

# Two Years after *Maidan*: Ukrainians Committed to Democracy, Disappointed with Unmet Aspirations

Key Findings from a September 2015 IFES Survey in Ukraine





#### Methodological Details



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• 1,558 respondents representing the voting-age population in Ukraine excluding/outside Donbas and Crimea (18 years+).

#### Margin of error:

• ±2.49% within a 95% confidence interval for data outside/excluding Donbas and Crimea.

#### Sample area coverage:

• All the administrative divisions of Ukraine. Observations were allocated proportionally based on population statistics from 2014.

#### Fieldwork dates:

• September 12 – 26, 2015

#### **Survey firm:**

• IFES contracted with the Kiev International Institute of Sociology (KIIS) to conduct fieldwork and data processing for the survey.

#### **Funding:**

• The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) provided funding for this survey.

#### Weights:

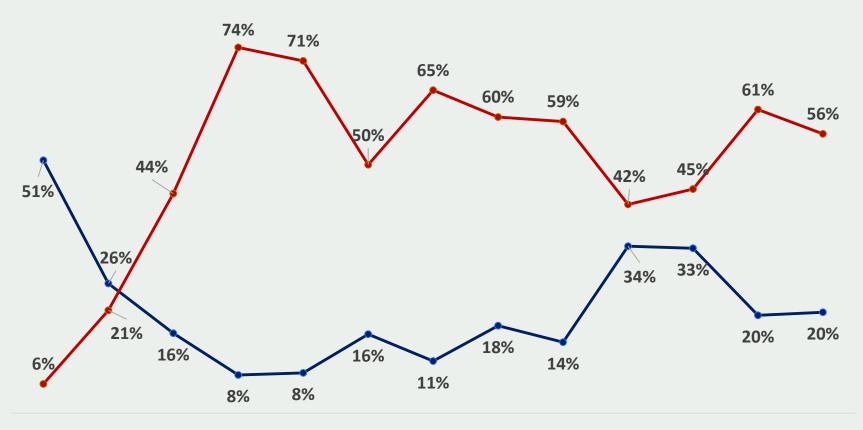
 Data was weighted by age, region and gender to bring the realized sample in line with target population parameters in order to be representative of the adult (18+) population of Ukraine outside Crimea and Donbas.



