

THE SUBSTANTIVE THEME OF CSES MODULE 4 – POLITICAL ECONOMY

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Inovations in Module 4

- A) the substantive theme of Module 4
- B) political mobilization items
- C) changes in political information items

A) Political economy

- the main aim was to provide set of concepts for testing whether, in what way and how well economic conditions influence vote choice and political attitudes of voters
- Economy is operationalized through:
 - socio-economic structural position of the voter
 - voters' perceptions and judgements on personal and general economic situation
 - voters' judgements and attitudes on the way in which government should intervene into economy

Socio-economic structural position of the voter

- Q22a-d OWNERSHIP
 - Q22a – RESIDENCE
 - Q22b - BUSINESS OR PROPERTY OR FARM OR LIVESTOCK
 - Q22c - STOCKS OR BONDS
 - Q22d - SAVINGS

- DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES
 - D10 - CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS
 - D11 - MAIN OCCUPATION
 - D12 - SOCIO ECONOMIC STATUS
 - D13 - EMPLOYMENT TYPE - PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
 - D14 - INDUSTRIAL SECTOR
 - D10-D14 – ASKED FOR SPOUSE/PARTNER TOO (D15-D19)
 - D20 - HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Voters' perceptions and judgements on economic situation

- Q2 - IMPROVING STANDARD OF LIVING (IN FUTURE)
- Q3 - STATE OF ECONOMY (retrospective judgements)
- Q21 - HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS
- Q23 - FIND ANOTHER JOB
 - Q23a - RESPONDENT
 - Q23b – SPOUSE/PARTNER

Voter' attitudes on gouvernement policies

- Q1 - PUBLIC EXPENDITURE
 - Q1a - HEALTH
 - Q1b - EDUCATION
 - Q1c - UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
 - Q1d - DEFENSE
 - Q1e - OLD-AGE PENSIONS
 - Q1f - BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
 - Q1g - POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
 - Q1h - WELFARE BENEFITS
- Q4 - GOVERNMENT ACTION -
DIFFERENCES IN INCOME LEVELS

B) Political mobilization items

- Q17 - MOBILIZATION: INSTITUTIONAL CONTACT
- Q18 - MOBILIZATION: PERSONAL CONTACT
 - Q17/Q18a - IN PERSON
 - Q17/Q18b - BY MAIL
 - Q17/Q18c - BY PHONE
 - Q17/Q18d - BY TEXT MESSAGE
 - Q17/Q18e - BY EMAIL
 - Q17/Q18f - SOCIAL NETWORK OR WEB
 - Q17g - WHO - MULTIPLE MENTIONS
- Q19 - MOBILIZATION: SIGN UP FOR ONLINE INFORMATION OR ALERTS

C) Changes in political information items

- from nationally defined questions of political knowledge and relative measurement to universally predefined pattern of questions and absolute measurement
- Q20 - POLITICAL INFORMATION ITEMS
 - Q20a – FINANCE MINISTER
 - Q20b – UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN COUNTRY
 - Q20c – PARTY – SECOND IN SEATS
 - Q20d - SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS