

OPINION MONITORING: JULY - AUGUST 2019

VCIOM-Sputnik daily survey results. The survey method is stratified dual-frame sample consisted of telephone interviews. The sample is based on a complete list of landline and mobile phone numbers operating in Russia and involves 1,600 persons. The data were weighted for the probability of selection and reflect social and demographic characteristics. The margin of error at a 95% confidence level does not exceed 2.5%.

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POLITICS

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NUCLEAR WAR: A REAL THREAT OR A MYTH?

July 3, 2019

Seventy-two percent of Russians know real cases of nuclear bomb use in military conflicts. More than half of respondents (52%), to a varying degree, are afraid of a new nuclear war; 46% are not afraid. Those who are anxious are basically women and elderly respondents, less frequently men and persons under the age of 45. Seventy-nine percent of Russians are confident that no one will survive in a nuclear war regardless of the number of bomb shelters and supplies.

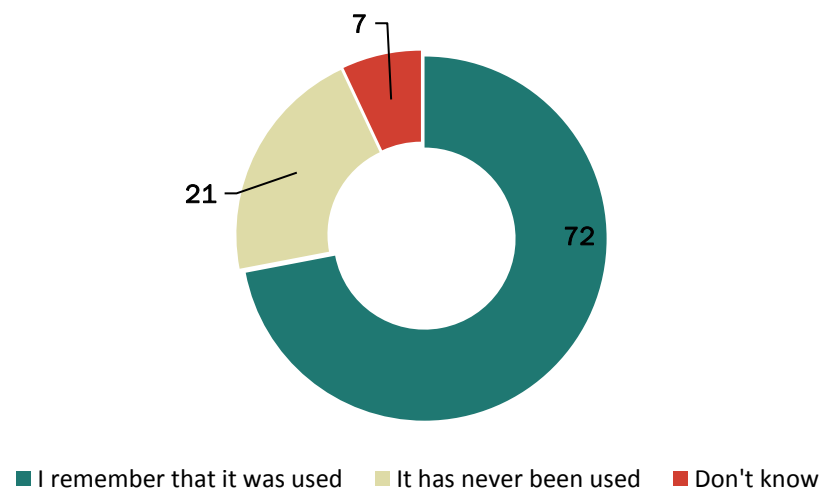


Image 1. Do you remember any case when a nuclear bomb was used in any real military conflicts? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)

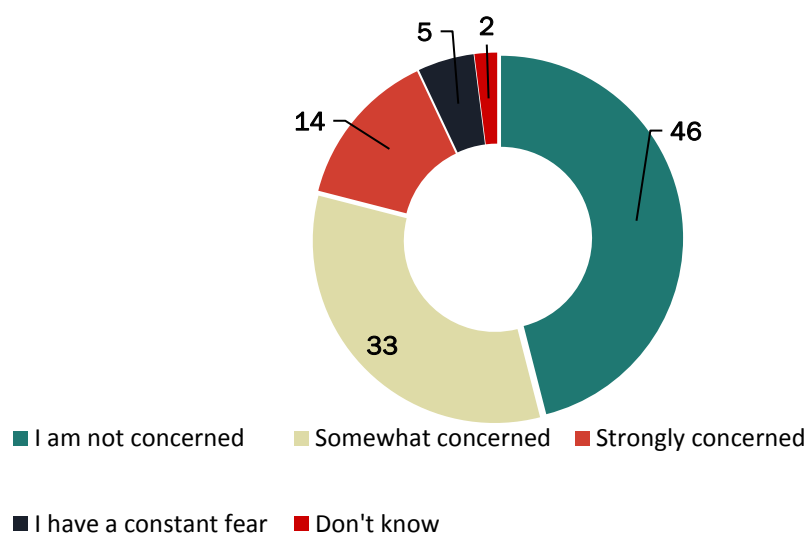


Image 2. To what extent are you personally concerned about a new nuclear war? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)

