

CRTA:

**POLITICAL
ATTITUDES
OF CITIZENS
OF SERBIA
February 2023**

Opinion poll



Methodology

Population: Population of Serbia (18+)

Sample size: 1011 respondents

Data collection method: telephone interviews (CATI)

Sample type: One-stage random stratified sample: RDD telephone numbers

Margin of error: 3.1%

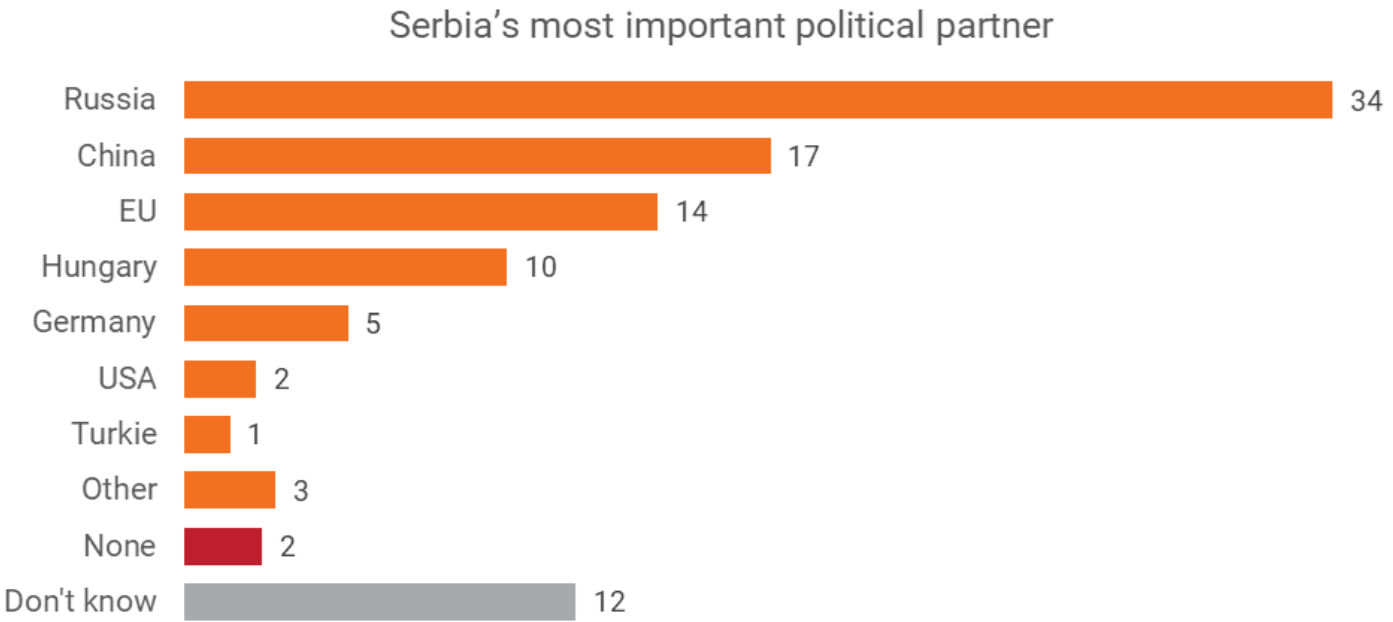
Response rate: 22% (interviewed/successfully contacted)

