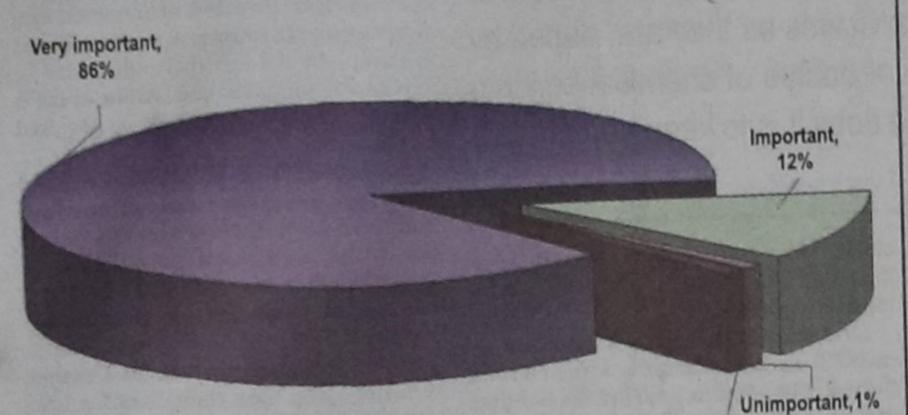
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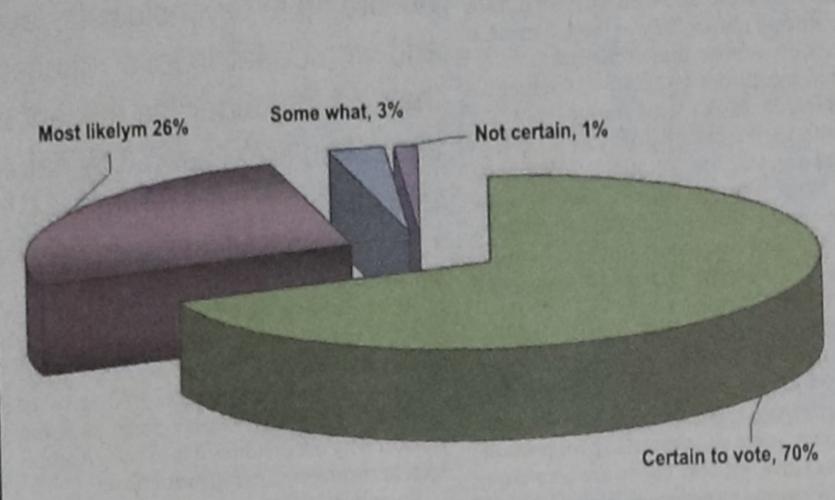
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How important is election to be held on Dec 18 2008?