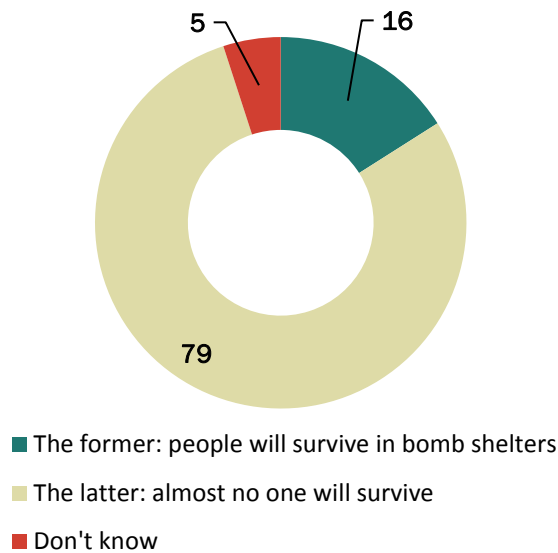
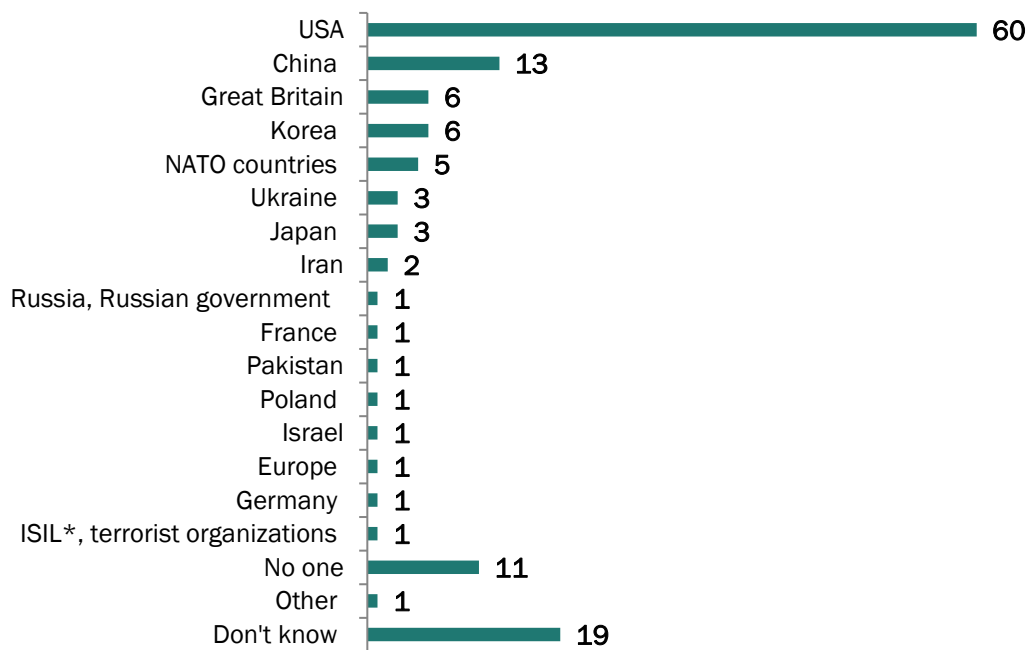


Image 3. Some people think that if there are bomb shelters, food, water and other supplies, people will be able to survive in a global nuclear war. Others think that people will not survive a global nuclear war even if they have enough bomb shelters and supplies. Which opinion do you most agree with? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)



* Organization banned in Russia

Image 4. In your opinion, what countries or organizations pose a threat to Russia related to the use of nuclear weapons? (open-ended question, up to 3 answers, % of total respondents shown are answers of at least 1% of respondents)

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

Higher education: “social elevator” or lost time?

HIGHER EDUCATION: “SOCIAL ELEVATOR” OR LOST TIME?

July 9, 2019

According to Russians, education is a “social elevator” providing a successful career and goal achievement. However the confidence is decreasing year-by-year. Respondents consider that the level of education and material well-being do not have any direct relationship; this opinion has strengthened over the recent 28 years. Most of Russians say that education has become less available over the recent three years.

