

PROTEST MOODS OF UKRAINIANS

ALMOST HALF OF UKRAINIANS READY FOR PROTEST ACTIONS - poll

The Gorshenin Institute held a telephone poll of public opinion between 25 and 27 March 2011 to find out the protest moods of Ukrainians. A total of 1,000 respondents aged over 18 were selected randomly in all regional centres of Ukraine, in Kiev and Sevastopol. Polling quotas are established based on respondents' age, sex and area of residence. The sample error does not exceed 3.2%.

The results of the all-Ukrainian poll conducted by the Gorshenin Institute are:

A clear majority of those Ukrainians polled (77.6 per cent) express their support for all-Ukrainian protests by teachers. One in every 10 respondents (10.8 per cent) is indifferent to teachers' protests, while 3.2 per cent condemn the protests. A total of 8.4 per cent of respondents are unaware of teachers' protests in Ukraine.

About a half of those Ukrainians polled (48.5 per cent) are not ready to take part in any protests. However, about the same percentage of those polled (45.3 per cent) are willing to take part in protest actions. A total of 6.2 per cent of respondents gave no answer to the question.

Over one third of Ukrainians (36.0 per cent) said the price hike in goods and services will make them taking part in protest actions. Another quarter of those polled (25.8 per cent) said delays with salary (pension, scholarship) payments will make them ready for protests, and about one in every five respondents (19.4 per cent) said no job or threat of loss of job can become a reason for protests. The high level of corruption may push 17.1 per cent of those polled to protests, breach of civil rights and freedoms – 14.8 per cent, political situation in the country – 7.7 per cent. Another 3.3 per cent of those polled said they can take part in protests for other reasons, and 7.3 per cent of respondents gave no answer to the question. Over one quarter (26.1 per cent) of Ukrainians will not take part in protests for any reason whatsoever.

Annex

What is your attitude to the all-Ukrainian protests of teachers?

Support – 77.6 %

Indifferent – 10.8 %

Condemn – 3.2 %

Unaware of the protests – 8.4 %

Are you ready to personally take part in protests?

Yes – 45.3 %

No – 48.5%

No answer – 6.2%

What can make you take part in protest actions?

(maximum of three answers)

Hike in price of goods and services – 36.0%

Delays with payment of salary (pension, scholarship) – 25.8%

No job or threat of loss of job – 19.4%

High level of corruption – 17.1%

Breach of civil rights and freedoms – 14.8%

Political situation in the country – 7.7%

Other reasons – 3.3%

Will not take part in protests for any reason whatsoever – 26.1%

No answer – 7.3%

