Presidential Election 2019 - Public Opinion Poll (Online)

Research Question:
Understand the decision making behaviour of online users on upcoming presidential election.

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Introduction:
We conducted a Public Opinion Poll on upcoming presidential election. We used google forms to create the survey form where users submitted their opinions. Our poll was totally ran on Facebook where most of the Sri Lankan internet users are surfing. We had a page (CeylonRandomz) with around 100 likes. The survey form with the link was posted on the page and we busted the post targeting all the provinces of Sri Lanka. We made questions asking participants to rate each of the five key candidates based on their vision, policies and plans in the first section. Second section was to gather some background information of the participant and third section was asking them to choose the winner.
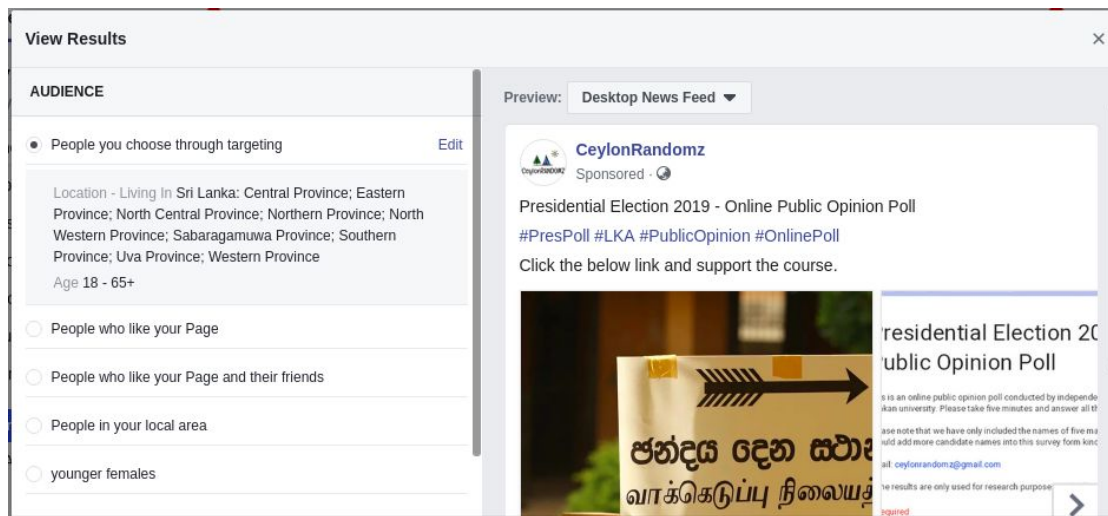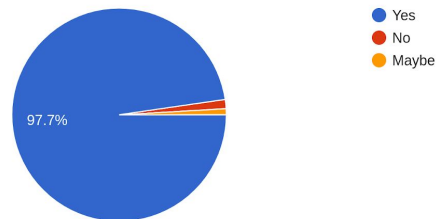

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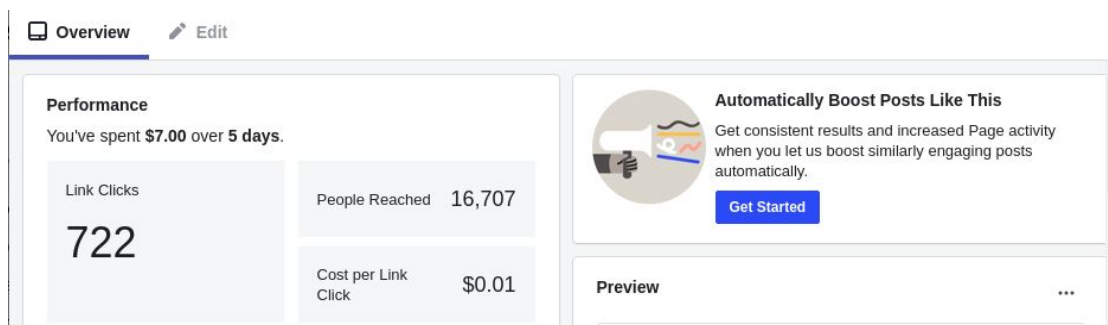
Results and analysis:

