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**PHONE SURVEY FINDINGS ON
VIOLATIONS OF 2007 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS**

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Abbreviations

RPA- Republican Party of Armenia

PAP- Prosperous Armenia Party

ARF-Dashnaktsutyun-Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun

RLP- "Rule of Law" Party

ULP- United Labor Party

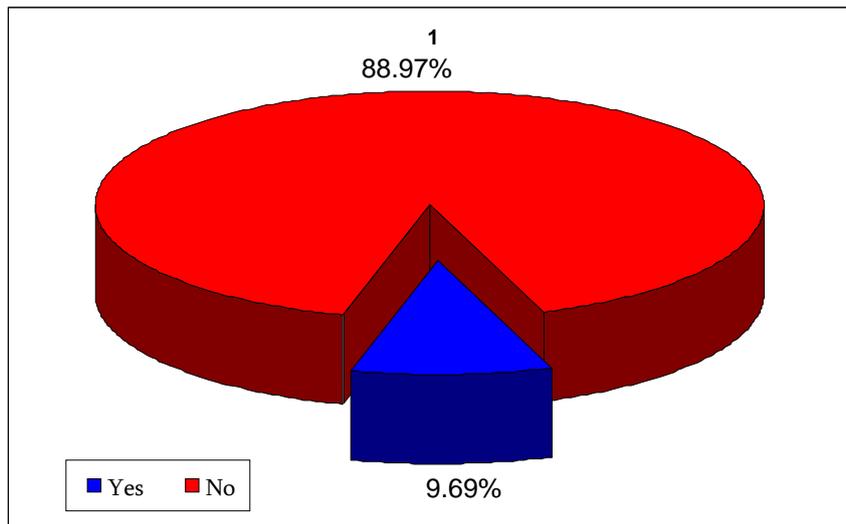
PEC- Precinct Election Commission

SURVEY FINDINGS

The survey was conducted among 671 respondents of Yerevan from May 16 to 19, 2007. 20 to 25 phone numbers were selected by random choice out of 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70 automatic telephone exchanges. Every subsequent telephone number was separated from the preceding one by 346 numbers starting from the last digit of a six-digit telephone number. Subscribers of 104 telephone numbers (out of 671) refused to take part in the telephone survey. Below are the findings of the survey in forms of tables and figures and separate comments provided by the respondents at the end.

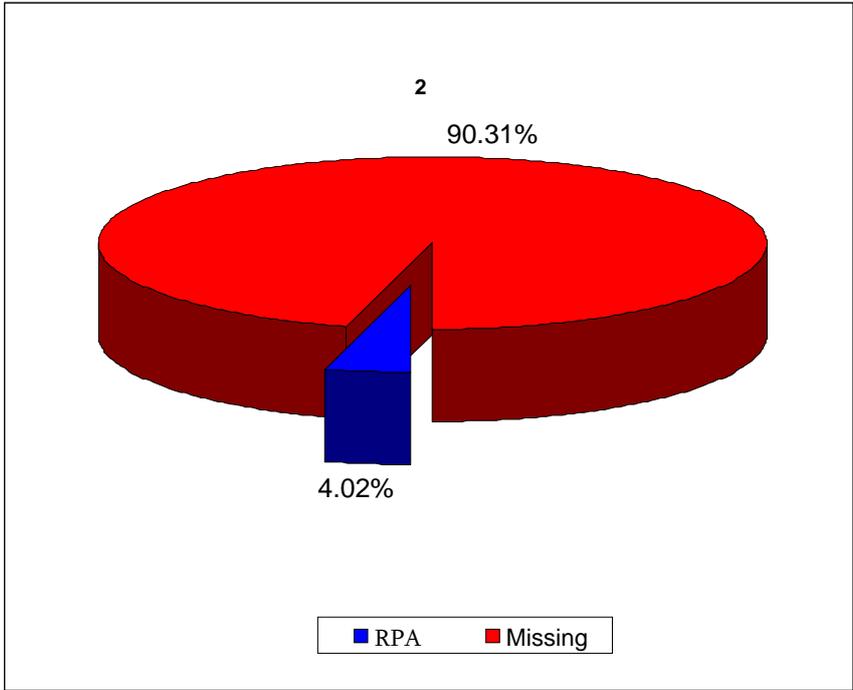
Question 1. Have your or your acquaintances'/relatives' passports been collected?

