Evaluation of Structured Consultation Tool

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**Instructions**

We are interested in your views on using the current version of the Structured Consultation Tool (SCT). Here are the steps to follow:

* Read through this form so you understand what you will be looking for.
* Go to the website (below).
* Use the SCT.
* While using the tool, there may be questions and issues that you want to address. It will be helpful to be as specific as possible, noting which page (e.g. Circumstances) of the SCT you are on and what sentences you are commenting on.
* When using the tool, you can revise your answers on each page (it is a bit harder to go back to earlier pages, so try to finish your work on each page before going to the next). When you are done using the tool, you will get a summary page. Please submit your responses to the SCT (Submit button at the bottom of webpage). You reuse the tool, but please only submit your answers once.
* Once you are done using the tool, answer the questions on the form.
* You have about 45 minutes to use the tool and answer the questions.

Please return your completed form to Adam Wyner.

Your views on this evaluation are always correct, and the exercise does not bear on your course grade.

We will use the observations not only to improve the tool, but also in any scholarly reports on the evaluation of the tool.

We are only interested in evaluation information in aggregate (meaning summed with the information from others, not as individuals). We will not use any private information.

Tool website: https://www.csc.liv.ac.uk/~azwyner/

**Evaluation**

**General Section**

**1**. How easy did you find it to understand and follow the instructions? Circle one of:

*Very easy, Easy, Neutral, Difficult, Very difficult*

If your answer was Difficult or Very difficult, could you please tell us as specifically as you can why?

**Critique Section**

**2**. How easy did you find it to understand the difference between circumstances, consequences, and values of the presented proposal? Circle one of:

*Very easy, Easy, Neutral, Difficult, Very difficult*

**3**. How easy did you find it to express exactly why you disagree with different parts of the proposal? Circle one of:

*Very easy, Easy, Neutral, Difficult, Very difficult*

**4**. Did being able to see the constituent parts of the proposal make it easier to focus on your specific reasons for disagreement? Circle one of:

*Yes definitely, Yes a little, Neutral, No not noticeably, No definitely not*

**Auxiliary Information Section**

**5**. On some screens you have the opportunity to challenge or explore the justification for the default answer on a statement. The opportunities appear as ''digressions''. How did you find the instruction about and use of these digressions? Circle one of:

*Very easy, Easy, Neutral, Difficult, Very difficult*

If it was a problem, can you tell us why?

**6**. Did you submit any information in the text boxes while working with the tool? Circle one of:

*Yes, No*

If Yes, did you feel you were able to express your opinion sufficiently? Circle one of:

*Yes definitely, Yes a little, Neutral, No not noticeably, No definitely not*

If No, why didn’t you submit any information in the text boxes? Circle one of:

*Did not have anything in mind to add, Did not have time, Did not see the option,*

*Did not understand how to use it, Other*

**Opinion Gathering Tools Section**

**7**. Have you previously used websites that gather public opinion? Circle one of:

*Yes, No*

If Yes:

(a) Which kinds of website have you used? Circle all that apply:

*e-Petitions, News story responses, Individual blog responses, Opinion polls, Online surveys, Item review websites, Other*

(b) How often (on average) do you use such websites? Circle one of:

*Daily, Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly, Less than Monthly*

(c) How does the SCT compare to these other websites, overall? Circle one of:

*Much better, Slightly better, About the same, Slightly worse, Much worse*

If No, would you feel encouraged to use a tool such as SCT to share your opinions? Circle one of:

*Yes definitely, Yes a little, Neutral, No not noticeably, No definitely not*

**8**. Would you use the SCT again? Circle one of:

*Yes, Unsure, No*

If No, why not?

**9**. Would you use the SCT regularly to participate in opinion polls that are relevant to your life? Circle one of:

*Yes, Unsure, No*

If No, why not?

**10**. Do you have any other suggestions or comments related to using the SCT?

**11**. In what ways do you think the SCT contributes to e-Democracy and policy-making?

**12**. Do you have any suggestions or comments related to online opinion gathering systems in general?