#### I. Views on the Current Situation

#### Direction in which Ukraine is Headed



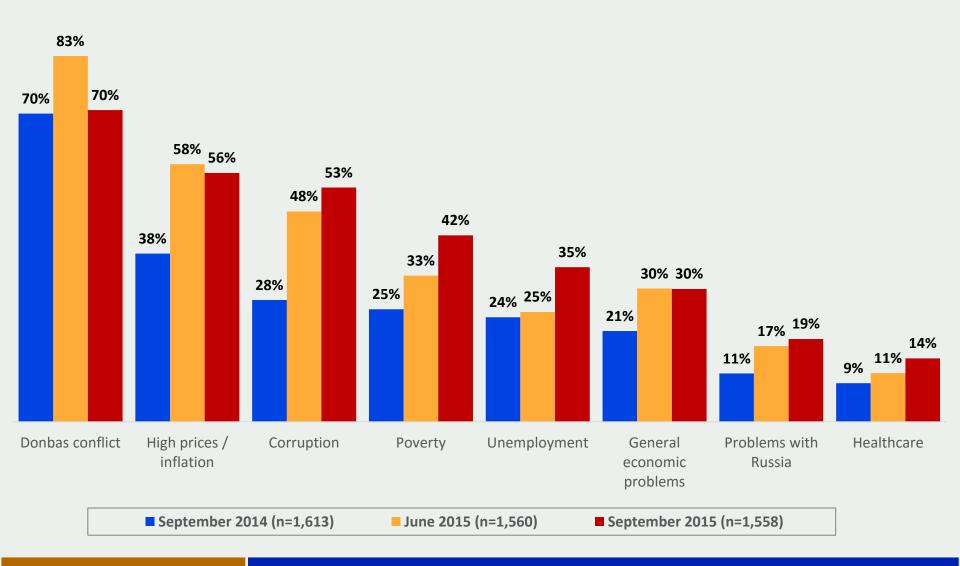


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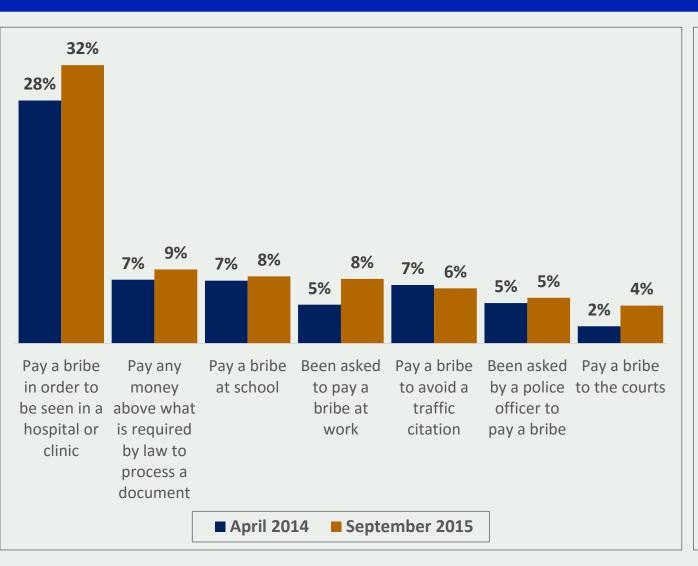
### Biggest Issues Facing Ukraine (Trend)

