

ARMENIAN CENTER FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Value and Ideology Benchmarks: Imperatives and Alternatives

Presentation of Expert Poll Results
(50 participating)

About respondents

Age Groups			
21-30	31-40	41-50	51 and above
26%	40%	24%	10%

Gender	
Male	Female
66%	34%

Education	
Incomplete higher	Higher
0%	100%

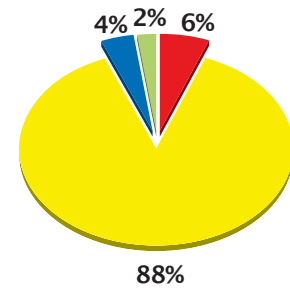
Academic Degree		
PhD	Master's	Bachelor's
14%	82%	4%

Profession	
Art critic	14%
Geographer	2%
Philologist	16%
Journalist, editor	20%
International affairs analyst	8%
Physicist, radio-physicist	4%
Lawyer	6%
Manager, administrator	4%
Political scientist	8%
Sociologist	2%
Economist	8%
Historian	8%

Status of Workplace	
State-run	20%
Non-governmental	80%
Non-governmental public organization	54%
Private sector	20%
International organization	6%

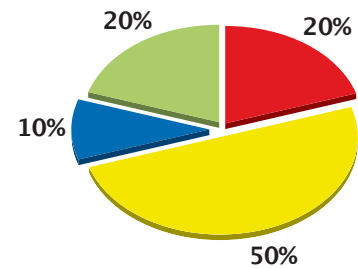
1. Do you think that Armenian society today has clearly-defined value-based guidelines?

1. Yes	6%
2. No	88%
3. Difficult to answer	4%
4. <i>Other:</i>	2%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Society cannot clearly define value-based benchmarks	



2. How would you characterize the system of values operating in everyday life?

1. It is the continuation by inertia of the system formed during the Soviet years	20%
2. It has been formed during the years of independence	50%
3. It comes to us from the depth of centuries	10%
4. <i>Other:</i>	20%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Soviet system of values is not functional, while the new one is not finally established marginal and eclectic	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It is an unsuccessful mixture of the three	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The system of values is virtual, assumes situational solutions, comprises the negative and harmful aspects of the previous ones, obstructs progressiveness	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It comes from the depth of centuries together with our era's "isms"	

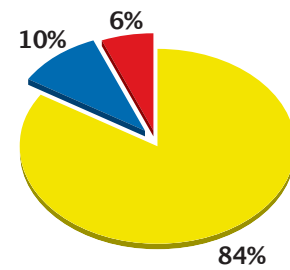


3. To what extent does society favor the below-mentioned values and their various manifestations?

		Little	Considerably	Much	Difficult to answer
Personal values and manifestations	1. Egocentrism	6%	44%	46%	4%
	2. Altruism	94%	2%	0%	4%
Group values and manifestations	3. Clan Interests	0%	24%	72%	4%
	4. Collectivism	90%	6%	0%	4%
Public or national values and manifestations	5. Nationalism	52%	34%	10%	4%
	6. Patriotism	48%	48%	0%	4%
Human values and manifestations	7. Ethnicity-free cosmopolitanism	80%	4%	10%	4%
	<i>Other:</i> Ethnic cosmopolitanism		2%		
	8. Humanitarianism	72%	20%	4%	4%

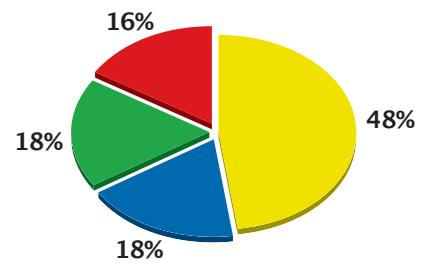
4. What is your attitude toward the system of values existing in our life, and what should be done?

1. I have a positive attitude and think it should be consolidated	0%
2. I have a negative attitude and think it should be changed	84%
3. I have no attitude	10%
4. <i>Other:</i>	6%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Difficult to answer ✓ Armenian society feels the need for classification of the system of values, value-based self-realization 	



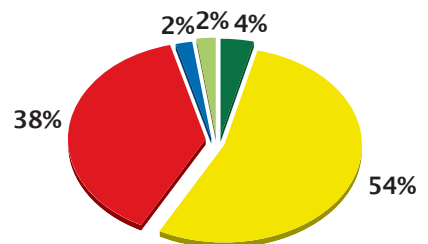
5. The benchmarks of societal values should be defined by...

