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Estonian Candidate Study 2019

Overview of answers

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Overview

Estonian Candidate Study 2019 collected information about candidates who stood at the 2019 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. There were 359 complete responses.

Table 1. Sample

	#	%
Party		
Eesti Keskerakond (Estonian Centre Party)	35	9.8
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond (Conservative People's Party of Estonia)	42	11.7
Eesti Reformierakond (Estonian Reform Party)	47	13.1
Eesti Vabaerakond (Estonian Free Party)	43	12.0
Eestimaa Ühendatud Vasakpartei (Estonian United Left Party)	2	0.6
Elurikkuse Erakond (The Biodiversity Party)	25	7.0
Erakond Eesti 200 (Estonia 200)	36	10.0
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised (Estonian Greens)	35	9.8
Isamaa Erakond (Fatherland)	43	12.0
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond (Social Democratic Party)	44	12.3
Üsikkandidaat (Independents)	7	2.0
District		
Tallinn: Haabersti, Põhja-Tallinna ja Kristiine	40	11.1
Tallinn: Kesklinna, Lasnamäe ja Pirita	40	11.1
Tallinn: Mustamäe ja Nõmme	27	7.5
Harju- ja Raplamaa	50	13.9
Hiiu-, Lääne- ja Saaremaa	20	5.6
Lääne-Virumaa	17	4.7
Ida-Virumaa	13	3.6
Järva- ja Viljandimaa	27	7.5
Jõgeva- ja Tartumaa	39	10.9
Tartu linn	28	7.8
Võru-, Valga- ja Põlvamaa	30	8.4
Pärnumaa	28	7.8

Conclusions

Political background

- Most candidates (53.5%) have been local councillors
 - Most common for candidates of the Estonian Centre Party (88.6%)
 - Least common for candidates of the Estonian Greens (17.2%)
- Most candidates (63.3%) have held regional party office
 - Most popular non-party political organisations are business groups (52.5% candidates) and sports clubs (31.7% candidates)
 - Very few candidates have been members of environmental groups (14.3%), women's organisations (14.4%), or trade unions (19.3%)
- Very few candidates received encouragement to stand for office
 - Most common source of encouragement was national party official (29% candidates)

Election campaign

- Candidates are conducting relatively party-centred campaigns
- Candidates are conducting relatively intensive campaigns
 - Average spend on personal campaign: €1,830
 - Highest spend for candidates of the Estonian Centre Party: €4,120
 - Lowest spend for candidates of the Estonian Greens: €300
 - Average time spend on campaigning: 11.8 hours per week
 - Most time by Conservative People's Party of Estonia candidates: 18.1 hours per week
 - Least time by Estonian Greens candidates: 5.5 hours per week
- Social media has become the most popular campaign mean (used by 77.6% of candidates)
 - However, very few candidates used other online campaign means (all <30% of candidates)
 - Campaign means that more than half of candidates used: social media (77.6%), party flyers (70.9%)

Political views

- Most important issue: social cohesion (18.7% candidates) and running of country (16.7% candidates)
 - Economy is the most important issue only for the Estonian Reform Party candidates (38.3%)
- Estonian political landscape is slightly skewed to the right
 - Social Democratic Party candidates are most left-leaning (3.7; scale 0 'left' – 10 'right')
 - Reform Party, CPPE, and Fatherland candidates are most right-leaning (8.0)

- Immigration
 - Vast majority of candidates (92.1%) thinks that immigrants must adopt to Estonian customs
 - Few candidates (34.9%) think that obtaining Estonian citizenship should be made easier
- Most polarising topics
 - People who break law should receive stiffer sentences: 45.1% agree, 42.3% disagree
 - Recognition of same-sex partnerships was a correct decision: 45.2% agree, 42.3% disagree
- Most common ground
 - Immigrants must adapt to Estonian customs: 91.1% agree
 - State should put more emphasis on protecting the environment: 85.9% agree
 - The most important task of the state is to ensure citizens' social security: 85.1% agree

