



PANAMA PAPERS I

Attitudes of Icelanders

The Social Science Research Institute sent out a survey to a sample from its online panel on April 4-5 2016. Respondents were 617. Main results:

Support for political parties

- If elections for parliament were held tomorrow, the Pirate Party would get 39% of the votes, the Independence Party 19% and the Left Green Party 15%. The government is supported by 28% of participants (see figure 1).

Kastljós news programme

- A good majority of respondents watched or saw part of Kastljós current affairs programme's coverage of links of Icelandic politicians with offshore companies. Nearly 80% said the discussion had been professional (see figure 2).

Trust in Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson, Bjarni Benediktsson og Ólöf Nordal

- News coverage on offshore companies has led to 78% of respondents trusting Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson less than before, 66% of respondents trust Bjarni Benediktsson less and 62% trust Ólöf Nordal less (see figure 3).

Trust in the Government, Parliament and politics in general

- The majority of respondents trust the Government, Parliament and politics in general less in light of news coverage of offshore companies.

Resignation of Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson, Bjarni Benediktsson and Ólöf Nordal

- 78% of respondents are in favour of Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson resigning as Prime Minister, 60% are in favour of Bjarni Benediktsson resigning as Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs og 56% are in favour of Ólöf Nordal resigning as Minister of the Interior (see figures 4-7).
- 37% of those that would vote for the Progressive Party are somewhat or strongly in favour of Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson resigning (see figure 5).
- 6% of those that would vote for the Independence Party are somewhat or strongly in favour of Bjarni Benediktsson resigning (see figure 6).
- 6% of those that would vote for the Independence Party are somewhat or strongly in favour of Ólöf Nordal resigning (see figure 7).

Attitudes towards dissolution of Parliament and early elections

- More than 60% of respondents are in favour of the dissolution of Parliament and early elections (see figures 8 and 9).

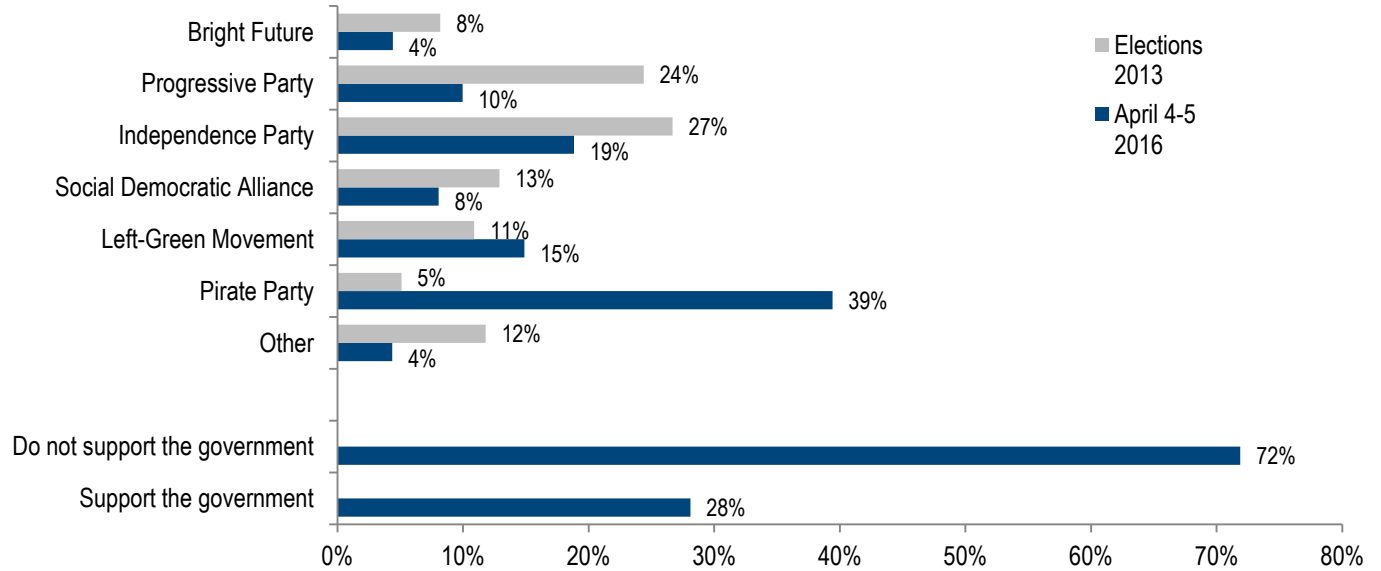


Figure 1. If general elections were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

