

Questionnaire of the Voters Study of the European Elections Study 2004
Slovak Version

R1. Are you: 1 male

2 female

8 dk

9 na

R2. Age „How old are you?":

R4. Education: What's your highest attained education level?

1 Elementary

2 High without Graduation¹

3 High with Graduation

4 University

R5. Nationality: 1 Slovak

2 Hungarian

3 Other

R12. Number of inhabitants in the village/city:

1 less than 1000

2 1.000 – 2.000

3 2.000 – 5.000

4 5.000 – 20.000

5 20.000 – 50.000

6 50.000 – 100.000

7 Bratislava, Košice

R.13 Region:

1 Bratislava

2 Trnava

3 Trenčín

4 Nitra

5 Žilina

6 Banská Bystrica

7 Prešov

8 Košice

R14. District:

1 Graduation - School leaving Exam

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„Let's turn to other theme.“

12. What do you think are the most important problems in Slovakia at present?

Any other problems? [INT: note as many problems as R mentions.]

99 dk 0 na → q.17

If more than one problem mentioned:

13. Of those you have mentioned what would you say is the single most important problem?

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14. Which political party do you think would be best at dealing with <the most important problem>?

- 1 ANO - Alliance of the New Citizen
- 2 DS – Democratic Party
- 3 HZD – Movement for Democracy
- 4 KDH – Christian Democratic Movement
- 5 KSS – Communist Party
- 6 ĽS-HZDS – Movement for Democratic Slovakia, Peoples Party
- 7 ĽÚ – Peoples Union
- 8 SDA – Social Democratic Alternative
- 9 SDKÚ – Slovak Democratic Christian Union
- 10 SDLĽ – Party of Democratic Left
- 11 SF – Free Forum
- 12 SMER – Party Direction
- 13 SMK – Party of Hungarian Coalition
- 14 SNS – Slovak National Party
- 15 other party
- 16 none (don't read)
- 99 dk (don't read)
- 0 na (don't read)

15. As of today, is <the most important issue> mainly dealt with by regional, national, or European political authorities?

- 1 regional
- 2 national
- 3 European
- 9 dk
- 0 na

16. And who do you think would be most appropriate to deal with <the most important issue>: regional, national, or European political authorities?

- 1 regional
- 2 national

3 European
9 dk
0 na

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17. Normally, how many days of the week do you watch the news on television?

0
.
.
7
9 dk
x na

18. Which channels or television news programmes do you watch regularly? [open, multiple answers possible]

77 none
99 dk
0 na

19. And how many days of the week do you read a newspaper?

0
.
.
7
9 dk
x na

20. Which newspaper or newspapers do you read regularly? [open, multiple answers possible]

77 none
99 dk
0 na

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21. How often did you do any of the following during the three or four weeks before the European election?
How often did you:

a. ... watch a program about the election on television? Often, sometimes, or never?

1 often
2 sometimes
3 never
9 dk
0 na

b. ... read about the election in a newspaper? Often, sometimes, or never?

1 often
2 sometimes
3 never
9 dk

0 na

c. ... talk to friends or family about the election?

- 1 often
- 2 sometimes
- 3 never
- 9 dk
- 0 na

d. ... attend a public meeting or rally about the election?

- 1 often
- 2 sometimes
- 3 never
- 9 dk
- 0 na

e. ... look into a website concerned with the election?

- 1 often
- 2 sometimes
- 3 never
- 9 dk
- 0 na

22. Thinking back to just before the elections for the European Parliament were held, how interested were you in the campaign for those elections: very, somewhat, a little, or not at all?

- 1 very
- 2 somewhat
- 3 a little
- 4 not at all
- 9 dk
- 0 na

23. Thinking about the campaign before European elections, how much do you agree with the following statements:

a. The candidates were very superficial in their debates

- 1 agree very much
- 2 agree
- 3 disagree
- 4 disagree very much
- 9 dk
- 0 na

b. The electoral campaign was more concerned with political strategies than with actual problems

- 1 agree very much
- 2 agree
- 3 disagree
- 4 disagree very much
- 9 dk
- 0 na

24. A lot of people abstained in the European Parliament elections of June 13, while others voted. Did you cast your vote?

- 1 yes, voted → q25a
- 2 no, did not vote → q25b
- 9 dk → q26
- 0 na → q26

When the Respondent casted his/her vote in EP Elections (q24 = 1):

Show card 25a

25a. Which party did you vote for?