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 (%)	Vaba (%)	Reform (%)	Roh (%)	SDE (%)	EKRE (%)	EE200 (%)	Kesk (%)	Isamaa (%)
Representative body membership (current/past)									
Local council	53.5	27.9	72.4	17.2	70.5	54.8	30.6	88.6	81.4
National parliament	14.1	2.4	25.5	12.1	25.0	11.9	0.0	25.7	14.3
Organisation membership (current/past)									
Regional party office	63.3	76.2	76.6	34.3	77.3	78.6	19.5	68.6	80.9
National party office	38.9	33.3	31.9	37.1	63.6	54.8	13.9	45.7	45.2
Professional body	27.0	35.7	25.5	25.7	36.4	14.6	22.2	20.0	28.6
Business group	52.5	61.9	57.5	41.2	45.5	52.4	61.1	45.7	52.4
Trade union	19.3	23.8	8.5	17.3	36.4	14.3	11.1	31.4	19.1
Women's organisation	14.4	7.1	21.3	5.9	20.5	19.5	11.1	20.0	11.9
Environmental organisation	14.3	19.1	0.0	34.3	13.6	4.8	11.1	2.9	11.9
Religious organisation	21.4	31.0	8.5	17.7	15.9	31.7	16.7	11.4	42.9
Sports club	31.7	23.8	48.9	25.7	36.4	7.1	38.9	34.3	38.1
Encouraged to stand									
Party's national official	29.0	27.9	31.9	40.0	27.3	11.9	50.0	22.9	23.3
Party's regional official	27.6	44.2	44.7	8.6	38.6	21.4	13.9	11.4	32.6
Current Member of Parliament	27.9	18.6	40.4	0.0	50.0	23.8	25.0	25.7	41.9
Past Member of Parliament	10.0	11.6	14.9	5.7	18.2	2.4	8.3	8.6	9.3
Other community leaders	20.1	14.0	25.5	8.6	27.3	16.7	25.0	25.7	18.6
Interest group representative	11.7	7.0	14.9	14.3	11.4	19.1	11.1	11.4	4.7
Spouse/partner	18.1	11.6	29.8	8.6	25.0	16.7	22.2	17.1	9.3
Other family members	13.7	4.7	17.0	14.3	15.9	14.3	13.9	20.0	9.3

Election campaign

Table 3. Campaign aim

	Campaign aim
Eesti Vabaerakond	7.1
Eesti Reformierakond	5.7
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	7.5
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	5.3
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	6.6
Erakond Eesti 200	6.8
Eesti Keskerakond	4.5
Isamaa Erakond	6.5
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 Vabaerakond	53.5	41.9	74.4
Eesti Reformierakond	89.1	52.2	93.5
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	28.2	26.5	58.8
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	90.9	59.1	65.1
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	78.0	63.4	90.2
Erakond Eesti 200	80.0	57.1	85.7
Eesti Keskerakond	88.2	70.6	76.5
Isamaa Erakond	71.4	50.0	55.8
All candidates	74.1	53.4	75.3

	How much did you focus on: 'very much' or 'quite a lot' (%)		
	Public services	Socio-economic wellbeing	Transparency
Eesti Vabaerakond	34.9	58.1	62.8
Eesti Reformierakond	69.6	87.0	97.8
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	17.6	44.1	44.1
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	51.2	74.4	79.1
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	51.2	80.7	92.9
Erakond Eesti 200	51.6	60.0	77.1
Eesti Keskerakond	47.1	70.6	94.1
Isamaa Erakond	45.2	42.9	69.1
All candidates	43.6	71.3	74.6

Table 5. Campaign intensity

Campaign budget	Average (€)
Eesti Vabaerakond	510
Eesti Reformierakond	2,140
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	300
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	1,770
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	2,290
Erakond Eesti 200	970
Eesti Keskerakond	4,120
Isamaa Erakond	3,300
All candidates	1,830
Campaign time	Average (h/week)
Eesti Vabaerakond	7.0
Eesti Reformierakond	15.2
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	5.5
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	11.3
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	18.1
Erakond Eesti 200	12.9
Eesti Keskerakond	15.7
Isamaa Erakond	6.6
All candidates	11.8
Professional campaign consultants	Yes (%)
Eesti Vabaerakond	23.3
Eesti Reformierakond	21.3
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	14.3
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	9.1
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	12.2
Erakond Eesti 200	16.7
Eesti Keskerakond	8.8
Isamaa Erakond	20.9
All candidates	16.3

