

## Main survey questions and corresponding variables

\*Variable names in **bold**.

1. case identifier variables, demographics

### Pre-test questions/variables:

**interest:** How interested would you say you are in politics?

Very interested, Quite interested, Hardly interested, Not at all interested

**vote\_uk/vote\_de/vote\_fr:** If an election were to be held tomorrow, which of these political parties would you be most likely to support?

- Dropdown list of choices in the UK: Conservative Party, Labour Party, Scottish National Party, Liberal Democrats, United Kingdom Independence Party, Democratic Unionist Party, Sinn Fein, Plaid Cymru, Social Democratic and Labour Party, Ulster Unionist Party, Green Party of England and Wales, Other, I would not vote, I don't know
- Dropdown list of choices in Germany: Christian Democratic Union, Christian Social Union in Bavaria, Social Democratic Party, The Left, Alliance 90/The Greens, Alternative for Germany, Alliance for Progress and Renewal, Free Democratic Party, Other, Would not vote, Don't know
- Dropdown list of choices in France: Socialist Party, The Republicans, National Front, France Arise, Centrist Alliance, Christian Democratic Party, Citizen and Republican Movement, Democratic Movement, Europe Ecology- The Greens, French Communist Party, Left Party, Modern Left, Radical Party, Radical Party of the Left, New Center, Other, Would not vote, Don't know

**discussion:** When you get together with friends, family, or colleagues, would you say you discuss political matters very frequently, frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never?

- (1=never; 5= very frequently)

**demsatis:** On average, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in [country]?

- 1=Very dissatisfied; 5= Very satisfied

**gvmt:** On average, do you approve or disapprove of the {nationality} government's record to date?

- 1=Strongly disapprove, 5=Strongly approve

**econsatis:** And what do you think about the economy? Compared to 12 months ago, do you think the general economic situation in {country}...?

- 1=is a lot better, 5=is a lot worse

**resp\_gvmt/resp\_eu/resp\_banks/resp\_imf:** How much responsibility do you think the different institutions have in the current economic situation in {country}?

- 0=no responsibility; 10=full responsibility
- The {nationality} government;
- The European Union;
- The banks;
- The IMF.

Next: random assignment into one of 5 groups.

**group:** which group was respondent randomly assigned into

Text frame by group:

{On top of page for all groups 1-4:}

Politicians in {country} have different opinions about the European Union. Recently, one member of parliament shared the following statement:

**Group 1 views the following text:**

The European Union is undermining democracy in our country. EU leaders are not elected by voters and are not held accountable. Brussels institutions dictate laws in our country without considering what is best for our citizens. There are of course many ideas about what is best for {country}. But democracy gives {country citizens} the right to decide which ideas they support and to express their support through regular elections. The EU has been slowly and silently taking all of this away.

**Group 2 views the following text:**

The European Union is undermining our economy. (Country) taxpayers are forced to contribute towards an inflated EU budget instead of helping strengthen our own country by investing in education and healthcare. EU regulations are stifling domestic small businesses and damaging our competitiveness. We must protect our economy from unwanted EU intervention and from future demands for bailing out less-responsible member states. (Country) citizens' work-ethic and entrepreneurship are what makes our economy strong. The EU has been slowly and silently taking all of this away.

**Group 3 views the following text:**

The European Union is undermining our national culture. Immigrants from other EU countries can settle in our country whenever they want. Most of them don't speak {language} fluently, don't respect our laws and traditions, and they don't try to integrate into {country} culture. EU migrants are given undeserved benefits and protections while hard-working, law-abiding {nationality} citizens are suffering. We must decide now to protect {country} from external influences that can fundamentally change our culture and traditions. These are the things that make {country} special. The EU has been slowly and silently taking all of this away.

**Group 4 views the following text:**

The European Union is undermining our national culture. Refugees from the Middle East and North Africa have already started to settle into our country. Most refugees don't speak {language} fluently, don't respect our laws and traditions, and they don't try to integrate into

{country} culture. They are given undeserved benefits and protections while hard-working, law-abiding {citizens} are suffering. We must decide now to protect {country} from external influences that can fundamentally change our culture and traditions. These are the things that make {country} special. The EU has been slowly and silently taking all of this away.

**Group 5 (control):** Views no text.

**Post-test questions/variables (viewed by everyone)**

**eusupport:** Some say European integration should be pushed further; others say it has already gone too far. What is your opinion?

- 0=already gone too far; 10=should be pushed further

**bailout:** To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In times of crisis it is desirable for {country} to give financial assistance to another EU Member State if this Member State is facing severe economic and financial difficulties.

- 0= strongly disagree, 10 =strongly agree.

**imm\_culture/imm\_levels:** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

- 0=strongly disagree; 10=strongly agree
- Immigrants enrich our culture
- Migration levels to the {country} should be reduced

**demsatis\_eu:** On average, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the European Union?

- 1= very dissatisfied; 5=very satisfied

How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

- 0=strongly disagree; 10=strongly agree
- **protest:** It is very good today that people have more freedom to protest against the issues they dislike
- **speech:** Freedom of speech should be given to all political organizations, even if some of the things they say are insulting to others in society
- **parties:** Democracy in {country} is unthinkable without political parties

**econview:** In terms of economic policy, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

0=You are fully in favour of the redistribution of wealth from the rich to the poor in {country}; 10= You are fully opposed to the redistribution of wealth from the rich to the poor in {country}

Please rate the extent to which you personally trust the following institutions in [country]:

- 1=do not trust at all; 5=trust completely
- **trustparties:** Political parties
- **trustgymt:** {UK – House of Common; Germany: Bundestag; France: The National Assembly}
- **trustlegal:** Legal system

- **trustpolice:** The police

**euref:** (UK only question). During the EU referendum that took place on June 23<sup>rd</sup> in our country, did you cast a vote in favour of:

- Remain
- Leave
- Did not get a chance to vote

**euref2:** (UK only question). If a second EU referendum was held tomorrow, would you cast a vote in favour of:

- Remain
- Leave
- I don't know
- I won't vote