Peninsular Malaysia Voter Opinion Poll
1st June 2009
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Methodology

- 1067 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 6th – 15th May 2009

- Survey margin of error estimated at ±3.10%

- Important events during survey period: May 7 Perak state assembly sitting, mass arrest following Perak state sitting, Wong Chin Huat arrested and released, HINDRAF trio released, High Court declared Nizar as rightful Perak MB, Court of Appeal granted stay to Zambry, and Malaysia confirmed 1st A(H1N1) influenza case.
Respondent Profile pt.1

Ethnicity
- Malay: 56%
- Chinese: 34%
- Indian: 10%

Age
- 21-30: 12%
- 31-40: 17%
- 41-50: 27%
- 51-60: 25%
- Above 60: 19%

Gender
- Male: 49%
- Female: 51%

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

Setting
- Urban: 51%
- Rural: 49%

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Education Level
- No formal education: 4%
- Primary school: 25%
- Secondary school: 49%
- Diploma & equivalent: 11%
- Degree: 10%
- No response: 1%

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Overview
Considering the conditions in the Malaysia today, how strongly would you say that things are heading in the right or wrong direction?

- Oct 08: 45%
- 3 - 9 Mar 09: 29%
- 27 Mar - 2 Apr 09: 35%
- 6 - 15 May 09: 41%

Apr 3: Najib took over as PM
Considering the conditions in the country today, how strongly would you say that things are heading in the right or wrong direction?
Generally speaking, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way things are going in the country at present?

- June 5: Petrol hike by 40%
- 29 Feb - 4 Mar 08
- 5 - 7 Mar 08
- 30 Apr - 5 May 08
- 4 - 14 Jul 08
- 15 - 23 Aug 08
- 4 - 16 Feb 09
- 3 - 9 Mar 09
- 6 - 15 May 09

- March 8th
- 20% 40% 60% 80%

- Aug 7: Anwar’s sodomy charges
- Aug 23: Fuel prices reduced for the 1st time
- Aug 26: Permatang Pauh by-election
- Sept 16th
- Jan 17: KT by-election
- Apr 3: Najib took over as PM
- 23 Oct - 8 Nov 08
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- 51% 36% 39% 43% 38% 44% 66% 71%

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What in your view, is the most important problem that needs solving in the country today?

Unfavourable economic condition in general  15%
Crime & public safety in general  9%
Political instability in general  8%
Don't know  8%
Price hike/ inflation/ rising cost of living  7%
Lack of employment opportunities  5%
Social problems among youth  5%
Racial inequality  5%
No problem  5%
Others  4%
Mat rempit/ illegal racing  3%
Lack of unity among Malaysians  3%
Other economic issues  2%
Influx of migrants (effecting jobs & safety)  2%
Moral decline  2%
Poverty & developmental issues  2%
Corruption & cronyism  2%
Quality of governance/ civil service  2%
Drug abuse  1%
Neglecting religion/ religious teachings  1%
Education issues (PPSMI, schools etc.)  1%
Fair treatment  1%
Malay issues (Rights, split in the community etc.)  1%
Listen to/ take care of the people  1%
Quality of politicians/ leadership  1%
Bickering & power struggle among politicians  1%
Perak political crisis  1%
Undemocratic & authoritarian practices (govt, court, ISA)  1%
No response  1%
What in your view, is the most important problem that needs solving in the country today?
Confidence in the economy shows some improvement

Moving on to the subject of the economy, please tell me if you think it is favourable or unfavourable at the present time... *The economy in general*

% saying favorable
Likewise, optimism in economic prospects is improving

How do you expect the economy to be one year from now?

% saying will improve
Moving on to the subject of the economy, please tell me if you think … is favourable or unfavourable at the present time... *Your personal income, prices of consumer goods and services, job opportunities, business opportunities*

% saying favorable

- Personal income
- Prices of consumer items and services
- Job opportunities
- Business opportunities

23-27 Feb 08: 60%
Jul 08: 50%
Oct-Nov 08: 49%
Mar 09: 46%
May 09: 46%
24%
8%
13%
14%
25%
26%
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with way the government is managing the economy at present?

% saying satisfied

- 9-19 Feb 08: 59%
- 23-27 Feb 08: 54%
- 4-14 Jul 08: 31%
- 23 Oct - 8 Nov 08: 36%
Public Perceptions of Recent Policies
Public awareness of economic liberalization measures remain limited

Are you aware of the liberalisation of the services sector announced by Prime Minister Najib Razak recently?

- Yes
- No/ Don't know

Overall (1067) Malay (602) Chinese (364) Indian (101)
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**Strong approval for liberalization policy from non-Bumiputeras**

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the liberalization of the services sector announced by Prime Minister Najib Razak recently?

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**Overall (1067)**

- **Agree** 52%
- **Disagree** 17%
- **DK/NR** 30%

**Malay (602)**

- **Agree** 37%
- **Disagree** 25%
- **DK/NR** 22%

**Chinese (364)**

- **Agree** 70%
- **Disagree** 10%
- **DK/NR** 15%

**Indian (101)**

- **Agree** 69%
- **Disagree** 20%
- **DK/NR** 8%
How confident are you that the liberalization of the services sector will bring in more investment and job opportunities?

Overall (1067)

- Confident: 56%
- Not confident: 21%
- DK/NR: 23%

Malay (602)

- Confident: 36%
- Not confident: 15%
- DK/NR: 24%

Chinese (364)

- Confident: 58%
- Not confident: 21%
- DK/NR: 21%

Indian (101)

- Confident: 67%
- Not confident: 13%
- DK/NR: 17%
How confident are you that liberalizing the financial sector by allowing higher foreign ownership will bring in more investment and job opportunities?

Overall (1067): 55% Confident, 45% Not confident
Malay (602): 35% Confident, 28% Not confident
Chinese (364): 45% Confident, 34% Not confident
Indian (101): 66% Confident, 19% Not confident

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Approval Rating
How strongly do you satisfied or dissatisfied of the way Najib Razak is performing his job as the prime minister? (% saying satisfied (May 2009) or agree)

Note: Prior to May 2009, question was worded as: “In your view, how strongly do you agree or disagree that Najib Tun Razak would make a good prime minister? “

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What in your view is the most important issue the Prime Minister needs to address?

- Address economic issues: 23%
- Don't know: 12%
- Fair treatment to all races: 7%
- Give assistance to the poor and rural areas/poverty: 7%
- Solve social problems: 6%
- Unite all races/strengthen ethnic relations: 5%
- Reduce prices: 5%
- Fight corruption: 5%
- Solve crime and public safety: 5%
- Stabilise political situation in the country: 5%
- None: 5%
- Solve conflicts in Perak: 3%
- Others: 3%
- Uphold Islam & Malay special privileges: 2%
- Revamp certain policies (PPSMI, ISA, education etc.): 2%
- Revamp BN/UMNO/administration: 2%
- No response: 2%
- Clear allegations against him/regain the trust of the people: 1%
- No confidence in Najib in solving any problem at all: 1%