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Most Russians Believe It's Impossible to Get Rich Without Cheating

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The majority of Russians believe it is impossible to become a ruble millionaire without bending the rules, a poll conducted by independent Levada Center revealed Tuesday.

A mere 20 percent of Russians polled believe it is possible to earn millions of rubles in good faith, while 70 percent dismissed the prospect as a fantasy, the poll revealed. One million rubles is roughly equal to $17,700.

Forty-seven percent of Russians said they perceived millionaires negatively, as one cannot earn such wealth honestly.

The poll was conducted among 1,600 respondents, with the margin of error not exceeding 3.4 percent.

The average monthly salary in Russia stood at 34,377 rubles ($608) in April 2015, according to the State Statistics Service.

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