

The Value of Learning History

Survey Questionnaire (English translation)

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[Section 1: Pre-Screen Questionnaire and Consent Form]

Welcome!

As part of the European research project "Europe-Monitor 2024," conducted by researchers from Bocconi University and members of the CESifo research network, we are conducting a large-scale population survey. We need your assistance for this!

This is an **anonymous, 20-minute online survey** on current political topics and your school experiences. The survey begins with a short screening questionnaire to determine if you are eligible to participate. If you are eligible, you will be directed to the main survey.

As a token of our appreciation, all those who qualify according to the screening questionnaire and participate in the survey will receive a €10 gift card, which can be redeemed at many online retailers, including Amazon.de. The gift card will be sent by email within seven days after completing the survey. Your survey responses cannot be linked to your email address, which is collected separately at the end of the survey, or to your name and address, which were used solely to send you the survey invitation letter by mail.

We would greatly appreciate your participation in this important survey and would like to extend our heartfelt thanks in advance for your support.

[Q1: passcode] Please enter your passcode:

(The password is used to ensure that only invited participants can take the survey, and that they can take it only once.)

[open response field]

[If the passcode matches one from the list of passcodes that the research team forwarded to the printing and distribution service provider for use in the the survey invitation letters, and if it has not been used before, the participant starts the survey. If not, they can try entering the passcode again.]

[Intro] Please answer a few short questions first to determine if you are eligible for the survey.

Notice: For the **quality** of the study it is important that you answer all questions **carefully**.

[Q2: Above 18] Are you at least 18 years old?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

[Q3: High School Degree] Do you have a high school diploma?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

[Q4: Graduation Year] In which year did you graduate from high school?

- ☐ *[Select year from dropdown list of years]*

[Q5: State] In which state did you graduate from high school?

- ☐ *[Select German state from dropdown list of states]*

[Q6: School Type] What kind of high school did you graduate from?

- ☐ Gymnasium
- ☐ Comprehensive School
- ☐ Secondary technical school
- ☐ Other type of school

[Q7: Study Track] Please select from the subjects below all those in which you have taken (written or oral) Abitur examinations.

- ☐ German
- ☐ English
- ☐ French

- Spanish
- Latin
- History
- Politics / Economy
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Computer science
- Art
- Sports
- Religion
- Other

[Q8: Intense Study Track] Please indicate the subjects you had as an advanced course/major.

- *[Select subjects from list of subjects that were selected in previous question.]*

[Q9: Years of Schooling] In which grade did you graduate from high school?

- 12th grade
- 13th grade

*[If **all** of the following conditions are true, the participant moves on to the consent form: 1) is at least 18 years old, 2) has Abitur, 3) graduated high school between 2008-2015 inclusive, 4) graduated from a high school in Lower Saxony, 4) attended a high school that is a “Gymnasium” or a “Gesamtschule”, 5) took at least 35 seconds to fill in the screening questionnaire.]*

*[If **at least one** of conditions 2)-4) is not satisfied, **but** conditions 1) and 5) are satisfied, the survey terminates after one more question. Namely, the participant is asked for their email address. We used it a few weeks later to send out a survey invitation to those who satisfy all the above criteria except 4), for the difference-in-differences analysis that relies on high school graduates from other states as a control group:]*

[Q10: Contact Later] Unfortunately, the maximum number of participants with a profile like yours has already been reached at this time.

If you are willing to potentially fill out the survey at a later time, you can leave your email address here.

The email address will not be shared with third parties, used exclusively to potentially send you the anonymous survey link at a later time, and will be deleted once the survey is completed (and at the latest after three years).

- [enter email address]

- No

[Participants who satisfy screening criteria 1)-5):

Thank you very much! You are invited to participate in the survey.

[Q11: Consent Form]

[Consent form is presented here]

[If participant does not consent, the survey terminates]

[If participant consents:]

Thank you very much!

Once you click "Next," you will be directly redirected to the survey.

All your responses will be collected **anonymously**. They cannot be linked to your contact details used to send you the invitation letter. Your survey responses cannot be associated with your password or email address, either. This is ensured by not transmitting your password during the automatic redirection to the survey and by capturing your email address for gift card delivery at the end of the survey in a separate survey module.

