Pre-election questionnaire

Question	Variable Name	Response Categories
Respondent ID	RESPID	[1 to ...]
Election ID	ELECID	1=Lucerne national 2=Lucerne regional 3=Zurich national 4=Zurich regional 5=IDF national 6=Provence national 7=Catalonia national 8=Catalonia regional 9=Madrid national 10=Lower Saxony national 11=Lower Saxony regional 12=Bavaria national 13=Bavaria regional 14=Ontario regional 15=Quebec regional
Country	COUNTRY	1=Switzerland 2=France 3=Spain 4=Germany 5=Canada
Region	REGION	Switzerland: 1=Lucerne 2=Zurich France: 1=IDF 2=Provence Spain: 1=Catalonia 2=Madrid Germany: 1=Lower Saxony 2=Bavaria Canada: 1=Ontario 2=Quebec
Current election level	LEVEL	1=National 2=Regional
Gender	GEND	1=Male 2=Female 9=Don't know
Year of birth	YOB	[1900-…]

Satisfaction with the way democracy*** works at: Municipal level	Q1A_BEGINNING Q1A_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied 99=Don't know
Satisfaction with the way democracy*** works at: Regional Level	Q1B_BEGINNING Q1B_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied 99=Don't know
Satisfaction with the way democracy*** works at: National Level	Q1C_BEGINNING Q1C_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied 99=Don't know
Satisfaction with the way democracy*** works at: European level	Q1D_BEGINNING Q1D_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied 99=Don't know
How interested are you in the upcoming election?	Q4	0=No interest at all 10=A great deal of interest 99=Don't know
How interested are you in politics in general?	Q5	0=No interest at all 10=A great deal of interest 99=Don't know
Have you already voted?	Q6	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don’t know
If you already voted, which party/party's candidate did you vote for?**	Q6A	1=Party 1 …… X=Party X* 88=Other party 99=Don’t know
How likely are you to vote in this election?	Q7	1=Certain to vote 2=Very likely to vote 3=Somewhat likely to vote 4=Somewhat unlikely to vote 5=Very unlikely to vote 6=Certain not to vote 9=Don’t know
If you intend voting, which party/party's candidate will you vote for?**	Q8A	1=Party 1 …… 13=Party 13* 88=Other party 99=Don’t know
If you're not sure about voting, which party/party's candidate are you most likely to vote for?**	Q8B	1=Party 1 …… 13=Party 13* 88=Other party 99=Don’t know
Matched leader pictures with correct party	Q10	0=No leaders correctly matched 1=All leaders correctly matched

Does it make a difference which party is in power at the regional level?	Q11	0=It does not make any difference 10=It makes a big difference 99=Don't know
Does it make a difference which party is in power at the national level?	Q12	0=It does not make any difference 10=It makes a big difference 99=Don't know
How satisfied are you with the regional government over the past 12 months?	Q13	1=Not satisfied at all 2=Not very satisfied 3=Fairly satisfied 4=Very satisfied 9=Don't know
How satisfied are you with the performance of national government over the past 12 months?	Q14	1=Not satisfied at all 2=Not very satisfied 3=Fairly satisfied 4=Very satisfied 9=Don't know
Over the past 12 months has the regional economy improved, weakened or stayed the same?	Q15	1=Gotten worse 2=Stayed the same 3=Gotten better 9=Don't know
Over the past 12 months have the policies of the regional government made the economy better, worse or about the same?	Q15A	1=Worse 2=Not much difference 3=Better 9=Don't know
Over the past 12 months has the national economy improved, weakened or stayed the same?	Q16	1=Gotten worse 2=Stayed the same 3=Gotten better 9=Don't know
Over the past 12 months, have the policies of the national government made the economy better, worse or about the same?	Q16A	1=Worse 2=Not much difference 3=Better 9=Don't know
Rate the following [election-level] political parties	Q17_party*	0=Really dislike party 10=Really like party 99=Don't know
If you rate several parties similarly, which of the following [election-level] party do you like the most?	Q18	1=Party 1 …… 13=Party 13* 88=Other party 99=Don't know
Likelihood of the following parties of winning a seat in the election	Q24_party*	0=Very unlikely 10=Very likely 99=Don't know
How much do you care who wins in your local district?	Q26	0=Don't care at all 10=Care a lot 99=Don't know

