

Perceived Grounds for Future Tensions and Projected Place of Self-Accomplishment

In April, INDEX KOSOVA, joint venture with BBSS Gallup International, in its survey, conducted with a representative sample among Kosovar Albanians, probed general public opinion on two important and frequently touched upon issues, which commonly deal with phenomena that happen in societies in the aftermath of crisis periods. War and armed conflicts usually leave room afterwards for ensuing problems and clashes of smaller scale. In that respect, Kosova is not an exception. The basis for possible inter-human conflicts and bickering could stem from a variety of reasons and be rooted in a number of social, political, regional, economical and other differences, which become especially acute and telling in times like in a run-up to the elections. The question asked to this effect was:

Which of the following in your opinion could be a basis for a conflict between Kosovar Albanians on the eve of the elections?

- **Political differences**
- **Regional differences**
- **Confessional differences**
- **Social-economical differences**
- **Generation differences**

Political differences are considered as a basis for a conflict from 77.6% of respondents, 14.0% of them do not consider these differences as a basis for a conflict and 0.5% refuse to answer, while 7.9% answer with don't know.

Regional differences are considered as a basis for a conflict from 24.5% of respondents, while 69.8% do not consider them as a basis for a conflict. 0.4% refuse to give an answer and 11.2% don't know.

Confessional differences can be a basis for a conflict based on the opinion of 10.6% of respondents, while 80.6% think that these differences cannot be a basis for a conflict between Kosovar Albanians. Other respondents refuse to give an answer (0.7%) and don't know (8.1%).

Social-economical differences are considered as a basis for a conflict from 18.8% of interviewed persons, while 69.8% do not consider these as a basis for a conflict; 0.5% refuse and 10.9% don't know.

Generation differences are thought to be a basis for a conflict on the eve of the elections from 19.3% of interviewed persons, while 69.1% think that those differences cannot be a basis for a conflict between Kosovar Albanians. 0.7% of interviewees refuse to give an answer, while 10.9% answer with don't know.

The other question posed was:

Given the current situation in Kosova, would you live somewhere abroad Kosova...

- **for several years**
- **for ten years**
- **forever**
- **No, would not live abroad**
- **Refusal / Don't know**

The results to this question are as follows: 11.5% of interviewed persons declare that they would live somewhere abroad Kosova for several years; only 2.7% of respondents say that they would live outside Kosova for ten years, while only 1.0% say that they would live outside Kosova forever. Out of the whole sample of 1000 respondents, 82.8% answer with No, would not live abroad to this questions and only 2.0% refuse/don't know.

If to cross tabulate these two questions with demographic characteristics of the respondents, one will witness the following: out of those who declare that political differences could be a basis for clashes between Kosovar Albanians, 57.5% are males and 42.5% females. 36.0% among them are 18-30 years old, 48.7% are in between 31-50 years old and 15.3% are over 50 years old. 49.4% come from rural and 50.6% from urban areas.

Those that think that regional differences can be a basis for a conflict, 56.3% of them are males and 47.3% females. 34.7% are from 18-30 years old, 51.8% from 31-50, and 13.5% more than 50 year old. Out of them 44.1% are from rural areas and 55.9% from urban areas.

From those that consider confessional differences as a basis for a conflict, 47.2% are males and 52.8% females. 35.8% are from 18-31 years old, 49.1% from 31-50, and 15.1% are more than 50 years old. 48.1% are from rural areas and 51.9 from urban areas.

Social-economical differences are considered as a basis for a conflict from 62.8% of males and 37.2% of females; 30.3% of 18-30 age group, 54.3% of 31-50 age group and 15.4% of above 50 age group. Out of them 43.6% are from rural areas and 56.4% from urban areas.

Those who think that generation differences can be a basis for a conflict, 56.5% are males and 43.5 females. 31.1% are from 18-30 years old, 49.7% from 31-50 years old, and 19.2% are above 50 years old. 51.8% are from rural areas and 48.2% from urban areas.

From those that would live somewhere abroad Kosova for several years 57.4% are males and 42.6% females. 47.0% are from 18-30 years old, 44.3% from 31-50 years old, and 8.7% are above 50 years old. 40.9% are from rural areas and 59.1% from urban areas.

From those that say that they would not live abroad 56.6% are males and 42.6% females. 33.2% are from 18-30 years old, 47.2% from 31-50 years old, and 19.6% are more than 50 years old. 50.0% are from rural and 50.0% from urban areas.

The percentage of those that would live outside Kosova for ten years or forever is very low, therefore it is not relevant for cross-tabulation.