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ADMINISTRATIVE CSES VARIABLES (Beginning with the letter A)

A1. Questionnaire ID

A2. Interviewer (ID for individual interviewers)

A3. Interviewer gender

1. Male
2. Female

A4_1. Date of the interview: month (1-12)

A4_2. Date of the interview: day (1-31)

A5. Original weight variables

A6. Interview language (questionnaire language)

1. Finnish
2. Swedish

CONTENT VARIABLES

K1. How interested are you in politics?

1. Very interested
2. Somewhat interested
3. Not very interested
4. Not at all interested
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K2. How much attention did you pay to media coverage of the parliamentary elections?

1. A great deal of attention
2. A fair amount of attention
3. Only a little
4. Paid no attention at all
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K2_1 Television debates and party leader interviews

K2_2 Television news and current affairs programmes

K2_3 Television entertainment programmes featuring politicians

K2_4 Radio programmes

K2_5 Newspaper articles, columns or letters to the editor

K2_6 Television advertisements

K2_7 Newspaper advertisements

K2_8 Web news covering elections, e.g. newspaper websites

K2_9 Websites of the candidates and political parties

K2_10 Blogs

K2_11 Candidate selectors on the Internet

K2_12 Social media, e.g. Facebook, Twitter or Instagram

K2_13 Videos of the candidates or political parties on the Internet, e.g. YouTube

K2_14 News broadcasts on the Internet or social media

K3. How often do you use the Internet?

1. Daily, over 2 hours per day
2. Daily, under 2 hours per day
3. A few times a week
4. About once a week
5. Less frequently
6. Not at all
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K4. Generally, that is, not only during elections, how often do you discuss political and social issues with people?

1. Daily or almost daily
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Seldom
5. Never
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K5. How stable is your political party identification?

1. Completely stable
2. Fairly stable
3. Not very stable
4. Not at all stable
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K6. Which social class would you say you belong to?

1. Working class
2. Lower middle class
3. Middle class
4. Upper middle class
5. Upper class
6. Not to any class
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K7. Which of the following alternatives best describes your childhood home?

1. Worker family
2. Lower middle class family
3. Middle class family
4. Upper middle class family
5. Upper class family
6. Farmer family
7. Entrepreneur family
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K8. How many different political parties have you voted for in parliamentary elections so far?

1. I have always voted for candidates of one party
2. I have voted for candidates of two or three parties
3. I have voted for candidates of four or more parties
4. I have never voted
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Strongly disagree
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K9_1 It is people's own business whether they want to use their right to vote or not

K9_2 Democracy may have its problems but it is better than any other form of government

K9_3 Important national issues should more often be decided by a referendum

K9_4 To support representative democracy, public debates on policy issues should be organised for ordinary people

K9_5 I myself would like to attend public political debates organised for ordinary people

K9_6 I avoid people whose values, attitudes or opinions differ from my own

K9_7 I think voting is a civic duty

K9_8 In my opinion, the current Finnish electoral system works and there is no need to change it

K9_9 If a voter so wished, he/she should be able to vote only for a party in parliamentary elections without having to choose a candidate

K10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Strongly disagree
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K10_1 Elected politicians are the best people to lead Finland

K10_2 In important political questions, citizens must have the final say

K10_3 Citizens must be heard before any important political decisions are made

K10_4 Things would be better in Finland if independent experts made the decisions instead of politicians and citizens

K10_5 It is important that citizens constantly voice their opinions, for instance, by signing petitions and participating in demonstrations

K10_6 Citizens must influence the direction of politics primarily by voting in elections

K10_7 Things would be better in Finland if successful corporate managers made the decisions

K11. Next, various forms of civic participation are presented. Which of these have you done in the past four years or, if you felt an issue was important, which of these might you do? (CARD)

1. I have done this in the past four years
2. I have not done this, but I might do
3. I would not do this under any circumstances
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K11_1 Write a letter to the editor

K11_2 Contact political decision-makers regarding an important issue

K11_3 Sign a petition

K11_4 Participate in the activities of a political party

K11_5 Participate in the activities of some other voluntary/civic organisation

K11_6 Try to influence political or social issues through my consumer choices

K11_7 Join a consumer boycott

K11_8 Participate in peaceful demonstrations

K11_9 Demonstrate civil disobedience by participating in illegal, non-violent activities

K11_10 Use violence to reach political goals

K12. Are you a member of any political party?

