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Q3/2008 Peninsula Malaysia Voter Opinion Poll

11 – 22 September 2008
Methodology

• 1002 randomly selected **registered voters** aged 21+ were interviewed via telephone for the survey

• Respondents were selected via random stratified sampling method along the lines of state of residence, ethnicity, gender and age

• Survey was carried out between 11th to 22nd September 2008

• Survey margin of error estimated at ±3.10%

• Important Events: Survey was concluded during “impending” September 16th crossover
Top issues
What in your view, is the most important problem affecting Malaysia today?

- Price hike/ inflation/ rising cost of living: 35%
- Fuel hike: 8%
- Unemployment: 1%
- Unfavourable economic condition in general: 6%
- Crime and public safety in general: 4%
- Social problems among youth: 3%
- Racial inequality: 3%
- Lack of unity among Malaysians: 1%
- Worse ethnic relations: 2%
- Lack of job/ business opportunities for own race: 1%
- Lack of education opportunities for own race/ quota system: 1%
- Corruption in general: 1%
- Corruption among government officials: 1%
- Corruption among politicians: 1%
- Quality of nalt leadership: 1%
- Political instability in general: 18%
- Controversy of racist statements by Ahmad Ismail: 2%
- September 16: 1%
- Others: 4%
- None: 2%
- Don't know: 3%

50% concerned over economic issues
Aggregated 21% concern over political issues
What in your view, is the most important problem affecting Malaysia today?

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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the federal government's performance on that issue?

- **Price hike, inflation, rising cost of living**: 1% Very satisfied, 17% Somewhat satisfied, 39% Somewhat dissatisfied, 40% Very dissatisfied, 1% Don't know, 2% No response.
- **Political instability in general**: 2% Very satisfied, 20% Somewhat satisfied, 40% Somewhat dissatisfied, 36% Very dissatisfied, 2% Don't know, 3% No response.
- **Fuel hike**: 2% Very satisfied, 26% Somewhat satisfied, 37% Somewhat dissatisfied, 32% Very dissatisfied, 2% Don’t know, 2% No response.
- **Unfavourable economic condition in general**: 2% Very satisfied, 17% Somewhat satisfied, 36% Somewhat dissatisfied, 41% Very dissatisfied, 3% Don’t know, 5% No response.
- **Crime and public safety in general**: 2% Very satisfied, 29% Somewhat satisfied, 43% Somewhat dissatisfied, 26% Very dissatisfied, 3% Don’t know, 2% No response.
Are you aware of the 2009 Budget tabled by the Prime Minister several weeks ago?

- **Aware**: 79%
- **Unaware/ Don't know**: 21%
How strongly do you feel that the 2009 Budget will benefit you and your family?

- **Strongly beneficial**: 42%
- **Somewhat beneficial**: 28%
- **Somewhat unbeneficial**: 23%
- **Not beneficial at all**: 3%
- **Don't know**: 4%
Top issues
Now, I am going to read two statements to you. After you hear each one, please tell me which one is closer to your opinion. If Pakatan Rakyat, which consists of PKR, DAP and PAS, attempt to form federal government is successful…

- **The Malay will lose political power**
  - 17% Strongly agree
  - 32% Somewhat agree

- **The Malay political power remains & only UMNO loses power**
  - 22% Strongly agree
  - 16% Somewhat agree

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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Abdullah Ahmad Badawi’s performance as Prime Minister?

- Very satisfied: 37%
- Somewhat satisfied: 32%
- Somewhat dissatisfied: 16%
- Very dissatisfied: 11%
- Don't know: 3%
- No response: 1%

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Approval Rating of the PM

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Abdullah Ahmad Badawi’s performance as Prime Minister?

Note: “Very satisfied” and “Somewhat satisfied” aggregated
Approval Rating of the DPM

In your view, how strongly do you agree or disagree that Najib Tun Razak would make a good prime minister?

- Strongly agree: 26%
- Somewhat agree: 13%
- Strongly disagree: 16%
- Somewhat disagree: 24%
- Don't know: 1%
- No response:
Approval Rating of the DPM

In your view, how strongly do you agree or disagree that Najib Tun Razak would make a good prime minister?

Note: “Strongly agree” and “Somewhat agree” aggregated
Comparison

Between Najib Tun Razak and Anwar Ibrahim, who do you think makes a better prime minister?

