Multidimensional Representation

Start of Block: Introduction

Consent
Thank you for showing interest in this study. Please read the following instructions before starting.
Please complete this survey in one go. The survey takes about 6 minutes. Thank you very much.

Consent form

I consent to participate in this study which will involve questions on political opinions and members of the UK Parliament.
I understand that all data will be kept confidential by the researchers. My personal information will not be stored with the data. I am free to withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason.

I consent to the publication of study results as long as the information is anonymous so that no participant can be identified.

- ○ I have read and I understand the explanations and I voluntarily consent to participate in this study. (1)
- ○ I do not want to participate in this study. (2)

Display This Question:

If Thank you for showing interest in this study. Please read the following instructions before start... = I do not want to participate in this study.

Not participate As you do not wish to participate in this survey, please return your submission on Prolific by selecting the 'Next' button.

Skip To: End of Survey If As you do not wish to participate in this survey, please return your submission on Prolific by se... Is Displayed

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If Thank you for showing interest in this study. Please read the following instructions before start... = I have read and I understand the explanations and I voluntarily consent to participate in this study.

Prolific ID
Before we start, please make sure you have enough time to complete the study (about 6 minutes) and will not be distracted. For the success of our study, it is important that you go through all questions of the survey. Thank you.

First, please enter your Prolific ID here:

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End of Block: Introduction

Start of Block: Constituency

Right_to_Vote Are you eligible to vote in UK general elections?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ Don't know (3)

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Constituency What is your local parliamentary constituency in which you would vote at a UK general election?

In case you do not know, please scroll down and find out using your postcode. In case there is no website displayed below, please click this link.

▼ Aberavon (1) ... York Outer (650)

End of Block: Constituency

Start of Block: Sociodemographic covariates

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Text Thank you! To start we will now ask you some questions about yourself.

Gender What is your gender?

- ○ Female (1)
- ○ Male (2)
- ○ Other (3)
- ○ Prefer not to say (4)

Birth What is your year of birth?

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Education What is the highest educational or work-related qualification you have?

▼ No formal qualifications (1) ... Prefer not to say (22)

End of Block: Sociodemographic covariates

Start of Block: Political covariates

Text Thank you! We will now ask you some questions about your political views.

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Display This Question:

If Are you eligible to vote in UK general elections? = Yes

Second_EUReferendum Imagine a referendum were taking place in the UK tomorrow about the membership of the European Union. Would you vote for the UK to remain a member of the European Union or to leave the European Union?

- ○ Remain a member of the EU (1)
- ○ Leave the EU (4)
- ○ Would submit a blank ballot paper (5)
- ○ Would spoil the ballot paper (3)
- ○ Would not vote (6)

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Trust_MPs How much trust do you have in Members of Parliament (MPs) in general?

- 1 - No trust (1)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (3)
- 4 (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 (6)
- 7 - A great deal of trust (7)

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Satisfaction_Dem On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way that democracy works in the UK?

- ○ Very dissatisfied (1)
- ○ A little dissatisfied (2)
- ○ Fairly satisfied (3)
- ○ Very satisfied (4)
- ○ Don't know (5)

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Display This Question:

If Are you eligible to vote in UK general elections? = Yes

Vote_Recall Thinking back to the last UK General Election on 8th of June 2017, a lot of people didn't manage to vote. How about you – did you manage to vote in the General Election in 2017?

- ○ Yes, voted (1)
- ○ No, did not vote (4)
- ○ Don't know (5)

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If Thinking back to the last UK General Election on 8th of June 2017, a lot of people didn't manage... = Yes, voted

Vote_Recall_Party Which party did you vote for?

- ○ Conservative (1)
- ○ Labour (4)
- ○ Liberal Democrat (5)
- ○ Scottish National Party (SNP) (6)
- ○ Plaid Cymru (7)
- ○ United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) (8)
- ○ Green Party (9)
- ○ Other (10)
- ○ Don't know (12)

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Display This Question:

If Are you eligible to vote in UK general elections? = Yes

Vote_Intention If there were a UK General Election tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

- ○ I would not vote (1)
- ○ Conservative (4)
- ○ Labour (5)
- ○ Liberal Democrat (6)
- ○ Scottish National Party (SNP) (7)
- ○ Plaid Cymru (8)
- ○ United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) (9)
- ○ Green Party (10)
- ○ British National Party (BNP) (11)
- ○ Change UK – The Independent Group (12)
- ○ Brexit Party (13)
- ○ Other (14)
- ○ Don't know (15)

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Party_Close Which party do you feel closest to?

- ○ Conservative (1)
- ○ Labour (4)
- ○ Liberal Democrat (5)
- ○ Scottish National Party (SNP) (6)
- ○ Plaid Cymru (7)
- ○ United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) (8)
- ○ Green Party (9)
- ○ Change UK – The Independent Group (10)
- ○ Brexit Party (11)
- ○ Other party (12)
- ○ No party – None (13)
- ○ Don’t know (14)

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Left_Right In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on the following scale?