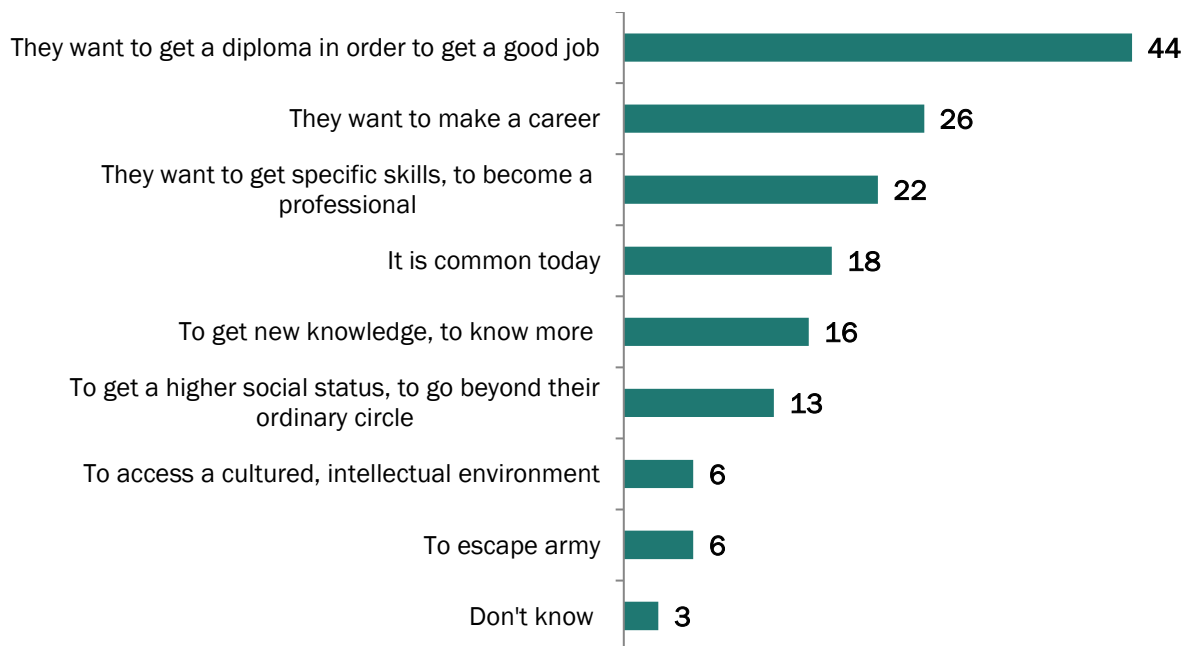


Image 1. Today many people strive to get a higher education diploma. Why do you think they do that? (closed-ended question, up to 2 answers, % of total respondents)

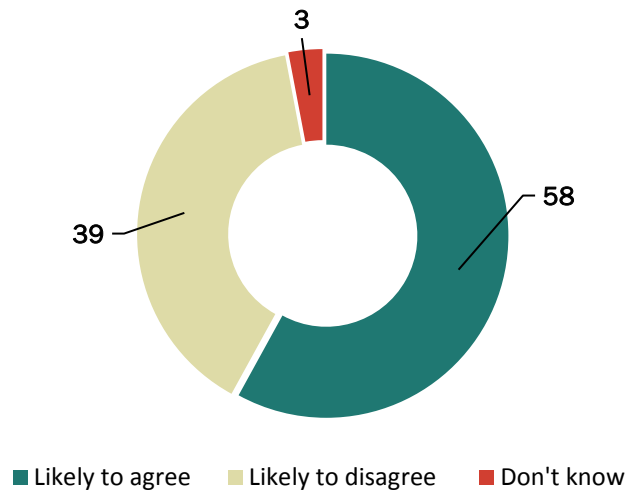


Image 2. Do you agree/disagree that education provides a successful career and helps achieve life goals? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

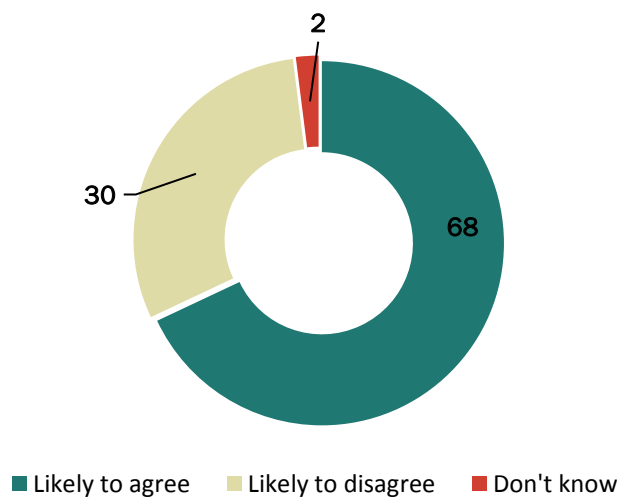


Image 3. Do you agree/disagree that the role of education is often exaggerated and that today people can make a successful career without it? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