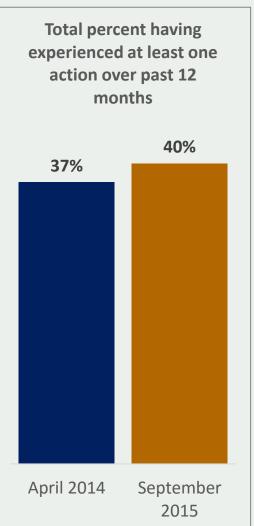




#### **Experience with Corruption**





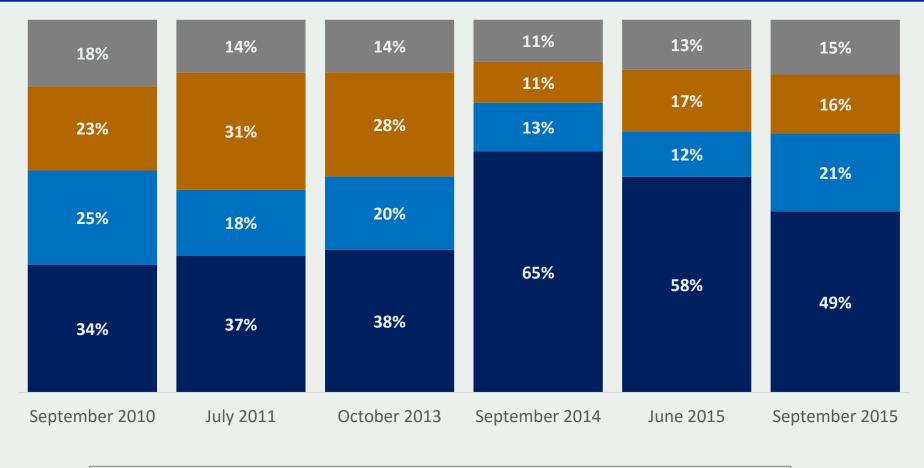




# II. Support for Democracy

#### Preference for Democratic System



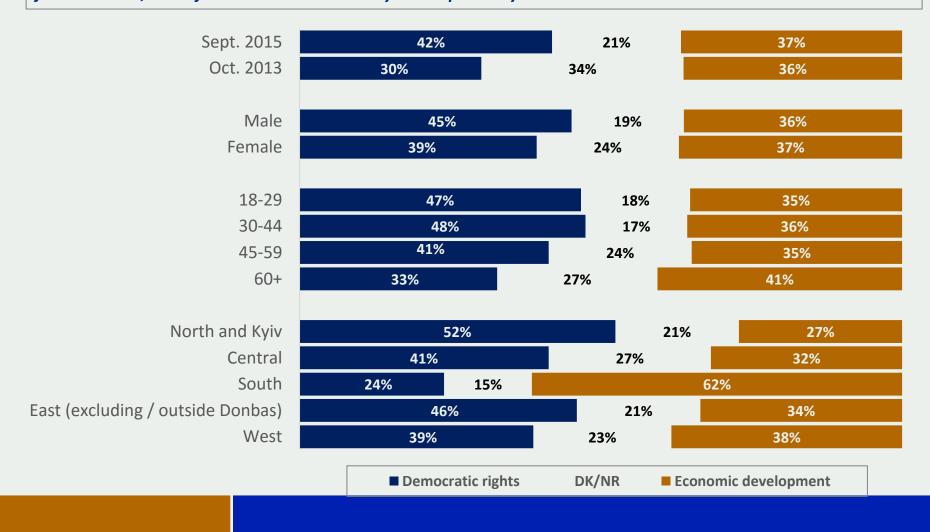


- DK/NR
- To me, it does not matter what form of government we have
- In certain situations, a non-democratic government can be preferable
- Democracy is preferable to any other form of government

## Attitudes on Importance of Democracy

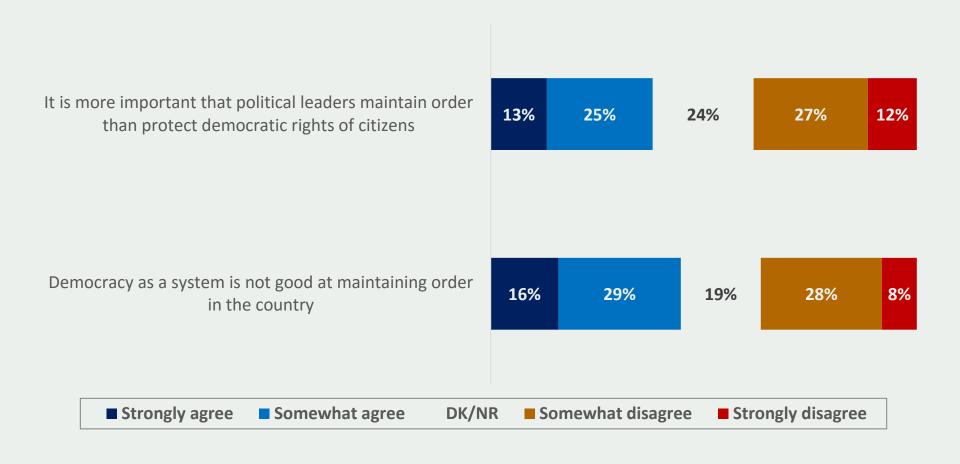


"Please tell me with which you most agree: 'It should be a priority for Ukraine to pursue economic development, even if it means foregoing some democratic rights' or 'Ukraine's priority should be to maintain democratic rights for its citizens, even if this means the economy develops slowly'