Table 6. Campaign means

	All (%)	Vaba (%)	Reform (%)	Roh (%)	SDE (%)	EKRE (%)	EE200 (%)	Kesk (%)	Isamaa (%)
Website	33.0	19.0	37.0	17.6	29.5	56.1	42.9	22.9	23.3
Calling voters	22.9	9.3	54.4	8.6	20.5	19.5	28.6	34.3	18.6
Canvassing	16.2	11.6	28.3	5.9	6.8	9.8	22.9	45.7	11.6
Flyers: personal	36.2	30.2	34.0	17.7	47.7	51.2	42.9	57.1	27.9
Flyers: party	70.9	76.7	82.6	17.7	79.6	70.7	74.3	77.1	79.1
Posters: personal	23.9	7.0	42.6	2.9	31.8	40.5	2.9	48.6	25.6
Posters: party	43.3	51.2	67.4	2.9	52.3	56.1	20.0	51.4	51.2
Ads in traditional media	32.2	25.6	37.0	17.7	25.0	38.1	34.3	34.3	44.2
Online blogs	12.8	9.3	8.7	17.7	18.2	7.3	14.3	14.3	7.0
Social media	77.6	72.1	91.3	55.9	81.8	82.9	91.4	74.3	65.1
Online audio-video	29.8	26.2	39.1	14.7	27.3	38.1	25.7	20.0	34.9
Online chats	24.4	21.4	34.8	14.7	31.8	34.2	28.6	20.0	16.3

Political views

Table 7. Most important problem in Estonia

	Ranking of problems		
	1	2	3
Vabaerakond	Running of country (31.0%)	Social cohesion (23.8%)	Living standards (11.9%)
Reform	Economy (38.3%)	Social cohesion (14.9%)	Nation state (14.9%)
Rohelised	Environment (27.3%)	Running of country (18.2%)	Nation state (15.2%)
SDE	Social cohesion (30.2%)	Living standards (27.9%)	Running of country (11.6%)
EKRE	Nation state (34.2%)	Running of country (26.8%)	Social cohesion (14.6%)
Eesti 200	Running of country (29.4%)	Education (14.7%)	Nation state (14.7%)
Keskerakond	Social cohesion (28.1%)	Living standards (18.8%)	Nation state (15.6%)
Isamaa	Nation state (26.2%)	Social cohesion (23.8%)	Running of country (9.5%)
All	Social cohesion (18.7%)	Running of country (16.7%)	Nation state (15.5%)

Table 8. Ideological position

	Left-right
Party	
Eesti Vabaerakond	7.2
Eesti Reformierakond	8.0
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	5.2
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	3.7
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	8.0
Erakond Eesti 200	6.2
Eesti Keskerakond	4.8
Isamaa Erakond	8.0
All candidates	6.4
	European integration
Party	
Eesti Vabaerakond	4.9
Eesti Reformierakond	6.7
Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	5.5
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	6.7
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	1.7
Erakond Eesti 200	6.3
Eesti Keskerakond	5.3
Isamaa Erakond	5.6
All candidates	5.1