1. Liberal democracy	48%
2. Social democracy	18%
3. Communist ideology	0%
4. National ideology	18%
5. <i>Other:</i>	16%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Synthesis of liberal democracy and national ideology ✓ Synthesis of social democracy and national ideology ✓ Synthesis of all that will provide diversity, consensus, and tolerance in public life ✓ National-spiritual system of values 	



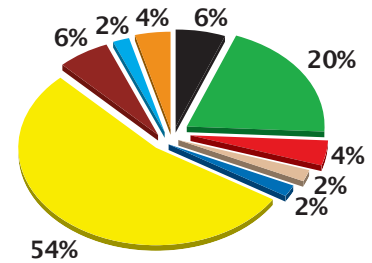
6. To what extent are the values enshrined in our Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and laws rooted in Armenia?

1. Strongly	0%
2. Significantly	4%
3. Insignificantly	54%
4. They are not rooted at all	38%
5. Difficult to answer	2%
6. <i>Other:</i>	2%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ There are no values in the mentioned normative acts (including human rights) which are worth being rooted 	



7. What is the primary obstacle to deepening of the democratic system of values adopted by the Armenian society?

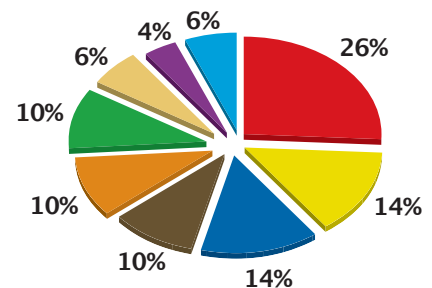
1. Different strata of society are guided by group interests	6%
2. The dissonance and disunity of society	0%
3. The unsatisfactory level of political consciousness	20%
4. The low educational level of society	4%
5. The lack of propagation of those values	2%
6. Counter-propagation of those values	2%
7. The inappropriate attitude of the authorities toward those values	54%
8. The inappropriate attitude of the opposition toward those values	6%
9. The inappropriate attitude of the political forces supporting the authorities toward those values	2%
10. Those values are foreign to society	0%
11. <i>Other:</i>	4%
✓ Absence of political will	
✓ Those values are false and useless	



8. Taking into account today's imperatives, please classify the below-mentioned values in the order of their importance, from 1 to 19.

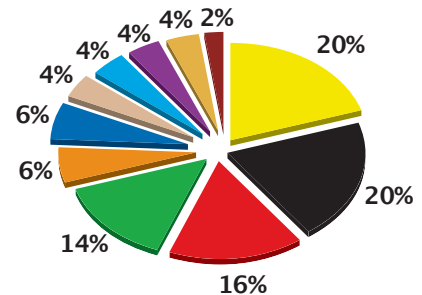
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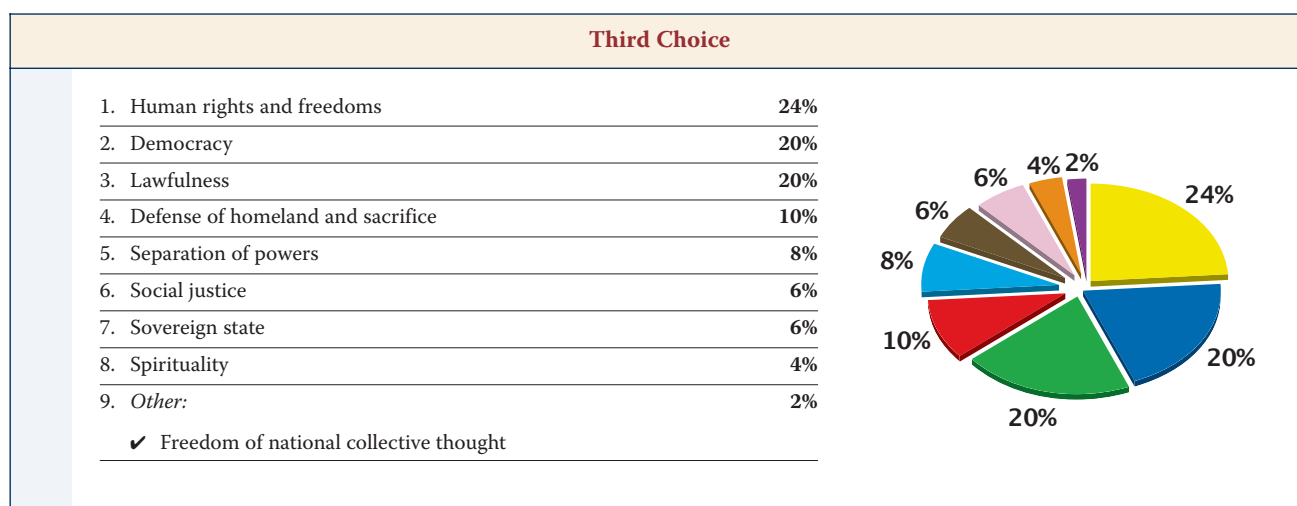
1. Sovereign state	26%
2. Human rights and freedoms	14%
3. Spirituality	14%
4. Constitutional order	10%
5. Democracy	10%
6. Patriotism	10%
7. Separation of powers	6%
8. Equal rights	4%
9. <i>Other:</i>	6%
✓ Freedom and fairness of elections	
✓ National independence	