#### **Democracy and Order**

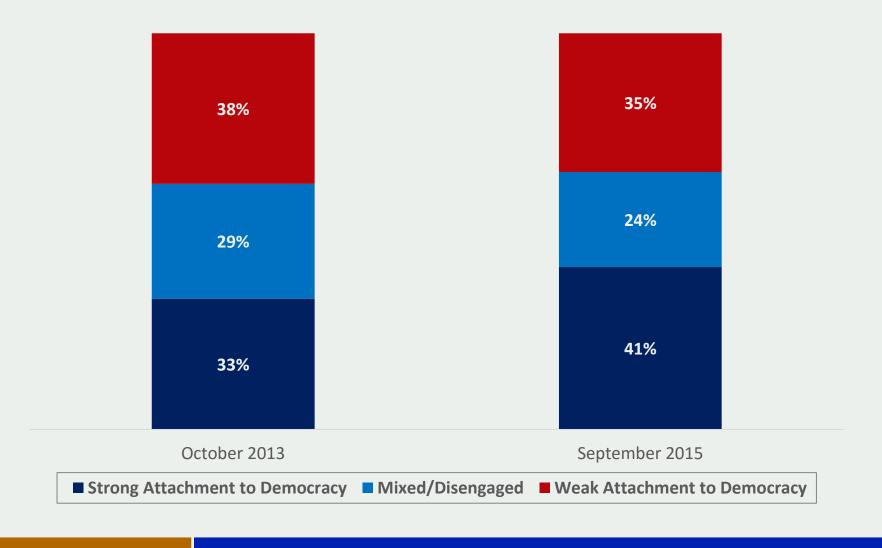




"Please tell me do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:"

