

PERCEPTIONS TOWARDS ECONOMY, LEADERSHIP & CURRENT ISSUES POST GE15 SURVEY

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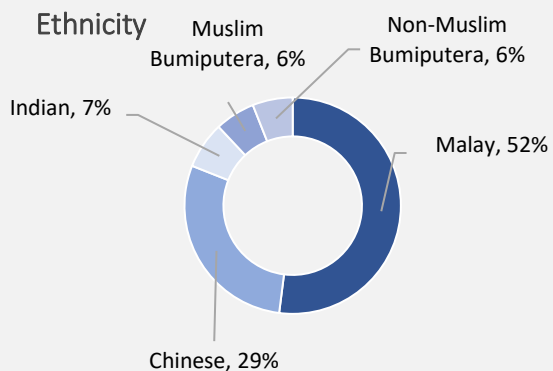
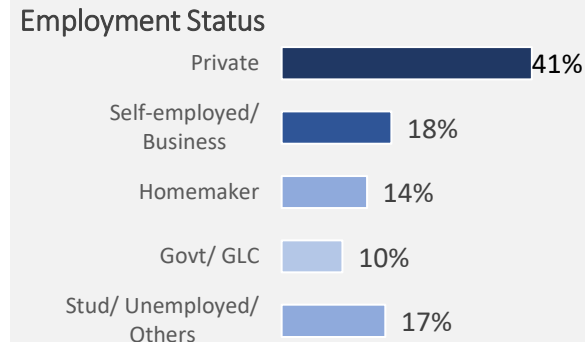
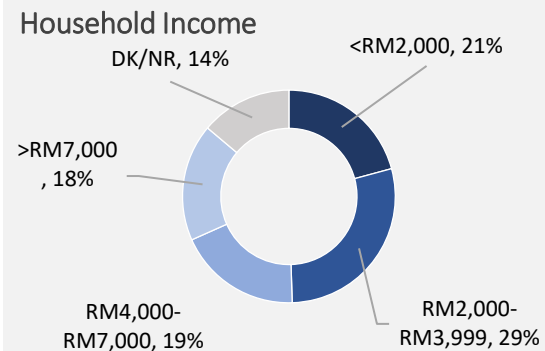
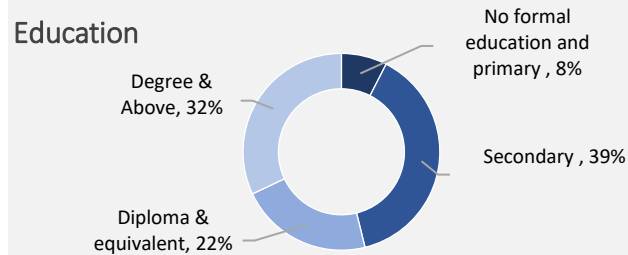
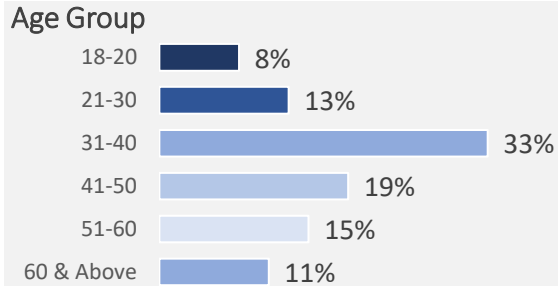
Survey Date: 26th December 2022 – 15th January 2023

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Profile & Methodology

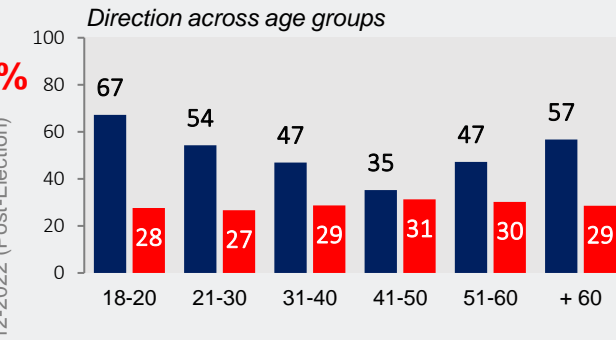
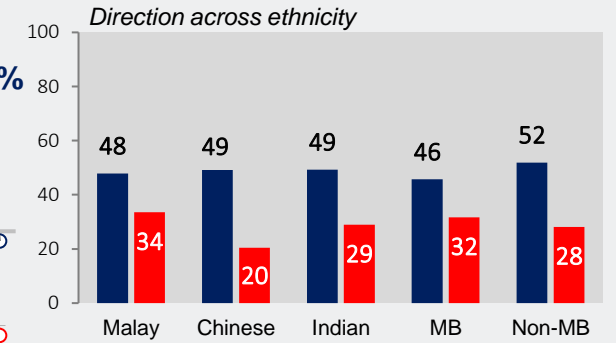
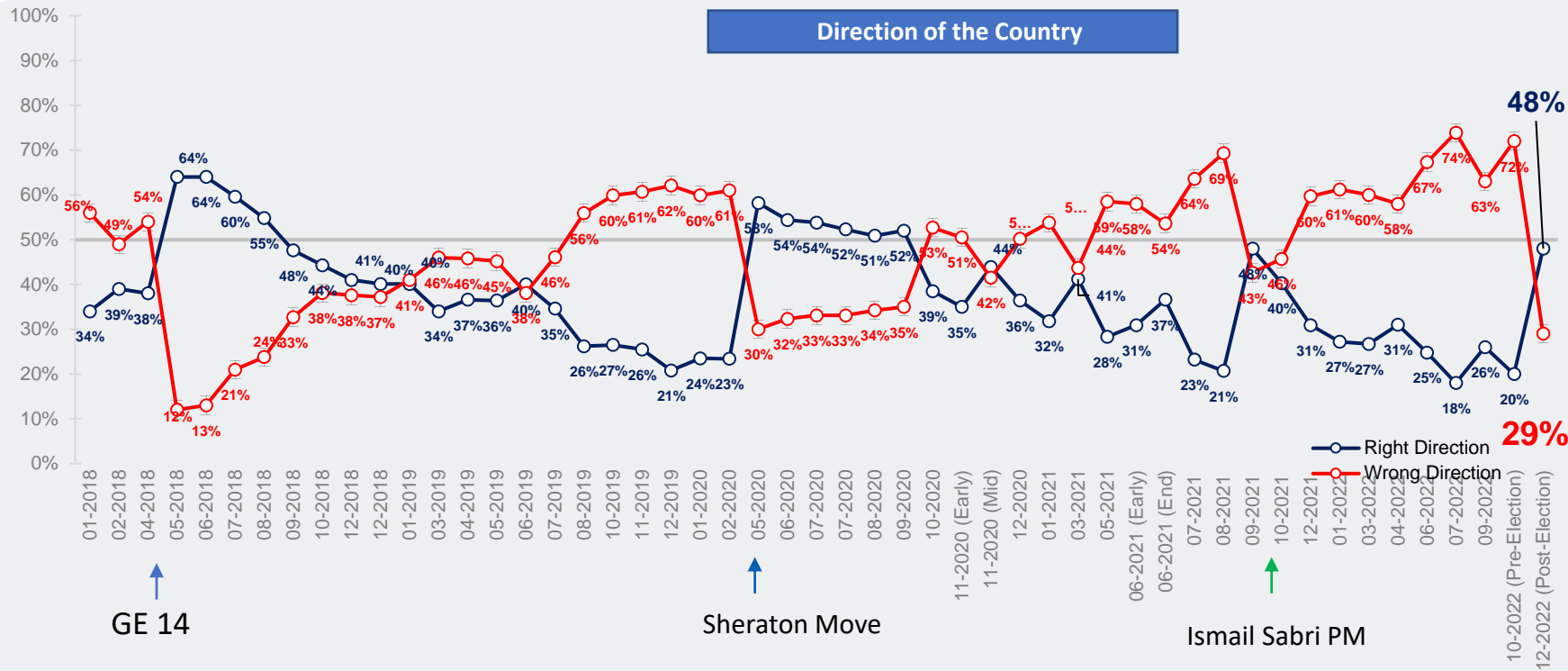
- **1,209** respondents aged 18 and above were interviewed via telephone (fixed and mobile lines)
- The survey respondents are from all states across Peninsular Malaysia includes Sabah and Sarawak
- Respondents were selected through random stratified sampling method along the lines of ethnicity, gender, age and states.
- 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 **26th December 2022 – 15th January 2023**.



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PERCEPTION TOWARDS DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY, ISSUES AND ECONOMY

Public Sentiments: Direction of the Country as at 15 Jan 2023



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?

Economic concerns	33%
Political instability	18%
Poor and inefficient administration	10%
Bad quality of leadership/ No welfare	8%
Racial issue	2%

Good national/state administration	19%
Good leadership	9%
Favorable economy	9%
Politic stable	7%
Fighting corruption	2%

New govt has allowed for some reset in public sentiments about national direction amidst concerns on stability and the economy.

Top 5 Important Issues

	Total	First	Second
Inflation	34.5%	59.2%	8.3%
Enhancing economic growth	12.8%	8.8%	17.1%
Corruption	8.9%	7.9%	9.9%
Political instability	7.7%	6.5%	9.0%
Protect worker's rights for a fair wage	6.4%	2.4%	10.7%
People's welfare	6.1%	2.9%	9.4%
Preservation of Malay rights/Fair treatment of all races	5.2%	2.5%	8.1%
Job opportunities	4.9%	2.5%	7.5%
The quality of national education	3.9%	1.8%	6.1%
Housing	2.0%	1.0%	3.1%
Crime and public safety	1.6%	0.7%	2.6%
Climate change/ environmental care	1.4%	0.5%	2.4%
Social problem	1.1%	0.4%	1.9%
Childcare assistance	0.4%	0.1%	0.8%
Quality of internet coverage	0.4%	0.1%	0.7%

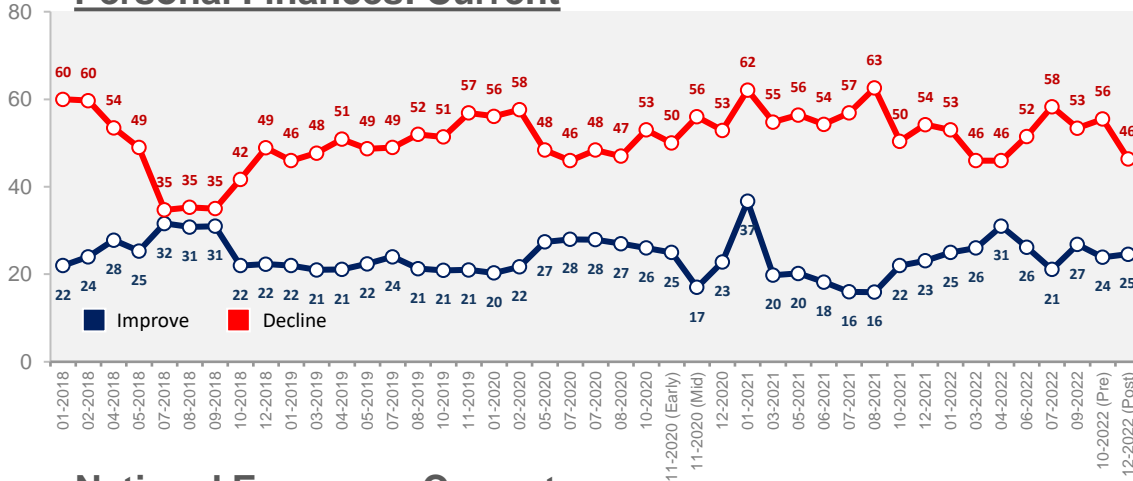
Inflation, enhancing economic growth, corruption, political instability, and worker's rights for a fair wage are the main issues respondents most concerned about.

Q: From the following, please choose two (2) current issues that are most important to you at present?

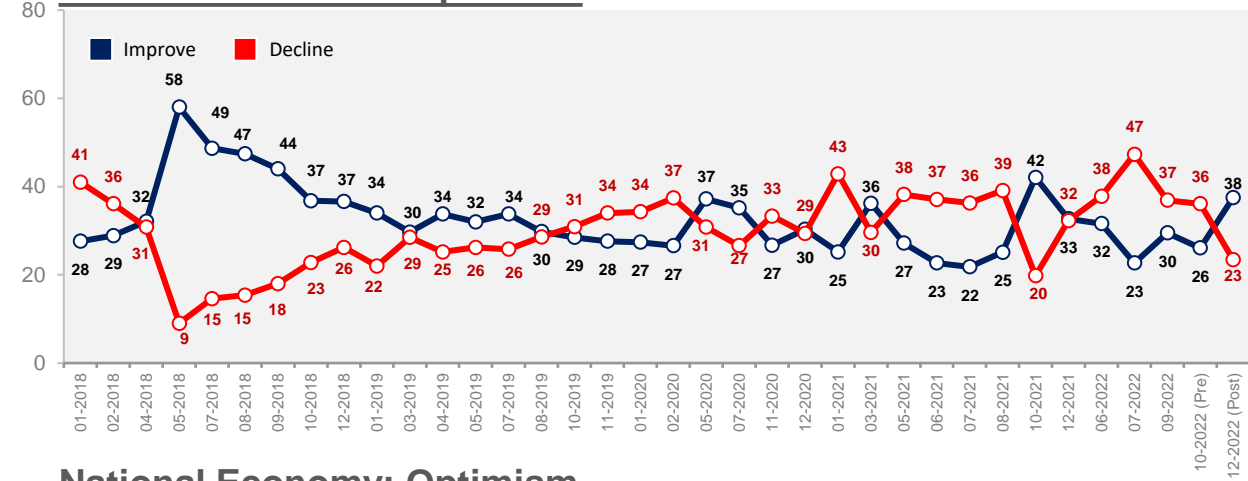
General Economic Sentiments

% respondents expressing "favorable vs unfavorable"

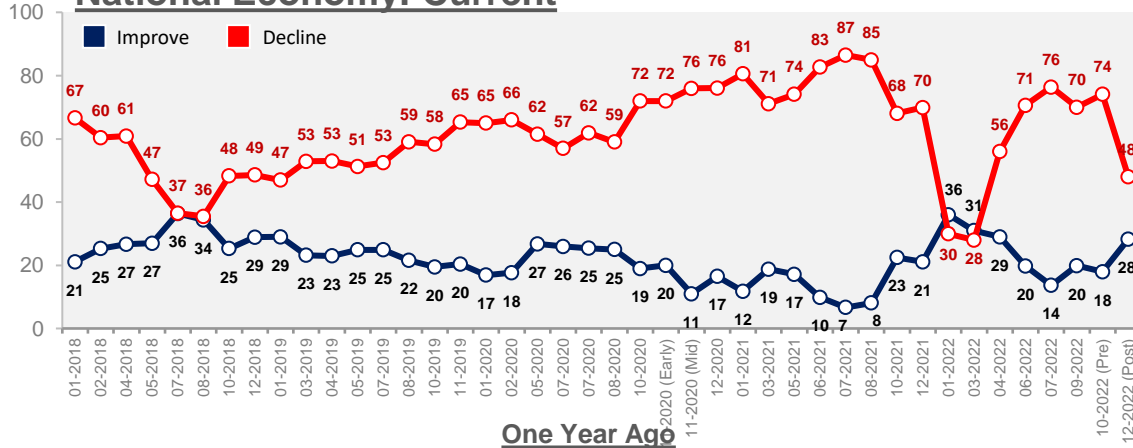
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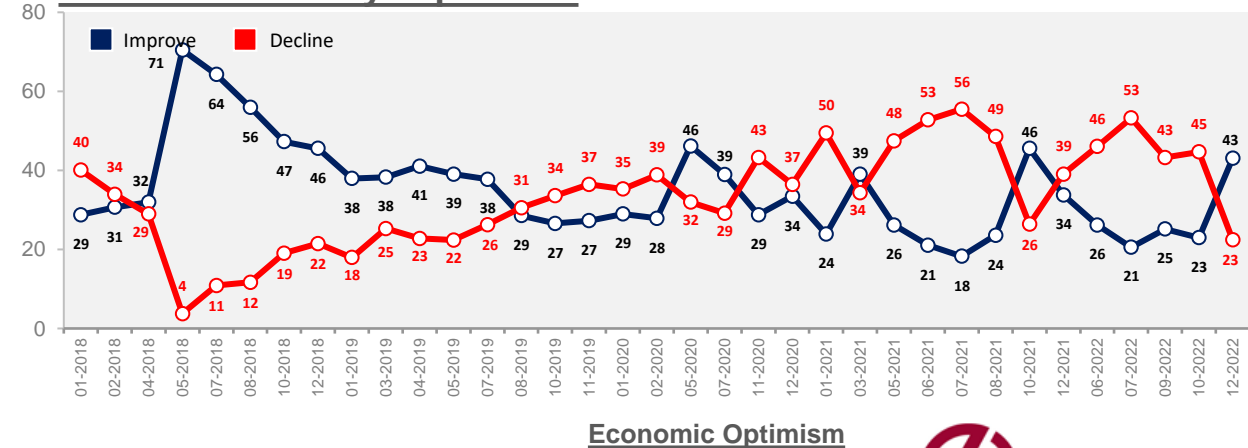
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National Economy: Current



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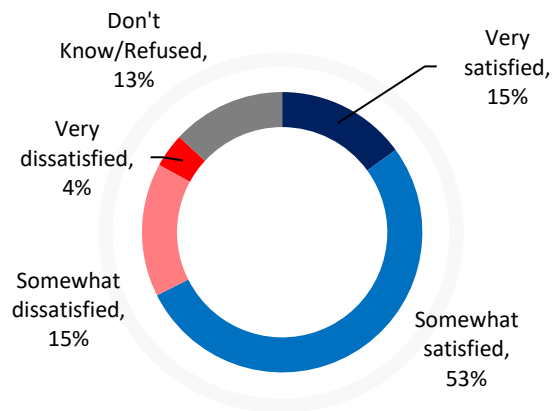
One Year Ago

