
SEVENTY-FOUR PERCENT OF UZBEKS SUPPORT JOINING MOSCOW-LED EURASIAN UNION

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A respected economic policy think tank in Uzbekistan released the results of a recent poll on the attitudes of both public and private sector professionals inside the country about Uzbekistans membership in the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) (Review.uz, May 20). According to the survey, respondents views are nearly equally favorable regarding Uzbekistan joining the WTO (78 percent) as well as the EEU (74 percent).

The Center for Economic Research and Reforms (CERR) polled 1,300 people as the countrys observer status to the Moscow-led EEU awaits the signature of Uzbekistani President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. The parliaments Legislative Chamber (lower house) approved the proposal on April 28, and the Senate (upper house) adopted the legislation on May 11 (Kun.uz, April 28, May 11). The majority of those polled by the CERR were college students and private-sector representatives (64 percent); while the remainder were public servants, teachers and research scientists. The poll was conducted in all 12 regions of Uzbekistan, the autonomous Republic of Karakalpakstan, as well as Tashkent city.

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