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**METHODOLOGICAL framework**

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Attitudes TOWARDS EUROPEAN UNION
IF A REFERENDUM ON SERBIA’S ACCESSION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION WERE TO BE HELD THIS WEEK, HOW WOULD YOU VOTE?

In favour of Serbia’s accession to the EU
- 2018: 47
- 2019: 49
- June 2020: 51
- November 2020: 50

Against Serbia’s accession to the EU
- 2018: 40
- 2019: 36
- June 2020: 31
- November 2020: 36

Would not vote
- 2018: 17
- 2019: 11
- June 2020: 18
- November 2020: 14
IF THE EU WERE TO BECOME A SUPRA-NATIONAL ENTITY WITH BINDING DEFENCE POLICIES, SHOULD SERBIA...

- ... abandon European integration
- ... continue European integration
- Does not know/Cannot tell
Attitudes TOWARDS NATO
IF A REFERENDUM ON SERBIA’S accession to NATO WERE HELD THIS WEEK, HOW WOULD YOU VOTE?

- In favour of Serbia joining NATO
  - 2018: 11
  - 2019: 8
  - June 2020: 9
  - November 2020: 5

- Against Serbia joining NATO
  - 2018: 68
  - 2019: 78
  - June 2020: 72
  - November 2020: 80

- Would not vote
  - 2018: 21
  - 2019: 14
  - June 2020: 19
  - November 2020: 15
To the best of your knowledge, how many EU member states are also NATO members?

- Nearly all EU member states are also NATO members (57% in 2018, 42% in 2019, 31% in 2020)
- Fewer than one-half of EU member states are also NATO members (25% in 2018, 17% in 2019, 12% in 2020)
- Fewer than one-third of EU member states are also NATO members (21% in 2018, 12% in 2019, 9% in 2020)
- All EU member states are also NATO members (10% in 2018, 8% in 2019, 4% in 2020)
- Does not know/Cannot tell (35% in 2018, 24% in 2019, 18% in 2020)
WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF NATO AS AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION?

- Negative: 6
- Neutral: 3
- Positive: 54
- Does not know/Cannot tell: 37

[Diagram showing the distribution of opinions]
And what is your opinion of the current state of co-operation and partnership between Serbia and NATO?

- Negative: 14
- Neutral: 6
- Positive: 33
- Does not know/Cannot tell: 47
What source, not including the media, do you most commonly rely on to find information about NATO?

- Friends, family members: 31%
- Government politicians: 7.2%
- Non-governmental organisations: 5%
- Someone else: 6.4%
- All of them: 0.7%
- Opposition politicians: 0.6%
- I am not informed about NATO: 41.3%
- Does not know/Cannot tell: 7.8%
Attitudes TOWARDS KOSOVO
If a referendum were to be held this week on a partition of Kosovo that would entail adjustments to the administrative border, proposed by the Serbian President and Government and supported by the USA but opposed by the EU, how would you vote?

- In favour or partition: 21
- Against partition: 14
- I would not vote in such a referendum: 11
- Does not know/Cannot tell: 54
Would greater defence co-operation between Serbia and the US improve or worsen the position of Serbs in Kosovo, since the US, unlike Russia, exercises a significant degree of control over the Kosovo Security Force and its transformation?

- Improve
- It will have no impact on the position of Serbs
- Worsen
- Does not know/Cannot tell
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Attitudes TOWARDS USA
Are you in favour of closer co-operation with the USA in the areas of economy, security and defence, regardless of which administration is in office in the USA?

Does not know/Cannot tell: 5
Support: 63 (November 2020), 65 (June 2020)
Neutral: 17
Oppose: 15 (November 2020), 18 (June 2020)

November 2020: [Bar graph showing support, neutral, and oppose]
June 2020: [Bar graph showing support, neutral, and oppose]
HAVE YOU NOTICED A CHANGE in US POLICY TOWARDS SERBIA lately, AND IF SO, IN WHICH DIRECTION?

- Yes, US policy towards Serbia has become less favourable
- No, US policy towards Serbia has remained the same
- Yes, US policy towards Serbia has become more favourable
- Does not know/Cannot tell

2018 2019 June 2020 November 2020
Have you noticed that pro-American rhetoric has intensified in Serbia over the past year, and if so, who?

- Yes, in the civil sector: 4 Yes, 96 No
- Yes, among opposition politicians: 5 Yes, 95 No
- Yes, among government politicians: 20 Yes, 80 No
- Yes, on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter): 7 Yes, 93 No
- Yes, in the media: 23 Yes, 73 No

Yes | No
IN YOUR OPINION, A CHANGE OF PRESIDENT IN THE US...?

- Would be bad for Serbia: 8
- Would not change anything: 10
- Would be good for Serbia: 40
- Does not know/Cannot tell: 42
Do you think the incoming US administration should continue President Trump’s administration policy towards Serbia and the region?

- US policy should change
- Minor changes are necessary but strategic directions should remain the same
- No change is necessary
- Does not know/Cannot tell
The Washington Agreement
The Washington Agreement, signed by Belgrade, Pristina, and the US is...

- Bad for Serbia
- Neither good nor bad for Serbia, it will not change anything
- Good for Serbia
- Does not know/Cannot tell
... and do you think the Washington Agreement will be fully implemented?

- Most of it will not be implemented: 19
- Will be implemented partially: 27
- Will be implemented in its entirety: 44
- Does not know/Cannot tell: 10
WHAT WILL THE WASHINGTON AGREEMENT mostly contribute to?

- Addressing the Kosovo issue: 13
- Strengthening the economy: 31
- Enhancing Serbia’s security: 9
- Improving overall relations between Serbia and the US: 25
- Does not know/Cannot tell: 22
This research was conducted under CEAS project **Belgrade NATO Week** which CEAS commissioned from the Center for Free Elections and Democracy (CeSID). Research was conducted from 29 October to 10 November 2020 on a representative sample of 800 citizens of Serbia with Computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) technique.

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