

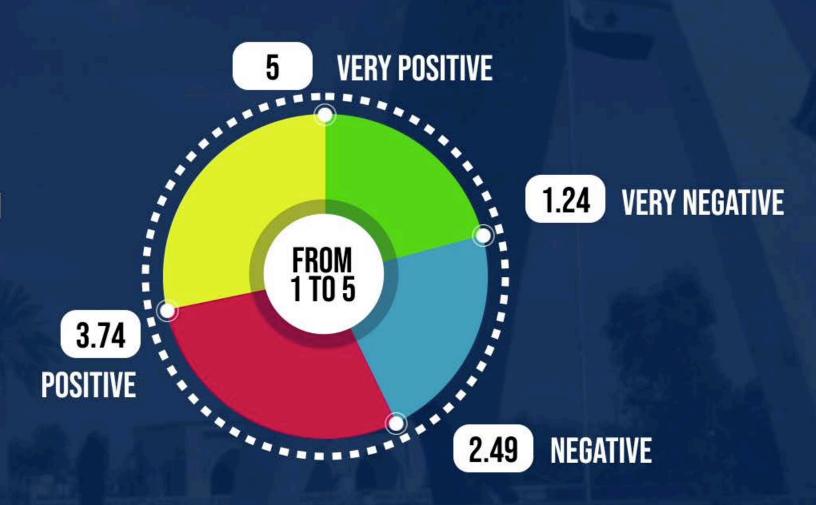
#### **RATIONALE AND METHODOLOGY**

- Democracies are not just about elections and voting. It takes a democratic political culture to serve as the foundation for a well-functioning democracy.
- The Iraqi Opinion Thermometer (IOT) measures how much Iraqi public opinion supports a functioning pluralistic democracy in the country.
- Measures the opinion of Iraqis towards six foundations of democracy: satisfaction with life, good governance, democracy, the role of religion in politics, and sectarianism.
- The IOT is based on 1,216 nationwide face-to-face interviews with a margin of error +/- 4.2%.
- The sample was collected using probability proportional sampling (PPS) and employing computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI).
- All interviews were conducted by 50 trained local interviewers in the period from 4 April 2021 to 1 May 2021

#### **MAIN FINDINGS**

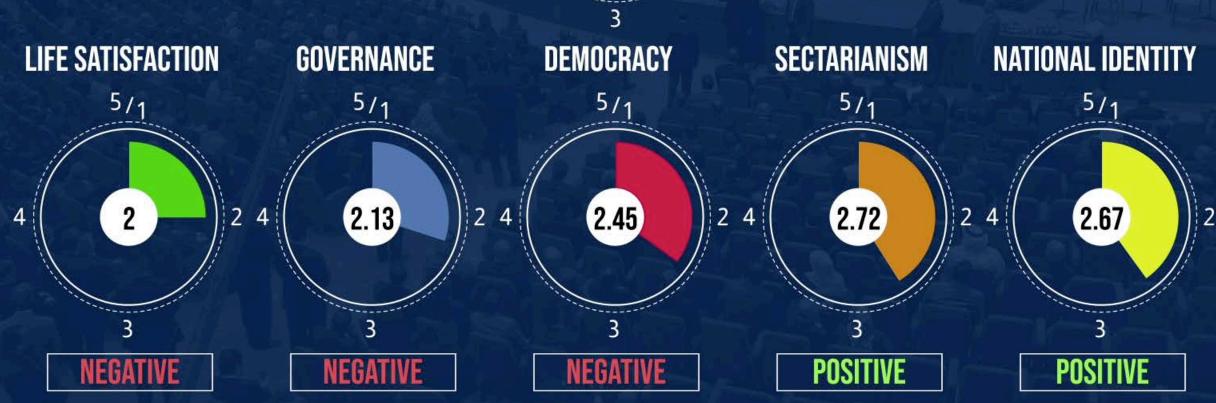
IOT consists of 6 sub-scales. Every sub-scale consists of a battery of questions that reflect Iraqis' opinions toward the subject matter. An ordinal scale of four degrees (very negative, negative, positive, and very positive) has been assigned for each sub-scale and hence for the total scale.

