

## Global Leadership Project (GLP) Codebook v1

In this codebook you will find a list of variables (Section I) and the questionnaire used by country experts and research assistants to collect the data (Section II).

The data itself is situated in two datasets, one with primarily country-level data and the other with primarily individual-level data. They are each organized by the same country id code (country\_nid) so they can be easily merged. Both sets of variables are included in this comprehensive codebook. Both can be downloaded from the GLP site and will be updated periodically with a new version number (corresponding to the versioning of this codebook).

Data currently released for public use is from the first round of data collection. A second round was completed in 2019 and will be released shortly. A few variables in this codebook are only available in round 1 or 2.

\*Not public. This refers to data that is confidential and therefore not made public at the individual level.

\*\*Very limited coverage. This refers to variables for which we were able to obtain only limited coverage.

For some questions, multiple answers are possible, perhaps because a leader holds multiple positions at the same time. Thus, a few variables have several iterations (e.g. office\_type\_1, office\_type\_2, office\_type\_3).

This dataset is a work in progress. Please let us know of any ambiguities or errors. We appreciate your help.

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## I. Variables

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### Country-level variables

### Notes

country_nid	GLP country code (three to six digits)
country_title	Country name
country_ countryname_eng	Country name (English)
country_ countryname_alt	Country alternate name
country_nme2	Country alternate name 2
country_cow	COW country code
country_imfcode	IMF country code
country_wdicode	WDI country code
country_banks	Banks country code
country_sedepe	Sedepe country code
country_politycode	Polity country code
country_region	Region of the world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa</li> <li>• Americas</li> <li>• Asia</li> <li>• Europe</li> <li>• MENA</li> </ul>
country_ country_legislature	Legislature name
country_ country_ppltn_year	Population, year of observation
country_ country_population	Population
country_country_ppltn_source	Population source
country_num_persons	Elites in the country ( <i>N</i> )
country_num_ethnicity	Ethnic groups in the country ( <i>N</i> )
country_num_ethnocultural	Ethnocultural groups in the country ( <i>N</i> )
country_num_language	Language groups in the country ( <i>N</i> )
country_num_offices	Offices in the country ( <i>N</i> )
country_mp_salary	MP annual salary for lower house or unicameral legislature (USD)
country_mps_statutory	Lower house or unicameral house members, statutory ( <i>N</i> )
country_mps_actual	Lower house or unicameral house members, actual ( <i>N</i> )
country_mps_statutory_upper	Upper house members, statutory ( <i>N</i> )
country_mps_actual_upper	Upper house members, actual ( <i>N</i> )
country_ country_exec_statutory	Executives, statutory ( <i>N</i> )
country_exec_actual	Executives, actual ( <i>N</i> )
country_cabinet_statutory	Cabinet members, statutory ( <i>N</i> )
country_cabinet_actual	Cabinet members, actual ( <i>N</i> )
country_pleader_statutory	Party leaders, statutory ( <i>N</i> )
country_pleader_actual	Party leaders, actual ( <i>N</i> )
country_asleader_statutory	Parliamentary leaders, statutory ( <i>N</i> )
country_asleader_actual	Parliamentary leaders, actual ( <i>N</i> )
country_sp_court_statutory	Supreme court members, statutory ( <i>N</i> )
country_sp_court_actual	Supreme court members, actual ( <i>N</i> )
country_seat_numbers_notes	Seat numbers for all entities (notes)
country_last_election_year	Parliamentary election just prior to 2 <sup>nd</sup> round data collection (year)

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## Party-level Variables

party_nid	Political party, ID
party_name	Political party, name
party_name_local	Political party, local name
party_year_founded	Political party, year founded
party_notes	Political party, notes

