



PANAMA PAPERS II – HALF OF ICELANDERS WANT ELECTIONS THIS SPRING

The Social Science Research Institute sent out a survey to a sample from its internet panel on 7-8 April 2016. Respondents were 862. Main results were:

Timing of elections

- Just over 50% of respondents would like elections to be held this spring (May/June 2016), 26% would prefer elections to be held in the fall (October/November 2016) and 23% would like elections to be held next spring (April/May 2017) (see Figure 1 and 2).

Support for new Ministers

- Nearly a quarter of respondents are satisfied with Sigurður Ingi Jóhannsson as Prime Minister, 41% are satisfied with Lilja Dögg Alfreðsdóttir as Minister for Foreign Affairs and 23% are satisfied with Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson as Minister of Fisheries and Agriculture (see Figure 3).

Trust in Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson, Bjarni Benediktsson and Ólöf Nordal

- News coverage on offshore companies has led to 75% of respondents trusting Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson less than before, 64% of respondents trust Bjarni Benediktsson less and 60% trust Ólöf Nordal less (see Figure 4). The majority of respondents also trust the government, parliament and politics in general less in light of news coverage on offshore companies

Resignation of Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson, Bjarni Benediktsson and Ólöf Nordal

- 80% of respondents are in favour of Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson resigning as Member of Parliament, 64% are in favour of Bjarni Benediktsson resigning as Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs and 60% are in favour of Ólöf Nordal resigning as Minister of the Interior (see Figures 5-8).
- 32% of those that would vote for the Progressive Party are somewhat or strongly in favour of Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson resigning as Member of Parliament (see Figure 6).
- 7% of those that would vote for the Independence Party are somewhat or strongly in favour of Bjarni Benediktsson resigning as Minister of Finance (see Figure 7).
- 9% of those that would vote for the Independence Party are somewhat or strongly in favour of Ólöf Nordal resigning as Minister of the Interior (see Figure 8).

Attitudes towards dissolution of parliament and early elections

- Around 57% of respondents are in favour of the dissolution of parliament and early elections (see Figures 9 and 10).
- Over 80% of those that would vote for other parties than those that form the government are in favour of the dissolution of parliament and early elections but 5% of the supporters of the Independence Party and 14% of the supporters of the Progressive Party (see Figure 10).

Support for political parties

- If elections for parliament were held tomorrow, the Pirate Party would get nearly 31% of the votes, the Independence Party 23% and the Left Green Party 15%. The new cabinet has the support of 33% of respondents (see Figure 11).

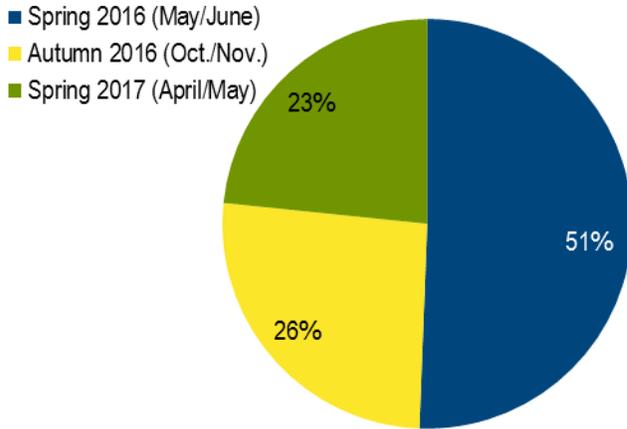


Figure 1. In light of the events of the past few days, when would you like the next parliamentary elections to take place?

