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UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Departmental Annual Report - 3

Departmental Activities: Curriculum and Beyond

Department: POLITICAL SCIENCE

Academic Year: 2017-18

Part A.1

Students undertaking project work/field work/internship as part of experiential learning component of coursework

2019 ELECTION SURVEY

The stage is set for the upcoming 2019 Lok Sabha elections with the first phase beginning from 11th April. While parties are leaving no stone unturned to win in what is being claimed as the biggest election in Indian history, the first year political science students of Miranda House took the initiative to conduct a survey to analyse the voting patterns of the youth since they constitute more than half the population.

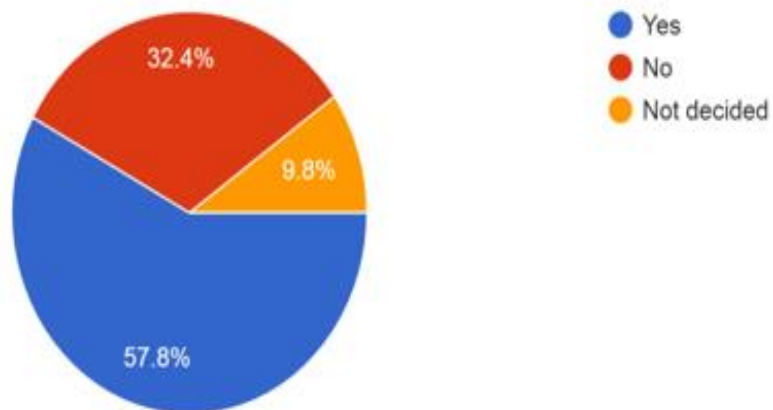
Through the survey which covered several universities and colleges, it has been found that 57.8% of the youth is willing to vote while 32.4% feel otherwise. 9.8% are still unsure whether they wish to vote or not. Their basis of voting is largely based on party performance with 59.8% people agreeing with it whereas only 8.8% feel that the personal appeal of the candidate matters. Moreover a whopping 73.5% youth is eager to vote based on their free will rather than being influenced by family or friends' political affiliation. The major election issue for 48% of the sample is unemployment, followed by national security, farmer's distress, Ayodhya issue and with only 1% viewing Rafael as an election issue. On being asked their preferred Prime Ministerial candidate, 64.7% voted for Narendra Modi, 3.9% for Rahul Gandhi and only 1% for Mamata Banerjee. However the current government's performance is rated excellent by only 31.4% people with 8.8% rating it as poor. 52.9% of the sample views foreign relations and diplomatic ties enhanced by the present government as its biggest achievement while 42.2% see the rise in Hindutva politics as its principal failure. On being asked about the factors working in favour of the Congress, if any, 26.5% people feel that no factors are working in their favour and 22.5% feel that the secular nature of the party coupled with the recent wins in the elections of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhatisgarh may work in its favour. Only a meagre 10.8% people feel that the entry of Priyanka Gandhi into politics will make a difference for the Congress. All this can be inferred from the pie charts on the adjoining page.



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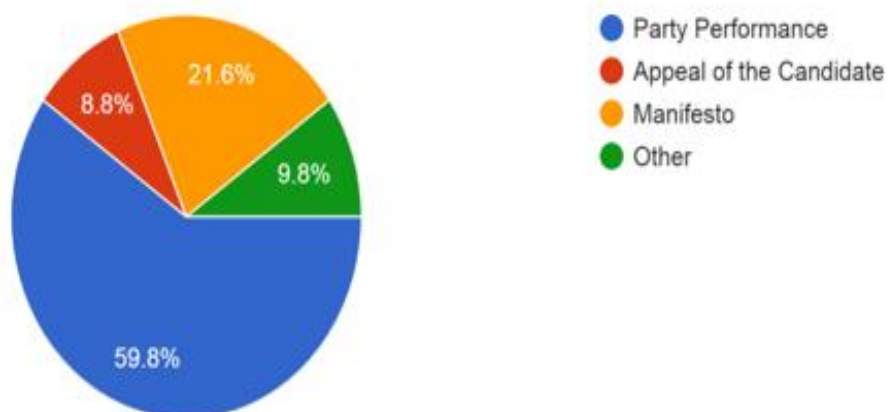
Will you vote in the upcoming 2019 elections?

102 responses



What is your basis of voting?