## Leader-level Variables

person_nid	Person ID (four to six digits)
person_title	Person name
person_round	Person included in round 1, round 2, or rounds 1&2 of data collection
person_house	Person is a member of lower house or upper house
person_firstname	First name
person_lastname	Last name
person_firstname_local	First name (local)
person_lastname_local	Last name (local)
person_bday	Birthday (day/month/year)
person_gender	Gender: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Female</li><li>• Male</li></ul>
person_born_abroad	Born abroad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>0. No</li><li>1. Yes</li></ul>
person_birthplace	Birthplace [free text]
person_birthcountry	Birth country
person_marital_stat	Marital status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single</li><li>• Married</li><li>• Divorced</li><li>• Widowed</li></ul>
glp_numchild	Children (N)
person_occupation_1	Occupation #1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education: school teacher</li><li>• Education: university professor</li><li>• Employed: blue-collar worker</li><li>• Employed: middle management (department head, technician etc.)</li><li>• Employed: other white-collar worker</li><li>• Employed: professional (accountant, architect, lawyer, medical doctor etc.)</li><li>• Employed: top management / director / CEO</li><li>• Full-time interest group official (employers. association)</li><li>• Full-time interest group official (trade union)</li><li>• Full-time politician (paid by party organisation, parliament, government; think tanks; living of politics)</li><li>• International organization other</li><li>• International organization top management</li><li>• Landlord</li><li>• Media (journalist, pundit, columnist etc)</li><li>• Military official</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No (previous) occupation (including unemployed)</li> <li>• Other</li> <li>• Self-employed: farmer, fisherman</li> <li>• Self-employed: professional (accountant, architect, lawyer, medical doctor etc.)</li> <li>• Self-employed: small businessman</li> </ul>
person_occupation_2	<p>Occupation #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education: school teacher</li> <li>• Education: university professor</li> <li>• Employed: blue-collar worker</li> <li>• Employed: middle management (department head, technician etc.)</li> <li>• Employed: other white-collar worker</li> <li>• Employed: professional (accountant, architect, lawyer, medical doctor etc.)</li> <li>• Employed: top management / director / CEO</li> <li>• Full-time interest group official (employers. association)</li> <li>• Full-time interest group official (trade union)</li> <li>• Full-time politician (paid by party organisation, parliament, government; think tanks; living of politics)</li> <li>• International organization other</li> <li>• International organization top management</li> <li>• Landlord</li> <li>• Media (journalist, pundit, columnist etc)</li> <li>• Military official</li> <li>• No (previous) occupation (including unemployed)</li> <li>• Other</li> <li>• Self-employed: farmer, fisherman</li> <li>• Self-employed: professional (accountant, architect, lawyer, medical doctor etc.)</li> </ul>
person_occupation_3	<p>Occupation #3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education: school teacher</li> <li>• Education: university professor</li> <li>• Employed: blue-collar worker</li> <li>• Employed: middle management (department head, technician etc.)</li> <li>• Employed: other white-collar worker</li> <li>• Employed: professional (accountant, architect, lawyer, medical doctor etc.)</li> <li>• Employed: top management / director / CEO</li> <li>• Full-time interest group official (employers. association)</li> <li>• Full-time interest group official (trade union)</li> <li>• Full-time politician (paid by party organisation, parliament, government; think tanks; living of politics)</li> <li>• International organization other</li> <li>• International organization top management</li> <li>• Landlord</li> <li>• Media (journalist, pundit, columnist etc)</li> <li>• Military official</li> <li>• No (previous) occupation (including unemployed)</li> <li>• Other</li> <li>• Self-employed: farmer, fisherman</li> <li>• Self-employed: professional (accountant, architect, lawyer, medical doctor etc.)</li> </ul>

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person_family_clan_link	Family/clan affiliation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
person_family_clan_name	Family/clan affiliation name
person_family_clan_nam_rel	Family clan affiliation name reliability check <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assumed</li> <li>• Uncertain</li> </ul>
person_lang_native_nid	Native language (country specific) ID
person_lang_native_title	Native language name
person_lang_native_rel	Reliability of native language spoken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assumed</li> <li>• Uncertain</li> </ul>
person_lang_native_other	Other native language spoken
person_lang_spoken_nid	Other native language spoken (country-specific) ID
person_lang_spoken_title	Other (non-native) language spoken (name)
person_lang_spoken_other	Other (non-native) language spoken (if not in pre-populated list)
person_lang_english	Knowledge of English <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. No</li> <li>1. Yes</li> </ol>
person_lang_french	Knowledge of French <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. No</li> <li>1. Yes</li> </ol>
person_lang_arabic	Knowledge of Arabic <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. No</li> <li>1. Yes</li> </ol>
person_lang_spanish	Knowledge of Portuguese <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. No</li> <li>1. Yes</li> </ol>
person_lang_chinese	Knowledge of Chinese <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. No</li> <li>1. Yes</li> </ol>
person_lang_german	Knowledge of German <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. No</li> <li>1. Yes</li> </ol>
person_lang_russian	Knowledge of Russian <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. No</li> <li>1. Yes</li> </ol>
person_lang_portuguese	Knowledge of Portuguese <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. No</li> <li>1. Yes</li> </ol>
person_lang_other	Other language spoken (name)
person_lang_all_count	All languages spoken ( <i>N</i> )
Person_unv_name_1	Graduate of university #1 (name)
person_unv_name_2	Graduate of university #2 (name)
person_unv_name_3	Graduate of university #3 (name)
person_ug_major_1	Undergraduate major #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agronomy</li> <li>• biology / chemistry / physics</li> <li>• economics / business / management</li> <li>• engineering</li> <li>• humanities</li> <li>• law</li> <li>• mathematics / computer science</li> <li>• medicine</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• military</li> <li>• other</li> <li>• social sciences</li> </ul>	
person_ug_major_2	Undergraduate major #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agronomy</li> <li>• biology / chemistry / physics</li> <li>• economics / business / management</li> <li>• engineering</li> <li>• humanities</li> <li>• law</li> <li>• mathematics / computer science</li> <li>• medicine</li> <li>• military</li> <li>• other</li> <li>• social sciences</li> </ul>	
person_ug_major_3	Undergraduate major #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agronomy</li> <li>• biology / chemistry / physics</li> <li>• economics / business / management</li> <li>• engineering</li> <li>• humanities</li> <li>• law</li> <li>• mathematics / computer science</li> <li>• medicine</li> <li>• military</li> <li>• other</li> <li>• social sciences</li> </ul>	
person_education	Highest level of education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Secondary</li> <li>• Higher education, non university</li> <li>• University/college</li> <li>• Post-graduate (anything accept Ph.D. degree)</li> <li>• Ph.D.</li> </ul>	
person_college_country	Country of college graduated	
person_abroad	Educated abroad? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. No</li> <li>1. Yes</li> </ol>	
person_eduwest	Educated in west? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. No</li> <li>1. Yes</li> </ol>	
person_course_of_study	Course of study in undergraduate degree (free text)	
person_email	Email address	*
person_notes	Miscellaneous notes by the coder	
person_aff_party_nid	Political party affiliation (country-specific) code	
person_aff_party	Political party affiliation (name)	
person_aff_party_nonpartisan	Nonpartisan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>	
person_aff_party_power	Among top ten or apex? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> <li>• Apex</li> <li>• Top ten</li> </ul>	