THE MINIMUM SCORE IS 1
AND THE MAXIMUM IS 5
AS FOLLOWS



#### Overall score out of 5 is 2.3





### TAKING ALL THINGS TOGETHER WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE

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#### ON THE WHOLE, I FEEL THAT

I am respected by others



I am treated with dignity



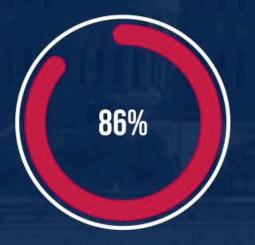
I have control over what happens in my life



### GENERALLY SPEAKING, WOULD YOU SAY THAT MOST PEOPLE CAN BE TRUSTED OR THAT YOU NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL IN DEALING WITH PEOPLE

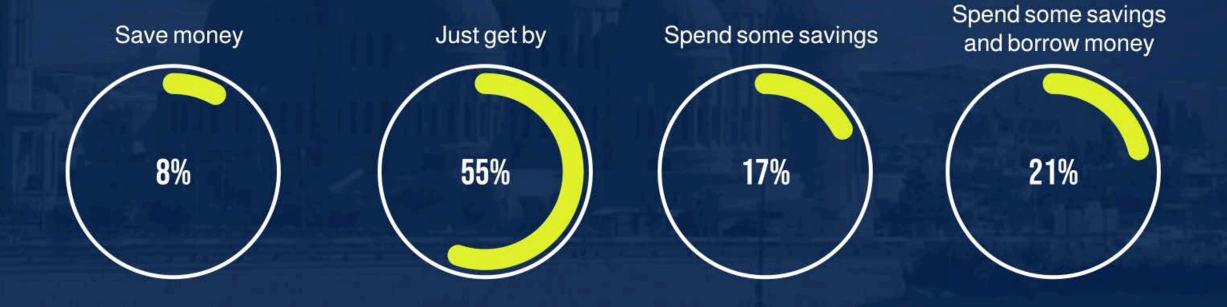
You need to be very careful

Most people can be trusted





### DURING THE LAST YEAR, DID YOUR FAMILY SAVE MONEY, JUST GET BY, SPEND SOME SAVINGS OR SPEND SOME SAVINGS AND BORROW MONEY?



### LIFE SATISFACTION: 2

NEGATIVE

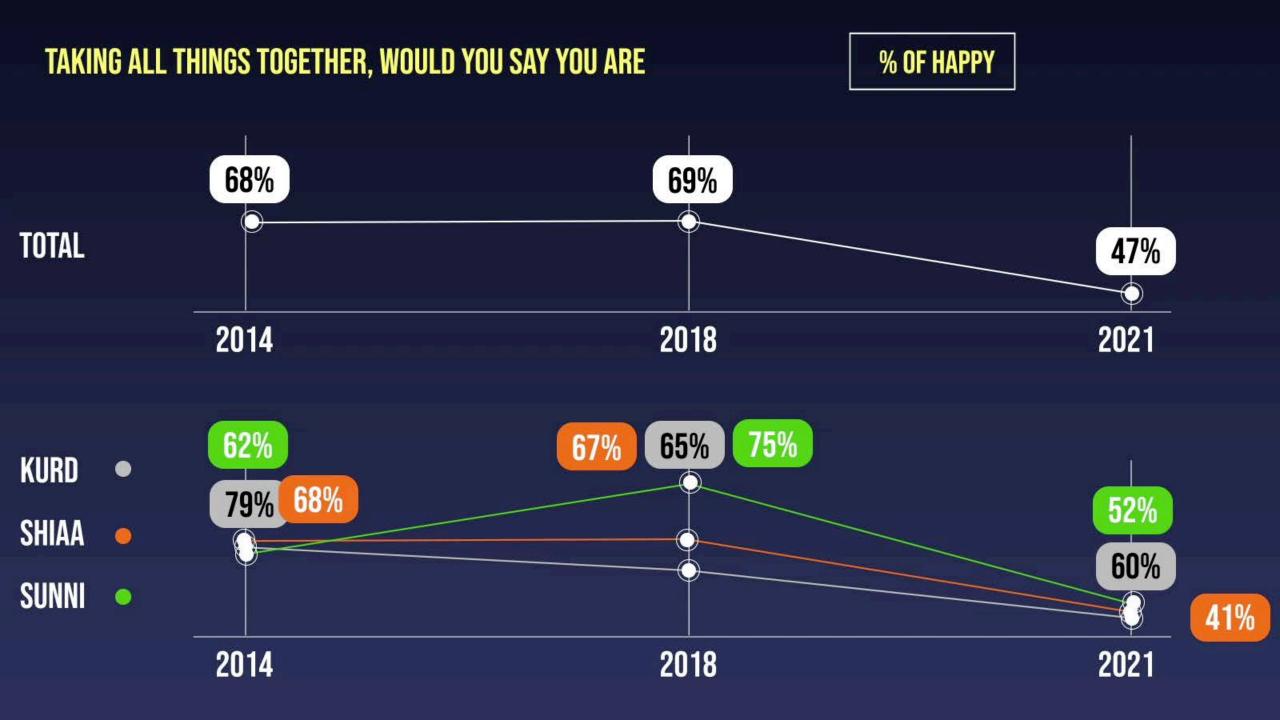
WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS BELONGING TO THE UPPER CLASS, THE UPPER MIDDLE CLASS, THE LOWER MIDDLE CLASS, OR THE LOWER CLASS?