Rate the chance of each of the following party or party's candidate in your local district	Q28_party*	0=No chance at all 10=Certain to win 99=Don't know
How close do you expect the outcome to be in your local district?	Q29	1=Not close at all 2=Not very close 3=Somewhat close 4=Very close 9=Don't know
Where would you place yourself on a scale from left to right?	Q30A	0=Far left 10=Far right 99=Don't know
Where would you place each of the following parties on the same scale?	Q30_party*	0=Far left 10=Far right 99=Don't know
Where would you place yourself on a scale from reducing taxes to improving services?	Q30B	0=Favour reducing taxes 10=Favour improving public services 99=Don't know
Where would you place yourself on a scale from favouring redistribution to opposing redistribution?	Q30C	0=Favour redistribution 10=Oppose redistribution 99=Don't know
Where would you place yourself on a scale from tougher sentences to rehabilitation programs?	Q30D	0=Favour tough sentences 10=Favour rehabilition programs 99=Don't know
Where would you place yourself on a scale from more immigrants to fewer immigrants?	Q30E	0=Favour more immigrants 10=Favour fewer immigrants 99=Don't know
If you didn't vote in the election, how guilty would you feel?	Q31	1=Not guilty at all 2=Not very guilty 3=Somewhat guilty 4=Very guilty 9=Don't know
How much do you think the following care about what people like you thing: Regional Government?	Q32A	1=None 2=A little 3=Some 4=A lot 9=Don't know
How much do you think the following care about what people like you thing: National Government?	Q32B	1=None 2=A little 3=Some 4=A lot 9=Don't know
Rate the importance of elections at the: Regional level of government	Q34A	0=Not important at all 10=Extremely important 99=Don't know

Rate the importance of elections at the: National level of government	Q34B	0=Not important at all 10=Extremely important 99=Don't know
Rate the importance of elections at the: Municipal level of government	Q34C	0=Not important at all 10=Extremely important 99=Don't know
Rate the importance of elections at the: European level of government	Q34D	0=Not important at all 10=Extremely important 99=Don't know
Agree or Disagree: One should always find ways to help others less fortunate than oneself	Q35A1	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Agree or Disagree: Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on.	Q35A	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Politicians make campaign promises they have no intention of keeping?	Q35B	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Agree or Disagree: There is no point of voting for a party that has no chance of being in government	Q35C	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Agree or Disagree: People pay too much attention to the well-being of others.	Q35D	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Are you financially better or worse off than a year ago?	Q36	1=Worse off 2=About the same 3=Better off 9=Don't know
During the past year have policies of the regional government made you better or worse off?	Q37	1=Made me worse off 2=Made no difference 3=Made me better off 9=Don't know
During the past year have policies of the national government made you better or worse off?	Q38	1=Made me worse off 2=Made no difference 3=Made me better off 9=Don't know
How much influence do policies of the following level of government have on the well being of you and your family: European Union	Q42A	0=Very small impact 10=Very big impact 99=Don't know

