

Hungary's vote against immigration; a vote against the EU?

- **98% of Hungarians voted to reject immigration quotas, but only 40% showed up**
- **Poll shows that 40% of all Hungarians are “very worried” about immigration from outside the EU, compared to an average of 28% within the whole EU**
- **Hungarians who are “very worried” about immigration are more pro-government: 25% have a positive view of their national government, compared to only 9% among all other Hungarians**
- **Hungarians who are “very worried” about immigration are more anti-EU: 45% have a negative opinion of the EU, compared to 19% among all other Hungarians**

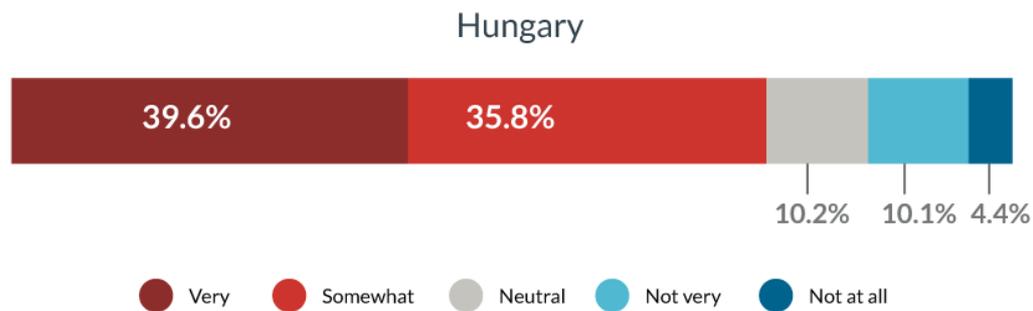
Berlin, 18 October 2016 - In a government-initiated referendum held two weeks ago, 98% of Hungarians who participated voted to reject immigration quotas from the EU. However, because only 40% of the electorate turned up to vote (and opposition parties encouraged a boycott), the results were invalidated.

Dalia conducted a EU-wide poll in August 2016 among almost 12.000 European citizens in 28 EU countries, including a nationally representative subset of 867 respondents from Hungary that helps shed some light on the referendum results.

The survey results show that 40% of Hungarians are “very worried” about immigration from outside the EU, the highest number among nine out of 28 EU countries for which nationally representative subsets are available: the average across all EU countries is 28%.

What differentiates those 40%, a group that has likely voted against the referendum, from the rest of the Hungarian population? First, they are more pro-government: 25% say that they have a positive view of their national government, compared to only 9% among the rest of the population. Secondly, they are more anti-EU: 45% have a negative view of the European Union, compared to 19% among all other Hungarians.

“Are you worried or not worried about immigration from outside the EU?”



source: Dalia Research 2016



Notes to editors

About the survey

These findings are part of the “EuroPulse”, a quarterly survey by Dalia Research across 28 EU countries and 21 languages. In every “wave” of the survey, Dalia interviews a census-representative sample of more than 10.000 Europeans to better understand EU-wide trends in public opinion, consumer attitudes and market developments. The survey setup treats the EU, from a statistical and sampling perspective, as if it were one country.

The results are based on the most recent wave of “EuroPulse”, which was conducted between August 2, 2016 and August 19, 2016. The sample of n=11.754 was drawn across all 28 EU Member States, taking into account current population distributions with regard to age (14-65 years), gender and region/country. The unweighted sample size for Hungary was n=867.

An estimation of the overall design effect based on the distribution of weights was calculated at 1.59 at the global level. Calculated for a sample of this size and considering the design-effect, the margin of error would be +/-1.1 % at a confidence level of 95%.

About Dalia Research

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