[Next, participants are automatically redirected to the survey module that collects all our outcome data (without the ability for us to link responses from the next module to passcodes from the first module).]

[Section 2: Outcome Elicitation]

The survey starts off with a few general questions about your political views.

[Q12: Political Leaning] Many people use the terms "left" and "right" when referring to different political attitudes. Below is a scale, running from left to right.

When you think of your own political views, where would you rank those views on this scale?

[Answer scale: 10-point Likert scale slider from 1 to 10, where 1 is Left and 10 is Right]

[Q13: Party Thermometer] Now we would like to determine **your feelings toward various political parties** in Germany with the help of the so-called feeling thermometer.

Ratings between 50 and 100 degrees mean that you have a positive and warm attitude towards the party. Ratings between 0 and 50 degrees mean that you have a negative and cool attitude toward the party. You would rate the party at 50 degrees if you are neither positive nor negative.

Thinking back over the past year, what were your attitudes toward the following parties?

[One slider each for CDU, SPD, Green Party, AfD, FDP, Left Party]

[Answer scale: 101-point Likert scale slider from 0 to 100 where 0 is "cool" and 100 is "warm"]

[Q14: Voted] Did you vote in the last federal election in 2021?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

[If "yes":]

[Q15: Party Vote] Which party did you vote for in the last federal election?

- ☐ CDU/CSU
- ☐ SPD
- ☐ AfD
- ☐ FDP
- ☐ Die Linke
- ☐ Bündnis90/Die Grünen
- ☐ Sonstige

[If „no“:]

[Q16: Party Vote (Hypothetical)] Even if you did NOT vote in the election: Which party would you have voted for most likely?

- ☐ CDU/CSU
- ☐ SPD
- ☐ AfD
- ☐ FDP
- ☐ Die Linke
- ☐ Bündnis90/Die Grünen
- ☐ Sonstige

[Political Attitudes Block]

[Q17: Political Attitudes (Long Statements)] We now ask you to read through seven statements about political issues. Please indicate in each case whether you tend to disagree or agree with the statement.

[Answer scale: 7-point Likert scale slider from 1 to 7, where 1 is "completely disagree" and 7 is "completely agree"]

[Q17.1: Placebo] Germany should have a world-class digital infrastructure as soon as possible, a fully and end-to-end digitized administration, and an education system in which people can learn for life in a digital world.

[Q17.2: Primacy of German Values (AfD)] The German *Leitkultur* describes our consensus of values, which is identity-forming for our people and distinguishes us from others. It ensures the cohesion of society and is a prerequisite for the functioning of our state. The community-forming effect of German culture is the foundation of our Basic Law.

[Q17.3: Need to Overcome Capitalism through Fight (The Left)] A crisis-free, social, ecological and peaceful capitalism is not possible. But as a result of social and political struggles and changed relations of forces, it is possible to enforce a different direction of development and thus also to create initial conditions for more far-reaching democratic-socialist transformations. It is in such struggles that the concepts, social forces and majorities for alternatives to capitalism are developed.

[Q17.4: Downplaying NS-History (AfD)] German history must be appreciated in its entirety. The official culture of remembrance must not only focus on the low points of our history, it must also keep the high points in mind. A people without national consciousness cannot exist in the long run.

[Q17.5: Capitalism as Exploitative Process (The Left)] We cannot resign ourselves to a world in which profit interests decide the life prospects of billions of people and in which exploitation, wars and imperialism cut off entire countries from hope and a future. Where profit rules above all, there is little room for democracy. The unbridled freedom of big corporations means unfreedom for the majority of people.

[Q17.6: Anti-Multiculturalism (AfD)] The ideology of multiculturalism equates imported cultural currents with native culture in a history-blind way and thus deeply relativizes the values of native culture. Multiculturalism is a serious threat to social peace and to the continued existence of the nation as a cultural entity. In the face of it, the state and civil society must confidently defend German cultural identity as a guiding culture.

[Q17.7: Call for Change of Economic Order (The Left)] The sustainable overcoming of the economic crisis, mass unemployment, and the social crisis requires a different economic order that is no longer dominated by the pursuit of maximum profit.

