**CNEP Questionnaire - Germany**

**L\_EastWest**

In which *Bundesland* do you live?

0 Baden-Wuerttemberg

1 Bavaria

2 Berlin East

3 Brandenburg

4 Bremen

5 Hamburg

6 Hesse

7 Mecklenburg-West Pomerania

8 Lower Saxony

9 North Rhine-Westphalia

10 Rhineland-Palatinate

11 Saarland

12 Saxony

13 Saxony-Anhalt

14 Schleswig-Holstein

15 Thuringia

16 Berlin West

**L\_Gender**

Are you male or female?

1 Male

2 Female

98 Skipped

**L\_Age**

What year were you born?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(open)

**L\_BornLand**

[ASK ONLY if L.Born = 1]

In which *Bundesland* were you born?

0 Baden-Wuerttemberg

1 Bavaria

2 Berlin East

3 Brandenburg

4 Bremen

5 Hamburg

6 Hesse

7 Mecklenburg-West Pomerania

8 Lower Saxony

9 North Rhine-Westphalia

10 Rhineland-Palatinate

11 Saarland

12 Saxony

13 Saxony-Anhalt

14 Schleswig-Holstein

15 Thuringia

16 I was not born in Germany.

17 Berlin West

**A\_GovPerf**

Thinking back to the time of the election, to what extent were you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of the Government consisting of CDU/CSU and SPD?

1 Very dissatisfied

2 Dissatisfied

3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

4 Satisfied

5 Very satisfied

98 Skipped

**A\_ChancPerf**

And to what extent were you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of the chancellor Angela Merkel?

1 Very dissatisfied

2 Dissatisfied

3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

4 Satisfied

5 Very satisfied

98 Skipped

**A\_EconSitPers**

How would you describe your present economic situation?

1 Very bad

2 Bad

3 Average

4 Good

5 Very good

98 Skipped

**A\_EconSit**

How would you describe the present economic situation in Germany?

1 Very bad

2 Bad

3 Average

4 Good

5 Very good

98 Skipped

**A\_EconJustice**

Thinking about German society, how fair or unfair would you say things are going nowadays?

1 Very unfair

2 Unfair

3 Average

4 Fair

5 Very fair

98 Skipped

**A\_EconGen**

Will the life of the next generation of German people be much better, somewhat better, remain about the same, become somewhat worse, or become much worse?

1 Much worse

2 Somewhat worse

3 Remain about the same

4 Somewhat better

5 Much better

98 Skipped

**B\_TrustDEMOC**

People associate democracy with many diverse meanings such as the ones presented below. In order for a society to be called democratic, is each of these absolutely essential, important, not very important or not important at all?

[RANDOMIZE order]

**B\_TrustDEMOC\_01**  Freedom to criticize the government

**B\_TrustDEMOC\_02** Jobs for everyone

**B\_TrustDEMOC\_03** Free and fair elections

**B\_TrustDEMOC\_04**  A smaller income gap between rich and poor

**B\_TrustDEMOC\_05**  A free and uncensored media

**B\_TrustDEMOC\_06**  Protecting the rights of minorities

**B\_TrustDEMOC\_07** People obey their leaders

**B\_TrustDEMOC\_08** Independent judiciary

1 Not important at all

2 Not very important

3 Important

4 Absolutely essential

98 Skipped

**B\_MediaExtent**

In your opinion, how much of a free and uncensored media does Germany have today?

1 not free media

2

3

4 completely free media

98 Skipped

**B\_TrustGovt**

How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Berlin to do what is right?

1 Hardly ever or never

2 Some of the time

3 Most of the time

4 Just about always

98 Skipped

**B\_TrustMedia**

Please tell us whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements about the news media in Germany (newspapers, TV news, radio news, magazines, news websites, etc.)

[RANDOMIZE order]

**B\_TrustMedia\_01** I feel limited by what information is available in the news media.

**B\_TrustMedia\_02** I often find myself looking for the flaws in the way information was presented in the news media.

**B\_TrustMedia\_03** I am angered by the lack of accurate information in the news media.

**B\_TrustMedia\_04** Most news media pressures me to think a certain way.

**B\_TrustMedia\_05** I often disagree with the news coverage in the media.

**B\_TrustMedia\_06** I often think the information in the German media is inaccurate or misleading.

1 Strongly disagree

2 Disagree

3 Neither agree nor disagree

4 Agree

5 Strongly agree

98 Skipped

**B\_PolSys**

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each statement about the political system in Germany?

[RANDOMIZE order]

**B\_PolSys\_01** Generally, politics seems so complicated that people like me cannot understand what is happening.

**B\_PolSys\_02** I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing my country today.

**B\_PolSys\_03** Politicians do not care much about what people like me think.

**B\_PolSys\_04** Our elected officials are only interested in defending the interests of the establishment, the rich and the powerful.

1 Strongly disagree

2 Disagree

3 Neither agree nor disagree

4 Agree

5 Strongly agree

98 Skipped

**B\_CorPol**

How widespread do you think that corruption (e.g. misusing public funds, falsifying expenses, receiving bribes) is among German politicians?

1 Not widespread at all

2 Uncommon

3 Widespread

4 Very widespread

98 Skipped

**B\_Rul**

There are many ways to govern a country. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following alternatives?