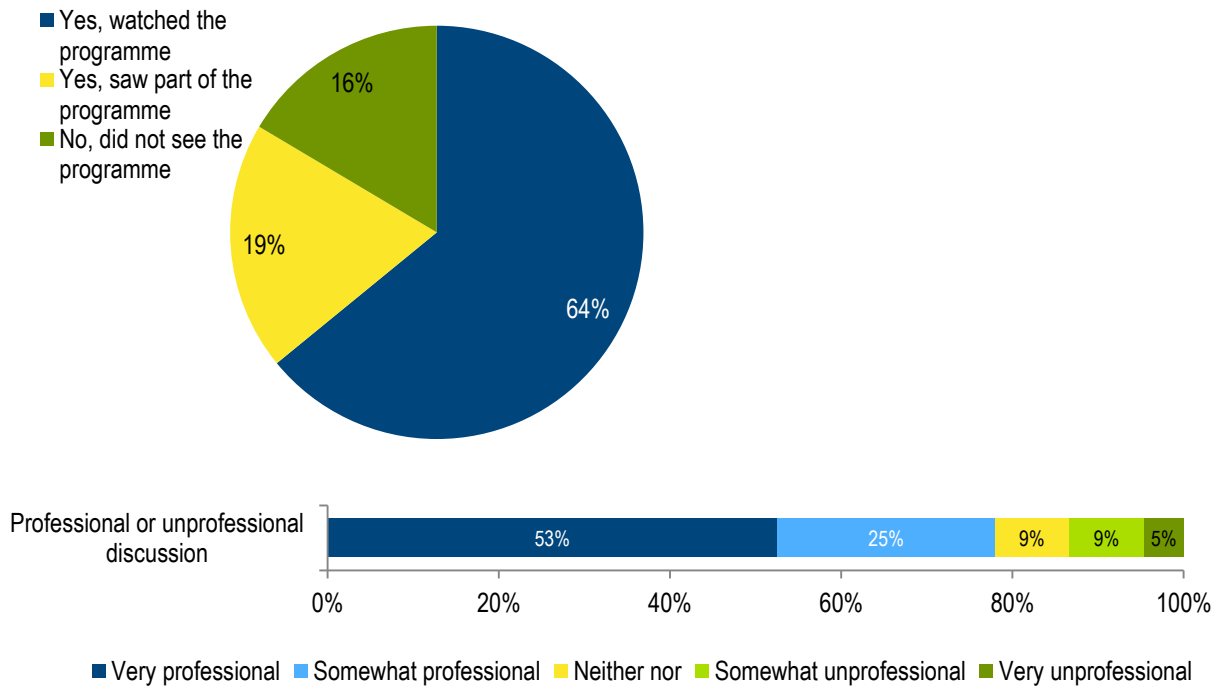


Figure 2. Did you watch or see the Kastljós programme on Sunday 3rd of April? If yes, do you think that the discussion was professional or unprofessional?