Second Choice

1. Constitutional order	20%
2. Democracy	20%
3. Human rights and freedoms	16%
4. Equality before the law	14%
5. Defense of homeland and sacrifice	6%
6. Sovereign state	6%
7. Patriotism	4%
8. National unity and solidarity	4%
9. Lawfulness	4%
10. Spirituality	4%
11. <i>Other:</i>	2%
✓ Freedom of national collective activity	



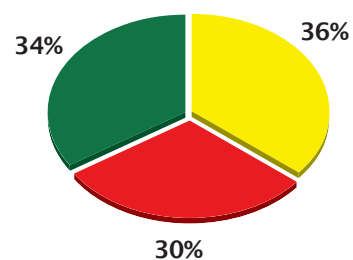


9. Which of the below-mentioned types of conduct prevail today, and to what extent? Please classify from 0 (fully absent) to 5 (fully present).

	0 Fully absent	1 Nearly absent	2 Partially present	3 Significantly present	4 Present	5 Fully present
1. Lawfulness	14%	36%	44%	4%	2%	0%
2. Lawlessness	0%	0%	0%	40%	34%	26%
3. Fairness	10%	8%	44%	24%	14%	0%
4. Unfairness	0%	14%	12%	24%	36%	14%
5. Honesty	4%	36%	30%	24%	6%	0%
6. Dishonesty	0%	6%	10%	24%	46%	14%
7. Kindness	0%	20%	34%	30%	16%	0%
8. Evil	0%	10%	20%	24%	36%	10%
9. Diligence	0%	10%	14%	46%	24%	6%
10. Laziness	0%	12%	44%	24%	14%	6%
11. Initiative	0%	34%	20%	22%	20%	4%
12. Passiveness	0%	14%	24%	0%	56%	6%
13. Will	6%	28%	36%	30%	0%	0%
14. Lack of will	4%	10%	10%	36%	30%	10%
15. Devotion	4%	24%	36%	20%	14%	2%
16. Treachery	0%	10%	24%	40%	18%	8%
17. Patience	4%	20%	10%	10%	20%	36%
18. Impatience	14%	10%	34%	12%	10%	20%
19. Patriotism	4%	30%	40%	22%	4%	0%
20. Xenophilia	4%	20%	20%	40%	8%	8%
21. Faith	8%	54%	24%	14%	0%	0%
22. Lack of Faith	4%	6%	20%	30%	30%	10%
23. Obedience	6%	10%	10%	40%	14%	20%
24. Disobedience	10%	34%	34%	6%	12%	4%
25. Insubordination	20%	40%	24%	12%	0%	4%
26. Subordination	0%	18%	12%	20%	30%	20%
27. Civility	20%	24%	36%	20%	0%	0%
28. Rudeness	0%	0%	24%	8%	34%	34%
29. Quest for knowledge	4%	24%	22%	40%	10%	0%
30. Lack of quest for knowledge	0%	14%	34%	24%	18%	10%

10. What role do external factors (e.g., unresolved state of the Karabagh conflict, continued threat of war, enmity, hatred, isolation, application of double standards) play in the formation of Armenia's system of values?

1. Great	36%
2. Important	30%
3. Small	34%
4. None	0%



11. How would you characterize the role today of the below-mentioned subjects in anchoring and disseminating enshrined values?