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person_aff_party_position	Political party position (free text)
person_aff_party_position_local	Political party position (free text, local language)
person_aff_party_coalition_differ	Is party affiliation different from coalition affiliation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
person_aff_party_pol_exp	Political experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governmental international organization</li> <li>• Local government</li> <li>• Municipal position</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• National employers organization</li> <li>• National other interest group</li> <li>• National trade union</li> <li>• None</li> <li>• Party organization / administration</li> <li>• Party youth branch</li> <li>• Political advisor</li> <li>• Political movement</li> <li>• Previous MP</li> <li>• Previous Minister</li> <li>• Supra-national employers organization</li> <li>• Supra-national other interest group</li> <li>• Supra-national trade union</li> </ul>
person_office_type_1	Office type 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of parliament</li> <li>• Assembly leader</li> <li>• Cabinet, Minister</li> <li>• Executive</li> <li>• Executive staff</li> <li>• Other unelective bodies</li> <li>• Party leader</li> <li>• Supreme court</li> </ul>
person_office_position_1	Office position 1 (free text)
person_office_minposarea_1	Ministerial policy area 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PM or equivalent</li> <li>• Vice or deputy PM</li> <li>• without portfolio</li> <li>• finance / treasury / budget</li> <li>• economy</li> <li>• justice</li> <li>• foreign affairs</li> <li>• defence</li> <li>• interior</li> <li>• agriculture</li> <li>• fisheries, sea</li> <li>• industry</li> <li>• commerce</li> <li>• social affairs</li> <li>• health</li> <li>• labour, employment</li> <li>• family, youth</li> <li>• transport</li> <li>• construction, housing, urbanization</li> <li>• environment</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• research, technology</li> <li>• culture</li> <li>• foreign trade</li> <li>• posts, telecommunications</li> <li>• sports</li> <li>• foreign aid</li> <li>• civil service</li> <li>• public works</li> <li>• energy</li> <li>• planning, land management</li> <li>• regional affairs</li> <li>• war veterans, refugees and repatriation</li> <li>• relations with parliament</li> <li>• education</li> <li>• information</li> <li>• leisure, tourism</li> <li>• consumer affairs</li> <li>• food</li> <li>• women (gender–equal opportunities?)</li> <li>• European affairs</li> <li>• other</li> <li>• not known</li> </ul>	
person_office_minposarea_lo	Ministerial policy areas (local) (free text)	
person_office_service_began_1	Office 1, service began in (year)	
prsn_office_srvc_bgn_cabi_1	Cabinet member service began in (year)	
person_office_terms_1	Office 1, previous office terms (N)	
person_office_pm_participate_1	Share of recorded votes in the previous legislative session that the MP participated in (%)	**
person_office_howmanydays_1	Legislature in session during the previous session (days)	**
prsn_office_hwmnydys_miss_1	Days of the previous legislative session missed by the MP	**
prsn_office_cnsstncy_nid_1	Constituency ID (CLEA)	
prsn_office_cnsstncy_title_1	Name of constituency (free text)	
person_office_type_2	Office type 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of parliament</li> <li>• Assembly leader</li> <li>• Cabinet, Minister</li> <li>• Executive</li> <li>• Executive staff</li> <li>• Other unelective bodies</li> <li>• Party leader</li> <li>• Supreme court</li> </ul>	
person_office_position_2	Office position 2 (free text)	