**B\_Rul\_01** Only one political Party should be allowed to stand for election and hold for office.

**B\_Rul\_02** Elections and the National Assembly should be abolished so that we can have a stronger leader running this country.

**B\_Rul\_03** Religious leaders should govern the country according to religious principles.

**B\_Rul\_04** The government should be led by the military.

1 Strongly disagree

2 Disagree

3 Neither agree nor disagree

4 Agree

5 Strongly agree

98 Skipped

**B\_DemAuth**

Which of the following phrases most closely reflects your own opinion?

1 For people like me, one regime is the same as another.

2 Under some circumstances, an authoritarian regime, a dictatorship, is preferable to a democratic system.

3 Democracy is preferable to any other form of government.

98 Skipped

**B\_DemExtent**

In your opinion, how much of a democracy is Germany today?

1 Not a democracy

2

3

4 Full democracy

98 Skipped

**B\_DemSat**

In general, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy is working in Germany?

1 Not at all satisfied

2 Not very satisfied

3 Somewhat satisfied

4 Very satisfied

98 Skipped

**C\_LRSelf**

In Germany, we often hear people talk about “left” and “right” when they think about politics. According to your own political opinions, where would you place yourself on a left to right scale?

1 Very left

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 Very right

98 Skipped

**C\_ThermGer**

We would now like you to classify some political parties and candidates according to the same left-right scale. Where would you place the following political parties and candidates on the same left-right scale?

[RANDOMIZE order]

**C\_ThermGer\_01** CDU

**C\_ThermGer\_02** CSU

**C\_ThermGer\_03** SPD

**C\_ThermGer\_04** Die Linke

**C\_ThermGer\_05** Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

**C\_ThermGer\_06** FDP

**C\_ThermGer\_07** AfD

**C\_ThermGer\_08** Angela Merkel

**C\_ThermGer\_09** Martin Schulz

1 Very left

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 Very right

98 Skipped

**C\_ThermGer\_bis**

We would like to know your feelings towards some German political leaders on a scale from -5 to +5. For example, if you feel very favourable towards one of the individuals listed, you can give a high score up to +5; if you feel very unfavourable towards this person you can give a low score down to -5; if you feel neutral, you should give it a 0.

[RANDOMIZE order]

**C\_ThermGer\_bis\_01** Angela Merkel

**C\_ThermGer\_bis\_02** Martin Schulz

**C\_ThermGer\_bis\_03** Cem Oezdemir

**C\_ThermGer\_bis\_04** Sahra Wagenknecht

**C\_ThermGer\_bis\_05** Christian Lindner

**C\_ThermGer\_bis\_06** Alexander Gauland

-5 Very unfavorable

-4

-3

-2

-1

0 Neutral

1

2

3

4

5 Very favorable

97 I don’t know that person.

98 Skipped

**C\_ThermForeign**

We would like to know your feelings towards some foreign political leaders on a scale from -5 to +5. For example, if you feel very favourable towards one of the individuals listed, you can give a high score up to +5; if you feel very unfavourable towards this person you can give a low score down to -5; if you feel neutral, you should give it a 0.

**C\_ThermForeign\_01** Emmanuel Macron

**C\_ThermForeign\_02** Donald Trump

**C\_ThermForeign\_03** Vladimir Putin

-5 Very unfavorable

-4

-3

-2

-1

0 Neutral

1

2

3

4

5 Very favorable

97 I don’t know that person.

98 Skipped

**C\_ThermParty**

We would like to know your feelings towards some parties on a scale from -5 to +5. For example, if you feel very favourable towards one of the parties listed, you can give a high score up to +5; if you feel very unfavourable towards this party you can give a low score down to -5; if you feel neutral, you should give it a 0.

**C\_ThermParty\_01** CDU

**C\_ThermParty\_02** CSU

**C\_ThermParty\_03** SPD

**C\_ThermParty\_04** Die Linke

**C\_ThermParty\_05** Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

**C\_ThermParty\_06** FDP

**C\_ThermParty\_07** AfD

-5 Very unfavorable

-4

-3

-2

-1

0 Neutral

1

2

3

4

5 Very favorable

97 I don’t know that party.

98 Skipped

**C.ThermGroup**

We would like to know your feelings towards some groups on a scale from -5 to +5. For example, if you feel very favourable towards one of the groups listed, you can give it a high score up to +5; if you feel very unfavourable towards this group you can give a low score down to -5; if you feel neutral towards it, you should give it a 0.

[RANDOMIZE order]

**C\_ThermGroup\_01** West Germans

**C\_ThermGroup\_02** East Germans

**C\_ThermGroup\_03** Homosexuals

**C\_ThermGroup\_04** Entrepreneurs

**C\_ThermGroup\_05** Muslims

**C\_ThermGroup\_06** Christians

**C\_ThermGroup\_07** Refugees

**C\_ThermGroup\_08** Foreigners

**C\_ThermGroup\_09** Metropolitans

**C\_ThermGroup\_10** Ruralists

-5 Very unfavorable

-4

-3

-2

-1

0 Neutral

1

2

3

4

5 Very favorable

97 I don’t know that group.

98 Skipped

**C.ThermCount**

We would like to know your feelings towards some countries and international organizations on a scale from 0-10. For example, if you feel very favourable towards one of the countries or organizations listed, you can give it a high score up to 10; if you feel very unfavourable towards this country or organization you can give a low score down to 0; if you feel neutral towards it, you should give it a 5.