	Positive	Negative	Even
1. Authorities	16%	76%	8%
2. Opposition	36%	26%	38%
3. Other political forces	6%	24%	70%
4. Society	14%	26%	60%
5. Mass media	10%	60%	30%
6. Non-governmental organizations	50%	26%	24%
7. Public schools	18%	50%	32%
8. Higher education institutions	22%	36%	42%
9. Church	12%	40%	48%
10. Family	60%	22%	18%
11. International structures	42%	34%	24%

12. What should be the role of the below-mentioned subjects in the cultivation and systematization of values and value benchmarks, taking into account their current activity?

	Great	Important	Small	Trivial	None
1. Political elite	62%	14%	10%	14%	0%
2. Spiritual-religious elite	24%	36%	14%	20%	6%
3. Cultural elite	56%	30%	10%	4%	0%
4. Military elite	10%	30%	20%	16%	24%
5. Financial elite	14%	6%	56%	10%	14%
6. Economic elite	14%	12%	54%	14%	6%
7. Society	70%	20%	6%	4%	0%
8. Family	76%	20%	0%	4%	0%
9. International community	30%	36%	14%	6%	14%
10. Other:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mass media in large part ✓ We need a change in national elite, but without branching 					

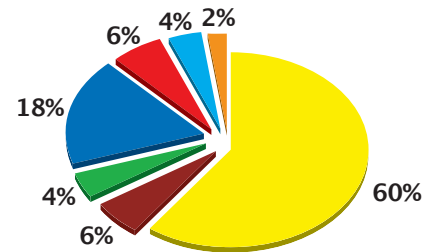
13. Toward what are the below-mentioned generational categories inclined today?

	Democracy	Authoritarianism	Totalitarianism
1. Young (30 and below)	76%	24%	0%
2. Middle (31-50 years)	46%	54%	0%
3. Senior (51 and above)	6%	50%	44%

**14. What are the main reasons for violence existing in our society?
(You may choose three answers, marking them 1, 2, and 3 according to their importance.)**

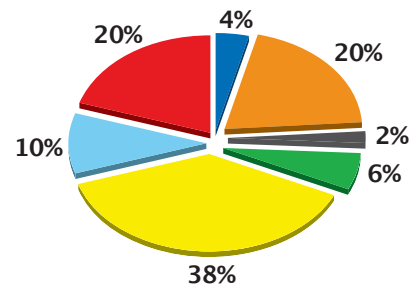
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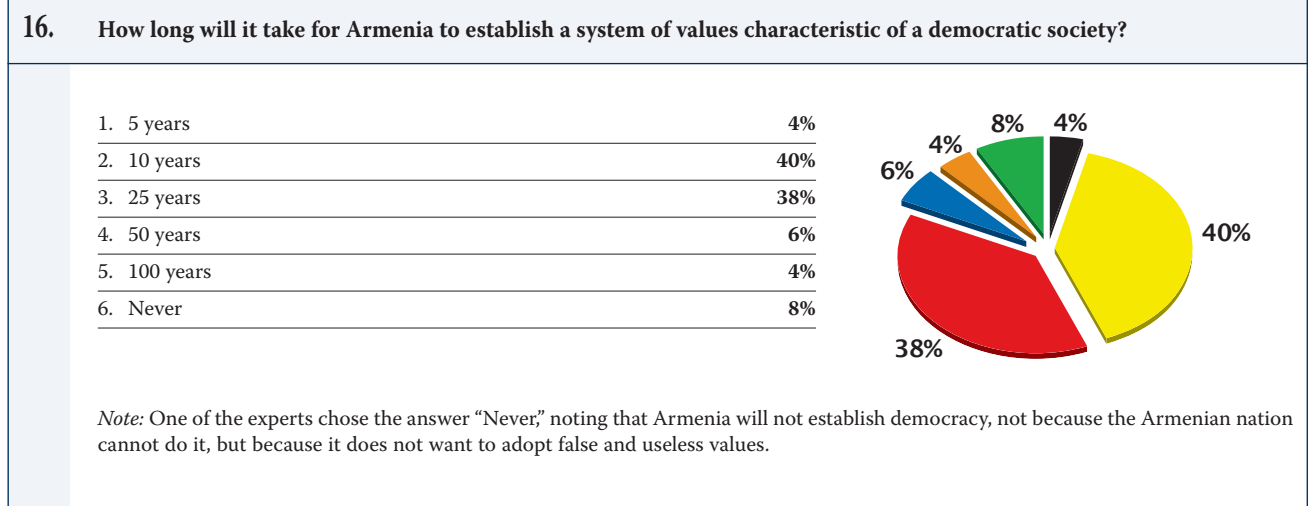
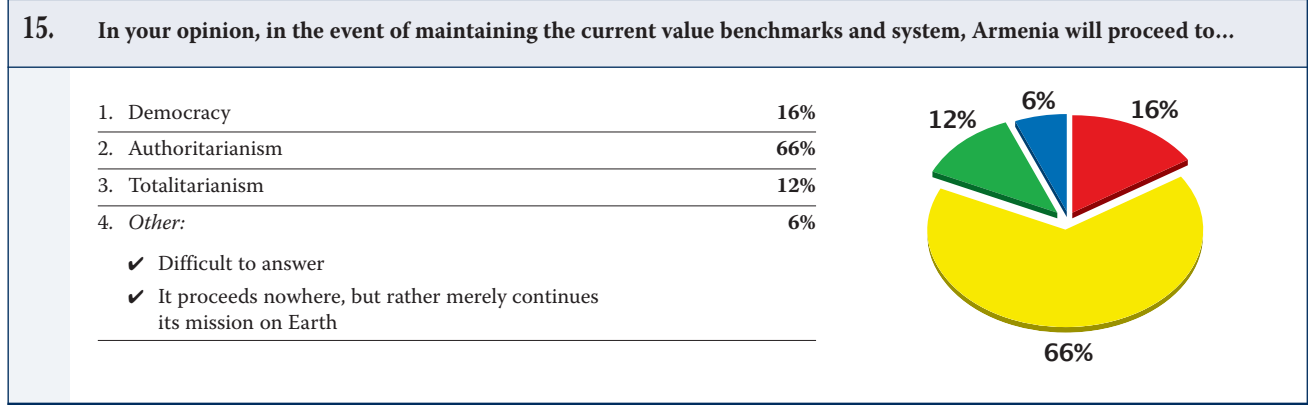
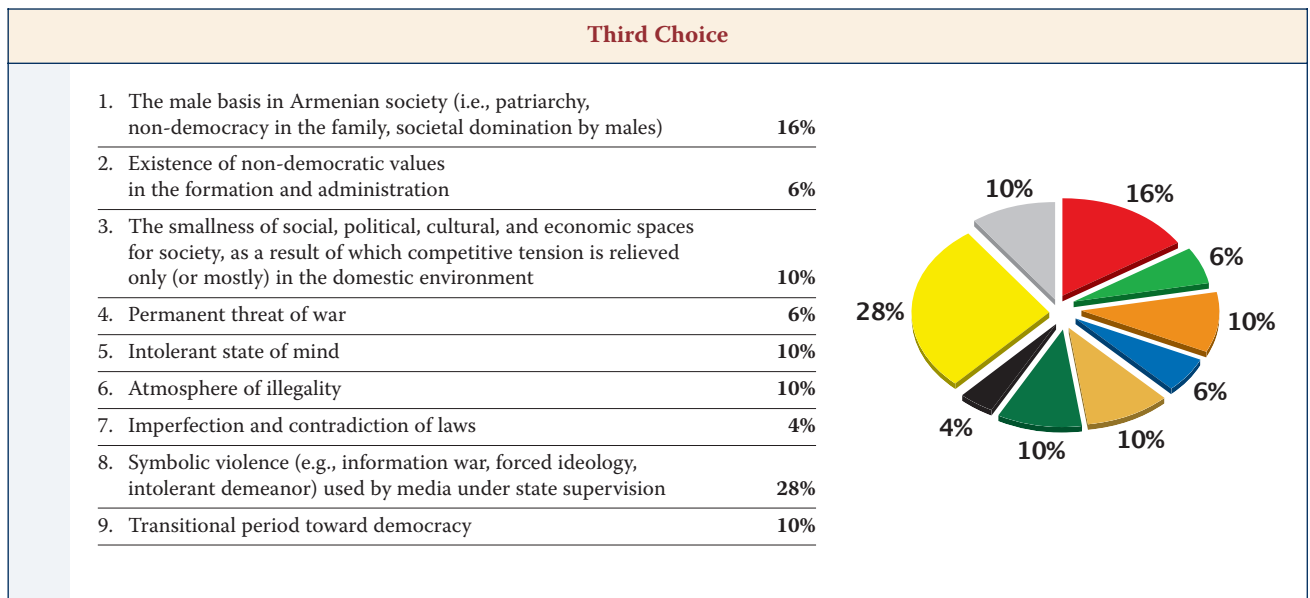
1. The male basis in Armenian society (i.e., patriarchy, non-democracy in the family, societal domination by males)	0%
2. Existence of non-democratic values in the formation and administration	60%
3. The smallness of social, political, cultural, and economic spaces for society, as a result of which competitive tension is relieved only (or mostly) in the domestic environment	6%
4. Permanent threat of war	0%
5. Intolerant state of mind	4%
6. Atmosphere of illegality	18%
7. Imperfection and contradiction of laws	0%
8. Symbolic violence (e.g., information war, forced ideology, intolerant demeanor) used by media under state supervision	6%
9. Transitional period toward democracy	4%
10. <i>Other:</i>	2%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There is no violence, or it is limited, the reasons for which are the moral and mental weakness of the governed and our frequent "European-inspired" consideration of something non-violent as violence	



