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# Opinion Poll

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## Following electing a President, naming a Prime Minister, and forming a government

# Cautious Optimism

A survey conducted by **InfoPro** revealed significant public satisfaction with the election of General Joseph Aoun as President of the Republic and the appointment of Judge Nawaf Salam as Prime Minister, as well as with the announced Cabinet lineup. A large majority expressed their support for the newly appointed leaders, with two-thirds of respondents stating that the formation of the new government met or exceeded their expectations. The competence of the new ministers was cited as a key reason for this approval. However, some expressed disappointment with the selection of ministers for positions they deemed unsuitable, the formation process, and the participation of political parties in the government.

While a strong majority of respondents expect the government to succeed in improving essential services and restructuring the banking sector, only half believe it will be able to implement UN Resolution 1701 and combat corruption.

Most of these results were consistent across different sectarian groups, with some variations. Support for Nawaf Salam among Shiites (37%) was significantly lower than among other sects (ranging from 72% to 83%). Similarly, Shiite support for Joseph Aoun's election (71%) was lower than that of other sects (over 84%). Additionally, a smaller percentage of Shiites (43%) believed the government would be capable of enforcing Resolution 1701 or implementing the necessary reforms required by the International Monetary Fund (46% compared to 62% to 68% among other sects).

Notably, nearly three-quarters of Sunnis expressed support for Nawaf Salam's appointment and the government formation, despite the stance of some Sunni MPs. This is attributed to the backing of former prime ministers, most notably Saad Hariri, as well as support from Sunni reformist MPs.

### Conclusion

- The poll reflects a divided yet engaged public, with significant levels of support for new leadership but also concerns about implementation, particularly in critical areas such as economic recovery and governance reforms
- The sectarian divide remains a key factor influencing public opinion, affecting expectations for political stability and institutional reforms
- Economic concerns, including banking restructuring and essential services, emerge as universal priorities, with citizens across demographics eager for effective solutions.

Overall, while optimism exists, it is tempered by realism, with the public closely watching how leadership decisions translate into tangible outcomes.

### Survey Details

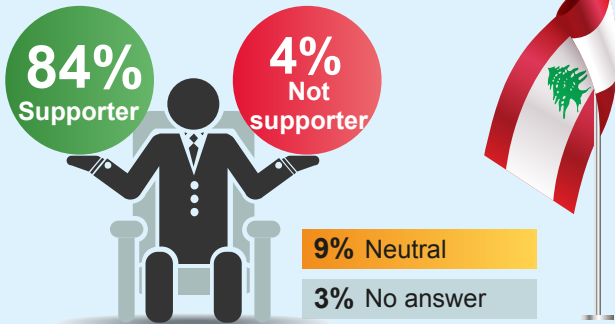
The survey was conducted on February 12-14 2025 on a sample of 1,500 adult citizens contacted via phone, with statistical representation based on gender, age group, income level, education level, family status, religious sect, and district. The margin of error is  $\pm 3.2\%$ .

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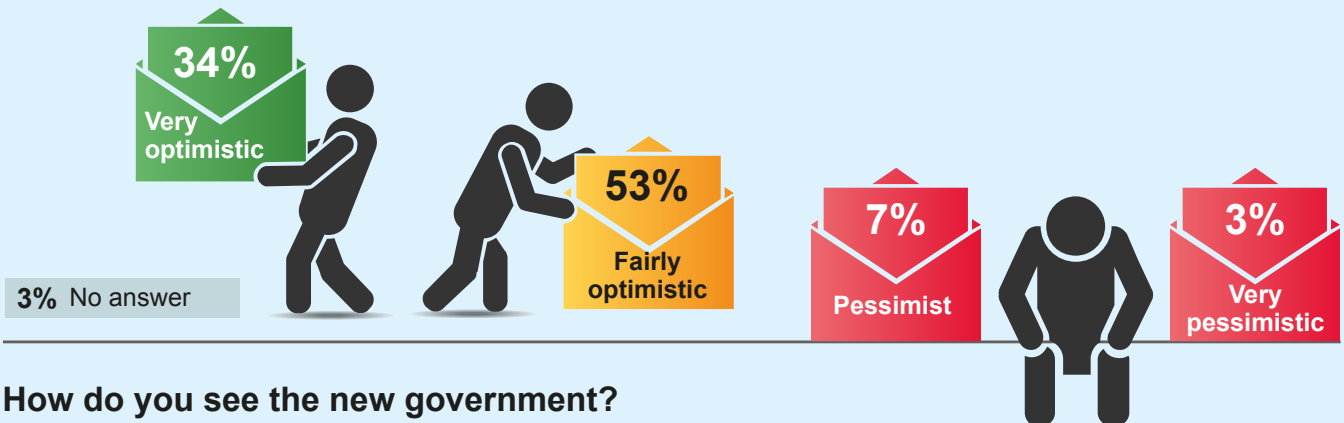
## Election of Joseph Aoun as President of the Republic



