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"Public opinion surveys on the current situation in Slovenia "

Source: Faculty for Social Sciences, Centre for the Research of Public Opinion and the Mass Media (CRPOMM)

The survey was carried out between 26th and 29th May 2003 among a sample of telephone subscribers and included 894 adults, all Slovene citizens, who were interviewed over the telephone using a standardised questionnaire. The sampling was carried out from a sampling base (BN=1965), which was utilised to a level of 45%. The Politbarometer 5/03 interviews were carried out by 27 qualified pollsters from the Centre for the Research of Public Opinion and the Mass Media; the average duration of interviews was 11.3 minutes (measured by computer), while the total duration of the survey was 391 hours.

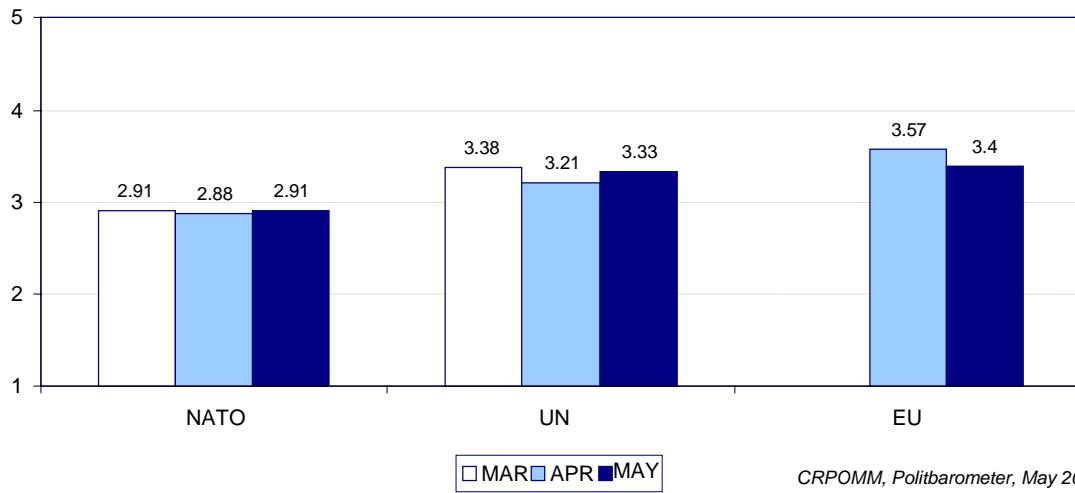
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Trust in international institutions

In March 2003 NATO and the UN, and in April the European Union, were for the first time included in the regular Politbarometer survey of public trust in institutions. These measurements have thus become part of the longitudinal Politbarometer strategy for exploring the pattern and expression of Slovenian public opinion towards international institutions and integration. The levels of trust in relation to the EU and NATO measured directly after the referenda indicate how the general public feels about these integration projects undertaken by Slovenia. The chart illustrates this over a period of three months. We have already established that the EU enjoys a very high level of trust and that the UN also has quite a high ranking, whereas NATO is usually lower, but has a reasonable average. A comparison of different months shows that trust in the UN and NATO is stable, while the two surveys relating to the EU carried out so far do not provide sufficient basis for a trend, although it can be seen that trust was considerably higher in April than in May.

TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS

(average on a scale from 1 – 'no trust at all' to 5 – 'complete trust')



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