

# Sabah State Voter Opinion Survey

6<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> September 2012

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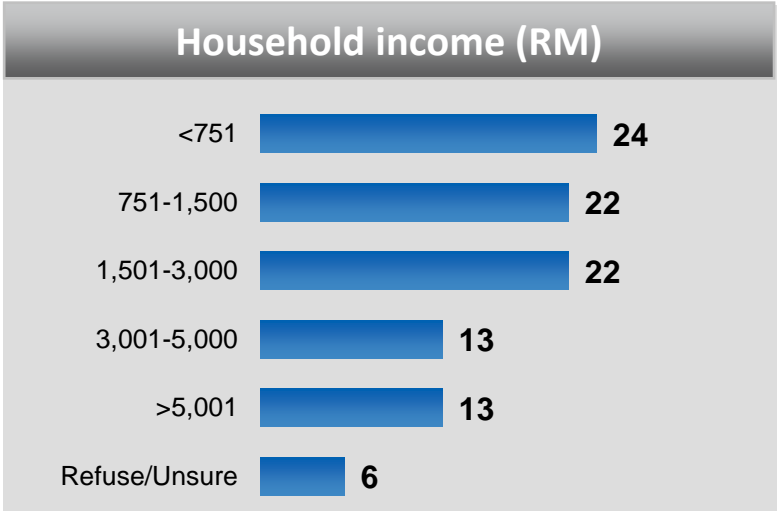
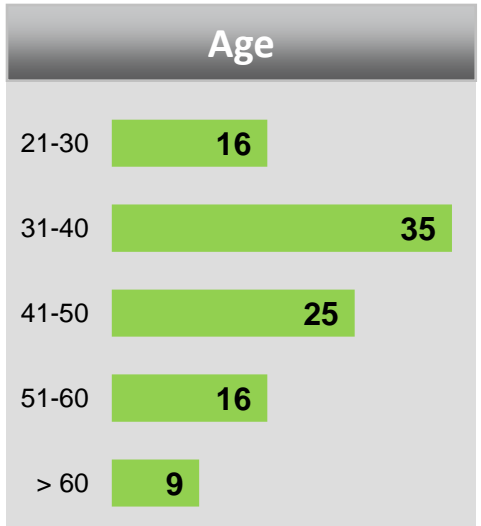
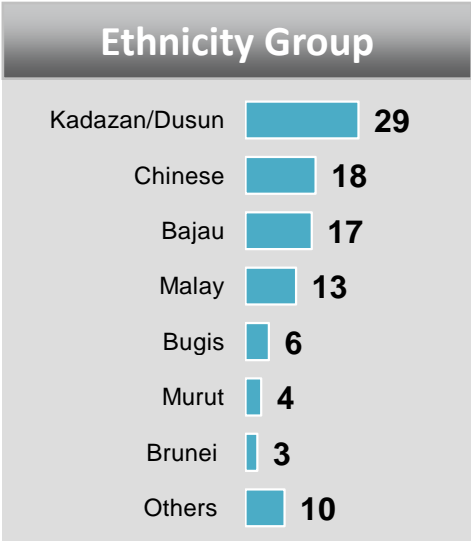
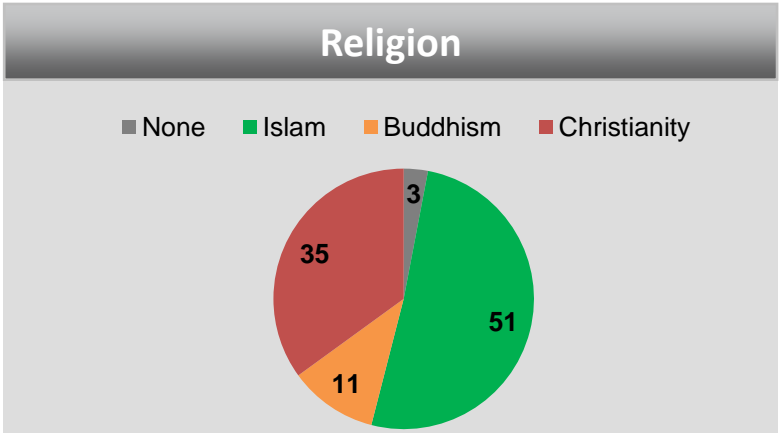
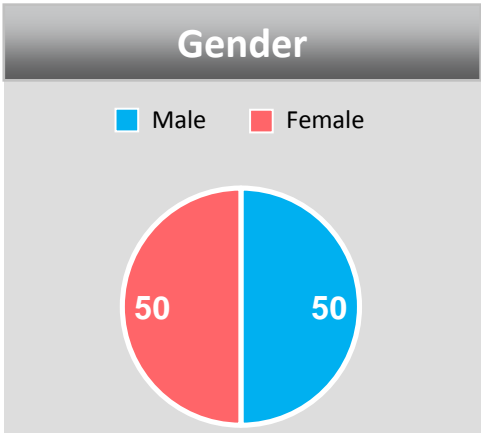
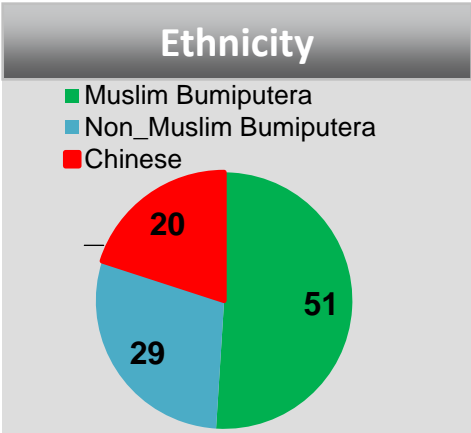
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# Methodology

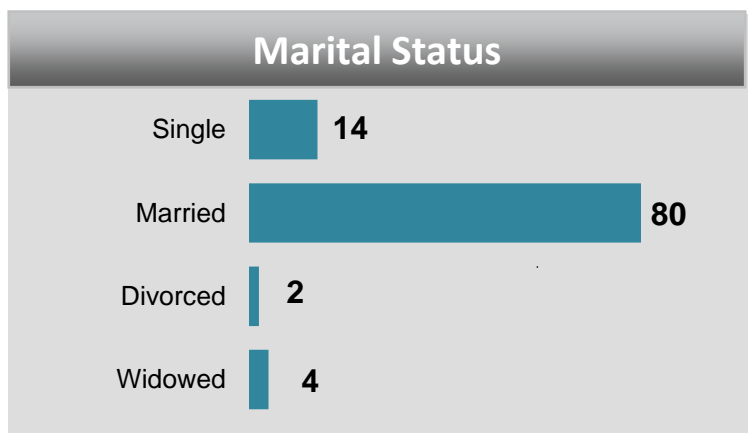
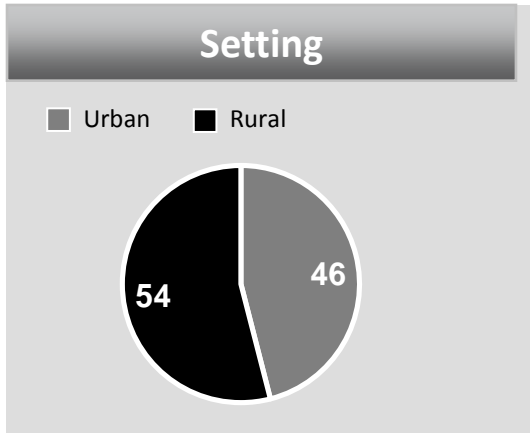
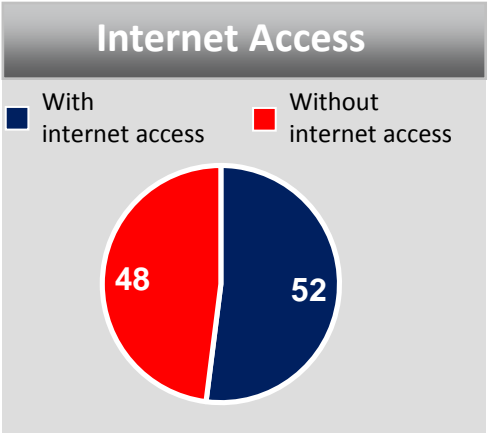
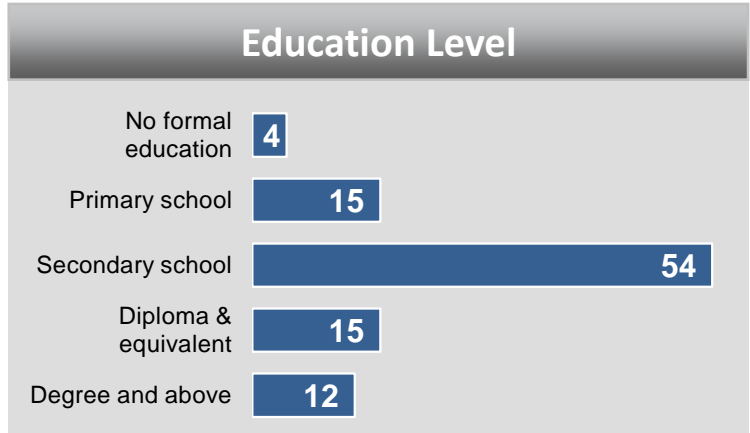
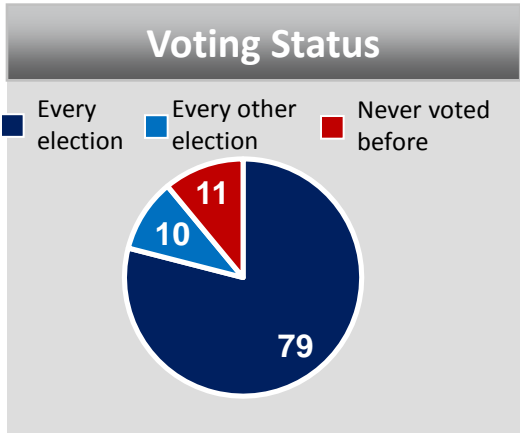
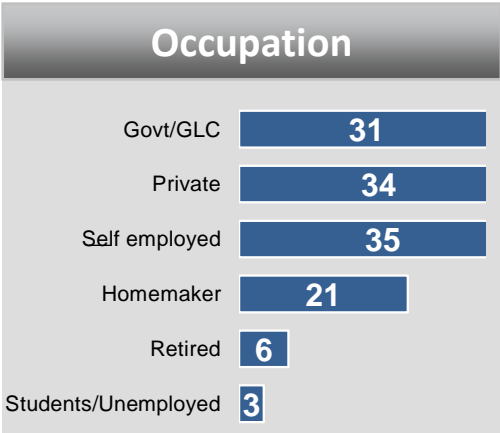
- 1 829 voters aged 21 and above were interviewed via telephone
- 2 The survey covers respondents in Sabah state
- 3 Voters were selected through random stratified sampling method along the lines of ethnicity, gender, age and state
- 4 Survey margin of error estimated at  $\pm 3.40\%$
- 5 The survey was conducted between 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Note: Total percentages presented may or may not add up to 100% due to rounding up of figures