1. Yes
2. No, but have been previously
3. Have never been a member of any party
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K13. In 2012, a state-level citizens' initiative was introduced in Finland, allowing a minimum of 50,000 citizens of voting age to invite the Parliament to propose legislation. What is your opinion on the following statement?

"The citizens' initiative has promoted the performance of democracy in Finland"

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Strongly disagree
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K14. Have you signed any state-level citizens' initiatives?

1. I have not signed and I am not going to sign
2. I have not signed, but I might sign
3. I have signed 1-2 citizens' initiatives
4. I have signed at least 3 citizens' initiatives
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K15. The Internet and social media have created new opportunities to influence things and seek information. How important to yourself do you regard the Internet and social media as channels of civic engagement?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not very important
4. Not at all important
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K16. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Strongly disagree
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K16_1 By voting, ordinary people can influence political decision-making

K16_2 Those elected to Parliament soon lose touch with the problems of ordinary people

K16_3 Politicians are not interested in the opinions of ordinary people

K16_4 I have no say in what the Government and Parliament decide

K16_5 Views of the citizens are taken into account in political decision-making through political parties

K16_6 Political parties are only interested in people's votes, not in their opinions

K16_7 Sometimes politics seems so complicated that I cannot quite understand what is going on

K16_8 It doesn't really matter which parties form the coalition government, policy decisions will be the same

K16_9 Parties should announce clearly during the election campaign which parties they are willing to form a coalition government with

K16_10 Finnish members of parliament are competent in their work

K16_11 Political decision-makers take citizens' views into consideration when making decisions

K17. In the following, some propositions relating to the future direction of Finland are listed.

What is your opinion on these propositions? When you respond, please use the scale from zero to ten (0-10), where zero means "a very bad proposition", five means "neither a good nor a bad proposition" and ten means "a very good proposition". (CARD)

17_1 Finland that has more entrepreneurship and market economy

17_2 Multicultural Finland where foreigners with different religions and lifestyles are tolerated

17_3 Finland where Christian values have a greater role

17_4 Finland where there are smaller differences in regional development

17_5 Finland where the special status of Swedish-speaking Finns is acknowledged

17_6 Finland where there is a better equality between men and women

17_7 Finland that has a smaller public sector

17_8 Finland where the status of sexual minorities is reinforced

- 17_9 Finland that has a lower taxation level
- 17_10 Finland that has two strong national languages: Finnish and Swedish
- 17_11 Finland with more law and order
- 17_12 Finland where the status of traditional nuclear families is reinforced
- 17_13 Finland that has more immigration
- 17_14 Finland that has smaller income disparities
- 17_15 Finland that is less committed/attached to the European Union
- 17_16 Finland where more energy is produced with nuclear power
- 17_17 Finland that has fewer municipalities than it has at the moment
- 17_18 More eco-friendly Finland, even if it meant low economic growth or no growth at all

CSES MODULE 4 (2011–2016)

Q1 Public expenditure

NOTE! The interviewer reads aloud: "If you say 'more' it could require a tax increase, and if you say 'less' it could require a reduction in those services."

Q1a. Public expenditure: health care (CARD)

Thinking about public expenditure on health care, should there be much more than now, somewhat more than now, the same as now, somewhat less than now, or much less than now?

1. Much more than now
2. Somewhat more than now
3. Same as now
4. Somewhat less than now
5. Much less than now

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q1b. Public expenditure: education (CARD)

What about education?

1. Much more than now
2. Somewhat more than now
3. Same as now
4. Somewhat less than now
5. Much less than now

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)

9. Missing

Q1c. Public expenditure: unemployment benefits and services promoting employment (CARD)

What about unemployment benefits and services promoting employment?

