



### ATTITUDES OF SERBIAN CITIZEN

About protests and faculty blockades

Public opinion poll December 2024

### CRTA: METHODOLOGY

Data Collection Method	<b>Face-to-face</b> survey - Computer-Assisted personal Interviewing (CAPI). Conducted by "TMG Insights"	
Target Population	Adult citizens of the Republic of Serbia	
Sample Size	1030 respondents	
Sample Type	Stratified systematic random sample, representative for the Republic of Serbia	
Strata	Stratification by region (Belgrade, Vojvodina, Šumadija and West Serbia, South and East Serbia) and settlement type (urban, rural), with random selection of sampling units, households (random step) and respondents (last birthday).	
Post-stratification	By region, type of settlement, gender, age, and education	
Questionnaire Duration	15 minutes	
Margin of Error	± 3,1%	
<b>Research Period</b>	20-28. December 2024.	

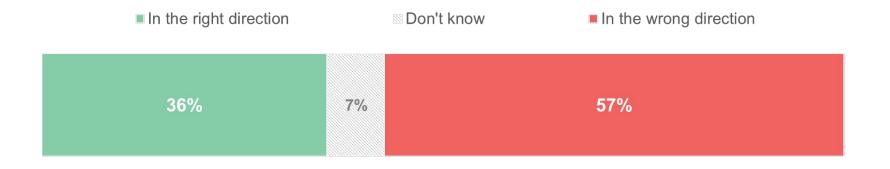


## DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY AND BIGGEST PROBLEMS



More than half of citizens believe that Serbia is heading in the wrong direction

In your opinion, is Serbia moving in the right or wrong direction?

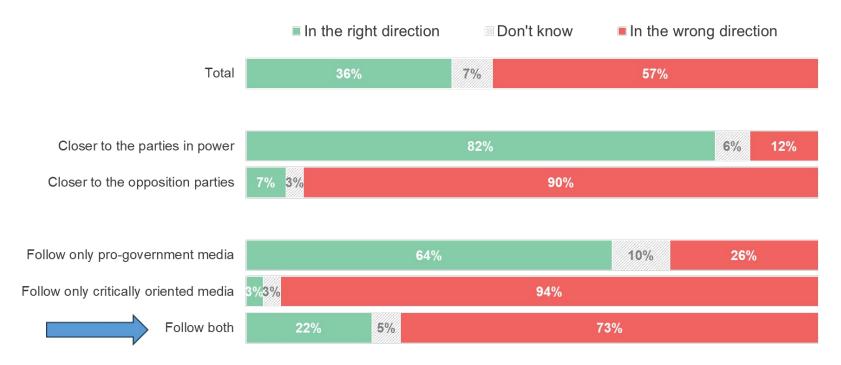


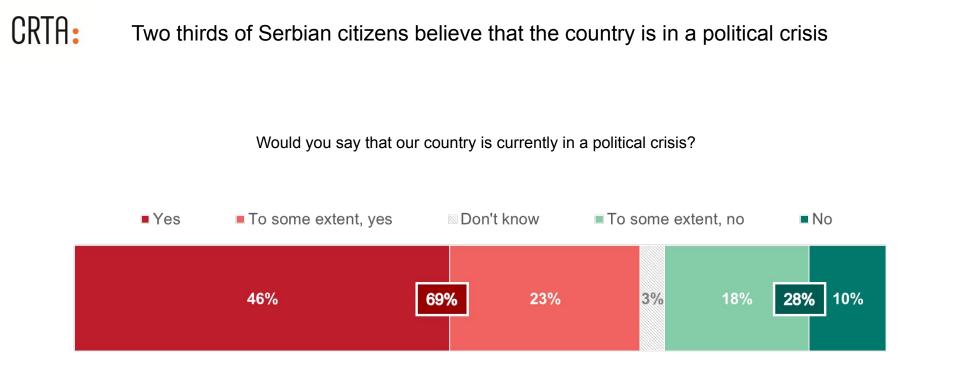
Older citizens and those with lower education are significantly more likely to believe Serbia is moving in the right direction. The youngest citizens and those with higher education more often believe that Serbia is heading in the wrong direction.