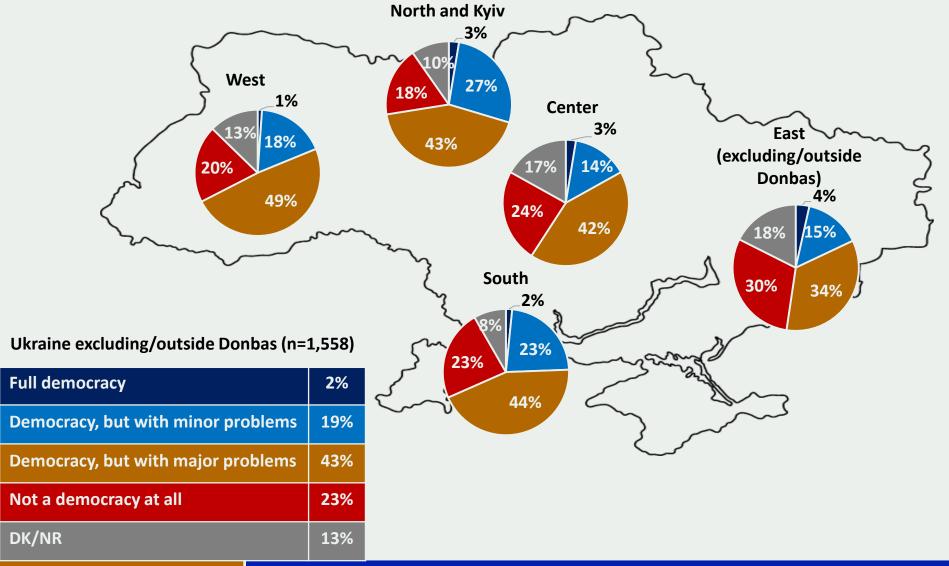
## **Democracy Profile**





## Extent of Democracy in Ukraine



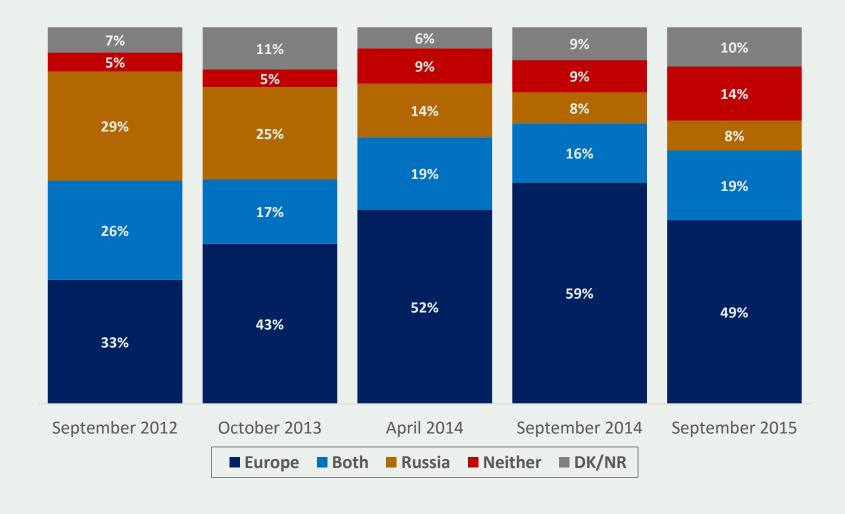




# III. Foreign Policy Orientation

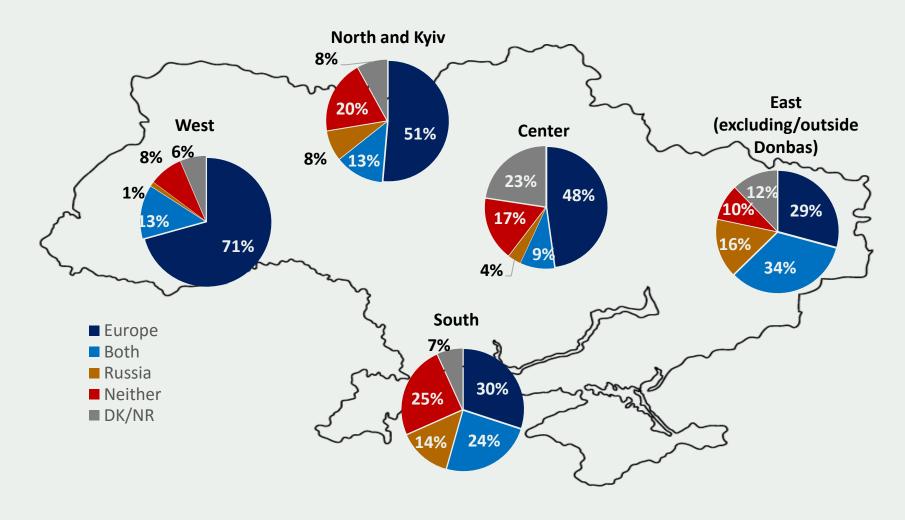
### Ukraine's Foreign Policy Orientation





