This public opinion poll in Montenegro was implemented by IPSOS with the support of UNICEF Montenegro.
METHODOLOGY

Implementation: Data collection took place from 28 April to 2 May 2020

Sample frame: Population of Montenegro age 18+

Sample size: 810 interviewees

Sample type: One-stage representative stratified sample

Interviewees within a household

Survey type: Telephone survey using a questionnaire with average duration of 10 minutes

Place of survey: 23 municipalities in Montenegro, urban, suburban and rural areas

Sub-stratification: By gender, age

Error: ±1.57% for occurrences with an incidence of 5%

±3.12% for occurrences with an incidence of 25%

±3.61% for occurrences with an incidence of 50% (marginal error)
**SAMPLE**

**MAY 2020**

N = 810 \( \sum = 100\% \)

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Base: Total target population, N=810
RESULTS
Over half of the citizens of Montenegro express concern that they themselves or people close to them could get coronavirus. On the other hand, approximately two-fifths of citizens are not concerned.

How concerned are you personally that you or your close ones could get coronavirus?

*Base: Total target population, N=810*
Agreement with the statement – THE OUTBREAK OF CORONAVIRUS HAS BEEN CONTAINED AND WILL SOON BE OVER

One in two citizens of Montenegro believe that the outbreak of coronavirus has been contained.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Please grade the degree of agreement on the scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means you totally disagree, and 5 that you fully agree.

Base: Total target information, N=810
Almost one half of citizens say that the media has exaggerated the scope of the coronavirus outbreak, while over one-quarter of citizens disagree with this statement.

Data is in %

- 5 - I fully agree: 32
- 4 - I agree: 16
- 3 - I disagree: 22
- 2 - I totally disagree: 6
- 1 - I totally disagree: 20
- Doesn't know/Refuses to answer: 5

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Please grade the degree of agreement on the scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means you totally disagree, and 5 that you fully agree.

Base: Total target information, N=810
Half of the citizens believe that pharmaceutical companies will soon make a vaccine. However, one-fifth of citizens do not believe that discovery of the vaccine for coronavirus will happen in the near future.

**Agreement with the statement – I AM CONVINCED THAT PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES WILL SOON FIND A VACCINE**

Data is in %

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Please grade the degree of agreement on the scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means you totally disagree, and 5 that you fully agree.

Base: Total target information, N=810

Doesn't know/ Refuses to answer

15

1 - I totally disagree

6

2

1 DISAGREE

21

3

I AGREE

51

4

I fully agree

37

5 - I fully agree
One in two citizens believe that coronavirus was produced in a laboratory. Contrary to that, one-quarter of citizens disagree with that statement.

Agreement with the statement – CORONAVIRUS WAS PRODUCED IN A LABORATORY

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Please grade the degree of agreement on the scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means you totally disagree, and 5 that you fully agree.

Data is in %

- 5 - I fully agree: 44%
- 4 - I agree: 9%
- 3 - I disagree: 12%
- 2 - 1 - I totally disagree: 5%
- Doesn’t know/ Refuses to answer: 13%

Base: Total target information, N=810
With regard to easing of measures, 8 out of 10 citizens believe that the easing of measures should be done gradually and cautiously, in order to prevent new outbreaks.
Agreement with the statement – THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS SHOWS US WHAT A WORLD WITHOUT VACCINES LOOKS LIKE

One in two citizens feel that the new coronavirus crisis shows what a world without vaccines looks like.

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<td>Doesn’t know/ Refuses to answer</td>
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To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Please grade the degree of agreement on the scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means you totally disagree, and 5 that you fully agree.

Base: Total target information, N=810
The vast majority of citizens feel that people infected with coronavirus are not responsible for their infection and should not be attacked in public.

Agreement with the statement – PEOPLE INFECTED WITH CORONAVIRUS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT AND SHOULD NOT BE ATTACKED IN PUBLIC

Data is in %

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Please grade the degree of agreement on the scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means you totally disagree, and 5 that you fully agree.

Base: Total target information, N=810
Agreement with the statement – PUBLICATION OF THE NAMES OF PEOPLE IN SELF-ISOLATION MAY LEAD TO THEIR STIGMATIZATION AND THUS SHOULD BE AVOIDED

Over one half of citizens are against the publication of the names of people in self-isolation, as this may lead to their stigmatization.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Please grade the degree of agreement on the scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means you totally disagree, and 5 that you fully agree.

Data is in %

- **5** - I fully agree 46%
- **4**
- **3** - I AGREE 54%
- **2**
- **1** - I totally disagree 29%
- **1**

Doesn’t know/Refuses to answer 3%

Base: Total target information, N=810
Agreement with the statement – THE FIGHT AGAINST DISINFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS SHOULD TAKE PLACE THROUGH ACTIVITIES ON CITIZENS’ MEDIA LITERACY, SO THAT THEY CAN CHECK THE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION THEMSELVES

7 out of 10 citizens believe that media literacy would enable citizens to check the accuracy of information themselves, and would thus assist in the fight against disinformation on coronavirus.

Data is in %

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Base: Total target information, N=810

5 - I fully agree
4
I AGREE
3
I DISAGREE
2
1 - I totally disagree
 Doesn’t know/ Refuses to answer
The majority of the citizens of Montenegro feel that it is necessary to provide social assistance to vulnerable groups due to the new crisis although the elections are coming up, and that it is necessary to establish some mechanism that will make social assistance before the elections transparent, in order to avoid suspicion regarding political misuse.

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<th>I DISAGREE (1+2)</th>
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<td>5 - I fully agree</td>
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- Provision of social assistance to vulnerable people due to the coronavirus crisis is necessary although the elections are coming up
  - Total: 87
  - 1: 6
  - 2: 517
  - 4: 80

- A mechanism should be established to make the provision of social assistance before the elections transparent, in order to avoid doubts about political misuse before the elections
  - Total: 79
  - 1: 8
  - 2: 628
  - 4: 71
In the past seven days, almost one half of the citizens of Montenegro have gone for a walk and spent time outside more frequently. Still, the majority of the citizens have not increased their contact with other people, have not visited friends or family, and have not received home visits.

**IN THE PAST SEVEN DAYS HAVE CITIZENS INCREASED…**

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<td>Walks, stays outside, in nature</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>53</td>
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<td>Contact with other people in general</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>Visits to work</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>39</td>
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<td>Home visits to friends and family, or their visits to you</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>89</td>
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I will ask you now to tell me whether in the past seven days you have INCREASED…

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<tr>
<td>Watched TV</td>
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<td>Used social networks</td>
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<td>Visited informative websites</td>
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<td>Read books</td>
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<td>Played board games</td>
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<td>Performed financial transactions (e-banking or m-banking)</td>
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<td>Purchased goods or services online</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Ordered deliveries of food and beverages to your home...</td>
<td>4</td>
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In the past few weeks, since the start of the coronavirus crisis, have you done one of the following…

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