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Press release

Members of 9% of households are ready to sell their votes

According to Info Sapiens Omnibus, in February of this year, 9% of Ukrainians aged over 16 years old indicate that there are people in their household who are ready to sell their votes.

Also, 75% of Ukrainians indicate that nobody in their household is ready to sell their votes, and 16% can not answer the question. The residents of the South (5%) and the West (6%) are the least likely to sell their votes.

Regarding indirect bribery of voters, then 1% of Ukrainians admitted that they would take a gift and would be inclined to vote for the candidate from whom they received it. Another 2% would take a gift, but this would prevent them from voting for the relevant candidate, and 19% would take a gift, but they would vote for someone they think was appropriate. Only 23% would not take a gift and it would prevent them from voting for the relevant candidate. Together with those 2% who would take a gift and vote for another candidate, overall, 25% of the respondents said that they would not vote for those, who are engaged in indirect bribery of voters. The proportion of those who will not vote for politicians who bribe voters, decreases with age. The largest number of those who will not vote for politicians, who bribe voters is in Kyiv – 36%, while the least is in the North – 11%.

60% of Ukrainians believe that people agree to sell their votes because of unsatisfactory financial situation, 45% – due to disbelief to election results, 18% – due to no punishment for such violations, 14% – due to lack of awareness of possible punishment.

The respondents with higher than average income and with higher education more often refuse to vote for those who bribe voters, than poorer and less educated respondents.

Only 15% of Ukrainians are aware that there is a criminal liability for selling the votes and only 13% would turn to law enforcement agencies if a particular candidate or party offered money or a gift for their vote.

'The majority of the population do not admit that gifts can affect their voting, but at the same time, they do not refuse to vote for those who bribe voters,' Inna Volosevych, Deputy Director of Info Sapiens, comments. 'In other words, Ukrainians are indifferent to the attempts of political forces to buy their votes. It is worth to emphasize the disgrace of such practices in electoral literacy campaigns.'

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If a particular candidate or a party offered you or your family members a gift (for example, a food package), you

	16-19 y.o.	20-29 y.o.	30-39 y.o.	40-49 y.o.	50-59 y.o.	60 y.o. or older	TOTAL
Would take it, and would be more likely to vote for that candidate.	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Would take it, but would be less likely to vote for that candidate.	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Would take it, but it would not affect your vote – you would vote for someone you think was appropriate.	11%	17%	15%	20%	25%	21%	19%
Would not take it and would be less likely to vote for that candidate.	23%	27%	25%	22%	22%	19%	23%
Would not take it and it would not affect your vote – you would vote for someone you think was appropriate.	36%	40%	40%	42%	38%	47%	42%
Hard to answer	26%	13%	14%	13%	13%	10%	13%

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	16-19 y.o.	20-29 y.o.	30-39 y.o.	40-49 y.o.	50-59 y.o.	60 y.o. or older	TOTAL
Yes, I would be ready	0%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Members of my household would be ready	5%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%	7%
Not me, nor members of household are ready	68%	75%	78%	76%	72%	76%	75%
Hard to say/Refuse	27%	17%	13%	14%	18%	15%	16%

In your opinion, why are people willing to sell their votes?

	16-19 y.o.	20-29 y.o.	30-39 y.o.	40-49 y.o.	50-59 y.o.	60 y.o. or older	TOTAL
Due to unsatisfactory financial situation	48%	56%	65%	59%	58%	62%	60%
Disbelief to any election results and an attempt to get at least some benefit from the candidate or party	36%	46%	49%	39%	46%	45%	45%
Due to no punishment for such violations	13%	19%	16%	23%	19%	15%	18%
Due to lack of awareness of the fact that there is liability for such violations	12%	13%	10%	14%	18%	15%	14%
Other	0%	3%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Hard to answer	19%	8%	11%	12%	8%	8%	10%

If a particular candidate or a party offered you or your family members money or a gift for your vote, would you turn to law enforcement agencies?

	16-19 y.o.	20-29 y.o.	30-39 y.o.	40-49 y.o.	50-59 y.o.	60 y.o. or older	TOTAL
Definitely, yes	0%	5%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%
Rather, yes	9%	7%	11%	9%	11%	7%	9%
Rather, no	16%	25%	24%	24%	26%	26%	25%
Definitely, no	42%	40%	40%	42%	42%	44%	42%
Hard to say/Refuse	33%	24%	23%	20%	17%	20%	21%

In your opinion, does liability of voter for selling his/her vote exist under Ukrainian legislation?