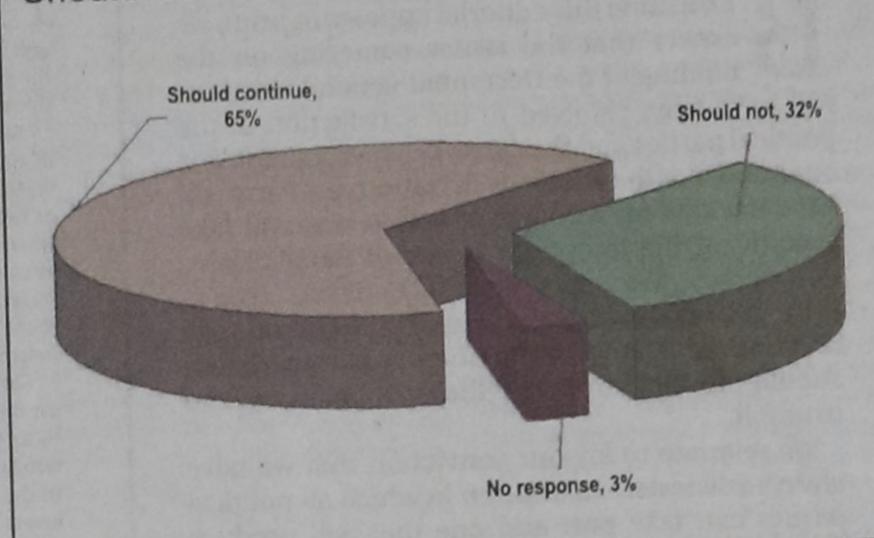


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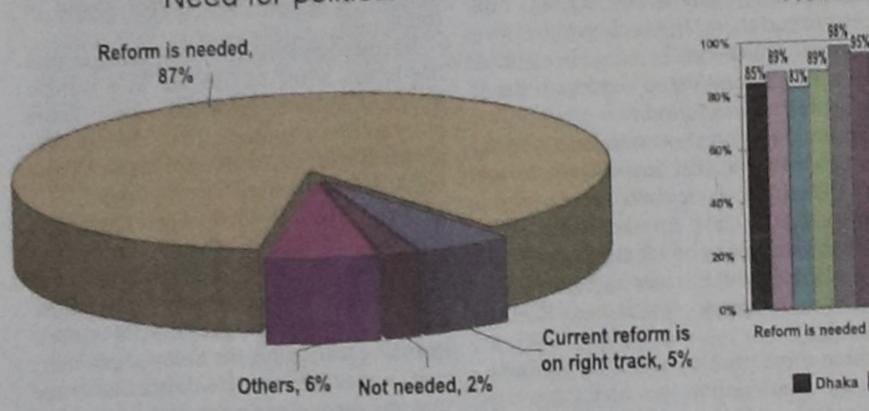
How likely are you to vote in next election?



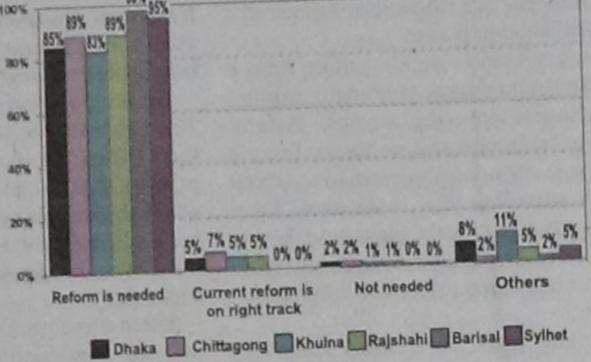
Should Caretaker Government System Continue?



Need for political reform



Need for political reform (division)



Consider corruption as a grave issue more than men and

urban respondents do. All parties should work together to strengthen democracy was the third choice with 5 percent opting for it.

Asked about which areas needing urgent reforms, a majority of 47 percent of the voters said law and order as the area needing reforms immediately. Another 39 percent mentioned that reforms in are the most important issues.

Perception about Anticorruption Drive

Corrupt Leaders 37%

Others 8%

No response 30%

The survey wanted to see the perception of the respondents about the impact of the ongoing anti-corruption drive. A large section of 76 percent of the respondents said that corruption has decreased as encountered in everyday life. Khulna people scored highest here with 83 percent believing a decrease in graft followed by Rajshahi (81 percent) while Barisal respondents gave a comparatively

Reasons Democracy Failed to Deliver

Sufficiently from 1991-2006

low score of 69 percent. Rural people and males scored

higher than urban and females. However, 16 percent found an increase in corruption and 8 percent opined no change in the degree of the vice. The respondents of Barisal were the highest (24 percent) to say corruption has increased while Khulna recorded the lowest score of 11 percent giving the decreased percentage find. The perception difference between was high here with 19 percent females saying corruption has increased while only

12 percent males thought so. Asked whether the ACC should continue its anticorruption drive, about all of the respondents - 96 percent said they want the anti-graft drive to continue and only 2 percent replied in the negative. In Barisal, almost 100

percent answered 'yes'.

System

Despite the lengthy stay of the current system and the problems created by the one headed by President, 65 percent people want the system to continue in future. Chittagong scored the highest followed by Rajshahi.

