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0. INTRODUCTION

Being invited to participate in a scientific survey is not very common. Therefore, I will take a few minutes to explain to you how this survey will take place.

This research focuses on behaviours and attitudes of Belgian citizens about politics and society in general. It is jointly organized by the universities of Brussels, Antwerp, and Louvain.

As for all of the 2,400 citizens who that are participating in this research, I will ask you a set of questions. For many of these, a list of possible answers has been prepared. This list will be read after the question has been asked. Sometimes, a postcard will be shown to you in order for you to visualize what is being asked. In order to answer, you will have to let us know which answer you are choosing among the proposed answers. For other questions, you will be asked to explain, in your own words, your attitude towards a specific subject. In that case, I will take note of your answer in its entirety.

The questionnaire starts with some simple questions regarding your studies, your work, your family, etc. After that, we'll turn to your opinions on the elections, political parties, politicians and society. There is of course no right or wrong answers to these questions. We would like to know what YOU personally think about several topics. Therefore, it is very important that you answer as honestly and as precisely as possible. If you don't know the answer to a question, or if you don't want to answer a question, simply notify me.

This questionnaire follows the rules established by the law regarding confidentiality and private life. Your participation is voluntary. Besides, if you request it, you can access your data after the survey and correct them if necessary. The answers you are going to give me are of course entirely confidential. The answers from the 2,400 citizens will be included in figures and tables from which no one - except you of course - will be able to know what you have answered.

*Question A

Was this clear for you?

1: Yes

2: No

*FILTER: IF CODE 2 FOR QUESTION A, ASK QUESTION B

*Question B

(INTERVIEWER : GO TO THE RESPONDENT'S REMARKS AND ANSWER THEM AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE. IF THE RESPONDENT KEEPS ON SAYING THAT HE/SHE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND, YOU HAVE TO END THE INTERVIEW).

Is it clear now?

1: Yes

2: No

*FILTER: IF CODE 2 FOR QUESTION B: STOP INTERVIEW

If any point seems unclear to you during the interview, don't hesitate to mention it.

1. **SCREENING**

To begin with, we have a short question to ask you in order to check if you correspond to the public targeted by this survey.

*QUESTION 0

Do you have the right to vote at the Walloon and European elections on June 7, 2009?

- 1: Yes
- 2: No
- 3:

*FILTER: ONLY ASK QUESTION 1 IF CODE 1 FOR QUESTION 0. OTHERWISE, STOP THE INTERVIEW.

2. **SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

Let's begin by some personal and familial information.

*QUESTION 1:

Question 1

(INT. : NOTE DOWN THE POSTAL CODE)

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*QUESTION 2:

Question 2

(INT. : NOTE DOWN THE RESPONDENT'S GENDER)

- 1: Male
- 2: Female

*QUESTION 3:

Question 3

In what year were you born?

(INT.: NOTE DOWN THE ACCURATE YEAR)

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*QUESTION 4:

Question 4

Which language(s) do you generally use with your family? You can mention several languages.

(INT. : DO NOT MAKE SUGGESTIONS – SEVERAL ANSWERS ALLOWED)

- 1: Dutch
- 2: French
- 3: English
- 4: Berber
- 5: Arabic
- 6: Yiddish
- 7: Turkish
- 8: German
- 9: Italian
- 10: Spanish

11: Other(s)
99: Refusal to answer – no answer

*QUESTION 5:

Question 5

What is the highest level of formal education you have attained?

(INT. : READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: None
- 2: Primary education
- 3: Some high school
- 4: Some technical high school
- 5: Some vocational high school
- 6: Completed high school
- 7: Completed technical high school
- 8: Completed vocational high school
- 9: Higher education (College)
- 10: University degree
- 99:

*QUESTION 6:

Question 6

Are you currently practising a profession? (As main profession)

- 1: Yes
- 2: No

*FILTER: ONLY ASK QUESTION 7 IF CODE 1 FOR QUESTION 6

*QUESTION 7:

Question 7

Are you...?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Self-employed / business owner
- 2: Employee (in the public or private sector)
- 3: Blue-collar
- 4: Refusal to answer – no answer

*FILTER: ONLY ASK QUESTION 8 IF CODE 1 FOR QUESTION 7

*QUESTION 8:

Question 8

What is your main profession?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Farmer
- 2: Craftsman, entrepreneur, employer employing 5 persons or less
- 3: Manufacturer, entrepreneur, employer employing 6 persons or more
- 4: Liberal profession, job requiring specific skills (doctor, lawyer, expert, accountant, etc.)
- 5: Other self-employed
- 99: Refusal to answer – no answer

*FILTER: ONLY ASK QUESTION 9 IF CODE 2 FOR QUESTION 7

*QUESTION 9:

Question 9

What is your main profession?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Member of the executive committee, senior executive
- 2: Middle manager (not member of the executive committee)
- 3: Other, mainly desk work
- 4: Other, no desk work
- 99: Refusal to answer – no answer

*FILTER: ONLY ASK QUESTION 10 IF CODE 2 FOR QUESTION 6

*QUESTION 10:

Question 10

Are you...?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: (Early) Retired
- 2: Unemployed
- 3: Student
- 4: Home Maker
- 5: Other inactive
- 99: Refusal to answer – no answer

*QUESTION 11:

Question 11

Are you in a relationship?

- 1: Yes
- 2: No
- 3:

*QUESTION 12:

Question 12

How many children do you have, including those who don't live at your home anymore, and those adopted?

|_|_| child(ren)

*QUESTION 13:

Question 13

Do you personally regard yourself as...?

- 1: Catholic
- 2: Protestant
- 3: Orthodox Christian
- 4: Christian, but not Catholic
- 5: Muslim
- 6: Jewish
- 7: Liberal
- 8: Atheist
- 9: Other belief
- 10: No belief
- 99: Refusal to answer – no answer

*QUESTION 14:

Question 14

Apart from social and familial events such as baptisms, weddings, or funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: At least once a week
- 2: Several times per month
- 3: Once a month
- 4: Several times per year
- 5: Once a year
- 6: Less than once a year
- 7: Never
- 99: Refusal to answer – no answer

*QUESTION 15:

Question 15

To which cultural or geographic entity do you feel most belonging to?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Europe
- 2: Belgium
- 3: French-speaking Community of Belgium
- 4: Flemish Region or Community
- 5: German-speaking Community of Belgium
- 6: Walloon Region
- 7: Brussels Region
- 8: Your province
- 9: Your city or your town
- 99: Refusal to answer – no answer

*PROGR: ONLY KEEP CODES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED FOR QUESTION 15

*QUESTION 16:

Question 16

To which cultural or geographic entity do you also feel a belonging to, in the second instance?

- 1: Europe
- 2: Belgium
- 3: French-speaking Community of Belgium
- 4: Flemish Region or Community
- 5: German Community
- 6: Walloon Region
- 7: Brussels Region
- 8: Your province
- 9: Your city or your town
- 99: Refusal to answer – no answer

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 17:

Question 17

Many people are members of associations. Could you tell me, among this list of different types of associations, if you are (or have been) associated with one of these types of associations?

- *A youth group
- *A nature or environment protection association
- *General rescue services or population assistance association (ex.: Red Cross, voluntary firemen, etc.)

- *A leisure or artistic club (ex.: cooking, theatre, dancing, singing, etc.)
- *A women's association
- *A socio-cultural association
- *A sports club or association (ex.: soccer, basketball, chess, walking club, etc.)
- *A political party or association
- *A religious or parish association
- *A district committee, a consultative local council, or a school council
- *An association militating for international peace or for the development of the Third World (ex.: Amnesty International, Oxfam, etc.)
- *A trade union, a professional union, or an employers' organisation
- *A health-oriented association (ex.: Act Up, Braille League, etc.)
- *An organisation of retired people
- *A family-oriented association (ex.: Family League, etc.)

*ASSOCIATION

Are you...?

(INT.: ALSO READ THE EXAMPLES BETWEEN BRACKETS)

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Current member
- 2: Member in the past
- 3: Never been member
- 99: Refusal to answer – no answer

*FILTER: IF CODE 1 (CURRENT MEMBER) FOR AN ASSOCIATION IN QUESTION 17, ASK QUESTION 18

*PROGR: ASK QUESTION 18 DIRECTLY AFTER QUESTION 17

*QUESTION 18:

Question 18

To what extent are you currently involved in *ASSOCIATION...?

You can choose between:

- As a leader, meaning that you exert an official function in the association (president, secretary, treasurer, etc.).
- As an active member, meaning that you actively participate to the activities of the association.
- As a passive member, meaning that you pay your membership fees, read the association newsletter, etc.

(INT.: ONLY EXPLAIN THE OPTIONS THE FIRST TIME)

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: As a leader
- 2: As an active member
- 3: As a passive member
- 99: Refusal to answer – no answer

*FILTER: ONLY ASK QUESTION 19 IF CODE 1 OR 2 FOR ASSOCIATION 8 (POLITICAL PARTI) FOR QUESTION 17

*PROGR: ASK QUESTION 19 DIRECTLY AFTER QUESTION 17 (OR 18)

*QUESTION 19:

Question 19

From which political party or party's youth organisation are you (or were you) a member?

(INT.: READ ONE BY ONE - SEVERAL ANSWERS ALLOWED)

- 9: PS
- 10: MR (formerly PRL)
- 11: CDH (formerly PSC)
- 12: ECOLO
- 13: FN

14: FDF
98: Other (INT.: SPECIFY)
99: Refusal to answer – no answer

3. ELECTORAL BEHAVIOUR

The following questions concern the elections that will be held soon.

*QUESTION 20:

Question 20

Elections for the Walloon Parliament will be held on the 7th of June.

Do you already know for which party you are going to vote?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: I am certain of my vote
- 2: I have a small preference for a given party
- 3: I am still hesitating between two or several parties
- 4: I haven't decided at all yet
- 5: Refusal to answer – no answer

*RANDOM (CODE 20 A 25)

*QUESTION 21:

Question 21

If the Walloon regional elections were held today, and if you were to make your choice, which of the following parties would you vote for?

- 20: PS
- 21: MR (formerly PRL-FDF-MCC)
- 22: CDH (formerly PSC)
- 23: ECOLO
- 24: FN
- 25: PTB
- 98: Other party (INT.: SPECIFY)
- 10: I would cast a blank vote
- 11: I would cast a null vote
- 12: I would not vote
- 13: I don't want to answer (INT.: DO NOT READ)
- 99:

*FILTER: IF CODE 98, 99, 10, 11, 12, 13 A QUESTION 21, ASK QUESTION 24

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 22 ONLY IF CODE 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 21

*PROGR: WRITE DOWN THE PARTY MENTIONED IN QUESTION 21 FOR QUESTION 22

*QUESTION 22:

Question 22

You have declared that you would vote for *PARTY for the Walloon Parliament.

People often have several reasons for voting for a given party.