# Respondent Profile



# Respondent Profile (Continued)



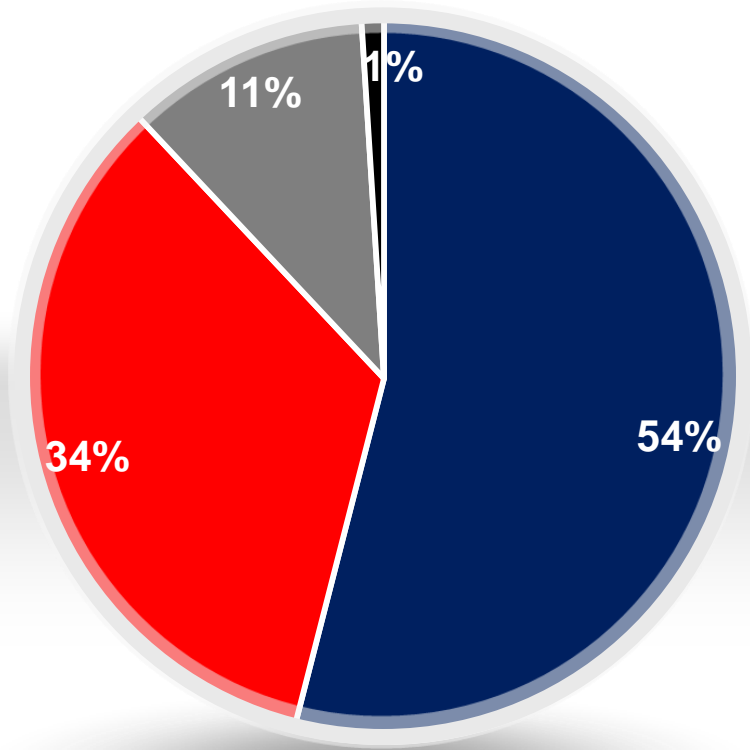


**Direction**

# Direction of Sabah

Slightly over half of the respondents were optimistic towards the direction of Sabah but this is markedly lower compared to 2009

■ Right Direction   ■ Wrong Direction   ■ Unsure   ■ Refuse



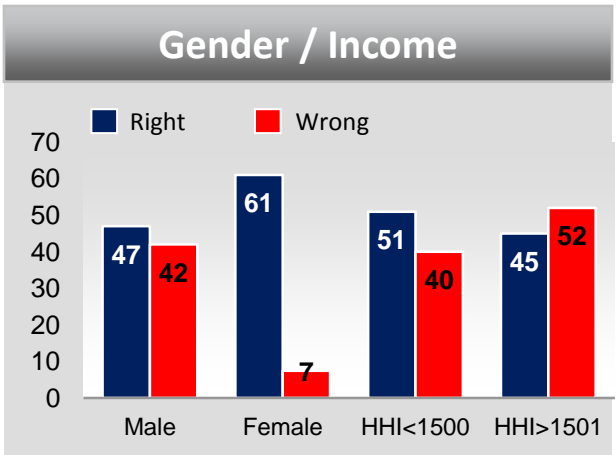
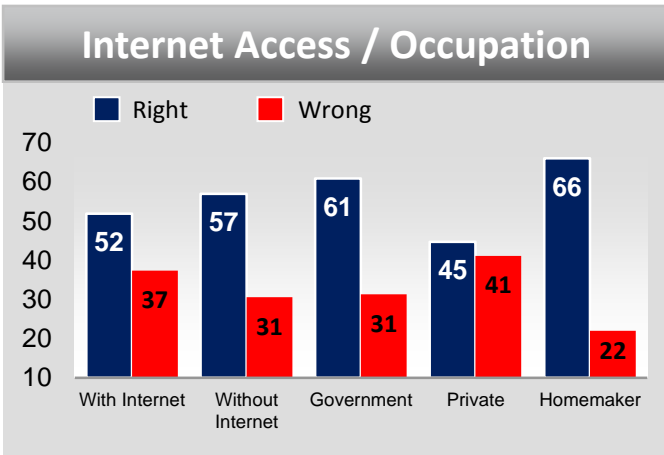
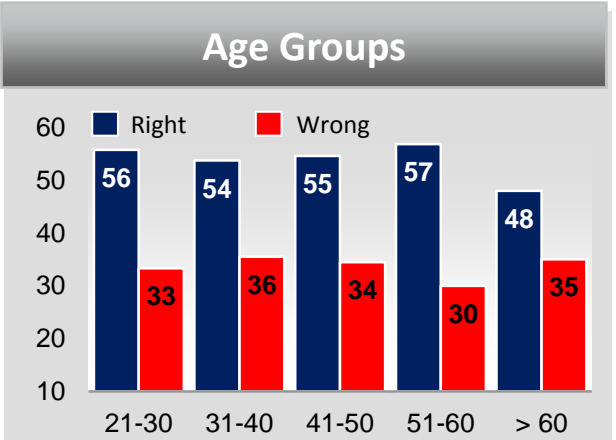
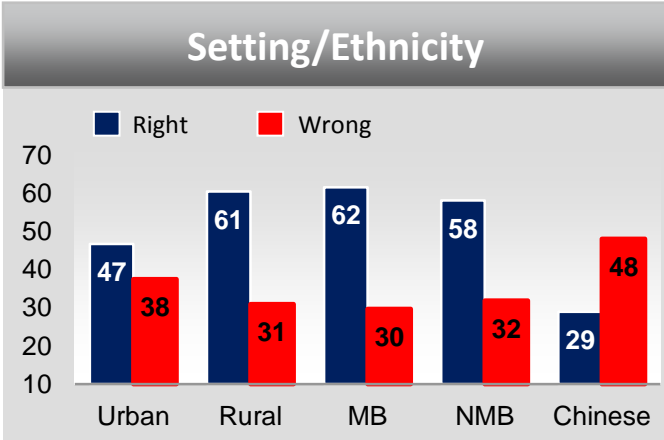
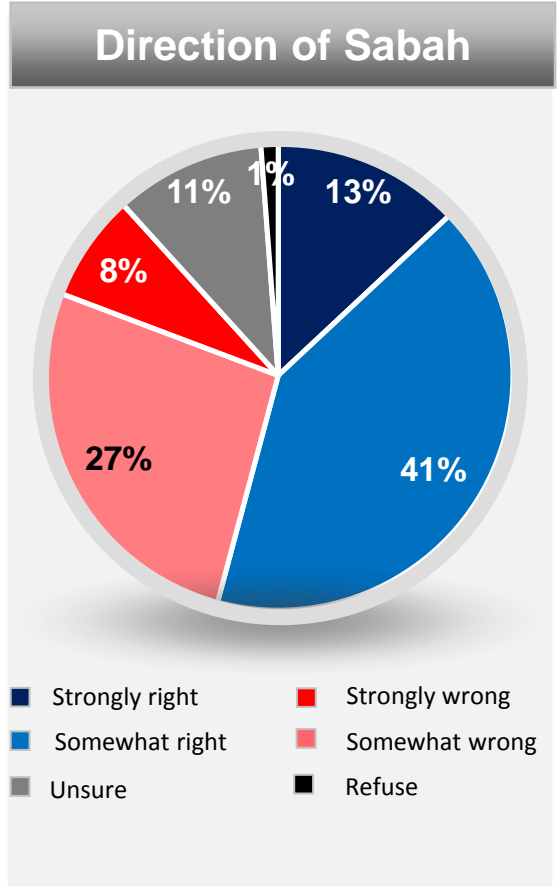
**34%**  
**Wrong Direction**