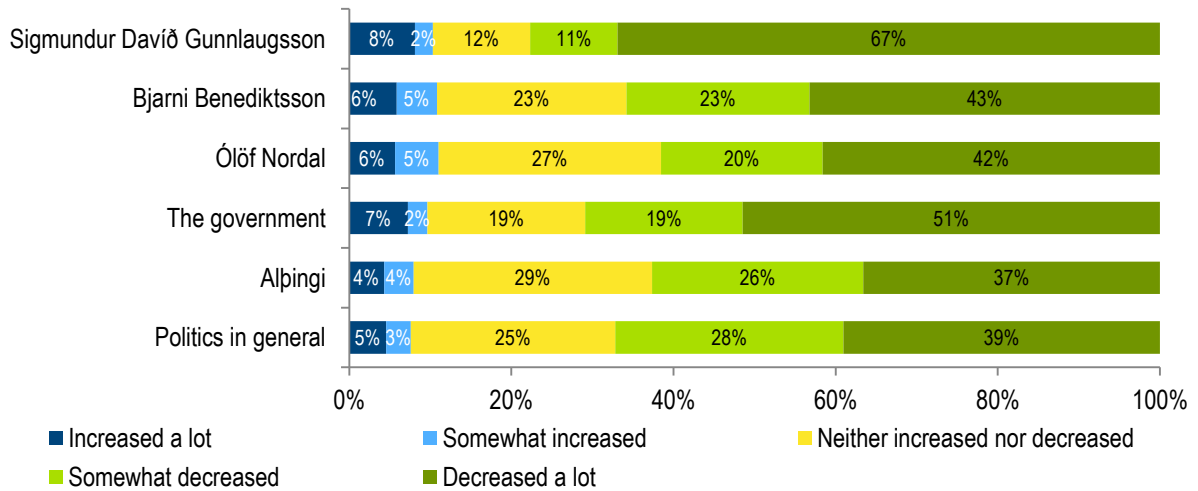


Figure 3. Has the news coverage on offshore companies increased or decreased you trust in...?

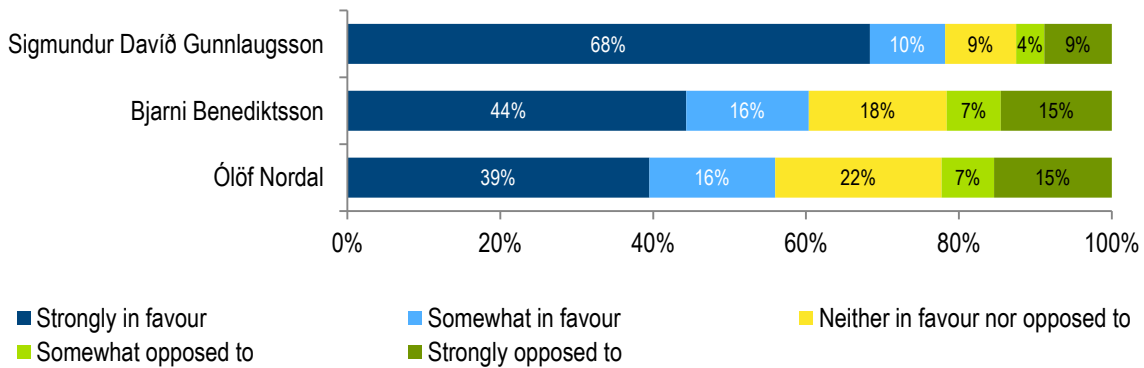


Figure 4. In light of the events of the past few days are you in favour or opposed to the resignation of ...