Could you, in your own words, explain why you would vote for this party?

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST ANYTHING - INSIST – WRITE DOWN LITERALLY)

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER « THE BEST PARTY »: ASK “WHY IS IT THE BEST PARTY?”)

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER MENTIONNING « THE AUTHORITIES »: ASK “WHICH AUTHORITIES ARE YOU REFERING TO?”)

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER MENTIONNING ‘PUBLIC POLICIES’: ASK “WHICH PUBLIC POLICIES ARE YOU REFERING TO?”)

*FILTER: ONLY ASK QUESTION 23 IF CODE 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 21

*PROGR: WRITE DOWN THE PARTY MENTIONED IN QUESTION 21 FOR QUESTION 23

***QUESTION 23:**

Question 23

You have declared that you would vote for *PARTY for the Walloon Parliament.

Have you, in the past, voted for another party than this one at national, regional or European elections?

- 1: Yes
- 2: No
- 3: It's the first time I am going to vote
- 99: Refusal to answer – no answer

***FILTER: IN CASE OF CODE 3 FOR QUESTION 23, MOTE TO QUESTION 26**

***RANDOM (CODES 20 TO 25)**

***QUESTION 24:**

Question 24

During the last elections (Sunday June 10, 2007), we have voted for the federal Parliament.

Which party have you voted for at the House of Representatives?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 20: PS
- 21: MR (formerly PRL-FDF-MCC)
- 22: CDH (formerly PSC)
- 23: ECOLO
- 24: FN
- 25: PTB
- 98: Other party (INT.: SPECIFY)
- 10: I have casted a blank vote
- 11: I have casted a null vote
- 12: I didn't vote
- 13: I don't want to answer (INT.: DO NOT READ)
- 99:

***FILTER: ONLY ASK QUESTION 25 IF ANSWERS TO QUESTION 21 AND 24 ARE DIFFERENT (CODES 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 21 AND CODES 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 24)**

***PROGR: WRITE DOWN THE PARTY MENTIONED IN QUESTION 21 AND IN QUESTION 24**

***QUESTION 25:**

Question 25

Why are you going to vote for *PARTY Q21, whereas you chose *PARTY Q24 in 2007?

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST ANYTHING - INSIST – WRITE DOWN LITERALLY)

***QUESTION 26:**

Question 26

If the vote was not compulsory anymore in Belgium, how often would you vote?

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Never
- 2: Sometimes
- 3: Often
- 4: Always
- 99:

4. KNOWLEDGE IN POLITICS

The following questions concern knowledge and comprehension of the political world by citizens.
If you don't know the answer to the question, say it and we will go to the next question.

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 27:

Question 27

What is the federal Parliament made up of?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: The House of Representatives and the Government
 - 2: The House of Representatives and the Senate
 - 3: The House of Representatives, the Senate and the Parliaments of federated entities
 - 4: The House of Representatives, the Senate and the Government
- 99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 28:

Who is the Chairman of the House of Representatives?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Patrick Dewael
 - 2: Herman De Croo
 - 3: Herman Van Rompuy
 - 4: Anne-Marie Lizin
- 99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 29:

Question 29

Which of the following matters is the federal Government NOT competent for?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Foreign Affairs
 - 2: Justice
 - 3: Transportation
 - 4: Education
- 99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 30:

Who is the vice-Prime minister representing the socialist party in the federal Government?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Elio Di Rupo
 - 2: Rudy Demotte
 - 3: Laurette Onkelinx
 - 4: Marie Arena
- 99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 31:

Question 31

Which party is NOT member of the federal Government?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: CdH
- 2: N-VA
- 3: Open VLD
- 4: MR

99:

5. POLITICAL ATTITUDES

Let's focus on some questions about your attitudes towards politics in general.

*QUESTION 32:

Question 32

To what extent are you interested in politics, in general? Give a value on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means that you are not interested in politics at all, and 10 means you are very interested in politics. Intermediary values allow you to qualify your answer.

0: Not interested at all

1:

2:

3:

4:

5:

6:

7:

8:

9:

10: Very interested

99:

*QUESTION 33:

Question 33

In politics, the concepts of "left" and "right" are often used. Could you locate your own opinions on a scale ranging from 0 to 10, where 0 means the left, 10 means the right, and 5 represents the centre?

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW CARD B)

0: Left

1:

2:

3:

4:

5: Centre

6:

7:

8:

9:

10: Right

99:

*QUESTION 34:

Question 34

Considering the Walloon population at large, do you think the Walloon population's opinions are located rather to the left, the right, or the centre? Use the same scale ranging from 0 to 10, where 0 means the left, 5 the centre, and 10 the right.

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW CARD B)

0: Left

1:

2:

3:

4:

5: Centre
6:
7:
8:
9:
10: Right
99:

*QUESTION 35:

Question 35

Considering the policies carried out by the Walloon government, do you think they tend to be located rather to the left, the right, or the centre? Use the same scale ranging from 0 to 10, where 0 means the left, 5 the centre, and 10 the right.

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW CARD B)

0: Left
1:
2:
3:
4:
5: Centre
6:
7:
8:
9:
10: Right
99:

*QUESTION 36:

Question 36

There is currently a lot of debate around the question of the right distribution of competences between the federal and regional levels.

Some people think that regions and communities should have more competences, whereas others claim that it is the federal State that should see its competences reinforced.

Where would you locate yourself on a scale ranging from 0 to 10, where 0 means that Regions and Communities should have all the competences, and 10 means that all the competences should be attributed to the federal State? The value 5 means that you agree with the current situation.