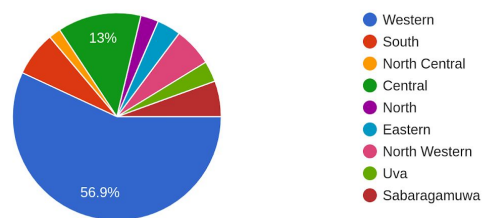We asked participants that they are voting in the election. Below is the result:

Are you voting on Sri Lanka Presidential Election 2019?
216 responses

Legend:
- Yes
- No
- Maybe

97.7%

97.7% among the participants are voting in this year's election

Then, We asked which province their polling station is located:

What is the province that your polling station is located?
216 responses

Legend:
- Western
- South
- North Central
- Central
- North
- Eastern
- North Western
- Uva
- Sabaragamuwa

13%

56.9%

56.9%, 13%, 6.9%, 6%, 5.6%, 3.7%, 3.2%, 2.8% and 1.9% percentages of participants from Western, Central, South, North Western, Sabaragamuwa, Eastern, Uva, North and North Central respectively.

Then, we asked participants to rate the candidates and results are as follows:

According to your understanding, please rate each of the below candidates based on their "vision" for the country.
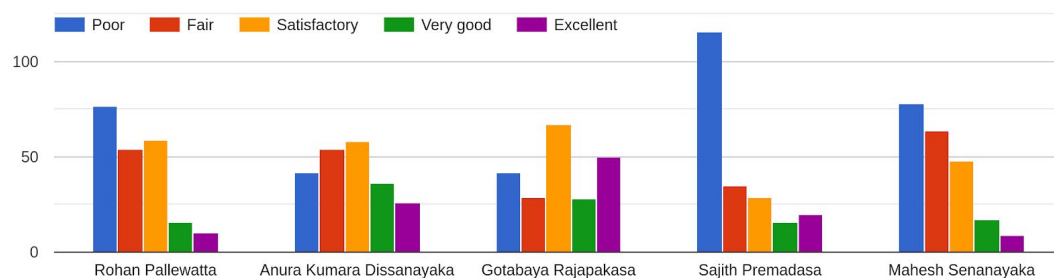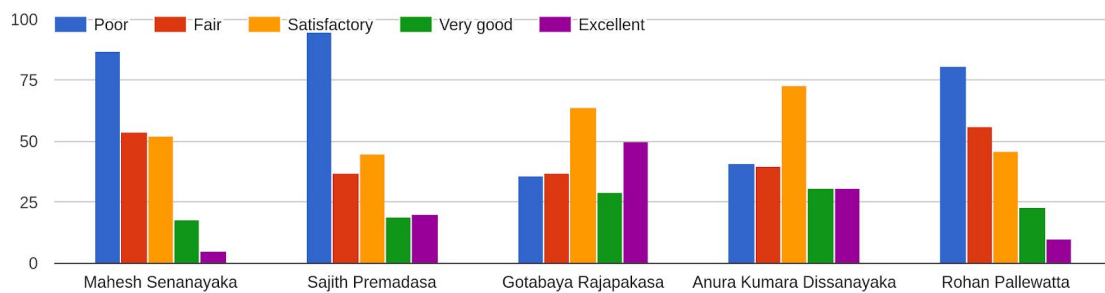
According to your understanding, please rate your candidates based on their policy and plan on "Economic Development".
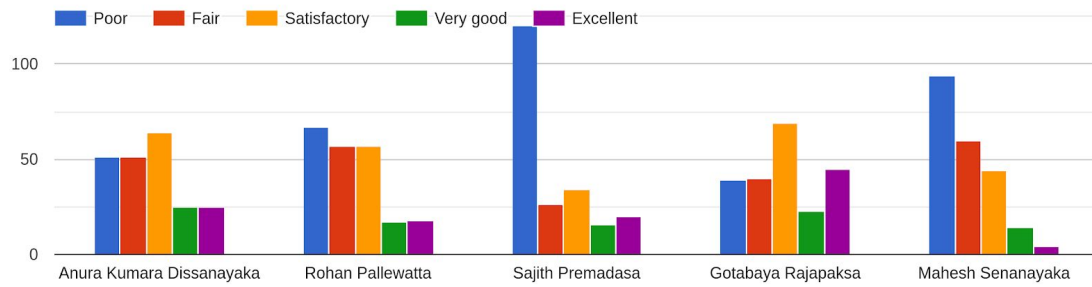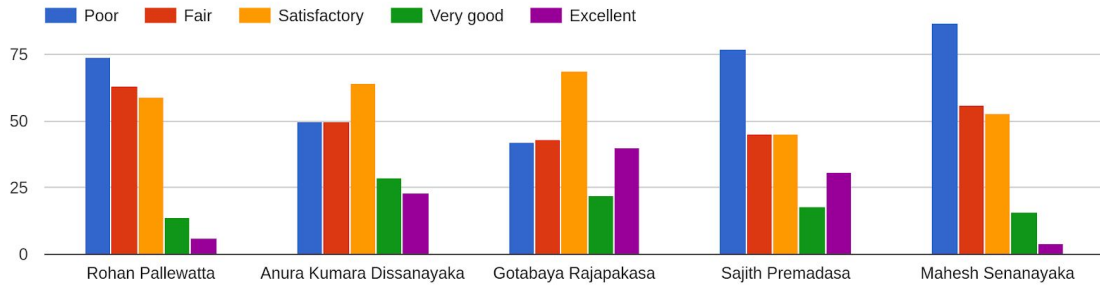