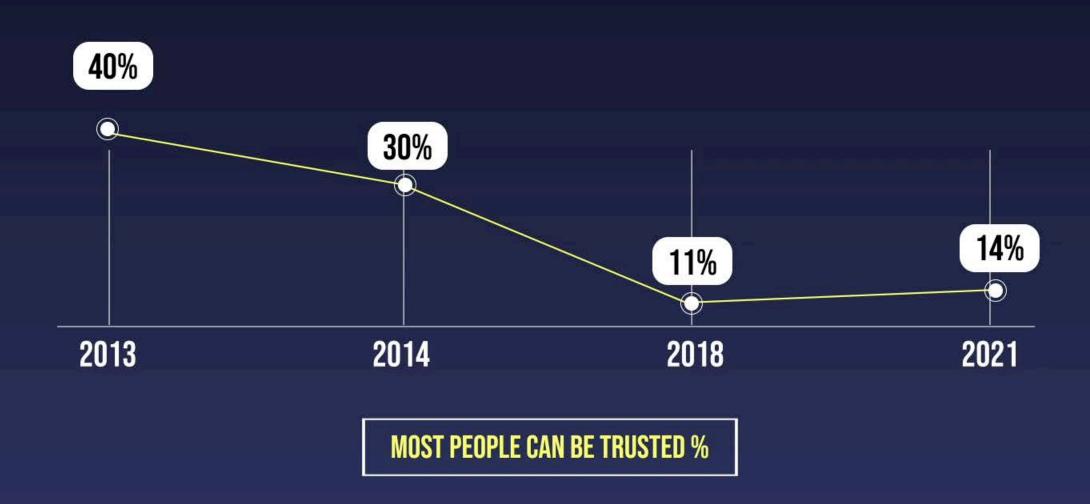




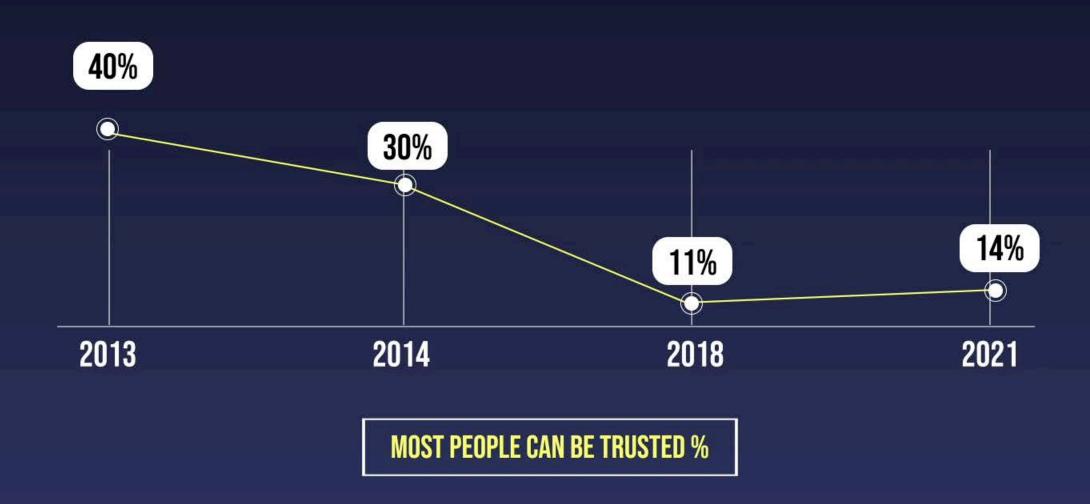




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### HOW MUCH DO YOU AGREE THAT EVERYONE IS TREATED EQUALLY AND FAIRLY BY THE GOVERNMENT?



# SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT HAS CONTROL OVER POLITICS IN THE COUNTRY WHILE OTHERS BELIEVE THAT ARMED GROUPS OUTSIDE OF STATE CONTROL HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF SAY OVER WHAT HAPPENS IN THE COUNTRY. WHICH IS CLOSER TO YOUR VIEW?