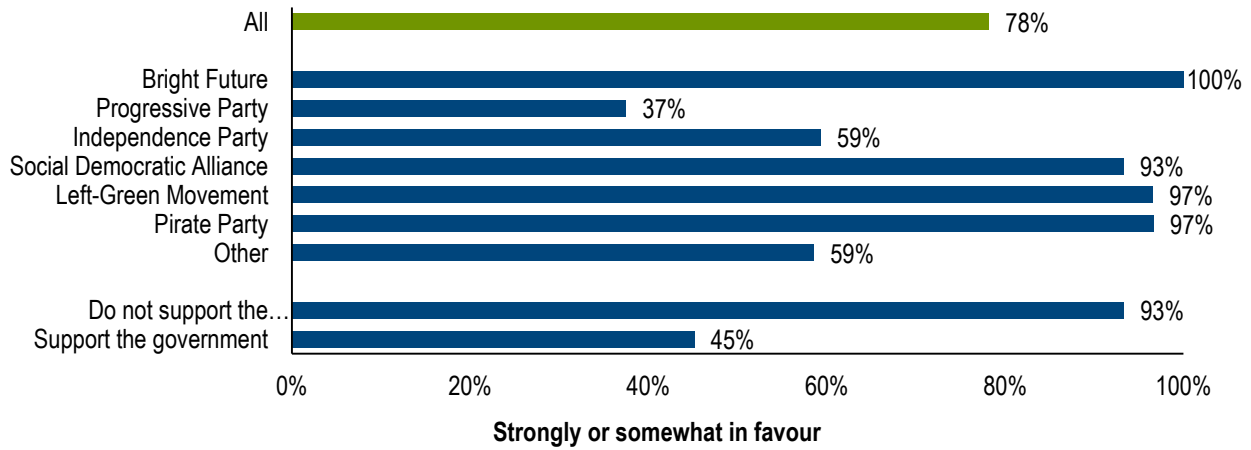


Figure 5. In light of the events of the past few days are you in favour or opposed to the resignation of Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson as Member of Parliament? By which political party the respondent would vote for and whether or not they support the government or not.

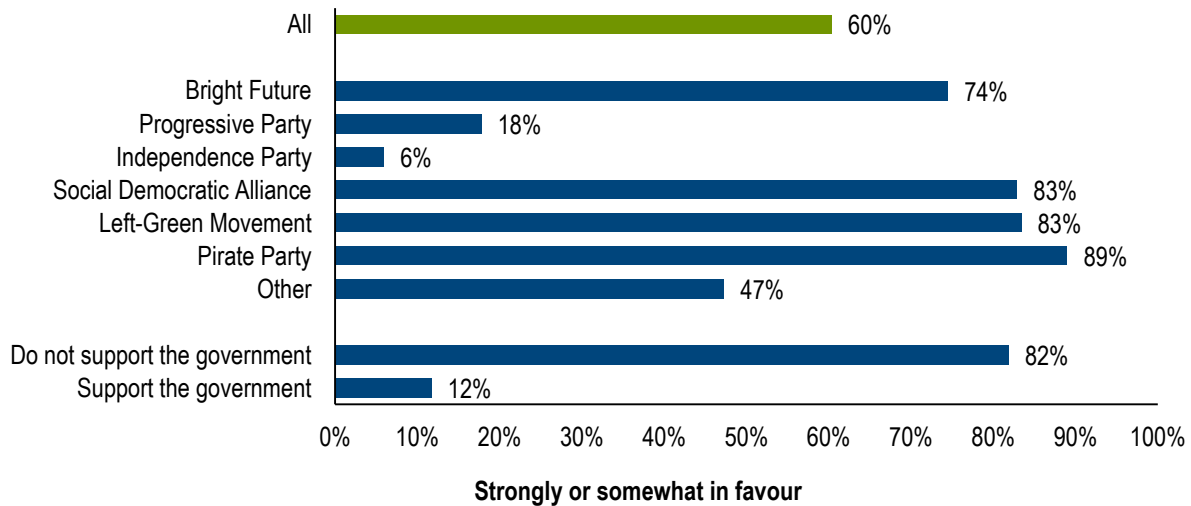


Figure 6. In light of the events of the past few days are you in favour or opposed to the resignation of Bjarni Benediktsson, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs? By which political party the respondent would vote for and whether or not they support the government or not.