**54%**  
**Right Direction**

Q: Considering the condition of Sabah state today, how strongly would you say that things are heading in the right or wrong direction?

# Direction of Sabah

In general, slightly over half of the respondents were optimistic towards the direction of Sabah. Muslim Bumiputera and Non Bumiputera were more positive for compared to Chinese voters

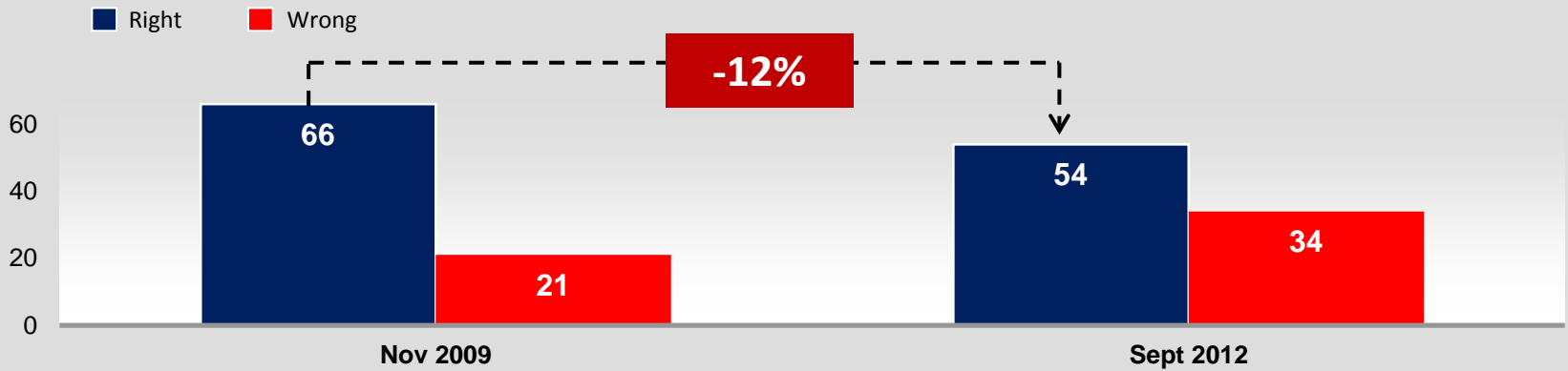


Q: Considering the condition of Sabah state today, how strongly would you say that things are heading in the right or wrong direction?  
 MB=Muslim Bumiputera; NMB=Non Muslim Bumiputera  
 HH=Household income

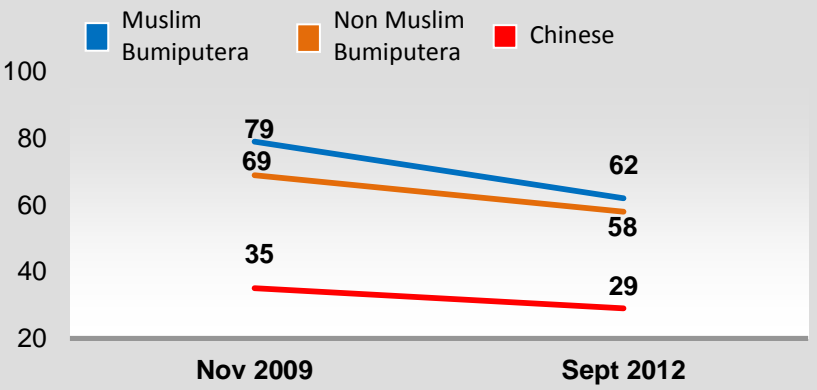


# Direction of Sabah 2009-2012

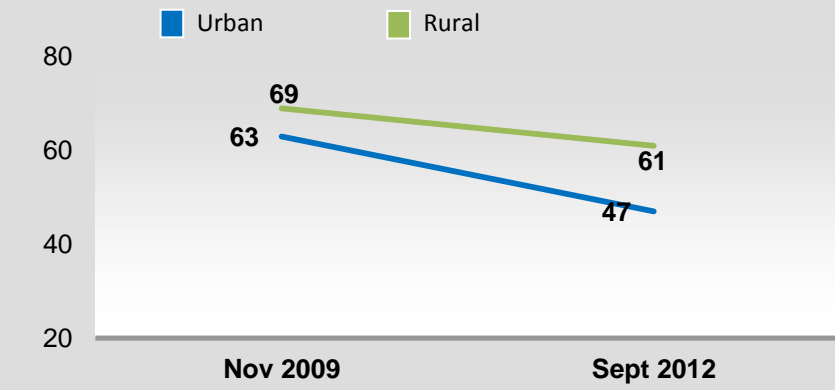
### Direction of Sabah Nov 2009-Sept 2012



### Ethnicity (Right Direction)



### Setting (Right Direction)



# Direction of Sabah

Top 5 reasons for “Right” vs “Wrong” direction of Sabah along ethnicity

RIGHT DIRECTION (n=450)	Total	Muslim Bumiputera	Non Muslim Bumiputera	Chinese
Rapid or good development/good condition of infrastructure	35%	36%	38%	21%
Peaceful condition in the country/state	13%	15%	13%	6%
Quality of national leadership (positive)	9%	10%	8%	6%
Improving economy	8%	11%	6%	4%
Welfare to the people	8%	9%	5%	11%

Right direction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall, people in Sabah are oriented towards seeing development as a marker of whether the state was headed in the right direction. This view is predominant among both Muslim and Non Muslim Bumiputeras.</li> </ul>

WRONG DIRECTION (n=282)	Total	Muslim Bumiputera	Non Muslim Bumiputera	Chinese
Bad condition of infrastructure	14%	20%	10%	9%
Inadequate development	12%	12%	17%	6%
Price hike/inflation/rising cost of living	11%	6%	5%	23%
Quality of national leadership (negative)	10%	11%	8%	10%
PATI issue	9%	7%	10%	12%
Unfavourable economic condition	7%	6%	9%	5%
Poverty	5%	6%	4%	3%
Racial inequality	4%	1%	4%	8%

Summary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yet there remains a significant proportion not happy with the gaps in development between urban and rural areas.</li> <li>Poor infrastructure, inadequate development and inflation/rising cost of living are among the main reasons that Sabah is heading in the wrong direction.</li> </ul>

Q: What is the main factor/issue that made you say that the Sabah state is heading in the right or wrong direction?