How much influence do the policies of the following level of government have on the well being of you and your family: National government	Q42B	0=Very small impact 10=Very big impact 99=Don't know
How much influence do the policies of the following level of government have on the well being of you and your family: Regional government	Q42C	0=Very small impact 10=Very big impact 99=Don't know
How much influence do the policies of the following level of government have on the well being of you and your family: Municipal government	Q42D	0=Very small impact 10=Very big impact 99=Don't know
How attached are you to the: European level of government?	Q43A	0=Not attached at all 10=Very strongly attached 99=Don't know
How attached are you to the: National level of government?	Q43B	0=Not attached at all 10=Very strongly attached 99=Don't know
How attached are you to the: Regional level of government?	Q43C	0=Not attached at all 10=Very strongly attached 99=Don't know
How attached are you to the: Municipal level of government	Q43D	0=Not attached at all 10=Very strongly attached 99=Don't know
Is voting a duty or a choice at the Regional level of government	Q44A	1=Duty 2=Choice 9=Don't know
Is voting a duty or a choice at the National level of government	Q44B	1=Duty 2=Choice 9=Don't know
Is voting a duty or a choice at the European level of government	Q44C	1=Duty 2=Choice 9=Don't know
Is voting a duty or a choice at the Municipal level of government	Q44D	1=Duty 2=Choice 9=Don't know
How strongly do you feel that voting is a duty at the: Regional level of government	Q45A	1=Not very strongly 2=Somewhat strongly 3=Very strongly 9=Don't know
How strongly do you feel that voting is a duty at the: National level of government	Q45B	1=Not very strongly 2=Somewhat strongly 3=Very strongly 9=Don't know

How strongly do you feel that voting is a duty at the: Municipal level of government	Q45C	1=Not very strongly 2=Somewhat strongly 3=Very strongly 9=Don't know
How strongly do you feel that voting is a duty at the: European level of government	Q45D	1=Not very strongly 2=Somewhat strongly 3=Very strongly 9=Don't know
Do you usually think yourself as close to any particular [election-level] party?	Q47	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
If you are close to a party, which party?	Q47A	1=Party 1 …… X=Party X* 88=Other party 99=Don't know
Is it convenient or difficult to vote?	Q48	1=Very difficult 2=Somewhat difficult 3=Somewhat easy 4=Very easy 9=Don't know
How well do you think your views are reflected in the [election-level] legislature?	Q49	0=Not at all 10=Totally 99=Don't know
How much corruption exists at the: Regional level of government?	Q50A	1=Hardly any corruption 2=A little corruption 3=Some corruption 4=A lot of corruption
How much corruption exists at the: National level of government?	Q50B	1=Hardly any corruption 2=A little corruption 3=Some corruption 4=A lot of corruption
How much corruption exists at the: Municipal level of government?	Q50C	1=Hardly any corruption 2=A little corruption 3=Some corruption 4=A lot of corruption
How much corruption exists at the: European level of government?	Q50D	1=Hardly any corruption 2=A little corruption 3=Some corruption 4=A lot of corruption
How often do you attend religious services?	SD3B	1=Never 2=Less often 3=Only on special holy days 4=At least once a month 5=Once a week 6=More than once a week 7=Every day 9=Prefer not to say
Were you born in <Country>?	SD6	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know

For how many years have you lived in <country>?	SD6D	0 to 82; Don't know=999
For how many years have you lived in [survey region]?	SD6E	0 to 82; Don't know=999
How urban or rural is your place of residence?	SD7	1=A big city 2=A suburb or outskirt of a big city 3=A town or a small city 4=A village 5=The countryside 9=Don't know
What is the highest level of education that you have completed?	SD2A	[See individual survey questionnaires]

Post-election questionnaire

Question	Variable Name	Response Categories
Satisfaction with the way democracy works at: Municipal level***	PQ1A_BEGINNING PQ1A_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied
Satisfaction with the way democracy works at: Regional level***	PQ1B_BEGINNING PQ1B_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied
Satisfaction with the way democracy works at: National level***	PQ1C_BEGINNING PQ1C_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied
Satisfaction with the way democracy works at: European level***	PQ1D_BEGINNING PQ1D_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied
Which statement represents your voting behaviour in this election?***	PQ5_1	1=I did not vote in the election 2=I thought about voting this time but didn't 3=I usually vote but didn't this time 4=I am sure I voted in the election 9=Don't know
Were you personally able to vote in this election?***	PQ5_2	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know/prefer not to answer
When did you decide you would NOT vote?	PQ5A	1=Months before election day 2=A few weeks before election day 3=A few days before election day 4=On election day
Split Sample for PQ5B	SEL5B	
[Given the outcome of the current election] Do you think the decision to NOT vote was a good or bad decision?***	PQ5B	1=A very bad decision 2=A fairly bad decision 3=A fairly good decision 4=A very good decision 9=Don't know
When did you decide you would vote?	PQ5D	1=Months before election day 2=A few weeks before election day 3=A few days before election day 4=On election day
Split sample for PQ5E	SEL5E	

