, the survey examined attitudes toward Azerbaijan's initiative to convene meetings with Turkic Council countries as part of combating the pandemic. The results showed that 53.6% of respondents viewed this initiative positively, 1.2% negatively, and 45.2% were unaware of it.

The public opinion on the meetings of the member countries of the regional and international integration associations and international solidarity initiatives of the Country's leadership as part of combating the pandemic was studied.

- While a significant part of respondents (60.9%) positively assessed Azerbaijan's initiative of the meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement member countries as part of combating the pandemic, 36.5% of the respondents stated that they were not aware of this initiative.

- A similar situation was recorded in assessing the initiative of a meeting of the Eastern Partnership countries as part of combating the pandemic. Thus, 59.4% of the respondents took a positive position, while 38.4% stated that they were not aware of this.



President's Action Calendar

April 10, 2020. The Extraordinary Summit of the Turkic Council was held via a video conference on the initiative of Ilham Aliyev. https://president.az/articles/36412 May 04, 2020. On the initiative of Ilham Aliyev, the Non-Aligned Movement Summit was held in the format of the Contact Group. https://president.az/articles/37705 June 18, 2020. Ilham Aliyev attended the Eastern Partnership Summit via a video conference https://president.az/articles/39235



Assessing the participation of Azerbaijan in combating the pandemic on a global scale

How do you assess Azerbaijan's initiative to provide U

	USD 5 mln. to the WHO as part of combating the pandemic?				
	68.2		5.0	26.8	
	How do you assess Azerbaijan's i Turkic Council countries as part c				
	53.6	1.2		45.2	
	How do you assess Azerbaijan's i aid to various countries as part of				
	76.7			17.0	6.4
	How do you assess Azerbaijan's i of the Non-Aligned Movement as				emic?
	60.9	2.6		36.5	
	How do you assess Azerbaijan's i Eastern Partnership countries as				
	59.4	2.3		38.4	
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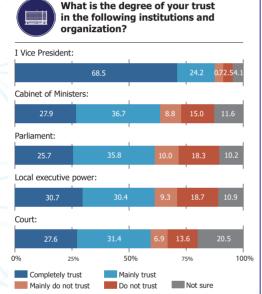
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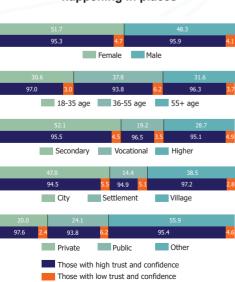
DYNAMICS OF CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN THE PRESIDENT

How has your confidence and trust in the President changed over the last 3 months?

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0%	25%	50%	75%	100
My	confidence and tru	st have not change	ed, stayed at a hi	gh level
My	confidence and tru	st have increased		
My	confidence and tru	st have not change	ed, stayed at a lo	w level
My	confidence and tru	st have decreased		
Not	sure			





He is aware of what is happening in places

The analysis of the survey results allows for noting that the absolute majority of respondents have high confidence and trust in the President. Thus, 70.0% of the respondents. Thus, 70.0% of the respondents state that their trust and confidence are high, and 24.6% of them note that their trust and confidence in the President have increased. 2.6% of the respondents state that their confidence and trust have decreased, and 1.7% of them note that they remain low. In particular, note that only 1.1% of the respondents stated that they had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

In the opinion of 24.6% of the respondents who state that their trust and confidence in the President has increased, army building ranks first with an indicator of 82.0% as a field of activity, assessed as very efficient compared to others. Judiciary reforms with an indicator of 55.4% is the least positively evaluated by this respondent segment.

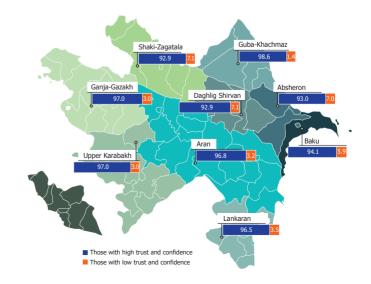
- 70.0% of the respondents state that their confidence and trust in the President remain respectively, in the fields of activity such as army building (66.1%) and modernizing the healthcare system (41.6%).

