

## RESULTS FROM A PUBLIC DEBATE/SURVEY IN GYUMRI

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### Survey Sample

#### Gender balance of respondents

Male	61%
Female	39%

#### Age distribution

20-39	33.3%
40-55	56.6%
56 and above	10%

#### Education of respondents

Secondary education	6.78%
High education	93.22%

#### Occupation of respondents

NGO sector	33.93%
Private sector	25%
Public sector	41.07%

**Table 1.**

**“How would you describe Armenian-Turkish relationships today?”**

Friendly	1,6%
Neighborly	14,8%
Neutral	24,6%
Irreconcilable	39,3%
Hostile	11,5%
Other	6,6%
Difficult to answer	1,6%

**Table 2.**  
**“In your opinion, from presented below what are the most acceptable ways of relationships between Armenia and Turkey? (choose no more than two options)”**

Tourism	29%
Transport and communications	42%
Cultural programs	13%
Educational exchange	1.7%
Political and diplomatic relations	13%
Economic cooperation	52%
Interpersonal relationships	6.5%
All	12.9%
Other	4.8%
Difficult to answer	4.8%

**Table 3.**  
**“What is your attitude to border opening between Armenia and Turkey?”**

Positive	68,9%
Inclined to positive	18,0%
Neutral	3,3%
Inclined to negative	3,3%
Negative	3,3%
Difficult to answer	3,3%

**Table 4.**  
**“In your opinion, what will happen if border  
 between Armenia and Turkey opens?”**

Migration of Armenian population into Turkey	16,7%
Migration of Turkish population into Armenia	5,0%
There will not be major resettlements of population	53,3%
Other	16,7%
Difficult to answer	8,3%

**Table 5.**  
**“In your opinion, in case of border opening, will the  
 export of Armenian goods into Turkey increase?”**

Yes	49,2%
Inclined to yes	26,2%
Inclined to no	11,5%
No	6,5%
Difficult to answer	6,6%

**Table 6.**  
**“In your opinion, in case of border opening, will the  
 import of Turkish goods into Armenia increase?”**

Yes	59,0%
Inclined to yes	24,6%
Inclined to no	8,2%
No	3,3%
Difficult to answer	4,9%

**Table 7.**  
**“In your opinion, how competitive are agricultural products of Armenian producers to those of Turkish producers?”**

Rather competitive	47,5%
Inclined to competitive	32,8%
Uncompetitive	11,5%
Other	3,3%
Difficult to answer	4,9%

**Table 8.**  
**“What are the sectors of potential cooperation between Gyumri and Kars regions?”**

Agriculture	22,5%
All	22,5%
Industry	8,2%
None	2,0%
Trade	10,2%
Tourism	28,6%
Transportation	6,1%

**Table 9.**  
**“In your opinion, should Turkish financial flows to Armenia be controlled? If yes, explain how.”**

Yes	38%
Through financial monitoring	23.5%,
No	19%
Difficult to answer/ I do not know	15.5%
No response provided	4%

**Table 10.**  
**“In your opinion, can Turkish enterprises have private property or make transactions in Armenia?”**

Yes	33,3%
Inclined to yes	35,0%
Inclined to no	6,7%
No	20,0%
Difficult to answer	5,0%

**Table 11.**  
**“In your opinion, can Armenian enterprises have private property or make transactions in Turkey?”**

Yes	40,0%
Inclined to yes	33,3%
Inclined to no	6,7%
No	10,0%
Difficult to answer	10,0%

**Table 12.**  
**“In your opinion, can Turkish sole traders have private property or make transactions in Armenia?”**

Yes	38,3%
Inclined to yes	30,0%
Inclined to no	8,3%
No	20,0%
Difficult to answer	3,3%

**Table 13.**  
**“In your opinion, can Armenian sole traders have private property or make transactions in Turkey?”**

Yes	46,7%
Inclined to yes	28,3%
Inclined to no	5,0%
No	15,0%
Difficult to answer	5,0%

**Table 14.**  
**“How do you see Armenian-Turkish relationships in future?”**

Very positive	5,3%
Positive	36,8%
Staying the same	36,8%
Negative	5,3%
Very negative	-
Difficult to answer	14,0%
No answer	1,8%

**Table 15.**  
**“In your opinion, who should play primary role in controlling reconciliation process?”**

Government	59,3%
Stakeholders (businessmen, traders)	25,4%
Individual persons	1,7%
Other	10,2%
Difficult to answer	3,4%

**Table 16.**  
**“In your opinion, can serious social problems arise for Armenian population in case of possible emigration of different strata Turkish population?”**

Yes	28,1%
Inclined to yes	10,5%
Inclined to no	31,6%
No	17,5%
Difficult to answer	12,3%