1. Much more than now
2. Somewhat more than now
3. Same as now
4. Somewhat less than now
5. Much less than now

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q1d. Public expenditure: defence (CARD)

What about defence?

1. Much more than now
2. Somewhat more than now
3. Same as now
4. Somewhat less than now
5. Much less than now

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q1e. Public expenditure: old-age pensions (CARD)

What about old-age pensions, that is, national pension?

1. Much more than now
2. Somewhat more than now
3. Same as now
4. Somewhat less than now
5. Much less than now

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q1f. Public expenditure: support for business and industry (CARD)

What about support for business and industry?

1. Much more than now
2. Somewhat more than now
3. Same as now
4. Somewhat less than now
5. Much less than now

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q1g. Public expenditure: the police and law enforcement (CARD)

What about the police and law enforcement?

1. Much more than now
2. Somewhat more than now
3. Same as now
4. Somewhat less than now
5. Much less than now

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q1h. Public expenditure: social security benefits (CARD)

What about welfare benefits, that is, social security benefits?

1. Much more than now
2. Somewhat more than now
3. Same as now
4. Somewhat less than now
5. Much less than now

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q2. Over the next ten years or so, how likely or unlikely is it that you will improve your standard of living?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
4. Somewhat unlikely
5. Very unlikely

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)

9. Missing

Q3. Would you say that over the past twelve months, the state of the economy in Finland has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

1. Gotten better
3. Stayed the same → Q21
5. Gotten worse → Q3b

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous) → Q21
8. I can't say (spontaneous) → Q21
9. Missing

Q3a. Would you say the state of the economy in Finland has gotten much better or somewhat better?

1. Much better → Q21
2. Somewhat better → Q21

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q3a. Would you say the state of the economy in Finland has gotten much worse or somewhat worse?

4. Somewhat worse
5. Much worse

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q21. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that your household's income could be severely reduced in the next 12 months?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
4. Somewhat unlikely
5. Very unlikely

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
The Government should take measures to reduce differences in income levels.
Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or

strongly disagree?

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Strongly disagree

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q16. Do you usually think of yourself as close to any particular party?

1. Yes → Q16b
5. No

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q16a. Do you feel a little closer to one of the political parties than the others?

1. Yes
5. No → move to Q5LH-a

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous) → Q5LH-a
8. I can't say (spontaneous) → Q5LH-a
9. Missing

Q16b. Which party? (*This question is asked only from the respondents who responded "yes" to Q16 or Q16a.*) ONLY ONE MENTION

01. National Coalition Party
02. Social Democratic Party of Finland
03. Finns Party
04. Centre Party of Finland
05. Left Alliance
06. Green League
07. Swedish People's Party in Finland
08. Christian Democrats
09. Pirate Party of Finland
10. Communist Party of Finland
11. Change 2011
12. Independence Party
13. Workers' Party of Finland
14. Communist Workers' Party
15. For the Poor

97. I don't want to say (spontaneous)

98. I can't say (spontaneous)

99. Missing

Q16c. Do you feel very close to this party, somewhat close, or not very close?

(asked from the respondents who responded to question Q16b.)

1. Very close

2. Somewhat close

3. Not very close

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)

8. I can't say (spontaneous)

9. Missing

Q5LH-a. Nowadays many people do not vote in elections for one reason or the other. Did you vote or not in these parliamentary elections?

5. I didn't vote this time → move to question K18

2. I voted in advance → move to question Q5LH-b

1. I voted on the election day → move to question Q5LH-b

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)

8. I can't say (spontaneous)

9. Missing

K18. In the following, different reasons for not voting are listed. To what extent did the following reasons affect your decision not to vote in these elections? (CARD)

1. Was an important reason

2. Affected somewhat

3. Didn't affect

96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K18_1 It was difficult for me to find a suitable party

K18_2 It was difficult for me to find a suitable candidate

K18_3 Job or travel prevented me from voting

K18_4 Could not vote because of illness or disability

K18_5 I didn't remember to vote

K18_6 I simply couldn't be bothered to vote

K18_7 I didn't see how voting would benefit me in any way

K18_8 I think one vote makes no difference to the outcome of an election

K18_9 I distrust politicians and politics in general

K18_10 I wanted to protest against politics and politicians

K18_11 I'm not interested in politics and don't care whether I vote or not

K18_12 I didn't have enough information to support my voting decision

K18_13 There were no meaningful differences between parties

K18_14 The party I would have voted for in these elections had different views than myself on important issues

K19. How self-evident was it to you that you were not going to vote?