According to your understanding, please rate your candidates based on their policy and plan on "National Security".
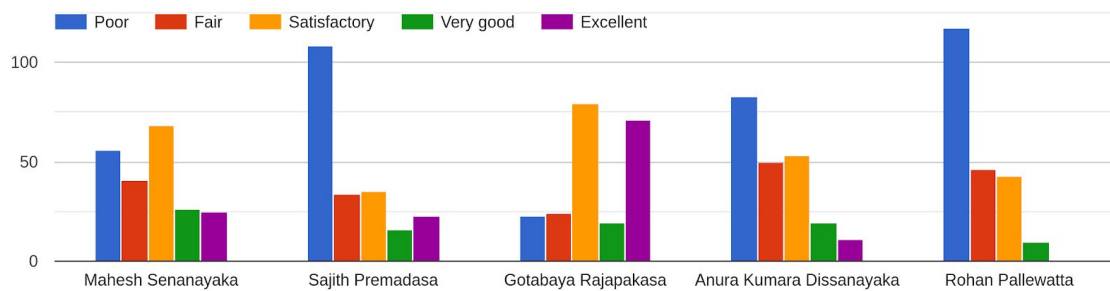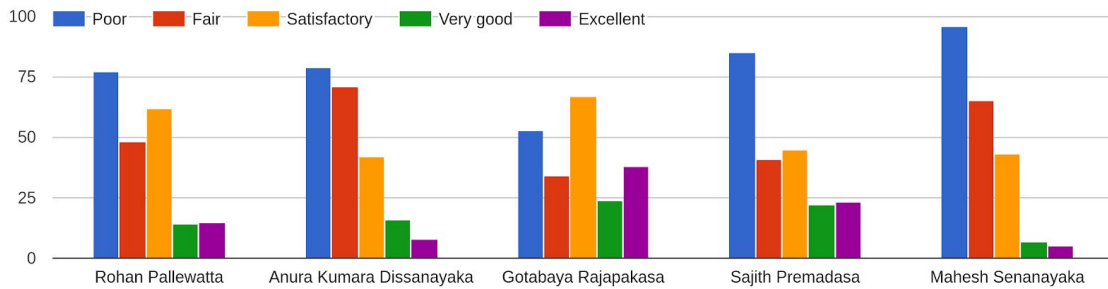

According to your understanding, please rate your candidates based on their policy and plan on "Education".

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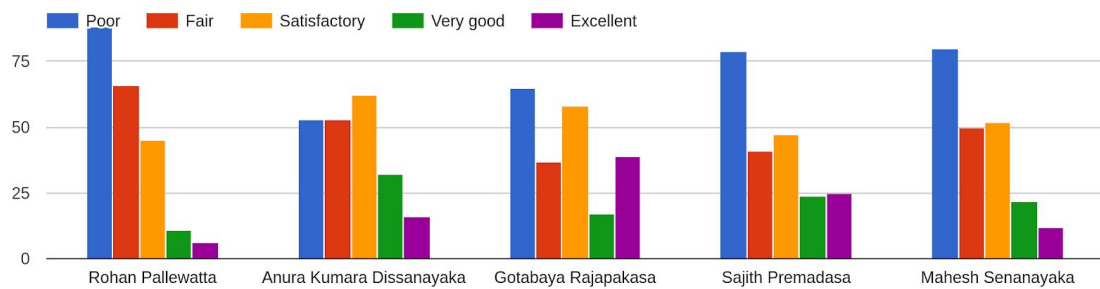