person_office_minposarea_2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministerial policy area 2:</li> <li>• PM or equivalent</li> <li>• Vice or deputy PM</li> <li>• without portfolio</li> <li>• finance / treasury / budget</li> <li>• economy</li> <li>• justice</li> <li>• foreign affairs</li> <li>• defence</li> <li>• interior</li> <li>• agriculture</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fisheries, sea</li> <li>• industry</li> <li>• commerce</li> <li>• social affairs</li> <li>• health</li> <li>• labour, employment</li> <li>• family, youth</li> <li>• transport</li> <li>• construction, housing, urbanization</li> <li>• environment</li> <li>• research, technology</li> <li>• culture</li> <li>• foreign trade</li> <li>• posts, telecommunications</li> <li>• sports</li> <li>• foreign aid</li> <li>• civil service</li> <li>• public works</li> <li>• energy</li> <li>• planning, land management</li> <li>• regional affairs</li> <li>• war veterans, refugees and repatriation</li> <li>• relations with parliament</li> <li>• education</li> <li>• information</li> <li>• leisure, tourism</li> <li>• consumer affairs</li> <li>• food</li> <li>• women (gender–equal opportunities?)</li> <li>• European affairs</li> <li>• other</li> <li>• not known</li> </ul>	
person_office_service_began_2	Office 2, service began in (year)	
prsn_office_srvc_bgn_cabi_2	Cabinet member service began in (year)	
Person_office_terms_2	Office 2, previous office terms (N)	
person_office_pm_participate_2	Share of recorded votes in the previous legislative session that the MP participated in (%)	**
person_office_howmanydays_2	Legislature in session during the previous session (days)	**
prsn_office_hwmnydys_miss_2	Days of the previous legislative session missed by the MP	**
prsn_office_cnsstncy_nid_2	Node ID of constituency 2	
prsn_office_cnsstncy_title_2	Name of constituency 2	
person_office_type_3	Office type 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of parliament</li> <li>• Assembly leader</li> <li>• Cabinet, Minister</li> <li>• Executive</li> <li>• Executive staff</li> <li>• Other unelective bodies</li> <li>• Party leader</li> <li>• Supreme court</li> </ul>	
person_office_position_3	Office position 3	
person_office_minposarea_3	Ministerial policy area 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PM or equivalent</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice or deputy PM</li> <li>• without portfolio</li> <li>• finance / treasury / budget</li> <li>• economy</li> <li>• justice</li> <li>• foreign affairs</li> <li>• defence</li> <li>• interior</li> <li>• agriculture</li> <li>• fisheries, sea</li> <li>• industry</li> <li>• commerce</li> <li>• social affairs</li> <li>• health</li> <li>• labour, employment</li> <li>• family, youth</li> <li>• transport</li> <li>• construction, housing, urbanization</li> <li>• environment</li> <li>• research, technology</li> <li>• culture</li> <li>• foreign trade</li> <li>• posts, telecommunications</li> <li>• sports</li> <li>• foreign aid</li> <li>• civil service</li> <li>• public works</li> <li>• energy</li> <li>• planning, land management</li> <li>• regional affairs</li> <li>• war veterans, refugees and repatriation</li> <li>• relations with parliament</li> <li>• education</li> <li>• information</li> <li>• leisure, tourism</li> <li>• consumer affairs</li> <li>• food</li> <li>• women (gender–equal opportunities?)</li> <li>• European affairs</li> <li>• other</li> <li>• not known</li> </ul>	
person_office_service_began_3	Office 3 began in (year)	
prsn_office_srvc_bgn_cabi_3	Cabinet service began in (year)	
person_office_terms_3	Number of previous office terms 3	
person_office_pm_participate_3	Share of recorded votes in the previous legislative session that the MP participated in (%)	**
person_office_howmanydays_3	Legislature in session during the previous session (days)	**
prsn_office_hwmnydys_miss_3	Days of the previous legislative session missed by the MP	**
prsn_office_cnsstncy_nid_3	Node ID of constituency 3	
prsn_office_cnsstncy_title_3	Name of constituency 3	

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## II. Questionnaire

Data contained in the GLP is gathered primarily from a lengthy questionnaire answered by country experts (discussed in more detail below). Responses are in English, though fields for alternate names in local languages are included for some items.

Questions were chosen for inclusion based on their potential relevance to problems of governance and data availability. For each leader, we code age, sex, marital status, ethnicity, religion, native language, additional languages spoken, place of birth, previous job experience, previous political experience, highest level of education attainment, universities attended, principal course of study, party affiliation, current position, and tenure of service.

Several other questions inquire about country-level characteristics such as population, the names of political parties, the names of salient ethnocultural groups, the electoral system, salaries of MPs, and so forth. These country-level characteristics are coded either by experts or by consultation of primary and secondary sources.

Most of the individual-level questions are coded on the basis of publicly available information, often contained on government web sites or CVs. This information is usually available in the country's official language, or perhaps in several languages (if a web site is translated). All coders are fluent in the official language of the country they are coding.

A few questions (such as who are the most powerful individuals in a country, discussed below) require coders to exercise judgment. For these questions, we can anticipate some degree of disagreement among scholars. However, most of the questions on the questionnaire are factual in nature. Where there is uncertainty about the nature of a leader's characteristics, it is more likely to be a matter of uncertain knowledge (where was *X*'s birthplace?) rather than larger conceptual issues.

To indicate uncertainty (of whatever sort), coders may check a box labeled "uncertain" or another box labeled "assumed" (indicating that the answer to this question is inferred rather than based directly on source material). They are also offered an open-ended *Notes* field in which they can comment on any aspect of a question, such as problems pertaining to coding, special sources (published or unpublished) used to code that question, or any additional persons consulted.

For most of the following questions (except the most obvious), three additional fields are available:

- a) *Uncertain*. If checked, this means that the coder is uncertain about the answer to this question. Default: unchecked. Evidently, certainty will be greater for some questions (e.g., sex) than for others (e.g., political power). However, in checking the Uncertainty box we are asking for an estimate relative to other answers to *that particular question*. Thus, if a coder is more uncertain about one person's level of power, relative to other persons' political power, the coder should register this uncertainty by checking the appropriate box.
- b) *Assumed*. If checked, the answer to the question is inferred, rather than based on source material. Default: unchecked.
- c) *Notes*. An open-ended field that offers space (lots of space) for coders to comment on any aspect of a question. This includes problems pertaining to the coding. Here, the coder can explain why s/he checked the *Uncertain* box. S/he can also describe special sources (published or unpublished) used to code that question and any additional persons consulted. If someone other than the principal coder enters data for an entry, or changes that entry, this should be noted here.

A few coding categories are adopted from the SEDEPE codebook ([http://sedepe.net/?page\\_id=169](http://sedepe.net/?page_id=169)), as designated below.

A number of the questions require the coder to define a category, e.g., family/clan, a region, religion, or ethnic/racial/cultural group. In these instances, the coder is instructed to use whatever categories are common in the country, making sure that the terminology is consistent through the questionnaire.

Likewise, where party groupings are indistinct, the coder must make a judgment about which party groupings are real and which are artificial. For example, it is traditional to code the German CDU

and CSU as the same party. Likewise, some independents in the US Senate are perhaps better coded as members of one of the major parties. This is left to the coder's discretion.

## Country-Level Questions

### I. Election Dates

1. Date of most recent presidential election (if any): (day/month/year)
2. Date of most recent national legislative election (if any): (day/month/year)

### II. Ethnocultural Identity

1. List all salient ethnocultural (cultural, ethnic, religious, linguistic) groups. Salient means politically, socially, or culturally significant – regardless of size. For each group:
2. What is the total population (raw number)?
3. What is the size of that group as a share of total population in the country (%)?
4. Is the group defined by ethnicity? Y/N
5. Is the group defined by language? Y/N
6. Is the group defined by religion? Y/N
7. Which description best characterizes the location of this ethnic group within the country? Are most members of this group...
  - (a) Living in one area?
  - (b) If yes, where?
  - (c) Living together but in different places?
  - (d) Living diffusely across country?
8. Rank the foregoing ethnocultural (cultural, ethnic, religious, linguistic) groups according to their relative economic status (the mean economic status of all members of each group).

### III. Legislature

All questions pertaining to assemblies or legislatures in the following survey are assumed to refer to the body listed below.

1. If unicameral, list the name of the legislature.
2. If bicameral, list the name of the more powerful house or (if equal in power) the lower house.
3. If no legislature (in the usual sense), list the preeminent unelected consultative body.

### IV. Parties

1. List all political parties with seats in the national legislature (most powerful house, if bicameral; both houses if symmetrical in power)
2. For each party, list the ethnocultural group or groups that it is identified with (i.e., its social base), if any.

### V. Other

1. Does the country have a mixed electoral system? Y/N
2. What is the annual salary of an MP?

## Individual-Level Questions

### I. Types of Leaders

1. *Executive* – the person or persons who administers the executive branch agencies (the person to whom agency chiefs report). Typically, this is a president or prime minister. Note that in some polities this person takes orders or pays obeisance to an unelected official, e.g., a monarch, military ruler, or religious figure. In designating the executive you are not making any claims about the executive's de facto authority but merely his/her de jure authority. Occasionally, the executive is truly collegial, as in Switzerland. However, in most parliamentary systems there is a single

“prime” minister or chancellor who is *primus inter pares*, and who should therefore be designated as the executive.

2. *Cabinet/Ministers* – ministers, including ministers without portfolio. For each, answer the following question...

What is his/her *policy area*? (If the minister is in charge of more than one policy area please list each of these policy areas.)

- a) First
- b) Second (if more than one)
- c) Third (if more than two)

OPTIONS [SEDEPE]:

- 1 PM or equivalent
- 2 Vice or deputy PM
- 3 Without portfolio
- 4 Finance/Treasury/Budget
- 5 Economy
- 6 Justice
- 7 Foreign affairs
- 8 Defence
- 9 Interior
- 10 Agriculture
- 11 Fisheries, sea
- 12 Industry
- 13 Commerce
- 14 Social affairs
- 15 Health
- 16 Labour, employment
- 17 Family, youth
- 18 Transport
- 19 Construction, housing, urbanization
- 20 Environment
- 21 Research, technology
- 22 Culture
- 23 Foreign trade
- 24 Posts, telecommunications
- 25 Sports
- 26 Foreign aid
- 27 Civil service
- 28 Public works
- 29 Energy
- 30 Planning, land management
- 31 Regional affairs
- 32 War veterans, refugees and repatriation
- 33 Relations with parliament
- 34 Education
- 35 Information
- 36 Leisure, tourism
- 37 Consumer affairs
- 38 Food
- 39 Women (gender–equal opportunities?)
- 40 European affairs
- 41 Other
- 99 Not known

3. *Executive staff* – important members of the executive who serve in an advisory capacity but are not presidents, cabinet members, ministers, or MPs.

For each, designate their principal policy area:

- a) General (non-specific)

- b) Economy/finance/budget
  - c) Other domestic
  - d) Foreign/defense
4. *Party leaders* – leaders of parties seated in the assembly (they may or may not hold a seat in the assembly or some official position in government).
  5. *Assembly leaders* – includes all those with official party and legislative positions (e.g., the speaker, caucus leaders, whips, committee chairs, but not subcommittee chairs).
  6. *Assembly backbenchers* – all those in the assembly not designated as leaders (above).
  7. *Supreme court* – members of the top court or constitutional court (that which has jurisdiction over constitutional issues).
  8. *Other unelected bodies* – unelected persons (e.g., a monarch, religious leader, military leader or junta) who exert influence over a range of policy issues (not just a specialized issue-area). The breadth of influence is important here. For example, a central bank may be influential (perhaps even dominant) in setting monetary policy, but it does not typically influence the formation of policy in other areas (except by spillover). By contrast, a monarch, religious leader, or military leader may reach into diverse areas of policy. In this respect, and to the extent that they are able to influence these other policy areas, they are rightly considered as key political leaders within a polity.

## II. Questions applied to each leader listed above

1. Official position (English)?
2. Official position (local language)?
3. Year in which service in current position began (the date on which the person assumed office, not the date of election or appointment)?
4. For countries with a mixed electoral system, which system was s/he elected under? (a) PR or (b) FPP
5. Is the person at the apex of power in the country? This refers to the 1 or 2 most powerful people in a country. Note that sometimes there is a single most powerful person (e.g., president). At other times, there are two people of roughly equal power (e.g., a president and prime minister). Y/N
6. Is the person among the next 10 most powerful people in the country? (Does not include those at the apex.) Y/N
7. Non-political occupation (prior or concurrent with current political post)? [SEDEPE]
  - a) No previous occupation (including unemployed)
  - b) Self-employed: professional (accountant, architect, lawyer, medical doctor etc.)
  - c) Self-employed: small businessman
  - d) Self-employed: farmer, fisherman
  - e) Employed: professional (accountant, architect, lawyer, medical doctor etc.)
  - f) Employed: middle management (department head, technician etc.)
  - g) Employed: top management / director / CEO
  - h) Employed: other white-collar worker
  - i) Employed: blue-collar worker
  - j) Education: school teacher
  - k) Education: university professor
  - l) Full-time politician (paid by party organisation, parliament, government; think tanks; living of politics)
  - m) Full-time interest group official (trade union)
  - n) Full-time interest group official (employers' association)
  - o) International organization top management
  - p) International organization other
  - q) Unemployed
  - r) Military Officer
  - s) Media (Pundit, journalist, columnist, etc...)
  - t) Landlord
  - u) Other
8. Political experience?
  - a) National trade union

- b) National employers organization
  - c) National other interest group
  - d) Supra-national trade union
  - e) Supra-national employers organization
  - f) Supra-national other interest group
  - g) Governmental international organization
  - h) NGO
  - i) Local government
  - j) Municipal position
  - k) Party organization/administration
  - l) Party youth branch
  - m) Political movement
  - n) Political Advisor
  - o) Previous MP
  - p) Previous Minister
  - q) None
9. Highest level of education completed?
- a) Primary
  - b) Secondary
  - c) Higher education non university
  - d) University / college
  - e) Post-graduate (anything except Ph.D. degree)
  - f) Ph.D.
10. List all post-secondary colleges/universities attended?
11. Locations (city/country) of college/university?
12. Principal course of study for undergraduate degree? [SEDEPE]
- a) Agronomy
  - b) Economics/Business/Management
  - c) Engineering
  - d) Mathematics/Computer science
  - e) Biology/Chemistry/Physics
  - f) Humanities
  - g) Social sciences
  - h) Law
  - i) Medicine
  - j) Military
  - k) Other
13. Course of study for highest degree (if different than undergraduate degree)?  
[as above]
14. Year of birth? (day/month/year)
15. Sex? (M/F)
16. Party affiliation? (English)
17. Party affiliation? (local language)
18. Position in party, if significant? (English)
19. Position in party, if significant? (local language)
20. Coalition affiliation (if different from the previous)?
21. Member of, or closely allied to, the current ruling party or coalition? (Y/N)
22. Nonpartisan? (Y/N). This may be inferred if partisanship is very difficult to obtain. What we are interested in is a person's *official* partisanship; if s/he chooses to keep this secret, s/he should be classified as nonpartisan.
23. Linked by birth or marriage to a prominent family or clan? (Y/N).
24. If yes, what is the family or clan name?
25. Place of birth (i.e., location in which family was residing when person was born)?
26. Born abroad? (Y/N)
27. Marital status? (Married/Single/Divorced)
28. Place of long-term affiliation or current political base?

29. Native language?
30. Additional languages spoken?
31. Religion of family (at birth)? (Options include “none” and “none apparent.”)
32. Current religion and sect? (Options include “none”, “atheist” and “agnostic.”)
33. Ethnocultural affiliation?
34. Criteria used to determine ethnocultural identity?
  - (a) Birth place
  - (b) Skin color
  - (c) Language
  - (d) Name
  - (e) Family background
  - (f) Religion
  - (g) Education
  - (h) Self-proclamation/Official Statement
  - (i) Interaction with "in-group" members
  - (j) Participation in group- related activity
  - (k) Secondary Sources
  - (l) Political discourse
  - (m) Political Base
  - (n) Political Party membership
  - (o) Other