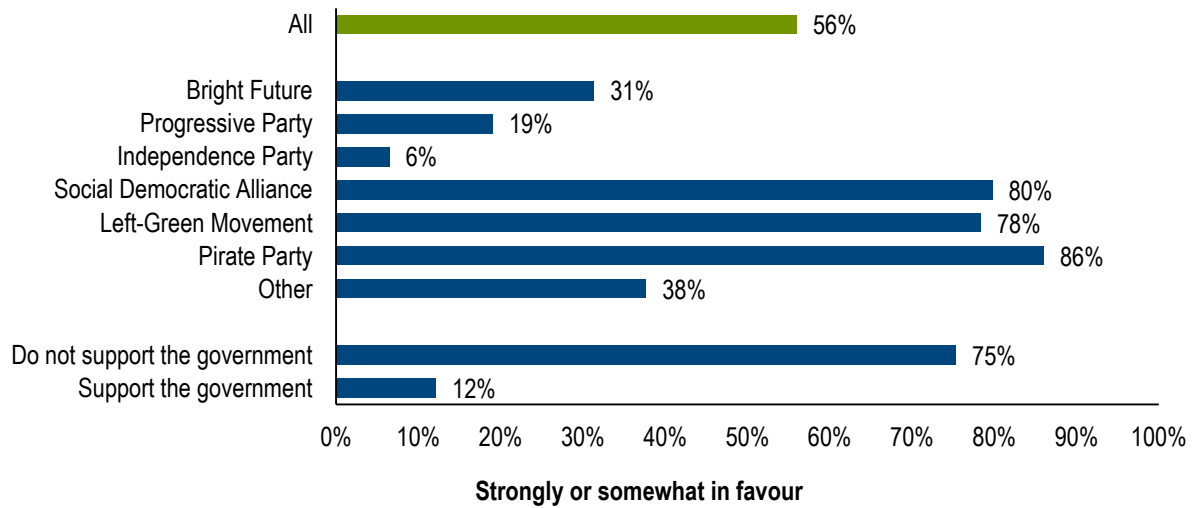


Figure 7. In light of the events of the past few days are you in favour or opposed to the resignation of Ólög Nordal, Minister of the Interior? By which political party the respondent would vote for and whether or not they support the government or not.

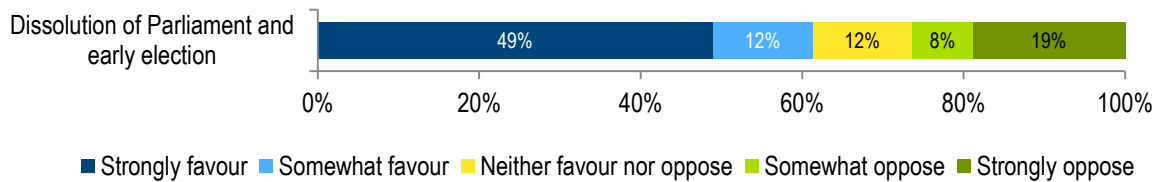


Figure 8. In light of the events of the past few days do you favour or oppose dissolution of Parliament and early elections?

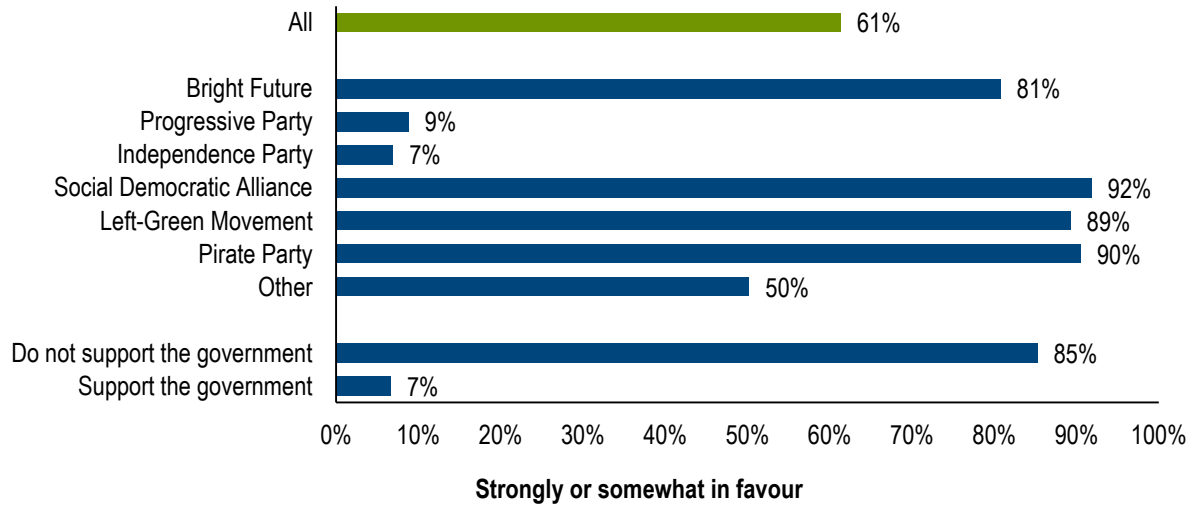


Figure 9. In light of the events of the past few days are you in favour or opposed to the dissolution of Parliament and early elections? By which political party the respondent would vote for and whether or not they support the government or not.