	16-19 y.o.	20-29 y.o.	30-39 y.o.	40-49 y.o.	50-59 y.o.	60 y.o. or older	TOTAL
Yes, criminal liability	18%	13%	16%	19%	18%	10%	15%
Yes, administrative	13%	22%	25%	21%	22%	20%	21%

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liability (fines)							
No, it doesn't	38%	37%	29%	29%	29%	31%	31%
Hard to say/Refuse	31%	28%	30%	31%	31%	39%	32%

Distribution by region

If a particular candidate or a party offered you or your family members a gift (for example, a food package), you...

	Kyiv	North	West	Center	South	East	TOTAL
Would take it, and would be more likely to vote for that candidate.	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Would take it, but would be less likely to vote for that candidate.	5%	1%	2%	4%	2%	0%	2%
Would take it, but it would not affect your vote – you would vote for someone you think was appropriate.	17%	15%	24%	21%	11%	24%	19%
Would not take it and would be less likely to vote for that candidate.	31%	10%	16%	26%	32%	25%	23%
Would not take it and it would not affect your vote – you would vote for someone you think was appropriate.	24%	62%	52%	35%	34%	34%	42%
Hard to answer	23%	12%	5%	12%	20%	17%	13%

Would you be ready to sell your vote in the elections?

	Kyiv	North	West	Center	South	East	TOTAL
Yes, I would be ready	0%	5%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Members of my household would be ready	13%	5%	5%	8%	2%	12%	7%
Not me, nor members of household are ready	55%	78%	89%	71%	76%	66%	75%
Hard to say/Refuse	32%	13%	5%	18%	20%	21%	16%

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Due to unsatisfactory financial situation	46%	58%	61%	63%	73%	45%	60%
Disbelief to any election results and an attempt to get at least some benefit from the candidate or party	37%	42%	58%	48%	41%	26%	45%
Due to no punishment for such violations	34%	7%	10%	26%	19%	17%	18%
Due to lack of awareness of the fact that there is liability for such violations	25%	4%	10%	17%	15%	17%	14%
Other	9%	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%
Hard to answer	12%	12%	5%	8%	9%	18%	10%

If a particular candidate or a party offered you or your family members money or a gift for your vote, would you turn to law enforcement agencies?

	Kyiv	North	West	Center	South	East	TOTAL
Definitely, yes	2%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Rather, yes	13%	6%	10%	4%	9%	14%	9%
Rather, no	48%	24%	15%	25%	31%	22%	25%
Definitely, no	16%	37%	60%	42%	31%	41%	42%
Hard to say/Refuse	21%	29%	11%	25%	26%	18%	21%

In your opinion, does liability of voter for selling his/her vote exist under Ukrainian legislation?

	Kyiv	North	West	Center	South	East	TOTAL
Yes, criminal liability	7%	11%	14%	22%	14%	12%	15%
Yes, administrative liability (fines)	17%	18%	44%	14%	9%	16%	21%
No, it doesn't	40%	31%	30%	33%	29%	29%	31%
Hard to say/Refuse	36%	39%	12%	32%	47%	43%	32%

Distribution by education

If a particular candidate or a party offered you or your family members a gift (for example, a food package), you ...

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	Primary/Unfinished Secondary	Secondary Complete	Secondary Vocational	Higher	TOTAL
Would take it, and would be more likely to vote for that candidate.	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Would take it, but would be less likely to vote for that candidate.	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%
Would take it, but it would not affect your vote – you would vote for someone you think was appropriate.	28%	17%	21%	17%	19%
Would not take it and would be less likely to vote for that candidate.	13%	22%	23%	28%	23%
Would not take it and it would not affect your vote – you would vote for someone you think was appropriate.	35%	42%	43%	43%	42%
Hard to answer	20%	16%	10%	11%	13%

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Would you be ready to sell your vote in the elections?

	Primary/Unfinished Secondary	Secondary Complete	Secondary Vocational	Higher	TOTAL
Yes, I would be ready	6%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Members of my household would be ready	6%	4%	10%	5%	7%
Not me, nor members of household are ready	66%	78%	75%	77%	75%
Hard to say/Refuse	22%	16%	13%	17%	16%

In your opinion, why are people willing to sell their votes?

