

Ministers Rated by Public

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Residents of 138 settlements in 46 regions were asked by state-run VTsIOM to assess the country's 25 government ministers, Kommersant reported Wednesday.

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin was not included in the poll. Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu (72 percent), Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov (47 percent) and Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov (32 percent) received the highest approval.

Education and Science Minister Andrei Fursenko had the highest disapproval (50 percent), followed by Health and Social Development Minister Tatyana Golikova (41 percent) and Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin (34 percent).

Most people do not know who Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin (75 percent) and Deputy Prime Minister Vyacheslav Volodin (both 72 percent) are. Not far behind was First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov (71 percent).

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