#### Foreign Policy Orientation, Regional Profile

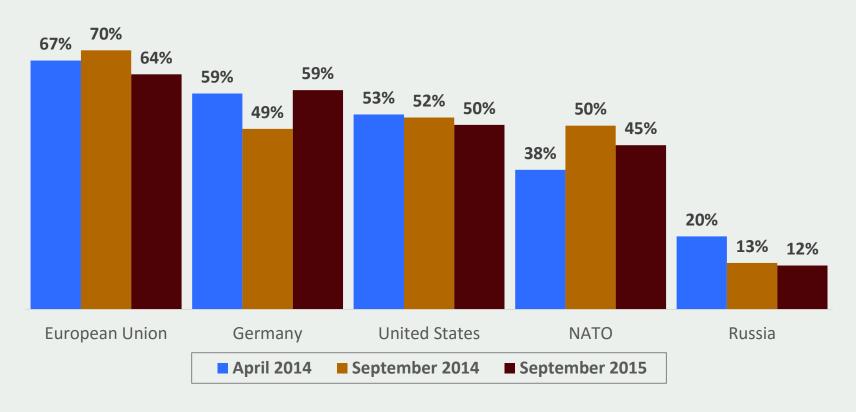




# Attitudes towards Foreign Governments and Institutions



#### Percent with either 'very positive' or 'somewhat positive' impressions

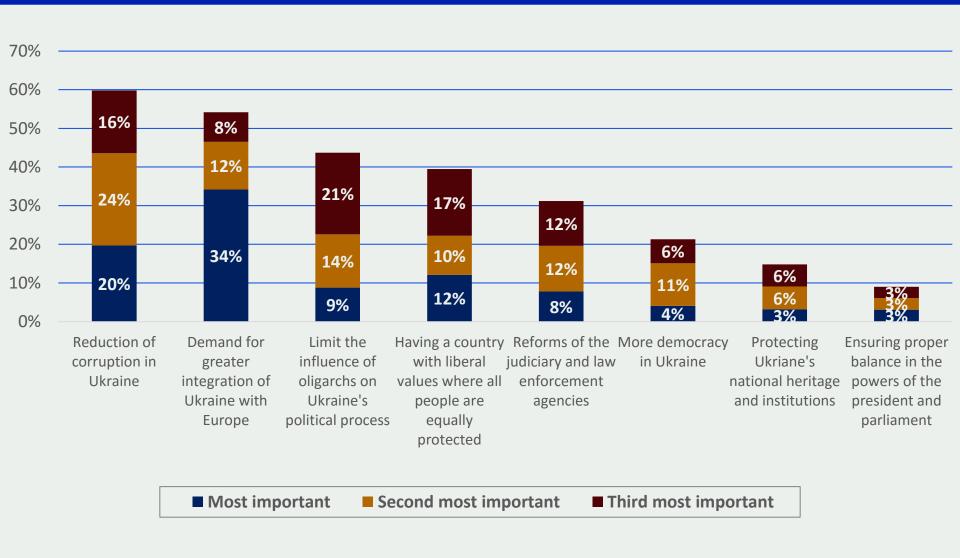




#### IV. Views on *Maidan*

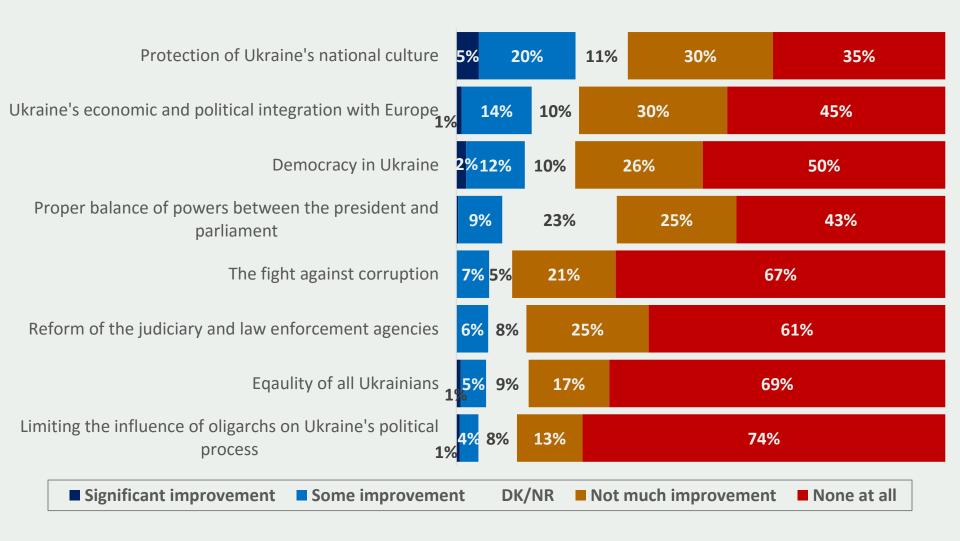
#### Most Important Aspirations for Maidan





# Extent of Progress on Important Issues since *Maidan*





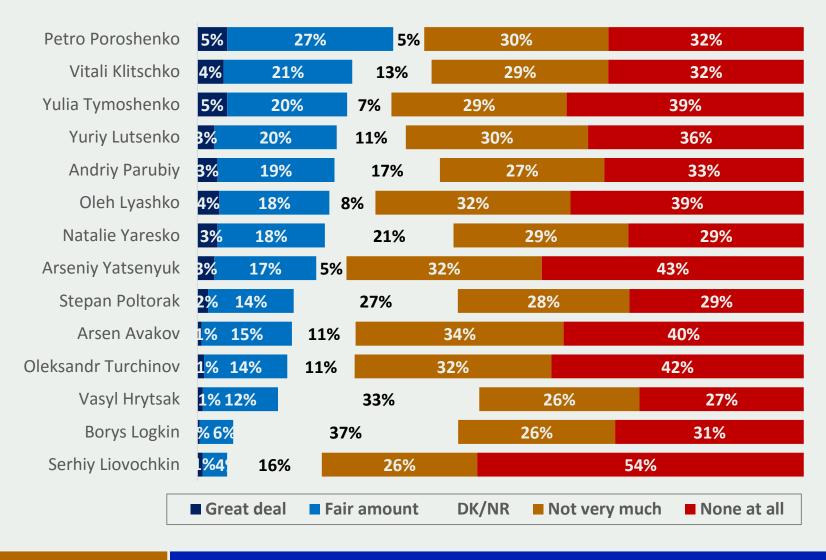
"For each of the issues I mention, please tell me how much improvement there has been since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maidan."