# Issues and Expectations

# Expectations on Government

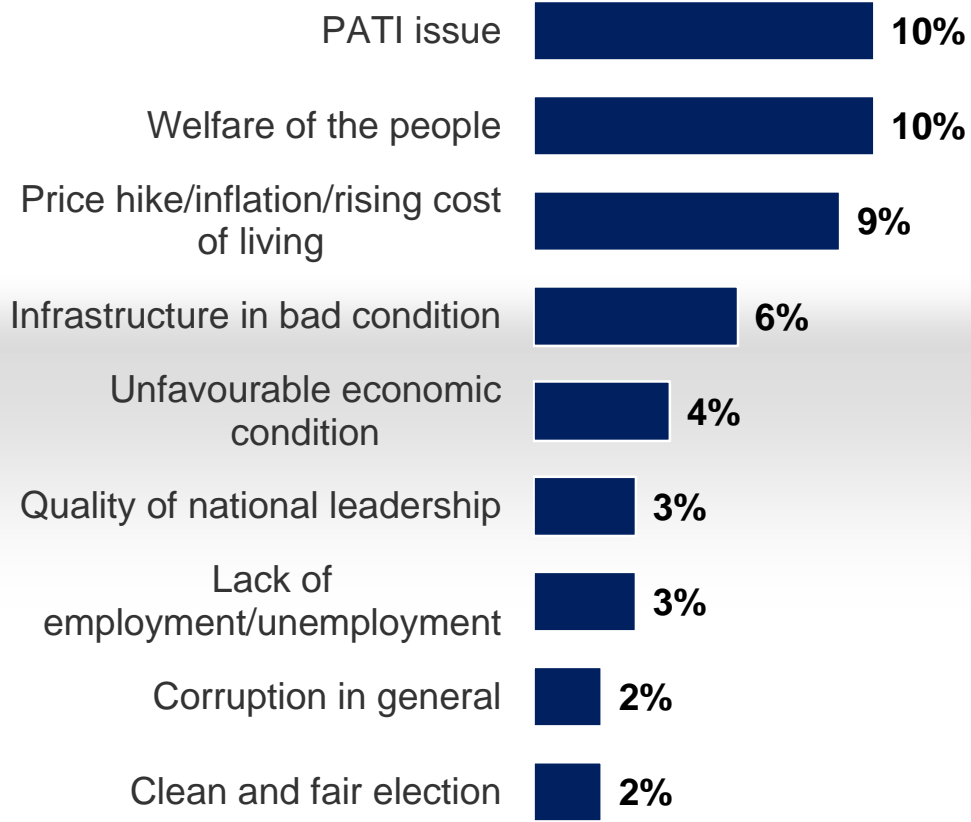
ISSUES	TOTAL	First	Second
Illegal immigrants issue	<b>53%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>21%</b>
Price hike & inflation	<b>38%</b>	<b>31%</b>	7%
Corruption	<b>21%</b>	12%	<b>9%</b>
Job opportunities	13%	4%	9%
Welfare to the people	10%	3%	7%
Infrastructure development	10%	5%	5%
Land Issue	10%	2%	8%
Unfavourable economic condition	9%	2%	7%
Oil loyalty	9%	2%	7%
No/Less development	6%	1%	5%
Political instability	5%	2%	3%
Weak State Administration	5%	1%	4%
State autonomy	3%	1%	2%
Religious freedom	3%	1%	2%

## Summary

- The top expectation on government was to resolve the issues of illegal immigration, cost of living and corruption
- Economic concerns, welfare and basic development needs were also articulated by many in the rural areas of the state.

Q: Among the issues below, choose **TWO** main issues that you think need to be resolved soon in Sabah?

# What they want to see discussed during elections

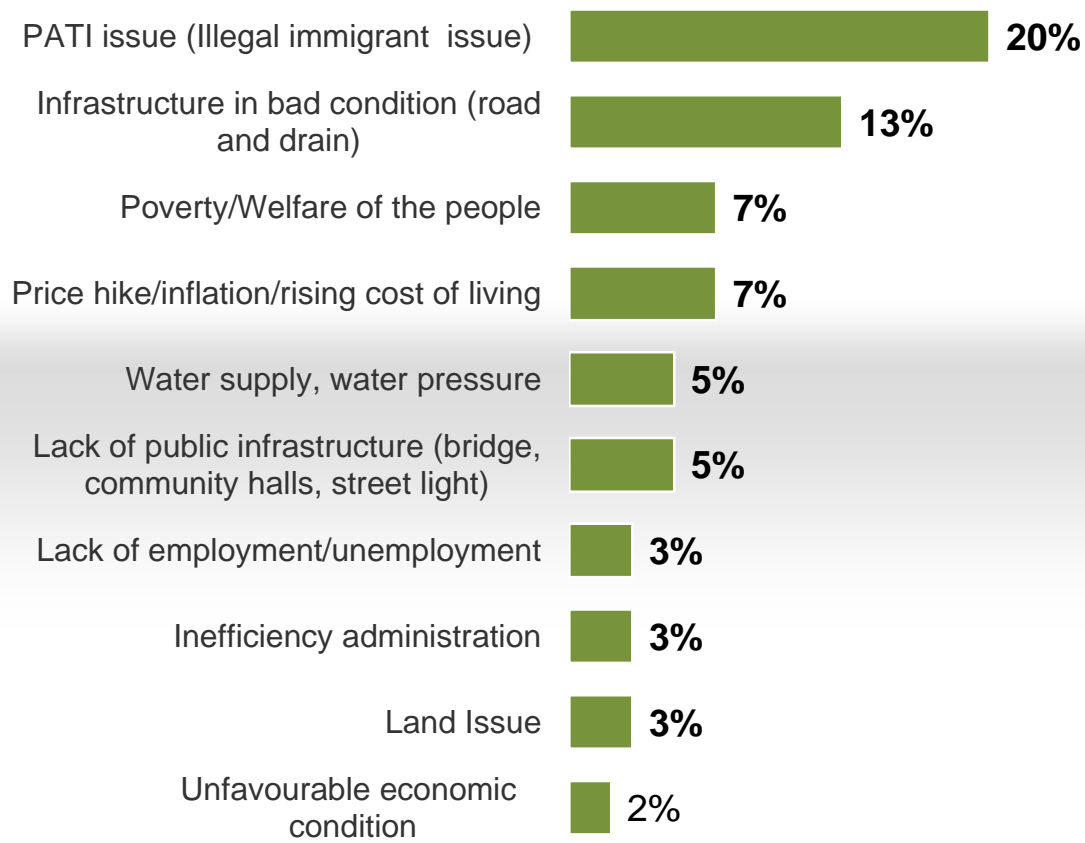


### Summary

- Issue that voters wished to see discussed in the coming election were the PATI (illegal immigrants) issue, followed by welfare and impact of inflation of cost of living
- Voters also mentioned that unfavourable economic conditions, mediocre infrastructure and quality of national leadership as among their main worries

Q: In your view, what is the most important issue that needs to be discussed/debated in the coming election?