Citizens closer to the parties in power and those who follow only pro-government media are more likely to believe Serbia is moving in the right direction. Those closer to opposition parties and those who follow critically oriented media, more often believe the opposite

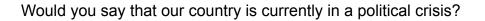
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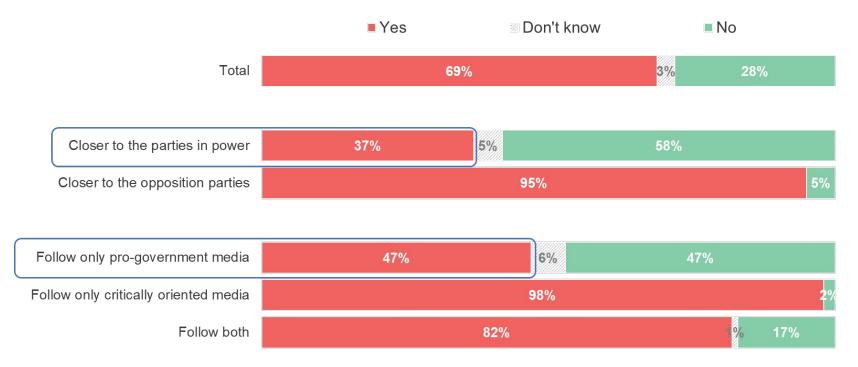




While younger and more educated citizens more often believe that the country is in crisis, older citizens and those with lower education more often believe that the country is not in a political crisis.

RTA: Almost half of those who only follow pro-government media and more than a third of citizens who are closer to the ruling parties also believe that the country is in a political crisis

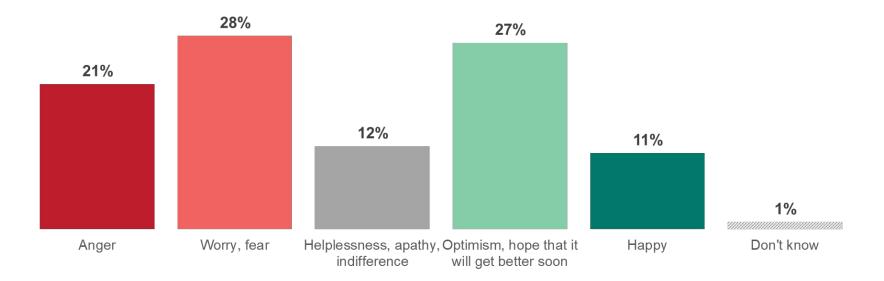






Half of the citizens of Serbia state that they are worried, scared or angry

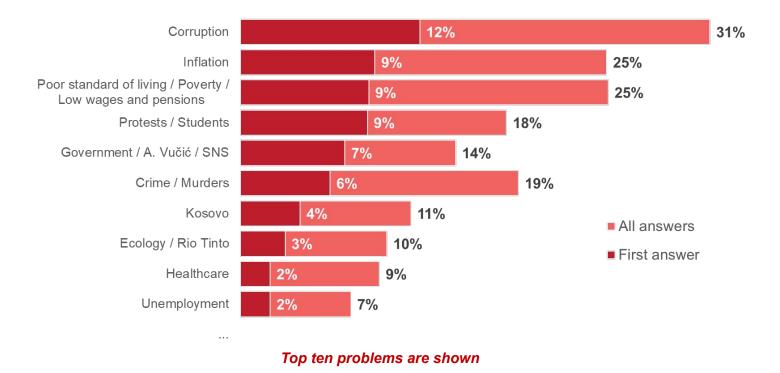
What would you say, which of the following feelings has been the most common for you lately, was it...





#### Serbian citizens are most affected by corruption and economic problems

#### What would you say are the biggest problems Serbia faces at the moment?



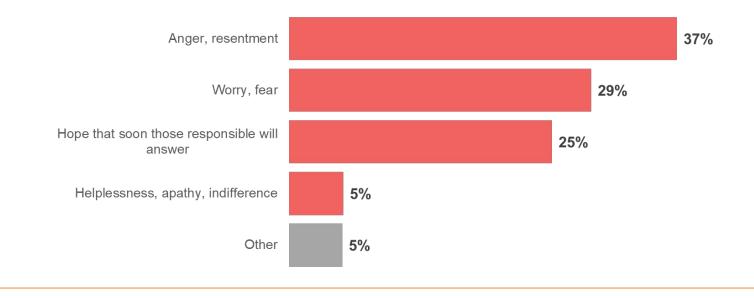


## THE COLLAPSE OF THE CANOPY, PROTESTS AND STUDENT BLOCKADES

#### CRTA:

## Above all, the citizens are angry and indignant about the collapse of the canopy in Novi Sad

What is your first emotion when you think of the collapse of the recently renovated canopy on the railway station building in Novi Sad, when 15 people died?

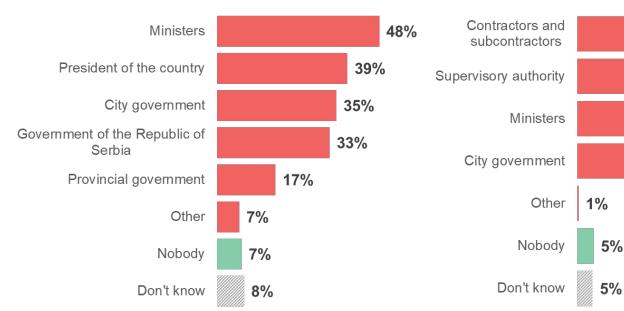


While younger citizens are most often angry, older citizens are worried and scared.



Ministries and the President of Serbia are primarily seen as politically responsible. The criminal responsibility lies in the contractors and supervisory bodies.

In your opinion, who bears the political responsibility for the collapse of the canopy at the railway station in Novi Sad? And who, in your opinion, bears the criminal responsibility for the collapse of the canopy?



**Political responsibility** 

#### **Criminal responsibility**

67%

58%

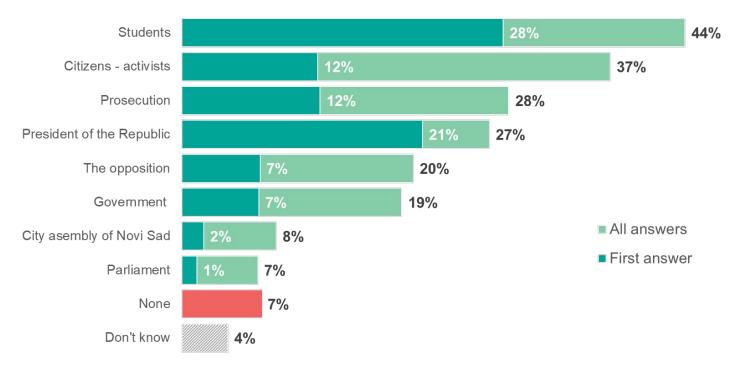
46%

30%



Students, but also citizens who are protesting, are primarily seen as those who protect the interests of Serbia and its citizens in the matter of seeking responsibility for the collapse of the canopy

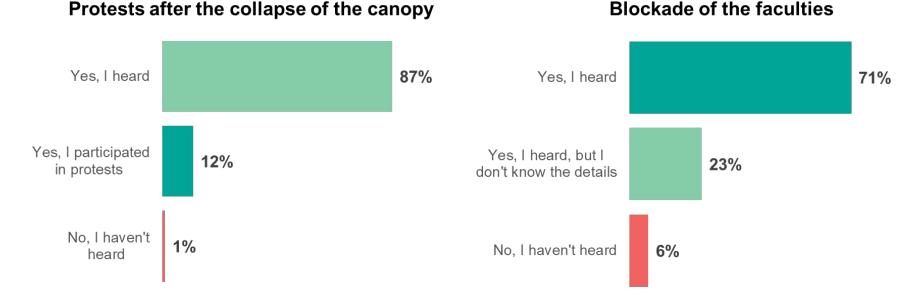
Who do you believe will protect the interests of Serbia and its citizens and persist in seeking responsibility for the collapse of the canopy in Novi Sad?





Almost all citizens have heard about the protests after the collapse of the canopy and the blockade of the faculties

Have you heard about the citizen protests that are taking place all over Serbia, which followed the collapse of the recently renovated canopy at the railway station building in Novi Sad, when 15 people died? And did you hear that over 50 faculties in Serbia are blocked by students after the tragedy in Novi Sad?

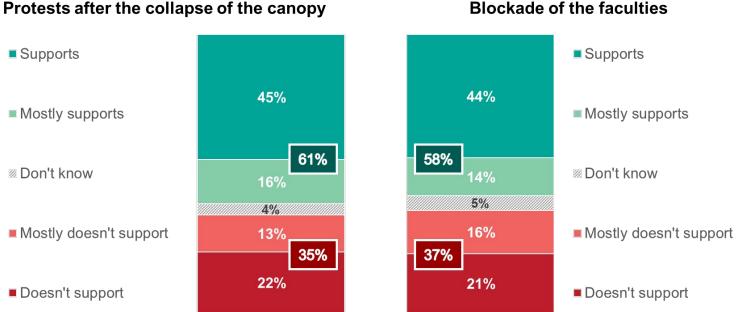




#### Six out of ten citizens support protests and faculty blockades

Do you support these protests?

Do you support students in faculty blockades?

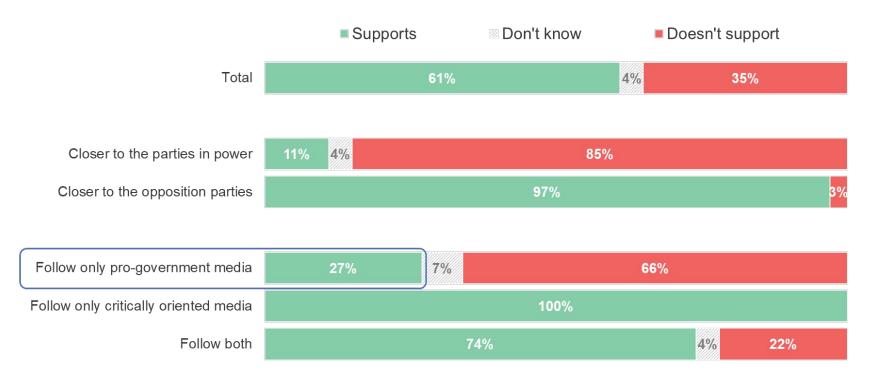


Blockade of the faculties



A quarter of those who only follow pro-government media and one in ten who are closer to the ruling parties still support the protests

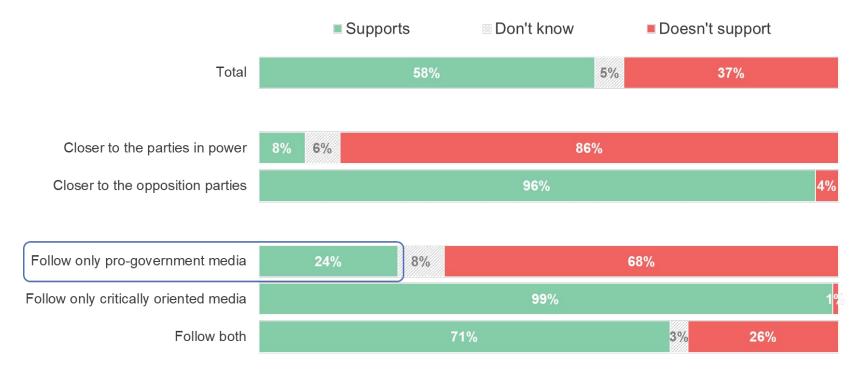
Do you support these protests?





Faculty blockades are supported by a quarter of those who only follow pro-government media and almost one in ten who are closer to the ruling parties

Do you support students in faculty blockades?





Most Serbian citizens disagree that the protests are an attempt by the opposition to take over power, nor that the people who cause incidents at the protests are just ordinary annoyed citizens.

People have different attitudes regarding citizens' protests, such as blocking roads for 15 minutes, after the tragedy in Novi Sad. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?





Six out of ten citizens believe that the student protests are a reflection of their sincere desire to find those responsible for the collapse of the canopy

People have different views about faculty blockades. Which of these two positions better reflects your opinion?

- Student protests are another attempt by domestic and foreign enemies to overthrow Aleksandar Vučić and destroy Serbia
   Don't know
- The student protests are a reflection of their sincere desire to find those responsible for the collapse of the canopy.

33%	9%	58%	
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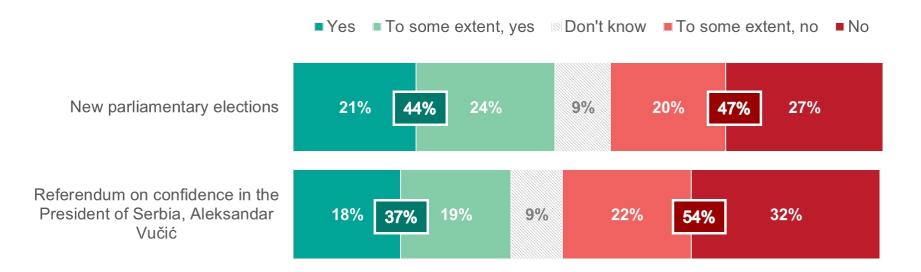


## **REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS AS A WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS**



The majority of citizens do not see the advisory referendum as a step towards a way out of the crisis, while opinions on early parliamentary elections are divided

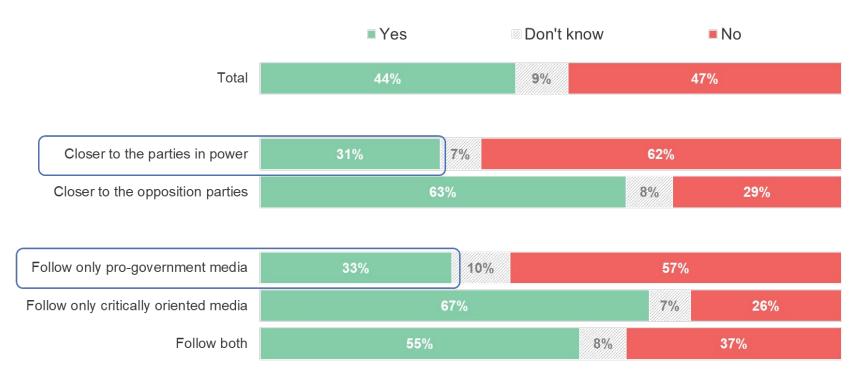
Do you think that new parliamentary elections early next year would be a good solution for our country? Do you think that a referendum on confidence in the President of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, in the context of the collapse of the canopy in Novi Sad, would be an appropriate step to get out of the situation in which the country currently finds itself?





The new parliamentary elections are more often seen as a way out of the crisis by citizens closer to the opposition parties and those who follow critically oriented media.

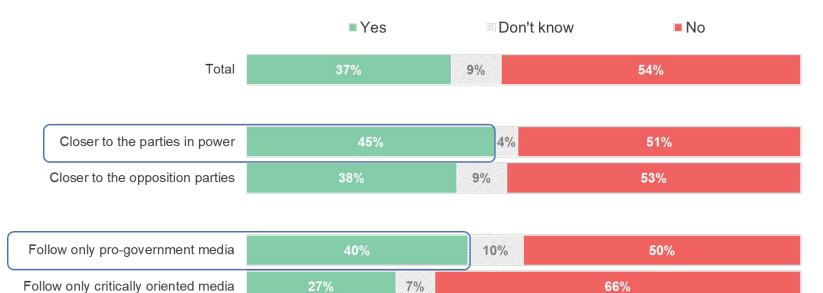
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#### CRTA:

# There is no group where the majority of citizens see a potential referendum as a good solution to the crisis

Do you think that a referendum on confidence in the President of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, in the context of the collapse of the canopy in Novi Sad, would be an appropriate step to get out of the situation in which the country currently finds itself?

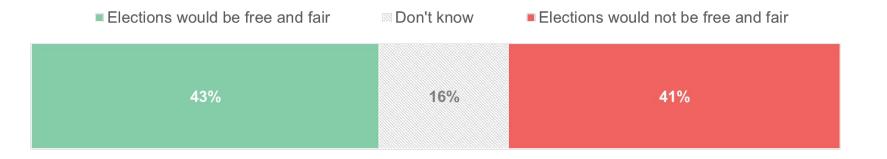


 Follow both
 46%



Citizens are polarized about the conditions under which potential new elections would take place

And in your opinion, would the new parliamentary elections be free and fair?



With age, the share of those who believe the elections would not be fair decreases, while the share of those who believe that they would be increases.

With a higher level of education, the share of those who believe that the elections would be fair decreases.



More than half of citizens currently state that they would not support the President of Serbia in an advisory referendum

And how would you vote if such a referendum was held?

Would support President Vučić Would not vote Don't know / Refuse Would not support President Vučić

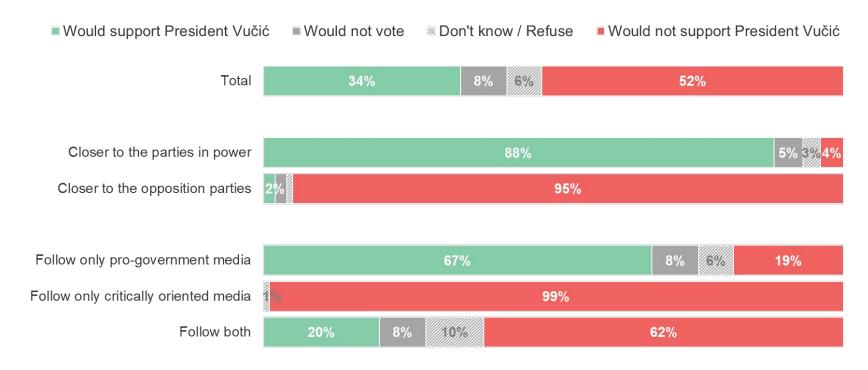
34%	8% 6%	52%
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Support for the President of Serbia in a potential referendum increases with age and decreases with higher education.



Every fifth citizen who only follows pro-government media would not support the President of Serbia in an advisory referendum

And how would you vote if such a referendum was held?

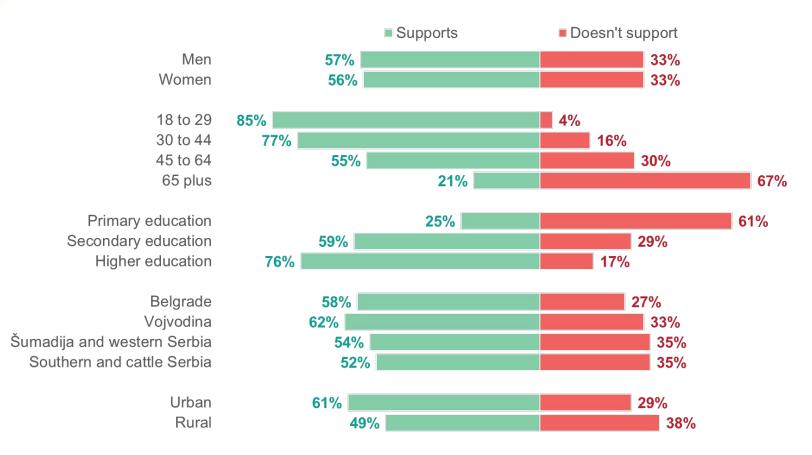




## SUPPORT FOR THE PROTESTS AND FACULTY BLOCKADES

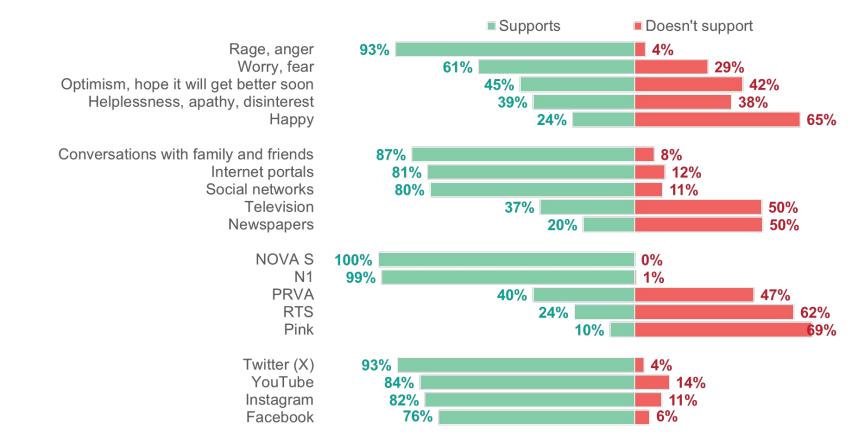
#### CRTA:

#### Demographic profile of citizens who support protests and blockades



### CRTA:

# Profile of citizens who support protests and blockades, in relation to dominant sentiments and media preferences





## Profile of citizens who support protests and blockades, in relation to political preferences