#### V. Views on Leaders and Institutions

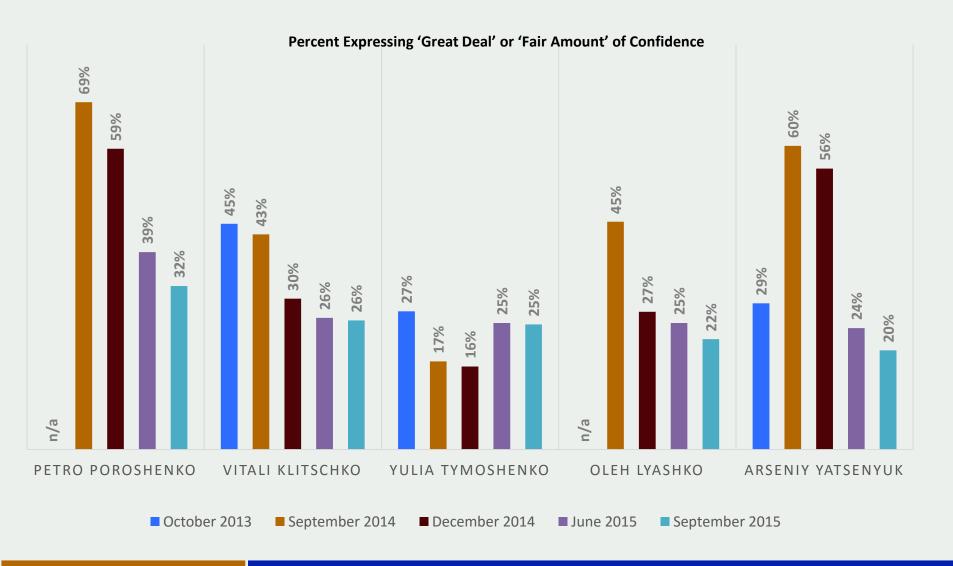
# Confidence in Political Leaders (excluding/outside Crimea and Donbas)





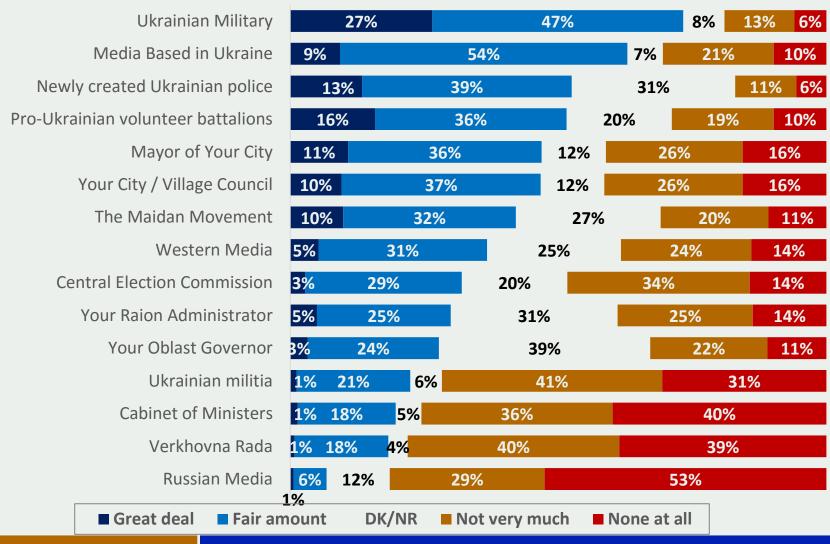
# Confidence in Political Leaders (trend) (excluding/outside Crimea and Donbas)





#### Confidence in Political Institutions

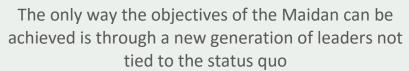




"For each, please tell me how much confidence you have in them:" (n=1,558)