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW CARD C)

0: All the competences to the Regions and Communities
1:
2:
3:
4:
5: The current situation is satisfying
6:
7:
8:
9:
10: All the competences to the federal State
99:

*QUESTION 37:

Question 37

Some people think the European integration should be deepened. On the contrary, others think it has already gone too far. What do you think about this topic? Where would you locate yourself on a scale ranging from 0 to 10, where 0 means that, to your opinion, European integration is already gone too

far, and 10 means that this integration should, on the contrary, be pursued. The value 5 means that you agree with the current situation.

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW CARD D)

0: The integration has already gone too far

1:

2:

3:

4:

5: The current situation is satisfying

6:

7:

8:

9:

10: The integration should be deepened

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 38:

Question 38

To what extent do you agree with the following propositions?

"I think that I am qualified to participate in political life"

"I think that I would do as good of a job as most of the politicians that we elect"

"I think that I am better informed about political life and government than most of people"

"The average citizen has a real influence on politics and the actions of authorities"

"Voting doesn't make sense; parties do what they want anyway"

"Before elections, parties make a lot of promises, but actually, little promises are made a reality"

"I think that I understand pretty well the important problems that our society faces"

5: Totally agree

4: Agree

3: Neither agree, nor disagree

2: Disagree

1: Totally disagree

99:

6. EVALUATION AND SATISFACTION

Let's now assess your degree of satisfaction towards some aspects of our political life.

*QUESTION 39:

Question 39

To what extent are you satisfied with the policy carried out since 5 years by the Walloon government?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

5: Very satisfied

4: Satisfied

3: Neither satisfied, nor unsatisfied

2: Unsatisfied

1: Very unsatisfied

99:

*QUESTION 40:

Question 40

What do you think about the ideas proposed by the Flemish parties? For each party, give a value between 0 and 10, where 0 means that you totally disagree with this party's ideas, and 10 means that you totally agree with its ideas.

"CD&V"

"Groen!"

"N-VA"

"SP.A"

"SLP"

"Vlaams Belang"

"Open VLD"

"Lijst Dedecker"

"PvdA"

To what extent do you agree with the idea of *PARTY

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW CARD E)

0: Totally disagree

1:

2:

3:

4:

5:

6:

7:

8:

9:

10: Totally agree

99:

*QUESTION 41:

Question 41

What do you think about the ideas proposed by the French-speaking parties? For each party, give a value between 0 and 10, where 0 means that you totally disagree with this party's ideas, and 10 means that you totally agree with its ideas.

"MR"

"PS"

"ECOLO"

"FN"

"CDH"

"PTB"

To what extent do you agree with the idea of *PARTY

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW CARD E)

0: Totally disagree

1:

2:

3:

4:

5:

6:

7:

8:

9:

10: Totally agree

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 42:

Question 42

To what extent do you think these people are qualified to rule Wallonia?

For each person, give a value on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means that, for you, this person is totally unqualified, and 10 means that he/she is totally qualified.

"Rudy Demotte"

"Serge Kubla"

"André Antoine"

"Bernard Wesphael"

"Daniel Féret"

To what extent do you think that *POLITICIAN is qualified to rule Wallonia?

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW CARD F)

0: Totally unqualified

1:

2:

3:

4:

5:

6:

7:

8:

9:

10: Totally qualified

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 43:

Question 43

For each of the following institutions, could you tell us to what extent they have had an influence on your daily life?

"Politics"

"Media"

"Firms"

"Social movements"

To what extent *ITEM has an influence on your daily life?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

4: A huge influence

3: A lot of influence

2: Little influence

1: No influence

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 44:

Question 44

Could you, on a scale from 0 to 10, assess your personal trust in the following institutions? 0 means that you totally distrust this institution, and 10 means that you totally trust it.

"Justice"

"Police"

"Media"

"Political parties"
"Walloon government"
"Walloon Parliament"
"Federal government"
"Federal Parliament"
"Social movements"
"Politicians"

To what extent do you trust *ITEM?
(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)
(INT.: SHOW CARD G)

0: Totally distrust
1:
2:
3:
4:
5:
6:
7:
8:
9:
10: Totally trust
99:

*QUESTION 45:

Question 45

Do you think that most people can be trusted, or that one should be careful in his/her relations with others? Could you give an answer located on a scale from 0 and 10, where 0 means that one is never careful enough and 10 means that most people can be trusted?

0: One is never careful enough
1:
2:
3:
4:
5:
6:
7:
8:
9:
10: Most people can be trusted
99:

*QUESTION 46:

Question 46

Do you think that most people will try to fool you if they have an opportunity to, or that they will try to be honest?

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)
(INT.: SHOW CARD I)

0: Most people will try to fool me
1:
2:
3:
4:
5:
6:
7:
8:

9:
10: Most people will try to be honest
99:

7. POLITICAL MATTERS

***QUESTION 47**

Question 47

Could you, in your own words, tell me what constitutes for you the main problem that our country has to face at the moment?

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST – INSIST - WRITE DOWN LITERALLY)

***QUESTION 48:**

Question 48

When you think about Flemings / Walloons, do you think that...?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

1: Most of Flemings / Walloons also consider that it's the main problem

2: Some Flemings / Walloons also consider that it's the main problem

3: Very few Flemings / Walloons also consider that it's the main problem

99:

***RANDOM**

***QUESTION 49:**

Question 49

Could you tell me to what extent you agree with each of the following assertions?