Armed groups outside of state control have either much more or slightly more control of Iraqi politics than the state

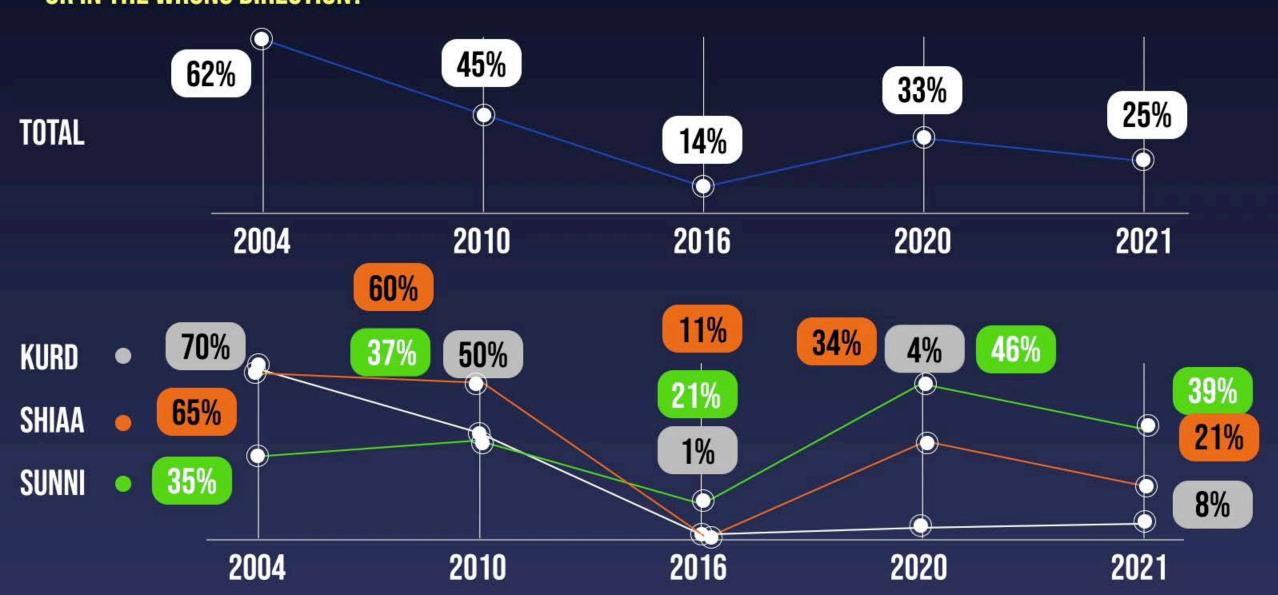
59%

The Iraqi state controls politics in the country either completely or much more than the armed groups

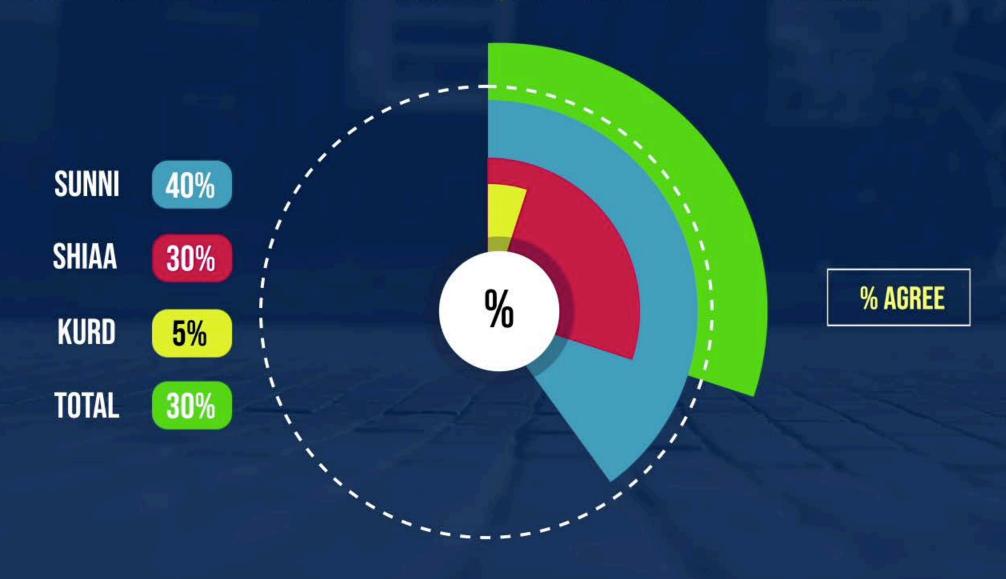


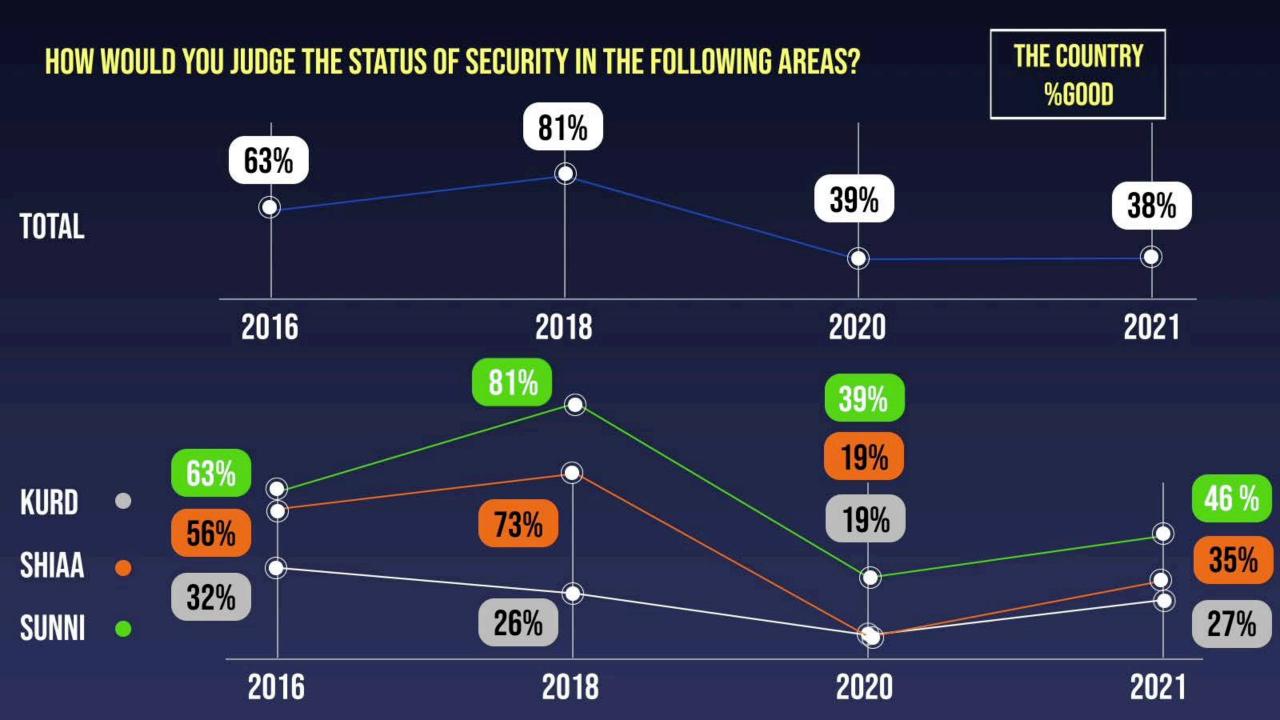
### IN GENERAL, WOULD YOU SAY THAT OUR COUNTRY IS HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR IN THE WRONG DIRECTION?

