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Extract pertaining to Gozo

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## 1. CULTURE, RELIGION & POLITICS

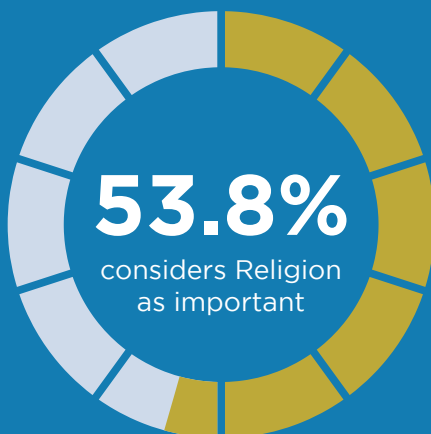
### Most important aspect of the Maltese Culture



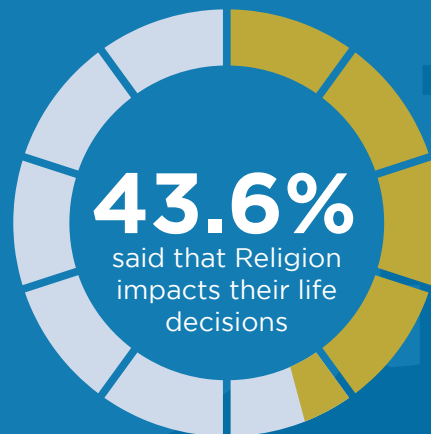
TRADITIONAL  
MALTESE FOOD



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

## 2. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS



### Important aspects of work



INCOME

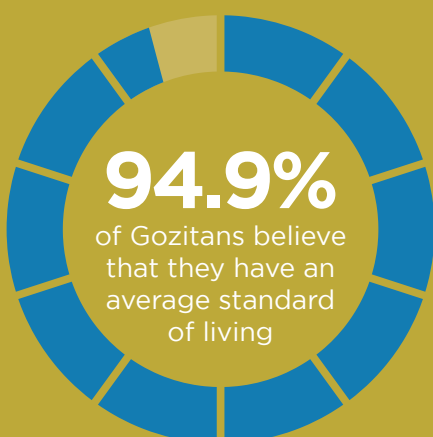


JOB SECURITY



JOB SATISFACTION

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



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

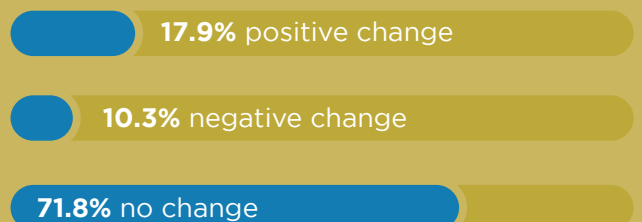


Table 2: Economic conditions

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

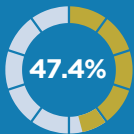
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### 3. SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Overall

**Gozitans associate themselves more with their local village/city**

compared to the national average



47.4%

Associate themselves with the Maltese population



2.6%

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
<b>i. Who do you associate yourself with</b>		
<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%
<b>ii. Social democracy - justice, equality, liberty, and solidarity*</b>		
<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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