'The post should be privatized'

'Trade unions should have more weight in major economic decisions'

'The State should play a lesser role in the economy'

'Belgium should close its borders to asylum seekers'

'It is normal that foreigners who have lived here for five years or more, are allowed to vote for local elections'

'Immigration contributes to the wealth of our country'

'A woman should have the right to abortion if she wants to'

'Cannabis consumption should be strictly forbidden'

'It is normal that homosexual couples have the right to adopt children'

'School should foremost teach discipline and effort'

'People who break the law should be submitted to more serious penalties'

'Death penalty should be restored'

To what extent do you agree with this assertion?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

5: Totally agree

4: Agree

3: Neither agree, nor disagree

2: Disagree

1: Totally disagree

99:

***QUESTION 50:**

Question 50

If you look back at the past year, how has the economic situation of your family evolved?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: It has deteriorated a lot
- 2: It has deteriorated somewhat
- 3: It has stayed stable
- 4: It has improved a bit
- 5: It has improved a lot
- 99:

*QUESTION 51:

Question 51

And how do you think that the economic situation of your family will evolve next year?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: It will deteriorate a lot
- 2: It will deteriorate somewhat
- 3: It will stay stable
- 4: It will improve a bit
- 5: It will improve a lot
- 99:

*QUESTION 52:

Question 52

Now, I'm going to bring up topics that are sometimes discussed in society.
To what extent do you find these things acceptable?

- "Homosexuality"
- "Abstention"
- "To hire a home help illegally"
- "To use public transport without paying"
- "To receive unemployment allocation while you have a job"
- "To not be in order with taxes"
- "Abortion"
- "Euthanasia"

To what extent do you find *ITEM acceptable?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 5: Totally acceptable
- 4: Acceptable
- 3: Neither acceptable, nor unacceptable
- 2: Unacceptable
- 1: Totally unacceptable
- 99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 53:

Question 53

To what extent do you agree with the following assertions regarding women's status in society and politics?

- "In the present society, there is globally a real equality between women and men"
- "The government should make sure that women and men have the same opportunities"
- "Affirmative action is a legitimate mean to face with the under-representation of women in politics, for example by establishing quotas of women"
- "Nowadays women associations are obsolete"
- "When jobs are scarce, men have more the right to have a job than women»"
- "A woman should be able to put aside her career in the interest of her family"
- "Men should contribute to housework in the same proportion as women"

To what extent do you agree with this assertion?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 5: Totally agree
- 4: Agree
- 3: Neither agree, nor disagree
- 2: Disagree
- 1: Totally disagree

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 54:

Question 54

If elections were held today, on the basis of which topic would you make a choice between the different parties? I am going to read a list of political topics. Could you, for each of them, tell me to what extent it is important to determine your vote?

- "Mobility"
- "Social security"
- "Culture"
- "Environment"
- "Taxes"
- "Immigration"
- "Criminality and justice"
- "Unemployment"
- "Reform of the State"
- "Financial crisis"

To what extent *ITEM is important to determine your vote?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 5: Very important
 - 4: Important
 - 3: Neither important, nor unimportant
 - 2: Unimportant
 - 1: Not important at all
- 99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 55:

Question 55

Which of the following topics is going to be the most important to determine your vote?

- 1: "Mobility"
 - 2: "Social security"
 - 3: "Culture"
 - 4: "Environment"
 - 5: "Taxes"
 - 6: "Immigration"
 - 7: "Criminality and justice"
 - 8: "Unemployment"
 - 9: "Reform of the State"
 - 10: "Financial crisis"
- 99:

8. ATTITUDES TOWARDS CITIZENSHIP AND DEMOCRACY

*QUESTION 56:

Question 56

Next question may be a little bit more complicated, but could you try to explain what does the word "democracy" mean for you?

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST – INSIST – WRITE DOWN LITERALLY)

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 57:

Question 57

There are different views of the meaning of democracy. I am going to read some potential characteristics of a democracy. Could you, for each of them, tell me to what extent they are important for democracy, from your point of view?

"That a majority does not override significant minorities' concerns"

"That the same political party does not stay in power for a very long period"

"That the State manages to solve the problems of our society, even if its action gives birth to protests"

"That the representatives of the people have the last word in each decision"

"That organised social groups are consulted when they are affected by public policies"

"That the electoral system makes voters, not politicians, able to decide on who will sit in the Parliament"

"That referendums are called for the most important political questions"

"That people have the opportunity to take part in the public decision-making processes"

To what extent do you think *ITEM is important for democracy?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

4: Very important

3: Important

2: Unimportant

1: Not important at all

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 58:

Question 58

We often hear that the relation between the political world and citizens has deteriorated. I am going to read you a list of assertions that you can often hear about this problem. Could you tell me to what extent you agree with each of them?

"The State does no longer have the means to fulfil the urgent needs of our society"

"The media focus too much on the "buzzwords" and on conflicting matters"

"Too many citizens don't see that their personal interest is just one of many, not always reconcilable, expressed in the society"

"Most of citizens do not have clear political positions"

"Political parties don't really offer different political opinions to the population"

"Political Parties make too many promises that they are not able to keep"

"Most politicians are disconnected from the concerns of the population"

"Politicians determine their position on political matters according to surveys and communication advisers"

"Politicians are more interested in debates on persons than in debates on ideas"

"Interest groups have too much influence on public policies"

"There are too many parties to pursue good public policies"

To what extent do you agree with this assertion?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

5: Totally agree

4: Agree

3: Neither agree, nor disagree

2: Disagree

1: Totally disagree
99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 59:

Question 59

In the past few years, several reforms have been proposed in order to restore citizens' trust in politics. To what extent do you think that these reforms are desirable?