Economic Optimism

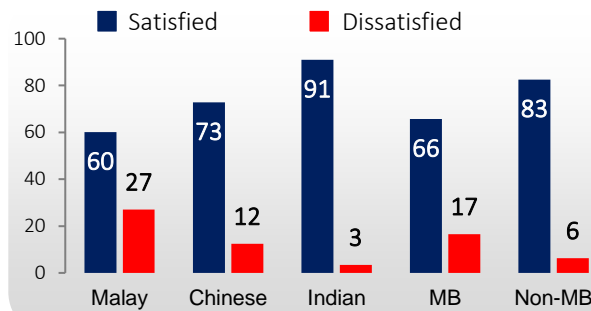
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GOVERNMENT RATINGS, LEADERSHIP & POLITICAL PARTIES

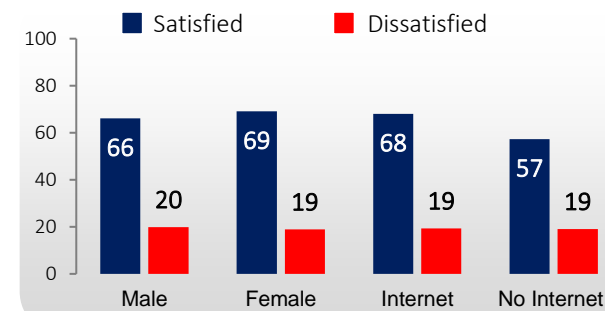
Satisfaction towards Anwar Ibrahim



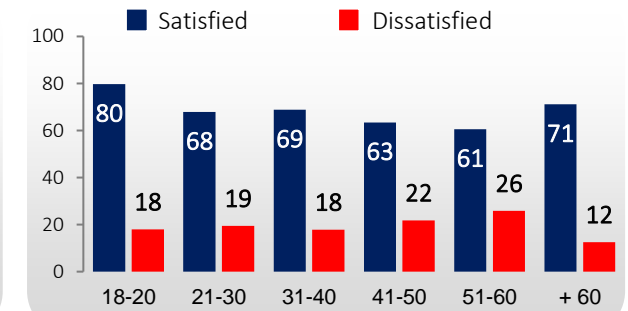
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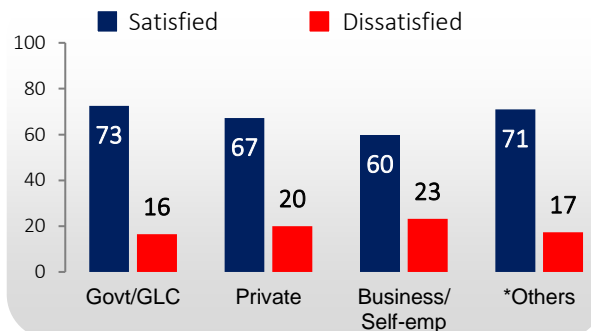
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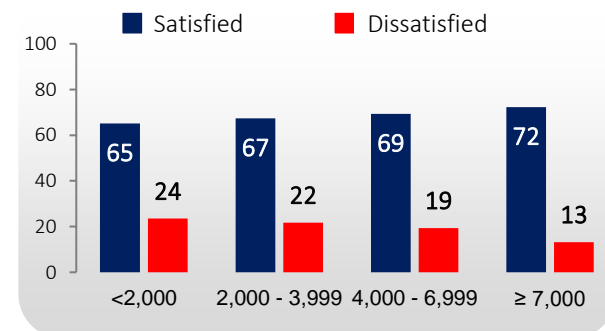
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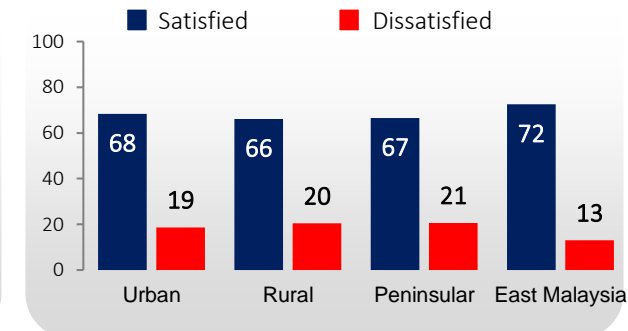
Occupation



