

## ATTITUDES OF SERBIAN CITIZENS

Public opinion poll April 2025



**Data collection method** | Face to face (F2F)

Target population

Adult citizens of Serbia

Sample

2025 respondents

Type of sample

Stratified systematic random sample, representative for the Republic of Serbia

Stratum

Stratification by regions (Belgrade, Vojvodina, Šumadija, Western Serbia, Southern Serbia, and Eastern Serbia) and type of settlement (urban, rural), with random selection of the sampling unit, household (random step), and respondent (last birthday method)

Response rate

28%

Poststratification

By region, type of settlement, gender, age, and education

Average questionnaire length

30 minutes

Margin of error

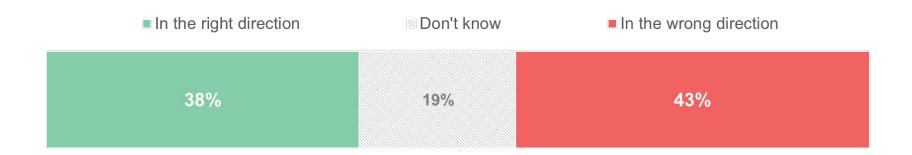
± 2,23%

Data collection period 3 - 16 April 2025

## DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY AND BIGGEST PROBLEMS

#### CRTH: The majority of citizens believe that Serbia is heading in the wrong direction

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

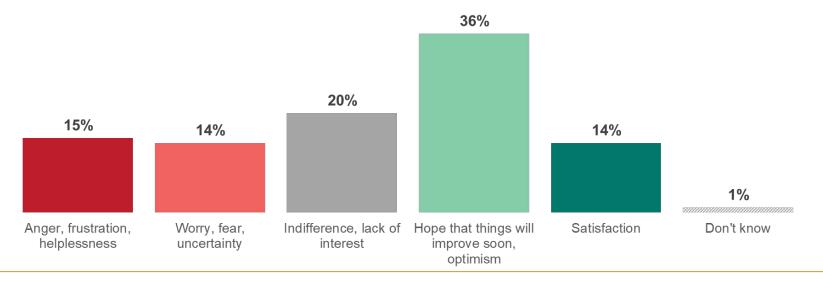


Citizens aged 65 and older, as well as those with lower levels of education, are significantly more likely to believe that Serbia is heading in the right direction. The youngest citizens and those with higher education are more likely to believe that Serbia is heading in the wrong direction.



## One third of citizens report feeling worried and angry, while an equal share express hope that things will improve soon

What would you say, which of the following feelings have you personally experienced most frequently recently? Was it...

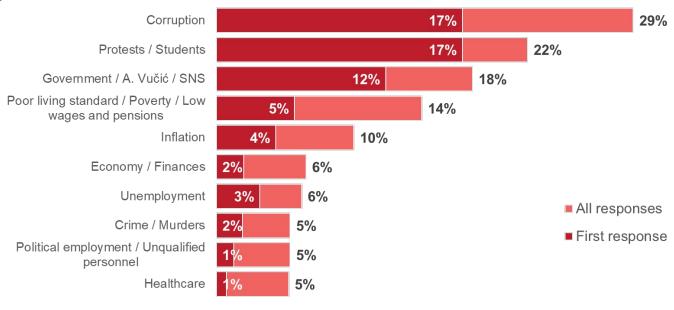


Age affects the decline of feelings of anger and the increase of feelings of indifference and concern. Those who support protests are more likely to feel optimistic, but also angry. Those who do not support protests are more likely to feel satisfied.

#### Corruption and the current government, on the one hand, and protests, on the other, stand out as the biggest problems in Serbia

First ten problems displayed

What would you say is currently the biggest problem Serbia is facing?



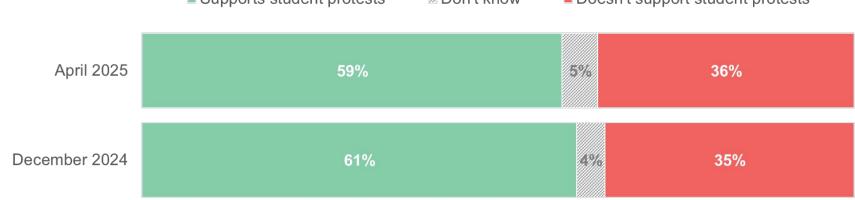
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For citizens closer to the government, the biggest problem is the protests, while for those closer to the opposition and the undecided, it is corruption and the current government.

