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 government 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