A Survey of the Nepali People in 2017

During 2017, Nepal took historic steps towards implementation of its 2015 constitution by successfully completing elections to local, provincial, and federal government. As the country transitions to a federal governance structure, The Asia Foundation’s annual survey asks 7,202 Nepalis their opinion of the unfolding political context, governance, and development issues.

**NATIONAL MOOD: DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY**

53% of citizens think that Nepal is moving in right direction.

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**ALL NEPAL (%)**

- **53%** Right Direction
- **34%** Wrong Direction
- **13%** Don't Know

**SURVEY SAMPLE**

- 7,202 randomly selected respondents from 599 randomly selected wards across the country
- All respondents aged 18 or above: 51.8% women, 48.2% men
- Results are representative of the entire population at the national and provincial level
- Error margin at the national level: +/- 1.2% at a 95% confidence level
- Error margin at the provincial level: +/- 3% at a 95% confidence level
- Fieldwork conducted in September and October 2017
26.1% of Nepalis would not accept to marry their son or daughter outside of their caste or ethnic group.

82.2% of Nepalis are opposed to the use of violence to pursue political goals, but nearly a third find violence legitimate to secure equal rights for all.
92.2% of Nepalis feel that the local elections were free and fair. 89.7% are happy with the election results.

53.5% are optimistic that local elections will have a positive impact on their lives.

44.4% of Nepalis believe that federalism will lead to improvements and 24.6% think it is too early to tell.
47.3% of households are in debt, most of them owing between NPR 30,000 and 300,000.

77.6% Nepalis would be willing to pay more taxes if it resulted in improvements in the quality of roads, education and healthcare.

24.9% households receive remittances from abroad.

84.1% are optimistic that economic welfare of their household will improve in the next five years.
Main sources of information (%):

- 48.5% Friends, Family and Neighbours
- 46.8% Television
- 35.0% Community Radio

20% of Nepalis do not own a mobile phone.

Access to internet (%):

- 50.7% Age: 18 - 24
- 9.8% 50 or above

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