Public Opinion Survey Residents of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea
May 16 – 30, 2013

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Methodology

The survey was conducted by the Baltic Surveys/Gallup on behalf of the International Republican Institute. The fieldwork was carried out by Rating Group Ukraine. The fieldwork was done during May 16–30, 2013, through face-to-face in-home interviews with the respondents. The survey was conducted in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, including the capital and all major regional centers and the city of Sevastopol.

The sample consisted of 1,200 permanent Crimea residents older than the age of 18 and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education and religion.

The sample design was a multi-stage random sample:
- **Stage one**: Crimea is divided into official administrative regions. All regions of Crimea were surveyed.
- **Stage two**: Settlements were selected - towns and villages. Towns were divided into subtypes according to the size of population (large, medium, small). There were no more than 10-12 interviews in each village. This stage, among others, had the following tasks: to represent the structure of urban settlements (based on the types of towns) and to represent each of the regions. Towns were selected randomly. The settlement selection stage was implemented on the basis of the town's population. Villages were selected randomly.
- **Stage three**: primary sampling units were described. The households were selected using the random route method. The closest birthday rule was used for selection of the respondent.

The response rate was 61 percent.
The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.8 percent.
Some charts may not round to 100 percent due to rounding.
MOOD OF THE AUTONOMOUS REPUBLIC OF CRIMEA
Generally speaking, do you think that things in Ukraine are going in the right direction or wrong direction?

- **May 2013**
  - Right direction: 24%
  - Wrong direction: 62%
  - DK/NA: 14%

- **Oct 2011**
  - Right direction: 11%
  - Wrong direction: 62%
  - DK/NA: 26%

- **Nov 2009**
  - Right direction: 6%
  - Wrong direction: 80%
  - DK/NA: 14%
Generally speaking, do you think that things in Crimea are going in the right direction or wrong direction?

May 2013

- 22% Right direction
- 61% Wrong direction
- 17% DK/NA

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CRIMEA RESIDENTS SURVEY, May 2013
Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?
In the next 12 months, how do you expect the economic situation in Crimea to change?

- **May 2013**: 16% improved a lot, 46% stayed the same, 15% worsened somewhat, 5% worsened a lot, 18% DK/NA
- **Oct 2011**: 5% improved a lot, 31% improved somewhat, 30% stayed the same, 11% worsened somewhat, 23% worsened a lot, 11% DK/NA
- **Nov 2009**: 8% improved a lot, 29% improved somewhat, 24% stayed the same, 27% worsened somewhat, 11% worsened a lot, 11% DK/NA
Regardless of your passport, what do you consider yourself?

May 2013

Oct 2011
Regardless of your passport, what do you consider yourself?

- **ALL RESPONDENTS**
  - Crimean: 24
  - Ukrainian: 15
  - Russian: 40
  - Crimean-Tatar: 15
  - Other: 5
  - DK/NA: 51

- **ETHNICITY**
  - Ukrainian: 19
  - Russian: 66
  - Crimean Tatar: 10
  - Other: 5

- **TYPE OF SETTLEMENT**
  - Sevastopol:
    - Crimean: 19
    - Ukrainian: 11
    - Russian: 55
    - Crimean-Tatar: 3
    - Other: 11

  - Simferopol:
    - Crimean: 10
    - Ukrainian: 21
    - Russian: 56
    - Crimean-Tatar: 5
    - Other: 7

  - Other town:
    - Crimean: 37
    - Ukrainian: 14
    - Russian: 36
    - Crimean-Tatar: 10
    - Other: 2

  - Rural area:
    - Crimean: 16
    - Ukrainian: 16
    - Russian: 31
    - Crimean-Tatar: 33
    - Other: 3

- **REGIONS**
  - East:
    - Crimean: 36
    - Ukrainian: 13
    - Russian: 31
    - Crimean-Tatar: 17
    - Other: 3

  - South:
    - Crimean: 23
    - Ukrainian: 14
    - Russian: 50
    - Crimean-Tatar: 5
    - Other: 7

  - West:
    - Crimean: 12
    - Ukrainian: 18
    - Russian: 41
    - Crimean-Tatar: 23
    - Other: 5

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CRIMEA RESIDENTS SURVEY, May 2013
ISSUES
Please tell me, which three of the following issues are the most important for Crimea?