Over 32 percent of the respondents however said they do not want the caretaker government system to continue in future. From Sylhet, 55 percent respondents said they want the system to be discarded.

Banning of Hartal, Student Politics and Parliament

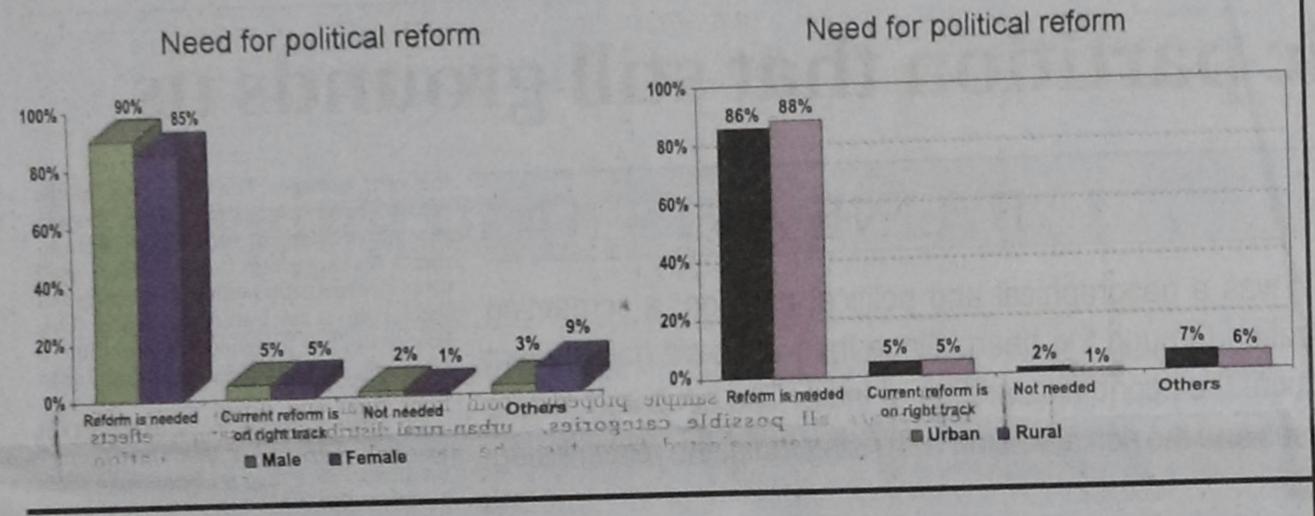
Boycott

Political Grouping 22%

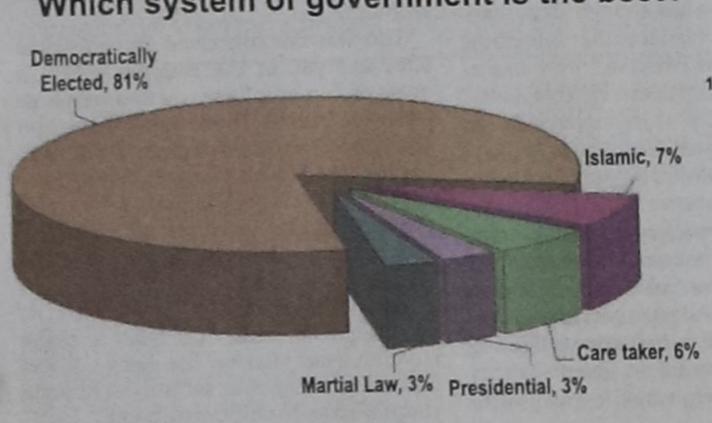
L_ Terrorism 9%

Respondents were asked about their opinion on a few issues that have been in discussion over the years such as hartal, parliament boycott and student politics. An overwhelming 96 percent said hartal should be banned. Over 71 percent were against parliament boycott and 65 percent opposed partisan student politics. Barisal respondents held very strong sentiments against hartal (99 percent) and parliament boycott (95 percent).