Household Income (RM)



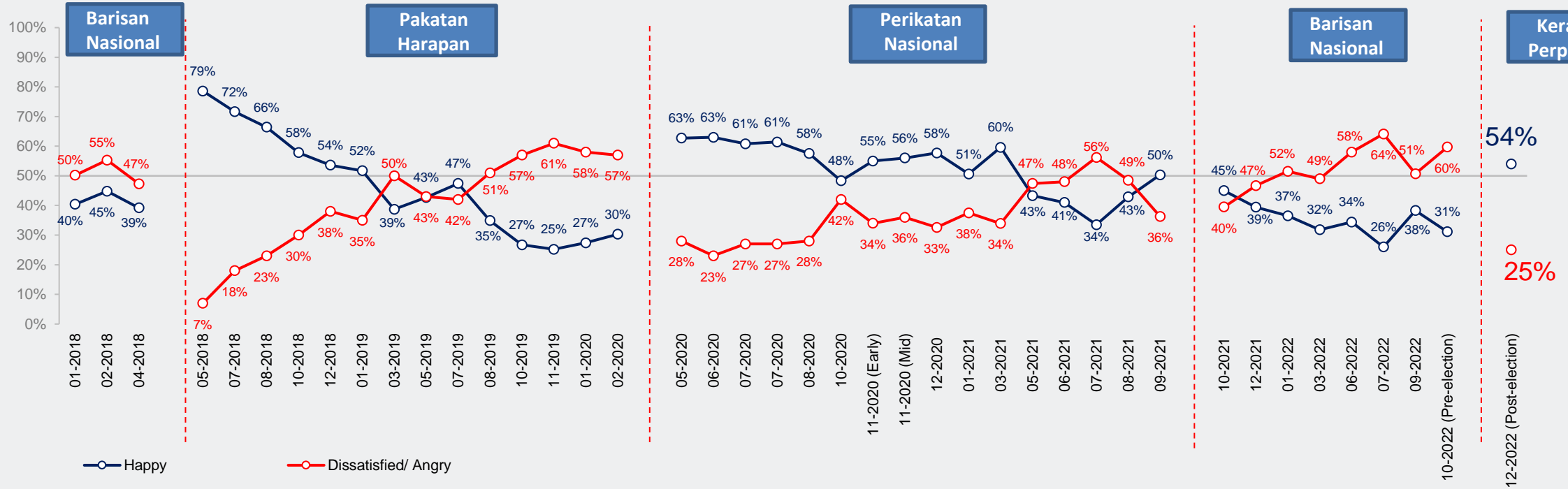
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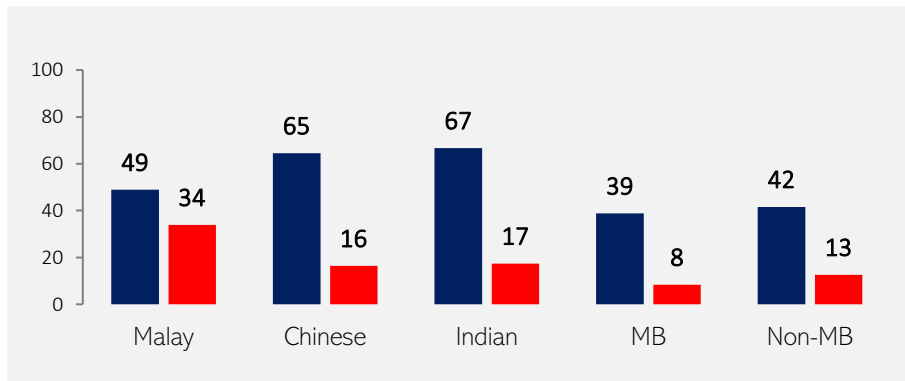
*Homemaker, Retired, Students, Unemployed

Q: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the performance of ...? Anwar Ibrahim as the 10th Prime Minister of Malaysia

Government Approval Rating



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?



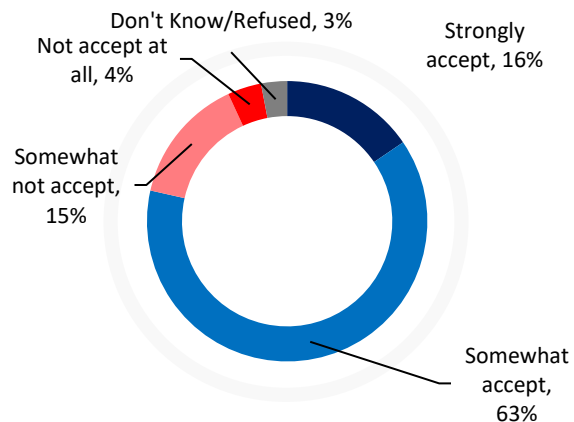
Improvement in the new gov't's ratings, however, levels were much lower than 2018 and 2020 administrations. A strong "wait and see" attitude is prevalent.

