2006 Post-Election Questionnaire

Q. 1 What province do you live in?
1. Newfoundland
2. Prince Edward Island
3. Nova Scotia
4. New Brunswick
5. Quebec
6. Ontario
7. Manitoba
8. Saskatchewan
9. Alberta
10. British Columbia
11. Yukon
12. Northwest Territories
13. Nunavut

Q. 2 What is your gender?
1. Man
2. Woman

Q. 3 What is your year of birth?

Q 4 Whenever there is an election, some people decide that they have *good reasons not to vote*, other people want to vote but are unable to, and some people vote. Thinking of the *federal election* on *January 23rd*, which of the following statements best describes you?

1. I do not vote in federal electtions
2. I usually vote but decided not to vote this time
3. I really wanted to vote but just wasn't able to
4. I think I voted, but I'm not sure
5. I am *absolutely certain* that I voted
6. Don't know

Q. 5 [IF 4. or 5. at Q. 4] Which party did you vote for?
1. Liberal
2. Conservative
3. NDP
4. Bloc Québécois
5. Greens
6. Other party
8. Don't know [GO TO Q. 9]

Q. 6 When did you decide that you were going to vote [PARTY NAMED IN Q. 5]?
1. Before the election campaign began
2. Early in the campaign, during December
3. Late in the campaign, in January
4. On Election Day
5. Don't know

Q. 7 When you were making up your mind how to vote, did you really prefer another party but decide against it because you thought it had no chance of winning?
1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Q. 8 [IF 'YES' AT Q. 7] Which party did you really prefer?
1. Liberals
2. Conservatives
3. NDP
4. Bloc Québécois
5. Greens
6. Other party
8. Don't know

Q. 9 During the election campaign, the party leaders debated on television. Did you watch any of the party leader debates or listen to them on the radio?
1. yes, I saw or heard one or more of the leader debates
2. non, I did not see or hear any of the leader debates
3. Don't know

Q. 10 [IF 'YES' AT Q. 9] In your opinion, which leader did *best* in the debates?
1. Paul Martin
2. Stephen Harper
3. Jack Layton
4. Gilles Duceppe
5. Don't know

Q. 11 [IF 'YES AT Q. 9] And, in your opinion, which leader did *worst* in the debates?
1. Paul Martin
2. Stephen Harper
3. Jack Layton
4. Gilles Duceppe
5. Don't know

Q. 12 In your opinion, what was the most important issue in the federal election?

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Q. 13 Which party is closest to you on this issue?
1. Liberal
2. Conservative
3. NDP
4. Bloc Québécois
5. Greens
6. Other Party

7. None, No party closest
8. Don't know

[ROTATE Q. 14 - Q. 17]

Q. 14 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Paul Martin, the Liberal leader?

Q. 15 Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Stephen Harper, the Conservative leader?

Q. 16 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Jack Layton, the NDP leader?

Q. 17 Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Gilles Duceppe, the Bloc Québécois leader?

Q. 18 The last federal general election before the one on January 23rd was in ***June 2004***. Do you remember *for sure* whether or not you voted in June 2004 federal election?
1. Voted in June 2004 election
2. Did not vote in June 2004 election
3. Not eligible to vote in June 2004 election
8. Don't know

Q. 19 [IF VOTED IN Q. 18] Which party did you vote for in the June 2004 federal election?
1. Liberal
2. Conservative
3. NDP
4. Bloc Québécois
5. Greens
6. Other Party
8. Don't know

Q. 20 Now, a more general question. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means *no attention* and 10 means a *great deal of attention*, how much attention do you pay to politics?
0. No attention
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10. Great deal of attention
88. Don't know

Q. 21 On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means *no influence* and 10 means a *great deal of influence*, how much influence do you think that people like yourself have on politics?
0. No influence
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10. Great deal of influence
88. Don't know

[ASK Q. 22x of RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE ONE]
Q. 22x Some people think taxes should be reduced so people can keep more of the money they have earned; others think taxes should be increased to pay for more government services; still others think taxes should stay at present levels. What do you favour?
1. Reduce taxes so people can keep more of their money
2. Keep taxes at present levels
3. Increase taxes so people can have more government services
8. Don't know [GO TO Q. 24]

[ASK Q. 22y of RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE TWO]
Q. 22y Some people think taxes should be increased to pay for more government services; others think taxes should be reduced so people can keep more of the money they have earned; still others think taxes should stay at present levels. What do you favour?
1. Reduce taxes so people can keep more of their money
2. Keep taxes at present levels
3. Increase taxes so people can have more government services
8. Don't know [GO TO Q. 24]

Q. 23 Which federal political party, if any, is closest to you on this issue?
1. Liberals
2. Conservatives
3. NDP
4. Bloc Québécois
5. Greens
6. Other Party
7. No Party
8. Don't know

Q. 24 Do you think Canada should have *closer ties* with the United States, keep things about the same as now, or have *looser ties* with the United States?
1. Much closer ties
2. Somewhat closer ties
3. Keep things the same as now
4. Somewhat looser ties

5. Much looser ties
8. Don't know [GO TO Q. 26]

Q. 25 Which federal political party, if any, is closest to you on this issue?
1. Liberals
2. Conservatives
3. NDP
4. Bloc Québécois
7. Greens
8. Other Party
9. No Party
10. Don't know