[Given the outcome of the current election] Do you think the decision to vote was a good or bad decision?***	PQ5E	1=A very bad decision 2=A fairly bad decision 3=A fairly good decision 4=A very good decision 9=Don't know
Did you consider the possibility of not voting?	PQ5F	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
Which party/party's candidate did you vote for?**	PQ6	1=Party 1 …… X=Party X* 88=Other party 99=Don't know
Did you consider the possibility of voting for another party/candidate?	PQ6A	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
If yes to PQ6a, which other party's candidate?**	PQ6B	1=Party 1 …… X=Party X* 88=Other party 99=Don't know
When did you decide to vote for party/party's candidate?	PQ6C	1=Months before election day 2=A few weeks before election day 3=A few days before election day 4=On election day 9=Don't know
Split Sample for PQ6D	SEL6D	
[Given the outcome of the current election] Do you thing the decision to vote the way you did was a good or bad decision?***	PQ6D	1=A very bad decision 2=A fairly bad decision 3=A fairly good decision 4=A very good decision 9=Don't know
Would you say the party you voted for won or lost the election?	PQ8	1=Won the election 2=Lost the election 9=Don't know
How much attention did you pay to the election from: Television?	PQ9A	0=No attention at all 10=A lot of attention 99=Don't know
How much attention did you pay to the election from: Newspaper	PQ9B	0=No attention at all 10=A lot of attention 99=Don't know
How much attention did you pay to the election from: Radio	PQ9C	0=No attention at all 10=A lot of attention 99=Don't know

How much attention did you pay to the election from: Internet	PQ9D	0=No attention at all 10=A lot of attention 99=Don't know
How much attention did you pay to the election from: Twitter	PQ9E	0=No attention at all 10=A lot of attention 99=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: Party or candidate website	PQ10A	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: Other website with political content	PQ10B	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: Twitter or Facebook	PQ10C	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: YouTube	PQ10D	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: Blogs	PQ10E	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: Online media outlets	PQ10F	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
Political information: Match the slogans with the correct parties	PQ14	0=No correct matches 1=All correct matches
During the election did you support any particular party/candidate by: A=talking to others, B=attending meetings, C=putting up lawn signs, D=Making a positive comment on social media?	PQ15A-D	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
Did A=friends, B=acquaintances, C=spouse or D=family encourage you to vote for a particular party?	PQ16A-D	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
During the last 12 months have you: Contacted a government official?	PQ18A	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
During the last 12 months have you: bought or boycotted certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	PQ18B	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know

During the last 12 months have you: taken part in a public demonstration?	PQ18C	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
During the last 12 months have you: signed a petition?	PQ18D	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
Rate how fairly the election was conducted?	PQ19	0=Very unfairly 10=Very fairly 99=Don't know
How accurately do you think the outcome of the election reflects voters' views?	PQ20	0=Not at all accurately 10=Very accurately 99=Don't know
Was the election mostly about what should be done on the most important issue of the day?	PQ24	1=Issues of the day 2=Best people to govern 9=Don't know
Politicians make campaign promises they have no intention of keeping.	PQ26C	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
There is no point voting for a party that has no chance of being in government	PQ26D	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Does anyone in your household belong to a union?	PSD1	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
How many people living in your household are under the age of 18	PSD2	0 to 5; 999=Don't know
Which of these descriptions best describes the work you do?	PSD3	[See individual questionnaires]
Weights for pre-election survey sample	PRE_WEIGHT	[see individual technical reports]
Weights for pre-election survey sample	POST_WEIGHT	[see individual technical reports]

