Deliberative Polling is a unique form of political consultation that combines techniques of public opinion research and public deliberation to reveal what public opinion would be on a particular issue if citizens were given a chance to become more informed. The Deliberative Poll seeks to account for the preferences and opinions of citizens both before and after they have had an opportunity to arrive at considerate judgments based on balanced information and discussion with fellow citizens.

EPI with the support of the Center for Deliberative Polling at the University of Stanford, USA, implemented the deliberative polling event for the second time.

**NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC DEBATE**

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**RESULTS**

**1. HOW URGENT ARE MACEDONIA’S NEEDS FOR DEMOCRATIZATION ON A SCALE FROM 0 TO 10?**

- Before Debate: 8.21
- After Debate: 8.19

**2. HOW IMPORTANT OR UNIMPORTANT DO YOU THINK THESE ARE AS POLICY GOALS IN NORTH MACEDONIA, ON A SCALE FROM 0 TO 10?**

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**3. THE EU HAS MINIMAL STANDARDS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE ILLEGAL UNDER EU’S MINIMAL STANDARDS?**

- Refusal of medical assistance because of your sexual orientation: Before 4% / After 20%
- Refusal of service because of your ethnicity: Before 3% / After 9%
- Denied employment because of your ethnicity: Before 3% / After 10%
- Denied rights to vote because of physical disability: Before 2% / After 5%

The debate increased significantly the number of participants believing that: