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Estonian Candidate Study 2023

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Overview

Estonian Candidate Study 2023 collected information about candidates who stood at the 2023 parliamentary election in Estonia. The survey included questions about candidates' political background, political attitudes, and their campaign choices.

The study was conducted after the election. The initial contact with candidates was via email on 13.03.2023, whereby the study was introduced and instructions for completing it sent. A follow-up contact was made via email on 04.04.2023. There were 340 complete responses, giving a response rate of 35%.

Table 1. Sample

	#	%
Party		
Eesti Keskerakond (Estonian Centre Party)	29	8.5
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond (Conservative People's Party of Estonia)	51	15.0
Eesti Reformierakond (Estonian Reform Party)	37	10.9
Eestimaa Ühendatud Vasakpartei (Estonian United Left Party)	4	1.2
Erakond Eesti 200 (Estonia 200)	51	15.0
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised (Estonian Greens)	23	6.8
Erakond Parempoolsed (The Right)	59	17.4
Isamaa Erakond (Fatherland)	31	9.1
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond (Social Democratic Party)	54	15.9
Üksikkandidaat (Independents)	1	0.4
District		
Tallinn: Haabersti, Põhja-Tallinna ja Kristiine	33	9.7
Tallinn: Kesklinna, Lasnamäe ja Pirita	36	10.6
Tallinn: Mustamäe ja Nõmme	29	8.5
Harju- ja Raplamaa	46	13.5
Hiiu-, Lääne- ja Saaremaa	24	7.1
Lääne-Virumaa	20	5.9
Ida-Virumaa	20	5.9
Järva- ja Viljandimaa	25	7.4
Jõgeva- ja Tartumaa	24	7.1
Tartu linn	29	8.5
Võru-, Valga- ja Põlvamaa	22	6.5
Pärnumaa	32	9.4

Initial conclusions

Political background

- Most candidates (56.1%) have been local councillors
 - Most common for candidates of the Estonian Centre Party (86.2%)
 - Least common for candidates of the Estonian Greens (13%)
- Most candidates (69.7%) have held regional party office
 - Most popular non-party political organisations are business groups (55.1% candidates) and sports clubs (38.6% candidates)
 - Very few candidates (17.7%) have been trade union members
- Very few candidates received encouragement to stand for office
 - Most common source of encouragement was national party official (34% candidates)

Election campaign

- Candidates are conducting relatively party-centred campaigns
- Candidates are conducting relatively intensive campaigns
 - Average spend on personal campaign: €2,220
 - Highest spend for candidates of the Conservative People's Party of Estonia: €3,460
 - Lowest spend for candidates of The Right: €500
 - Average time spend on campaigning: 12.2 hours per week
 - Most time by Conservative People's Party of Estonia candidates: 17.7 hours per week
 - Least time by Estonia 200 and Estonian Greens candidates: 8.6 hours per week
- Social media has become the most popular campaign mean (used by 84.9% of candidates)
 - However, very few candidates used other online campaign means (all <20% of candidates)
 - Campaign means that more than half of candidates used: social media (84.9%), party flyers (81.6%), public events (69.7%), and party posters (62.4%)

Political views

- Most important problems are security (26.6% candidates) and living standards (22.1% candidates)
 - Education and health are not among the most important problems for candidates of any party
- Estonian political landscape is slightly skewed to the right
 - Social Democratic Party candidates are most left-leaning (3.5; scale 0 'left' – 10 'right')
 - The Right candidates are most right-leaning (8.8)
 - Coalition: Estonian Reform Party (7.6), Estonia 200 (6.6), Social Democratic Party (3.5)

- Immigration
 - Vast majority of candidates (91.7%) thinks that immigrants must adopt to Estonian customs
 - Very few candidates (27.1%) think that obtaining Estonian citizenship should be made easier
- Most polarising topics
 - People who break law should receive stiffer sentences: 40.7% agree, 45.1% disagree
 - State needs to strongly intervene to ensure gender equality: 45.9% agree, 40.3% disagree
- Most common ground
 - State's main task is to ensure citizens' social security: 79.3% agree
 - State should put more emphasis on protecting the environment: 79.1% agree
 - Compulsory national service should be scrapped: 90.3% disagree