Interestingly again, rural respondents were more against hartal, parliament boycott and student politics than urban dwellers. Female respondents were significantly more against student politics and hartal.



Which system of government is the best?



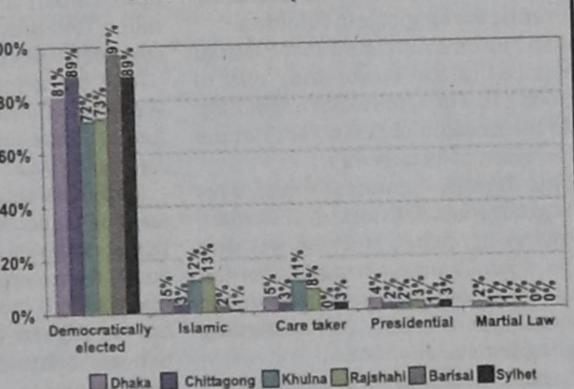
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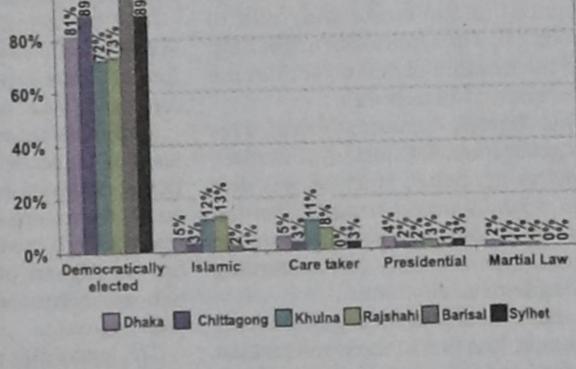
60%

40%

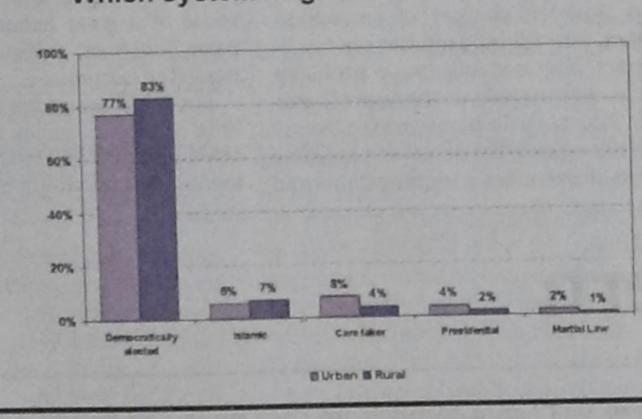
20%

Which system of government is the best (division)?





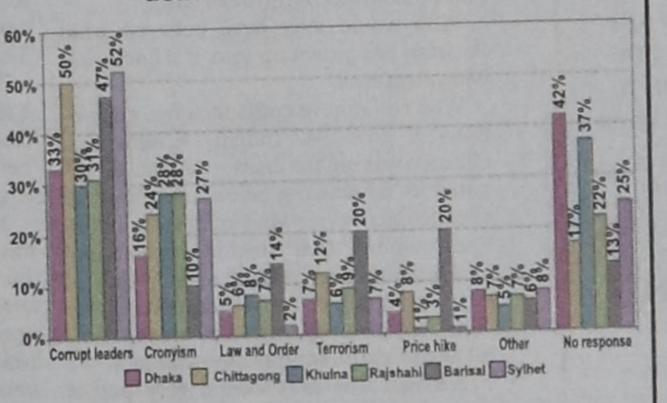
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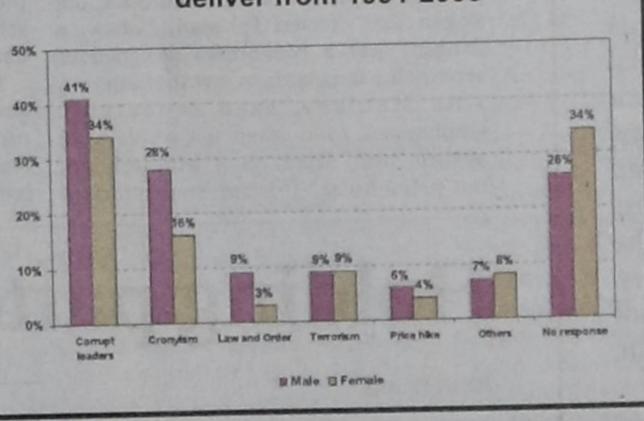
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Price hike 5%