Questionnaire length: 16 minutes

Data collection time frame: February 25 - March 3, 2023

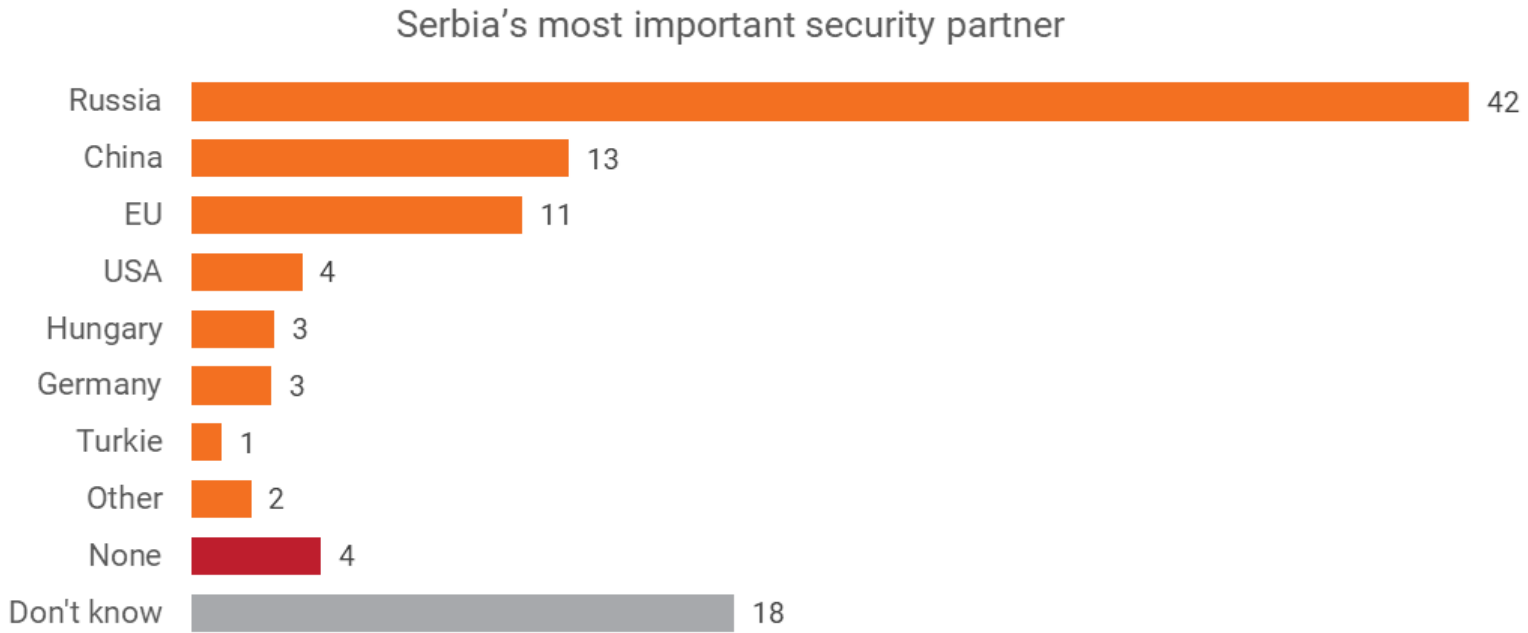
Foreign policy

CRTA: Russia is perceived as the most important political partner of Serbia.



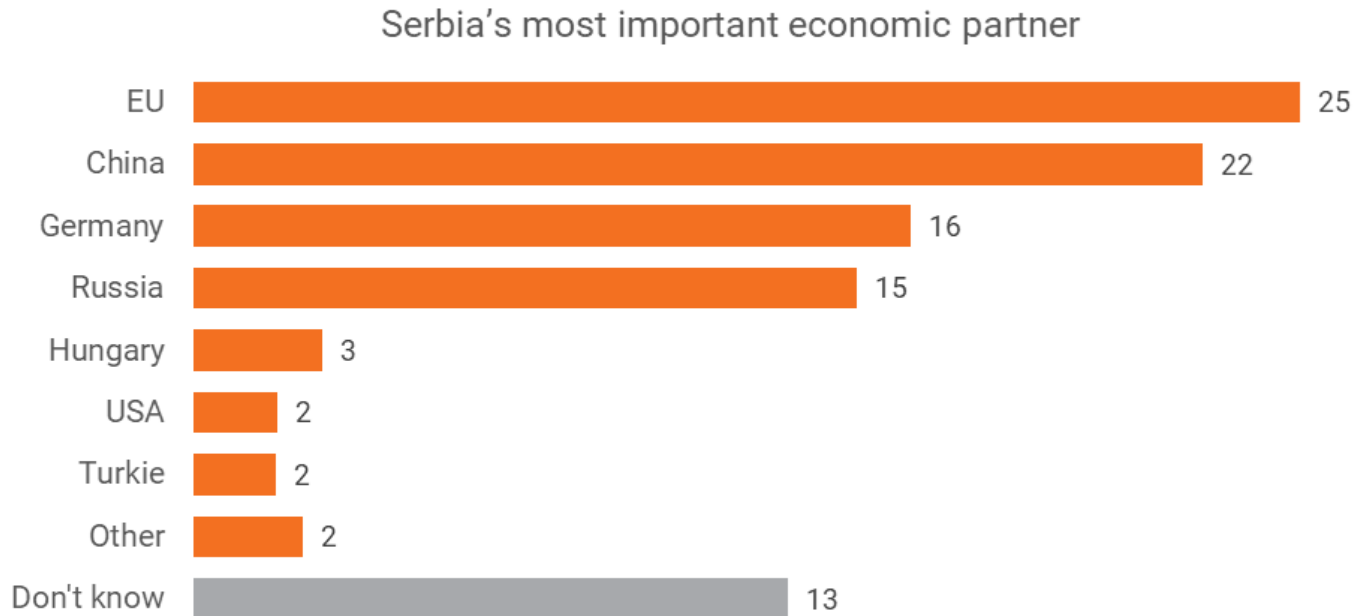
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CRTA: Russia is also seen as the most important security partner for Serbia.



