

# Implied and anonymous consent form

Datagotchi: The 2022 Quebec general election

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## Information on the questionnaire

The team of the Leadership Chair in the Teaching of Digital Social Sciences (CLESSN) of Université Laval is looking for participants aged 18 years and older living in Canada to complete a survey on the interests, attitudes, values, activities, appearance and consumption habits of citizens in order to make predictions on their political behaviour.

The Datagotchi project is led by Yannick Dufresne, professors in the Department of Political Science at Université Laval; Simon Coulombe, professor in the Department of Industrial Relations at Université Laval; Sébastien Tremblay, professor in the School of Psychology at Université Laval ; Dietlind Stolle, professor in the Department of Political Science at McGill University; Corentin Vande Kerckhove, assistant professor at the Catholic University of Louvain; Mickael Temporão, associate professor in Computational Social Science at Sciences Po Bordeaux and Émilie Dionne, researcher at VITAM - Centre de recherche en santé durable. The project also counts on the collaboration of Catherine Ouellet, doctoral student at the Department of Political Science of the University of Toronto and Youri Rivest, director at Synopsis.

## Your participation

Before agreeing to participate in this project, please take the time to read the following information. Your participation in the questionnaire consists of answering approximately 30 questions and will allow for the scientific measurement of factors that influence (or not) political behavior. The online questionnaire takes about 10 minutes to complete. Although the answers to each of the questions are important for the research, you are free to choose not to answer and thus to end your participation at any time. At the end of the questionnaire, you will be redirected to a dashboard where you can view your profile and get a prediction of your voting intention for the 2022 Quebec provincial election. You will be able to provide your email address if you wish to be notified when the account creation feature becomes available. This will eventually allow users to save their results and be notified when new modules become available on Datagotchi. You will also be able to explore the effect of different variables on the prediction made by the application - that is, you will be able to observe the effect of each variable (age, hobbies, etc.) on the voting choice prediction.

## Anonymity and data conservation

The anonymous data from your responses may be retained for further analysis or for future academic research projects. The list of email identifiers of individuals who wish to be kept informed of the availability of the account creation feature will be kept separate from the survey responses in a non-reversible manner. The risk of re-identification of a participant is present, but minimal. The data collected is used for academic research purposes only and will never be sold, assigned, or transferred to third parties for other purposes.

## Further information

If you have any questions about the research, the implications of your participation, or to withdraw from the project, please contact [info@datagotchi.com](mailto:info@datagotchi.com).

## Complaints or criticism

If you have any complaints or criticisms regarding your participation in this research, you may contact the Université Laval Ombudsman's Office in complete confidentiality at the following coordinates

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E-mail: [info@ombudsman.ulaval.ca](mailto:info@ombudsman.ulaval.ca)

## Acknowledgements

Your collaboration is invaluable in enabling us to carry out this study. We would therefore like to thank you for the time and attention you have agreed to give to your participation.

## Certificate of consent

By completing this questionnaire, you will be deemed to have implicitly given your consent to participate in the project. If you are under 18 years of age, your information will be excluded from the analyses, but you will be able to benefit from a similar experience to other users by completing the questionnaire and obtaining your result.

- I am 18 years or older (radio button)
- I am under 18 years old (radio button)
- I have read the consent to the above questionnaire (check box)

## Ethical approval

This project has been approved by the Research Ethics Committee of Université Laval: Approval number 2022-181 / 27-06-2022.