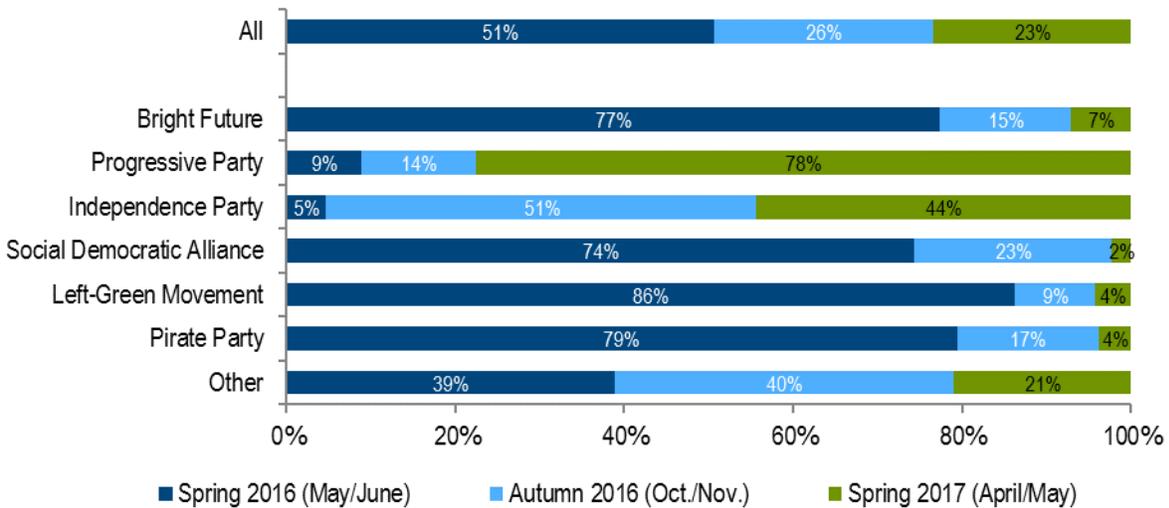


Figure 2. In light of the events of the past few days, when would you like the next parliamentary elections to take place? By which political party the respondents would vote for.

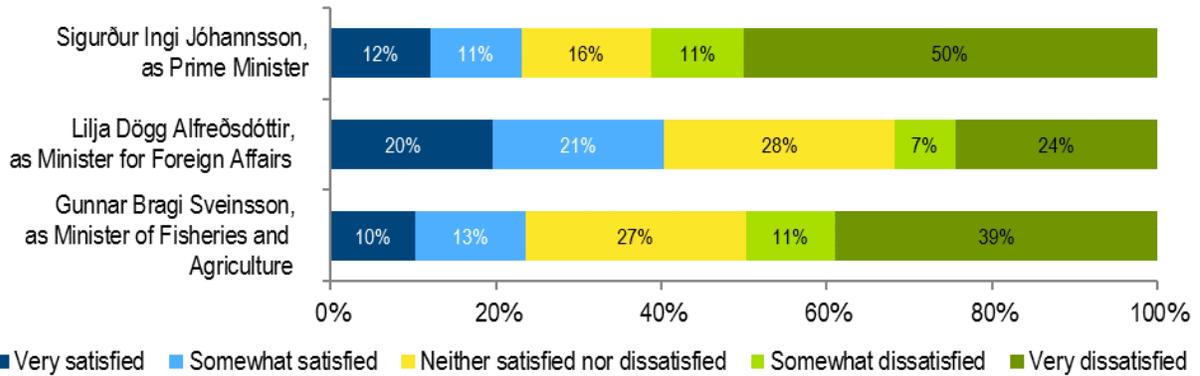


Figure 3. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the appointment of the following ministers?

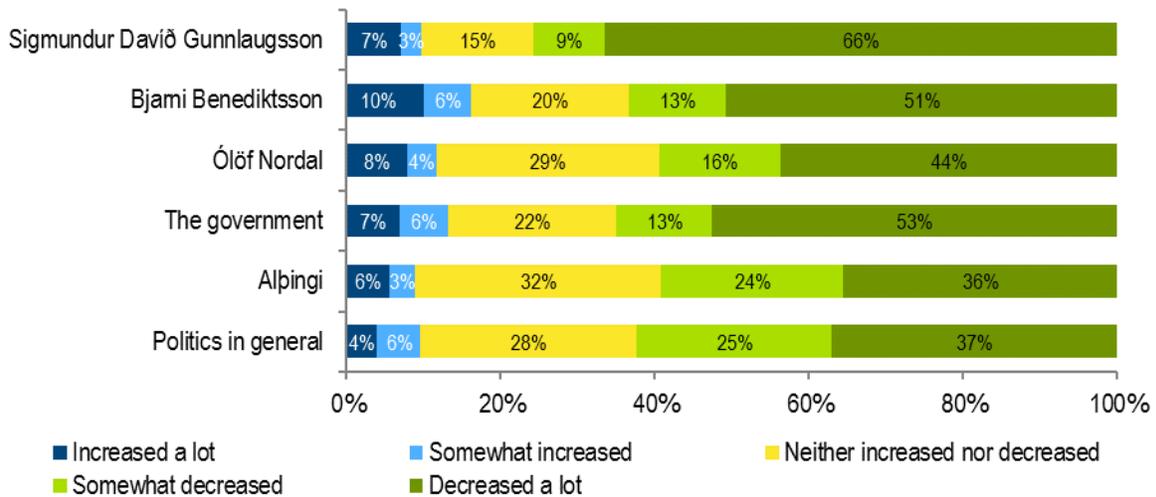


Figure 4. Has the news coverage on offshore companies increased or decreased your trust in...

