

KAZAKHSTAN AND THE WORLD

KAZAKHSTAN STANDS FOR NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE WORLD – WHAT KAZAKHSTANIS KNOW ABOUT IT

We present the results of a sociological survey on what Kazakhstanis know about such a Kazakhstani foreign policy initiative as the “Call for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World”.

August 29th is the Day of Closure of the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site. This event happened 30 years ago! On August 29, 1949, the first atomic explosion was detonated at the test site near the city of Semipalatinsk. The last test took place at the test site in 1989. And in 1991, President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev unilaterally decreed to permanently close one of the largest nuclear test sites in the world.

18 years later, in 2009, the UN General Assembly, in memory of this event at the initiative of Kazakhstan, adopted a resolution declaring August 29th the International Day against Nuclear Tests to educate and inform people about the consequences of nuclear weapon test explosions and any other nuclear explosions and the need to stop them more actively.

In 2012, on the same day, August 29th, at Astana during a speech at the International Forum “From a Nuclear Test Ban to a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World” dedicated to the International Day against Nuclear Tests President of the Republic of Kazakhstan N. A. Nazarbayev initiated the ATOM project: Abolish Testing. Our Mission, an international educational and awareness-raising campaign to encourage the world community to speak out against nuclear weapons testing and, ultimately, against nuclear weapons.

According to the results of a sociological survey, **65.4% of Kazakhstani respondents are aware of such an initiative of Kazakhstan, while 56.2% of respondents support it.**

We express the hope that the media, educational institutions, the public and historians, now and in the future, will contribute to better informing Kazakhstanis about the most important historical moments in the life of our country and understanding their significance for each of us and for the whole world!

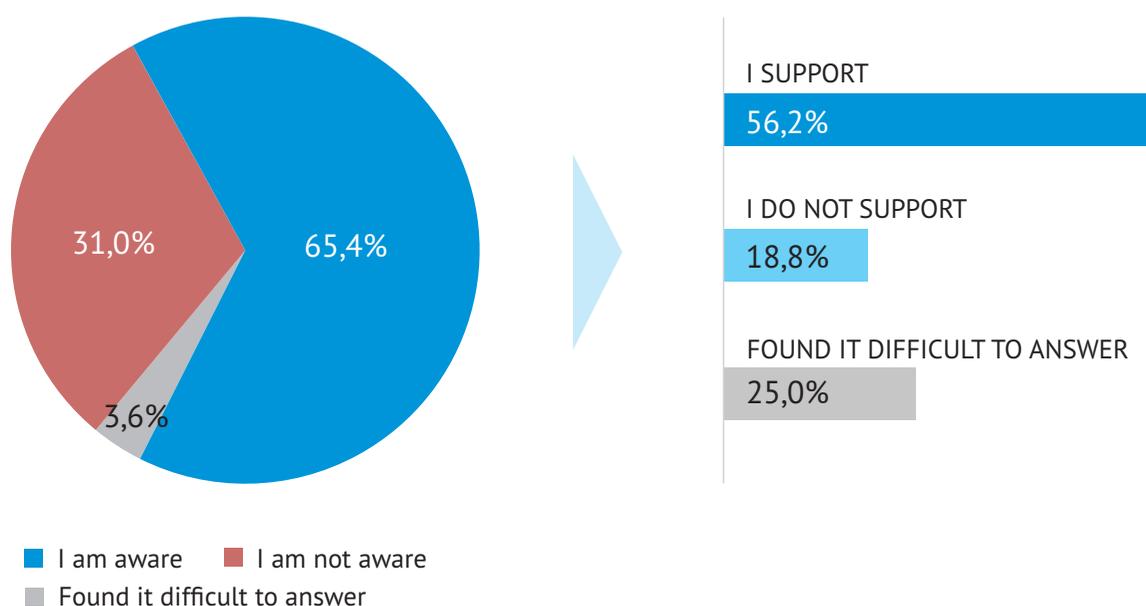


Fig 1. Are you aware of such a foreign policy initiative of Kazakhstan as “A Call to Achieve a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World”? Do you support it or not?

Research methodology:

The survey method is an interview of a respondent at the place of residence using a route quota selection.

Selection – 1200 respondents aged 18 and over in 53 settlements of urban and rural areas in 14 regions and 3 cities of republican significance. The statistical error does not exceed 2.95%.

Duration – November 2020.