- The analysis of the opinions of 1.7% of the respondents who state that their confidence and trust have not changed but remain low shows that while they most appreciate the work done in the field of army building with the indicator of 38.9%, measures taken to ensure regional development is the least positively assessed field of activity (5.6%).

- Considering the attitude of 2.6% of the respondents who state that their trust and confidence in the President has decreased as part of the survey, we can see that the most positively assessed factor is sociopolitical stability with an indicator of 34.5% while the least positively assessed field of activity is Personnel reforms (8.0%).

- 40.7% of the respondents with high trust and confidence in the President believe that while 4.8% of them consider that the The president is not aware of this.

- Thereat, 18.9% of the respondents who took the opposite position noted that the President is well-informed of what is happening in places, and 24.5% of them believe that his awareness level is low ($X^2(3)$ =40.873, p<0.01).



87.1, 47.7, and 9.5% of 24.6% of the respondents who note that their trust and confidence in the President have increased during the survey period, also state that they get information on the President's activity from, respectively, television, social networks, and other people. On the other hand, 59.4, 56.3, and 15.6% of the 2.6% of respondents who note that their trust and confidence have decreased, state that they get information in this field from, respectively, television, social networks, and other people (X²(32)=124.547, p<0.01).

- 93.7% of 81.1% of the respondents who get information on the President's activity mainly from television, note that they watch the President's interviews on local channels (X²(8)=276.166, p<0.01).

- On the whole, 81.6% of 86.4% of the respondents who watch the President's interviews on local channels, assess them very positively while 1.7% of them take the opposite position.

 The public opinion survey results show that 84.5% of 80.6% of the respondents who consider the media coverage of the meetings held by the President with the heads of appropriate governmental bodies effective, get information on the President's activity from television, and 49.8% from social networks. On the other hand, 63.3 and 56.9% of 13.6% of the respondents who do not consider the results of relevant initiatives in the said direction acceptable, mainly get this information from, respectively, television and social networks ($X^{2}(16)=71.815$, p<0.01).

- 50.6% of 6.9% of the respondents who get information on the President's activity from his official website (president.az) are between 18-35, 57.8% of them have higher education, and, ultimately, 49.4% are urban respondents. Thereat, 52.0% of 6.2% of the respondents who get information in the said field from the President's official social network accounts are between 18-35, 48.0% of them have secondary education, and, ultimately, 49.3% are urban respondents.



Television:

Social networks:

Other news sites:

Other people:

Radio/newspaper:

President.az website:

6.2 0%

President's social network accounts:

25%

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50%

Do you watch the President's interviews on local channels, and how do you rate them?

86.4

Positive

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50%

No

Negative

75%

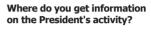
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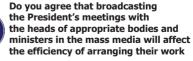
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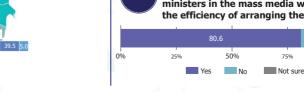
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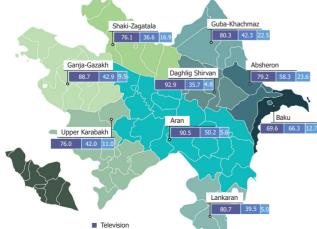


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81.1







Social network Other people

75%

CONCLUSION

- The public opinion survey results indicate that the vast majority of respondents have high confidence and trust in the President. Specifically, 70.0% of the respondents noted that their trust and confidence levels have remained stable, while 24.6% explicitly stated that their trust and confidence in the President have increased. Regarding the President's activity in combating the pandemic, 72.8% and 22.0% of the respondents rated it as very effective and mostly effective, respectively.

- In terms of the President's army-building activity, the analysis shows that 70.7% of respondents assessed it as very effective, with an additional 24.6% rating it as mainly effective. Conversely, only 2.5% of the respondents expressed a negative opinion, while 2.2% had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

- The President's efforts to build the army and modernize the armed forces received appreciation from 70.7% of the respondents, which was higher compared to other actions.