1. It was self-evident that I would not vote
2. I considered voting, but not seriously
3. I seriously considered voting
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K20. If you had voted, the candidate of which party would you have voted for? (NOTE: ONLY ONE MENTION, CARD)

01. National Coalition Party
02. Social Democratic Party of Finland
03. Finns Party
04. Centre Party of Finland
05. Left Alliance
06. Green League
07. Swedish People's Party in Finland
08. Christian Democrats
09. Pirate Party of Finland
10. Communist Party of Finland
11. Change 2011
12. Independence Party
13. Workers' Party of Finland
14. Communist Workers' Party
15. For the Poor

→ move to question Q6a

90. None of them → move to Q6a
96. I can't say (spontaneous) → move to Q6a
97. I don't want to say (spontaneous) → move to Q6a

Q5LH-b. The candidate of which party (or political group) did you vote for in these parliamentary elections?

01. National Coalition Party
02. Social Democratic Party of Finland
03. Finns Party
04. Centre Party of Finland
05. Left Alliance
06. Green League
07. Swedish People's Party in Finland
08. Christian Democrats
09. Pirate Party of Finland
10. Communist Party of Finland
11. Change 2011
12. Independence Party
13. Workers' Party of Finland

- 14. Communist Workers' Party
- 15. For the Poor
- 16. Other

- 95. Cast a blank vote
- 96. I can't say (spontaneous)
- 97. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
- 99. Missing

K21. Did you consider voting for a candidate of any other party or group?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No → Move to question Q6a.

- 96 I can't say (spontaneous) → move to Q6a
- 97 I don't want to say (spontaneous) → move to Q6a

K22. Which party or group? ONLY ONE MENTION

- 01. National Coalition Party
- 02. Social Democratic Party of Finland
- 03. Finns Party
- 04. Centre Party of Finland
- 05. Left Alliance
- 06. Green League
- 07. Swedish People's Party in Finland
- 08. Christian Democrats
- 09. Pirate Party of Finland
- 10. Communist Party of Finland
- 11. Change 2011
- 12. Independence Party
- 13. Workers' Party of Finland
- 14. Communist Workers' Party
- 15. For the Poor
- 16. Other

- 96 I can't say (spontaneous)
- 97 I don't want to say (spontaneous)

Q6a. Did you vote four years ago, in the 2011 parliamentary elections?

- 1. Yes
- 5. No → move to question Q7
- 6. No right to vote → move to question Q7
- 7. I don't want to say (spontaneous) → move to Q7
- 8. I can't say (spontaneous) → move to Q7
- 9. Missing

Q6b. The candidate of which political party or group did you vote for?

01. National Coalition Party
02. Social Democratic Party of Finland
03. Finns Party
04. Centre Party of Finland
05. Left Alliance
06. Green League
07. Swedish People's Party in Finland
08. Christian Democrats
09. Pirate Party of Finland
10. Communist Party of Finland
11. Change 2011
12. Freedom Party
13. Independence Party
14. Workers' Party of Finland
15. Communist Workers' Party
16. For the Poor
17. Other

96. I cast a blank vote
97. I can't say (spontaneous)
98. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
99. Missing

Q7. Some people say that it doesn't make any difference who is in power. Others say that it makes a big difference who is in power. Using the scale presented, what would you say? (CARD)

1. It doesn't make any difference who is in power
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5. It makes a big difference who is in power
7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q8. Some people say that no matter who people vote for, it won't make any difference to what happens. Others say that who people vote for can make a big difference to what happens. Using the scale presented, what would you say? (CARD)

1. Who people vote for won't make any difference
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

5. Who people vote for can make a big difference

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)

8. I can't say (spontaneous)

9. Missing

Q9. What do you think about the following (political) parties on a scale 0-10, where 0 means "strongly dislike" and 10 means "strongly like". (CARD)

00. Strongly dislike

01.

