

How the greek public opinion perceives the ongoing revolt of the youth

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In contrast with the political élite, the majority of the Greek public opinion seems to have adequately understood not only the magnitude, but also in a great extend the character of the growing social explosion. Namely:

First, six out of ten (adults) citizens, agree with the assessment that this is a (of the incidents as a) genuine "social revolt" (60%, instead of 36%), as well as with the ascertainment that this is a "massive social phenomenon" and not the manifestations of a "small minority" (60%, instead of 36%).

Second, the public opinion is convinced that the damages are provoked by a small proportion of protesters: "Few" (42%) or "very few" (26%) and only the 10% of the respondents believes that in the forcible manifestations participate the "most", or even "all" the protesters.

Third, the recent manifestations are conceived by the electoral body as "spontaneous". The one out of two citizens (47%) straightly rejects the assessment that the recent events are "incited by political parties". Coinstantaneously, despite the far and wide political assaults that admits, barely the 14% of the public opinion (to say one out of seven respondents) implicates to SYN/SYRIZA directional responsibilities for the manifestations.

Government and political leaders

The crisis tends to further deteriorate the image of the government. The up to now handlings of the government are denounced by the 69% (seven out of ten). In addition, none political leader does acquire the acknowledgement of the public opinion within the current circumstance: the 42% of the citizens approves the position that "nobody displayed proper attitude in the event". The approval percentages, much of the attitude of the actual prime minister (20%), as well as for the leader of the opposition (17%) are particularly limited. In fact, they do not represent not even the half of their party influence, and validate major political weakness, indeed within conditions of an unprecedented social explosion.

Attitudes towards the Police

The all in all attitude and the apology of the policemen has provoked extremely negative impressions for the majority of the Greek public opinion (70%). At the same time, in the survey can be detected a universal social displeasure for the stance of the police (76%). In addition, almost six out of ten respondents (58%) applaud the defensive stance of the police in the riots, while the one out of two (48%) rejects the perspective of a more repressive confrontation of the demonstrations.