Democracy

- Most candidates are relatively satisfied with how democracy works in Estonia (78% very/quite) and in the European Union (73.8% very/quite)
 - Conservative People's Party of Estonia candidates are the exception, with most of them being dissatisfied with how it works in Estonia (78.4% not very/not at all) and the European Union (76.4% not very/not at all)
 - A substantial minority of the Estonian Centre Party candidates are also dissatisfied with how it works in Estonia (37.9% not very/not at all) and the European Union (44.8% not very/not at all)
- There are reasons for concern:
 - Only a small majority of candidates (56.9%) think that citizens have enough opportunities to shape political decisions,
 - Around half of candidates (52%) think that democracy is in danger of losing citizens' trust,
 - More than half of candidates (59.4%) think that lobby groups have too much influence over legislation, and
 - More than half (55%) think that citizens should have the right to initiate binding referendums
- Most candidates think that Members of Parliament should be independent-minded politicians
 - Most candidates (67%) think that Members of Parliament should prioritise their own views over those of their voters when the two are in conflict
 - Most candidates (68.6%) think that Members of Parliament should prioritise their own views over those of their party when the two are in conflict

Political background

Table 2. Political profile

	All (%)	Kesk (%)	EKRE (%)	Reform (%)	EE200 (%)	Roh (%)	Parem (%)	Isamaa (%)	SDE (%)
Representative body membership (current/past)									
Local council	56.1	86.2	70.0	78.4	47.1	13.0	27.1	74.2	63.0
National parliament	14.2	27.6	16.0	32.4	7.8	4.6	1.7	25.8	11.1
National government	6.2	13.8	16.0	10.8	0.0	0.0	1.7	9.7	7.4
Organisation membership (current/past)									
Regional party office	69.7	75.9	90.2	78.4	66.0	60.9	56.1	67.7	64.8
National party office	33.1	35.7	46.0	29.7	28.0	43.5	21.1	32.3	37.0
Professional body	29.0	31.0	32.0	27.0	38.0	40.9	17.5	25.8	29.6
Business group	55.1	57.1	42.0	54.1	63.3	56.5	79.0	35.5	44.4
Trade union	17.7	31.0	19.6	8.3	30.6	22.7	10.5	12.9	13.0
Women's organisation	17.1	17.2	18.0	29.7	18.4	13.0	8.8	6.5	24.5
Environmental organisation	12.7	10.7	4.0	11.4	12.2	60.9	7.0	9.7	11.1
Religious organisation	17.1	10.7	22.0	16.7	18.4	13.0	10.5	35.5	14.8
Sports club	38.6	48.3	26.0	52.8	38.8	43.5	41.1	36.7	33.3
Encouraged to stand									
Party's national official	34.0	17.2	17.7	18.9	54.9	52.2	64.4	19.4	16.7
Party's regional official	27.9	34.5	31.4	32.4	23.5	21.7	17.0	22.6	42.6
Current Member of Parliament	24.6	41.4	31.4	29.7	5.9	4.4	8.5	54.8	35.2
Past Member of Parliament	9.1	10.3	5.9	16.2	9.8	8.7	1.7	9.7	13.0
Other community leaders	19.7	20.7	19.6	29.7	15.7	21.7	11.9	12.9	27.8
Interest group representative	10.3	10.3	9.8	18.9	7.8	17.4	8.5	6.5	7.4
Spouse/partner	19.9	24.1	25.5	24.3	21.6	17.4	17.0	9.7	20.4
Other family members	14.1	17.2	23.5	24.3	15.7	4.4	10.2	3.2	11.1

Election campaign

Table 3. Campaign aim

	Campaign aim
Eesti Keskerakond	5.6
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	5.8
Eesti Reformierakond	5.7
Erakond Eesti 200	6.4
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	7.2
Erakond Parempoolsed	7.8
Isamaa Erakond	5.7
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	5.7
All candidates	6.3

Scale: 0 'attention to candidate' - 10 'attention to party'

Table 4. Campaign focus

	How much did you focus on: 'very much' or 'quite a lot' (%)		
	Own skills	Own platform	Party platform
Eesti Keskerakond	79.3	51.7	82.8
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	90.0	70.0	91.7
Eesti Reformierakond	89.2	61.1	86.5
Erakond Eesti 200	80.0	66.0	84.0
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	56.5	60.9	78.3
Erakond Parempoolsed	67.8	36.2	91.5
Isamaa Erakond	83.9	48.4	80.7
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	90.6	53.7	75.5
All candidates	80.5	56.0	84.5