- 1 SMK – Party of Hungarian Coalition
- 2 ANO - Alliance of the New Citizen
- 3 SDKÚ – Slovak Democratic Christian Union
- 4 MFS – Hungarian Federalist Party
- 5 ŽS SR - Craft Party of Slovak Republic
- 6 DÚ – Democratic Union of Slovakia
- 7 KSS – Communist Party
- 8 SF – Free Forum
- 9 Coalition: SNS – Slovak National Party, P SNS – Right Slovak National Party
- 10 SĽS – Slovak Peoples Party
- 11 AŽ OS – Active Women – Axis of Slovakia
- 12 SMER – Party Direction (Third Way)
- 13 ĽS-HZDS – Movement for Democratic Slovakia, Peoples Party
- 14 KDH – Christian Democratic Movement
- 15 HZD ĽÚ – Coalition: Movement for Democracy, Peoples Union
- 16 OKS – Citizens Conservative Party
- 17 RKDH – Roma Christian Democratic Movement
- 96 did vote blanc
- 99 dk (don't read)
- 0 na (don't read)

When the Respondent didn't cast his/her vote in EP Elections (q24 = 2):

25b. Why didn't you cast your vote?

99 dk

0 na

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26. And if there was a parliamentary election next weekend, which party would you vote for?

- 1 ANO - Alliance of the New Citizen
- 2 DS – Democratic Party
- 3 HZD – Movement for Democracy
- 4 KDH – Christian Democratic Movement
- 5 KSS – Communist Party
- 6 ĽS-HZDS – Movement for Democratic Slovakia, Peoples Party
- 7 ĽÚ – Peoples Union
- 8 OKS – Citizens Conservative Party
- 9 SDA – Social Democratic Alternative
- 10 SDKÚ – Slovak Democratic Christian Union
- 11 SĽS – Party of Democratic Left
- 12 SF – Free Forum
- 13 SMER – Party Direction
- 14 SMK – Party of Hungarian Coalition
- 15 SNS – Slovak National Party

- 16 SZS – Slovak Green Party
- 17 other _____
- 77 would not vote (don't read)
- 88 refused (don't read)
- 99 dk (don't read)

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27. Which party did you vote for in the last parliamentary election, which took place on September 2002?

- 1 ANO - Alliance of the New Citizen
- 2 HZD – Movement for Democracy
- 3 ĽS-HZDS – Movement for Democratic Slovakia, Peoples Party
- 4 KDH – Christian Democratic Movement
- 5 KSS – Communist Party
- 6 PSNS – Right Slovak National Party
- 7 SDA – Social Democratic Alternative
- 8 SDKÚ – Slovak Democratic Christian Union
- 9 SĽS – Party of Democratic Left
- 10 SMER – Party Direction
- 11 SMK – Party of Hungarian Coalition
- 12 SNS – Slovak National Party
- 13 SZS – Slovak Green Party
- 14 other: _____
- 66 did not cast vote – was nat eligible (under 18 YO)
- 77 did not cast vote – was eligible (at least 18 YO)
- 88 refused
- 99 dk

Show card 28

28. We have a number of parties in Slovakia each of which would like to get your vote. How probable is it that you will ever vote for the following parties? Please specify your views on a 10-point-scale where 1 means "not at all probable" and 10 means "very probable".

	Probable											
	not at all										very	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99	0
A. ĽS-HZDS – Movement for Democratic Slovakia, Peoples P.												
B. SMER – Party Direction												
C. KSS – Communist Party												
D. SDKÚ – Slovak Democratic Christian Union												
E. SMK – Party of Hungarian Coalition												
F. KDH – Christian Democratic Movement												
G. ANO - Alliance of the New Citizen												
H. SNS – Slovak National Party												
99 dk												
0 na												

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29. Please tell me on a score of 1-10 how much you personally trust each of the institutions I read out. 1 means that you do not trust an institution at all, and 10 means you have complete trust. If you do not know an institution well enough, just say so and I will go on to the next.

- 1 no trust at all
- 2
- ...

10 complete trust
99 dk
0 na

- A. Slovak Parliament?
- B. Slovak Government?
- C. European Parliament?
- D. European Commission?
- E. The Council of Ministers of EU?

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30. In political matters people talk of "the left" and "the right". What is your position? Please indicate your views using any number on a 10-point-scale. On this scale, where 1 means "left" and 10 means "right," which number best describes your position?