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					
Vaba	64.3	28.6	0.0	4.8	2.4
Reform	38.3	53.2	2.1	6.4	0.0
Rohelised	54.3	28.6	0.0	11.4	5.7
SDE	27.9	55.8	9.3	7.0	0.0
EKRE	95.2	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Eesti 200	41.7	52.8	2.8	2.8	0.0
Kesk	34.3	54.3	5.7	2.9	2.9
Isamaa	60.5	37.2	0.0	2.3	0.0
All	54.3	37.8	2.2	4.5	1.1
It should be easier to obtain Estonian citizenship (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vaba	11.9	14.3	4.8	47.6	21.4
Reform	0.0	25.5	0.0	55.3	19.2
Rohelised	8.8	20.6	5.9	41.2	23.5
SDE	14.0	44.2	9.3	30.2	2.3
EKRE	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.2	73.8
Eesti 200	11.1	38.9	8.3	36.1	5.6
Kesk	20.0	68.6	2.9	8.6	0.0
Isamaa	0.0	11.6	0.0	39.5	48.8
All	7.6	27.3	3.9	36.9	24.2
People who break law should receive stiffer sentences (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vaba	7.1	52.4	4.8	33.3	2.4
Reform	12.8	31.9	12.8	38.3	4.3
Rohelised	17.7	20.6	11.8	44.1	5.9
SDE	2.3	23.3	14.0	55.8	4.7
EKRE	33.3	35.7	7.1	23.8	0.0
Eesti 200	8.3	36.1	22.2	30.6	2.8
Kesk	20.0	34.3	17.1	28.6	0.0
Isamaa	4.7	27.9	7.0	60.5	0.0
All	13.0	32.1	12.7	39.2	3.1

Table 9b. Political opinions

Recognition of same-sex partnerships was a correct decision (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vaba	14.3	16.7	21.4	31.0	16.7
Reform	38.3	27.7	21.3	12.8	0.0
Rohelised	26.5	23.5	14.7	5.9	29.4
SDE	72.1	14.0	7.0	4.7	2.3
EKRE	2.4	0.0	0.0	4.8	92.9
Eesti 200	38.9	36.1	16.7	8.3	0.0
Kesk	14.7	23.5	8.8	32.4	20.6
Isamaa	9.3	14.0	7.0	39.5	30.2
All	26.3	18.9	12.4	18.1	24.3
State must strongly intervene to ensure gender equality (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vaba	11.9	7.1	23.8	42.9	14.3
Reform	8.5	34.0	10.6	38.3	8.5
Rohelised	21.2	36.4	12.1	18.2	12.1
SDE	39.5	44.2	7.0	9.3	0.0
EKRE	0.0	9.5	4.8	45.2	40.5
Eesti 200	22.2	30.6	16.7	25.0	5.6
Kesk	5.7	22.9	11.4	48.6	11.4
Isamaa	2.3	20.9	11.6	46.5	18.6
All	13.3	24.9	13.0	33.9	15.0
Upper limit of parental benefit must be lowered (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vaba	4.9	9.8	34.2	36.6	14.6
Reform	0.0	2.1	23.4	42.6	31.9
Rohelised	2.9	23.5	41.2	14.7	17.7
SDE	14.0	48.8	2.3	20.9	14.0
EKRE	9.8	24.4	26.8	14.6	24.4
Eesti 200	2.8	8.3	30.6	36.1	22.2
Kesk	8.8	26.5	23.5	23.5	17.7
Isamaa	0.0	20.9	11.6	41.9	25.6
All	5.1	19.9	23.3	30.7	21.0

Table 9c. Political opinions

Taxes need to be raised in order to increase social benefits (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vaba	2.4	11.9	4.8	38.1	42.9
Reform	0.0	6.4	2.1	59.6	31.9
Rohelised	2.9	8.8	11.8	58.8	17.7
SDE	9.3	44.2	7.0	32.6	7.0
EKRE	0.0	2.4	2.4	45.2	50.0
Eesti 200	0.0	16.7	5.6	61.1	17.7
Kesk	2.9	22.9	14.3	48.6	11.4
Isamaa	0.0	9.3	7.0	53.5	30.2
All	2.5	15.2	6.5	49.9	25.9
State should put more emphasis on environmental protection (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vaba	45.2	47.6	2.4	2.4	2.4
Reform	10.6	67.0	12.8	10.6	0.0
Rohelised	88.2	11.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
SDE	42.9	50.0	0.0	7.1	0.0
EKRE	35.7	42.9	9.5	9.5	2.4
Eesti 200	27.8	58.3	2.8	11.1	0.0
Kesk	25.7	51.4	8.6	11.4	2.9
Isamaa	16.3	58.1	4.7	18.6	2.3
All	39.6	46.3	4.8	8.2	1.1
Compulsory national service should be scrapped (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vaba	4.8	4.8	2.4	26.2	61.9
Reform	0.0	10.6	8.5	31.9	48.9
Rohelised	17.7	2.9	17.7	26.5	35.3
SDE	7.0	2.3	11.6	20.9	58.1
EKRE	5.0	2.5	2.5	12.5	77.5
Eesti 200	0.0	5.6	8.3	41.7	44.4
Kesk	3.0	6.1	6.1	30.3	54.6
Isamaa	0.0	2.4	2.4	11.9	83.3
All	5.7	5.7	6.9	25.1	56.6

