NATIONAL VOTER SENTIMENTS
Excerpt of Principal Indicators

As at 11th March 2019
Standard Survey Methodology & Respondent Profiles

- 1,204 voters aged 21 and above were interviewed via telephone (fixed and mobile lines).
- The survey respondents are from all states across Peninsular Malaysia includes Sabah and Sarawak.
- Voters were selected through random stratified sampling method along the lines of ethnicity, gender, age and parliament constituencies.
- All of the constituencies (14 states and across 222 parliament constituencies) were surveyed and the selection of the respondents is proportional with respect to the population in each parliament constituency.
- Respondents were interviewed in their own language of preferences.
- Survey margin of error estimated at ±2.82%.
- The survey was conducted on 5 – 11 March 2019.

**Ethnicity**
- 52% Malay
- 29% Chinese
- 23% Indian
- 6% Muslim Bumiputra
- 6% Non-Muslim Bumiputra

**Gender**
- 50% Male
- 50% Female

**Occupation/Sector**
- 41% Private
- 17% Homemaker
- 16% Self-employed/business
- 11% Retired
- 8% Govt/ GLC
- 6% Student/ Unemployed/ Others

**Monthly Household Income (RM)**
- < 1999: 33%
- 2000-3999: 29%
- 4000-6999: 19%
- > 7000: 17%
- [DK/NR]: 17%

**INTERNET ACCESS**
- 77%
Direction of the Country

Right versus Wrong direction

Public mood remains adversely cautious, affected by economic and political factors

Q: Do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten on the wrong direction?
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Q: Considering the condition in the country today, would you say that things are heading in the right direction or wrong direction? Why do you say so?
## Important Issues

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Q: From the following, please choose two (2) current issues that are most important to you at present?
Q: Being as specific as you can, what is the number one problem facing people in this country today? (open-ended)
Confidence in PH to run the economy is declining. Negative sentiments increasing as post SST blues continues to widen.

Q: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way the government managing the economy at present?
Dr Mahathir Approval Rating

Satisfaction towards Dr Mahathir across Ethnicity
% respondents expressing “Satisfied”

Decline in approval ratings continue, particularly in the wake of statements about reduction of civil service size.

Q: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the performance of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad as 7th Prime Minister of Malaysia?
Perception towards Federal Govt

Perception towards Federal Govt across Ethnicity
% respondents expressing “happy”

Q: Some people say they are happy with …, while others are dissatisfied and others say they are angry? Which one best describes how you feel?

Notes

As expected, public acclaim for the PH government has calmed and realities of governing has set in.
PH needs more time to fulfil GE promises

Q: Do you agree or disagree if the PH federal government is given more time to lead/to fulfil the GE promises?
PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS NEW GOVT POLICIES/PROPOSALS
Support for Abolishment of Mandatory Death Penalty

Q: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Abolishment of the mandatory death penalty for certain crime
Q: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Changing the election law made to lower voting age from 21 to 18 years old
Support for New Law to Punish Insult Against Other Races/Religion

Q: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Introducing a new law to punish hate speech/insult against any race or religion

**Ethnicity**

- Malay: Strongly agree 93%, Disagree 6%
- Chinese: Strongly agree 72%, Disagree 20%
- Indian: Strongly agree 86%, Disagree 13%
- MB: Strongly agree 83%, Disagree 11%
- Non-MB: Strongly agree 70%, Disagree 25%

**Gender / Internet Access**

- Male: Strongly agree 86%, Disagree 12%
- Female: Strongly agree 84%, Disagree 12%
- Internet: Strongly agree 86%, Disagree 11%
- No internet: Strongly agree 81%, Disagree 14%

**Age Group**

- 21-30: Strongly agree 91%, Disagree 7%
- 31-40: Strongly agree 85%, Disagree 12%
- 41-50: Strongly agree 80%, Disagree 13%
- 51-60: Strongly agree 83%, Disagree 15%
- +60: Strongly agree 82%, Disagree 14%

**Occupation**

- Govt/GLC: Strongly agree 96%, Disagree 3%
- Private: Strongly agree 83%, Disagree 12%
- Business/Self-emp: Strongly agree 85%, Disagree 14%
- *Others: Strongly agree 83%, Disagree 13%

**Household income (RM)**

- <2,000: Strongly agree 85%, Disagree 12%
- 2,000 - 3,999: Strongly agree 87%, Disagree 12%
- 4,000 - 6,999: Strongly agree 92%, Disagree 5%
- >7,000: Strongly agree 82%, Disagree 14%

**Setting / Region**

- Urban: Strongly agree 85%, Disagree 11%
- Rural: Strongly agree 84%, Disagree 13%
- Peninsular: Strongly agree 86%, Disagree 11%
- East Malaysia: Strongly agree 76%, Disagree 18%

* Homemaker, Retired, Students, Unemployed
Support for Abolishing Exams for Primary 1 – Primary 3

Q: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: No exam from Primary 1 to Primary 3 and emphasis on study not exam
Support for Tax on Sugary Beverages

Q: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Introducing a tax on sugary drink at 40 cent per litre