- **Najib Tun Razak**: 40%
- **Anwar Ibrahim**: 34%
- **None**: 14%
- **Don't know**: 11%
- **No response**: 1%
Racial Remarks Controversy

Ahmad Ismail, UMNO division chief for Bukit Bendera, Penang had made a statement in the recent Permatang Pauh by-election that Chinese were "immigrants" and did not deserve equal treatment in this country. Do you think the comments by Ahmad Ismail were appropriate or not appropriate?

- Very appropriate: 56%
- Somewhat appropriate: 13%
- Somewhat inappropriate: 13%
- Very inappropriate: 12%
- Don’t know: 5%
- No response: 1%

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Racial Remarks Controversy

Now, I am going to read two statements to you. After you hear each one, please tell me which one is closer to your opinion. Do you think that statements like those made by Ahmad Ismail are …

Malay exclusive question

- Borne out of concern for the Malay community
  - Strongly agree: 26%
  - Somewhat agree: 15%

- Borne out of his own political interest
  - Strongly agree: 26%
  - Somewhat agree: 19%

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Perceptions of Anwar Ibrahim
Perceptions towards Anwar

Do you believe or do not believe in the allegations of sexual misconduct against Anwar Ibrahim?

- **Strongly believe**: 44%
- **Somewhat believe**: 6%
- **Don't know**: 1%
- **Strongly disbelieve**: 23%
- **Somewhat disbelieve**: 9%
- **No response**: 6%
How strongly do you agree or disagree that, Anwar is an agent for Americans/ Jews?

- **Strongly agree**: 3%
- **Somewhat agree**: 23%
- **Neither agree nor disagree**: 8%
- **Somewhat disagree**: 12%
- **Strongly disagree**: 27%
- **Don't know/ Unable to access**: 13%
- **No response**: 11%

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How strongly do you agree or disagree that, Anwar is a sexual criminal?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know/ Unable to access
- No response

- Total
  - Strongly agree: 12%
  - Somewhat agree: 10%
  - Somewhat disagree: 8%
  - Strongly disagree: 5%
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- Malay
  - Strongly agree: 29%
  - Somewhat agree: 33%
  - Somewhat disagree: 20%
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  - Don't know/ Unable to access: 10%
  - No response: 3%

- Chinese
  - Strongly agree: 44%
  - Somewhat agree: 39%
  - Somewhat disagree: 40%
  - Strongly disagree: 45%
  - Don't know/ Unable to access: 26%
  - No response: 13%

- Indian
  - Strongly agree: 76%
  - Somewhat agree: 76%
  - Somewhat disagree: 80%
  - Strongly disagree: 76%
  - Don't know/ Unable to access: 10%
  - No response: 10%
How strongly do you agree or disagree that, Anwar is a competent manager of the economy?

- Strongly agree: 14%
- Somewhat agree: 26%
- Somewhat disagree: 16%
- Strongly disagree: 14%
- Don't know/ Unable to access: 28%
- No response: 21%

Total: 100%
Malay: 100%
Chinese: 100%
Indian: 100%
How strongly do you agree or disagree that, Anwar is a strong and visionary leader?

- **Strongly agree**: 11%
- **Somewhat agree**: 24%
- **Neutral**: 13%
- **Somewhat disagree**: 30%
- **Strongly disagree**: 21%
- **Don't know/ Unable to access**: 8%
- **No response**: 2%

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- **Strongly agree**: 11%
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- **Strongly agree**: 8%
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- **No response**: 1%

**Indian**

- **Strongly agree**: 6%
- **Somewhat agree**: 31%
- **Neutral**: 17%
- **Somewhat disagree**: 32%
- **Strongly disagree**: 15%
- **Don't know/ Unable to access**: 59%
- **No response**: 1%
MCA Party Elections
MCA Party Election

Are you aware of party elections that are to be held by MCA in October?

- **Aware**: 52%
- **Unaware/ Don't know**: 48%
MCA Party Election

Are you aware of party elections that are to be held by MCA in October?

- **Aware**
- **Unaware/ Don't know**
- **No response**

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MCA Party Election

How strongly do you agree or disagree that it is alright for a politician who was tainted with sexual scandal to hold senior post in a political party and government?

