



GOZO REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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EXTRACT FOR GOZO

‘State of the Nation Survey’

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1. CULTURE, RELIGION & POLITICS

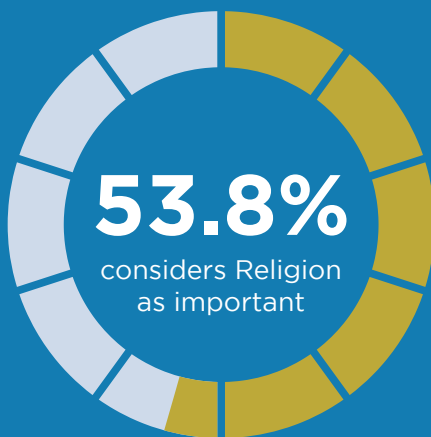
Most important aspect of the Maltese Culture



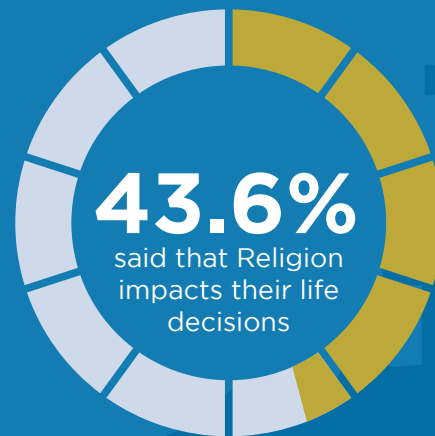
TRADITIONAL
MALTESE FOOD



LOCAL
VILLAGE FESTA



While **20.5%** regard
Religion as not important



(lower than the national average)

30.8%

value politics as important, lower than national average.

35.9%

acknowledged that political parties impact their personal views.

82.1%

always voted for the same political party and **34.2%**
considers voting for another party in the future..



Table 1: Culture, Religion & Politics

Question	National Average	Gozo
i. Most important aspect of the Maltese Culture*		
<i>Traditional Maltese food</i>	2.42	2.21
<i>Local Village Festa</i>	2.53	2.36
ii. Importance of Religion		
<i>Very important</i>	59.6%	53.8%
<i>Not important at all</i>	10.8%	20.5%
iii. Influence of Religion on personal life decisions		
<i>Large influence</i>	53.9%	43.6%
<i>No influence at all</i>	12.5%	10.3%
iv. Importance of Politics		
<i>Very important</i>	48.3%	30.8%
<i>Not important at all</i>	12.9%	12.8%
v. Influence of Political parties' opinion on personal views		
<i>Yes</i>	43.9%	35.9%
<i>No</i>	29.4%	25.6%
vi. Past vote preference		
<i>Voted for the same political party</i>	82.7%	82.1%
<i>Otherwise</i>	17.3%	17.9%
vii. Future vote consideration		
<i>Vote for another party</i>	27.3%	34.2%
<i>Do not vote for another party</i>	55.8%	42.1%

*Respondents were asked to classify each response with a number from 1 to 5 where '1' represents the most important and '5' the least important. In other words, the lower then number the higher its importance to the respondents.

2. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS



Important aspects of work



INCOME



JOB SECURITY



JOB SATISFACTION

Note: high preference for job security reflects the higher share of Gozitans workers with public sector



Overall, Gozitans experienced an improvement in economic conditions when compared to a year earlier

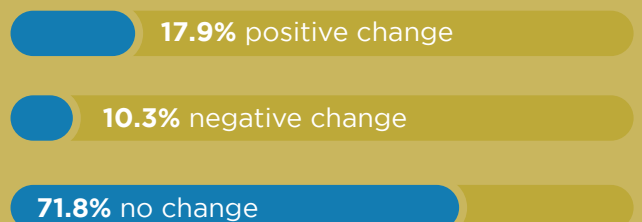


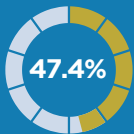
Table 2: Economic conditions

Question	National Average	Gozo
i. Financial situation compared to a year earlier		
<i>Better</i>	24.2%	17.9%
<i>Worse</i>	13.5%	10.3%
<i>Unchanged</i>	62.4%	71.8%
ii. Important aspects of work*		
<i>Income</i>	2.17	1.8
<i>Job satisfaction</i>	2.24	2.8
<i>Job security</i>	2.69	1.9
iii. Standard of Living		
<i>Below average</i>	5.0%	5.1%
<i>Average</i>	75.8%	94.9%
<i>Above average</i>	19.2%	-

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3. SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Overall
Gozitans associate themselves more with their local village/city compared to the national average



Associate themselves with the Maltese population



Associate themselves with the rest of Europe



Overall
Gozitans considers justice as very important

(in line with national average).

This is then followed by:



LIBERTY

SOLIDARITY

EQUALITY

Table 3: Social characteristics

Question	National Average	Gozo
i. Who do you associate yourself with		
<i>People who live in your village/city</i>	34.5%	50.0%
<i>Maltese Population</i>	54.3%	47.4%
<i>Rest of Europe</i>	11.2%	2.6%
ii. Social democracy - justice, equality, liberty, and solidarity*		
<i>Justice</i>	1.44	1.42
<i>Liberty</i>	2.55	2.62
<i>Equality</i>	2.96	3.13
<i>Solidarity</i>	3.01	2.82

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