"To increase the number of referendums"

"That the positions on the lists of candidates for the elections are attributed on the basis of a vote to which all the members of the party are allowed to participate"

"To give more decision-making power to experts and independent agencies"

"To get interest groups more involved in the decision-making processes"

"To elect directly the Walloon Prime minister"

To what extent do you think that this reform is needed?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

4: Very much desirable

3: Desirable

2: Not really desirable

1: Not desirable at all

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 60:

Question 60

There are different opinions on policies that should be implemented.

"The Walloon population"

"The Walloon political elite"

Overall, do you think that *ITEM is rather divided or rather united on the policies to implement?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

1: Very divided

2: Divided

3: United

4: Very united

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 61:

Question 61

When you think about the work of our representatives, to what extent do you find the following behaviours acceptable?

"To help voters to deal with private problems"

"To try to help voters to get a job in the public sector"

"To help firms of his/her region to land contracts"

"To try to obtain money from a minister to build public infrastructure in his/her region"

To what extent do you find acceptable that a representative *ITEM?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

5: Totally acceptable

4: Acceptable

3: Neither acceptable, nor unacceptable

2: Unacceptable
1: Totally unacceptable
99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 62:

Question 62

Now, I'm going to enumerate several qualities of a representative. Could you, for each of them, tell me if you find it important in order to be a good representative?

"Someone who keeps his/her promises"
"Someone who looks for compromises"
"Someone who is able to explain things simply and clearly"
"Someone who is active in the local community"
"Someone who shares my values and opinions"
"Someone who has developed expertise on specific matters"
"Someone who one can always ask for help"
"Someone who perceives what people want"
"Someone who is righteous"

To what extent do you find it important in order to be a good representative to be *ITEM?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

5: Very important
4: Important
3: Neither important, nor unimportant
2: Unimportant
1: Not important at all
99:

*QUESTION 63:

Question 63

Could you, for each of the following behaviours, tell me if you find them important to be a good citizen? Give a score between 1 and 7, where 1 means that it is not important at all for you and 7 means that it is very important for you.

"To vote at the elections"
"To keep a sharp eye on the actions of the government"
"To do voluntary work"
"To always follow laws and rules"
"To pay your taxes"
"To be active in politics"
"To report an offense when one sees it"
"To keep up with political news"
"To help people worse off than you"
"To get involved in social movements"

To your view, is *ITEM important to be a good citizen?
(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)
(INT.: SHOW CARD J)

1: Not important at all
2:
3:
4:
5:
6:
7: Very important
99:

9. USE OF MEDIA

Now, let's move on to questions regarding your media consumption about politics and elections.

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 64:

Question 64

Could you tell us, for each of the following media, how often you have used it during the past two weeks?

"Read a newspaper"

"Watched the news"

"Consulted an information website"

"Listened to the radio"

How often have you *ITEM during the past two weeks?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

6: Every day, six or seven days per week

5: Almost every day, five days per week

4: Often, three or four days per week

3: Sometimes, one or two days per week

2: Rarely, less than once a week

1: Never

99:

*FILTER: IF CODE 2 TO 6 FOR QUESTION 64 ITEM 1 (NEWSPAPERS), ASK QUESTION 65

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 65:

Question 65

Which newspaper have you read most often in the past two weeks?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

9: La Meuse, La Nouvelle Gazette, Nord Eclair, La Province, La Capitale, Le Quotidien de Namur

10: La Libre Belgique

11: Le Soir

12: Vers l'Avenir, Le Jour/le Courrier, L'Avenir, Le Courrier de l'Escaut

13: La Dernière Heure/Les Sports

14: L'Echo

8: Metro

98: Other (INT.: SPECIFY)

99:

*FILTER: IF CODE 2 TO 6 FOR QUESTION 64 ITEM 2 (TV NEWS), ASK QUESTION 66

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 66:

Question 66

On which TV channel have you watched the news most often in the past two weeks?

5: RTBF

6: RTL-TVI

4: Your local TV channel

98: Other (INT.: SPECIFY)

99:

*PROGR: INSERT THE NAME OF THE NEWSPAPER OF QUESTION 65 N ITEM 3

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 67:

Question 67

To keep informed about political news, people often use different media. Could you tell me, for each of the following media, if you find them trustworthy?

"The RTBF TV news"

"The RTL-TVI TV news"

"The newspaper *NEWSPAPER"

"Information websites"

5: Totally trustworthy

4: Trustworthy

3: Neither trustworthy, nor untrustworthy

2: Not trustworthy

1: Not trustworthy at all

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 68:

Question 68

In between elections, political parties try to keep in touch with voters, for example by making sure that citizens are informed through different ways. Could you tell me, for each of the following channels of communication, to what extent you personally have used it during the past month?

"Visited a political party's website"

"Visited a politician's website"

"Read the publications of a political party (tract or magazine) in the past month"

"Seen an advertisement of a political party in the media, for example in newspapers or on TV"

"Had a direct contact with a member or an activist from a political party"

4: Often

3: Sometimes

2: Rarely

1: Never

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 69:

Question 69

People occasionally debate on politics. Could you tell us how often you have talked about politics with the following persons, during the past month?

"Friends"

"Colleagues"

"Family"

How often have you talked about politics with *ITEM during the past month?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

4: Often

3: Sometimes

2: Rarely

1: Never

99:

10. POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

*QUESTION 70:

Question 70

Citizens have different possibilities to try to improve things in Belgium or to prevent them to deteriorate. During the past twelve months, how often have you accomplished the following actions?

- "Boycotted products"
- "Taken part in demonstrations"
- "Taken part in illegal demonstrations"
- "Been active in a political party"
- "Sent a letter to a politician"
- "Sent an e-mail to a politician"
- "Signed a petition"
- "Been in the media"
- "Been active in voluntary organisations"
- "Debated from political problems on web forums or in discussion groups on the web"
- "Supported a cause"

During the past twelve months, how often have you accomplished *ITEM?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 4: Often
- 3: Sometimes
- 2: Rarely
- 1: Never
- 99:

*QUESTION 71:

Question 71

Citizens have many possibilities to try to influence decisions that transform our society. For each of the following means, could you indicate the efficiency that you attribute to it, 1 meaning that you find it not efficient at all, and 7 that you think it is very efficient?

- "Boycott products"
- "Take part in demonstrations"
- "Take part in illegal demonstrations"
- "Be active in a political party"
- "Send a letter to a politician"
- "Send an e-mail to a politician"
- "Sign a petition"
- "Be in the media"
- "Be active in voluntary organisations"
- "Debate from political problems on web forums or in discussion groups on the web"
- "Support a cause"

In order to influence decision, to what extent do you find it efficient to *ITEM?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Not efficient at all
- 2:
- 3:
- 4:
- 5:
- 6:
- 7: Very efficient
- 99:

11. RECRUITEMENT FOR THE NEXT WAVES

That was all I wanted to ask you for the moment.

Knowing that many events will happen in Belgian politics during next months, this survey from the universities of Brussels, Antwerp and Louvain will be followed by two other surveys, one just before and one just after the elections in June. In order to take into account of the potential changes in your point of view on

politics during the next months, and to understand the impact of news on the attitudes of the population, we would like to ask you to take part in these two surveys. It would help us tremendously to better understand politics and electoral campaigns.

Two other surveys are planned. Both are going to be performed by phone. Moreover, each of them should not exceed 15 minutes. They require a much lighter personal involvement than this first interview.

The first survey is going to be held just before the elections (between May 25th and June 6th). The second survey is going to be organised just after the elections (between June 22nd and July 11th).

In order to thank you for your participation to the three surveys, we will send you a gift token of 7 Euros, valid in most shops.

***QUESTION 72:**

Question 72

Can I count on your kind participation in these two phone surveys?

1: Yes

2: No

0. INTRODUCTION

***QUESTION 0.1:**

Question 0.1

Hello, from IND (Institut national pour la collecte des données) of Brussels.
Can I talk to "NAME OF THE RESPONDANT"?

1: Yes

2: No

I call you regarding an electoral survey that we are currently carrying out, under the direction of a team of Belgian universities. This survey is going to look at your opinion about politics and the next elections.

On "DATE INTERVIEW", one of our interviewers visited you, in order to get you to participate to the first part of the survey. On that occasion, you accepted to collaborate in two phone surveys which follow this first contact.

This is the first of these two phone surveys.

1. MEDIA CONSUMPTION

Let's start with some questions related to your relations with media in the framework of the elections.

***RANDOM**

***QUESTION 1**

Question 1

For each of the following media, could you tell us how often have you used them during the past two weeks?

"Read a newspaper"

"Watched the news"

"Consulted an information website"

"Listened to the radio"

How often have you "ITEM" during the past two weeks?

- 1: Never
- 2: Rarely, less than once a week
- 3: Sometimes, once or twice a week
- 4: Often, three or four days per week
- 5: Almost every day, five days per week
- 6: Every day, six or seven days per week
- 99:

*QUESTION 2

Question 2

Last month, which party have you seen the most in the media?

- 10: MR
- 11: PS
- 12: Ecolo
- 13: FN
- 14: CDH
- 15: PTB
- 1: CD&V
- 2: Groen!
- 3: N-VA
- 4: SP.A
- 5: SLP
- 6: Vlaams Belang
- 7: Open VLD
- 8: Lijst Dedecker
- 9: PvdA
- 98: Another party
- 97: No party in particular
- 99:

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 3 IF CODE 1 TO 15 FOR QUESTION 2

*QUESTION 3

Question 3

Has this party made a good or a bad impression on you?

- 1: A bad impression
- 2: A neither bad, nor good impression
- 3: A good impression
- 99:

2. ELECTORAL BEHAVIOUR AND POLITICAL ATTITUDES

*QUESTION 4

Question 4

Elections to the Walloon Parliament will be held on June 7th.
Do you already know for which party you are going to vote?

- 1: I am certain of my vote
- 2: I have a small preference for a given party
- 3: I am still hesitating between two or several parties
- 4: I haven't at all made my decision yet
- 99:

*RANDOM (CODES 20 TO 25)

*QUESTION 5

Question 5

If the Walloon regional elections were to be held today, and if you were to make your choice, which of the following parties would you vote for?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

20: PS

21: MR (formerly PRL-FDF-MCC)

22: CDH (formerly PSC)

23: ECOLO

24: FN

25: PTB

98: Other party (INT.: SPECIFY)

10: I would cast a blank vote

11: I would cast a null vote

12: I would not vote

13: I don't want to answer (INT.: DO NOT READ)

99:

*FILTER: IF CODE 98, 99, 10, 11, 12, 13 FOR QUESTION 5, GO TO QUESTION 8

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 6 IF CODE 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 5

PROGR: ADD PARTY FROM QUESTION 5 TO QUESTION 6

*QUESTION 6

Question 6

You have declared that you would vote for *PARTY for the Walloon Parliament.

