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Hungarians are proud of being Hungarian

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Eight out of ten Hungarians are proud of being Hungarian, and 85 percent of them have a strong national identity, according to a survey done by the Mária Kopp Institute for Population and Families (KINCS). The representative research conducted with the involvement of 1,000 people also revealed that Hungarians are primarily proud of the success of our country, their national identity is stronger than their European one.

Belonging to a nation makes one stronger and prouder, she/he feels that she/he is not alone in successes and failures. And if the people of a country are proud of their history, cultural and sporting achievements, they will imagine their future in that country and start a family there as well.

The research of KINCS reveals that 8 out of 10 Hungarians are proud of being Hungarian. The highest proportion of those with children, the elderly and those living in the countryside feel this way, but among the age groups, young people are most proud of Hungary's scientific and sporting achievements. Eighty-two percent of 18-29 year olds are proud of the achievements of Hungarian athletes (94 percent of students), in which the success of Hungarians in world competitions certainly plays a major role, so the successful Tokyo Olympic performance of the Hungarian Olympic Team can have a big impact on young people.

63 percent of respondents are extremely proud to be Hungarian: they rated the highest value on a scale of 1 to 10. Overall, it can be seen that the Hungarian people have a strong national identity, which characterizes 85% of the respondents.

More than three-quarters of those surveyed said they were proud of Hungary's history, with 85 percent proud of their scientific results and 79 percent proud of their sporting results. The country's cultural success was praised by three-quarters of respondents (76 percent).

Six out of ten Hungarians (62 percent) are proud that our country is member of the European Union, whereby 11 percent fully disagrees with this. The survey shows that 21% of respondents are dissatisfied with the way the European Union works, while 42% rather acknowledge it. This means that compared to the respondents who are proud of the Hungarian results, the proportion of those who acknowledge the European results is half as high.

All in all, we see that the Hungarian people are proud to have been born Hungarian and also proud of the achievements of our country. The performance of the European Union divides them more.

Methodology: The nationally representative research of KINCS was conducted by a telephone survey of 1,000 people among the adult population, between July 14-16, 2021.

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