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CRTA: EU (and members states) are perceived as the most important economic partner for Serbia.



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CRTA: Citizens' attitudes regarding Serbia's foreign policy are polarized between West and Russia.

What should Serbia's foreign policy be

- Focused only on Russia
- Focused on Russia, but keeping good relations with the EU and the West
- ▨ Don't know
- Focused on the EU and the West, but keeping good relations with Russia
- Focused only on the EU and the West



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CRTA: 16% of citizens believe Serbia should introduce sanctions on Russia (the same as in November 2022).

Which of these two opinions on the relationship of Serbia towards the armed conflict in Ukraine is closer to yours

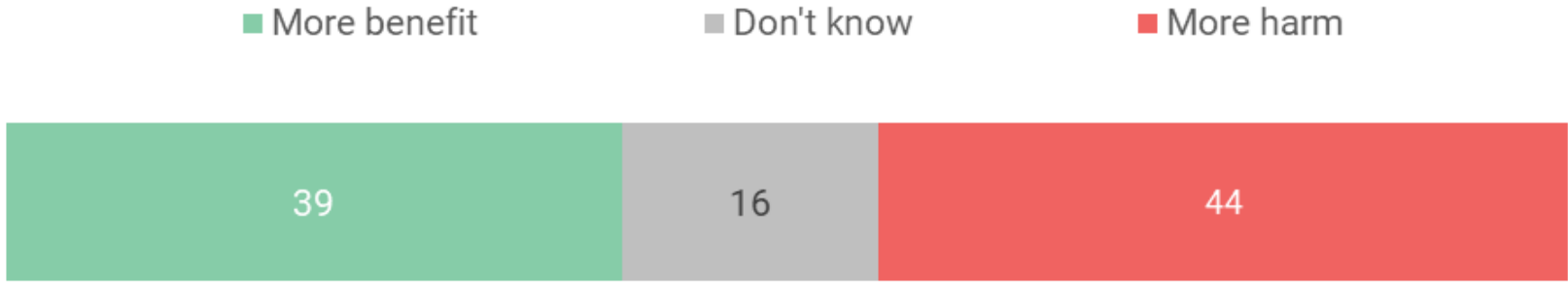
- Serbia should impose sanctions on Russia in order to harmonize its foreign policy with the EU
- Don't know
- Serbia should keep a good relationship with Russia, even if that means giving up on the EU



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CRTA: Slightly higher share of citizens believe that Serbia would have more harm than benefit from EU membership.

All things considered, do you think that Serbia would have more benefit or harm from membership in the EU



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CRTA: Citizens show more pragmatism when it comes to the EU referendum (a slight improvement compared to the November poll).

How would you vote if the referendum for EU accession were taking place next week

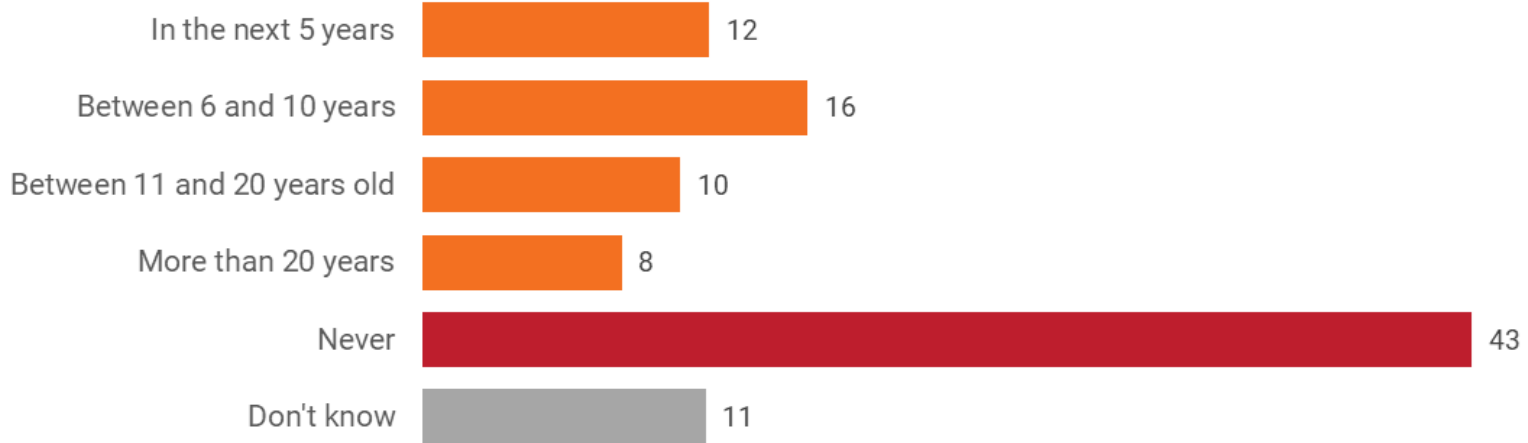
■ For EU accession ■ Wouldn't vote ■ Don't know ■ Against EU accession



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CRTA: EU referendum pragmatism aside, almost a half citizens believe Serbia will never reach the EU.

When do you think our country will finalize the EU accession process and become a member?

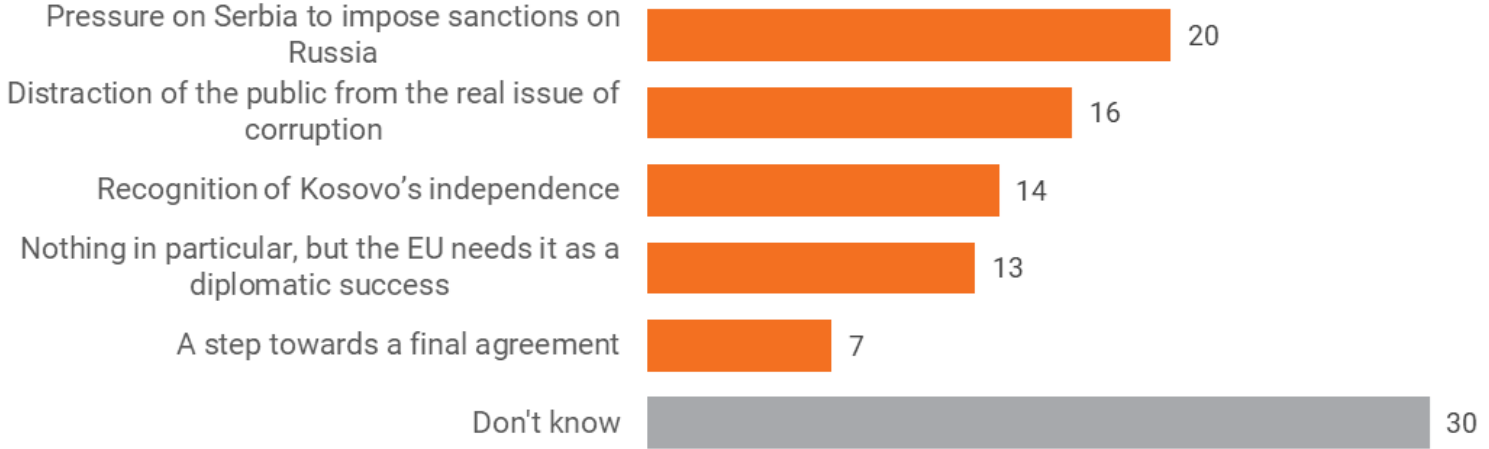


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Kosovo

CRTA: Citizens are not sure what the Franco-German plan represents.

The Franco-German Proposal for the normalization of relations between Belgrade and Priština has been in the public eye for some time now. What do you believe this proposal represents



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CRTA: The ideal and most likely solution to the problem of Kosovo.

Ideal / best solution

34% For things to go back to the way they were - for Kosovo to remain in Serbia

20% Some kind of deal

- 8% recognition of Kosovo
- 7% division of the territory
- 5% Franco-German proposal

38% Don't know what would be the ideal solution

The most likely / most realistic solution

35% Some kind of deal

- 22% recognition of Kosovo
- 9% Franco-German proposal
- 4% division of the territory

14% Everything will return to the way it was - Kosovo will remain in Serbia

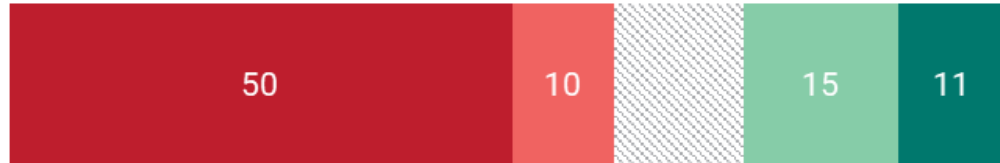
38% Don't know what would be the most realistic solution

CRTA: ¼ citizens would accept Franco-German plan, while ⅓ would accept the recognition of Kosovo's independence.

Do you find the following statements acceptable

■ Completely unacceptable ■ Somewhat unacceptable ❄ Don't know ■ Somewhat acceptable ■ Completely acceptable

Serbia won't prevent Kosovo from entering the UN, in exchange for a safety guarantee for Serbs in Kosovo and a fast-tracked membership in the EU



Serbia will recognize Kosovo's independence, in exchange for a safety guarantee for Serbs in Kosovo and a fast-tracked membership in the EU



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Democracy and institutions

CRTA: Almost half of citizens believe that Serbia is moving in the right direction, while slightly less than a third believe that the country is going in a bad direction.

What is your impression, is Serbia moving in a good or bad direction?

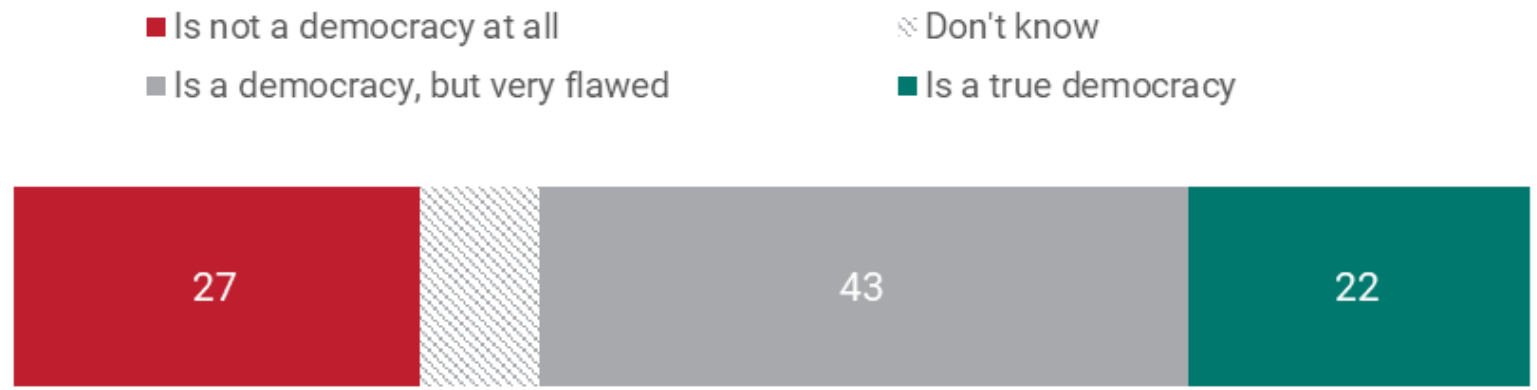
■ In a bad direction ■ Mostly bad ■ Neither ■ Don't know ■ Mostly good ■ In a good direction



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CRTA: The majority of citizens believe that Serbia is a deeply flawed democracy, while 1/4 points out that this is not a democracy at all.

Bearing in mind the current political system in Serbia, do you believe that Serbia

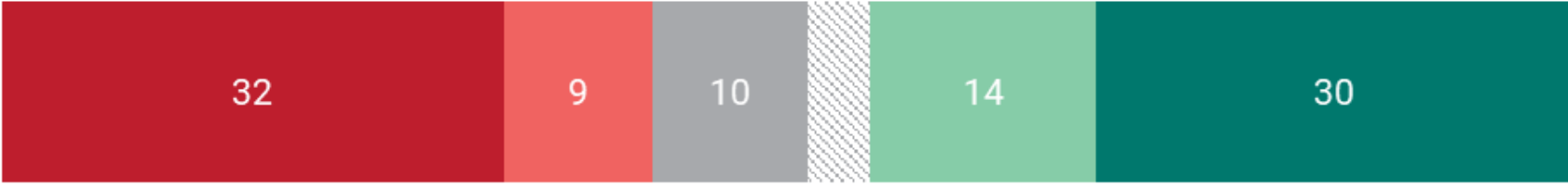


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CRTA: Almost half of citizens believe a strong leader, who makes decisions alone (unencumbered by democratic institutions), is the best option for Serbia.

At this moment, our country needs a strong leader that makes decisions alone, without interference of the Parliament or the Government. Only a firm hand can lead us through this crisis

■ Completely disagree ■ Mostly disagree ■ Neither ■ Don't know ■ Mostly agree ■ Completely agree



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