*See party legend

**In Canada and France, this variable refers to the party of the candidate for which the respondent voted (in the first round in France). In Spain and Germany, it refers to the party-list for which the respondent voted (in the party-list ballot in Germany). In Switzerland, it refers to the party of the candidates for which the respondent casted the greatest number of preferential votes

***Randomized survey questions. Q1A, Q1B, Q1C, and Q1D were randomly asked at the beginning or at the end of the pre questionnaire (same for PQ1A, PQ1B, PQ1C, and PQ1D for the post questionnaire). Respondents were randomly asked PQ5_1 or PQ5_2. The statement "Given the outcome of the election" was randomly added at the beginning of PQ5B, PQ5E, and PQ6D. The variables SEL5B, SEL5E, and SEL6D respectively discriminate this randomization.

Legend of Parties by Election Level

Dataset	Name of Parties
Quebec (Regional)	1. Parti liberal du Québec 2. Parti québécois 3. Québec solidaire 4. Coalition avenir Québec – équipe Francois Legault 5. Option nationale 6. Parti vert du Québec
Ontario (Regional)	1. Ontario Liberal Party 2. Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario 3. New Democratic Party of Ontario 4. Green Party of Ontario
IDF (National)	1. Parti Socialiste 2. UMP 3. Front National (Rassemblement Bleu Marine) 4. Front de Gauche 5. MODEM 6. Europe-Écologie Les Verts 7. Nouveau Parti Anticapitaliste 8. Lutte Ouvrière 9. Nouveau Centre
Provence (National)	1. Parti Socialiste 2. UMP 3. Front National (Rassemblement Bleu Marine) 4. Front de Gauche 5. MODEM 6. Europe-Écologie Les Verts 7. Nouveau Parti Anticapitaliste 8. Lutte Ouvrière 9. Nouveau Centre
Lower-Saxony (National)	1. CDU 2. SPD 3. Greens 4. FDP 5. Left 6. Pirates 7. AfD 8. Free Voters
Lower-Saxony (Regional)	1. CDU 2. SPD 3. Greens 4. FDP 5. Left 6. Pirates 7. Free Voters
Bavaria (National)	1. CSU 2. SPD 3. Greens 4. Free Voters 5. FDP 6. Left 7. Pirates

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Bavaria (Regional)	1. CSU 2. SPD 3. Greens 4. Free Voters 5. FDP 6. Left 7. Pirates
Catalonia (Regional)	1. PSC 2. PP 3. ICV-EUiA 4. CiU 5. ERC 6. Ciutadans 7. Solidaritat per la Independencia 8. Plataforma per Catalunya 9. CUP
Catalonia (National)	1. PSOE 2. PP 3. ICV/IU 4. CiU 5. ERC 6. EPyD 7. Plataforma per Catalunya
Madrid (National)	1. PSOE 2. PP 3. IU 4. UpyD
Lucerne (National)	1. CVP 2. FDP 3. SVP 4. SP 5. Greens 6. BDP 7. Green-Liberals 8. Tierpartei 9. EVP 10. Schweizer Demokraten
Zurich (National)	1. SVP 2. SP 3. FDP 4. GreensQ 5. CVP 6. Green-Liberals 7. EVP 8. BDP 9. EDU
Lucerne (Regional)	1. CVP 2. FDP 3. SVP 4. SP 5. Greens 6. BDP 7. Green-Liberals

Zurich (Regional)	1. SVP 2. SP 3. FDP 4. Greens 5. CVP 6. EVP 7. Green-Liberals 8. EDU 9. Alternative List 10. Schweizer Demokraten 11. Pirate Party 12. European Reform Party 13. BDP