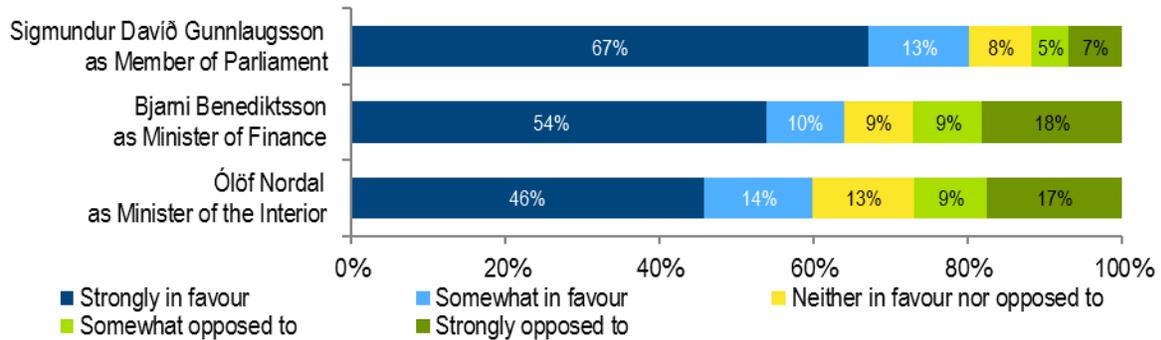


Figure 5. In light of the events of the past few days, are you in favour or opposed to the resignation of...

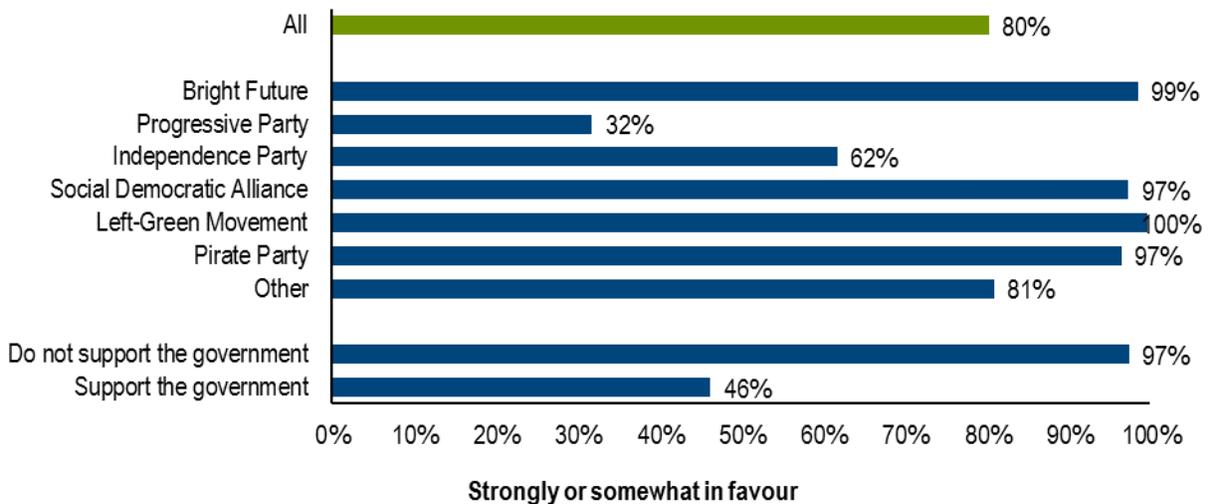


Figure 6. In light of the events of the past few days are you in favour or opposed to the resignation of Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson as Member of Parliament? By which political party the respondents would vote for and whether or not they support the government.