02.

03.

04.

05.

06.

07.

08.

09.

10. Strongly like

96. I haven't heard of the party

97. I don't want to say (spontaneous)

98. I don't know enough about the party / I don't know where to rate

99. Missing

Q9a. National Coalition Party (KOK)

Q9b. Finnish Social Democratic Party (SDP)

Q9c. Finns Party (PS)

Q9d. Centre Party of Finland (KESK)

Q9e. Left Alliance (VAS)

Q9f. Green League (VIHR)

Q9g. Swedish People's Party in Finland (RKP)

Q9h. Christian Democrats in Finland (KD)

Q10. What do you think of the party leaders on a scale 0-10, where 0 means "strongly dislike" and 10 means "strongly like". (CARD)

00. Strongly dislike

01.

02.

03.

04.

05.

06.

07.

08.

09.

10. Strongly like

- 96. I haven't heard of the party leader
- 97. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
- 98. I don't know enough about the party leader / I don't know where to rate
- 99. Missing

- Q10a. Alexander Stubb (KOK)
- Q10b. Antti Rinne (SDP)
- Q10c. Timo Soini (PS)
- Q10d. Juha Sipilä (KESK)

- Q10e. Paavo Arhinmäki (VAS)
- Q10f. Ville Niinistö (VIHR)
- Q10g. Carl Haglund (RKP)
- Q10h. Päivi Räsänen (KD)

Q11. In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. We are going to use a scale where zero means the left and ten means the right. Where would you place the following parties on this scale? (CARD)

- 00. Left
- 01.
- 02.
- 03.
- 04.
- 05.
- 06.
- 07.
- 08.
- 09.
- 10. Right

- 95. I haven't heard of the left-right scale (spontaneous)
- 96. I haven't heard of the party (spontaneous)
- 97. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
- 98. I don't know where to place the party on the scale (spontaneous)
- 99. Missing

- Q11a. National Coalition Party (KOK)
- Q11b. Finnish Social Democratic Party (SDP)
- Q11c. Finns Party (PS)
- Q11d. Centre Party of Finland (KESK)
- Q11e. Left Alliance (VAS)
- Q11f. Green League (VIHR)
- Q11g. Swedish People's Party in Finland (RKP)
- Q11h. Christian Democrats in Finland (KD)

Q12. Using the same scale, where would you place yourself?

00. Left

01.

02.

03.

04.

05.

06.

07.

08.

09.

10. Right

95. I haven't heard of the left-right scale (spontaneous)

97. I don't want to say (spontaneous)

98. I don't know where to place myself on the scale (spontaneous)

99. Missing

Q15. How satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Finland?

1. Very satisfied

2. Fairly satisfied

4. Not very satisfied

5. Not at all satisfied

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)

8. I can't say (spontaneous)

9. Missing

Q20a. - Q20d. Questions measuring knowledge about politics

Q20a. Who of the following was the Finnish Minister of Finance right before the recent parliamentary elections?

1. Krista Kiuru

2. Jan Vapaavuori

3. Paula Risikko

4. Antti Rinne

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)

8. I can't say (spontaneous)

9. Missing

Q20b. What was the unemployment rate in Finland in February 2015?

1. 8.1%

2. 10.1%

3. 12.1%

4. 14.1%

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q20c. Which of the following parties has the second largest number of seats in the newly elected Parliament?

1. Social Democratic Party of Finland
2. Finns Party
3. Centre Party of Finland
4. National Coalition Party

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q20d. Who is the current Secretary-General of the United Nations?

1. Kofi Annan
2. Kurt Waldheim
3. Ban Ki-moon
4. Boutros Boutros-Ghali

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

Q20e. What do you think is meant by a parliamentary system of government?

1. Government by the people
2. That the Parliament has the confidence of the Government
3. That the Government has the confidence of the Parliament
4. That the Government has the confidence of the President

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

K23. For your voting choice, which was ultimately the more important, the party or the candidate?