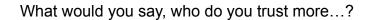
## SUPPORT FOR STUDENT PROTESTS

## After five months of protests, the level of support for the students remains strong





Do you support student protests?





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# MANIPULATIVE NARRATIVES ABOUT STUDENT PROTESTS

Six out of ten citizens believe that the protests are a result of people's anger over the death of 16 individuals due to negligence and corruption, rather than being a so-called "color revolution"

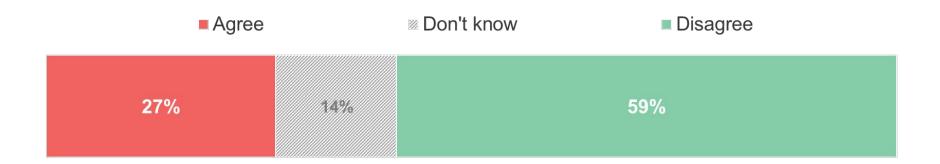
Which of these two statements better reflects your opinion?

- Protests are an organized revolution against the state and the constitutional order
- Don't know
- The protests were sparked by people's anger over the deaths of 16 people due to negligence and corruption



## Six out of ten citizens do not believe that the camp in Pionirski Park is a spontaneous gathering of students "who want to learn"

To what extent do you agree with the statement that the camp in Pionirski Park, in front of the Presidency in Belgrade, is a spontaneous gathering of students who want to learn and who oppose faculty blockades?



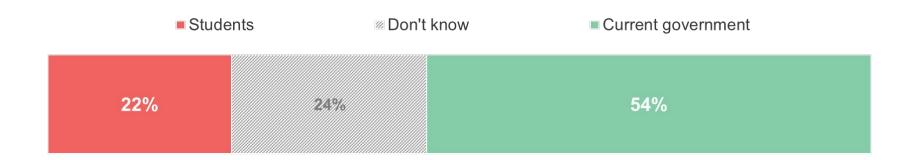
### CRTA: Two-thirds of citizens perceive the protests as non-violent

Would you describe the student protests as violent or non-violent?

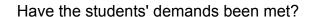


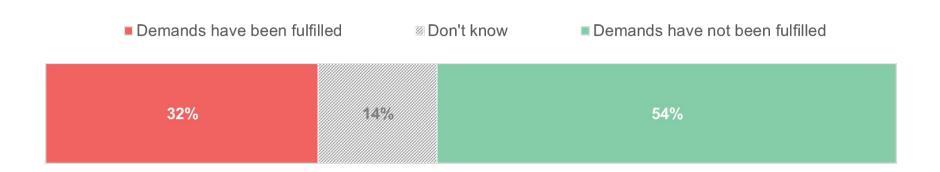
## More than half of citizens believe that the current government, not the students, is responsible for the poor economic situation

Would you be more inclined to say that the current government, or the students, are responsible for the poor economic situation in our country?



## CRTA: Every other citizen believes that the students' demands have not been met

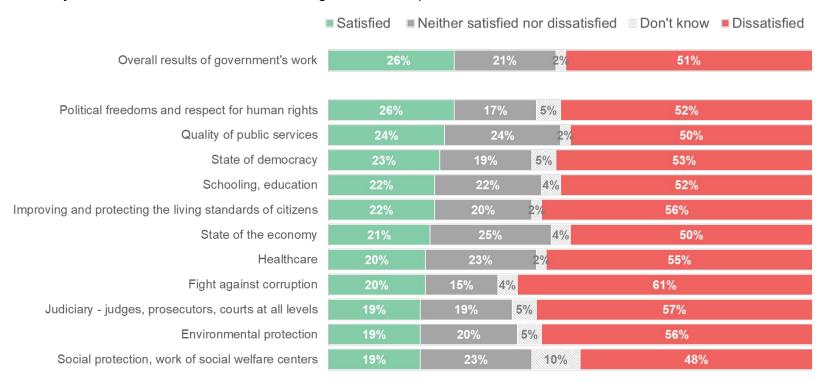




## ASSESSMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE

## More than half of citizens are dissatisfied with the government's performance in almost all areas

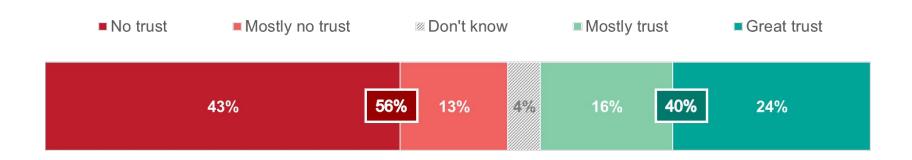
Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the government's performance, and to what extent, when it comes to...



Source: CRTA survey, April 2025. Methodology: Face-to-face (F2F), n=2025, random sample, representative of the adult population of the Republic of Serbia, ME: ±2.23%.

## CRTH: More than half of Serbian citizens do not trust the institution of the President of the Republic

Please tell me to what extent you do or do not trust the President of the Republic.



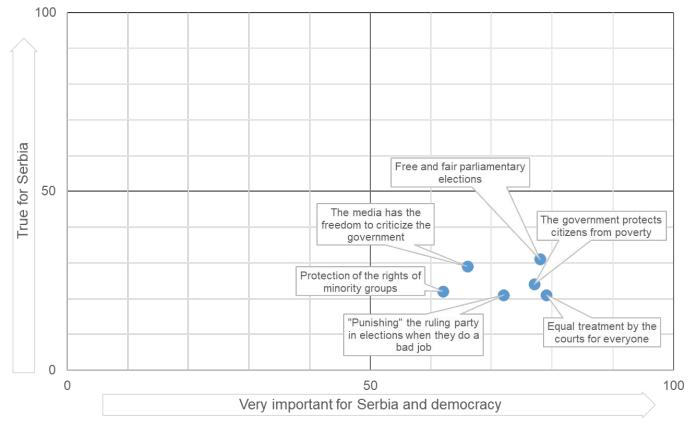
## CRTA: Every other citizen negatively evaluates Aleksandar Vučić's performance as President of the Republic thus far

How would you evaluate Aleksandar Vučić's performance so far as President of the Republic?



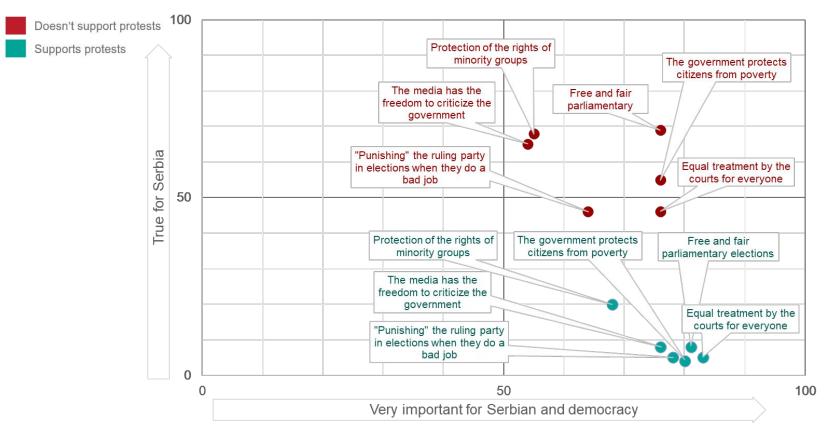
## **DEMOCRACY IN SERBIA**

#### All the examined elements of democratic governance are very important to CRTA: Serbian citizens. However, according to them, none of these elements reflect the current state of Serbia

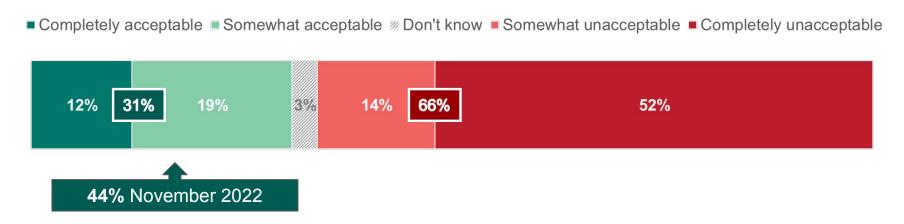


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## The attitude toward protests influences both the assessment of the fulfillment of democratic principles in society and the importance of these democratic principles for Serbia



How acceptable would it be for you if Serbia had a strong leader who is above the law?

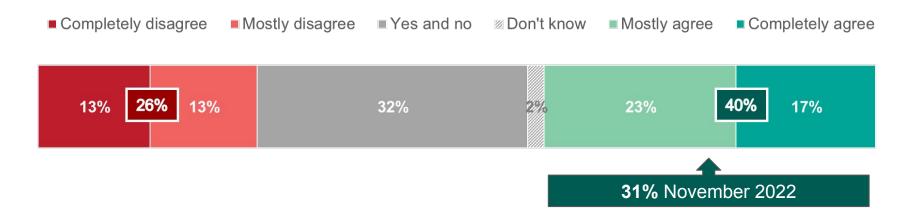


Citizens aged 65 and older, as well as those with lower levels of education, are significantly more likely to believe that it is acceptable for Serbia to have a strong leader who is above the law. Younger citizens and those with secondary or higher education are much more likely to reject this idea.

## POTENTIAL FOR CHANGE

## The majority of citizens believe that their involvement can contribute to changes in the country

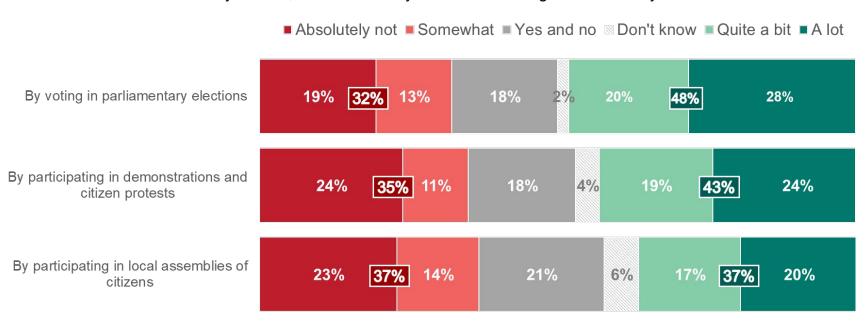
To what extent do you agree with the following statement – ordinary people, like me, can make changes to things they are dissatisfied with in the country through their own involvement?



Citizens closer to opposition parties, those who support protests, and those who follow critically oriented media and social networks are more likely to believe in the possibility of change.

## According to citizens, the mentioned changes are primarily possible through participation in parliamentary elections

What do you think, how much can you influence change in our country?

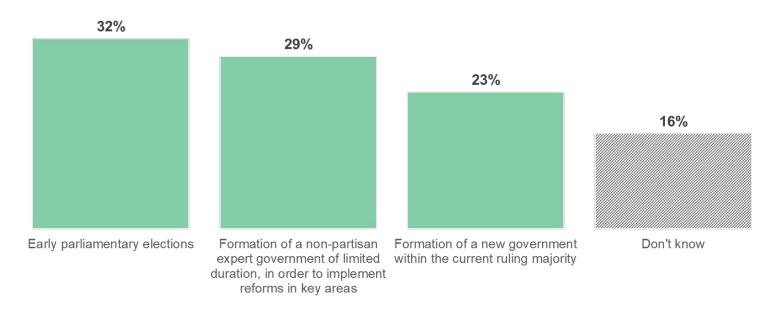


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## **EXITING THE CRISIS**

## The largest share of citizens in Serbia sees new elections as the way out of the current situation

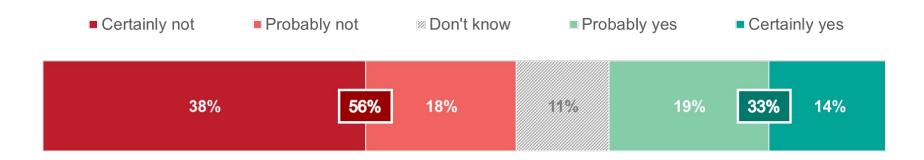
Regardless of whether you believe Serbia is currently in some kind of crisis, what do you think would be the best way to resolve the current situation?



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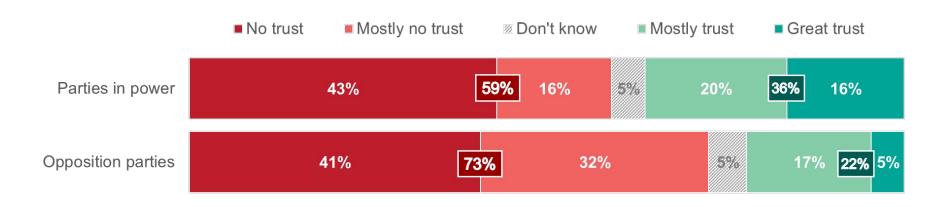
## More than half of the citizens do not believe that the new government would be able to solve the most important problems in the country

What do you think, would the new government, which would be appointed by Aleksandar Vučić, manage to solve the most important problems facing Serbia at the moment?