Second Choice

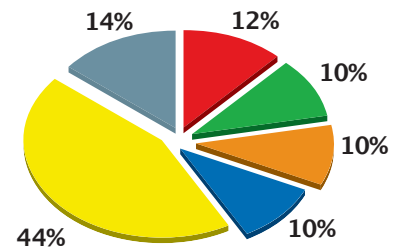
1. The male basis in Armenian society (i.e., patriarchy, non-democracy in the family, societal domination by males)	4%
2. Existence of non-democratic values in the formation and administration	20%
3. The smallness of social, political, cultural, and economic spaces for society, as a result of which competitive tension is relieved only (or mostly) in the domestic environment	2%
4. Permanent threat of war	6%
5. Intolerant state of mind	0%
6. Atmosphere of illegality	38%
7. Imperfection and contradiction of laws	10%
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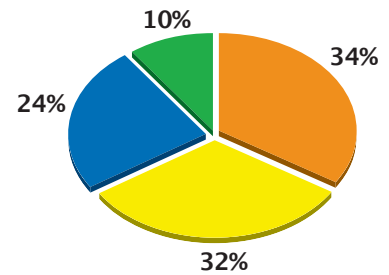
17. From the point of view of civilizational values, we are closest to...

1. Western or European civilization	12%
2. Eastern-type civilization	10%
3. Russian civilization	10%
4. We are a completely different civilization	10%
5. A synthesis of all	44%
6. <i>Other:</i>	14%
✓ Middle Eastern civilization	
✓ We are not a civilization	
✓ Eurasian civilization	
✓ Russian and Asian-Oriental civilization	
✓ We are inclined to the European, but practice the Eastern	
✓ We often have found ourselves under the ideological influence of different civilizations, and now are passing from one to another, but we are like all other nations with our national-spiritual values	



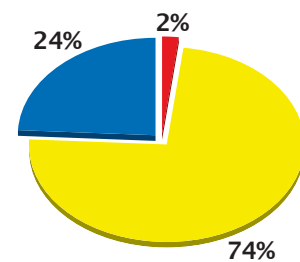
18. Which component prevails in the average Armenian's worldview?

1. Christian worldview	34%
2. Pagan worldview	32%
3. Atheistic worldview	24%
4. <i>Other:</i>	10%
✓ Worldview of national exceptionalism	
✓ None of them prevails, but confusion does	
✓ The divinity of "me"	
✓ Worldview of indifferent and indefinite deism	
✓ A combination of all prevails	



19. What is the role of the spiritual world in our life today?

1. Great	2%
2. Small	74%
3. None	24%



20. If small or none, what is the main reason for the limited role of the spiritual world?

1. Super-materialized character of contemporary life	14%
2. Variety of material challenges	10%
3. Low quality of spiritual sustenance	20%
4. Lack of propagation of spiritual values	6%
5. Absence of exemplary behavior by the authorities	20%
6. Absence of exemplary behavior by the political elite	6%
7. Passiveness of the intelligentsia	6%
8. Decline in society's senses	6%
9. <i>Other:</i>	12%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Unspiritual essence of the spiritual class, together with all derivative consequences ✓ Absence of the human being as a supreme value ✓ Being far from the spiritual world for 1000 years ✓ Cultural foundations are cut off from the present, and today's culture is poor ✓ Materialization and politicization of the Armenian Apostolic Church, and the parallel budding of sects ✓ Man has left God, and he probably will have to go a long way to reach Him again 	

