



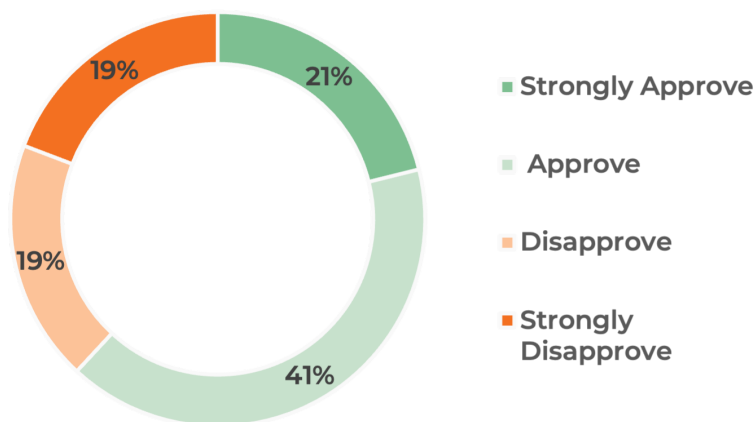
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Over 60% of Voters Approve of President Muizzu

18 DECEMBER, 2025, MALE: Over 60% of Maldivian voters approve of the way President Muizzu is performing in his job, finds a new opinion poll by the [Baani Centre for International Policy](#), indicating strong support for the president midway through his first term.

The Baani Centre, an independent think tank based in Male', asked voters whether they approve or disapprove of President Muizzu's performance as president. Sixty-two per cent said they either 'strongly approve' or 'approve', whereas only 38% said they 'strongly disapprove' or 'disapprove', giving the president a net approval rating of +24 points.

Figure 1: Overall Approval of the President



Of those voters who approve of the president, 21% said they 'strongly approve', while 41% said they only 'approve'. This suggests that of those voters who approve of President Muizzu, most of them are not what you might term fiercely loyal or unwavering supporters.



The Baani Centre conducted the opinion poll between 23 November and 1 December 2025, using random telephone interviews. We collected 391 responses and followed international best practice for opinion polling.

For the above result – regarding the overall approval of the president – our poll has a 5% margin of error and 95% confidence level. This means that if the poll was conducted multiple times, 95% of the time the results would fall within a 5% margin of our poll. The results have been weighted to ensure a representative sample of voters.

The President's Approval Rating, Based on Gender, Age, and Island Type

We are able to break down our polling data by gender, age, whether voters come from urban cities or rural islands. It must be noted, however, that as we break down the data, the margin of error increases, meaning that the results are less accurate. With this limitation in mind, here are the results of the poll by gender, age, and island type.

When we break down the results by gender, they show that female voters are slightly more positive towards the president than are men. Sixty-four percent of women 'strongly approve' or 'approve' of the president, whereas 60% of men do. Meanwhile, 40% of men disapprove of the president, whereas 36% of women do.

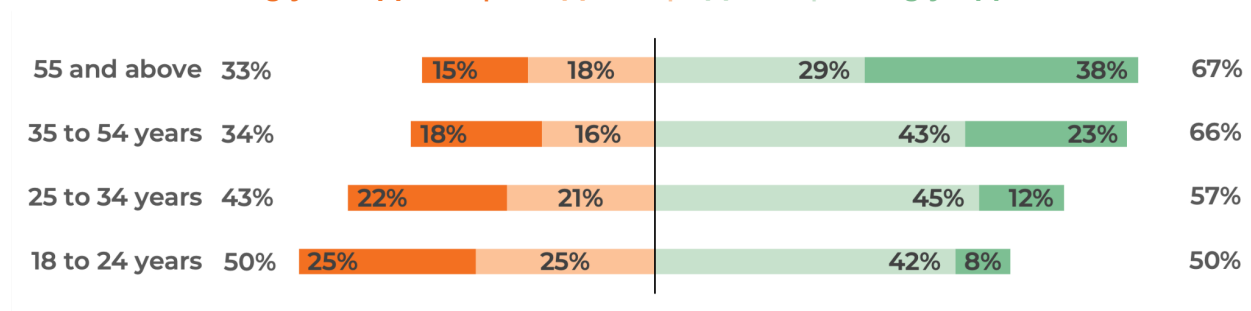
Figure 2: Approval of President Across Genders
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Analysing the results of the opinion poll by age, we find that older voters are more in favour of the President than younger ones. Sixty-seven percent of voters above the age of 55 are positive about President Muizzu's job performance, but those numbers fall the younger the voter. Of voters aged 18-24 years, 50% are positive towards the President.