- Regarding the Personnel reforms implemented by the President, the survey results show that 53.9% of the respondents consider this activity very effective, while 32.0% view it as mainly effective. However, 6.5% express negative opinions about these reforms.

- Among the respondents who highly appreciate the President's new course in Personnel reforms (53.9%), 81.2% also very positively assess the President's initiatives on combating corruption and express their support for this process.

- Regarding the efforts to combat corruption, the analysis indicates that 56.1% of respondents view the work done in this field as very effective, while 27.2% consider it mainly effective. However, 12.3% of respondents hold negative opinions about these efforts, and 4.4% found it difficult to express their opinions.

- Among respondents who reported an increase in their confidence and trust in the President (24.6%), 56.5% also positively assessed the fundamental measures taken by the President in combating corruption. Additionally, among the respondents who stated a decrease in their confidence and trust (2.6%), 20.7% expressed a similar positive opinion about the anti-corruption measures.

- The study of public opinion on the President's activity in the field of sociopolitical stability shows that 59.0 and 32.1% of the respondents assess it as, respectively, very and mainly effective. The attitude of 5.3% of the respondents is negative. Note that 3.6% of the respondents had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

- 85.0% of 59.0% of the respondents who assessed the measures taken by the President in the field of sociopolitical stability as very effective, also expressed a positive attitude toward arraigning officials on a criminal charge against the background of combating corruption

- Regarding the President's activity in the fields of security and foreign policy, the analysis reveals that 54.0% of respondents view the work done as very effective, while 28.9% consider it mainly effective. However, 6.4% of respondents hold negative opinions, and 10.7% found it difficult to express their opinion.

- Among the respondents who assessed the President's activity in the fields of security and foreign policy as very effective (54.0%), 79.7% also positively assessed the measures taken to develop international economic cooperation.

- 46.7 and 32.6% of the respondents assessed the work done to modernize the healthcare system as, respectively, very and mainly effective. 17.1% of the respondents expressed the opposite attitude. 3.6% of the total respondents abstained from expressing their opinions in this field.

- 57.5% of 24.6% of the respondents who stated that their confidence and trust in the President had increased, also positively assessed the work done to modernize the healthcare system. On the other hand, up to 22.2% of the respondents who stated that their confidence and trust in the President had decreased, positively assessed the work done in this field.

- The analysis shows that a significant part of the respondents express satisfaction with the President's activity in the field of modernizing the law enforcement system (52.6% very effective, 32.0% mostly effective). The respondents expressing an opposite attitude make up 7.3%. Note that approximately the same number of respondents (8.2%) had difficulty expressing their opinion on the work done in this field.

- On the other hand, the absolute majority of the respondents who positively assess the President's activity on modernizing law enforcement bodies state that they support the President's reform initiatives in the judicial system to a significant extent (78.7%). Up to 5.3% of 7.3% of the respondents who negatively assessed the measures taken in the said field, assessed positively the judicial reforms.

- The general situation in the field of modernizing the judicial system shows that 37.6 and 30.5% of the respondents assess the work done in this field as very and mostly effective. While only 9.9% of the respondents expressed an opposite attitude, 22.0% had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

- Among respondents who consider the judicial system modernization initiatives as very effective (37.6%), 47.8% express trust, while 28.7% mostly trust the courts. It's noteworthy that this indicator was around 49.0% in previous Social Research

Center surveys.

- Regarding the evaluation of initiatives aimed at ensuring social welfare, 61.1% of respondents view the work as very effective, while 29.9% consider it mostly effective. Conversely, only 6.7% of respondents hold negative opinions on this matter.

- 40.1% of those who positively assess these policy initiatives express the opinion that they trust the local executive bodies ($X^2(12)=138$. On the other hand, the same respondent segment expressed the opinion that media coverage of the President's meetings with heads of relevant institutions and ministers positively affected the efficiency of arranging their work (87.0%).