- 0 - Left (1)
- 1 (2)
- 2 (3)
- 3 (4)
- 4 (5)
- 5 (6)
- 6 (7)
- 7 (8)
- 8 (9)
- 9 (10)
- 10 - Right (11)

End of Block: Political covariates

Start of Block: Surrogation

MPs How much do you consider each of the following individuals someone who speaks and acts for you in politics?

	1 - Not at all (1)	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6 (6)	7 - Very much (7)	Don't know (13)
What is your local parliamentary constituency in which you would vote at a UK general election? ... != Uxbridge and South Ruislip								
Boris Johnson (MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip) (1)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
What is your local parliamentary constituency in which you would vote at a UK general election? ... != Islington North								
Jeremy Corbyn (MP for Islington North) (2)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
${e://Field/MP} (MP for your constituency ${e://Field/Constituency_name}) (3)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
${e://Field/MP_other} (MP for ${e://Field/Constituency_other}) (4)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
What is your local parliamentary constituency in which you would vote at a UK general election? ... != Ross, Skye and Lochaber								
Ian Blackford (MP for Ross, Skye and Lochaber) (5)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
What is your local parliamentary constituency in which you would vote at a UK general election? ... != East Dunbartonshire								
Jo Swinson (MP for East Dunbartonshire) (6)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

RP_Chosen And which of these individuals do you consider the person who speaks and acts for you most in politics?

What is your local parliamentary constituency in which you would vote at a UK general election? ... != Uxbridge and South Ruislip

- ○ Boris Johnson (MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip) (1)

What is your local parliamentary constituency in which you would vote at a UK general election? ... != Islington North

- ○ Jeremy Corbyn (MP for Islington North) (2)
- ○ ${e://Field/MP} (MP for your constituency ${e://Field/Constituency_name}) (3)
- ○ ${e://Field/MP_other} (MP for ${e://Field/Constituency_other}) (4)

What is your local parliamentary constituency in which you would vote at a UK general election? ... != Ross, Skye and Lochaber

- ○ Ian Blackford (MP for Ross, Skye and Lochaber) (5)

What is your local parliamentary constituency in which you would vote at a UK general election? ... != East Dunbartonshire

- ○ Jo Swinson (MP for East Dunbartonshire) (6)

Surrogation_Exp Please explain your answer a little further. Why did you choose this person?

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End of Block: Surrogation

Start of Block: Representative chosen

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Assign Thanks! Please click on the arrow for the next questions.

End of Block: Representative chosen

Start of Block: Justification

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Justification_Scale When ${e://Field/RP_chosen} speaks about policies, do you want her/him to refer more to people like you or to society as a whole?

- 1 - People like me (9)
- 2 (2)
- 3 (10)
- 4 (16)
- 5 (17)
- 6 (18)
- 7 - Society as a whole (19)

People_Like_Me Thinking about the previous question, how would you describe “people like you”?

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Justification_Exp Please explain your answer a little further. Why do you want ${e://Field/RP_chosen} to refer to people like you or to society as a whole?

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End of Block: Justification

Start of Block: Personalisation

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Party_Independent How much do you want ${e://Field/RP_chosen} to speak and act independently of her/his party?

- 1 - Very little (4)
- 2 (5)
- 3 (6)
- 4 (7)
- 5 (8)
- 6 (9)
- 7 - A lot (10)

Personalisation_Exp Please explain your answer a little further. Why do you want or not want ${e://Field/RP_chosen} to speak and act independently of her/his party?

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End of Block: Personalisation

Start of Block: Responsiveness

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Tradeoff_Votes Politicians' own convictions are sometimes in conflict with what voters want. In such situations, they can follow their convictions at the cost of losing votes in the next election, or do what voters want to win or retain votes. What do you want ${e://Field/RP_chosen} to do in such situations?

- ○ Always follow own convictions (1)
- ○ Primarily follow own convictions (2)
- ○ Rather follow own convictions (3)
- ○ Rather follow voters (6)
- ○ Primarily follow voters (7)
- ○ Always follow voters (8)

Responsiveness_Exp Please explain your answer a little further. Why do you want ${e://Field/RP_chosen} to follow her/his own convictions or do what voters want?

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End of Block: Responsiveness

Start of Block: General battery

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Good_Representative A political representative is someone who speaks and acts for you in politics. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Totally disagree (1)	Tend to disagree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Tend to agree (4)	Totally agree (5)
When speaking about policies, a good representative should refer to society as a whole (1)	○	○	○	○	○
When speaking about policies, a good representative should refer to people like me (3)	○	○	○	○	○
A good representative should speak and act independently from her party (4)	○	○	○	○	○
A good representative should follow the party line (5)	○	○	○	○	○
A good representative should follow her own convictions even if it costs her votes (6)	○	○	○	○	○

A good representative should follow voters' views even if they are in conflict with her own convictions (9)	○	○	○	○	○
Please select an answer indicating agreement to show you are paying attention to the questions. (10)	○	○	○	○	○

End of Block: General battery