	How much did you focus on: 'very much' or 'quite a lot' (%)		
	Public services	Socio-economic wellbeing	Transparency
Eesti Keskerakond	66.7	86.2	93.1
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	61.2	79.6	87.5
Eesti Reformierakond	66.7	83.3	100.0
Erakond Eesti 200	51.0	54.3	79.6
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	45.5	63.6	68.2
Erakond Parempoolsed	47.4	65.5	75.4
Isamaa Erakond	54.8	54.8	93.3
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	73.6	88.7	81.5
All candidates	58.1	72.2	84.2

Table 5. Campaign intensity

Campaign budget	Average (€)
Eesti Keskerakond	3,150
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	3,460
Eesti Reformierakond	3,260
Erakond Eesti 200	2,200
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	740
Erakond Parempoolsed	500
Isamaa Erakond	3,260
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	2,130
All candidates	2,220
Campaign time	Average (h/week)
Eesti Keskerakond	13.8
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	17.7
Eesti Reformierakond	11.6
Erakond Eesti 200	8.6
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	8.6
Erakond Parempoolsed	12.1
Isamaa Erakond	12.1
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	11.9
All candidates	12.2
Professional campaign consultants	Yes (%)
Eesti Keskerakond	3.5
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	13.7
Eesti Reformierakond	18.9
Erakond Eesti 200	14.3
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	4.4
Erakond Parempoolsed	15.3
Isamaa Erakond	12.9
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	13.0
All candidates	12.7

Table 6. Campaign means

	All (%)	Kesk (%)	EKRE (%)	Reform (%)	EE200 (%)	Roh (%)	Parem (%)	Isamaa (%)	SDE (%)
Website	39.3	42.3	42.9	54.1	60.8	18.2	15.5	41.9	36.5
Calling voters	27.5	33.3	20.8	32.4	15.7	4.6	45.8	25.8	31.4
Canvassing	13.4	44.4	6.3	10.8	7.8	18.2	15.5	9.7	8.0
Flyers: personal	49.7	63.0	68.0	43.2	31.4	39.1	47.7	45.2	58.5
Flyers: party	81.6	75.0	88.0	83.8	88.2	52.2	79.0	67.7	94.4
Posters: personal	38.3	48.2	66.0	54.1	28.0	8.7	20.7	41.4	37.7
Posters: party	62.4	53.6	76.0	83.3	54.9	31.8	39.7	83.9	76.5
Ads in traditional media	26.3	39.3	39.6	30.6	13.7	13.6	12.1	26.7	35.9
Online blogs	8.2	3.9	12.5	2.8	5.9	18.2	6.9	0.0	13.5
Social media	84.9	78.6	86.0	81.1	84.3	87.0	88.1	80.0	88.9
Online audio-video	27.7	25.9	51.1	25.0	15.7	22.7	23.7	30.0	25.0
Online chats	26.2	24.0	14.9	27.8	29.4	45.5	28.8	16.1	26.9
Public events	69.7	82.8	86.0	86.5	54.9	36.4	59.3	74.2	73.6
Election debates	44.1	51.9	54.2	55.6	35.3	45.5	37.3	31.0	48.1

Political views

Table 7. Most important problem in Estonia

	Ranking of problems		
	1	2	3
Keskerakond	Living standards (62.1%)	Social cohesion (13.8%)	Security (10.3%)
EKRE	Living standards (32%)	Security (16%)	Economy (12%)
Reformierakond	Security (70.3%)	Social cohesion (10.8%)	Economy/living standards (5.4%)
Eesti 200	Security (26.5%)	Social cohesion (20.4%)	Economy (10.2%)
Rohelised	Environment (52.2%)	Living standards (21.7%)	Security (13%)
Parempoolsed	Economy (34.5%)	Security (22.4%)	Running of country (15.5%)
Isamaa	Security (46.7%)	Nation (16.7%)	Social cohesion (13.3%)
SDE	Living standards (42.6%)	Social cohesion (25.9%)	Security (14.8%)
All	Security (26.6%)	Living standards (22.1%)	Social cohesion (12.5%)

Table 8. Ideological position

	Left-right
Party	
Eesti Keskerakond	4.6
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	7.8
Eesti Reformierakond	7.6
Erakond Eesti 200	6.6
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	4.3
Erakond Parempoolsed	8.8
Isamaa Erakond	8.0
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	3.5
All candidates	6.5
	European integration
Party	
Eesti Keskerakond	5.2
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	2.6
Eesti Reformierakond	6.9
Erakond Eesti 200	6.5
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	6.5
Erakond Parempoolsed	6.6
Isamaa Erakond	5.6
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	6.9
All candidates	5.8