- Strongly agree: 56%
- Somewhat agree: 6%
- Somewhat disagree: 20%
- Strongly disagree: 13%
- Don't know: 5%
MCA Party Election

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MCA Party Election

How strongly do you agree or disagree that an apology from a politician tainted with sexual scandal is enough grounds for him/her to be accepted as a leader again?

- Strongly agree: 42%
- Somewhat agree: 22%
- Somewhat disagree: 8%
- Strongly disagree: 6%
- Don't know: 22%
MCA Party Election

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MCA Party Election

How strongly do you agree or disagree that someone who retired from active politics 4 years ago will be able to meet the MCA's challenges in Malaysia's new political landscape?

- 24% Strongly agree
- 24% Somewhat agree
- 28% Somewhat disagree
- 8% Strongly disagree
- 14% Don't know
- 2% No response
MCA Party Election

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What are the two most important qualities leaders of BN component parties other than UMNO should have?

- Outspoken
- Courage to say “no” to UMNO
- Clean, free from corruption
- Efficient
- Walking the talk
- None
- Others
- Don’t know
- No response

1st quality

- Outspoken: 28%
- Courage to say “no” to UMNO: 27%
- Clean, free from corruption: 24%
- Efficient: 4%
- Walking the talk: 4%
- None: 1%
- Others: 1%
- Don’t know: 1%
- No response: 1%

2nd quality

- Outspoken: 11%
- Courage to say “no” to UMNO: 7%
- Clean, free from corruption: 14%
- Efficient: 1%
- Walking the talk: 3%
- None: 3%
- Others: 4%
- Don’t know: 1%
- No response: 1%
MCA Party Election

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- Efficient
- Others
- Don't know
- No response

Chinese:
- 33% Outspoken
- 12% Courage to say “no” to UMNO
- 26% Walking the talk
- 19% Efficient
- 3% Others
- 5% Don't know
- 5% No response

Indian:
- 43% Outspoken
- 19% Courage to say “no” to UMNO
- 37% Walking the talk
- 19% Efficient

Malay:
- 23% Outspoken
- 9% Courage to say “no” to UMNO
- 26% Walking the talk
- 30% Efficient
- 6% Others
- 4% Don't know
- 4% No response
What is your impression of the following political personalities?

- **Very positive**
- **Somewhat positive**
- **Somewhat negative**
- **Very negative**
- **Don’t know the personality**
- **Unable to assess**
- **No response**

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- **Chua Jui Meng**
  - Very positive: 14%
  - Somewhat positive: 8%
  - Somewhat negative: 27%
  - Very negative: 1%
  - Don’t know the personality: 4%
  - Unable to assess: 1%
  - No response: 3%

- **Chua Soi Lek**
  - Very positive: 14%
  - Somewhat positive: 8%
  - Somewhat negative: 13%
  - Very negative: 1%
  - Don’t know the personality: 3%
  - Unable to assess: 4%
  - No response: 10%

- **Dr. Fong Chan Onn**
  - Very positive: 14%
  - Somewhat positive: 8%
  - Somewhat negative: 16%
  - Very negative: 6%
  - Don’t know the personality: 8%
  - Unable to assess: 4%
  - No response: 1%

- **Ong Tee Keat**
  - Very positive: 14%
  - Somewhat positive: 8%
  - Somewhat negative: 4%
  - Very negative: 1%
  - Don’t know the personality: 8%
  - Unable to assess: 6%
  - No response: 1%

- **Dr. Ng Yen Yen**
  - Very positive: 14%
  - Somewhat positive: 8%
  - Somewhat negative: 16%
  - Very negative: 16%
  - Don’t know the personality: 8%
  - Unable to assess: 4%
  - No response: 1%

**Chinese exclusive question**

**MCA Party Election**
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Chinese exclusive question

Who do you think is most qualified to lead MCA?

- Chua Jui Meng: 6%
- Chua Soi Lek: 9%
- Dr. Fong Chan Onn: 5%
- Ong Tee Keat: 40%
- Dr. Ng Yen Yen: 12%
- Others: 2%
- None: 4%
- Don't know: 20%
- No response: 2%
MCA Party Elections
The American presidential election is coming soon. If given the chance, who would you vote for as president of the USA?

- **44%** No response
- **43%** Barack Obama
- **6%** John McCain
- **7%** Don't know/ Aware of US presidential election but don’t know who to vote for
- **6%** No response