

SOCIETY

WHAT DO KAZAKHSTANIS THINK ABOUT THE JURY TRIAL

We present the results of a sociological survey on the attitude of Kazakhstanis to the jury trials.

The practice of jury trial has existed in Kazakhstan since 2007. The possibility of considering a criminal case by a jury trial is one of the constitutionally established procedural guarantees of judicial protection of the rights and freedoms of the accused, the mechanism of which is established by law.

What is the attitude of Kazakhstanis to the jury trial? This question was posed to respondents with experience of direct or indirect interaction with the judicial system.

More than half of all respondents – **64.3%** – have a **positive attitude toward jury trials**. And every fifth respondent stated a negative attitude, while only 4.9% of respondents were categorically against.

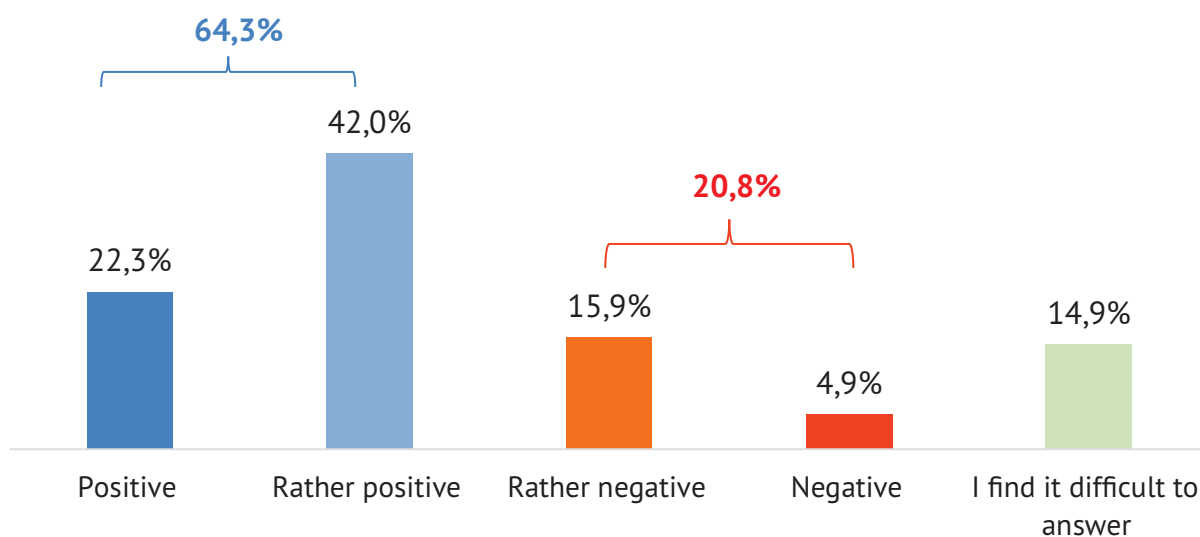


Fig 1. What is your personal attitude towards jury trials in Kazakhstan?

When asked indirectly about their attitudes toward the form of trial, 47.7% of respondents would choose the jury trial, and 36.2% would prefer professional judges.

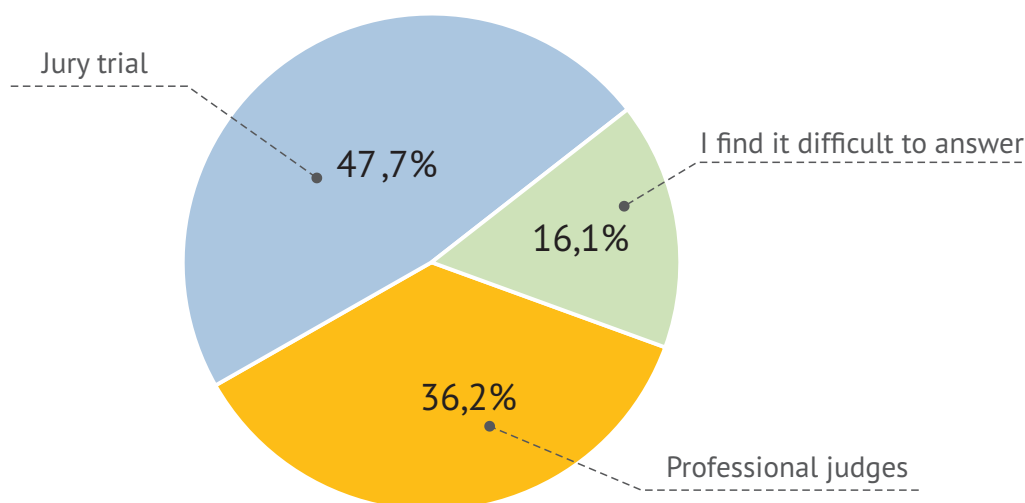


Fig 2. Suppose that the person you know is a defendant in a case, and he/she needs to choose a form of trial, and he/she consults with you, please tell me what form of trial you would advise him/her?

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 59 settlements of urban and rural areas in 14 regions and 3 cities of republican significance. The statistical error does not exceed 2.95%.

Duration – September 2019.