# Perceived Major Problems in Sabah

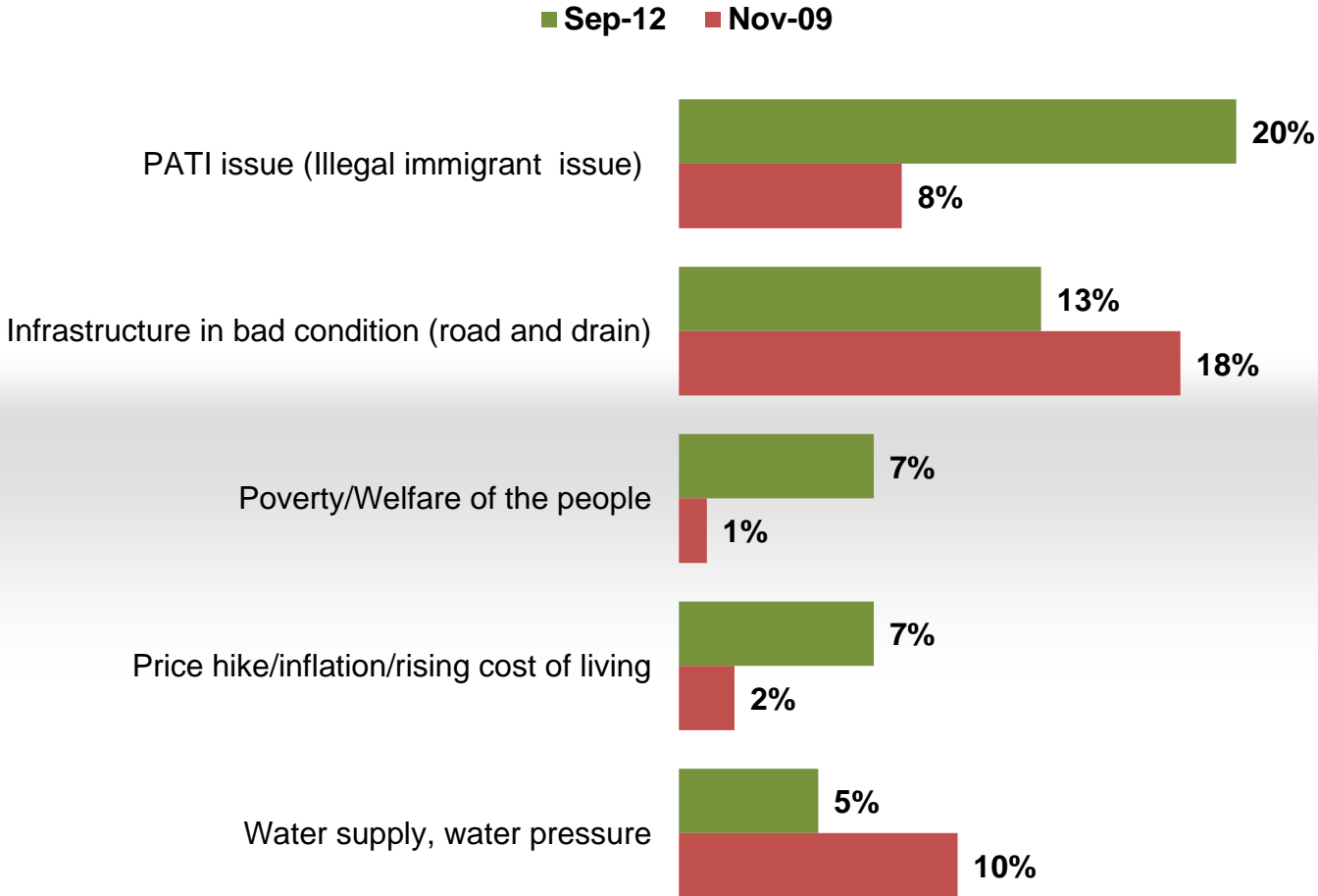


### Summary

- As reflected in other queries, the issue of illegal immigration, poor infrastructure and welfare/cost of living needs of the people were top most concerns of the people in the state.
- This finding corroborates with other questions posed on issues and expectations.
- Interestingly, the issue of illegal immigrants has moved to become the most important issue compared to 2009. This makes the RCI central towards meeting voter expectations.

Q: In your view, what is the most important problem that needs solving in Sabah today?

# Major Problems in Sabah Nov 09- Sept 12



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# Most important issues that needs solving in Sabah (breakdown along ethnic groups)

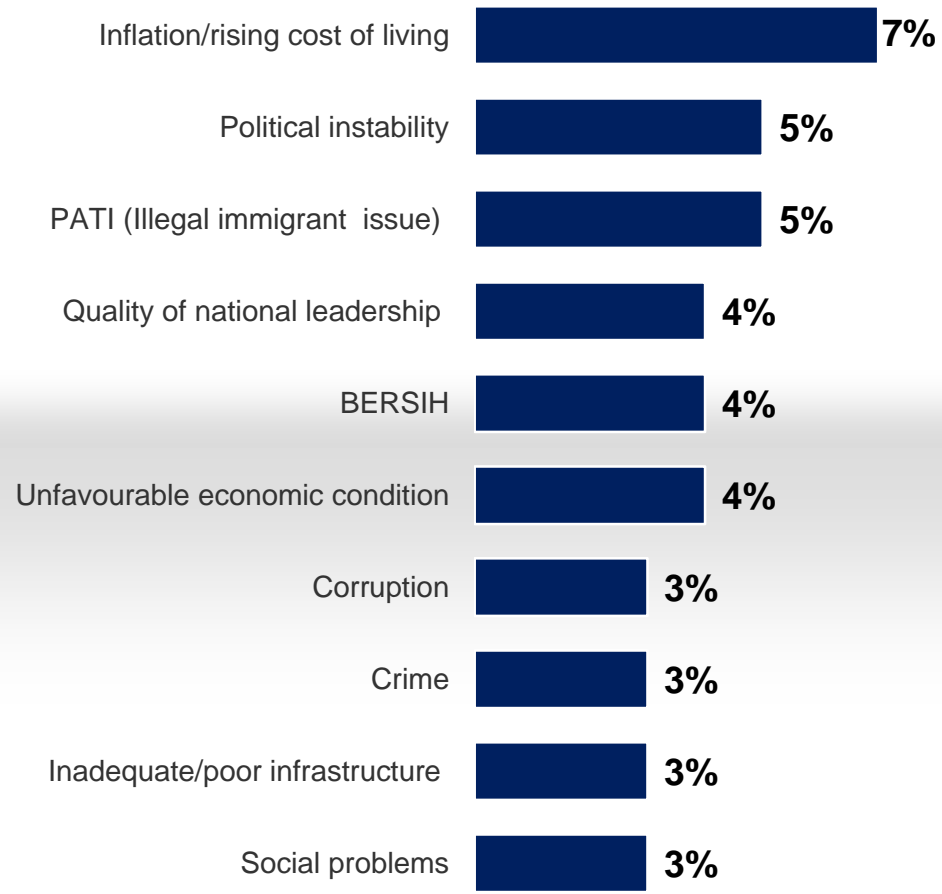
Major Problems in Sabah	Total	Muslim Bumiputera	Non Muslim Bumiputera	Chinese
Illegal immigrant issue	20%	16%	28%	20%
Infrastructure in bad condition (road and drain)	13%	13%	16%	7%
Poverty/Welfare of the people	7%	9%	6%	7%
Inflation/rising cost of living	7%	6%	6%	11%
Water supply, water pressure	5%	6%	5%	4%
Lack of public infrastructure (bridge, community halls, street light)	5%	6%	5%	2%
Unemployment	3%	4%	3%	1%
Inefficient administration	3%	4%	3%	2%
Land issue	3%	2%	5%	1%
Unfavourable economic condition	2%	2%	1%	6%

Q: In your view, what is the most important problem that needs solving in Sabah today?



# National Issues

Voters can distinguish between state and national issues. Many view economic and political issues need to be addressed at national level.



Q: In your view, what is the most important problem that needs solving in the country today?

### Summary

**Muslim Bumiputera:**

- Political instability (8%)
- Price hike (6%)
- BERSIH (instability?) (6%)
- Illegal immigrant issue (4%)

**Non Muslim Bumiputera :**

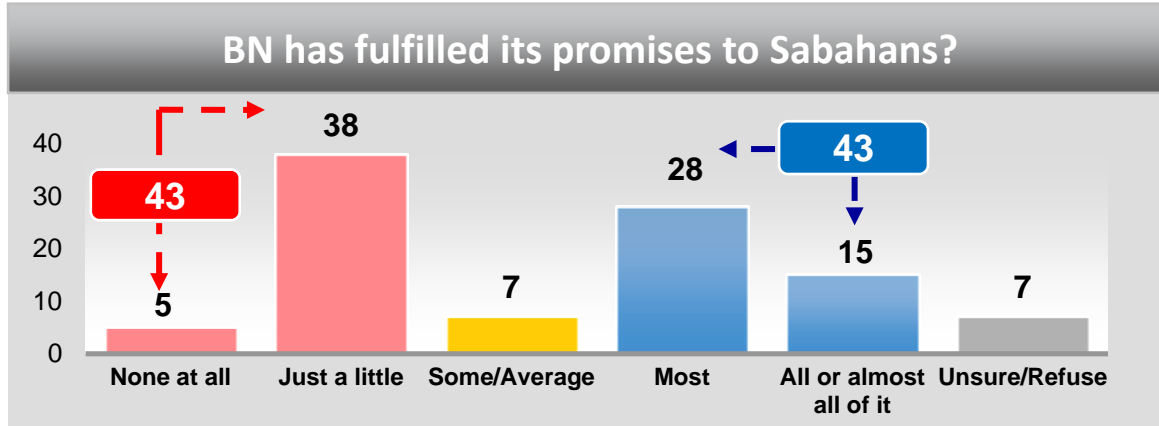
- Price hike (9%)
- Illegal immigrant issue (7%)
- Quality of national leadership (6%)
- Political instability(3%)

**Chinese:**

- Unfavourable economic condition (12%)
- Corruption in general (9%)
- Racial inequality (7%)
- Price hike (6%)