#### CRTH: Low trust in political parties, especially in opposition parties

Please tell me to what extent you trust or do not trust...



## CRTH: Almost the same proportion of citizens claim to be close to both ruling parties and opposition parties

Are you closer to the political parties currently in power in Serbia or those in the opposition?

■ Parties in power ■ Don't know ■ Refuse to answer ■ Opposition parties

33%

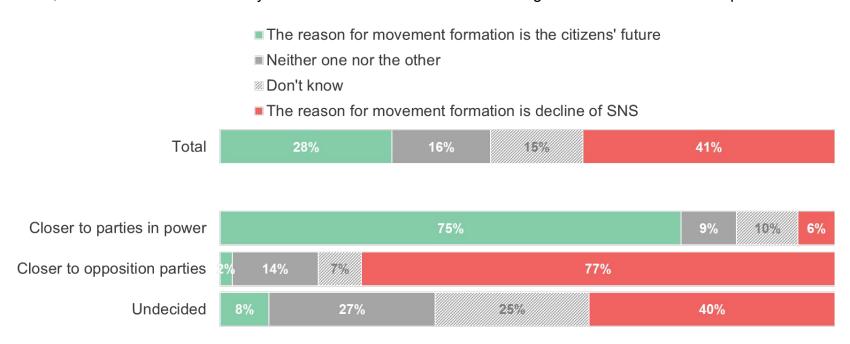
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14%

31%

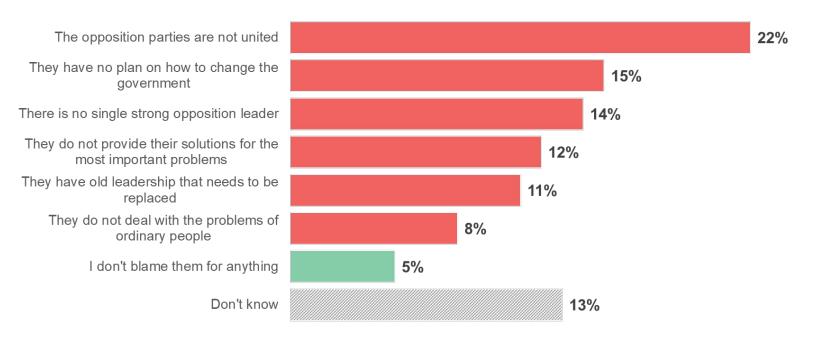
## Only citizens closer to parties in power are more likely to believe in the idea of the Movement for the People and the State

People have different views on the establishment of the Movement for the People and the State, announced by the President of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić. What do you think about the reasons for founding the Movement for the People and the State?



## Citizens who are not close to the parties in power mostly criticize opposition parties for their lack of unity

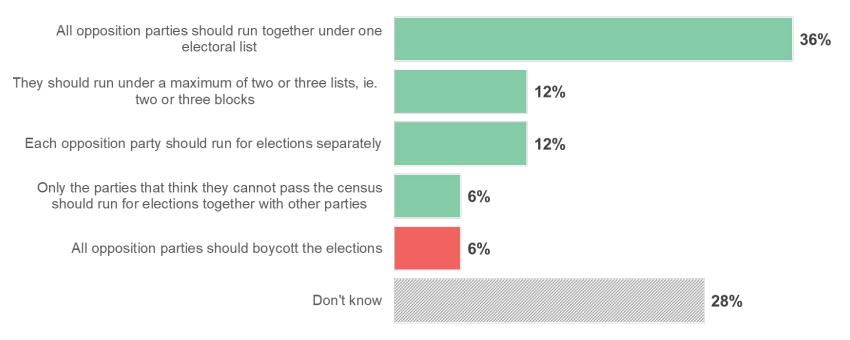
When thinking about opposition parties, what would you criticize them for the most?



Base: Citizens not close to parties in power

## Citizens who are not close to the parties in power have a clear message for opposition parties - they should run as a single joint list, and that a boycott is not an option

What would you advise opposition political parties regarding participating in the next parliamentary elections?



Base: Citizens not close to parties in power