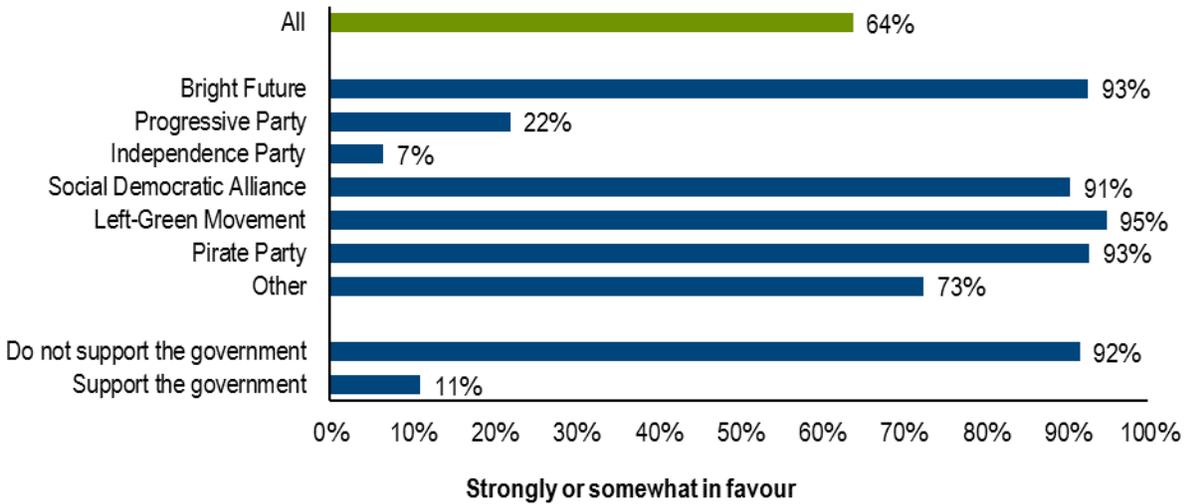


Figure 7. In light of the events of the past few days are you in favour or opposed to the resignation of Bjarni Benediktsson, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs? By which political party the respondents would vote for and whether or not they support the government.

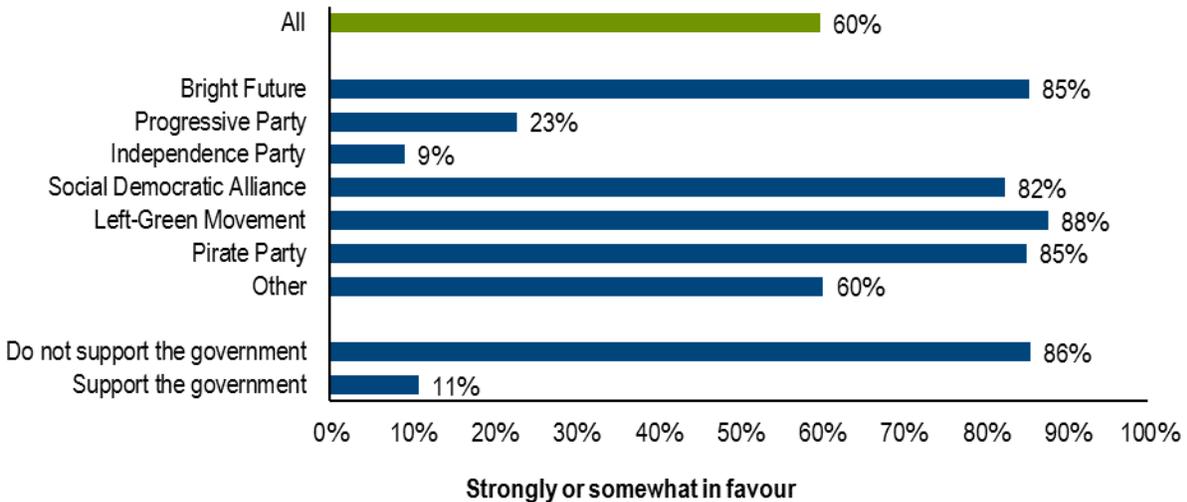


Figure 8. In light of the events of the past few days are you in favour or opposed to the resignation of Ólöf Nordal, Minister of the Interior? By which political party the respondents would vote for and whether or not they support the government.

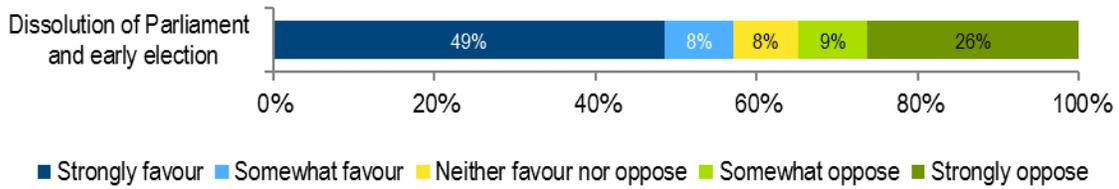


Figure 9. In light of the events of the past few days are you in favour or opposed to the dissolution of parliament and early elections?