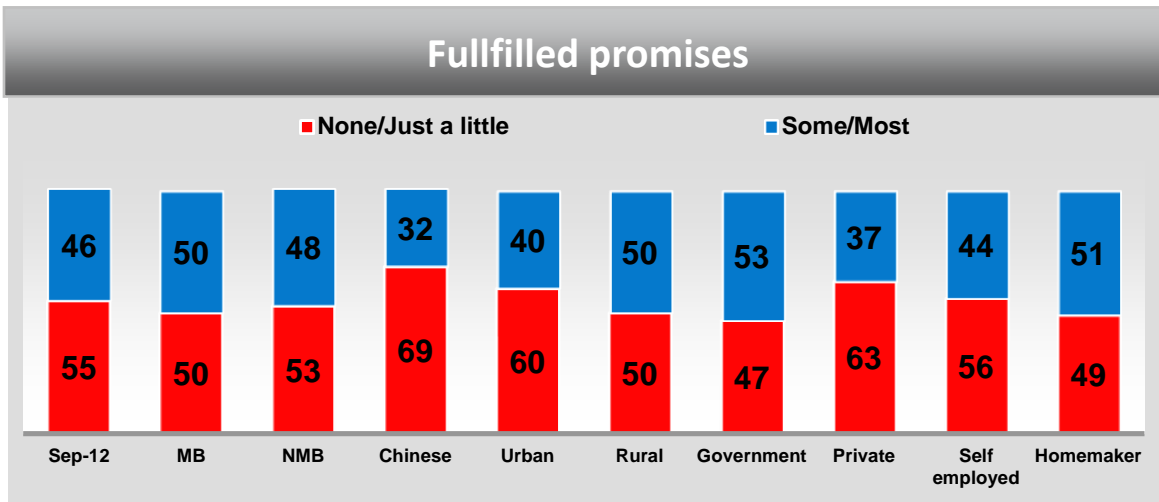
# Promises fulfilled?

Sabah BN needs to continue to address the lingering problems of infrastructure gap, poverty and illegal immigration.



### Summary

- Roughly about 2 out of 5 of respondents felt that the government had fulfilled their promises.
- The public is split, given the time left to election, this could prove pivotal.



Q: How far do you think that Sabah BN has fulfilled its promises to Sabahans?

# Promises awaiting fulfilment...

## Muslim Bumiputera

- Infrastructure in bad condition (road and drain) (17%)
- Poverty/Welfare of the people (16%)
- Lack of public infrastructure (bridge, community halls, street light) (13%)
- PATI/Illegal immigrant issue (7%)
- Land issue (4%)


## Non Muslim Bumiputera

- Infrastructure in bad condition (road and drain) (21%)
- Lack of public infrastructure (bridge, community halls, street light) (19%)
- Poverty/Welfare of the people (13%)
- PATI/Illegal immigrant issue (6%)
- No/less development (5%)

## Chinese

- PATI/Illegal immigrant issue (11%)
- Infrastructure in bad condition (road and drain) (10%)
- Poverty/Welfare of the people (9%)
- No/less development (9%)
- Lack of public infrastructure (bridge, community halls, street light) (6%)
- Price hike & inflation (6%)

Q: How far do you think that Sabah BN has fulfilled its promises to Sabahans?  
If not, what is the unfulfilled promise?

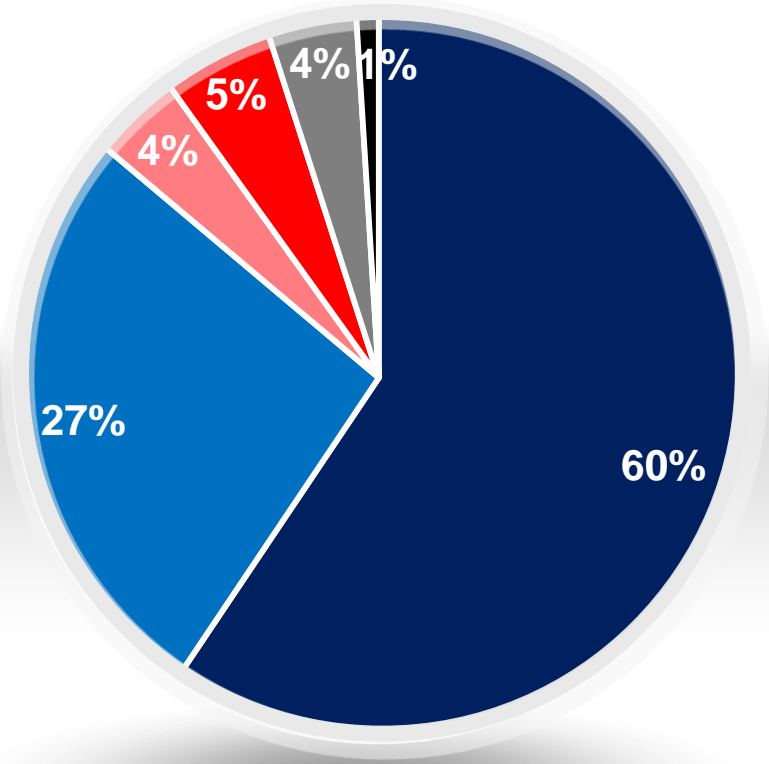


**Royal Commission of Inquiry  
(RCI) on Illegal Immigrants in  
Sabah**

# Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI)

Huge majority of voters support the RCI on illegal immigrant (PATI/Pendatang Asing Tanpa Izin)

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Unsure
- Refuse



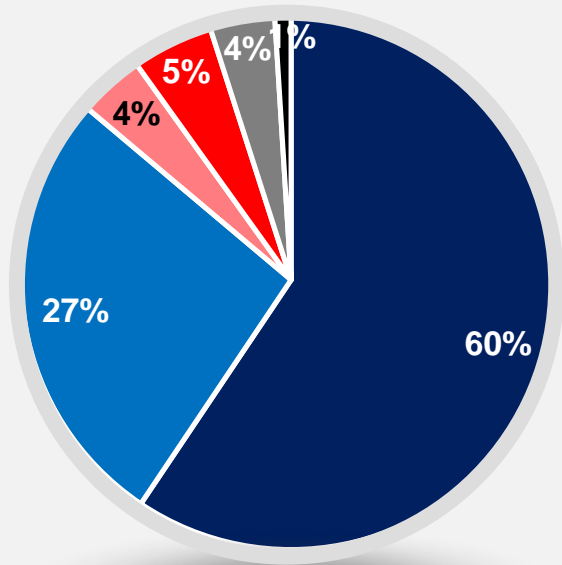
9%  
Disagree

87%  
Agree

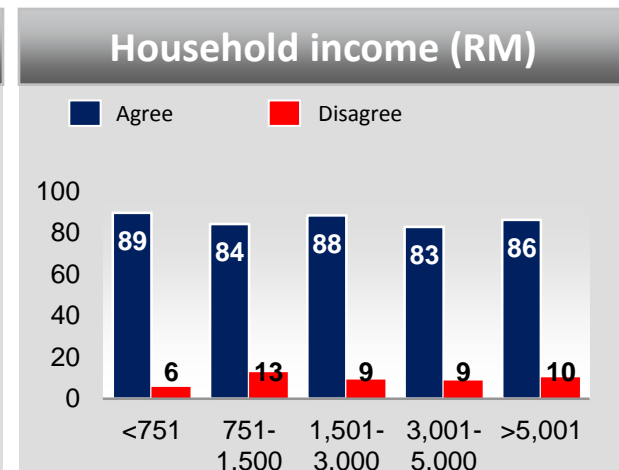
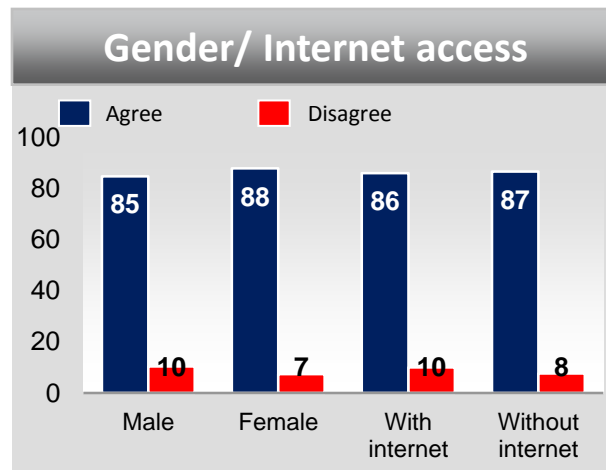
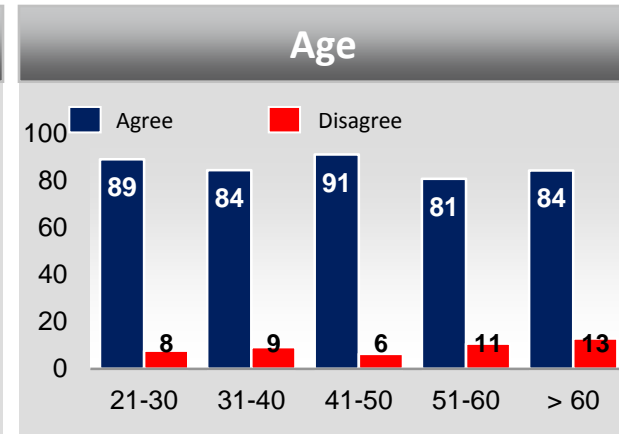
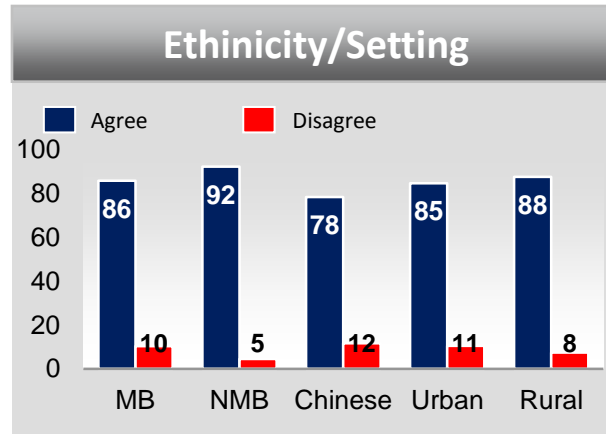
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# Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI)

