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Latvia Fact Sheet

Which of the following forms of government is better for Latvia?

- Having liberal democracy with regular elections and multiparty system. [43%]
- Having a strong and decisive leader who does not have to bother with parliament or elections. [35%]

Insecurities

- 78% are satisfied with their life, but only 36% are satisfied with how democracy works in Latvia.

Do you believe any of the following groups threaten your identity and values?

- Western societies and their way of living: 26% Yes, 63% No
- European Union: 17% Yes, 75% No
- United States of America: 30% Yes, 59% No
- Migrants: 45% Yes, 46% No
- LGBTI+: 23% Yes, 67% No

Media: trust and freedom

- 58% of Latvians trust standard mainstream media
- 59% think that media are either rather or completely free

Who influences the media according to Latvians?

- 47% believe that government
- 54% believe that oligarchs and strong financial groups

Belief in conspiracies

- Only 25% of Latvians believe in conspiracy and misinformation narratives in general.
- 63% believe the EU and Brussels dictates to Latvia what to do without Latvia having a chance to influence it
- 43% believe that world affairs are not decided by elected leaders but by secret groups aiming to establish a totalitarian world order
- 29% believe that Jews have too much power and secretly control governments and institutions around the world
- 26% agree that Latvia and the other Baltic states are under NATO occupation.
- 21% believe that Latvian movement towards independence in 1990 was orchestrated by the USA for the sole purpose to cement its dominance in the region.