

Political Participation Survey

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The data maps five different forms of political participation: voting in elections, signing petitions, working in a volunteer organization, participating in a lawful public demonstration, and boycotting a certain product. We also include questions on political attitudes and socio-demographic characteristics. The variables included are as follows:

Socio-demographics:

1. Gender

What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

2. Year of birth

In what year were you born?

3. Country of residence

What is your country of residence?

4. Years of education

How many years of education have you completed, whether full-time or part-time, including compulsory years of education?

5. Type of area of residence

Which phrase best describes the area where you live?

- A big city
- A small city or a town
- A village or countryside

Political attitudes:

6. Political interest

How interested would you say you are in politics – are you very interested, somewhat interested, not much interested, or not at all interested?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not much interested
- Not at all interested

7. Left-right placement

In politics, people sometimes talk of “left” and “right”. Where would you place yourself on this scale, where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

- 0 to 10 scale

8. Voted or not

Some people do not vote nowadays for one reason or another. Did you vote in the last general election in your country?

9. Reasons for voting

In politics, there are different reasons why people decide to vote. If you voted in the last election, how important were the following in your decision to vote?

- Voting is a civic duty
- My vote can affect policy
- My family or friends voted
- I am a regular voter
- A party or candidate that represents my views is running at the elections

10. Reasons for not voting

In politics, there are different reasons why people decide not to vote. If you have not voted in the last election, how important were the following in your decision not to vote?

- My vote cannot affect policy
- My family or friends did not vote
- I usually do not vote
- No party or candidate that represents my views is running at the elections
- I feel no obligation to vote
- I am not eligible to vote

11. Political participation

There are different ways of trying to improve things in a country or help prevent things from going wrong. During the last 12 months, have you done any of the following? Please select all that apply.

- Worked in a voluntary organisation or association
- Signed a petition
- Took part in a lawful public demonstration
- Boycotted certain products
- None of the above