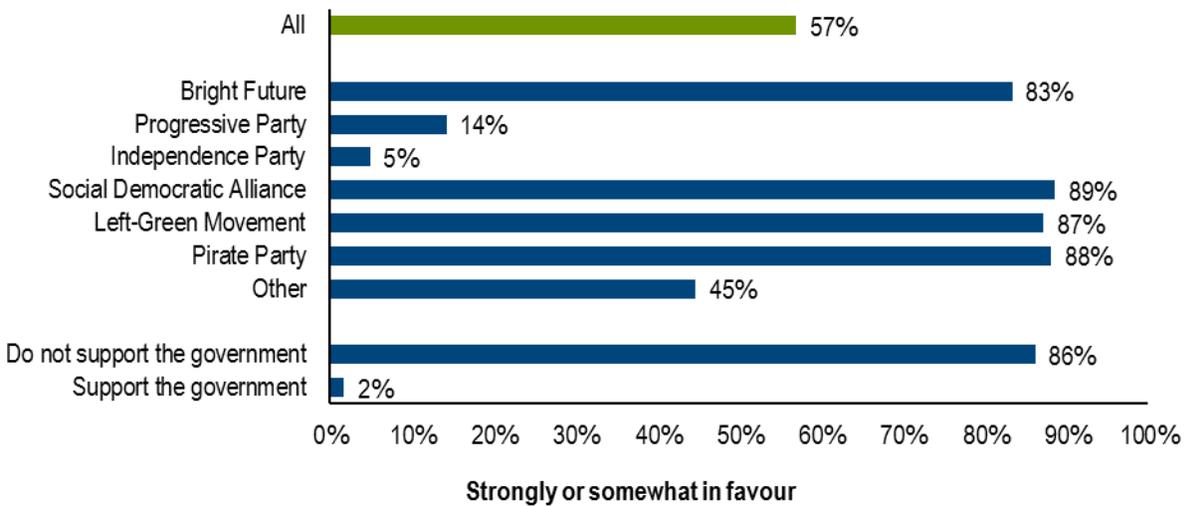


Figure 10. In light of the events of the past few days, are you in favour or opposed to the dissolution of parliament and early elections? By which political party the respondents would vote for and whether or not they support the government.

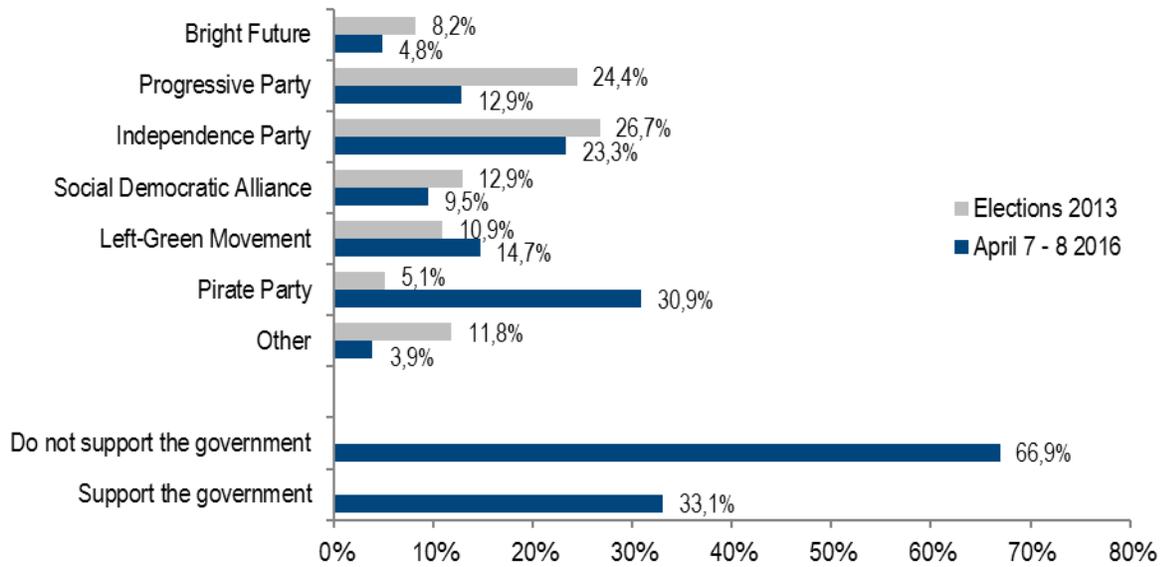


Figure 11. If elections for parliament were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?