

Public opinion on COVID-19

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Hello, everyone. I hope you're all doing fine.

Let me share with you the findings from latest opinion polls conducted in Greece about the coronavirus.

The market research company, Interview, has been conducting public opinion research about the Coronavirus epidemic and Greek people's acceptance of and agreement with the measures the government has taken so far. The 4th and most recent coronavirus study was conducted on a nationwide sample of 1,200 individuals using the iCATI-WEB methodology and with a period from 27/3/2020 to 31/3/2020.

Major Findings

50% of Greeks believe that they will be infected by the coronavirus. In fact, 50% of respondents believe that the likelihood of them being infected by the coronavirus is "high" and "high enough" compared to 42% who think that this likelihood is "low" or "non-existent", while 8% stated that they are "unaware".

87% of respondents rate the Greek Prime Minister's actions as "positive".

73% of respondents state that they already have "negative effects on their job-income".

67% of respondents watch television news on the course of the disease from Mrs Tsiodras and Chardalias on a daily basis. 21% of respondents watch these news "two or three times a week", 7% rarely, and 5% never.

86% of respondents answered that they consider the daily information as adequate and credible (well-documented), while only 6% consider it inadequate and the rest do not respond.

Five out of ten of respondents think that the coverage of the coronavirus issue is very well done by Greek television, as opposed to 35% who responded that television handles the issue the same way as other times in the past and 10% worse.

Respondents rate the Prime Minister's actions to tackle the pandemic as "positive" (87%), while only 10% rate it as "negative".

With regards to the traffic ban, 54% think it is necessary, 37% ask for additional measures, 7% respond that it was not necessary and 2% do not know - do not answer.

In the recent period, due to the coronavirus, 87% increased their personal hygiene, compared to the remaining 13%.

At the same time, 75% keep a distance of 2 meters from people they meet outside of their home, 22% sometimes forget to do so, and only 3% keep no distance.

Regarding work, salary or income in the days of coronavirus, 73% responded that they have been adversely affected. Finally, 55% estimates that the current restrictions will last until the summer, 30% by the end of April, 10% by the end of the year and 5% for another year or more.

Pulse (03/04/2020)

Another opinion poll conducted by market research company, Pulse, also reveals that the Greek people are very worried about the coronavirus epidemic, but also largely support the Greek government and the measures it has taken so far.

More specifically:

The ruling New Democracy party is ahead by 23 percentage points. Specifically, ND receives 45%, SYRIZA 22%, the Change Movement 5.5%, the KKE 5%, the Greek Solution of K. Velopoulos 4.5% and G. Varoufakis' DPA 25%.

82% positively or rather positively assess the government's actions against the coronavirus pandemic, with even a percentage of SYRIZA voters reporting 78% positive or rather positive about the government's response to the crisis.

More specifically, about the financial measures taken and announced by the government, 67% of citizens consider them positive or rather positive, while 29% say they are negative or rather negative.

A total of 78% of those polled said they were more or less worried about the coronary heart disease, while 83% said the pandemic and measures taken to slow the spread of the virus had affected his life.

57% of citizens state that their financial situation has been affected by the extraordinary situation created by the pandemic. 18% respond that their condition has been moderately affected, while 20% more or less affected.

Stay safe and optimistic.

Regards,

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