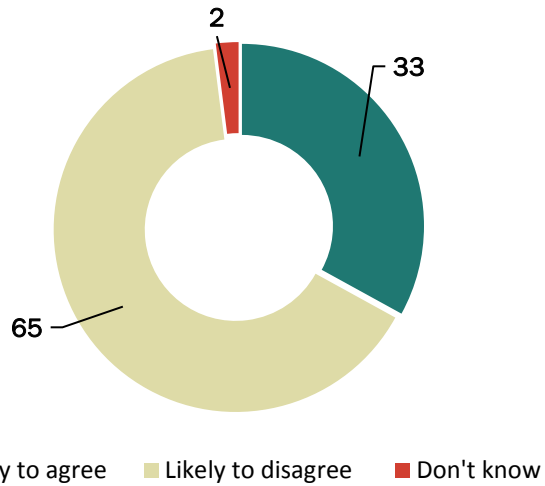


Image 4. Do you agree/disagree that without higher education people can only get low-paying and non-prestigious jobs? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

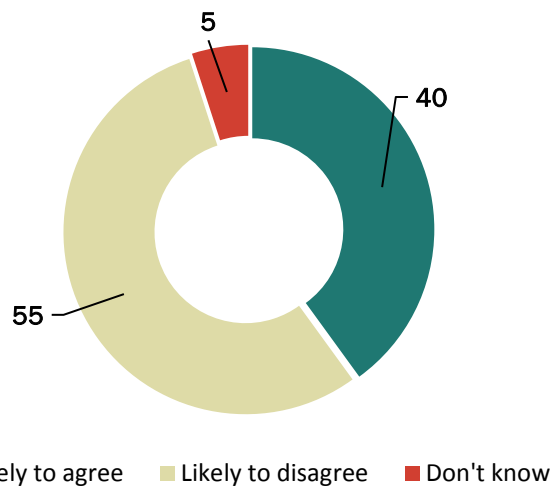


Image 5. Do you agree/disagree that getting a higher education degree is worth any money? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

LIFESTYLE

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MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL: TO BAN OR NOT TO BAN

July 7, 2019

Most of Russians still consider that banning gadgets in classrooms would positively influence the learning process (62% vs 69% in 2018). Fifty-five percent of respondents oppose a total ban on using gadgets in the entire territory of schools.

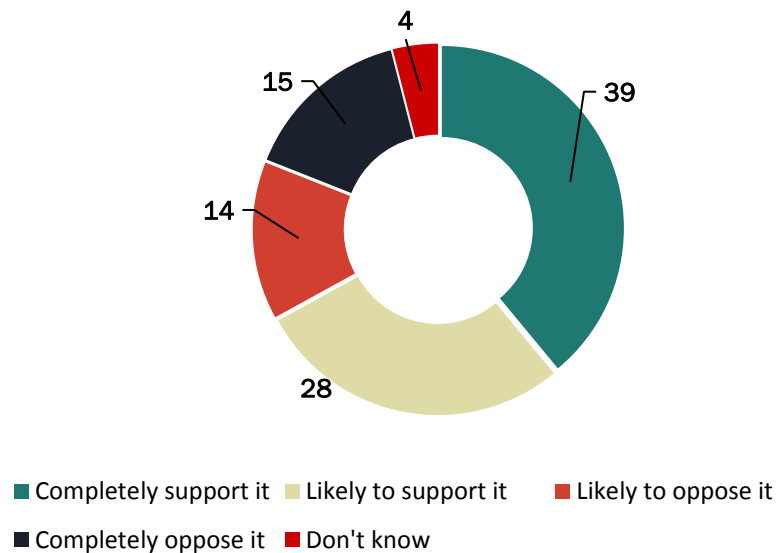


Image 1. Ban on using mobile phones, smartphones and other “non-educational” device is widely discussed. How do you perceive this initiative? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

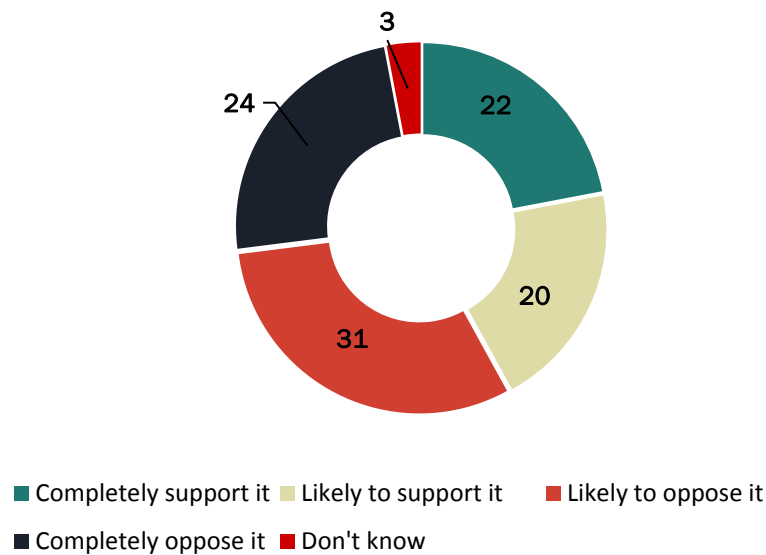


Image 2. Another idea is to ban pupils from using mobile phones, smartphones and other “non-educational” devices in the entire territory of school, both during lessons and breaks. How do you perceive this idea? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)

E-PASSPORTS: A MATTER OF TRUST

July 25, 2019

Eighty-five percent of Russians have heard about the proposal to introduce e-passports for the Russian citizens. Fifty-nine percent would refuse to have e-passport, unlike 31% of those who support the idea. Respondents consider that the main advantages of e-passports are as follows: it has more information; it is durable; you are not afraid to lose it; it has small size; and it is practical. The vulnerabilities include: data protection; system failures and errors in database; access by third parties; it is easy to lose; not all and not everywhere can use it.

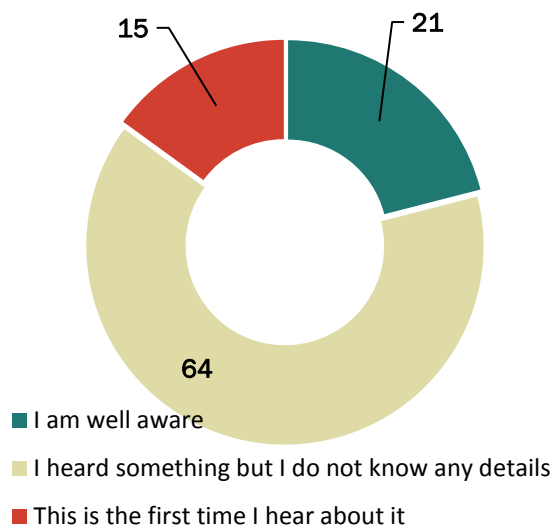


Image 3. Do you know, have you heard, do you hear for the first time about the proposal about electronic passports for the Russian citizens to replace the paper ones? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

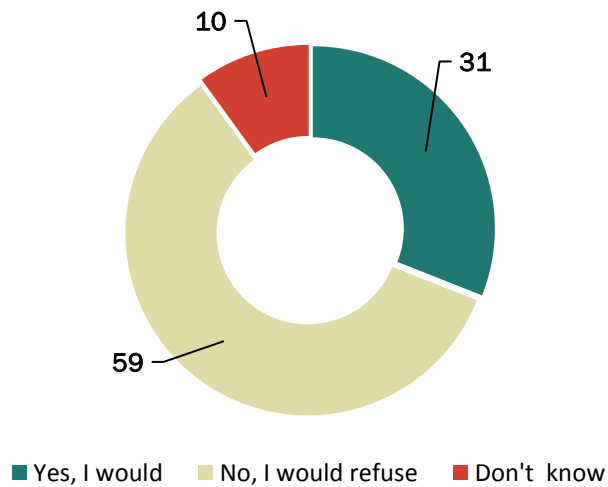


Image 4. Would you like to have an e-passport, or not? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)