**% RIGHT DIRECTION** 

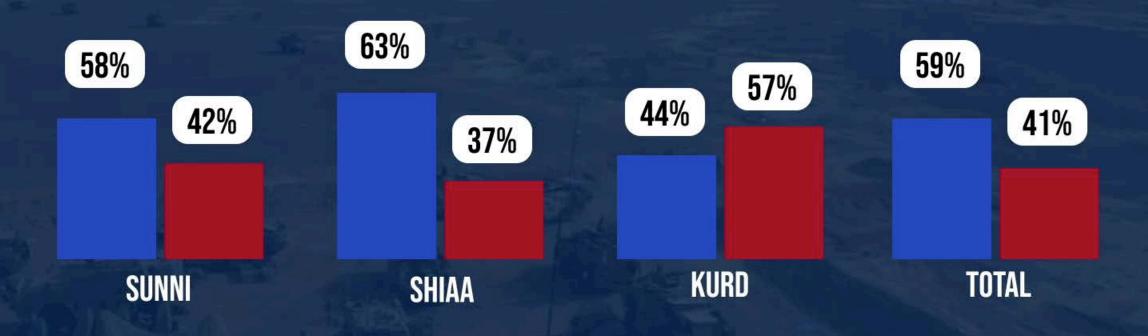


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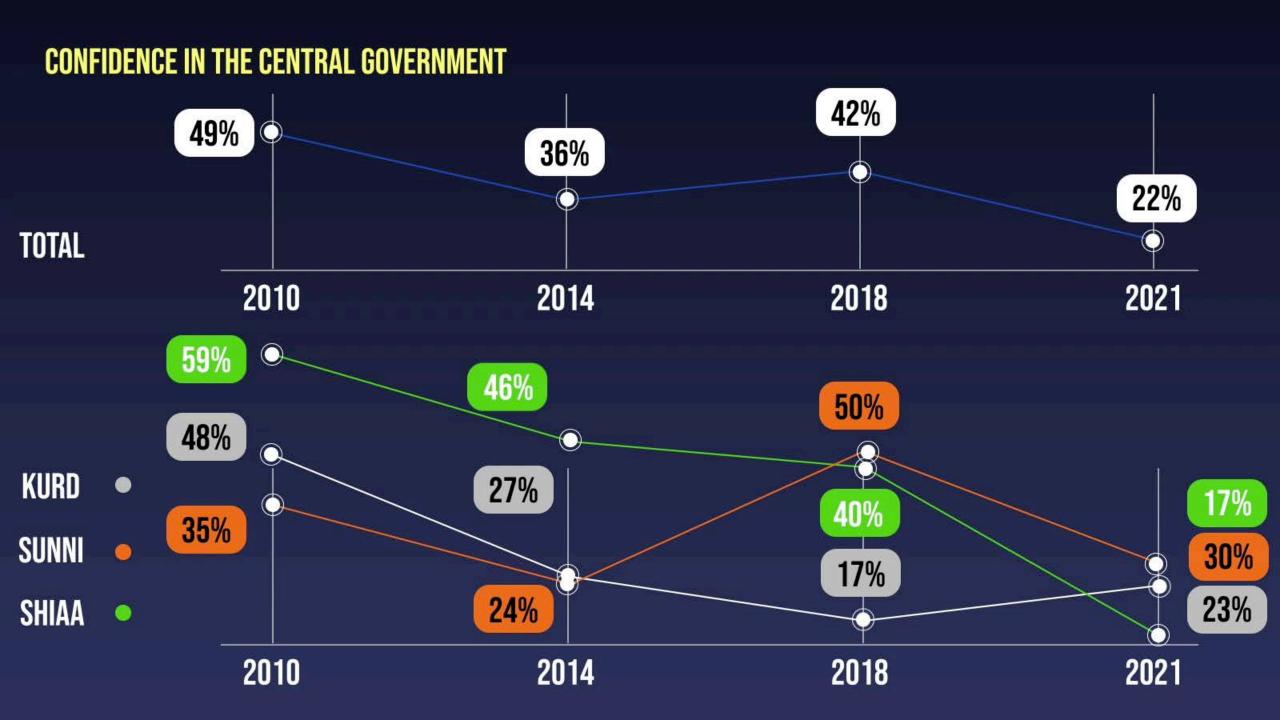




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- Armed groups outside the state control have either much more or slightly more control of iraqi politics than the state
  - The iraqi state control politics in the country either completely or much more thaan the armed groups



#### **DEMOCRACY: 2.45**

NEGATIVE

Do you agree that everybody is free to say what they want?

How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence government decisions made in our country?



Some people say that violence is justified to protect ordinary people's rights and say in politics in this country. Do you agree?





How much do you agree voting in elections gives someone like you a voice in politics in this country?



% AGREE

### HOW LIKELY OR UNLIKELY ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE ABLE TO INFLUENCE GOVERNMENT DECISIONS MADE IN OUR COUNTRY?



#### **SECTARIANISM: 2.72**

**POSITIVE** 

I am willing to vote for a party that represents a sect different from my own



I would be happy to have a close relative by marriage who was from a sect different from my own



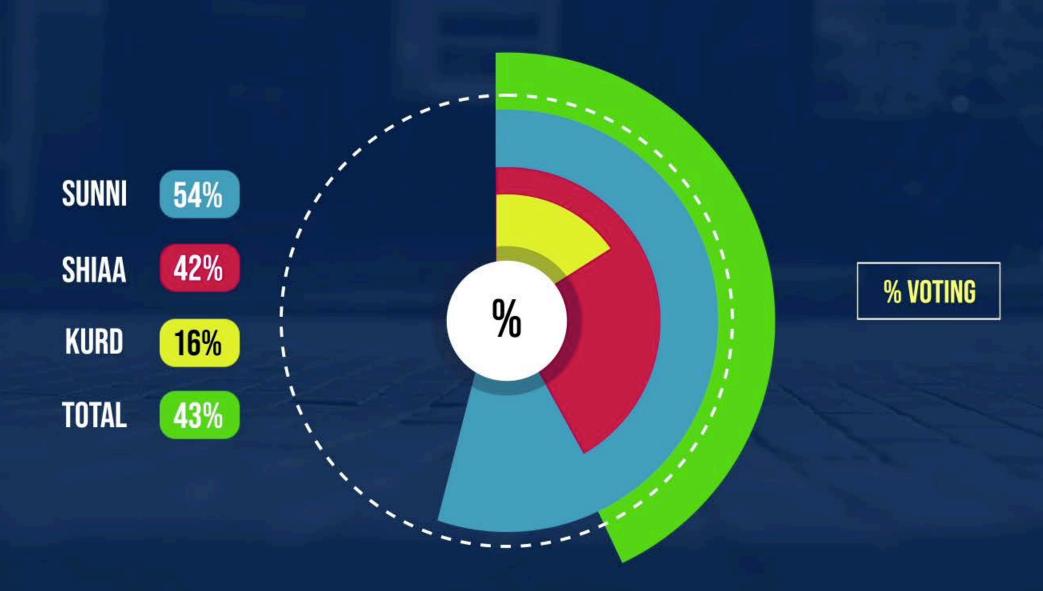
I would be happy to have a neighbor who was from a sect different from my own