- Unemployment
- Control over price growth
- Low industry production
- Corruption within the state bodies
- Social protection for poor
- Relations with Russia
- Government incompetence
- Delay in salary/pension payments
- Political instability
- Crime
- Rights to land ownership
- Lack/possibility of cutting off gas, electricity, water
- Hryvnia devaluation
- Russian language status
- Interethnic relations
- Russian Black Sea Navy presence
- Other
Please tell me, which three of the following issues are the most important for you personally?

- Unemployment: 65
- Control over price growth: 59
- Social protection for poor: 38
- Corruption within the state bodies: 21
- Delay in salary/pension payments: 18
- Low industry production: 16
- Lack/possibility of cutting off gas, electricity, water: 12
- Crime: 8
- Rights to land ownership: 7
- Relations with Russia: 7
- Political instability: 6
- Government incompetence: 6
- Hryvnia devaluation: 6
- Russian language status: 6
- Russian Black Sea Navy presence: 2
- Interethnic relations: 2
- Other: 10
- DK/NA: 1
Do you think it is acceptable or not if some groups of people use the following methods of protests? How acceptable is each of these forms?

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<td>Legal strikes</td>
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If Ukraine was able to enter only one international economic union, which entity should it be with?

May 2013

- The European Union: 17%
- Customs Union with Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan: 53%
- Other: 8%
- DK/NA: 22%
How would you evaluate your attitude to the following entities?

- **Russia**: 68% Warm, 26% Neutral, 5% Cold, 1% DK/NA
- **European Union**: 70% Warm, 15% Neutral, 1% Cold, 3% DK/NA
- **Turkey**: 61% Warm, 23% Neutral, 23% Cold, 3% DK/NA
- **Poland**: 77% Warm, 12% Neutral, 2% Cold, 1% DK/NA
- **USA**: 68% Warm, 24% Neutral, 2% Cold, 2% DK/NA
How would you evaluate current relations between Ukraine and Russia?

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<td>Quite warm</td>
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<td>Cold</td>
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<td>Tense</td>
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<td>Hostile</td>
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In your opinion, what should the status of Crimea be?

**May 2013**
- Autonomy in Ukraine (as today): 53%
- Crimean Tatar autonomy within Ukraine: 12%
- Common oblast of Ukraine: 2%
- Crimea should be separated and given to Russia: 23%
- DK/NA: 10%

**Oct 2011**
- Autonomy in Ukraine (as today): 49%
- Crimean Tatar autonomy within Ukraine: 4%
- Common oblast of Ukraine: 6%
- Crimea should be separated and given to Russia: 33%
- DK/NA: 8%
Land ownership is a very important issue in Crimea. Many Crimean Tartars believe they should be allocated land by the government to compensate for the deportation. Do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

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CRIMEA RESIDENTS SURVEY, May 2013
Do you believe tension between Crimean Tatars and non-Tatar Crimean residents has increased or decreased during the last 12 months?

**May 2013**
- Has increased: 5%
- Has decreased: 8%
- No changes: 40%
- There is no tension: 35%
- DK/NA: 12%

**Oct 2011**
- Has increased: 6%
- Has decreased: 9%
- No changes: 44%
- There is no tension: 29%
- DK/NA: 12%

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CRIMEA RESIDENTS SURVEY, May 2013
How would you evaluate the level of Ukraine’s involvement into solution of the Crimean Tatars’ problems?

- Fully sufficient: 14%
- Rather sufficient: 37%
- Rather insufficient: 7%
- Does not deal at all: 13%
- DK/NA: 29%
In your opinion, are ethnic Crimeans sufficiently represented in the Crimean authority bodies?

- Definitely yes: 28%
- Definitely no: 2%
- DK/NA: 26%
- Rather no: 12%
- Rather yes: 32%
Are you going to take part in the elections of Kurultai* delegates of the Crimean Tatar people?
Crimean Tatars, n=184

*The Kurultai is a 250-person elected body that is responsible for serving as the elected advocacy body for the Crimean Tatar people.
In your opinion, has your nationality influenced your employment prospects?
Crimean Tatars, n=184

- Hasn’t had any influence: 45%
- Has influenced positively: 2%
- Has influenced negatively: 11%
- DK/NA: 42%
Who should be in charge of organizing memorial events dedicated to the memory of genocide of the Crimean Tatar people?

