

The State of the Syrian Society and Future Forms of “Togetherness”

1) According to your opinion, how high is the chance that most Syrians will one day come together again and find a way to interact freely and openly with each other?

- Very high
- High
- Medium
- Low
- Very low

2) If you had to choose key notions to reorganize togetherness among Syrians in the future, which would you select from the list below? (You can make several choices)

- Freedom
- Dignity
- Stability, Peace and Non-Violence
- Reconciliation
- Accountability, liability & lawfulness
- Reparation
- Tolerance & Acceptance of Diversity and Plurality
- Equality
- Democracy & Participation
- Economic Welfare, Development & Reconstruction
- Religion and Islam
- Arab Nation/Arabism
- Independence, Non-inference & territorial unity

3) What influenced your thinking about the Syrian society and the idea of being Syrian the most?

- the experience of the conflict
- the experience of the Syrian revolution
- the diaspora experience and the living abroad
- It was not influenced at all and stayed by and large the same.
- (Open text field) additional factors not mentioned above

4) What are the most crucial fault lines separating the Syrian society?

- Different views external powers intervening in Syria (Turkey, Russia, Iran, etc.)?
- Different position towards the government in Damascus run by Bashar al Assad?
- the belonging to different ethnic, religious and/or tribal groups?
- Different views regarding the Syrian opposition?
- The Arab-Kurdish conflict?
- Living separated in different parts of the country and in different countries abroad?
- Socio-economic disparities?
- Generational fault lines – such as between the older and the younger generation?
- Gender issues – such as disparities between men and women?
- The general lack of mutual trust among members of the society?

5) In your view, which of the following feelings and emotions are most connected of being Syrian today:

- Pride
- Love, friendship & sense of belonging
- Responsibility & Commitment
- Longing
- Pain & grief
- Shame
- Sorrow & anxiety
- Loss
- Indifference & refusal
- Gratitude
- Betrayal
- Indignation
- Admiration

6) How important is it for your daily life to belong to a particular social group (be it a ethnic, religious, political, tribal, etc. group)?

- Very high importance
- High importance
- Medium importance
- Low importance
- Very low importance

7) Looking into the future how shall the relation be between individuals and social groups (ethnic, religious, tribal, etc). Would you say that:

- Individuals shall be more important than groups
- The groups shall be more important than individuals
- Both shall be of equal importance

8) How shall the belonging to a particular social group/component – ideally – be organized in the future, according to your opinion?

- Being part of a particular social group is important and should in the future be political protected (e.g. by laws and a future constitution)
- Belonging to social group should be overcome and the influence of social components should be minimized
- Belonging to social groups/component should be accepted but should be de-politized.
- Certain religious and ethnic minorities should be protected in the future.

9) Does the Syrian society including its individual members – meaning you, your family members, your neighbors etc. – need to change profoundly? It is of ...

- Rather yes
- Rather no

10) Is there an identity that has the potential to unite the Syrians?

- Yes
- No

11) What is the nature of this Syrian identity, according to your opinion? /

(open field)

STATISTICAL QUESTIONS

What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to disclose

What is your age?

- <20
- 21-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-60
- 60+
- Prefer not to disclose

What country do you live in at the moment?

(open field)

Which place did you originally live at in Syria/or was connected to?

- Aleppo
- Damascus
- Daraa
- Deir ez-Zor
- Hama
- Al Hasakah
- Homs
- Idlib
- Latakia
- Quneitra
- Raqqa
- Rif Dimashq
- As Suwayda
- Tartus
- Other place

Do you describe yourself as a part of a particular group within the Syrian society? Which group would that be?

Please feel free to spread the link of the questionnaire to every Syrian you deem interested in taking part in this survey.

English Translation of the original Arabic Survey; see link: <https://www.surveymonkey.de/r/KH9ZSH7>

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