102 responses

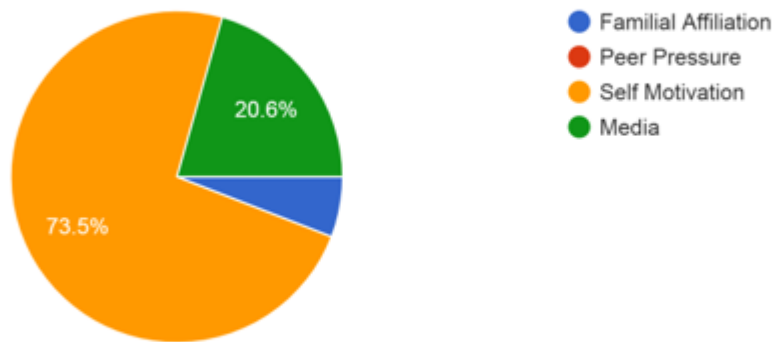




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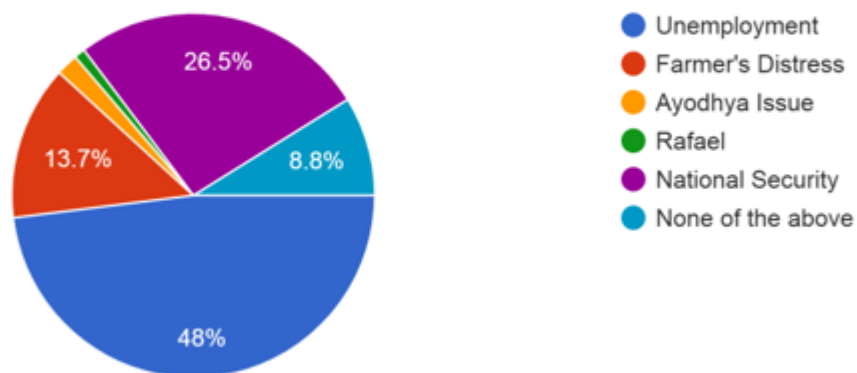
Which is the most influential factor for you while voting

102 responses



Which is a big election issue according to you?

102 responses

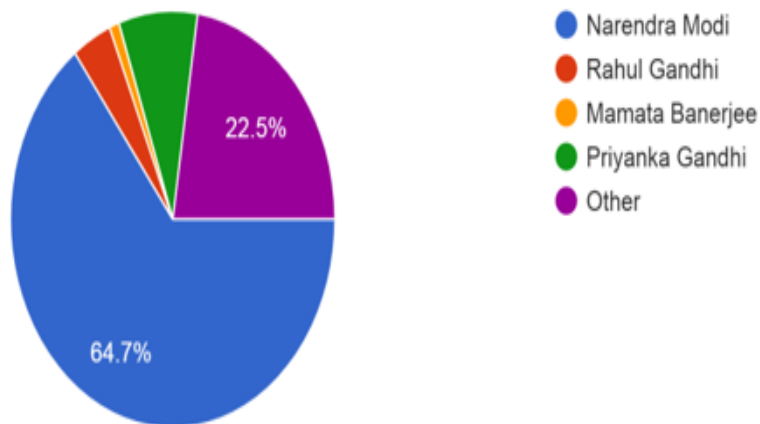




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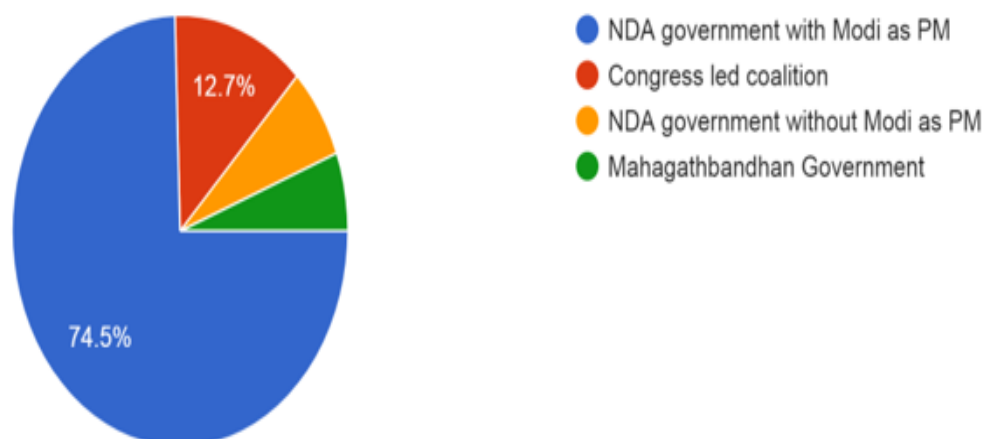
Who is your preferred PM candidate?

102 responses



Which is the most likely outcome after elections?