Crimean Tatars, n=184

**Mejlis* of the Crimean Tatar people**
36%

**Authority bodies**
18%

**Opposition to the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people**
7%

**Other**
3%

**DK/NA**
36%

*The Mejlis is the central executive body of the Kurultai of Crimean Tatars, living in their homeland of Crimea, Ukraine.*
There is a provision in Ukrainian legislation that requires a rayon council to address an issue if it is raised in a citizen initiated public hearing. Are you aware of this provision in the law or have you ever taken part in a public hearing?

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If pre-term parliamentary elections were announced today, would you vote in such elections?

- Definitely yes: 29%
- Rather yes: 27%
- Rather no: 15%
- Definitely no: 23%
- DK/NA: 6%
Would you participate in the presidential election, if it were to take place next Sunday?

- **Definitely yes**: 33%
- **Rather yes**: 24%
- **Rather no**: 22%
- **Definitely no**: 12%
- **DK/NA**: 9%
In your opinion, has the situation in the following areas improved or worsened during last two years?

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<td>Prices</td>
<td>76%</td>
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<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>61%</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<td>Housing and communal services</td>
<td>56%</td>
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<td>Economy of Ukraine</td>
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<td>Fight against corruption</td>
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<td>Stability of hryvnia</td>
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<td>Rights to land ownership</td>
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<td>Social protection</td>
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<td>33%</td>
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<td>Relations with Russia</td>
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<td>Situation with languages</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>63%</td>
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<td>European integration of Ukraine</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>59%</td>
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<td>Interethnic relations</td>
<td>15%</td>
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CRIMEA RESIDENTS SURVEY, May 2013
MASS MEDIA
On average, how many times per week do you use Internet?

May 2013
- Every day: 19%
- 5-6 times per week: 15%
- 3-4 times per week: 14%
- 1-2 times per week: 7%
- Less often: 4%
- Never: 40%
- DK/NA: 1%

Oct 2011
- Every day: 23%
- 5-6 times per week: 7%
- 3-4 times per week: 9%
- 1-2 times per week: 5%
- Less often: 3%
- Never: 52%
- DK/NA: 1%

Nov 2009
- Every day: 16%
- 5-6 times per week: 4%
- 3-4 times per week: 6%
- 1-2 times per week: 6%
- Less often: 6%
- Never: 57%
- DK/NA: 5%
SELF-PERCEIVED
SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS
What can you say about the financial status of your family?

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- **Need to save money for food**
- **Enough money for food but it is necessary to save or borrow money for buying clothes and shoes**
- **Enough money for food and necessary clothes and shoes. It is necessary to save or borrow money for such purchases as a good suit, a mobile phone or a vacuum cleaner**
- **Enough money for food, buying clothes, shoes and other purchases. It is necessary to save or borrow money for purchasing more expensive things (such as a laundry machine or a refrigerator)**
- **Enough money for food, buying clothes, shoes and expensive purchases. It is necessary to save or borrow money for purchases like a car or an apartment**
- **I can buy anything at any time**
- **DK/NA**
SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS
### Education

- **University, higher**: 29%
- **General secondary**: 21%
- **Primary**: 1%
- **Vocational secondary**: 41%
- **Non-complete secondary**: 4%
- **Non-complete higher**: 4%

### Membership in a political party or nongovernmental organization

- **None**: 96%
- **Member of a party**: 3%
- **Member of a nongovernmental organization**: 1%
Religion

- Orthodox: 58%
- Muslim: 15%
- Atheist: 2%
- Other: 2%
- I believe in God but don't belong to any religion: 10%
- DK/NA: 13%

Attendance of religious service

- A few times per year: 37%
- Once a month: 10%
- Once a week: 7%
- Few times a week: 3%
- Never: 43%
Sector of employment

- Don't work: 50%
- Private sector: 37%
- State sector: 13%
- Public non-government sector: 0.3%

Occupation

- Pensioner: 25%
- White collar: 29%
- Higher and medium level executive: 1%
- Farmer: 4%
- Blue collar: 16%
- Other: 4%
- Unemployed: 6%
- Housewife: 8%
- Student: 7%
**Language usually spoken at home**

- Ukrainian: 20%
- Russian and other equally: 3%
- Crimean Tatar: 15%

**Ethnicity**

- Ukrainian: 20%
- Russian: 59%
- Crimean Tatar: 15%
- Other: 6%
SETTLEMENT

- Rural areas: 31%
- Other towns: 38%
- Sevastopol: 16%
- Simferopol: 15%

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