1 left
2
...
10 right
99 dk
0 na

Show card 31

31. And about where would you place the following parties on this scale?

1 left
2
...
10 right
99 dk
0 na

- A. ĽS-HZDS – Movement for Democratic Slovakia, Peoples P.
- B. SMER – Party Direction
- C. KSS – Communist Party
- D. SDKÚ – Slovak Democratic Christian Union
- E. SMK – Party of Hungarian Coalition
- F. KDH – Christian Democratic Movement
- G. ANO - Alliance of the New Citizen
- H. SNS – Slovak National Party

32. What do you think about the economy? Compared to 12 months ago, do you think that the general economic situation in this country is

1 a lot better
2 a little better
3 stayed the same
4 a little worse
5 a lot worse
9 dk
0 na

33. What do you think about the economic situation in presence? In your opinion it is:

1 very good
2 fairly good
3 neither good nor bad

- 4 fairly bad
- 5 very bad
- 9 dk

34. And over the next 12 months, how do you think the general economic situation in this country will be?

1 get a lot better

...

5 get a lot worse

9 dk

0 na

Show card 35

35a. When jobs are scarce, employers should give priority to Slovak people over citizens from other EU member-countries who want to work here

1 agree very much

2 agree

3 disagree

4 disagree very much

9 dk

0 na

35b. Citizens from other EU member-countries who live in Slovakia should be entitled to vote in local elections.

1 agree very much

2 agree

3 disagree

4 disagree very much

9 dk

0 na

35c. Citizens from other EU member-countries who live in Slovakia should not be entitled to social security or unemployment benefits.

1 agree very much

2 agree

3 disagree

4 disagree very much

9 dk

0 na

36. To what extent would you say you are interested in politics?

1 very

2 somewhat

3 a little

4 not at all

9 dk

0 na

37. Generally speaking, do you think that Slovakia's membership of the European Union is a good thing, a bad thing, or neither good nor bad?

1 good thing

2 bad thing

3 neither

9 dk

0 na

Show cards 38, 39 (leave them until q39)

38. Some say European unification should be pushed further. Others say it already has gone too far. What is your opinion? Please indicate your views using a 10-point-scale. On this scale, 1 means unification 'has already gone too far' and 10 means it 'should be pushed further'. What number on this scale best describes your position?

1 unification has already gone too far

2

...

10 unification should be pushed further

99 dk

0 na

39(a-h). And about where would you place the following parties on this scale?

1 unification has already gone too far

2

...

10 unification should be pushed further

99 dk

0 na

A. ĽS-HZDS – Movement for Democratic Slovakia, Peoples P.

B. SMER – Party Direction

C. KSS – Communist Party

D. SDKÚ – Slovak Democratic Christian Union

E. SMK – Party of Hungarian Coalition

F. KDH – Christian Democratic Movement

G. ANO - Alliance of the New Citizen

H. SNS – Slovak National Party

39. Do you ever think of yourself not only as a Slovak citizen, but also as a citizen of the European Union?

1 often

2 sometimes

3 never

9 dk

0 na

40. Are you personally proud or not to be a citizen of the European Union? Would you say you are

1 very proud

2 fairly proud

3 not very proud

4 not at all proud

9 dk

0 na

41. Thinking back to the referendum held in Slovakia on the question of EU membership (2003), do you remember whether you cast a vote and whether you voted in favour or against?

1 did not cast a vote

2 voted in favour

3 voted against

9 dk

0 na

42. Now I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in people from various countries. Can you please tell me for each, whether you have a lot of trust of them or not very much trust. If you do not know a country well enough, just say so and I will go on to the next. How about the Belgians: do have a lot of trust of them or not very much trust?

1 a lot of trust

2 not very much trust
9 dk
0 na

- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| A. Belgians | B. British |
| C. Bulgarians | D. Cypriots |
| E. Czechs | F. Danes |
| G. Estonians | H. Finns |
| I. French | J. Greek |
| K. Dutch | L. Irish |
| M. Latvians | N. Lithuanians |
| O. Luxembourgers | P. Hungarians |
| R. Maltese | S. Germans |
| T. Poles | U. Portuguese |
| V. Austrians | X. Romanians |
| Y. Slovaks | Z. Slovenes |
| AA. Spaniards | BB. Swedes |
| CC. Italians | DD. Turks |

43. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Slovakia? Are you

1 very satisfied
2 fairly satisfied
3 not very satisfied
4 not at all satisfied
9 dk
0 na

44. All in all again, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in the European Union?

1 very satisfied
2 fairly satisfied
3 not very satisfied
4 not at all satisfied
9 dk
0 na

45. How much confidence do you have that decisions made by the European Union will be in the interest of Slovakia?

1 a great deal of confidence
2 a fair amount
3 not very much
4 no confidence at all
9 dk
0 na

46. And how much confidence do you have that decisions made by the European Union will be in the interest of people like you?