1. The party
2. The candidate
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K24. To what extent did the following influence your choice of party in these parliamentary elections?

1. Decisive factor in my choice
2. Quite a lot
3. Somewhat

- 4. Not at all
- 96. I can't say (spontaneous)

- K24_1 Performance of the party's representatives in election programmes on television
- K24_2 The party looks after the interests of the occupational group I belong to
- K24_3 The party has a good leader
- K24_4 Values of the party
- K24_5 The party has good policy on many current issues
- K24_6 The party has competent people to conduct Finnish politics
- K24_7 Performance of the party during the past parliamentary term
- K24_8 The party's successful election campaign
- K24_9 In my opinion, the leader of the party was the best candidate to become prime minister
- K24_10 Desire to influence which parties will be in the coalition government
- K24_11 My family member(s) voted for the party
- K24_11 My friend(s) voted for the party
- K24_13 Recommendations provided by candidate selector(s)

K25. To what extent did the following influence your choice of candidate?

- 1. Decisive factor in my choice
- 2. A lot
- 3. Somewhat
- 4. Not at all
- 96. I can't say (spontaneous)

- K25_1 The candidate's age
- K25_2 The candidate's gender
- K25_3 The candidate's education
- K25_4 The candidate's place of residence
- K25_5 The candidate's prior experience in politics
- K25_6 The candidate's reliability
- K25_7 The candidate's ability to manage things
- K25_8 The candidate's appearance and style
- K25_9 The candidate's public speaking and presentation skills
- K25_10 The candidate is a public figure
- K25_11 The candidate's views on different issues
- K25_12 The candidate's party affiliation
- K25_13 The candidate's election campaign and election advertising
- K25_14 The candidate's chances of winning a seat to parliament
- K25_15 Openness/transparency of the candidate's campaign funding
- K25_16 The candidate's answers in candidate selectors on the Internet
- K25_17 Internet or social media presence of the candidate or his/her political party
- K25_18 My family member(s) voted for the candidate
- K25_19 My friend(s) voted for the candidate
- K25_20 Recommendations provided by candidate selector(s)

K26. If your candidate had been running for any of the other parties, would you still have voted for him/her?

1. I would have voted
2. I would have voted for him/her if he/she had been a candidate of another suitable party
3. I wouldn't have voted for him/her as a candidate of any other party
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K27. Did you vote for a candidate who is of the same gender as you?

1. Yes
2. No
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K28. What was the age of the candidate you voted for?

1. I voted for a candidate who is roughly of the same age as me
2. I voted for a candidate who is much younger than me
3. I voted for a candidate who is much older than me
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K29. Did you vote for the same candidate as in the previous parliamentary elections?

1. Yes
2. No
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K30. In what way was the candidate you voted for known to you?

1. I knew the candidate personally
2. My friend, acquaintance or relative knew the candidate personally
3. I knew of the candidate's activities from prior media coverage
4. I voted for the candidate on the basis of his/her election campaign
5. I chose the candidate without knowing much about him/her
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K31. When did you decide the party whose candidate you voted for? (CARD)

1. On the day of voting
2. A few days before voting
3. About a week or two before voting
4. About a month or two before voting
5. The decision was already clear last year
6. I always vote for the same party in all parliamentary elections
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K31. When did you decide the candidate you voted for? (CARD)

1. On the day of voting
2. A few days before voting

3. About a week or two before voting
4. About a month or two before voting
5. The decision was already clear last year
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K33. How significant have the following been in shaping your political opinions?

1. Very significant
2. Somewhat significant
3. Not very significant
4. Not at all significant
5. No childhood home/school or educational institution/friends/workplace/spouse/children (spontaneous)
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

K33_1 Childhood home

K33_2 School or educational institution

K33_3 Friends

K33_4 Workplaces

K33_5 Spouse/partner

K33_6 Own children

K34. Do you know which party your mother supported when you were young?