[RANDOMIZE order]

C\_ThermCount\_01 European Union

C\_ThermCount\_02 NATO

C\_ThermCount\_03 Russia

C\_ThermCount\_04 USA

C\_ThermCount\_05 France

C\_ThermCount\_06 Turkey

-5 Very unfavorable

-4

-3

-2

-1

0 Neutral

1

2

3

4

5 Very favorable

97 I don’t know that country/organization.

98 Skipped

**C\_InterEU**

We have some questions about international affairs and Germany’s place in the world.

Which of the following statements best reflects your preference about the relationship between Germany and the European Union?

1 Germany should withdraw completely from the European Union.

2 Germany should remain in the European Union but seek more independence within the EU.

3 Germany should remain in the European Union with its relationship unchanged.

4 Germany should remain in the European Union and seek more unification.

98 Skipped

**C\_InterOrg**

Which of the following statements best reflects your opinion about Germany and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

1 Germany should completely withdraw from NATO.

2 Germany should remain in NATO but seek more independence within NATO.

3 Germany should remain in NATO with its relationship unchanged.

4 Germany should seek to further strengthen its ties with NATO.

98 Skipped

**C\_InterRus**

Which of the following statements best reflects your opinion about economic sanctions placed against Russia over the crisis in the Ukraine?

1 All sanctions against Russia should be lifted.

2 Sanctions against Russia should remain but should be weakened.

3 Sanctions against Russia should remain unchanged.

4 Sanctions against Russia should be strengthened.

98 Skipped

**C\_InterTer**

How likely do you think it is that in the near future there will be a terrorist attack in Germany causing large numbers of lives to be lost?

1 Not likely at all

2 Not very likely

3 Somewhat likely

4 Very likely

98 Skipped

**D\_Cam**

During the 2017 general electoral campaign, how many days per week did you follow information, such as news or opinion, about the election through …?

[RANDOMIZE order]

**D\_Cam\_01** …Newspapers, including online editions

**D\_Cam\_02** …Radio, including online broadcasts

**D\_Cam\_03** …Television, including online broadcasts

**D\_Cam\_04** … Internet news websites, blogs, or apps

0 Never

1 1 day

2 2 days

3 3 days

4 4 days

5 5 days

6 6 days

7 Everyday

98 Skipped

**D\_Pap1**

[ASK ONLY if D.CamPaper != 0 | 98 | 99]

During the campaign, which newspaper did you read most often for information about the election campaign?

[RANDOMIZE order]

1 BILD-Zeitung

2 Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ)

3 Süddeutsche Zeitung (SZ)

4 Die Welt

5 Frankfurter Rundschau (FR)

6 die tageszeitung (taz)

7 Handelsblatt

8 Local Newspaper, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_Pap1Bias**

[ASK ONLY if D.Pap1 != 98 | 99]

Do you think this newspaper favored a particular political party in the general election contest?

0 No

1 Yes

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_Pap1Part\***

[ASK ONLY if D.Pap1Bias = 1]

Which political party was favored? Check all that apply.

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 CDU

\*02 CSU

\*03 SPD

\*04 Die Linke

\*05 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

\*06 FDP

\*07 AfD

\*08 Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(open)

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**D\_Pap1Oppose**

[ASK ONLY if D.Pap1 != 98 | 99]

Do you think this newspaperopposed a particular political party in the general election contest?

0 No

1 Yes

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_Pap1OpposePart\***

[ASK ONLY if D.Pap1Oppose = 1]

Which political party was opposed? Check all that apply.

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 CDU

\*02 CSU

\*03 SPD

\*04 Die Linke

\*05 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

\*06 FDP

\*07 AfD

\*08 Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(open)

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**D\_TV1**

[ASK ONLY if D.CamTV != 98 | 99]

During the 2017 general election campaign, please tell us which television news channel or network you watched most often for information about the election campaign?

[RANDOMIZE order]

1 ARD

2 ZDF

3 RTL

4 SAT.1

5 PRO7

6 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_TV1Bias**

[ASK ONLY if D.TV1 != 97 | 98 | 99]

Do you think this TV channelfavored a particular political party in the general election contest?

0 No

1 Yes

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_TV1Part\***

[ASK ONLY if D.TV1Bias = 1]

Which political party was favored? Check all that apply.

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 CDU

\*02 CSU

\*03 SPD

\*04 Die Linke

\*05 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

\*06 FDP

\*07 AfD

\*08 Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(open)

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**D\_TV1Oppose**

[ASK ONLY if D.TV1 != 97 | 98 | 99]

Do you think this TV channelopposed a particular political party in the general election contest?

0 No

1 Yes

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_TV1OpposePart\***

[ASK ONLY if D.TV1Oppose = 1]

Which political party was opposed? Check all that apply.

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 CDU

\*02 CSU

\*03 SPD

\*04 Die Linke

\*05 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

\*06 FDP

\*07 AfD

\*08 Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(open)

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**D\_Web1**

[ASK ONLY if D.CamWeb != 98 | 99]

During the 2017 general election campaign, which internet news website, blog, or app did you use most often for information about the election campaign?

1 Answer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_Web1Bias**

[ASK ONLY if D.Web1 != 97 | 98 | 99]

Do you think the internet news website, blog, or app you used most often favoured a particular political party in the general election contest?

0 No

1 Yes

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_Web1Part\***

[ASK ONLY if D.Web1Bias = 1]

Which political party was favoured? Check all that apply.