102 responses

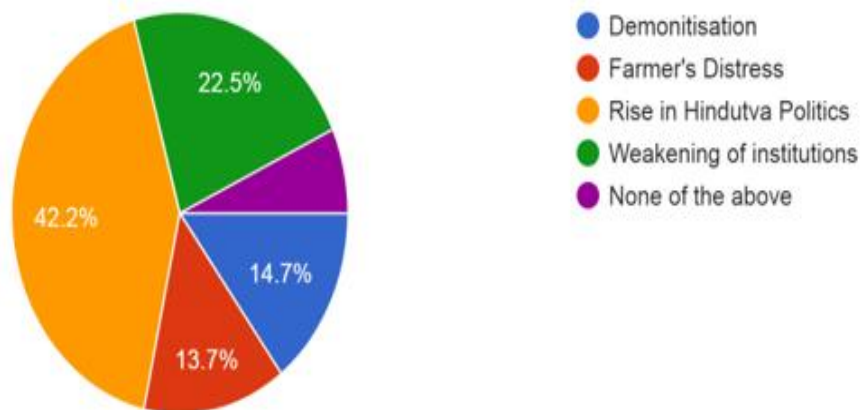




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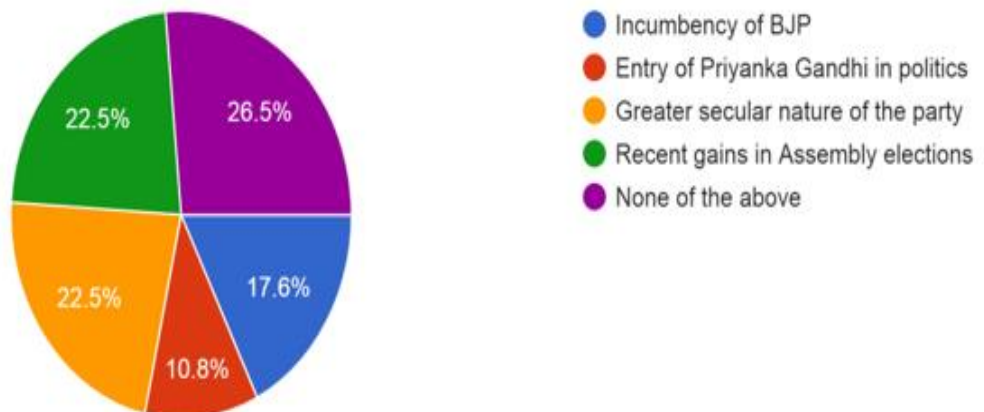
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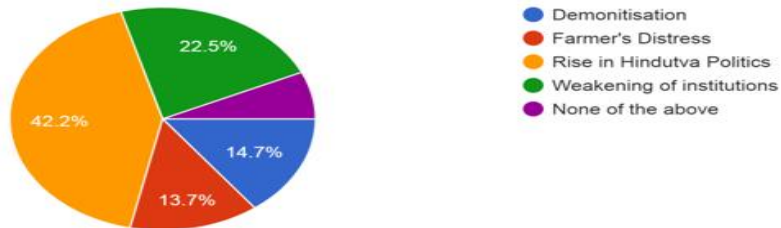




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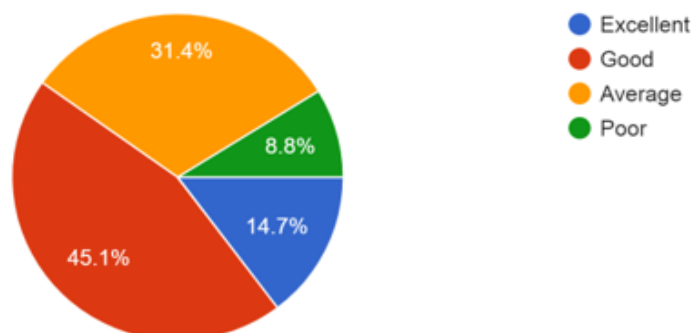
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How would you rate the current government's performance?

102 responses



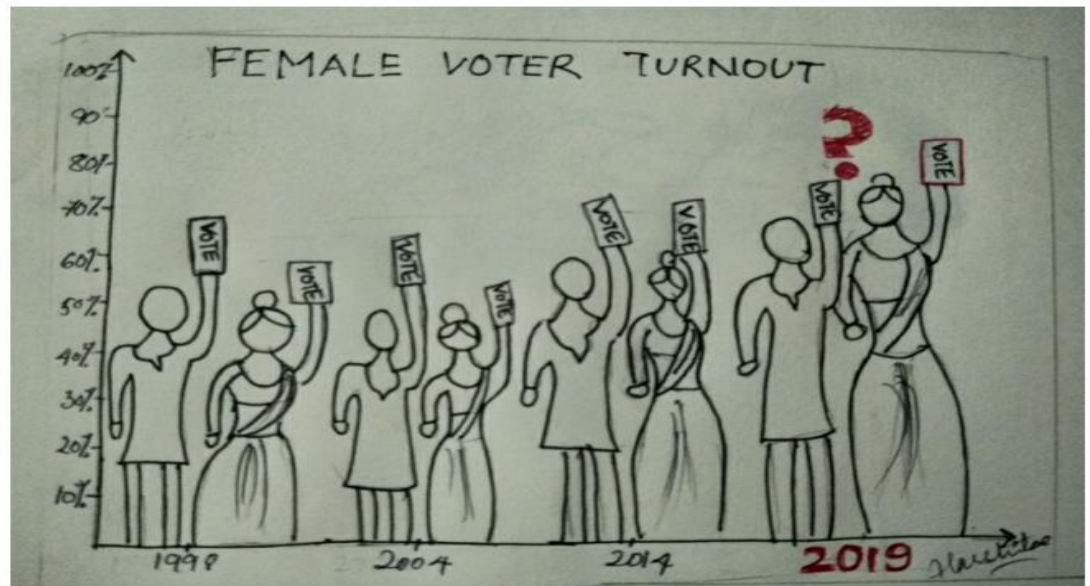


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