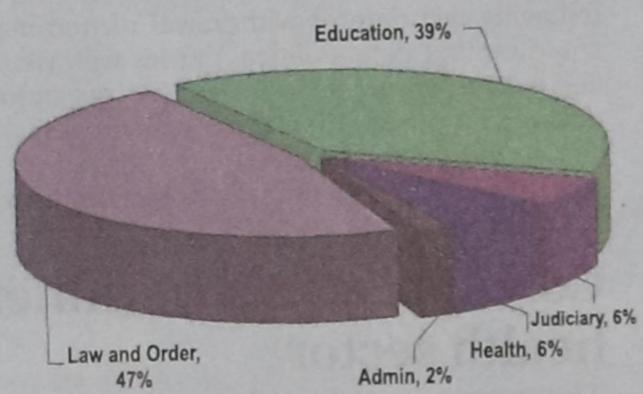
Law and Other 6%



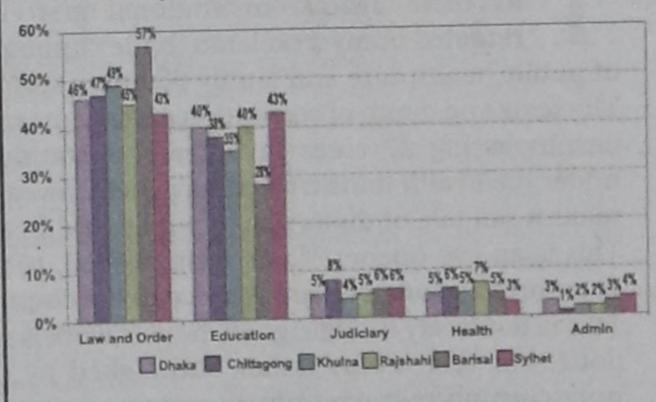
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Most important areas for reform

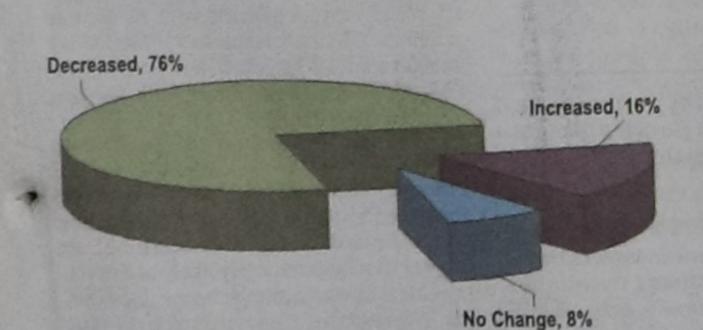


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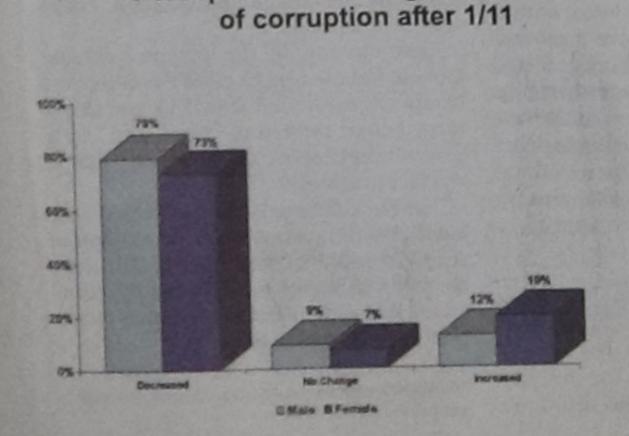