Table 9d. Political opinions

	Immigration is good for Estonian economy (%)				
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vaba	0.0	19.1	35.7	19.1	19.1
Reform	4.3	55.3	14.9	25.5	0.0
Rohelised	3.0	21.2	15.2	33.3	27.3
SDE	11.6	51.2	16.3	16.3	4.7
EKRE	0.0	2.4	0.0	19.1	78.6
Eesti 200	11.1	55.6	19.4	13.9	0.0
Kesk	0.0	65.7	14.3	14.3	5.7
Isamaa	0.0	30.2	7.0	46.5	16.3
All	3.7	35.6	13.3	27.1	20.3
	The most important task of the state is to ensure citizens' social security (%)				
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vaba	40.5	50.0	7.1	0.0	2.4
Reform	29.8	51.1	4.3	14.9	0.0
Rohelised	53.9	32.4	5.9	8.8	0.0
SDE	65.1	32.6	2.3	0.0	0.0
EKRE	45.2	39.1	4.8	9.5	2.4
Eesti 200	47.2	36.1	5.6	8.3	2.8
Kesk	48.6	424.9	0.0	5.7	2.9
Isamaa	20.9	46.5	7.0	25.6	0.0
All	44.1	41.0	4.5	9.0	1.4

Democracy

Table 10. Overall wellbeing of democracy

Party	Satisfaction with democracy: Estonia (%)			
	Very satisfied	Quite satisfied	Not very satisfied	Not at all satisfied
Vabaerakond	4.7	46.5	44.2	4.7
Reform	26.7	68.9	2.2	2.2
Rohelised	2.9	35.3	44.1	17.7
SDE	13.6	65.9	20.5	0.0
EKRE	4.9	22.0	46.3	26.8
Eesti 200	13.9	66.7	19.4	0.0
Keskerakond	11.4	54.3	34.3	0.0
Isamaa	27.9	65.1	7.0	0.0
All	12.7	50.0	28.3	9.0

Party	Satisfaction with democracy: European Union (%)			
	Very satisfied	Quite satisfied	Not very satisfied	Not at all satisfied
Vabaerakond	2.3	39.5	44.2	14.0
Reform	8.9	71.1	20.0	0.0
Rohelised	5.9	38.2	47.1	8.8
SDE	6.8	68.2	22.7	2.3
EKRE	2.4	14.3	28.6	54.8
Eesti 200	8.3	66.7	25.0	0.0
Keskerakond	2.9	57.1	37.1	2.9
Isamaa	9.5	69.1	19.1	2.4
All	5.7	50.3	31.9	12.2