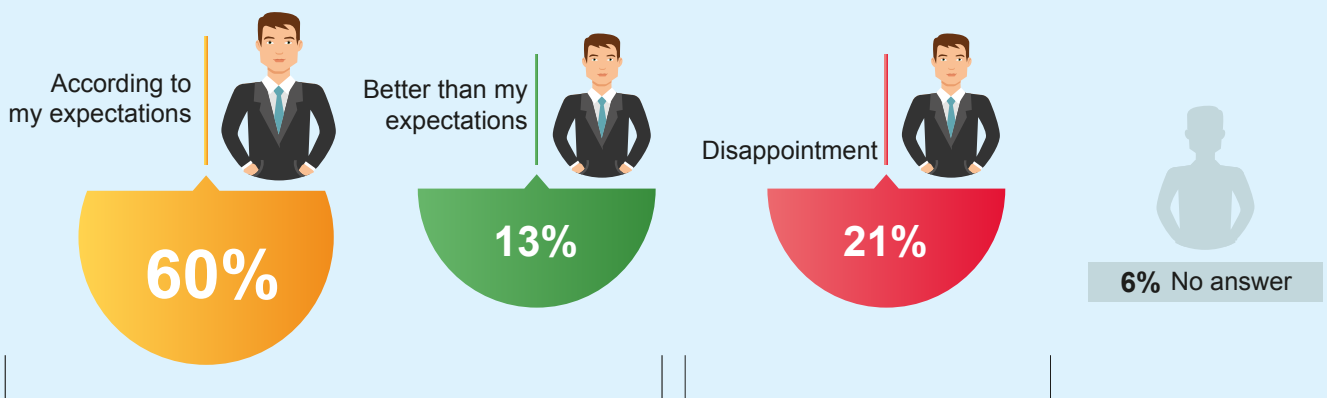
## Assigning Nawaf Salam to form the new government



## How optimistic are you about Lebanon's future after the election of a new president and the formation of the government?



## How do you see the new government?



Why?

- 52% Naming people with high competence
- 19% Because it is better than the previous government
- 22% Because there is a tangible change

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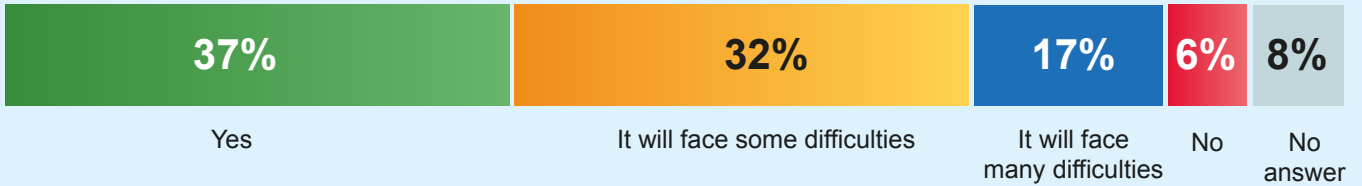
- 62% Choosing the names of ministers is not appropriate
- 23% The formation method is the same as previous times
- 11% Parties are represented in the government

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In the medium and long term,  
do you think the new government will be able to perform its work?



Yes **54%** Will it be able to implement Resolution 1701?

Yes **56%** Will it be able to fight corruption?

Yes **58%** Will it be able to implement the reforms required by the IMF?

Yes **68%** Will it be able to restructure the banking sector?

Yes **75%** Will it be able to improve basic services?

Yes **84%** Is it able to improve relations with Arab countries?