According to your understanding, please rate your candidates based on their policy and plan on "Foreign Affairs".
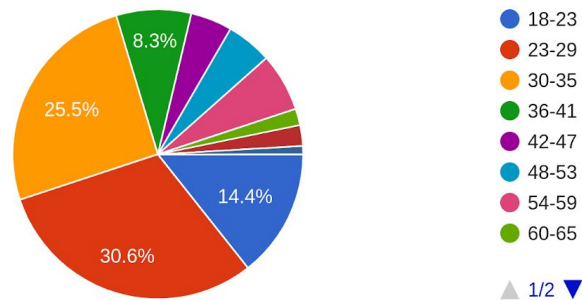

According to your understanding, please rate your candidates based on their policy and plan on "National Unity and Reconciliation".

We asked background of participants in the second section:

Please mention your age range.

216 responses

- 18-23
- 23-29
- 30-35
- 36-41
- 42-47
- 48-53
- 54-59
- 60-65

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8.3%
25.5%
14.4%
30.6%

Please mention your gender

216 responses

- Male
- Female

95.4%
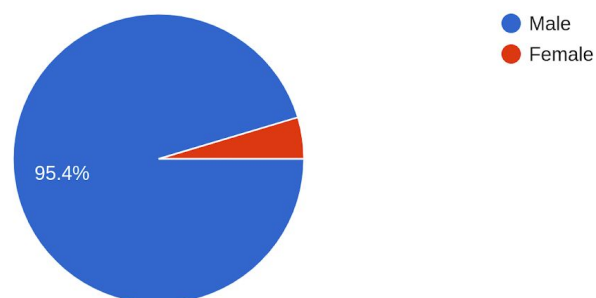
What is your highest educational qualification?

216 responses

- O/L
- A/L
- Diploma
- Higher Diploma
- Bachelors Degree
- Postgraduate Diploma
- Masters Degree
- PhD

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17.1%
40.7%
12.5%
9.3%
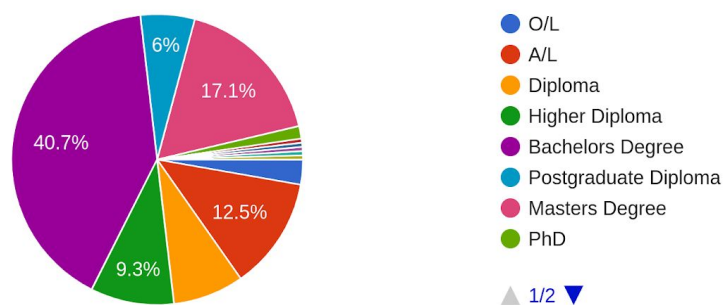
What is your monthly income?

216 responses

- No income, dependent
- 10000 - 40000
- 40000 - 80000
- 80000 - 120000
- 120000 - 160000
- 160000 - 200000
- 200000 - 240000
- 240000 - 280000

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9.3%
15.3%
26.9%
11.6%
16.2%
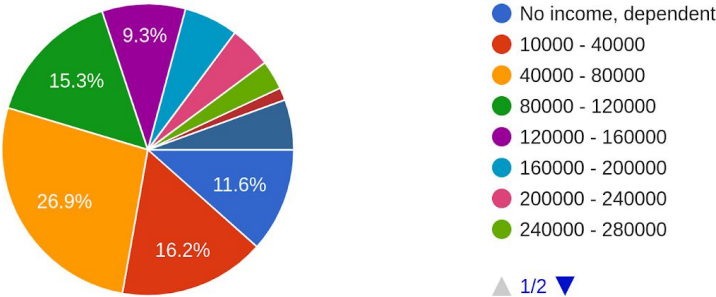
Your Ethnicity / Race