Perceptions on changes in the level of corruption after 1/11

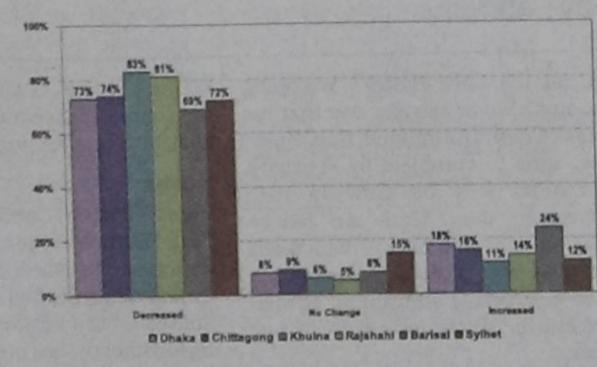
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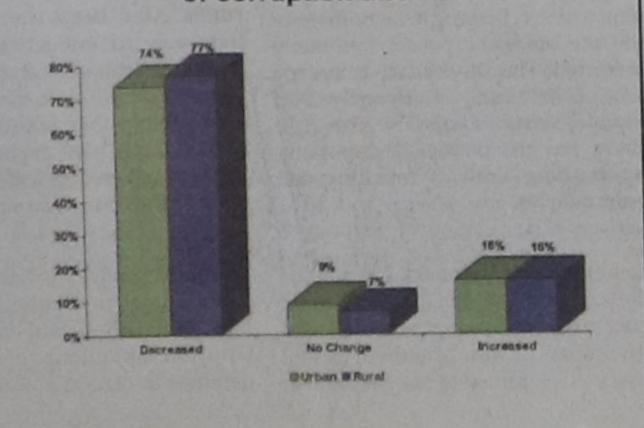
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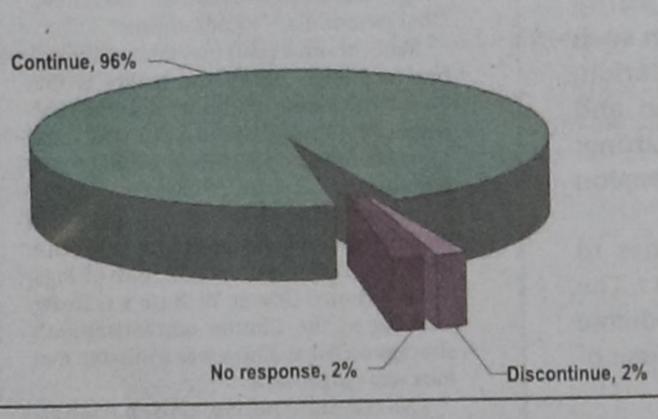
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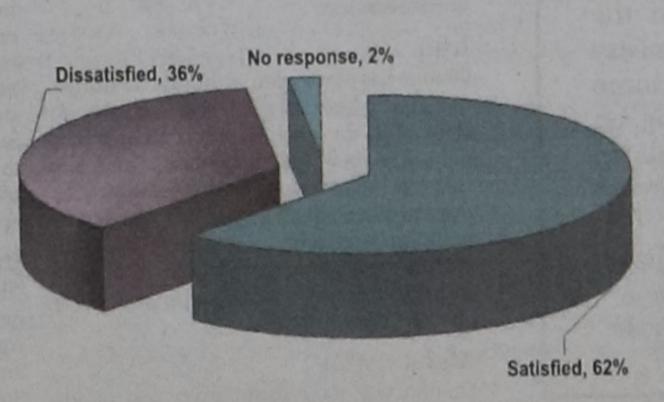
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Should ACC's Anti Corruption Drive Continue?



Were you satisfied with your MP's performance?



These should be Banned