[Q18: Political Attitudes (Short Statements)] Next, we would like to ask for your opinion on some other opinions that you sometimes hear. Again, indicate in each case whether you tend to disagree or agree with the statement.

[Answer scale: 7-point Likert scale slider from 1 to 7, where 1 is "completely disagree" and 7 is "completely agree"]

[Chauvinism/Nationalism – note that the topic headers are not displayed to participants]

[Q18.1] We should finally have the courage to have a strong national feeling again.

[Q18.2] What our country needs today is a tough and energetic assertion of German interests vis-à-vis foreign countries.

[Q16.3] Germany should try to regain the power and prestige it once had.

[Immigration]

[Q18.4:] Foreigners living in Germany should orient themselves to German culture. Of course, they can keep their own customs, language or religion, but in case of conflict, German culture should take precedence.

[Q18.5:] Germany has changed a lot due to immigration; there are quite a few neighborhoods where people no longer live a German life.

[Q18.6:] The presence of foreigners in Germany leads to the loss of social cohesion.

[Working Class]

[Q18.7:] Workers are exploited in our economic system.

[Q18.8:] Politicians only care about the interests of the rich.

[Q18.9:] Corporate profits are generated by workers. So the government should make sure that the profits also reach the workers and not the employers.

[Capitalism]

[Q18.10:] Capitalism is based on inequality, exploitation, expansion and competition, and is thus incompatible with democracy, freedom, equality, justice, internationalism and solidarity.

[Q18.11:] Capitalism is fundamentally wrong and we should do everything in our power to replace it with a completely different system.

[Q18.12:] It would be desirable for Germany to move towards a socialist/communist system.

[Economic Policy]

[Q18.13:] The government should control prices and wages in the economy.

[Q18.14:] The government should implement a job guarantee so that everyone has a stable job with a living wage.

[Q18.15:] A planned economy would successfully distribute the work to be done among all who are able to work and distribute goods to the people who need them most.

[Donation Block]

The next step is to find out more precisely how you feel about the Alternative for Germany (**AfD**) party and the **Left Party**.

To do this, we measure how much money you would have to receive, at a minimum, in order to agree to a donation to each party.

We will ask you the same question about both parties, starting with the AfD.

[Q19: Donation AfD]

This question aims to measure **how much money**, in the form of an extra gift card, you would **need to receive at a minimum** in order to agree that we send a **€5 donation to the "Alternative for Germany" (AfD) party**.

In order to encourage honest and careful answers, three individuals will be randomly selected among the approximately 3000 respondents to this survey, and their decision will be implemented (so a maximum of €15 will be donated to the AfD in total).

The donation to the AfD will be **paid and executed by us**. Your decision is completely **anonymous**. The money for you would be provided in the form of an **additional gift card** along with the one you receive for your participation in this survey.

If you would like to review the exact procedure, the details are provided below. In any case, it is in your best interest to simply indicate the minimum amount you would need to be willing to authorize our €5 donation to the AfD.

How much money would you need to receive, at a minimum, to authorize a €5 donation to the AfD?

(Move the slider to the corresponding amount or select the checkbox if applicable.)

0 €

50 €

100 €


☐ More than 100€ or never

Execution details:

- You first make your decision over the minimum amount that you would need to receive in order to be willing to authorize that we send a €5 donation to the AfD.
- A lottery will determine whether you are selected. The probability is 1/1000.
- If you are selected, the computer will randomly choose a prize (in the form of a gift card value) between €0 and €100 (evenly distributed).
- If the prize is below the amount you specified, you will not receive an additional gift card, and the donation will not be sent.
- If the prize is equal to or above the amount you specified, you will receive an additional gift card equal to the prize (it will be sent to you along with the gift card you receive as a thank-you for participating in the survey), and the €5 donation to the AfD will be sent by us.
- If you choose the option "More than €100 or never," the donation will not be authorized by you under any circumstances (and you will not receive the additional gift card under any circumstances).
- If you are randomly selected and your decision, in combination with the randomly drawn prize, provides you with an additional gift card, you will find out by receiving an extra gift card within the next 7 days.

