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WHAT DO KAZAKHSTANIS THINK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP?

June 9th is the International Friendship Day! The Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan presents the answers of Kazakhstanis to the question of whether they have reliable friends or not.

The holiday gained international significance in 1958 after it was recognized by the United Nations. **The most important thing to do on this day is to meet up with friends.** This is the single most important tradition of the International Friendship Day.

As part of a sociological survey, Kazakhstanis were asked a question: “Have you succeeded in having reliable friends in your life?”

The vast majority of those surveyed **have a positive experience of friendly relations, or positive attitudes towards friends – 82.8%**. More than half of the respondents – 62.2% – believe that they already have reliable friends in their lives (this group mostly includes respondents of older age – 30 years and older), and every fifth respondent (mostly respondents under 29 years) – 20.6% – believes that such people in his/her life will appear, and he/she will make every effort for this.

Interestingly, apart from age differences, there are no other socio-demographic indicators (gender, ethnicity, place of residence, level of education, income, etc.), on which respondents differed significantly in their answers to this question.

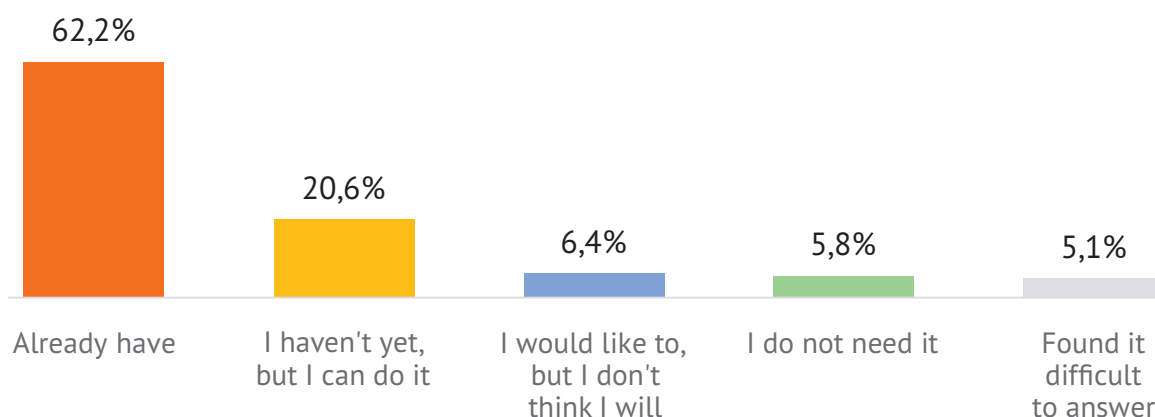


Fig 1. Have you succeeded in having reliable friends in your life?

Research methodology:

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

Selection – 2000 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 3.5%.

Duration – May 2019.