216 responses

- Sinhala
- Tamil
- Muslim
- Burgher
- Malay
- Yakkah
- Chetty

80.1%
8.3%
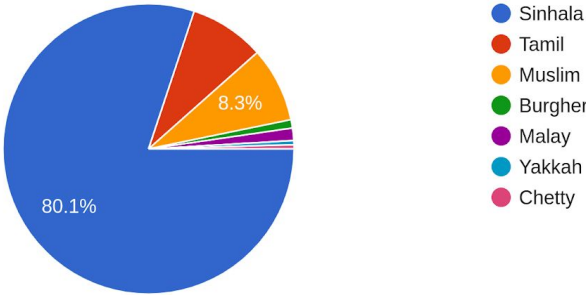
Conclusion:
Finally, we asked two questions from the participants:

Who will win the Presidential Election 2019?
216 responses

- ● Rohan Pallewatta
- ● Anura Kumara Dissanayaka
- ● Gotabaya Rajapakasa
- ● Sajith Premadasa
- ● Mahesh Senanayaka
- ● Baseless question
- ● I think no body can reach 50%+1 margin
- ● ****shiya Danthanarayana

For whom will you vote?
216 responses

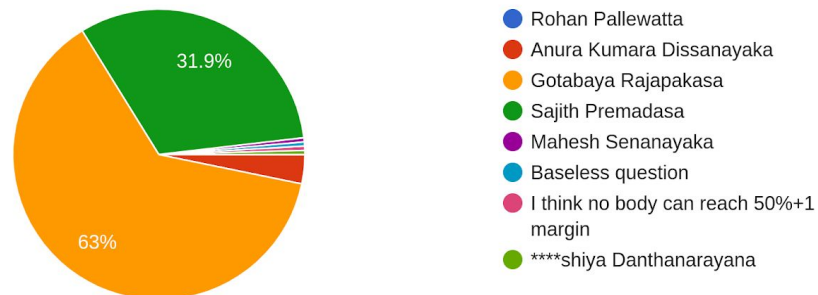

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- ● Mahesh Senanayaka
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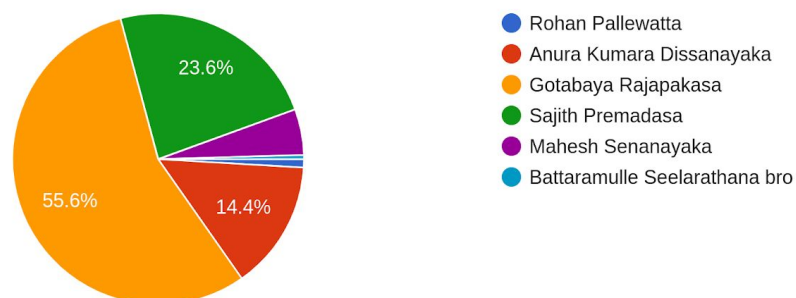
According to the above information we could come to the conclusion that most of the online user will vote (55.6%) for Gotabaya Rajapakasa as most of them also think (63%) that he will win.

On the other hand, even lower percentage of participants (3.2%) think that Anura Kumara Dissanayaka will win the election, the actual vote base of Anura Kumara Dissanayake is 14.4%.

For Sajith Premadasa the actual vote base get decreased when comparing to the first pie chart "Who will win the presidential election?".

Anyway, we include an option to comment if participants have something to say,

Comments

15 responses

gota will be a good president.

There is no other strong candidate other than Gotabaya.

Gota has a proven track record.Can be trusted to deliver

Gotha is not a Sri Lankan he is an American.why he left the country? He is not patriotic at all. If he loves country why his wife and children are in America?

Gotabaya is the hero

No need Ethnicity here

Sagith premadasa's victory. Will help to maintain law&order & comunal harmany in this country

I am worried about national and personal security, as well as no opportunities to startups that can create a youth unrest

Gotabhaya is only can save and develope our mather land.

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GR is the best

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SP Need more camping in upcoming days to keep his winning status

We need a peaceful, secure,developed country for my children and grandchildren

Good

i much love to fill google forms. 😍😍😍 any other???

Discussion:
We can improve this online poll by reaching more people by running the Boost post for several weeks.

We can get data by visiting door to door, by phone and etc.

Repo:
https://github.com/anuruddhahewawasam/Stats