1. Yes
2. No
3. My mother didn't support any party
4. No mother when I was young (spontaneous)

(NOTE! Interviewer: the possibility that respondent has two mothers is taken into account and both of them can be coded)

IF KNOWS, follow-up question:

K34a. Which party? (CARD)

1. Finnish Social Democratic Party (SDP)
2. Agrarian League, Centre Party, Centre Party of Finland (ML, KESK)
3. National Coalition Party (KOK)
4. Democratic League of the People of Finland (SKDL)
5. Left Alliance (VAS)
6. Swedish People's Party in Finland (RKP)
7. National Progressive Party, People's Party of Finland, Liberal People's Party (EP, KP, LKP)
8. Finnish Rural Party (SMP)
9. True Finns / Finns Party (PS)
10. Green League (VIHR)
11. Christian League of Finland / Christian Democrats (SKL, KD)
12. Other, which?
13. I don't want to say

K35. Do you know which party your father supported when you were young?

1 Yes

2 No

3 My father didn't support any party

4 No father when I was young (spontaneous)

(NOTE! Interviewer: the possibility that respondent has two fathers is taken into account and both of them can be coded)

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12. Other, which?

13. I don't want to say

K36. Do you think people can be trusted or is it so that you can never be too careful about people? Indicate your opinion on a scale of zero to ten, where zero means you can't be too careful about people and 10 means that most people can be trusted.

0 Can't be too careful

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 Most people can be trusted

96 I can't say (spontaneous)

K37. To what extent do you trust or mistrust the following? Evaluate each actor and institution on a scale of zero to ten, where 0="I don't trust at all" and 10="completely trust"

(CARD)

K37_1 The President

K37_2 Political parties
K37_3 The Parliament
K37_4 The Government
K37_5 Politicians
K37_6 The European Union
K37_7 The judicial system
K37_8 Public officials
K37_9 The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
K37_10 The police
K37_11 Trade unions and professional associations
K37_12 The media
K37_13 Banks
K37_14 Major corporations
K37_15 Universities and research institutes

K38. In your opinion, how well did the Government lead by Prime Minister Alexander Stubb at the end of last electoral term perform?

1. Very well
2. Well
3. Neither well nor poorly
4. Poorly
5. Very poorly
7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)

K39. What about the Government lead by Prime Minister Jyrki Katainen before that?

1. Very well
2. Well
3. Neither well nor poorly
4. Poorly
5. Very poorly
7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)

BACKGROUND VARIABLES

D1. Your year of birth (open-ended question)

D2. Your gender

1. Male
2. Female
3. Other (spontaneous)
7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

D3. What is the highest level of education or degree you have completed?

1. Primary education
2. Lower secondary education
3. Short vocational training (vocational school or course)
4. College level vocational education (post-secondary)
5. Upper secondary education (general)
6. Polytechnic degree or equivalent
7. University degree
8. Doctoral degree or equivalent
96. No education
97. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
98. I can't say (spontaneous)
99. Missing

D4. Your marital status

1. Married or in a registered partnership
2. Widowed
3. Divorced or separated
4. Single, never married
5. Cohabiting
6. Other
7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

D33. How would you describe your health in general?

1. Very good
2. Good
3. Average
4. Poor
5. Very poor
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

D5. Do you belong to any trade union or professional association and if yes, how actively do you participate in its activities?

1. I don't belong to any → D35
2. I belong, but I don't participate in the activities → D34
3. I belong and participate in the activities to some extent → D34
4. I belong and actively participate in the activities → D34
96. I can't say (spontaneous) → D35

D34. Which of the following central organisations does your trade union or professional association belong to?

1. SAK (Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions)
2. STTK (Finnish Confederation of Professionals)
3. AKAVA (Confederation of Unions for Academic Professionals)
4. MTK (Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners)
5. Other, which? _____
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

D35. How many other than work- or profession-related associations do you belong to as a paying member?

1. None
2. 1-2 associations
3. Three or more associations
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

D10. Which of the following best describes your situation?