Near unanimous support across the board – sets stage for high expectations?



■ Strongly agree     ■ Strongly disagree  
■ Somewhat agree     ■ Somewhat disagree  
■ Don't know     ■ No response

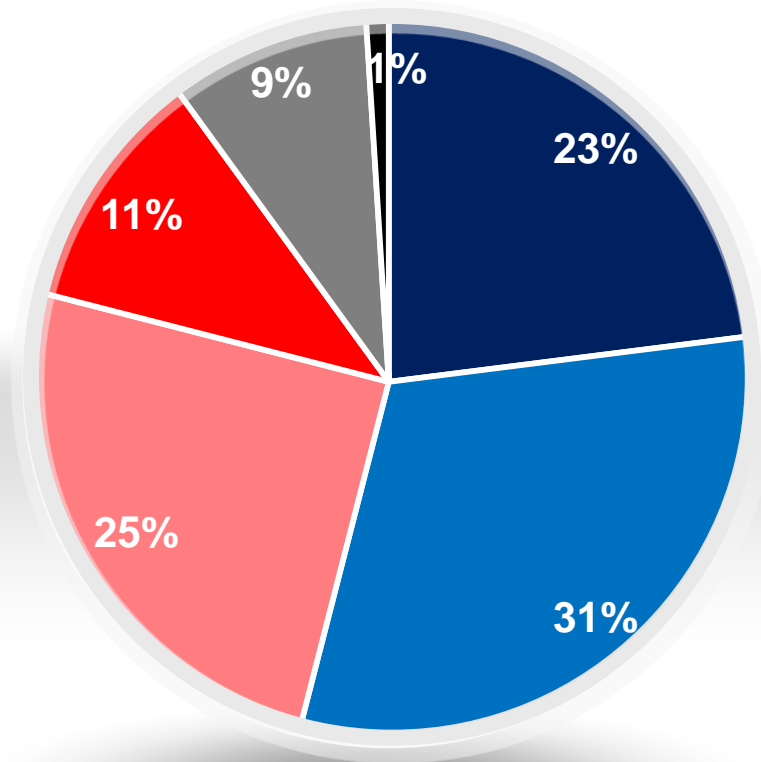


Q : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the establishment of a Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) to investigate the alleged immigrants' problem in Sabah?

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# Confidence in Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI)

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not confident at all
- Somewhat not confident
- Don't know
- No response

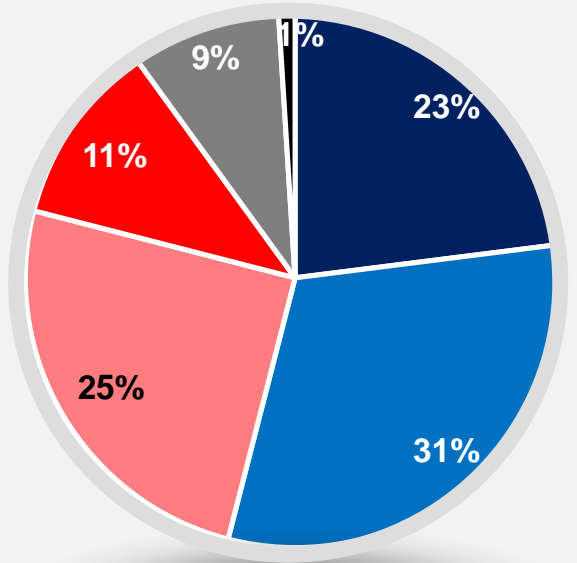


**36%**  
**Not Confident**

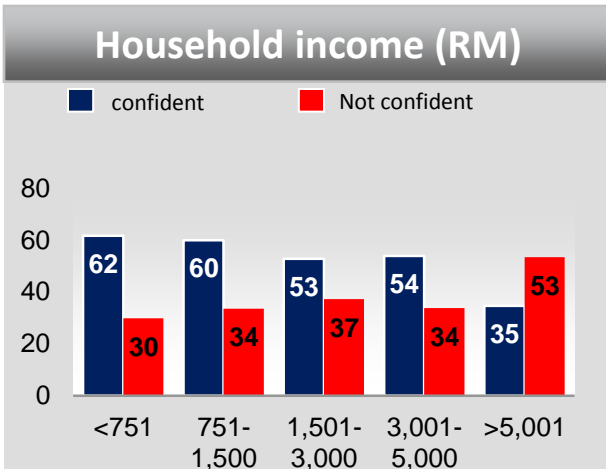
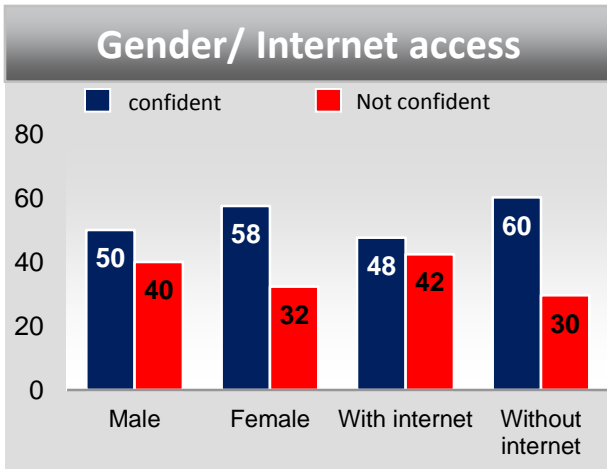
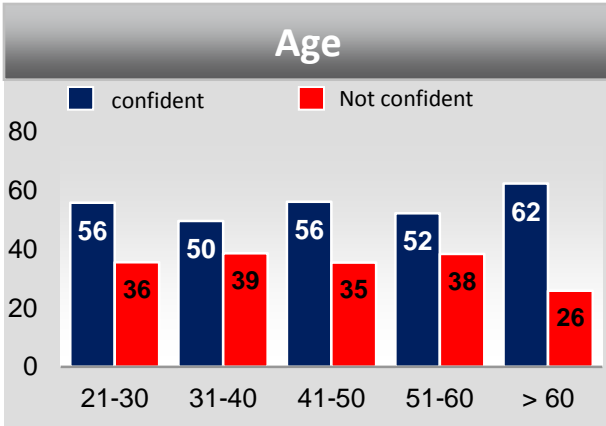
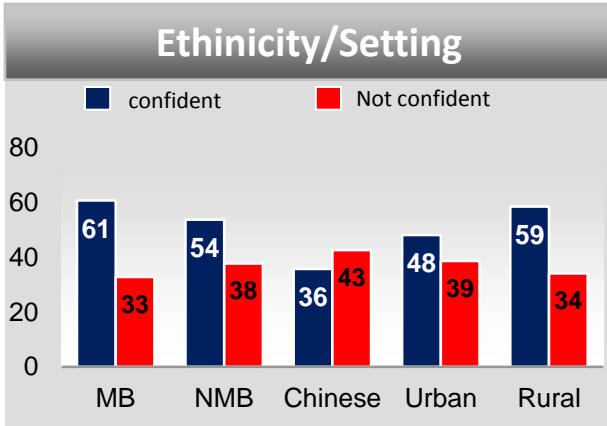
**54%**  
**Confident**

Q: How confident or not confident are you with the proposed RCI to solve the illegal immigrant problem in Sabah?

