

Tbilisi Residents Polled on Current Situation in Georgia

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On the fifth and sixth days of the protests started on 9th of April in the capital of Georgia, Georgian NGO initiative 'Civil Manifesto' conducted phone polling on the current situation.

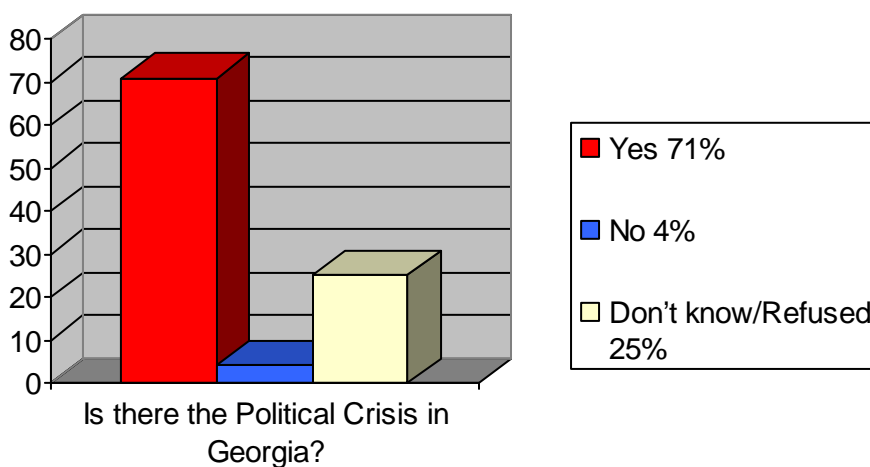
500 Tbilisi residents were randomly interviewed by phone on 14-15 April 2009 in Tbilisi. Standard methodology was used.

The aim of the phone polling was to register the Tbilisi residents' opinion on current political processes related to protest manifestations started in Tbilisi since 9th of April, to see if they assess these processes as a political crisis, and to collect their opinion on possible ways out.

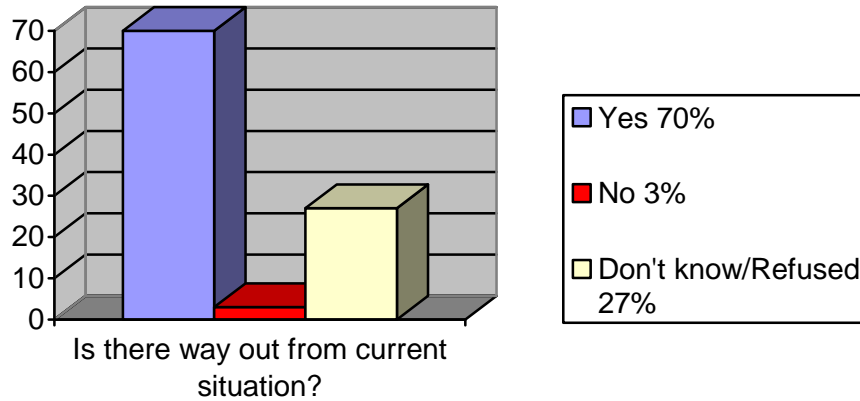
Total 100%
among them women 71%
among them men 29%

Refusal to respond after hearing the topics/questions of the interview might mean that respondents are afraid to express their opinion by phone, and several respondents have explicitly expressed their fears.

1. Is there political Crisis in Georgia in your opinion?

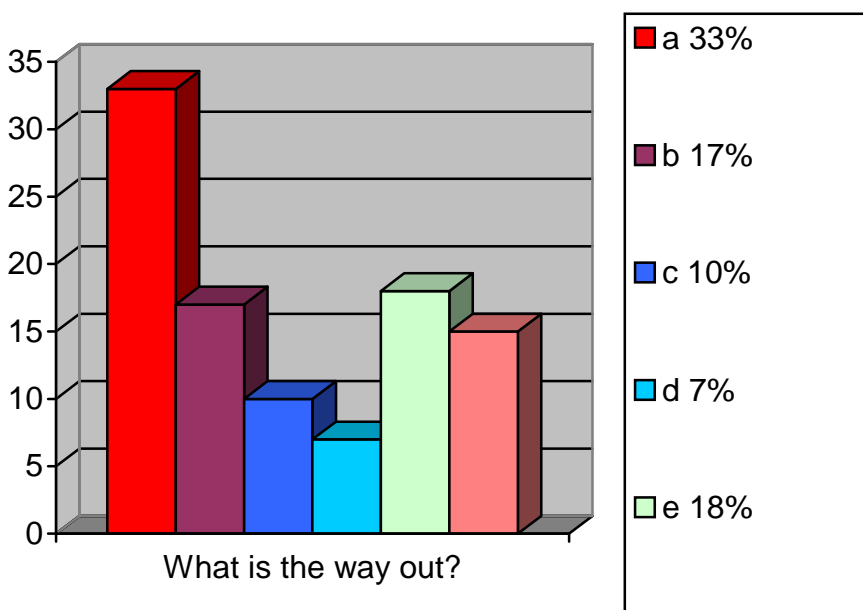


2. Is there way out from current situation?



3. What is the way out of this situation?

- a. **Saakashvili steps down** and a new Presidential election is conducted;
- b. **Saakashvili steps down** and Parliament of Georgia adopts Constitutional changes;
- g. **Saakashvili stays** in position and snap Parliamentary elections are called;
- d. **Saakashvili stays** in position and everything continues as before;
- e. Other



- a. **Saakashvili steps down** and a new Presidential election is conducted (33%);
- b. **Saakashvili steps down** and Parliament of Georgia adopts Constitutional changes (17%);
- g. **Saakashvili stays** in position and snap Parliamentary elections are called (10%);
- d. **Saakashvili stays** in position and everything continues as before (7%);
- e. **Other** – while listing other ways out, 18% respondents mentioned: importance of dialogue, solving of the problems by peaceful means, without any violence, letting people solve political crisis by themselves, facing changes in the country, appealing to Saakashvili to change his politics, also 2 respondents appealed to opposition to change protest forms.
- 15% of respondents don't know any way out of the situation or they refused to answer.