	Primary/Unfinished Secondary	Secondary Complete	Secondary Vocational	Higher	TOTAL
Due to unsatisfactory financial situation	60%	65%	61%	53%	60%
Disbelief to any election results and an attempt to get at least some benefit from the candidate or party	51%	45%	42%	44%	45%
Due to no punishment for such violations	17%	12%	19%	24%	18%
Due to lack of awareness of the fact that there is liability for such violations	12%	11%	14%	19%	14%
Other	0%	1%	1%	3%	2%
Hard to answer	10%	12%	6%	11%	10%

If a particular candidate or a party offered you or your family members money or a gift for your vote, would you turn to law enforcement agencies?

	Primary/Unfinished Secondary	Secondary Complete	Secondary Vocational	Higher	TOTAL
Definitely, yes	2%	3%	4%	5%	4%
Rather, yes	6%	5%	11%	11%	9%
Rather, no	20%	26%	29%	22%	25%
Definitely, no	54%	43%	37%	38%	42%
Hard to say/Refuse	19%	23%	18%	23%	21%

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	Primary/Unfinished	Secondary Complete	Secondary Vocational	Higher	Total
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	Secondary				
Yes, criminal liability	15%	9%	20%	18%	15%
Yes, administrative liability (fines)	24%	21%	23%	20%	21%
No, it doesn't	31%	32%	28%	33%	31%
Hard to say/Refuse	31%	39%	29%	29%	32%

Distribution by income

If a particular candidate or a party offered you or your family members a gift (for example, a food package), you ...

	Lower than average income	Average income	Higher than average income	TOTAL
Would take it, and would be more likely to vote for that candidate.	2%	1%	0%	1%
Would take it, but would be less likely to vote for that candidate.	1%	3%	3%	2%
Would take it, but it would not affect your vote – you would vote for someone you think was appropriate.	20%	22%	14%	19%
Would not take it and would be less likely to vote for that candidate.	21%	19%	38%	23%
Would not take it and it would not affect your vote – you would vote for someone you think was appropriate.	42%	44%	35%	42%
Hard to answer	14%	12%	11%	13%

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	Lower than average income	Average income	Higher than average income	TOTAL
Yes, I would be ready	4%	2%	0%	2%
Members of my household would be ready	5%	8%	6%	7%
Not me, nor members of household are ready	77%	74%	78%	75%
Hard to say/Refuse	14%	16%	16%	16%

In your opinion, why are people willing to sell their votes?

	Lower than average income	Average income	Higher than average income	TOTAL
Due to unsatisfactory financial situation	67%	56%	60%	60%
Disbelief to any election results and an attempt to get at least some benefit from the candidate or party	43%	49%	40%	45%
Due to no punishment for such violations	13%	17%	32%	18%
Due to lack of awareness of the fact that there is liability for such violations	9%	14%	25%	14%
Other	1%	1%	4%	2%
Hard to answer	8%	10%	7%	10%

If a particular candidate or a party offered you or your family members money or a gift for your vote, would you turn to law enforcement agencies?

	Lower than average income	Average income	Higher than average income	TOTAL
Definitely, yes	3%	4%	2%	4%
Rather, yes	6%	6%	23%	9%
Rather, no	25%	24%	28%	25%
Definitely, no	46%	44%	30%	42%
Hard to say/Refuse	20%	21%	16%	21%

In your opinion, does liability of voter for selling his/her vote exist under Ukrainian legislation?

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Yes, criminal liability	15%	15%	15%	15%
Yes, administrative liability (fines)	18%	23%	27%	21%
No, it doesn't	31%	33%	27%	31%
Hard to say/Refuse	36%	30%	30%	32%

Information about the study

Omnibus sample size is 1,000 interviews with persons aged over 16 years old. The sample is representative of the population of this age group by gender, age, size of settlement and region of residence. The study was conducted only in territories controlled by Ukraine, excluding Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the non-government controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. The maximum theoretical error does not exceed 3.2%. Field stage of this wave of Omnibus was held in February 1-14, 2019.

About Info Sapiens

The research agency Info Sapiens specializes in conducting public opinion surveys, behavioral measurements and in analysing data from secondary sources. The company adheres to all ESOMAR research standards.

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