Table 11a. Performance of democracy in Estonia

Citizens have sufficient opportunities to influence legislation (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vabaerakond	4.7	18.6	2.3	46.5	27.9
Reform	21.3	55.3	2.1	19.2	2.1
Rohelised	0.0	18.2	3.0	57.6	21.2
SDE	9.3	60.5	2.3	25.6	2.3
EKRE	0.0	11.9	0.0	50.0	38.1
Eesti 200	2.8	41.7	2.8	44.4	8.3
Keskerakond	8.6	40.0	0.0	40.0	11.4
Isamaa	7.0	48.8	2.3	37.2	4.7
All	6.5	34.6	1.7	40.7	16.6
Legislation is aligned with the preferences of most citizens (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vabaerakond	4.8	31.0	4.8	57.1	2.4
Reform	8.5	74.5	2.1	12.8	2.1
Rohelised	0.0	28.1	6.3	56.3	9.4
SDE	9.3	76.7	4.7	7.0	2.3
EKRE	2.4	23.8	4.8	50.0	19.1
Eesti 200	2.8	47.2	8.3	38.9	2.8
Keskerakond	2.9	62.9	8.6	25.7	0.0
Isamaa	7.0	67.4	9.3	16.3	0.0
All	4.5	50.0	5.7	34.2	5.7
Lobby groups have too much influence over legislation (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vabaerakond	35.7	38.1	9.5	16.7	0.0
Reform	4.3	31.9	14.9	48.9	0.0
Rohelised	34.4	37.5	9.4	15.6	3.1
SDE	18.6	30.2	7.0	41.9	2.3
EKRE	35.7	42.9	14.3	7.1	0.0
Eesti 200	19.4	47.2	11.1	19.4	2.8
Keskerakond	14.3	45.7	28.6	11.4	0.0
Isamaa	9.3	27.9	18.6	44.2	0.0
All	24.6	36.7	12.7	24.9	1.1

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					
Vabaerakond	50.0	28.6	0.0	19.1	2.4
Reform	2.1	21.3	12.8	53.2	10.6
Rohelised	62.5	21.9	9.4	0.0	6.3
SDE	7.0	39.5	11.6	30.2	11.6
EKRE	88.1	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Eesti 200	19.4	30.6	16.7	25.0	8.3
Keskerakond	26.5	47.1	8.8	17.7	0.0
Isamaa	11.6	51.2	4.7	30.2	2.3
All	36.3	30.6	7.1	21.3	4.8
Our democracy is in danger of losing citizens' trust (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vabaerakond	42.9	38.1	11.9	4.8	2.4
Reform	8.5	40.4	12.8	38.3	0.0
Rohelised	40.6	43.8	6.3	6.3	3.1
SDE	7.0	55.8	14.0	20.9	2.3
EKRE	52.4	40.5	4.8	2.4	0.0
Eesti 200	13.9	52.8	11.1	22.2	0.0
Keskerakond	5.7	42.9	2.9	48.6	0.0
Isamaa	11.6	44.2	9.3	32.6	2.3
All	25.8	43.3	9.1	20.7	1.1
Parliamentary elections work well in representing voters' political views (%)					
	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Party					
Vabaerakond	4.8	40.5	7.1	28.6	19.1
Reform	10.6	72.3	4.3	10.6	2.1
Rohelised	3.1	37.5	9.4	31.3	18.8
SDE	9.3	53.5	7.0	25.6	4.7
EKRE	2.4	51.2	2.4	31.7	12.2
Eesti 200	2.8	55.6	13.9	16.7	11.1
Keskerakond	8.6	45.7	0.0	40.0	5.7
Isamaa	9.3	41.9	9.3	37.2	2.3
All	6.5	47.6	6.5	29.5	9.9

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		
Vabaerakond	86.1	14.0
Reform	59.6	40.4
Rohelised	72.7	27.3
SDE	54.8	45.2
EKRE	72.5	27.5
Eesti 200	66.7	33.3
Keskerakond	64.7	35.3
Isamaa	60.0	40.0
All	69.8	30.2
Own views differ from voters' views (%)		
	Vote according to own views	Vote according to voters' views
Party		
Vabaerakond	53.5	46.5
Reform	57.5	42.6
Rohelised	70.6	29.4
SDE	73.8	26.2
EKRE	25.0	75.0
Eesti 200	58.3	41.7
Keskerakond	48.6	51.4
Isamaa	73.2	26.8
All	56.5	43.5
Own views differ from party's views (%)		
	Vote according to own views	Vote according to party's views
Party		
Vabaerakond	74.4	25.6
Reform	56.5	43.5
Rohelised	70.6	29.4
SDE	81.0	19.1
EKRE	47.5	52.5
Eesti 200	77.8	22.2
Keskerakond	51.5	48.5
Isamaa	76.2	23.8
All	69.1	30.9