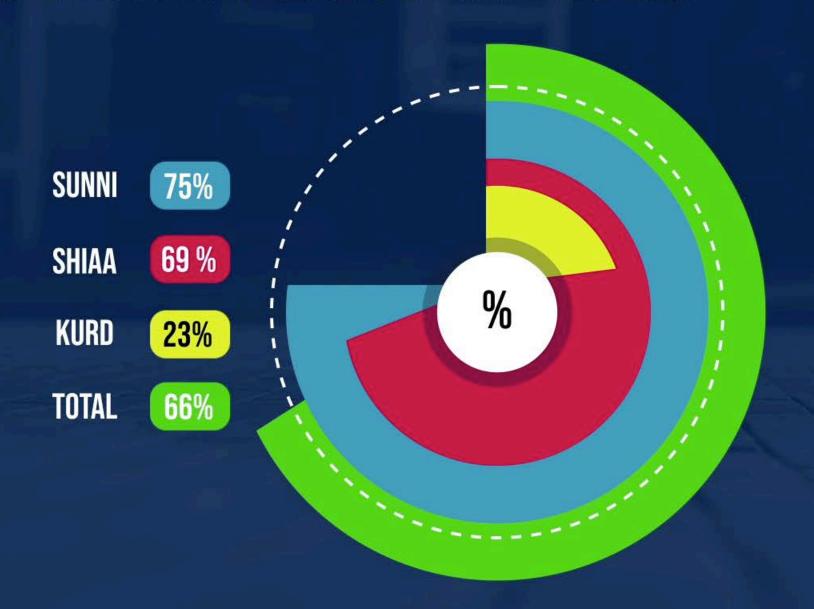
I am willing to vote for a prime minister from a different sect



### I AM WILLING TO VOTE FOR A PARTY THAT REPRESENTS A SECT DIFFERENT FROM MY OWN



### I AM WILLING TO VOTE FOR A PRIME MINISTER FROM A DIFFERENT SECT



% VOTING

#### **NATIONAL ID: 2.67**

**POSITIVE** 

### WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU CONSIDER THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR GIVING YOU A SENSE OF WHO YOU ARE AS A PERSON?

My town/locality/region



My ethnicity (Arab/Kurd/ Assyrian/ Turkmen, etc.)