Moreover, just 8% of young voters (18-24 year old) 'strongly approve' of President Muizzu, whereas 25% 'strongly disapprove', suggesting the president is struggling to attract some younger voters, months after Gen-Z protests rocked Male'.

Figure 3: Approval of President Across Age Groups
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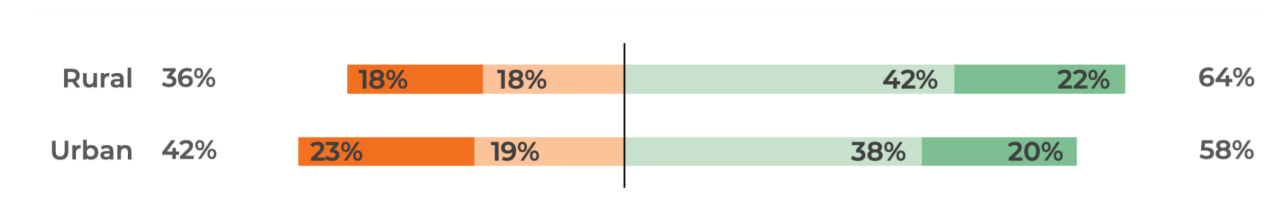


When we break down the results by urban and rural areas, President Muizzu enjoys higher support from rural voters than urban ones. Sixty-four per cent of rural voters are in favour of President Muizzu, compared to 58% of urban ones.

Urban areas include Male' and cities with a population higher than 5,000, including Kulhudhufushi, Thinadhoo, Fuvahmulah and Addu. Rural areas are categorised as islands with a population less than 5,000.



Figure : Approval of President Across Island Type
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The Baani Centre also asked voters their opinion of prominent Maldivian politicians likely to stand in the 2028 presidential elections, as well as voters' views of foreign countries. The results of these questions will be published over the coming weeks.

To read the whole opinion survey report, see: <https://baanicentre.org/research/>

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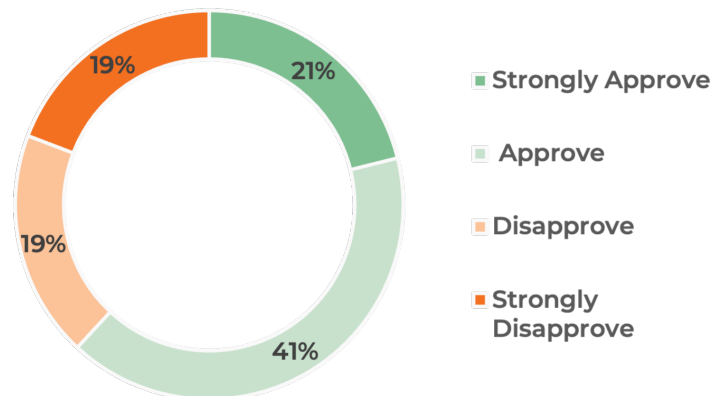
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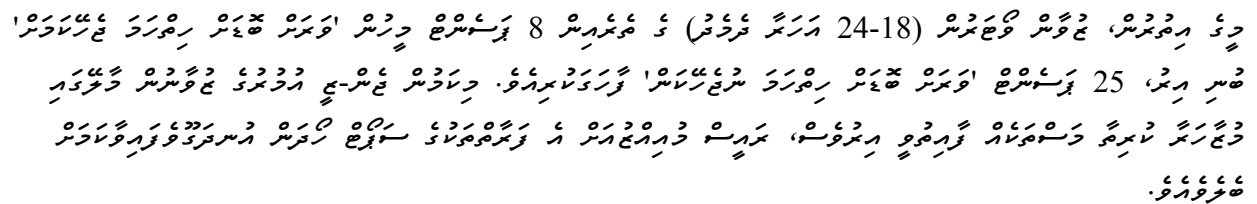
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