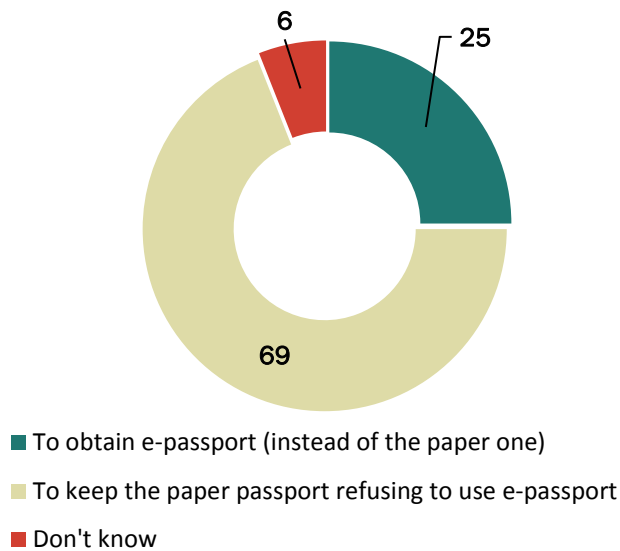


Image 5. If you were to choose: to get an e-passport (instead of the paper one) or to keep your paper passport refusing to use the e-passport, what would you do? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