# Confidence in RCI



■ Very confident     ■ Not confident at all  
■ Somewhat confident     ■ Somewhat not confident  
■ Don't know     ■ No response

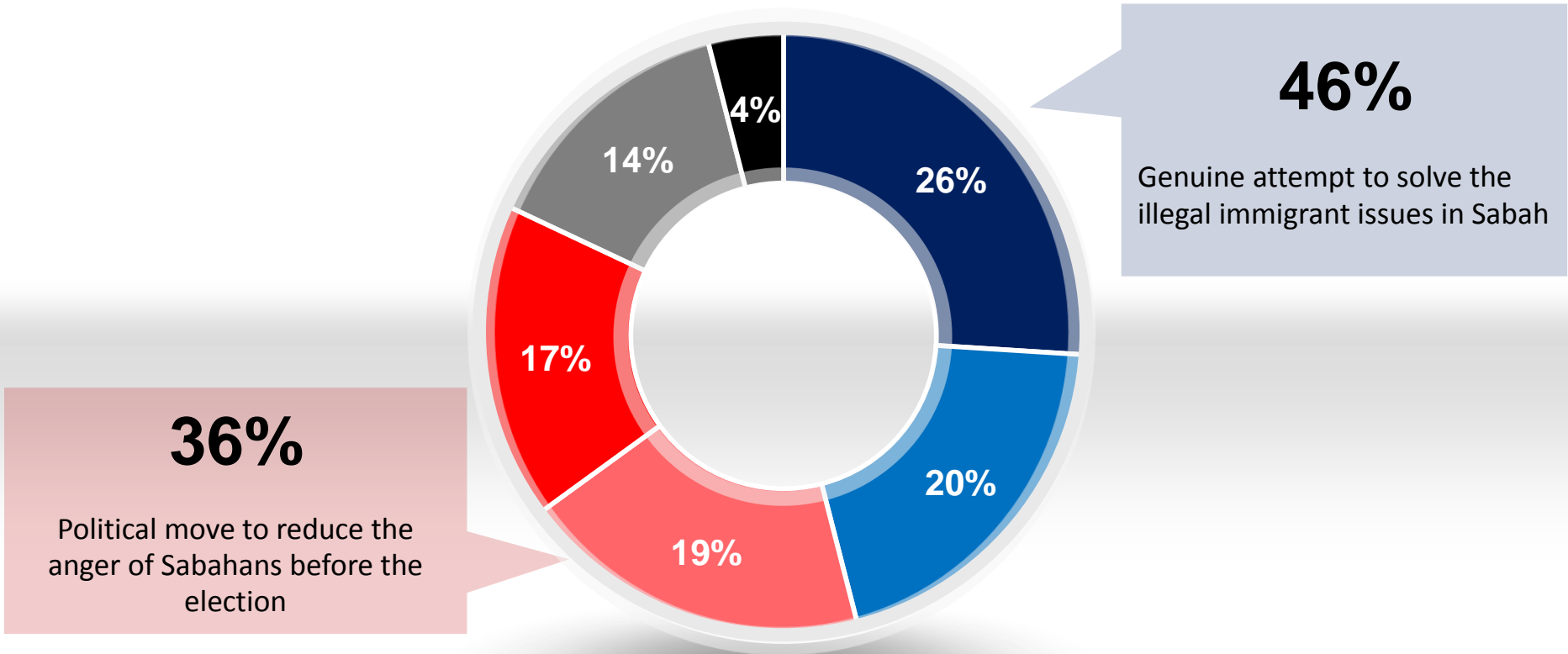


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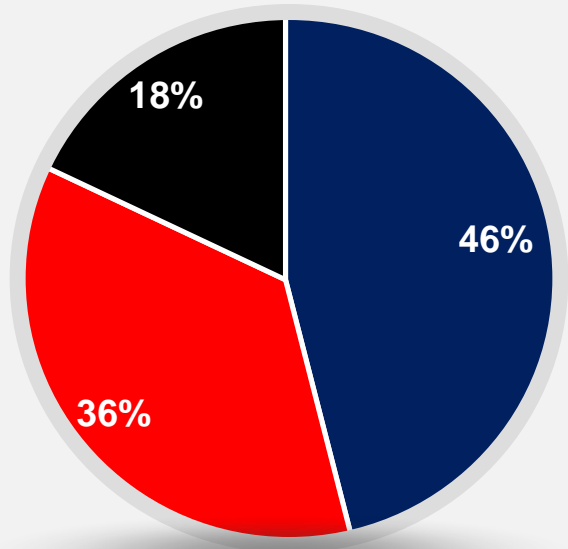
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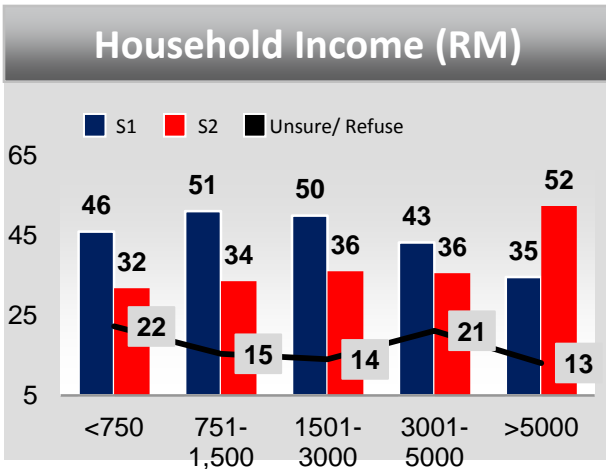
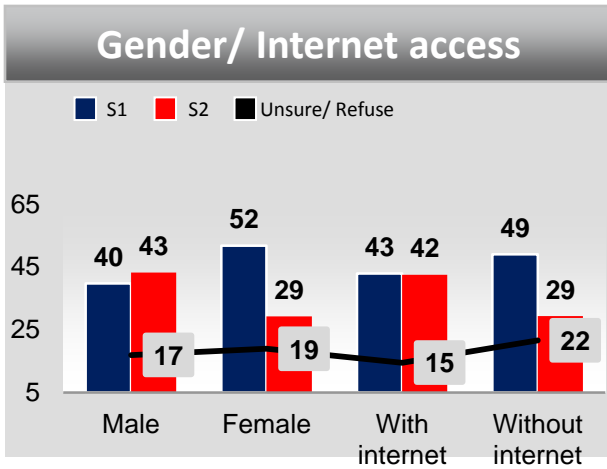
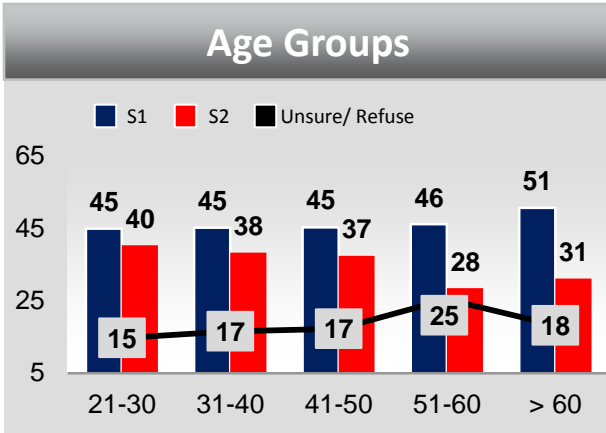
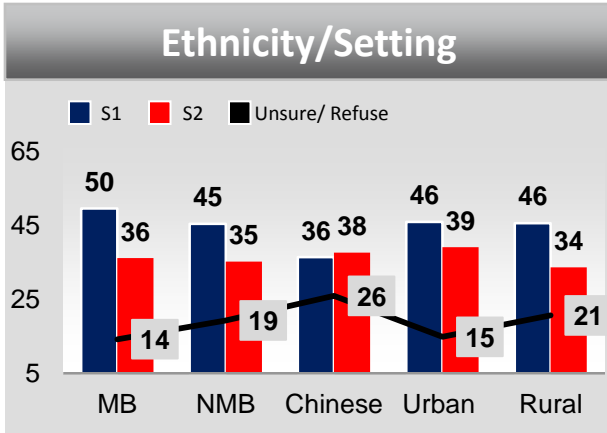
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# Trust on the RCI – genuine or political expedience?



- S1: Genuine attempt to solve the illegal immigrant issues in Sabah
- S2: Political move to reduce the anger of Sabahans before the election
- Unsure/Refuse



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