Left-right scale: 0 'left' - 10 'right'

European integration scale: 0 'gone too far' - 10 'should go further'

Table 9a. Political opinions

Immigrants must adapt to Estonian customs (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	41.4	58.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
EKRE	86.3	13.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reform	35.1	56.8	8.1	0.0	0.0
EE200	21.6	66.7	2.0	9.8	0.0
Rohelised	13.0	65.2	8.7	13.0	0.0
Parem	39.0	49.2	10.2	1.7	0.0
Isamaa	60.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SDE	20.4	70.4	3.7	5.6	0.0
All	40.1	51.6	4.1	3.8	0.3
It should be easier to obtain Estonian citizenship (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	13.8	55.2	3.5	20.7	6.9
EKRE	7.8	2.0	0.0	27.5	62.8
Reform	0.0	8.1	8.1	70.3	13.5
EE200	3.9	23.5	5.9	56.9	9.8
Rohelised	0.0	26.1	17.4	52.2	4.4
Parem	3.4	15.3	0.0	62.7	18.6
Isamaa	0.0	3.3	0.0	43.3	53.3
SDE	13.0	40.7	3.7	38.9	3.7
All	5.6	21.5	4.1	46.9	21.8
People who break law should receive stiffer sentences (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	6.9	31.0	10.3	44.8	6.9
EKRE	43.1	29.4	5.9	19.6	2.0
Reform	8.1	27.0	18.9	46.0	0.0
EE200	6.0	24.0	22.0	46.0	2.0
Rohelised	8.7	17.4	34.8	30.4	8.7
Parem	8.5	27.1	6.8	52.5	5.1
Isamaa	3.2	38.7	9.7	48.4	0.0
SDE	0.0	37.0	14.8	42.6	5.6
All	11.5	29.2	14.2	41.6	3.5

Table 9b. Political opinions

Recognition of same-sex partnerships was a correct decision (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	20.7	13.8	35.5	13.8	17.2
EKRE	0.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	82.4
Reform	37.8	37.8	18.9	5.4	0.0
EE200	76.5	15.7	3.9	3.9	0.0
Rohelised	73.9	17.4	0.0	8.7	0.0
Parem	50.9	17.0	27.1	5.1	0.0
Isamaa	12.9	12.9	12.9	22.6	38.7
SDE	74.1	20.4	3.7	0.0	1.9
All	44.1	17.4	13.2	6.8	18.5
State must strongly intervene to ensure gender equality (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	13.8	20.7	17.2	31.0	17.2
EKRE	3.9	5.9	5.9	27.5	56.9
Reform	13.5	37.8	16.2	27.0	5.4
EE200	25.5	45.1	13.7	15.7	0.0
Rohelised	21.7	52.2	8.7	13.0	4.4
Parem	8.5	22.0	22.0	37.3	10.2
Isamaa	3.2	19.4	16.1	38.7	22.6
SDE	44.4	37.0	9.3	5.6	3.7
All	17.4	28.5	13.8	24.4	15.9
Upper limit of parental benefit must be lowered (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	10.7	17.9	21.4	42.9	7.1
EKRE	5.9	11.8	7.8	31.4	43.1
Reform	2.7	24.3	18.9	43.2	10.8
EE200	13.7	29.4	15.7	31.4	9.8
Rohelised	17.4	17.4	30.4	26.1	8.7
Parem	8.5	37.3	22.0	22.0	10.2
Isamaa	0.0	10.3	13.8	34.5	41.4
SDE	13.0	22.2	22.2	35.2	7.4
All	9.2	22.9	18.4	32.1	17.5

