

Press Release

The poll conducted by the Egyptian Center for Public Opinion Research (Baseera) on The approval rating of Prime Minister Sherif Ismail

Two years after Eng. Sherif Ismail became prime minister, 31% of Egyptians rate his performance as good and 36% could not assess his performance.

Marking the occasion of the two-year anniversary of the appointment of Prime Minister Sherif Ismail, the Egyptian Center for Public Opinion Research (Baseera) conducted its periodic public opinion poll on the performance rating of Egypt's Prime Minister, Sherif Ismail, gauging the public approval of his performance after 24 months in office.

The poll shows that 31% of Egyptians rate the prime minister's performance as good; 24% rate it as average and 10% rate it as bad; and 36% of Egyptians are undecided. The results depict an improvement in Egyptians' rating for the prime minister's performance compared to that observed in the poll conducted at the end of Sherif Ismail's first year in office. As after his first year about 24% of respondents rated his performance as good; 24% rated it as average; 15% rated it as bad, and 37% were undecided.

The percentage of those who rated the performance of the prime minister as good after 24 months in office increased from 23% in urban governorates to reach 29% in Lower Egypt and 36% in Upper Egypt. Subsequently, the percentage of those who rated his performance as bad decreased from 15% in urban governments to 11% in Lower Egypt and 6% in Upper Egypt. The percentage of those who were undecided was relatively high in the three regions; 34% in urban governorates, 38% in Lower Egypt, and 33% in Upper Egypt. The percentage of Egyptians who rated the performance of the prime minister as good was higher in rural areas than in urban (33% and 27% respectively).

The percentage of those who rated the performance as good decreased from 34% among people with less than intermediate education to 28% among those with university education. The percentage of those describing the prime minister's performance as bad increased from 6% among those with less than intermediate education to 20% among those with university education.

The approval rating among respondents in the older age group (50 years and above) is 43%, comparatively much higher than that among youth (18 to 29 years of age) which reached 23%.

Methodology:

The poll was conducted using both mobile phones and landlines on a sample of 1517 citizens aged 18 years old and above, and covering all governorates. All phone interviews were conducted from 23 to 29 August 2017. The response rate was around 41%, and the margin of error in the results is around 3%. The poll was self-funded by Baseera and the center did not receive any funds to conduct the survey.

For more information on the detailed findings and the methodology adopted, or to see the graphic presentation of results, please visit our website: www.baseera.com.eg