- 50.7 and 37.1% of the respondents assessed the President's initiatives in the field of ensuring economic development as, respectively, very and mostly effective. On the other hand, 6.4% of the respondents negatively assessed the work done in this field, and 5.9% had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

- 42.9% of the respondents who assess the focused measures and strategic concepts implemented in this field as very effective, also appreciate the supplementary initiatives implemented in this area by the Cabinet of Ministers.

- The preliminary survey results allow for noting that 50.8 and 35.2% of the respondents assess the President's initiatives in the field of ensuring regional development as, respectively, very and mostly effective. 6.4% of respondents expressed the opposite opinion. On the other hand, 5.9% of the respondents had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

- 87.2% of the respondents who highly appreciated the President's activity in the field of regional development, also positively assessed arraigning officials on a criminal charge against the background of combating corruption.

- The analysis of the survey results allows for noting that 53.4 and 31.1% of the respondents assess the measures taken by the President to expand international economic cooperation as, respectively, very and mostly effective. 4.0% of the total respondents take the opposite position. 11.6% of the respondents had difficulty expressing their opinion on this issue.

- Foreign policy is of particular importance as a field having a significant statistical correlation with the measures taken by the President to expand international economic cooperation.

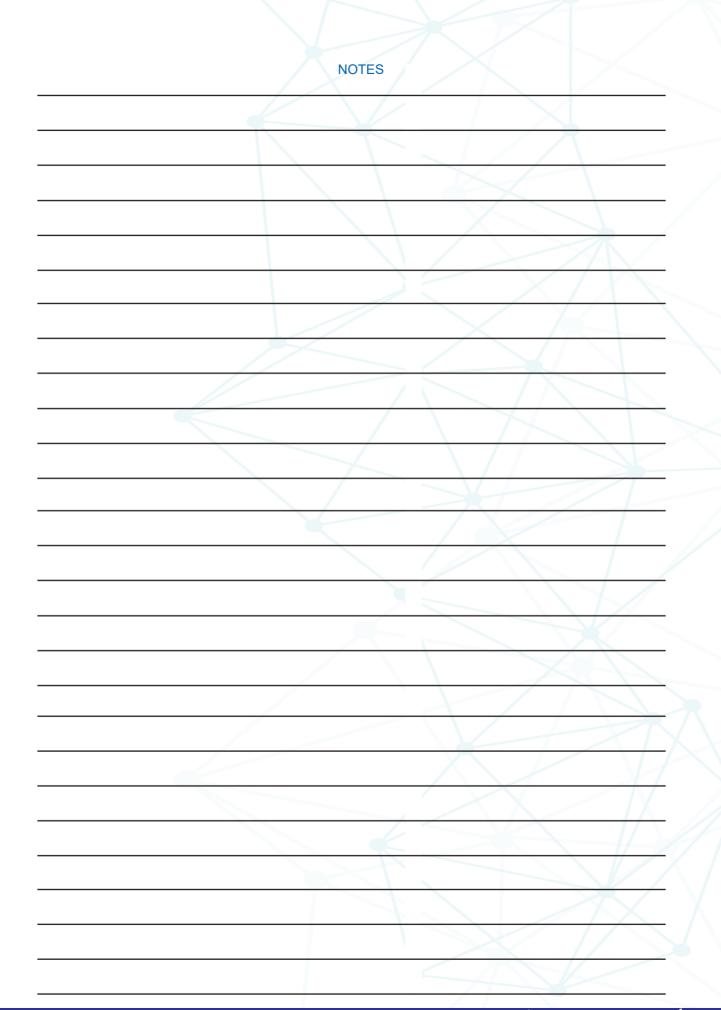
- During the survey conducted in April, 55.6% of respondents considered the allocated funds for combating the pandemic to be sufficient, while 24.0% held the opposite view. Additionally, 20.4% of respondents found it difficult to express their opinion on this matter.

- Among respondents who positively assessed the state's anti-crisis policy regarding the pandemic (88.4%), 71.7% stated that they were significantly afraid of being infected with the COVID-19 virus. Conversely, among those who held a negative view of the state's policy (7.9%), 56.4% expressed fear of infection.

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