

Moscow Residents More Likely to Approve of Putin Than City Authorities – Poll

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Both Putin and Mayor Sergei Sobyanin's approval ratings were several times higher than those of the Moscow City Duma and municipal deputies. **Moskva News Agency**

Moscow residents are more likely to approve of President Vladimir Putin and their mayor than of their city's municipal authorities, according to an independent poll [published](#) Friday.

The Levada Center polling agency said both Putin and Mayor Sergei Sobyanin shared a 41% approval rating among Muscovites.

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That compares to 13% approval for the Moscow City Duma and 16% for municipal deputies, which include high-profile opposition figures that have taken part in recent anti-government protests among their ranks.

Muscovites were also more likely to approve of Putin's and Sobyanin's work than disapprove of it, with their disapproval ratings standing at 22% for the president and 25% for the mayor.

Disapproval for the Moscow City Duma stood at 30%, or double its approval rating. Meanwhile, 20% of Muscovites disapproved of the municipal deputies' work, according to Levada.

Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, who holds a 30% approval rating, had the highest share of indifferent respondents (34%) as well as the lowest disapproval rating (12%).

The Levada survey also showed little change in the authorities' approval ratings since December despite this winter's mass rallies in support of jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny.

A previous Levada poll published Thursday showed declining support for Navalny, who is serving two and a half years in a notoriously harsh prison on charges of violating parole while recovering from poisoning abroad.

The pollster conducted its computer-assisted personal interview with 500 Muscovites between April 15-26.

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