[Q20: Donation The Left]

We now ask you the same question again for the case of a **5€ donation to the party "Die Linke"**.

The same rules apply as in the previous question. Some participants will be randomly selected, and their decisions implemented. Again, it is in your best interest to simply indicate at what amount you would be willing to agree to the 5€ donation.

What is the minimum amount of money you would have to receive to authorize a 5€ donation to Die Linke?

(Move the slider to the corresponding amount or select the checkbox if applicable.)

0 €

50 €

100 €


☐ More than 100€ or never

Execution details:

- You first make your decision over the minimum amount that you would need to receive in order to be willing to authorize that we send a €5 donation to Die Linke.
- A lottery will determine whether you are selected. The probability is 1/1000.
- If you are selected, the computer will randomly choose a prize (in the form of a gift card value) between €0 and €100 (evenly distributed).
- If the prize is below the amount you specified, you will not receive an additional gift card, and the donation will not be sent.
- If the prize is equal to or above the amount you specified, you will receive an additional gift card equal to the prize (it will be sent to you along with the gift card you receive as a thank-you for participating in the survey), and the €5 donation to Die Linke will be sent by us.
- If you choose the option "More than €100 or never," the donation will not be authorized by you under any circumstances (and you will not receive the additional gift card under any circumstances).
- If you are randomly selected and your decision, in combination with the randomly drawn prize, provides you with an additional gift card, you will find out by receiving an extra gift card within the next 7 days.

[Next screen after donation questions:] If you are randomly selected for either (or both) of the last two questions and your decision, in combination with the randomly drawn prize, entitles you to an additional gift card, you will be notified by receiving a second gift card (sent to you together with the thank-you gift card you receive for your participation) within the next 7 days.

Please continue with the survey now.

[Q21: Petition] Now we would like to know your attitudes towards the following **petitions**.

The first petition (you will see it in full on the next screen) demands that **the AfD expel party member Joachim Paul from the party because of his former involvement with the NPD-affiliated magazine "Hier & Jetzt" (H&J).**

The second petition (it will be displayed in full on the next screen) demands that **Die Linke expel party member Thomas Nord because of his former work for the Stasi.**

After the survey is completed, we will send the **aggregated results** of the petition to the party in question (AfD in the case of Joachim Paul and Die Linke in the case of Thomas Nord).

That is, the respective party will be informed how many of the respondents who participated in this survey supported the petition. Your decision therefore remains **completely anonymous**.

Please read the individual petitions on the next page carefully and decide whether you want to support them anonymously.

Petition 1: *"Joachim Paul, member of the AfD and assessor in the AfD federal executive committee, has written for the NPD-affiliated magazine H&J. Such involvement with the NPD is*

contrary to the spirit of post-World War II German institutions; therefore, we demand his expulsion from the AfD."

Petition 2: *"Thomas Nord, a member of the Left Party, has worked for the Stasi. Such activity for the Stasi contradicts the spirit of German institutions after reunification; therefore, we demand his expulsion from the Left."*

Do you support any of the petitions, and if so, which one?
(Note: You can support at most one of the two petitions).

- No: I do not support either petition.
- Yes: I support Petition 1 to expel Joachim Paul from the AfD for involvement with an NPD-affiliated magazine.
- Yes: I support Petition 2 to expel Thomas Nord from the Left Party because of his Stasi past.

[if selected „no“ in previous question:]

[Q22: Petition Hypothetical] Hypothetically, if you had to support one of the two petitions, which one would it be?

Note: Your answer to this question is purely hypothetical and is not included in the calculation of the number of participants supporting the respective petitions.

- Petition 1 on the exclusion of Joachim Paul from the AfD because of involvement with an NPD-affiliated magazine.
- Petition 2 on the exclusion of Thomas Nord from the Left Party because of his Stasi past.

[Section 3: Knowledge Questions]

In this part of the survey, we would like to ask you to answer some questions about the history of National Socialism and the GDR.

If you are unsure about a question, please select the answer you think is most likely.

[Q23: Quiz Q1] What was **not** part of the ideology of the National Socialists?

- Expropriation of farmers
- Anti-Semitism
- Forced sterilization of the mentally ill
- Superiority of the Aryan race

[Q24: Quiz Q2] How many Jews were murdered during the time of National Socialism?

- About 6 million

- Less than one million
- About 3 million
- More than 12 million

[Q25: Quiz Q3] Which statement about the state's "racial struggle" during the Nazi era is **incorrect**?

- The so-called Nuremberg Laws of 1939 made political rights dependent on proof of "Aryan descent."
- Nazi racial ideology tied in with the idea of the "struggle for existence" of Social Darwinism.
- The "Final Solution of the Jewish Question" was decided at the Wannsee Conference.
- As part of the program known as "euthanasia," the Nazis murdered thousands of people with disabilities.

[Q26: Quiz Q4] What does the term "Night of the Long Knives" refer to?

- A night in 1934 when members of the SA were executed by Hitler's regime because it was feared they were organizing a coup.
- A night in 1939 when an assassination attempt was made on Hitler.
- A night in 1944 when the fighting in Stalingrad was particularly intense and is generally considered the night when it became clear that Germany would lose the war.
- A night in 1944 when the Red Army captured Berlin.

[Q27: Quiz Q5] Which of the following best describes how Adolf Hitler became Chancellor of Germany in 1933?

- Hindenburg appointed him chancellor after the NSDAP won the most votes in democratic elections a year earlier.
- Through a military coup.
- His predecessor Kurt von Schleicher chose him as his successor.
- The Treaty of Versailles stipulated that he should become chancellor.

[Q28: Quiz Q6] What does the "Anschluss" mean in the context of World War II?

- The annexation of Austria.
- The invasion of Poland.
- The invasion of the Netherlands.
- The annexation of Czechoslovakia.

[Q29: Quiz Q7] Which statement about resistance to the Nazis is **not** true?

- The Catholic Church strongly denounced the anti-Semitic crimes of the regime.
- The "White Rose" was a resistance group.
- In 1939, a bomb attempt on Hitler failed only because he left a meeting in the Bürgerbräukeller in Munich early.
- The most resolute resistance to the regime came from the communists. Thousands of them were imprisoned, tortured and murdered because of it.

[Q30: Quiz Q8] What was the name of the ruling party of the GDR?

- SED
- SPD
- KPD
- The Left

[Q31: Quiz Q9] Who had a leading role in the ruling party of the GDR?

- Walter Ulbricht
- Konrad Adenauer
- Boris Yeltsin
- Helmut Kohl

[Q32: Quiz Q10] In which year was the Berlin Wall built?

- 1961
- 1949
- 1956
- 1967

[Q33: Quiz Q11] What was **not** one of the initial focal points of GDR policy?

- Cult around the person of Gorbachev
- Foundation of the Ministry for State Security
- Introduction of the ideology of Marxism-Leninism as the only true worldview
- Expropriation of industry

[Q34: Quiz Q12] Which statement about the Berlin Wall and escape from the GDR is **not** true?

- Between 1949 and 1961, fewer than 10,000 people fled the GDR
- The statement "Nobody wants to build a wall" was made by Walter Ulbricht
- Forced collectivization of agriculture led to a sharp increase in GDR refugees.
- The GDR leadership called the Wall an "anti-fascist protective wall."

[Q35: Quiz Q13] What happened on June 17, 1953?

- First major uprising against the communist regime in the GDR. Started as a workers' protest and general strike and was violently put down by the regime.
- Hungarian popular uprising against the communist regime. Began as a student protest in Budapest and was violently put down by Soviet troops.
- Protest for greater democracy, known as the "Prague Spring" and organized by the Czechoslovak Communist Party, was violently put down under the leadership of troops from the Soviet Union.
- The first of the "Monday Demonstrations," a series of peaceful protests by hundreds of thousands of GDR citizens for democracy, took place in Leipzig.

[Q36: Quiz Q14] How did the GDR dissolve?

- Through a peaceful revolution.
- Through a democratic referendum.

- Through a brutal civil war.
 - Due to military intervention by the USA.
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[Section 4: Additional Outcome Elicitation]

[Q37: Narrative]

Now the task is to gather your perspective on the causes of social developments over the past 20 years. To do this, we ask you a single question.

Over the past two decades, **populist parties** have gained increasing support in Europe. Two different points are often cited as the main causes of this development.

One view says that rising support for populist parties is primarily a reaction to rising **economic inequality**, together with the view that the established elite obtains more and more political and economic power.

Others believe that increasing support for populist parties is primarily a **racist** reaction to **increasing immigration**.

Which of these two often-mentioned points do you think is more crucial to the growth of populist movements and views, and how do you justify your choice?

[open text field]

This part of the survey is about your views on religion and marriage, and on the social acceptance of different opinions.

[If randomized to long list:]

[Q38.1: List Experiment (Long Version)] **How many** of the following statements **do you agree with?**

- You should get married first and then have children.
 - Marriage is not important nowadays.
 - I wouldn't mind if a member of my family married someone of Jewish descent.
 - I think church weddings are outdated.
-
- Agree with 0 of the statements
 - Agree with 1 of the statements
 - Agree with 2 of the statements
 - Agree with 3 of the statements

- Agree with all 4 statements

[If randomized to short list:]

[Q38.2: List Experiment (Short Version)] **How many** of the following statements **do you agree with?**

- You should get married first and then have children.
 - Marriage is not important nowadays.
 - I think church weddings are outdated.
- Agree with 0 of the statements
 - Agree with 1 of the statements
 - Agree with 2 of the statements
 - Agree with all 3 statements

[Q39: Social Acceptability - NS Regime] How socially unacceptable or acceptable is it to say in Germany that the **National Socialist regime** also had good sides?

[6-point Likert scale slider going from 1 (totally unacceptable) to 7 (completely acceptable)]

[Q40: Social Acceptability - GDR] How socially unacceptable or acceptable is it to say in Germany that the **GDR** also had good sides?

[6-point Likert scale slider going from 1 (totally unacceptable) to 7 (completely acceptable)]

[If graduated high school in 13th grade:]

[Q41: Curriculum 13 years] Thinking back to history classes in your school years: please select **all** school years in which, to the best of your knowledge, you covered the following topics (you can select **several** school years per topic):

	In grade 5-7	In grade 8-11	In grade 12-13	In none of the grades listed
GDR	○	○	○	○
National Socialism	○	○	○	○
French Revolution	○	○	○	○
Roman Empire	○	○	○	○

[If graduated high school in 12th grade:]

[Q42: Curriculum 12 years] Thinking back to history classes in your school years: please select **all** school years in which, to the best of your knowledge, you covered the following topics (you can select **several** school years per topic):

	In grade 5-7	In grade 8-10	In grade 11-12	In none of the grades listed
GDR	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National Socialism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
French Revolution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Roman Empire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[Q43: Religion]

Nun möchten wir Sie um Ihr Urteil zu einigen Meinungen, die man manchmal zum Thema Religion hört, bitten. Geben Sie jeweils an, ob Sie der Aussage eher widersprechen oder eher zustimmen.

[Answer scale: 7-point Likert scale slider from 1 to 7, where 1 is “completely disagree” and 7 is “completely agree”]

[Q43.1:] The Catholic Church has too much control over global affairs.

[Q43.2:] I would not mind if a member of my family married someone of Jewish origin.

[Q43.3:] I would not mind if a member of my family converted to Islam.

[Q43.4:] Jewish people have too much power in the business world.

[Q43.5:] Jewish people care little about the suffering of non-Jewish people.

[Section 5: Demographic Questions]

The last thing we ask you to do is to provide some demographic information about yourself and your personal environment.

[Q44: Year of Birth] In what year were you born?

- ☐ [Select year from dropdown list.]

[Q45: Gender] I am ...

- ☐ female
- ☐ male
- ☐ diverse

[Q46: Education Level] What is the highest educational qualification you have achieved?

- High School Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- German University Diploma
- PhD

[Q47: Region] In which region is the school located where you graduated from high school?

- *[Select NUTS3 region (i.e. municipality) from dropdown list.]*

[Q48: GPA] What was your high school GPA?