1. Working full-time (at least 32 hours a week)
 2. Working half-time (15-31 hours a week)
 3. Working part-time (under 15 hours a week)
 4. Unemployed
 5. Student
 6. Pensioner/retired on account of age or working years
 7. Homemaker
 8. Pensioner/retired on account of illness or disability
 9. Conscripted for military service or in civilian service
 10. On parental leave or child care leave
 11. Informal carer
 12. Other, please specify
97. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
98. I can't say (spontaneous)
99. Missing

D11. What is your current occupation? (NOTE: open-ended question)

D12. The occupational group you feel you mainly belong to?

1. Farmer, agricultural entrepreneur
2. Employer, self-employed, own account worker
3. Higher managerial employee
4. Lower managerial/professional employee
5. Intermediate level employee
6. Worker
7. Pensioner → Move to D20
8. Student → Move to D20
9. Housewife or house husband → Move to D20
10. Unemployed → Move to D20
11. Other → Move to D20

D13. IF EMPLOYED, in which sector do you work?

1. State, municipality or church
2. Private company
3. Company which is largely owned by a municipality or the government
4. So called third sector (e.g. non-profit organisation)
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

D20. What is the average total annual income of your household before tax (= gross income), including taxable social security benefits?

D21a. How many people live in your household? In total: _____ people

D21b. Out of them, _____ are children/young people aged 7-17

D21c. Out of them, _____ are children aged 6 or younger

D22. Apart from weddings, funerals etc., how often do you go to church?

1. Never
2. Once a year
3. 2-11 times a year
4. Once a month
5. Twice a month or more often
6. Once a week or more often

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

D23. How religious would you say you are?

1. Not at all religious

2. Not very religious
3. Somewhat religious
4. Very religious

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

D24. Do you belong to a church or other religious community?

1. To the Evangelical Lutheran Church → move to question D17
2. To the Orthodox Church → move to question D17
3. To the Roman Catholic Church → move to question D17
4. To some other church or religious community, which? → move to question D17
5. None

97. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
98. I can't say (spontaneous)
99. Missing

D36. Have you left the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the past five years?

(Asked from the respondents who do not belong to a church or religious community)

1. Yes
2. No
3. I have never belonged to the Evangelical Lutheran Church
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

D37. Mother tongue

1. Finnish
2. Swedish
3. Some other language, which? _____

D25. Which language or languages are usually spoken at your home?

1. Only Finnish
2. Only Swedish
3. Finnish and Swedish
4. Finnish and some other language
5. Swedish and some other language
6. Only languages other than Finnish or Swedish

997. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
998. I can't say (spontaneous)
999. Missing

D38. Do you consider yourself a member of an ethnic minority in Finland?

1. Yes
2. No
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

D39. Your municipality of residence (open-ended question)

D29. Do you live...

1. In the centre of a large town (over 100,000 inhabitants)
2. In the centre of a smaller town (under 100,000 inhabitants)
3. In a city/town suburb
4. In a municipal centre or other population centre in a rural area
5. In a sparsely populated rural area

7. I don't want to say (spontaneous)
8. I can't say (spontaneous)
9. Missing

D40. Did you live in your present constituency at the time of the previous parliamentary elections of 2011?

1. Yes
2. No
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

D30. Constituency (derived from the municipality variable)

D41. Have you been unemployed in the past 12 months?

1. No
2. Yes, for a total of approximately ____ months
96. I can't say (spontaneous)

D42. Do you live...

1. In a rental apartment/house
2. In an apartment/house owned by you or your family
3. In a part-ownership or right-of-occupancy apartment/house
4. Other

REKRY1 Willingness to respond to the self-administered questionnaire?

1. Willing
2. Not willing

NOTE! The interviewer reads out loud: "The National Election Study is an important academic project conducted to gain understanding of the status of democracy and voter opinion in Finland. The Ministry of Justice funds the research. It is great that you are able to participate! Unfortunately, we had so many questions that not all of them could be asked during the interview, but for the purposes of the study it would be important if you could respond to one short questionnaire that has additional questions. You can take your time responding to this questionnaire and post the completed questionnaire to TNS Gallup in the envelope provided. The postage has been paid for your convenience. The responses are confidential and all respondents are guaranteed full anonymity."

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