Yes	9.69%
No	88.97%
Unwilling to answer	1.19%
Difficult to answer	0.15%



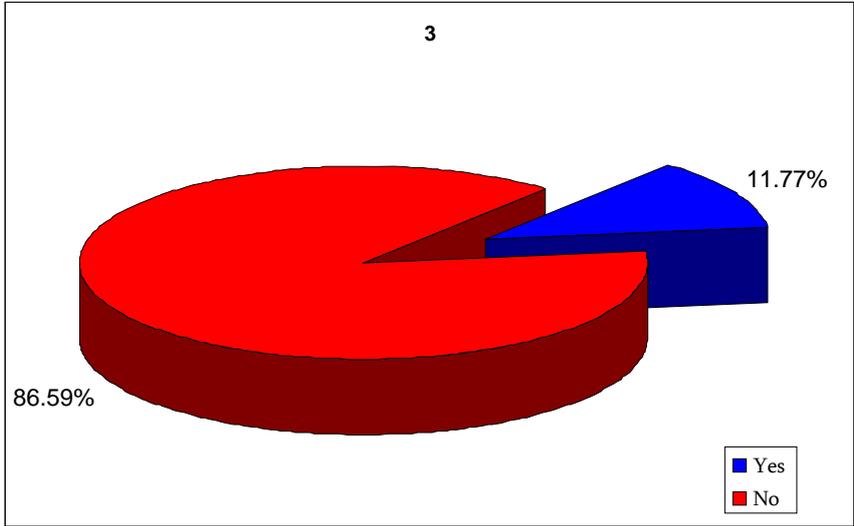
Question 2. If yes, which party or majoritarian candidate has collected the passports?

RPA	4.02%
PAP	1.19%
ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	0.15%
RLP	0.15%
RPA+PAP	0.60%
RPA+ majoritarian candidate	0.15%
PAP+ ARF-Dashnaktsutyun + Dashink ("Alliance") Party	0.15%
RLP+ RPA	0.15%
Difficult to answer	2.53%
Unwilling to answer	0.60%
Missing	90.31%



Question 3. Have you or your relatives/acquaintances been offered election bribes?

Yes	11.77%
No	86.59%
Unwilling to answer	1.64%

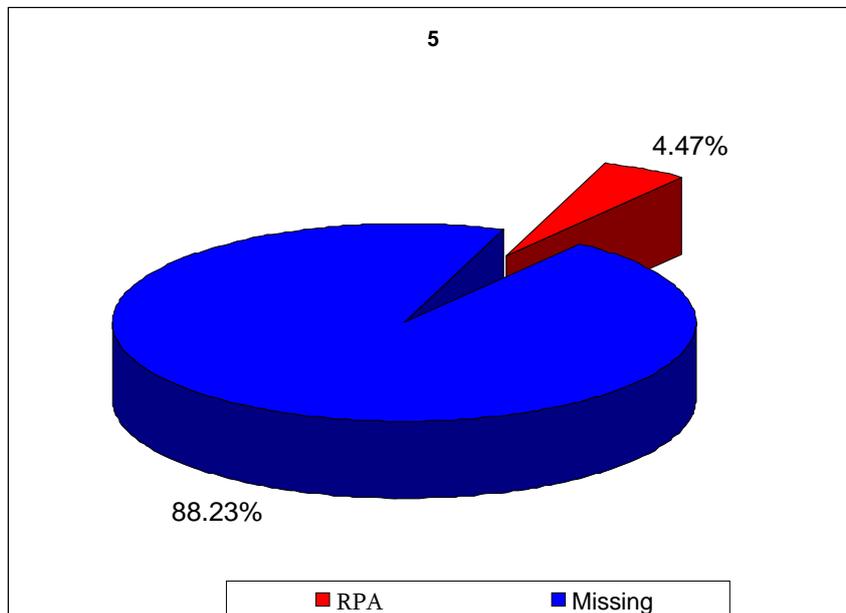


Question 4. If yes, in what forms have the bribes been offered?