- 1,0-1,3
- 1,4-1,7
- 1,8-2,0
- 2,1-2,3
- 2,4-2,7
- 2,8-3,0
- 3,1-3,3
- 3,4-4,0

[If graduated high school in 13th grade:]

[Q49: grade retention 13 years] Did you repeat the 12th or 13th grade?

(Please select all that apply)

- No, neither.
- Yes, 12th grade.
- Yes, 13th grade.

[If graduated high school in 12th grade:]

[Q50: grade retention 12 years] Did you repeat the 11th or 12th grade?

(Please select all that apply)

- No, neither.
- Yes, 11th grade.
- Yes, 12th grade.

[Q51: Income] What is your **annual net income**? Please state the amount in euros and without decimal point.

[numeric open response field]

[Q52: Employment] What is your current employment status?

- Employed
- Unemployed and looking for a job
- Not in the labor force (e.g. in education, retired, ...)

[Q53: Partner's Education] In which year did your partner graduate from high school?
(If you do not have a partner, or if your partner did not graduate from high school, select the appropriate answer choice).

- ☐ Do not have a partner
- ☐ Partner does not have a high school diploma
- ☐ 2007 or earlier
- ☐ 2008
- ☐ 2009
- ☐ 2010
- ☐ 2011
- ☐ 2012
- ☐ 2013
- ☐ 2014
- ☐ 2015 or later

[Q54: Parents' Political Leaning] Thinking of your **home environment** growing up: when it comes to political issues, how would you classify **your parents' political views** on a left-to-right scale?

(The question refers to the parental caregiver(s) in whose household you grew up. If it is more than one person, please indicate the average).

[Answer scale: 10-point Likert scale slider from 1 to 10, where 1 is Left and 10 is Right]

[Q55: Parent Soviet Experience] To your knowledge, which of the following statements is true about your parents? *(Please select all options that apply.)*

- ☐ At least one parent was born in the former GDR.
- ☐ At least one parent was born in the former Soviet Union.
- ☐ Neither statement is true.

[Q56: Teacher Political Leaning] Thinking of your history teacher in high school, when it comes to political issues, would you classify their political views overall as more to the left or more to the right of the political spectrum?

[Answer scale: 10-point Likert scale slider from 1 to 10, where 1 is Left and 10 is Right]

[Q57: Researcher Political Leaning] Thinking of the researchers conducting this study, when it comes to political issues, would you classify their political views overall as more to the left or more to the right of the political spectrum?

[Answer scale: 7-point Likert scale slider from 1 to 7, where 1 is Left and 7 is Right]

Thank you for participating in this survey!

Next, you will be redirected to a separate survey module that collects your email address. We need to collect your email address in order to send you the gift card as a thank you for your participation. The email address **cannot** be linked to your survey answers.

To continue, click on "Continue".

[Section 6: Feedback and Email]

[Q58: Passcode]

Please first enter your passcode:

(The passcode is used to ensure that only invited participants who are qualified to participate in this survey according to the screening questionnaire can receive the thank-you gift card, and only once. Since the password cannot be linked to your remaining survey answers, it needs to be requested again in this separate module.)

[open response field]

[If the passcode appears on the list of passcodes associated with responses that passed the screening questionnaire and consented to participate, and if the passcode has not been entered before in this final, separate survey module that collects the email address, the participant moves on to the next question. Otherwise, they can try again (as often as they want).]

[Q59: E-Mail] You have now reached the end of the survey.

The gift card as a thank you for your participation will be sent to you by e-mail within the next 7 days.

Please enter your **e-mail address**:

[open response field]

Note: You can also choose to leave this field unanswered. In this case you will not receive a gift card. If you choose to provide your email address: it cannot be linked with your survey answers, will be stored securely, deleted at the end of the study, and never shared with third parties.

[Q60: Feedback] Was there anything about the survey that you had difficulty with or did not understand? Your feedback helps us in improving this survey.

[open response field]

[Q61: Follow-up]

Would you allow us to contact you at a later date for a follow-up survey?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Participant gets automatically forwarded to the study's "thank you" webpage:

<https://www.europa-monitor.de/Vielen-Dank>

The webpage states:

Thank you for your participation!

Your answer has been registered. If you provided an email address, a reward in the form of a gift card will be emailed to you within the next 7 days.