Government 26 Dec 2022

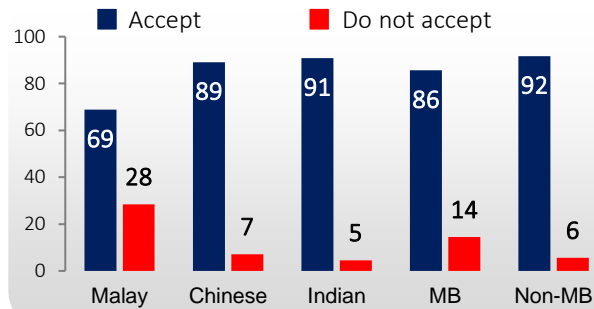
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ATTITUDES TOWARDS GE15

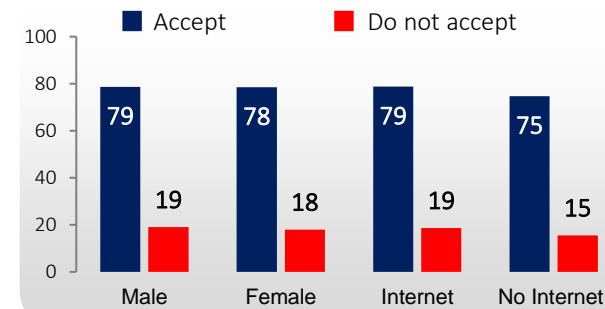
Acceptance of GE15 Result



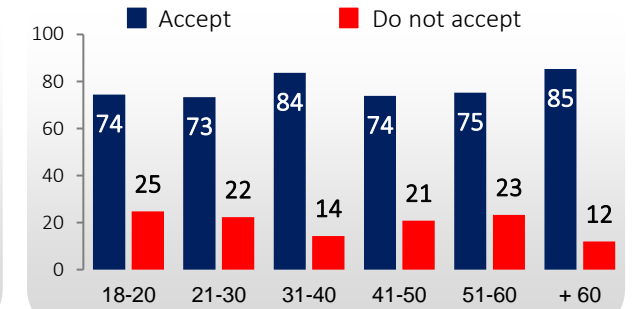
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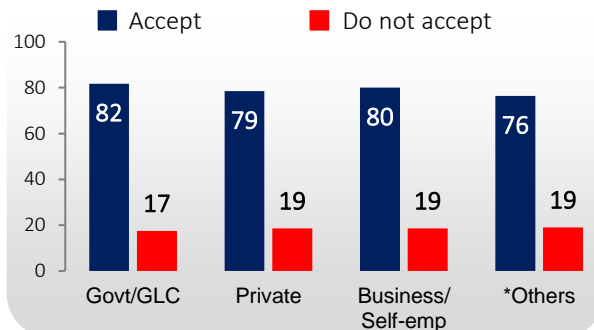
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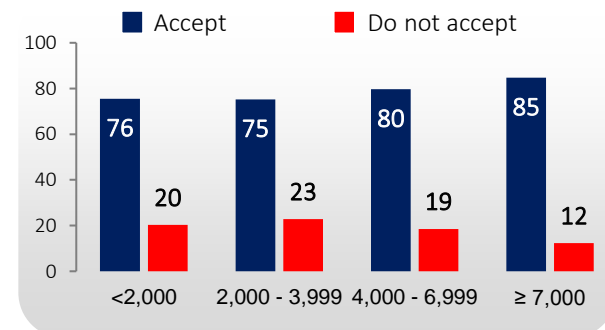
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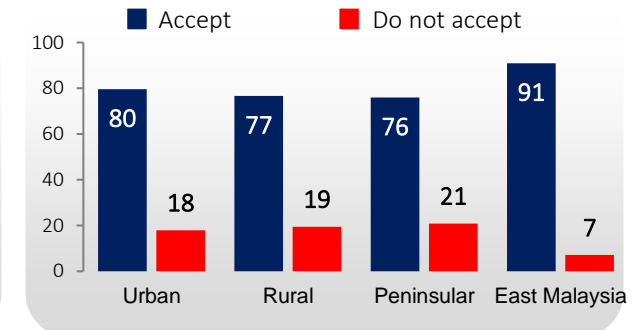
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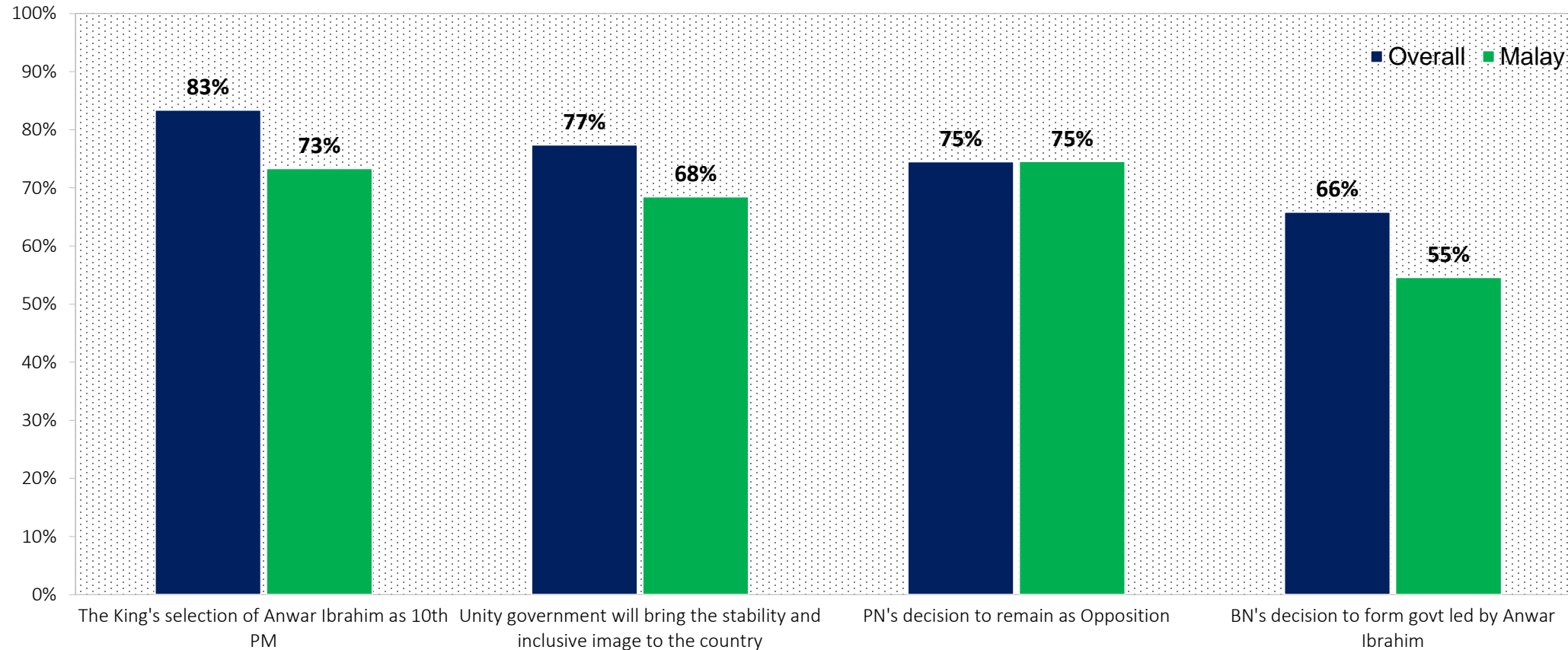


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Q: How strongly do you accept or do not accept of the results of 15th General Election?

Perceptions toward Post Election Issues

% respondents responding "agree"



Q: Please tell us, how far do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Top 5 Issues New Govt Should Focus On

	Total	First choice	Second choice
Job Creation	19.8%	32.3%	5.3%
Wage Gap	18.8%	18.5%	19.2%
Bring back FDI	11.5%	14.0%	8.5%
More anti-Corruption efforts	9.8%	7.4%	12.5%
Education reforms	8.6%	3.9%	13.9%
Racial and religious harmony	8.0%	4.6%	12.1%
Targeted Subsidies	6.0%	4.1%	8.2%
Economy improvement	3.9%	2.8%	5.3%
GST	3.2%	2.9%	3.6%
Strengthening the Syariah law (RUU 355)	3.1%	2.5%	3.8%
Law and parliament reforms	2.4%	1.5%	3.3%
Revives mega projects such as High-speed rail (HSR)	1.5%	0.9%	2.2%

Q: From the following, please choose two (2) issues that new government should focus on?