### Attitudes toward NATO

Vanja Rokvić Assistant Professor Faculty of Security Studies University of Belgrade vanjarokvic@fb.bg.ac.rs

#### Serbia – NATO Relations

- ▶ 2006 PfP
- 2006 The NATO Military Liaison Office
- 2006 Serbia-NATO Defence Reform Group
- 2007 Presentation Document
- 2008 Security Agreement (ratified on 5 July 2011)
- 2009 The Mission of the Republic of Serbia to NATO
- 2015 the Individual Partnership Action Plan

### Sample and Methodology

- ▶ Survey sample: 173 students
- Composition of respondents: 55.5% second year & 44.5% fourht year of study; 31.2% male & 68.8% female students
- ▶ **Data collection period:** May Jun 2016

# If a referendum were held today on Serbia joining NATO, how would you vote?

- ▶ 7.6% Would vote for Serbia joining NATO
- > 73.7% Would vote against Serbia joining NATO
- ▶ 14% Would not vote
- ▶ 4.7% Don't know

# Do you support participation of the Republic of Serbia in the Partnership for Peace

- ▶ 23.4% Strongly support
- ▶ 47.4% Slightly support
- ▶ 12.9% Unsure
- ▶ 15.8% Strongly disapprove
- ▶ 0.6% Dont' know

### In your opinion, should Serbia...?

- ▶ 65.9% Remain a military neutral
- ▶ 22.9% Join some other alliance
- ▶ 11.2% Don't know

### Is Serbia protected from external threats?

- ▶ 18.8% Protected
- ▶ 70% Not protected
- ▶ 10.6% Don't know

## Are you well informed about Serbia-NATO relations?

- ▶ 3.5% Very well informed
- ▶ 11.6% Well informed
- ▶ 53.8% Informed
- ▶ 28.9% Poorly informed
- ▶ 2.3% I know nothing

# Do you know what the NATO Defense Reform Group is?

- ▶ 28.7% Yes
- ▶ 50.9% No
- ▶ 19.9% Don't know

## Have you heard of the NATO Military Liaison Mission in Serbia?

- 44.4% Yes
- ▶ 32% No
- ▶ 23.7% Don't know

## Does Serbia have mission to the NATO Brussels?

- > 29.3% Yes
- ▶ 15.2% No
- ▶ 55.5% Don't know

## What sources of information do you use to learn about NATO?

- ▶ 30% Mass media
- ▶ 69.4% Faculty/University

In your opinion NATO and colective defense issues are sufficiently represented in course syllabuses and textbooks at the Faculty of Security Studies

- ▶ 38.7% Sufficiently represented
- ▶ 53.8% Insufficiently represented
- ▶ 7.5% Don't know

### The Individual Partnership Action Plan

- the Public Information Strategy will ensure that information about Serbia NATO relations and cooperation are presented objectively and in a timely manner.
- will include activities ensuring the provision of information to support to academic and research institutions
- promote public understanding of security issues including those related to NATO

#### **Instead of Conclusion**

Strengthening NATO-Serbia relations are of benefit to the Alliance, to Serbia, and to the whole region."

### Thank you for your attention!