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 CDU

\*02 CSU

\*03 SPD

\*04 Die Linke

\*05 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

\*06 FDP

\*07 AfD

\*08 Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(open)

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**D\_Web1Oppose**

[ASK ONLY if D.Web1 != 98 | 99]

Do you think the internet news website, blog, or app you used most often opposed a particular party in the general election contest?

0 No

1 Yes

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_Web1OpposePart\***

[ASK ONLY if D.Web1Oppose = 1]

Which political party? Check all that apply.

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 CDU

\*02 CSU

\*03 SPD

\*04 Die Linke

\*05 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

\*06 FDP

\*07 AfD

\*08 Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(open)

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**D\_InterRec**

How often did you receive, seek out, or share political news or information about the 2017 general election through the Internet? This includes via computer, your phone, tablets, social networking sites or applications (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, ect.), messaging, etc.

0 Never

1 1 day

2 2 days

3 3 days

4 4 days

5 5 days

6 6 days

7 Everyday

98 Skipped

**D\_InterRec\_**

[ASK ONLY if D.InterRec != 0 | 98 | 99]

On average, how many days a week did you use a computer, smart phone, or tablet to receive information about the election campaign from….

[RANDOMIZE order]

D\_InterRec\_01 News Media

D\_InterRec\_02 Political party or candidate sources

D\_InterRec\_03 Information/comments by people I know personally

D\_InterRec\_04 Information/comments by other people online

D\_InterRec\_05 Other political information sources not linked to parties or candidates such as bloggers, writer, commentators

0 Never

1 1 day

2 2 days

3 3 days

4 4 days

5 5 days

6 6 days

7 7 days

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_InterSoc\***

Which of the following social networking sites or applications do you use? Check all that apply.

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 Facebook

\*02 WhatsApp

\*03 YouTube

\*04 Twitter

\*05 Instagram

\*06 Snapchat

\*07 Some other website, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*00 I do not use any social networking sites.

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**D\_InterShare**

[ASK ONLY if D.InterRec != 0 | 98 | 99]

During the course of the election campaign, did you post your own personal thoughts or opinions about a particular candidate or party via email, texting, or on social networking sites to which you belong?

0 Never

1 Rarely

2 Sometimes

3 Often

98 Skipped

**D\_InterSoc1**

[ASK ONLY if D.InterSoc = 1]

Now think about the different types of social media apps and websites that you use. Though not always intentional, people do sometimes encounter news and information about politics, including the election, using these services. How about you? During the 2017 general election campaign, on average, how many days a week did you …? [RANDOMIZE order]

D\_InterSoc1\_01 … read political or campaign news headlines or short news summaries.

D\_InterSoc1\_02 … access and read political news stories (not just headlines or summaries).

D\_InterSoc1\_03 … read other’s comments about political news stories.

D\_InterSoc1\_04 … read other users’ opinions or comments about parties, candidates, or political news stories.

D\_InterSoc1\_05 … watch videos or streaming content about political issues, politicians, or parties.

0 Never

1 1 day

2 2 days

3 3 days

4 4 days

5 5 days

6 6 days

7 7 days

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_InterSoc2**

[ASK ONLY if D.InterSoc = 1]

People sometimes also share news and information about politics, including the election, using social media. During the 2017 general election campaign on average, how many days a week did you …?

[RANDOMIZE order]

D\_InterSoc2\_01 … comment on, or reply to, political content shared or posted by someone else

D\_InterSoc2\_02 … post, “tweet”, or otherwise share your own opinions about political candidates, leaders, or organizations

D\_InterSoc2\_03 … “like”, “tweet”, post, or otherwise promote a political news story (for example, a newspaper article)

D\_InterSoc2\_04 … “like”, “retweet”, repost, or otherwise promote another user’s political post

D\_InterSoc2\_05 … post, “tweet”, or otherwise share a video, gif, or meme about political issues, politicians, or parties

0 Never

1 1 day

2 2 days

3 3 days

4 4 days

5 5 days

6 6 days

7 7 days

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**D\_InterBias**

Overall, across all the electronic sources you may have used, do you think the information provided via computer and mobile devices favoured a particular party?

0 No

1 Yes, mostly

2 Yes, completely

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

**D\_InterPart\***

[ASK ONLY if D.InterBias = 1 | 2]

Which political party was favoured? Check all that apply.

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 CDU

\*02 CSU

\*03 SPD

\*04 Die Linke

\*05 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

\*06 FDP

\*07 AfD

\*08 Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(open)

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**D\_InterOpp**

Overall, across all the electronic sources you may have used, do you think the information provided via computer and mobile devices opposed a particular party?

0 No

1 Yes, mostly

2 Yes, completely

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

**D\_InterPart\_bis\***

[ASK ONLY if D.InterOpp = 2 | 3]

Which political party was opposed? Check all that apply.

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 CDU

\*02 CSU

\*03 SPD

\*04 Die Linke

\*05 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

\*06 FDP

\*07 AfD

\*08 Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(open)

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**D\_MedSame**

Across all the media sources (including television, newspapers, radio, Internet, social media) you may have used to obtain information about the campaign how many, if any, supported the same political party as you did?

0 None

1 Some

3 Most

4 All or almost all

98 Skipped

**D\_MedFair**

What do you think, how balanced and fair were the reports of the following media sources about the different parties during the election campaign?

**D\_MedFair\_01** Public broadcasts stations ARD and ZDF

**D\_MedFair\_02** Private broadcast stations like RTL and SAT.1

**D\_MedFair\_03** Regional newspapers

**D\_MedFair\_04** Nationwide newspapers

**D\_MedFair\_05** the BILD-Newspaper

**D\_MedFair\_06** Online news media

-3 Not at all balanced and fair

-2

-1

0

1

2

3 Completely balanced and fair

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

**E\_Discus1**

Now for a new topic. Thinking about people you talked to about the 2017 general election campaign. How frequently did you talk about the campaign with…?

[RANDOMIZE order]

E\_Discus1\_01 Your family

E\_Discus1\_02 Your friends

E\_Discus1\_03 Your Neighbours

E\_Discus1\_04 Your Coworkers

0 Never

1 Rarely

2 Sometimes

3 Often

97 Does not apply

98 Skipped

**E.Discus2**

Thinking about the election, do you think that Discus2\_insert supported the same party that you did; supported another party; divided their support among different parties; or did not support any party at all …?

[RANDOMIZE order]

**E\_Discus2\_01** Your Familiy [ASK ONLY if Discus1\_a = 1 | 2 | 3]

**E\_Discus2\_02** Your Friends [ASK ONLY if Discus1\_b = 1 | 2 | 3]

**E\_Discus2\_03** Your Neighbours [ASK ONLY if Discus1\_c = 1 | 2 | 3]

**E\_Discus2\_04** Your Coworkers [ASK ONLY if Discus1\_d = 1 | 2 | 3]

0 Did not support any party at all

1 Divided their support among different parties

2 Supported another party

3 Supported the same party that I did

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**E\_MarStat**

What is your marital status?

1 Married

2 Civil partnership

3 Living as married

4 Never married

5 Separated (after being married)

6 Divorced

7 Widowed

98 Skipped

**E\_SpouTalk**

[ASK ONLY if E.MarStat = 1 | 2 | 3]

How often did you talk to your spouse or partner about the recent 2017 general election?

0 Never

1 Rarely

2 Sometimes

3 Often

98 Skipped

**E\_SpouVote**

[ASK ONLY if E.SpouTalk = 1 | 2 | 3]

Which party did he/ she vote for in the 2017 general election?

1. CDU
2. CSU
3. SPD
4. Die Linke
5. Buendnis 90/ Die Gruenen
6. FDP
7. AfD
8. Some other party, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

9 He/she did not vote

10 He/she was not eligible to vote

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**E\_Disc1**

[ASK ONLY if E.MarStat = 1 | 2 | 3]

Now I would like you to think of someone other than your spouse or partner with whom you most frequently talk about matters that are important to you. What is this person’s primary relation to you?

[ASK if E.MarStat != 1 | 2 | 3]

Now I would like you to think of the person with whom you most frequently talk about matters that are important to you. What is this person’s primary relation to you?

0 Do not discuss important matters with anyone else

1 Close family member

2 More distant family member

3 Co-worker

4 Neighbour

5 Close friend

6 Someone else, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

98 Skipped

**E\_Disc1Freq**

[ASK ONLY if E.Disc1 != 0 | 98]

How often did you talk to this person about the 2017 general election?

0 Never

1 Rarely

2 Sometimes

3 Often

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**E\_Disc1Part**

[ASK ONLY if E.Disc1Freq = 1 | 2 | 3]

Which party, if any, did he /she support in the last election?

1. CDU
2. CSU
3. SPD
4. Die Linke
5. Buendnis 90/ Die Gruenen
6. FDP
7. AfD
8. Some other party, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

9 He/she did not vote

10 He/she was not eligible to vote

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**E\_Disc1LR**

[ASK ONLY if E.Disc1 != 0 | 98 | 99]

And where would you place this person on the left-right scale?

1 Very left

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8

9

10 Very right

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**E\_Disc2**

[ASK ONLY if E.Disc1 != 0 | 98 | 99]

Now I would like you to think of someone else with whom you frequently talk about matters that are important to you. What is this person’s relation to you?

0 Do not discuss important matters with anyone else

1 Close family member

2 More distant family member

3 Co-worker

4 Neighbour

5 Close friend

6 Someone else, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**E\_Disc2Freq**

[ASK ONLY if E.Disc2 != 0 | 98 | 99]

How often did you talk to this person about the 2017 general election?

0 Never

1 Rarely

2 Sometimes

3 Often

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**E\_Disc2Part**

[ASK ONLY if E.Disc2Freq != 0 | 98 | 99]

Which party, if any, did he /she support in the last election?

1. CDU
2. CSU
3. SPD
4. Die Linke
5. Buendnis 90/ Die Gruenen
6. FDP
7. AfD
8. Some other party, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

9 He/she did not vote

10 He/she was not eligible to vote

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**E\_Disc2LR**

[ASK ONLY if E.Disc2 != 0 | 98 | 99]

Where would you place this person on the left-right scale you already used before?

1 Very left

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 Very right

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**E\_DiscNumber**

In total, how many different people did you talk to in person about the 2017 election campaign?

[WRITE NUMBER, FROM 0 to 900] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 Skipped

**E\_DiscAgree**

[ASK ONLY if E.DiscNumber != 0 | 998 | 999]

Across all of your conversations about the most recent election campaign, how many of your discussion partners supported the party you did?

0 None

1 Some

2 Most

3 All or almost all

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**F\_Aso\***

Are you a member of any of these types of organizations? Check all that apply.

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 Labor Union

\*02 Professional, business or farmers’ organizations

\*03 Community, neighborhood associations, parents groups

\*04 Religious groups or organization

\*05 youth, women’s or senior citizens’ social groups; educational, artistic or cultural groups

\*06 Environmental, feminist or peace groups

\*07 Political Party or group

\*08 Charitable organization

\*9 Fraternal organizations, veterans’ associations, ethnic associations

\*10 Hunting or sporting club

\*11 Minority or immigrant rights group

\*12 Other group not listed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*13 I’m not a member of any organization

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**F\_Aso1**

[ASK ONLY if respondent belongs to more than one group/organization]

If you belong to more than one organization, which is the most important to you?

1 Labor Union

2 Professional, business or farmers’ organizations

3 Community groups, neighborhood associations, parents groups

4 Religious groups or organization

5 youth, women’s or senior citizens’ social groups; educational, artistic or cultural groups

6 Environmental, feminist or peace groups

7 Political Party or group

8 Charitable organization

9 Fraternal organizations, veterans’ associations, ethnic associations

10 Hunting or sporting club

12 Other group not listed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

0 None of the above

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**F\_Aso1Freq**

Thinking about this organization, how frequently do you participate in meetings and other activities of this group?

0 Never

1 Rarely

2 Sometimes

3 Often

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**F\_Aso1Cont**

[ASK if member of only one organization or F.Aso1 != 98 | 99]

Did you receive any information about the 2017 general election campaign from this group?

0 No

1 Yes

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**F\_Aso1ContHow**

[ASK ONLY if F.Aso1Cont = 1]

How did you receive this information?

1 Mail or other printed material, phone call, text messages, social media, email

2 Personal, face-to-face contact

3 Both

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**F\_Aso1Part**

[ASK ONLY if F.Aso1Cont = 1]

Which party did this group support in the 2017 general election?

1. CDU
2. CSU
3. SPD
4. Die Linke
5. Buendnis 90/ Die Gruenen
6. FDP
7. AfD
8. Some other party, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

9 Did not support any party

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**H\_Interest**

Now for a new topic. More generally, would you say that you are very, somewhat, not very or not at all interested in politics?

0 Not at all interested

1 Not very interested

2 Somewhat interested

3 Very interested

98 Skipped

**H\_PolKnow**

Now we are going to ask you several additional questions about some news and politics in Germany. Not everyone is expected to know these answers. Please just try to answer to the best of your ability. If you do not know the answer, please feel free to select "Not Sure."

For each of the following statements please tell me if it is definitely true, probably true, probably false, definitely false, or if you are not sure. There is also a 20-second time limit on each of these items. If you do not respond in 20 seconds, you will automatically be taken to the next question. Please click the continue button to begin this section.

[RANDOMIZE order]

H\_PolKnow\_01 The foreign minister of Germany is Thomas de Maizière.

H\_PolKnow\_02 Germany was a founding member of the European Economic Community.

H\_PolKnow\_03 For obtaining any seats in parliament a party is required to achieve at least 4% at the national election.

H\_PolKnow\_04 Angela Merkel was elected chancellor for the first time in 2008.

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

5 Not sure

98 Skipped

**H\_IntFake**

For each of the following statements please tell me if it is definitely true, probably true, probably false, definitely false, or if you are not sure. There is also a 20-second time limit on each of these items. If you do not respond in 20 seconds, you will automatically be taken to the next question. Please click the continue button to begin this section.

[RANDOMIZE order]

H\_IntFake\_01 When visiting a traditional Sharia marriage, Angela Merkel also congratulated the underage bride.

H\_IntFake\_02 Pork was banned from German schools and canteens out of respect for Muslims.

H\_IntFake\_03 Angela Merkel attempts to extend suffrage to all refugees as soon as possible.

H\_IntFake\_04 The German chancellery made a secret agreement with the Libyan government: in exchange for Libyan oil, more refugees can come to Germany.

0 Definitely true

1 Probably true

2 Probably false

3 Definitely false

4 Not sure

98 Skipped

**H.IntRus**

Now we are going to ask you additional questions about some international news and politics. Again, when answering the follow please do not ask anyone else for help and please do not look up the answers in a book or on the Internet. Not everyone is expected to know these answers. Please just try to answer to the best of your ability. If you do not know the answer, please feel free to select "Not Sure."

[RANDOMIZE order]

H\_IntRus\_01 Russia violated international law by taking control of the Crimea

H\_IntRus\_02 The United States and NATO orchestrated the crisis between the Ukraine and Russia in order to take control of the Ukraine.

H\_IntRus\_03 The April 2017 chemical weapon attack against civilians in Syria was a faked operation meant to discredit the Assad government and Russia.

H\_IntRus\_04 The Ukrainian government is controlled by Western-backed fascists

0 Definitely true

1 Probably true

2 Probably false

3 Definitely false

4 Not sure

98 Skipped

**H.ProtCam**

Please tell us if you have engaged in any of the following activities in the last 12 months.

[RANDOMIZE order]

**H\_ProtCam\_01** Participated in a protest, demonstration, or sit-in

**H\_ProtCam\_02** Gave online support to a protest (like, retweet, share, checking in, posting

under a particular hashtag)

**H\_ProtCam\_03** Worked for any political party or candidate during the election campaign

**H\_ProtCam\_04** Triedto persuade anyone to vote for or against one of the political parties or candidates.

**H\_ProtCam\_05** Actively participated in discussions at public meetings.

**H\_ProtCam\_06** Stated my opinion regarding a political topic in my circle of friends or at work.

0 No, never

1 Yes, sometimes

2 Yes, often

98 Skipped

**H\_Vote**

Talking to people about the recent General Election, on September 24nd 2017, we have found out that a lot of people didn’t manage to vote. How about you – were you able to vote in the recent 2017 general election?

0 No, I was not able to vote.

1 Yes, I voted.

98 Skipped

**H\_VotePar**

In the general election, you were able to cast two votes: the first one for a candidate of your electoral district, the second one for a party.

**H\_VotePar1**

[ASK ONLY if H.Vote= 1]

The candidate of which party did you vote for with your first vote in the general election 2017?

1 CDU

2 CSU

3 SPD

4 Die Linke

5 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

6 FDP

7 AfD

8 some other party, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

9 I cast an invalid vote.

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**H\_VotePar2**

[ASK ONLY if H.Vote= 1]

And which party did you vote for with your second vote in the general election 2017?

1 CDU

2 CSU

3 SPD

4 Die Linke

5 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

6 FDP

7 AfD

8 some other party, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

9 I cast an invalid vote.

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**H\_Decide\_II**

[ASK ONLY if H.VotePar2 != 9 | 98 | 99]

When did you decide how you would vote with your second vote in the 2017 general election?

1 On election day

2 The week before Election Day

3 A few weeks before Election Day

4 At least a month before Election Day

5 I always knew

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**H\_VoteLast**

Thinking back to the general election in 2013 – did you manage to vote in that election?

0 No, did not vote

1 Yes, I voted

2 I was not eligible to vote.

97 Don’t know

98 Skipped

**H\_VoteLastPar**

[ASK ONLY if H.VoteLast = 1]

Which party did you vote for in the 2013 general election?

1 CDU

2 CSU

3 SPD

4 Die Linke

5 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

6 FDP

7 AfD

8 some other party, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

9 I cast an invalid vote.

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**I\_PartyContactPers\***

Did a representative of any of the following parties or candidates contact you in person during the campaign?

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 CDU

\*02 CSU

\*03 SPD

\*04 Die Linke

\*05 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

\*06 FDP

\*07 AfD

\*08 Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(open)

\*00 No, I was not contacted in person by any party.

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**I\_PartyContactOther**

Did a representative of any of the following parties or candidates contact you in any other way during the campaign?

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

1. CDU
2. CSU
3. SPD
4. Die Linke
5. Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen
6. FDP
7. AfD
8. Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

0 No, I was not contacted in any other way.

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**I\_MeetAny**

Did you attend any party or candidate meetings or rallies during the election campaign?

0 No

1 Yes

98 Skipped

**I\_MeetPart\***

[ASK ONLY if I.MeetAny = 1]

Which party or candidate? Check all that apply.

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

\*01 CDU

\*02 CSU

\*03 SPD

\*04 Die Linke

\*05 Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen

\*06 FDP

\*07 AfD

\*08 Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(open)

\*98 Skipped

\*99 Not Asked

**K\_ElectsFF**On the whole, how would you rate the freeness and fairness of the most recent 2017 general election?

1 Not free and fair

2

3

4 Completely free and fair

98 Skipped

**K\_Prev**

Have any of the following happened to you personally, to someone you know, or to both? Did anyone try to…

[RANDOMIZE order]

K\_Prev\_01…prevent you from attending an election event, like a campaign rally, by intimidation or fear?

K\_Prev\_02… prevent you from voting by intimidation or fear?

K\_Prev\_03 … prevent you from voting for a particular party by intimidation or fear?

K\_Prev\_04… offer a reward or compensation to vote for a specific candidate or party?

0 No

1 Yes, to me personally

2 Yes, to someone I know

4 Yes, to both

98 Skipped

**L.Value**

You are now going to read a series of alternative statements on the left and right sides of the screen. Could you please tell me to what extent you agree with one or the other statement? A score of 1 represents complete agreement with the statement on the left and rejection of the statement on the right. Conversely, a 10 indicates that you prefer and completely agree with the statement on the right and reject the statement on the left. And scores between 2 and 9 represent intermediate opinions to which you feel closer.

[RANDOMIZE order]

COMPLETE AGREEMENT COMPLETE AGREEMENT

WITH 1st STATEMENTWITH 2nd STATEMENT

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **1** | **2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9** | **10** |
| **L\_Value\_01** | Our religious beliefs should provide the basis for the laws of our country. |  | No single set of religious beliefs should be imposed on our country. |
| **L\_Value\_02** | Increase citizen participation in  decision-making |  | Government should make decisions based on the knowledge of experts |
| **L\_Value\_03** | There should be a more equal distribution of wealth |  | There should be more incentives for individual initiative |
| **L\_Value\_04** | We should maintain law and order |  | We should defend civil liberties |
| **L\_Value\_05** | Improve government services and social assistance, even if it means increasing taxes |  | Reduce taxes, even if it means reducing government services and social assistance. |
| **L\_Value\_06** | It is best for the woman to stay home and take care of the kids, and for the man to provide for the family. |  | It is best if both women and men  equally share providing for the family and taking care of the home and the kids. |
| **L\_Value\_07** | It is a good idea to copy good practices from other people all over the world. |  | Our country should defend our way of life instead of becoming more and more like other countries. |
| **L\_Value\_08** | It is better for society if different religious and ethnic groups maintain their distinct customs and traditions. |  | It is better if these groups adapt and blend into the larger society. |
| **L\_Value\_09** | We should protect the environment even if it slows economic growth |  | We should encourage economic  growth even if doing so would  damage the environment |
| **L\_Value\_10** | We should put the well-being of the community ahead of our own interests |  | Everyone should be free to pursue what is best for themselves as individuals |
| **L\_Value\_11** | The government should bear the main responsibility for the well-being of the people |  | People should look after themselves and be responsible for their own success in life. |
| **L\_Value\_12** | Migrants are not welcome in this country and as many as possible should be sent back to where they came from |  | Migrants are welcome and we should allow more to enter our country |
| **L\_Value\_13** | To guard against terrorism in Germany we need to sacrifice some of our constitutional rights |  | Our constitutional rights should be protected even with the threat of terrorism in Germany |
| **L\_Value\_14** | Free international trade with other countries makes us a more prosperous country |  | We need to limit international trade with other countries to protect jobs at home |
| **L\_Value\_15** | Unification through the European Union has gone too far |  | Unification through the European Union should go further |

98 Skipped

**Sociodemographic Items**

**L\_OstWest**

Thinking about where you spent most of your live, have you lived…?

1 Only in East Germany

2 Predominantly in East Germany

3 In East Germany as well as in West Germany

4 Predominantly in West Germany

5 Only in West Germany

6 Does not apply

98 Skipped

**L\_Education**

What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

1 No formal schooling/graduation

2 Primary/lower secondary education (Volksschule/Hauptschule)

3 Some secondary education (Realschule/mittlere Reife)

4 Completed secondary education (Fachhochschulreife)

5 Completed secondary education (Abitur)

6 Another kind of education, please specify:

7 Still in education

8 Some secondary education (POS in former GDR)

98 Skipped

**L\_Work**

Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

1 Full-time employee (more than 30h/week)

2 Part-time employee (less than 30h/week)

3 Apprentice/trainee

4 Pupil

5 Student

6 In occupational re-training

7 Currently unemployed

8 Currently in short-time work

9 Doing voluntary service (Bufdi, FSJ, FÖJ)

10 Pensioner/retired (previously employed)

11 On maternity leave/parental leave

12 Not employed for other reasons

98 Skipped

# L\_Occupation

Regarding your current/previous job: Are you…/ Were you…?

1 Blue-collar worker

2 Employee/white-collar worker

3 Public officer/Judge/professional soldier

4 Self-employed/Freelancer

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

# L.OccupationArb

[If L\_Occupation=1]

Are you…/Were you…?

1 Unskilled/semi-skilled worker

2 Skilled worker

3 Foreman/overseer

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

# L.OccupationAng

[If L\_Occupation=2]

Are you…/Were you…?

1 Employed foreman

2 Employee with simple tasks

3 Employee doing difficult tasks after general instruction

4 Employee doing responsible tasks independently

5 Employee with comprehensive executive functions

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

# L\_OccupationBeam

[If L\_Occupation=3]

Are you…/Were you…?

1 Lower grade of the civil service

2 Middle grade of the civil service

3 Upper grade of the civil service

4 Higher grade of the civil service

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

# L\_OccupationBeam

[Wenn L\_Occupation=4]

1 freiberuflich tätig

2 Selbstständiger in Handel, Gewerbe, Industrie, Dienstleistung u.a.

3 selbstständiger Landwirt

4 mithelfender Familienangehöriger

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**L\_Religion**

Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion, and if so, to which of these do you belong?

1 Christian, Protestant

2 Christian, Roman-Catholic

3 Christian, other

4 Islam

5 Another non-Christian religion, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

6 No, I do not regard myself as belonging to any particular religion.

98 Skipped

**L\_ReligInten**

Regardless of whether you belong to a particular religion, how religious would you say you are?

[PROVIDE OPTIONS IN FOLLOWING ORDER]

1 Not religious at all

2 Not very religious

3 Somewhat religious

4 Very religious

98 Skipped

**L\_SubjClass**

Many people say that they belong to a social class. Do you ever think of yourself and your family as belonging to the …

1 Lower class

2 Working class

3 Lower middle-class

4 Middle-class

5 Upper middle-class

6 Upper class

7 No, I do not belong to any social class.

98 Skipped

**C.PartyID**

Many people feel close to a particular political party over a long period of time, although they may occasionally vote for a different party. What about you? Is there a particular political party that you feel closer to than all the other parties?

0 No

1 Yes

98 Skipped

**C.PartyIDWhich**

[ASK ONLY IF C.PartyID=1]

Which one?

1. CDU
2. CSU
3. SPD
4. Die Linke
5. Buendnis 90/ Die Gruenen
6. FDP
7. AfD
8. Some other party, please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open)

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked

**C.PartyIDStrength**

[ASK ONLY IF C.PartyIDWhich != 98 | 99]

How strongly do you support this party?

1 weakly

2 rather weakly

3 moderate

4 rather strongly

5 very strongly

98 Skipped

99 Not Asked