#### Leadership and Maidan Aspirations

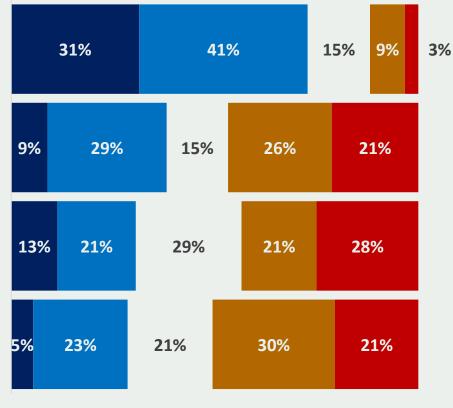




Our current political leaders understand the reforms that are needed to address the aspirations of the 2nd Maidan

It is inevitable that 3rd Maidan will take place to bring in fresh political leadership to bring needed change to Ukraine

Although the going has been slow, our current political leaders will ensure that needed reforms are introduced



■ Strongly agree ■ So

■ Somewhat agree

DK/NR

■ Somewhat disagree

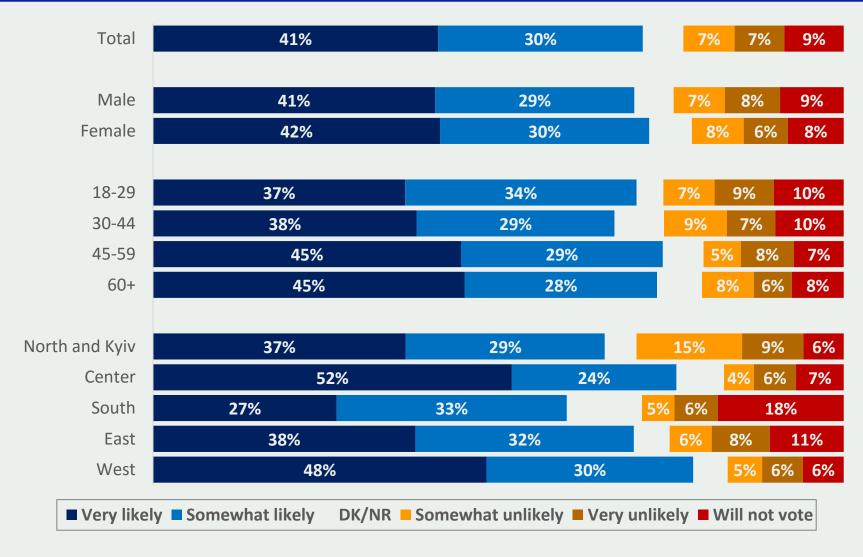
**■** Strongly disagree



### VI. Local Elections

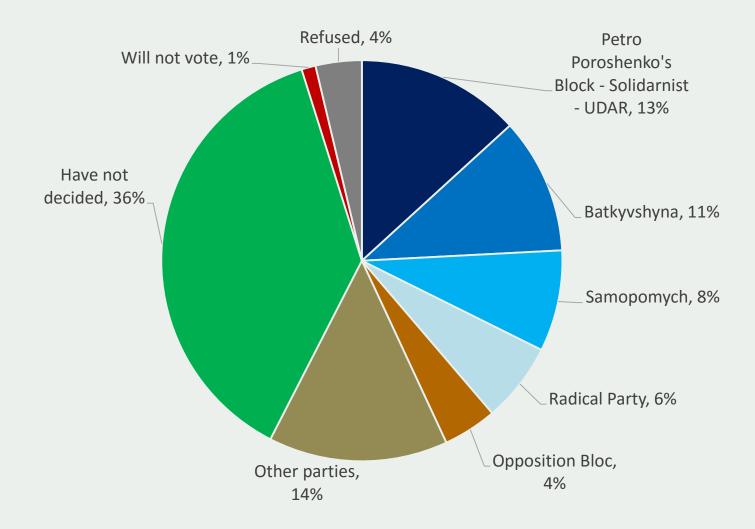
#### Likelihood to Vote in Local Elections





# Party Preference (by those Very likely to vote)







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