Peninsula Malaysia Voter Survey
4th Quarter 2008

January 2009
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Methodology

- 1018 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 26 Dec 08 and 2 Jan 09.

- Survey margin of error estimated at ±3.10%.

- Important Recent Events during polling period: Announcement of PAS candidate for Kuala Terengganu by-election, Gunung Rapat elected village head, Christmas and New Year celebrations.
Respondent Profile pt. 1

Ethnicity
- Malay: 57%
- Chinese: 34%
- Indian: 9%

Age
- 21-31: 26%
- 32-43: 24%
- 44-55: 28%
- 56-63: 22%

Region
- Northern: 19%
- Central: 38%
- Southern: 24%
- Eastern: 19%

State
- Perlis: 1%
- Kedah: 10%
- P. Pinang: 8%
- Perak: 13%
- Selangor: 16%
- Kuala Lumpur: 8%
- Negeri Sembilan: 5%
- Melaka: 4%
- Johor: 8%
- Kelantan/Terengganu: 5%
- Pahang: 7%

Gender
- Male: 50%
- Female: 50%
Respondent Profile pt. 2

Level of education

- No formal schooling: 2%
- Primary: 19%
- LCE/SPR/PMR: 14%
- MCE/SPM: 32%
- HSC/STPM: 5%
- Diploma & equivalent: 11%
- Degree & above: 17%

Household Income

- > RM1500: 36%
- RM1501 - RM3000: 23%
- RM3001 - RM5000: 14%
- > RM5001: 15%
- Don't know/No response: 12%

Religion

- None: 4%
- Islam: 57%
- Buddhism: 22%
- Hinduism: 9%
- Christian: 3%
- Taoist: 5%

Occupation

- Employed - Private: 28%
- Employed - Govt: 12%
- Own Business: 4%
- Self employed: 11%
- Unemployed: 3%
- Student: 5%
- Homemaker: 24%
- Retired: 13%

Internet access

- At home: 17%
- Workplace/school: 7%
- At home and workplace/school: 8%
- Other locations: 4%
- Mobile internet: 1%
- No internet access: 63%
Issues and Recent Developments

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What is the most important issue or problem in the country today?

- **Unfavourable economic condition**: 22%
- **Inflation & rising cost of living**: 17%
- **Racial inequality**: 9%
- **Corruption**: 9%
- **Worsening ethnic relations**: 6%
- **Crime and public safety**: 6%
- **Social problems**: 4%
- **Political instability**: 4%
- **Unemployment**: 4%
- **Lack of unity among Malaysians**: 2%
- **Quality of politicians**: 2%
- **Poverty & uneven development**: 1%
- **Ineffective/unconcerned government**: 1%
- **Education issues**: 1%
- **Influx of illegal immigrants**: 1%
- **Need for Malay empowerment/unity**: 1%
- **Others**: 3%
- **None**: 4%
- **Don't know**: 3%

43% concerned about economic issues

17% ethnic related concerns

10% governance related issues
What is the most important issue or problem in the country today?

- Economic issues
- Crime & public safety
- Social problems
- Corruption & power abuse
- Racial issues
- Political issues
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the federal government's performance on that issue?

- **Corruption**: 19% Very satisfied, 42% Somewhat satisfied, 36% Somewhat dissatisfied, 1% Very dissatisfied, 2% Don't know
- **Worsening ethnic relations**: 2% Very satisfied, 30% Somewhat satisfied, 42% Somewhat dissatisfied, 25% Very dissatisfied, 2% Don't know
- **Racial inequality**: 2% Very satisfied, 13% Somewhat satisfied, 34% Somewhat dissatisfied, 50% Very dissatisfied, 1% Don't know
- **Unfavourable economic condition**: 2% Very satisfied, 26% Somewhat satisfied, 38% Somewhat dissatisfied, 30% Very dissatisfied, 4% Don't know
- **Inflation & rising cost of living**: 2% Very satisfied, 22% Somewhat satisfied, 33% Somewhat dissatisfied, 41% Very dissatisfied, 2% Don't know
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's performance as Prime Minister?

- Total (1018): 46% Satisfied, 54% Dissatisfied
- Malay (576): 30% Satisfied, 70% Dissatisfied
- Chinese (344): 37% Satisfied, 63% Dissatisfied
- Indian (96): 17% Satisfied, 83% Dissatisfied
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's performance as Prime Minister?
In your view, how strongly do you agree or disagree that Najib Tun Razak would make a good prime minister?
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Recently, the parliament approved the formation of Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to replace the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA). How confident or not confident are you that the MACC will be successful in fighting corruption?
How confident or not confident are you that the Judicial Appointment Commission will be able to bring about greater independence of the judiciary?
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How strongly do you agree or disagree to the privatization of Institut Jantung Negara (IJN – National Heart Institute)?

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How strongly do you agree or disagree to the teaching of science and mathematics subjects in English from primary to secondary schools?

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Perspectives on MCA in 2009

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Among the statements stated below, what is your expectation for the new MCA line-up?

- Pressure government to treat Malaysians fairly irrespective of race: 39%
- Resolve economic problems like the recession: 19%
- Stand up for Chinese rights like vernacular education, Chinese culture: 10%
- Pressure UMNO to reform: 7%
- Reform Barisan Nasional: 6%
- Support Najib: 3%
- Combination of pressuring govt to treat Malaysians fairly etc.: 2%
- Respect Malays/ Islam: 1%
- All of the above: 1%
- None: 1%
- Others: 4%
- Don't know: 7%
- No response: 1%
How strongly can you accept or not accept a leader who …… to hold a senior government post?

- **Tainted by sex scandal**
  - Strongly accept: 4%
  - Somewhat accept: 59%
  - Somewhat don't accept: 13%
  - Do not accept at all: 20%
  - Don't know: 3%
  - No response: 3%

- **Involved in corruption**
  - Strongly accept: 1%
  - Somewhat accept: 93%
  - Somewhat don't accept: 5%
  - Do not accept at all: 1%
  - Don't know: 6%
  - No response: 1%

- **Lack of higher education**
  - Strongly accept: 2%
  - Somewhat accept: 38%
  - Somewhat don't accept: 19%
  - Do not accept at all: 36%
  - Don't know: 6%
  - No response: 12%

- **Too young**
  - Strongly accept: 2%
  - Somewhat accept: 17%
  - Somewhat don't accept: 21%
  - Do not accept at all: 49%
  - Don't know: 49%
  - No response: 12%
Do you think component parties like MCA are treated equally within BN?

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If forced to a corner, what should MCA do to ensure survival?

- Stay in the coalition and merge with other parties: 35%
- Leave the coalition, join Pakatan Rakyat: 12%
- Leave the coalition, stay independent: 11%
- Stay in the coalition grudgingly: 10%
- Stay in the coalition and work towards expelling other coalition partners: 7%
- Stay in BN with a different attitude/reforms: 4%
- Leave BN/Dismantle the party: 1%
- Others: 2%
- Don't know: 15%
- No response: 2%