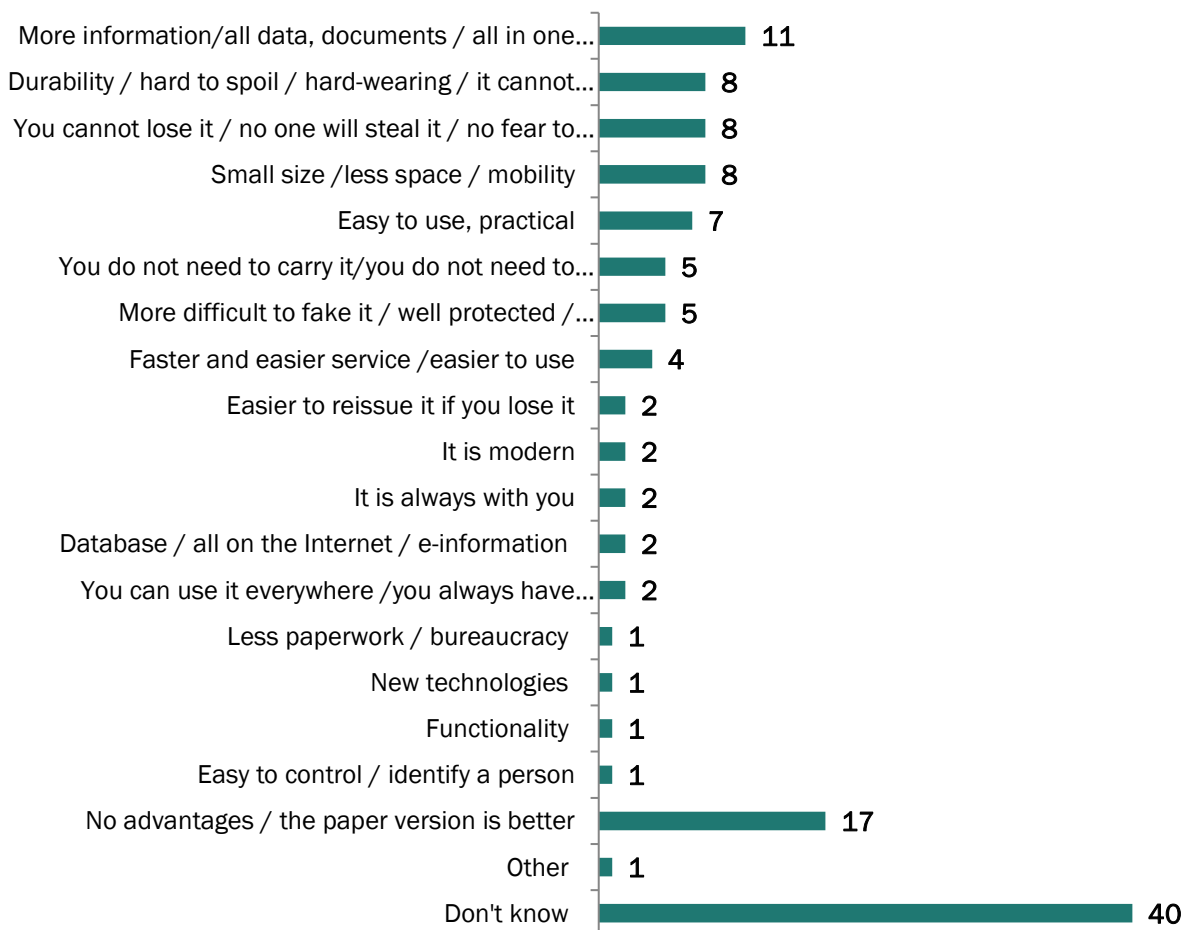


Image 6. In your opinion, what advantages does the e-passport have compared to the paper passport? (open-ended question, up to 3 answers, %)

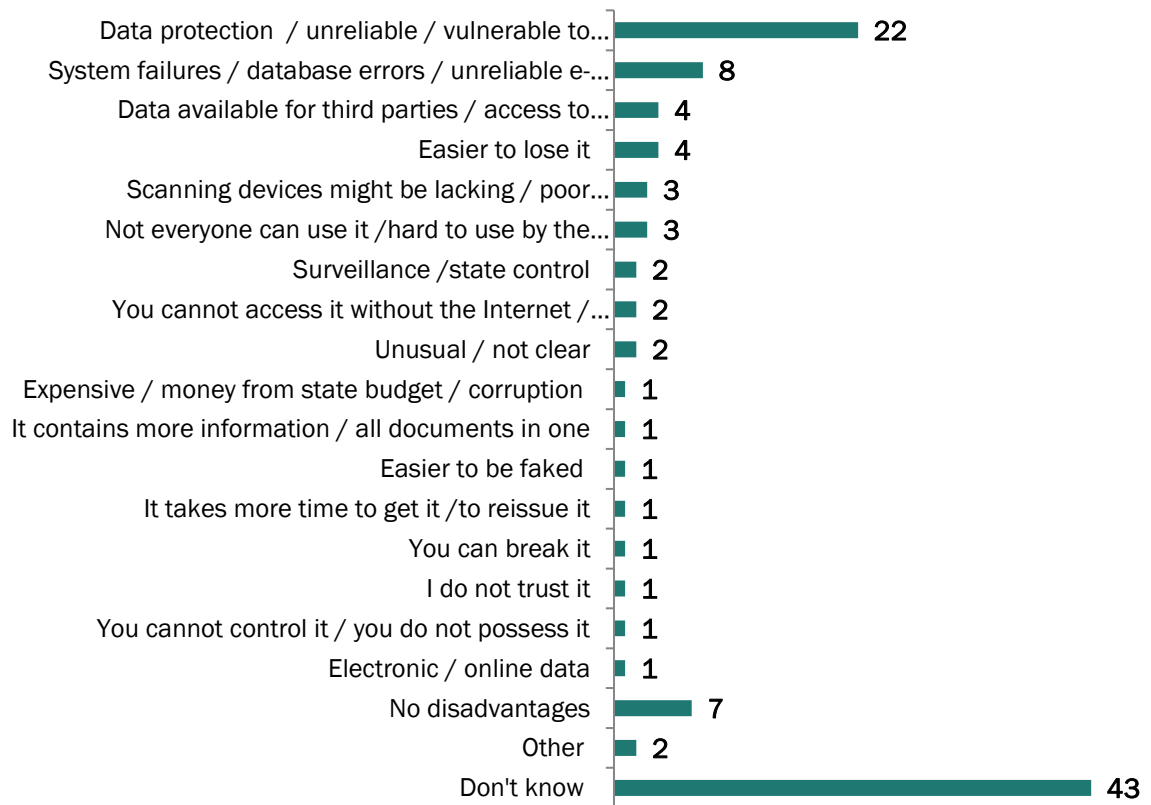


Image 7. And what disadvantages does the e-passport have compared to the paper passport? (open-ended question, up to 3 answers, %)