1 a great deal of confidence
2 a fair amount
3 not very much
4 no confidence at all
9 dk
0 na

47. Let us now come back to Slovakia. Do you approve or disapprove the government's record to date?

- 1 approve
- 2 disapprove
- 9 dk
- 0 na

Show card 48

48. Do you consider yourself to be close to any particular party? If so, which party do you feel close to?

- 1 ANO - Alliance of the New Citizen
- 2 DS – Democratic Party
- 3 HZD – Movement for Democracy
- 4 KDH – Christian Democratic Movement
- 5 KSS – Communist Party
- 6 ĽS-HZDS – Movement for Democratic Slovakia, Peoples Party
- 7 ĽÚ – Peoples Union
- 8 SDA – Social Democratic Alternative
- 9 SDKÚ – Slovak Democratic Christian Union
- 10 SĽE – Party of Democratic Left
- 11 SF – Free Forum
- 12 SMER – Party Direction
- 13 SMK – Party of Hungarian Coalition
- 14 SNS – Slovak National Party
- 15 SZS – Slovak Green Party
- 16 other party

- 17 no → go to q50
- 99 dk → go to q50
- 0 na → go to q50

49. Do you feel yourself to be very close to this party, fairly close, or merely a sympathiser?

- 1 very close
- 2 fairly close
- 3 merely a sympathiser
- 9 dk
- 0 na

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50. Are you yourself a member of a trade union or is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?

- 1 yes, I am
- 2 yes, someone else is
- 3 yes both (1) and (2)
- 4 no
- 9 dk
- 0 na

51. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

- xy [age in years]
- 00 still studying
- 99 dk

52. What year were you born?

- 19yz [year]

53. In which country were you born?

- 1 Slovakia
- 2 other, please specify
- 9 dk
- 0 na

IF OTHER

54. When did you first come to Slovakia?

- wxyz [year]
- 9999 dk
- 0 na

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55. How many people live in your household including yourself, who are 18 years of age or older?

- 1
- 2
- ...
- 9 and more

56. What is your current work situation? Are you:

- 1 self-employed
- 2 employed
- 3 in school
- 4 working in the household
- 5 retired
- 6 unemployed
- 7 other
- 0 na

57. Are/were you working in ...

- 1 agriculture
- 2 state/public industry/services
- 3 private industry/services
- 4 other
- 8 inappropriate
- 9 dk
- 0 na

58. If you were asked to chose one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong to?

- 1 working class
- 2 lower middle class
- 3 middle class
- 4 upper middle class
- 5 upper class
- 6 other
- 7 refused to be classified
- 9 dk
- 0 na

59. Would you say you live in a rural area or village, in a small or middle size town, or in a large town?

- 1 rural area or village
- 2 small or middle size town
- 3 large town
- 9 dk

0 na

60. Do you consider yourself as belonging to a particular religion? (If yes:) Which one?

- 1 roman catholic
- 2 protestant
- 3 christian orthodox
- 4 jewish
- 5 greek catholic
- 6 other
- 7 none
- 9 dk
- 0 na

61. How often do you attend religious services?

- 1 several times a week
- 2 once a week
- 3 a few times a year
- 4 once a year or less
- 5 never
- 9 dk
- 0 na

Show card R6

R6. Are you yourself gainfully employed at the moment or not? Please select from the card the employment status/position that applies to you.

- 1 non-qualified, unskilled manual worker (in agriculture, industry, services)
- 2 qualified manual worker (craftsman, repairsman, ...)
- 3 non-manual worker (high school educated)
- 4 creative non-manual worker (university degree) (technician, medicine doctor, lawyer, researcher, artist,...)
- 5 director, manager, politician,...
- 6 self-employed person, business-man without employees
- 7 self-employed person, business-man with employees
- 8 not working retired
- 9 student
- 10 non-active housewife or maternity leave
- 11 unemployed
- 12 other: _____

R7. How many people live in your household including yourself and children?

- 1
- 2
- ...
- 14
- 15

R11. The average net income of household in Slovakia is approximately 20.000 SKK per month. When you sum up monthly netto income of all members of your household, including retirements pensions, all social benefits, family allowances, etc. - is overall netto income of your household compared to this average:

- 1 significantly higher (than 20.000) → go to qR11a
- 2 slightly higher → go to qR11a
- 3 more or less the same → end the interview
- 4 slightly lower → go to qR11a

5 significantly lower → go to qR11a

R11a. Approximately how much is overall netto income of your household **higher/lower** than slovakian average 20.000? (number indicates the difference in thousands)

- | | | |
|----|-------------|----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 and more | |

Thank you for the interview!