Up to 5,000 AMD	3.87%
5,001-10,000 AMD	2.24%
10,001-15,000 AMD	0.89%
15,001-20,000 AMD	0.60%
More than 20,000 AMD	0.15%
Domestic appliances	0.15%
Services	1.19%
Other	0.45%
Difficult to answer	1.79%
Up to 5,000 AMD and domestic appliances	0.15%
5,001-10,000 AMD and food	0.30%
Missing	88.23%

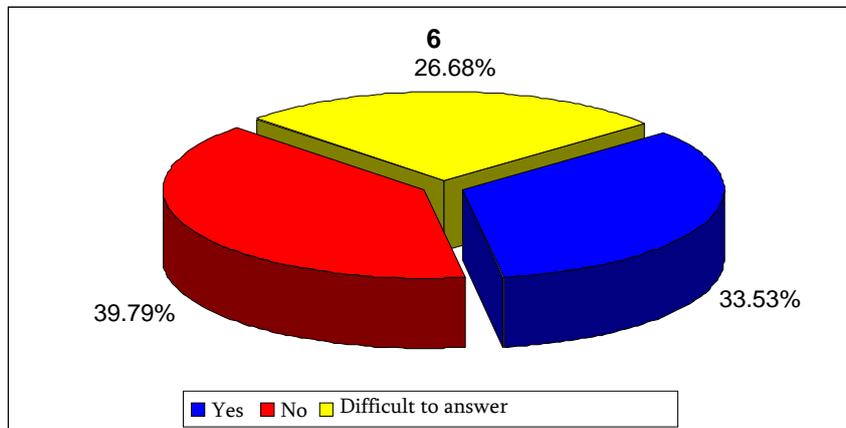
Question 5. By whom have the bribes been offered?

RPA	4.47%
PAP	0.60%
ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	0.00%
ULP	0.30%
Majoritarian candidate	0.15%
Unwilling to answer	2.83%
RPA+ PAP	0.60%
RPA+ PAP+ ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	0.30%
ARF-Dashnaktsutyun + ULP	0.15%
Difficult to answer	2.38%
Missing	88.23%



Question 6. Were the past elections pure?

Yes	33.53%
No	39.79%
Difficult to answer	26.68%



Comments

1. I do not want to point out the name of the party, as I have a young son and I do not want to put him in danger.
2. A party has offered 100 USD for ten persons' passport data, the name of the party is not mentioned.
3. A young respondent confessed that passports were collected but an aged relative seized the receiver from his hand and stated that passports were not collected, neither were bribes offered.
4. A party has urged to collect 20 persons' passport data. The name of the party is not mentioned.
5. A chair of PEC, located in the premises of school #164 was an RPA affiliate member. RPA has the people carried by minibuses to vote for them since early morning.
6. Violations were observed in a polling station in Avan.
 - People with numerous physical disabilities were brought to precincts by RPA representatives, accompanied by their neighbors and acquaintances. The respondent noticed some familiar people among them who showed him with gestures that they could do nothing.
 - Those bribed in advance came to the precincts, looked through the voter lists, found out who from their neighbors had not voted and either they brought them themselves or made someone bring them to the precincts.
 - Many of the voters showed to the party members standing near the entrances who they had voted for, then folded the ballots and cast them into the ballot boxes (RPA).
 - Numerous instances of mobile phone recording were observed
7. One of the voters thinks that ours is such an unsafe country that any person can every moment be killed in his own house.
8. Another respondent believes it useless to conduct such surveys after elections.
9. Many find that elections are a performance. Everything is decided in advance.
10. Prefect of Kentron community Gagik Beglaryan reimbursed the community residents' property taxes.
11. RPA bought votes by means of threats - passports were collected at "Tashir" Trade and Business Center by RPA. ULP bought votes by offering 800 USD per building.