Shia/Sunni/Christian distinction



Being a man or woman



My tribe



[IKR ONLY] Being a citizen of the Iraqi Kurdistan Region



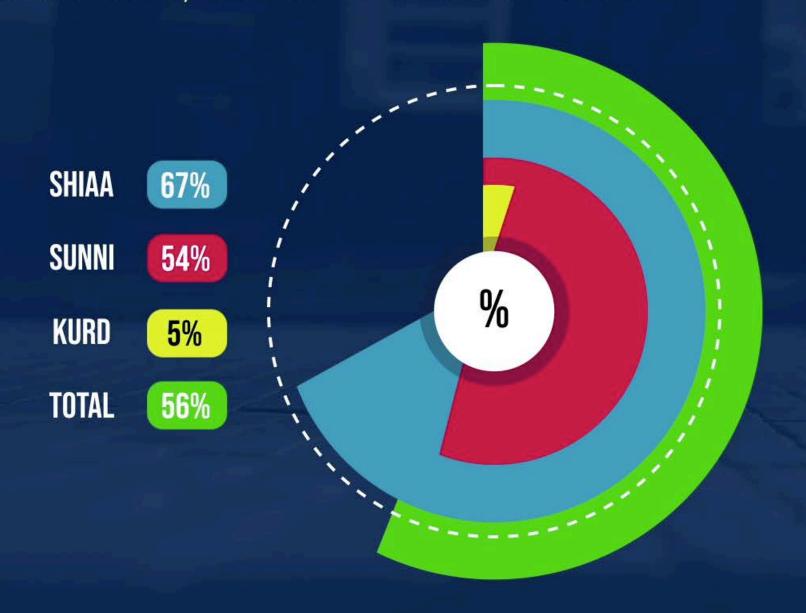
My job or occupation



Being a citizen of Iraq



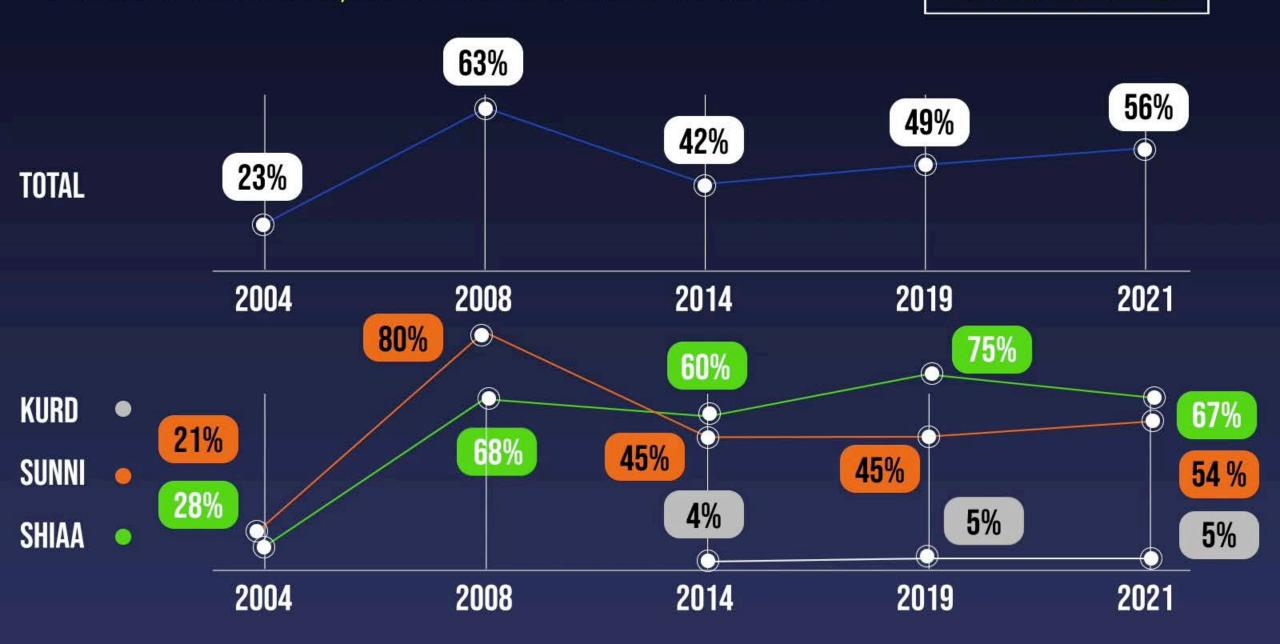
### IF I ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR ID, HOW DO YOU PREFER TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF?



% I AM IRAQI Above all

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### RELIGIOSITY (NO SCALE) WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE?

A very religious person



A somewhat religious person



Not a religious person



An atheist



#### **RELIGIOSITY (NO SCALE)**

#### PLEASE TELL ME HOW MUCH AGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

Iraq should implement only the laws of the shari'a

Religious practice is a private matter and should be separate from political life

Religious leaders should not interfere in politics

Iraq will be a better society if religion and politics are separated









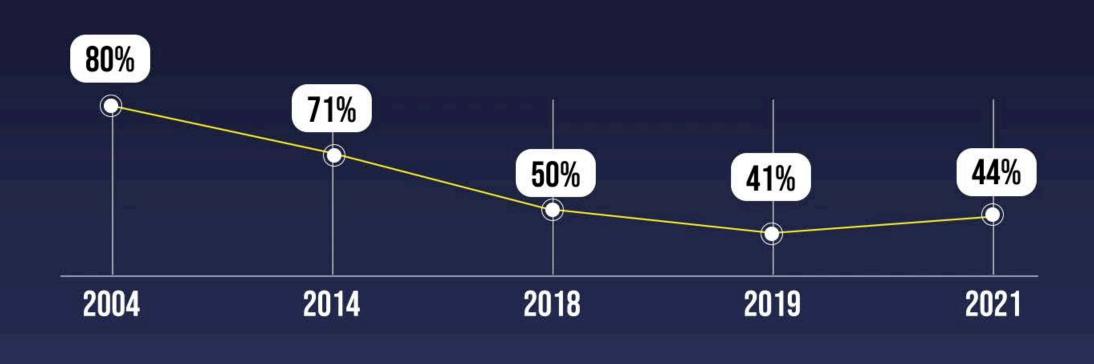
**% AGREE** 

HOW MUCH TRUST DO YOU HAVE IN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS IN IRAQ?

**%TRUST 44%** 

### **RELIGIOSITY (NO SCALE)**

### HOW MUCH TRUST DO YOU HAVE IN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS IN IRAQ?



% TRUST

#### **IIACSS**

- The first and the largest private research group in Iraq established in 2003.
- Conducted the first poll in the history of modern Iraq
- The first private research company in the Middle East with ISO 9001: 2015 certification
- More than two million field interviews and 2,000 completed projects in various fields
- Member of GALLUP International, and the head of IIACSS Group is the Director of the Middle East and North Africa.
- The first Iraqi company to join ESOMAR
- 5 main branches in Iraq and hundreds of workers and researchers inside and outside Iraq and of both genders
- Completion of the interviews on tablets through a specialized program CAPI and through Computer-assisted telephone interviewing CATI