Q.26 Do you favour or oppose same-sex marriage?
1. Strongly Favour
2. Favour
3. Oppose
4. Strongly Oppose
8. Don't know [GO TO Q. 28]

Q. 27 Which federal political party, if any, is closest to you on this issue?
1. Liberals
2. Conservatives
3. NDP
4. Bloc Québécois
5. Greens
6. Other Party
7. No Party
8. Don't know

Q. 28 Please indicate if you agree or disagree. It takes too much time and effort to be active in politics.
1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly Disagree
8. Don't know

[ROTATE Q. 29 to Q. 31]

Q. 29 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about [PROVINCE OF RESIDENCE]?

Q. 30 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about Canada?

Q. 31 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the United States.

[ASK Q. 32x - Q. 36x FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE ONE]
[ROTATE ORDER OF Q. 32x - Q. 36x]

Q. 32x Please indicate if you *agree* or *disagree*: Generally, those elected to the parliament in Ottawa soon lose touch with the people.

Q. 33x Please indicate if you *agree* or *disagree*: I don't think that the federal government cares much what people like me think.

Q. 34x Please indicate if you *agree* or *disagree*: Sometimes, politics and government in Ottawa seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on.

Q. 35x Please indicate if you *agree* or *disagree*: People like me don't have any say about what the federal government does.

Q. 36x Please indicate if you *agree* or *disagree*: Federal political parties are only interested in people's votes, but not in their opinions.
1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly Disagree
8. Don't know

[ASK Q. 32y - Q. 36y FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE TWO]
[ROTATE ORDER OF Q. 32y - Q. 36y]
Q. 32y Please indicate if you *agree* or *disagree*: Generally, those elected to Parliament in Ottawa keep in touch with the people.

Q. 33y Please indicate if you *agree* or *disagree*: I think that the federal government cares about what people like me think.

Q. 34y Please indicate if you *agree* or *disagree*: Politics and government in Ottawa usually isn't complicated, and a person like me can understand what's going on;

Q. 35y Please indicate if you *agree* or *disagree*: People like me do have a say about what the federal government does;

Q. 36y Please indicate if you *agree* or *disagree*: Federal political parties are interested in people's opinions as well as their votes.

Q. 37 Please indicate if you *agree* or *disagree*. Many people are so busy that they don't have time to vote.

1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly Disagree
8. Don't know

[ROTATE Q. 38 - Q. 41]
Q. 38 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the *federal* Liberal Party?

Q.39 Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the *federal* Conservative Party?

Q. 40 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like , how do you feel about the *federal* NDP?

Q. 41 Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the Bloc Québécois?

Q. 42 Please indicate if you agree or disagree: I would be *seriously* neglecting my duty as a citizen if I didn't vote.
1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly Disagree
8. Don't know

NOTE: FOR Q. 43x AND Q. 43y, 'MARTIMER' ETC. WILL DEPEND ON REGION OF RESIDENCE - HAROLD CLARKE WILL SUPPLY DETAILS]
[ASK Q. 43x FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE ONE]
Q. 43x Do you generally think of yourself as a Canadian, a [Maritimer, Quebecker, Ontarian, Westerner, Albertan, British Columbian], or what?
1. Maritimer
2. Quebecker
3. Ontarian
4. Westerner
5. Albertan
6. British Columbian
7. Canadian
88. Don't know

[ASK Q. 43y FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE TWO]
Q. 43y Do you generally think of yourself as a [Maritimer, Quebecker, Ontarian, Westerner, Albertan, British Columbian], a Canadian, or what?
1. Maritimer
2. Quebecker
3. Ontarian
4. Westerner
5. Albertan
6. British Columbian
7. Canadian
88. Don't know

Q. 44 Thinking about *federal* politics, do you *usually* think of yourself as a Liberal, Conservative, NDP, Bloc Québécois, or what?
1. Liberal
2. Conservative
3. NDP
4. Bloc Québécois
8. Greens
9. Other Party

10. Independent
12. None
88. Don't know

Q. 45 [IF RESPONDENT NAMES A PARTY IN Q. 44, ASK] How strongly do you feel about the [PARTY NAMED] party? Would you say, very strongly, fairly strongly, or not very strongly?
1. Very strongly
2. Fairly strongly
3. Not very strongly
8. Don't know

Q. 46 [IF 'INDEPENDENT', 'NONE', OR 'DON'T KNOW' Q. 44] Do you generally think of yourself as being a little *closer* to one of the *federal* parties than to the others?
1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know

Q. 47 [IF 'YES' TO Q. 46] Which party is that?
1. Liberal
2. Conservative
3. NDP
4. Bloc Québécois
8. Greens
9. Other Party
88. Don't know

Q. 48 Since you have been eligible to vote in federal elections have you:
1. voted in every federal election
2. voted most federal elections
3. voted some federal elections
4. not voted in federal elections
5. Don't know

Q. 49 Finally, which of these choices best corresponds to your view?
1. People should always have the ability to use their property as they see fit
2. Only to meet important community needs should Government interfere with property rights.
3. Often community needs should be put before private property rights.
4. Government should always have broad powers over private property for community needs.
5. Don't know

Q. 50 So that we can classify your answers with others in your area, can you please tell me your postal code?

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