

Police Renaming Skepticism

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Sixty-three percent of Russians do not believe that changing the name of the country's main law enforcement agency from "militia" to "police" will influence its work, state-run pollster VTsIOM said Friday.

Another 15 percent of the 1,600 respondents in the poll believe that the rebranding will make things worse, while only 11 percent welcome the decision, according to the survey, which had a margin of error of 3.4 percentage points.

Changing the police force's name was proposed by President Dmitry Medvedev as part of his upcoming police reform, the legal framework for which was published online Aug. 7. The draft is open for public discussion until early September.✉

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