Table 9c. Political opinions

Taxes need to be raised in order to increase social benefits (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	0.0	37.9	13.8	37.9	10.3
EKRE	2.0	2.0	2.0	39.2	54.9
Reform	0.0	19.4	5.6	55.6	19.4
EE200	5.9	35.3	3.9	37.3	17.7
Rohelised	17.4	47.8	0.0	26.1	8.7
Parem	0.0	3.4	5.1	37.3	54.2
Isamaa	0.0	6.5	6.5	54.8	32.3
SDE	44.4	50.0	0.0	3.6	0.0
All	9.4	23.3	4.1	35.7	27.4
Estonia should introduce progressive income tax (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	77.8	14.8	0.0	7.4	0.0
EKRE	11.8	21.6	5.9	25.5	35.3
Reform	0.0	2.7	5.4	10.8	81.1
EE200	5.9	9.8	2.0	45.1	37.3
Rohelised	50.0	31.8	4.6	9.1	4.6
Parem	0.0	1.7	5.1	22.0	71.2
Isamaa	0.0	9.7	16.1	35.5	38.7
SDE	59.3	33.3	3.7	3.7	0.0
All	22.0	15.7	5.0	21.1	36.2
State should put more emphasis on environmental protection (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	20.7	58.6	10.3	10.3	0.0
EKRE	13.7	35.3	11.8	29.4	9.8
Reform	21.6	64.9	8.1	5.4	0.0
EE200	39.2	49.0	5.9	5.9	0.0
Rohelised	95.7	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Parem	20.3	57.6	10.2	8.5	3.4
Isamaa	12.9	61.3	3.2	19.4	3.2
SDE	61.1	29.6	3.7	5.6	0.0
All	32.9	46.2	7.1	11.5	2.4

Table 9d. Political opinions

Compulsory national service should be scrapped (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	3.5	6.9	0.0	31.0	58.6
EKRE	0.0	3.9	0.0	5.9	90.2
Reform	0.0	2.7	2.7	29.7	64.9
EE200	2.0	3.9	5.9	23.5	64.7
Rohelised	4.4	8.7	13.0	47.8	26.1
Parem	0.0	5.1	3.4	22.0	69.5
Isamaa	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7	90.3
SDE	1.9	1.9	9.3	31.5	55.6
All	1.5	4.1	4.1	23.5	66.8
Immigration is good for Estonian economy (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	0.0	34.5	17.2	37.9	10.3
EKRE	0.0	7.8	3.9	17.7	70.6
Reform	8.1	59.5	16.2	16.2	0.0
EE200	12.0	54.0	26.0	6.0	2.0
Rohelised	8.7	47.8	21.7	17.4	4.4
Parem	20.3	50.9	18.6	8.5	1.7
Isamaa	0.0	36.7	10.0	36.7	16.7
SDE	7.4	70.4	16.7	5.6	0.0
All	8.0	46.2	16.3	15.4	14.2
The most important task of the state is to ensure citizens' social security (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	69.0	24.1	3.5	3.5	0.0
EKRE	47.1	37.3	3.9	5.9	5.9
Reform	21.6	51.4	5.4	18.9	2.7
EE200	15.7	60.8	9.8	13.7	0.0
Rohelised	47.8	39.1	0.0	8.7	4.4
Parem	8.6	50.9	8.5	30.5	1.7
Isamaa	30.0	36.7	6.7	23.3	3.3
SDE	55.6	42.6	0.0	1.9	0.0
All	34.8	44.5	5.0	13.6	2.1

Democracy

Table 10. Overall wellbeing of democracy

Party	Satisfaction with democracy: Estonia (%)			
	Very satisfied	Quite satisfied	Not very satisfied	Not at all satisfied
Kesk	3.5	58.6	27.6	10.3
EKRE	5.9	15.7	35.3	43.1
Reform	38.9	58.3	2.8	0.0
EE200	28.0	68.0	4.0	0.0
Rohelised	13.0	52.2	26.1	8.7
Parem	31.0	63.8	5.2	0.0
Isamaa	20.0	70.0	10.0	0.0
SDE	25.9	70.4	3.7	0.0
All	21.7	56.3	13.4	8.6

Party	Satisfaction with democracy: European Union (%)			
	Very satisfied	Quite satisfied	Not very satisfied	Not at all satisfied
Kesk	0.0	55.2	34.5	10.3
EKRE	5.9	17.7	33.3	43.1
Reform	16.7	77.8	5.6	0.0
EE200	10.0	78.0	12.0	0.0
Rohelised	8.7	82.6	8.7	0.0
Parem	8.6	77.6	12.1	1.7
Isamaa	0.0	76.7	23.3	0.0
SDE	9.3	77.8	13.0	0.0
All	7.7	66.1	17.9	8.3

Table 11a. Performance of democracy in Estonia

Citizens have sufficient opportunities to influence legislation (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	3.5	24.1	6.9	48.3	17.2
EKRE	6.0	10.0	0.0	44.0	40.0
Reform	27.0	59.5	0.0	13.5	0.0
EE200	11.8	56.9	1.7	29.4	0.0
Rohelised	0.0	17.4	0.0	73.9	8.7
Parem	10.2	57.6	1.7	30.5	0.0
Isamaa	12.9	61.3	3.2	22.6	0.0
SDE	18.5	61.1	0.0	20.4	0.0
All	11.8	45.1	1.5	33.3	8.3
Legislation is aligned with the preferences of most citizens (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	0.0	41.4	6.9	41.4	10.3
EKRE	5.9	15.7	5.9	45.1	27.5
Reform	13.5	70.3	8.1	8.1	0.0
EE200	2.0	76.5	9.8	11.8	0.0
Rohelised	0.0	60.9	13.0	26.1	0.0
Parem	6.8	62.7	11.9	18.6	0.0
Isamaa	9.7	67.7	3.2	19.4	0.0
SDE	13.2	73.6	1.9	11.3	0.0
All	6.8	57.8	8.0	22.4	5.0
Lobby groups have too much influence over legislation (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	37.9	34.5	13.8	13.8	0.0
EKRE	56.9	33.3	3.9	3.9	2.0
Reform	10.8	21.6	8.1	59.5	0.0
EE200	11.8	49.0	13.7	25.5	0.0
Rohelised	56.5	34.8	0.0	8.7	0.0
Parem	13.6	39.0	27.1	20.3	0.0
Isamaa	6.5	29.0	19.4	41.9	3.2
SDE	7.4	37.0	13.0	38.9	3.7
All	23.2	36.2	13.2	26.2	1.2

Table 11b. Performance of democracy in Estonia

Citizens should have the right to initiate binding referendums (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	41.4	41.4	3.5	13.8	0.0
EKRE	76.5	15.7	3.9	2.0	2.0
Reform	0.0	37.8	13.5	43.2	5.4
EE200	17.7	35.3	13.7	31.4	2.0
Rohelised	69.6	8.7	13.0	4.4	4.4
Parem	6.8	18.6	13.6	40.7	20.3
Isamaa	6.5	48.4	9.7	29.0	6.5
SDE	11.3	32.1	15.1	32.1	9.4
All	26.8	29.2	10.9	26.0	7.1
Our democracy is in danger of losing citizens' trust (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	35.7	42.9	10.7	10.7	0.0
EKRE	70.6	17.7	5.9	5.9	0.0
Reform	0.0	18.9	8.1	67.6	5.4
EE200	6.0	32.0	8.0	50.0	4.0
Rohelised	39.1	39.1	4.4	17.4	0.0
Parem	6.8	40.7	6.8	42.4	3.4
Isamaa	0.0	41.9	9.7	31.9	6.5
SDE	5.7	28.3	15.1	43.4	7.6
All	20.2	31.8	8.6	35.9	3.6
Parliamentary elections work well in representing voters' political views (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Kesk	10.3	31.0	6.9	48.3	3.5
EKRE	2.0	15.7	5.9	47.1	29.4
Reform	24.3	64.9	5.4	5.4	0.0
EE200	25.5	62.8	3.9	7.8	0.0
Rohelised	13.0	43.5	4.4	34.8	4.4
Parem	15.3	57.6	6.8	18.6	1.7
Isamaa	3.2	58.1	9.7	29.0	0.0
SDE	26.4	64.2	0.0	9.4	0.0
All	15.6	50.4	5.0	23.3	5.6

Table 12. Role of an MP

Voters' views differ from party's views (%)		
	Vote according to voters' views	Vote according to party's views
Party		
Kesk	50.0	50.0
EKRE	59.2	40.8
Reform	63.9	36.1
EE200	50.0	50.0
Rohelised	73.9	26.1
Parem	53.5	46.6
Isamaa	41.9	58.1
SDE	69.8	30.2
All	58.0	42.0
Own views differ from voters' views (%)		
	Vote according to own views	Vote according to voters' views
Party		
Kesk	46.4	53.6
EKRE	48.0	52.0
Reform	62.2	37.8
EE200	68.0	32.0
Rohelised	65.2	34.8
Parem	74.6	25.4
Isamaa	77.4	22.6
SDE	86.8	13.2
All	67.0	33.0
Own views differ from party's views (%)		
	Vote according to own views	Vote according to party's views
Party		
Kesk	57.1	42.9
EKRE	53.1	46.9
Reform	58.3	41.7
EE200	62.0	38.0
Rohelised	87.0	13.0
Parem	84.5	15.5
Isamaa	71.0	29.0
SDE	75.9	24.1
All	68.6	31.4