Survey Findings

27th August 2023

The State of Bangladesh's Political, Governance, Development and Society: According to Its Citizens

A Survey of the Bangladeshi People
10,240 respondents surveyed

50-50 adult Male to female ratio

64% Rural and 36% Urban population

Population based on the 2011 census

160 respondents from each district

The divisional sample was assigned based on the number of districts in a division.

Data collection: November 2022 – January 2023

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<th>Divisions</th>
<th># of districts</th>
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<td>Chattogram</td>
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SURVEY TOPICS

- Citizenship
- Female empowerment
- Contemporary Issues
- Digital Bangladesh, Social Media, and Policy Influence
- Democracy and Election
- Dynamics of Bangladesh’s Society, Politics, and Economy
- Citizens’ Perception of Politics and Elected Leaders
Summary of response to what direction the country is heading.

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<th>Focus Area</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>2022</td>
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<td>Right direction (%)</td>
<td>77.0</td>
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<td>Wrong direction (%)</td>
<td>21.9</td>
<td>38.7</td>
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* The table doesn't include “no response “and “don't know” responses
Right direction responses by income group

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Major problems in Bangladesh

- Increase in price of essential goods: 33% in 2019 and 44% in 2022
- Economic / business downturn: 5% in 2019 and 11% in 2022
- Unemployment/Livelihood: 10% in 2019 and 18% in 2022
- Political instability and intolerance: 5% in 2019 and 8% in 2022
- Corruption: 3% in 2019 and 11% in 2022
- Population growth: 2% in 2019 and 5% in 2022
- Others: 18% in 2019 and 18% in 2022
- Don’t know: 5% in 2019 and 4% in 2022

Percentage of cases

2019 vs 2022
Did recent commodity price hike affect your life?

- Don't know: 0
- Not affected at all: 2
- Not very affected: 1
- Somewhat affected: 13
- Severely: 84

Percentage of responses
Democratic practices in Bangladesh

At present one can observe a dominant role of one party in politics/governance. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

![Bar chart showing responses to the question about democratic practices in Bangladesh. The chart indicates a majority of respondents strongly agree, with a smaller number mostly agree, disagree, strongly disagree, no response, or don't know.]
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Dominant party’s impact on politics

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Will you welcome Rohingya refugees to live in your community?

![Bar chart showing responses to the question over three years.]

- **2018**: 1 person said Yes, 65 said No, 34 did not respond.
- **2019**: 15 people said Yes, 0 said No, 86 did not respond.
- **2022**: 2 people said Yes, 85 said No, 13 did not respond.

Legend:
- Pink: Don’t know/ no response
- Purple: No
- Black: Yes
Do you think the Bangladesh government is doing enough to support the Rohingya refugees or not?
Considering all the major things that have happened in Bangladesh in the past several years, how would you describe the opening of Padma bridge for public use?

- **An important positive event**: 20
- **The most important success**: 72
- **A success but has concerns about its cost/implementation**: 4
- **Has a lot of concern compared to benefit**: 3
- **Don't Know**: 1

Percentage of responses
Who deserves the most credit for building the bridge?

- Bangladesh Government: 28%
- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina: 47%
- Awami league: 1%
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges: 1%
- people: 20%
- Other (specify): 1%
- Don't Know: 3%