People often have several reasons for voting for a given party.

Could you, in your own words, explain why you would vote for this party?

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST ANYTHING - INSIST – WRITE DOWN LITERALLY)

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER « THE BEST PARTY »: ASK “WHY IS IT THE BEST PARTY?”)

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER MENTIONNING « THE AUTHORITIES »: ASK “WHICH AUTHORITIES ARE YOU REFERING TO?”)

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER MENTIONNING ‘PUBLIC POLICIES’: ASK “WHICH PUBLIC POLICIES ARE YOU REFERING TO?”)

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 7 IF CODE 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 5 AND CODE 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 21 FROM WAVE 1 AND IF CODE IN QUESTION 21 DIFFERS FROM CODE IN QUESTION 5

PROGR: ADD PARTY FROM QUESTION 5 TO QUESTION 7 + PARTY FROM QUESTION 21 FROM WAVE 1 TO QUESTION 7

*QUESTION 7

Question 7

During the previous interview, you have declared that you would vote for *PARTY QUESTION 21 WAVE 1.

Is there any particular reason for which you now want to vote for *PARTY QUESTION 5, and not for *PARTY QUESTION 21 WAVE 1 anymore?

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST ANYTHING - INSIST – WRITE DOWN LITERALLY)

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 8

Question 8

The electoral campaign is ongoing. What is your personal prediction about the results for each party participating in elections to the Walloon Parliament? Could you, for each party, tell me if it will improve its result, or if it will do a lower result in comparison to federal elections from 2007?

“PS”

"MR"
"CDH"
"ECOLO"
"FN"

To what extent do you think that the results of *PARTY will evolve in comparison to its results from 2007?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Its results are going to decrease a lot
- 2: Its results are going to decrease slightly
- 3: Its results are neither going to increase, nor decrease
- 4: Its results are going to increase slightly
- 5: Its results are going to increase a lot
- 99:

*QUESTION 9

Question 9

In Belgium, a party has to obtain at least 5% of the votes in its district in order to gain a seat. For some parties, it is not sure that this 5% threshold will be reached. Could you tell us, for the following parties, if you think that they will probably reach (or not) the electoral threshold?

"Ecolo"
"FN"
"RWF"
"PTB"

When you think of *PARTY, do you think it is going to reach the electoral threshold?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: It won't reach the electoral threshold
- 2: It will probably not reach the electoral threshold
- 3: It will probably reach the electoral threshold
- 4: It will reach the electoral threshold
- 99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 10

Question 10

What do you think about the ideas of the French-speaking parties? For each party, give a value between 0 and 10, where 0 means that you don't agree at all with the ideas of this party, and 10 means that you totally agree with its ideas.

"CDH"
"ECOLO"
"PS"
"FN"
"MR"
"PTB"

To what extent do you agree with the ideas of *PARTY?

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 0: Totally Disagree
- 1:
- 2:
- 3:
- 4:
- 5:
- 6:

7:
8:
9:
10: Totally agree
99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 11

Question 11

To what extent do you think the following persons are skilled to lead Walloon politics? For each person, give a value between 0 and 10, where 0 means that you think that this person is not skilled at all, and 10 means that you think that he/she is totally skilled.

"Rudy Demotte"

"Serge Kubla"

"André Antoine"

"Bernard Wesphael"

"Daniel Féret"

To what extent do you think that *POLITICIAN is skilled to lead Walloon politics?
(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

0: Totally unskilled
1:
2:
3:
4:
5:
6:
7:
8:
9:
10: Totally skilled
99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 12

Question 12

In Belgium, we have a federal government and regional governments (the Flemish government, the Walloon government, and the Brussels government).

Could you tell us if the following parties are currently participating in *the Walloon government*?

(INT.: READ ONE PROPOSAL AT A TIME – SEVERAL ANSWERS ALLOWED)

20: PS
21: MR
22: CDH
23: ECOLO
24: FN
25: PTB
26: RWF
99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 13

Question 13

And could you tell us if the following parties are currently participating in the *Belgian federal government*?

(INT.: READ ONE PROPOSAL AT A TIME – SEVERAL ANSWERS ALLOWED)

10: MR
11: PS
12: Ecolo
13: FN
14: CDH
15: PTB
1: CD&V
2: Groen!
3: N-VA
4: SP.A
5: SLP
6: Vlaams Belang
7: Open VLD
8: Lijst Dedecker
9: PvdA
99:

***QUESTION 14**

Question 14

Could you describe in your own words what is according to you the main problem that our country has to face at the moment?

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST – INSIST – WRITE DOWN LITERALLY)

3. INFORMATIONS ON POLITICAL PARTIES

***QUESTION 15**

Question 15

During the electoral campaign, political parties try to keep in touch with voters, for example by making sure that citizens are informed through different ways. Could you tell me, for each of the following channels of communication, to what extent you personally have used it during the past month?

"Visited a political party's website"

"Visited a politician's website"

"Read the publications of a political party (tract or review) in the past month"

"Seen an advertisement of a political party in the media, for example in newspapers or on TV"

"Had a direct contact with a member or an activist from a political party"

How often have you *ITEM during the past month?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

1: Never

2: Rarely

3: Sometimes

4: Often

99:

***QUESTION 16**

Question 16

Overall, which party's communication struck you the most during the past month?

10: MR
11: PS
12: Ecolo
13: FN
14: CDH
15: PTB

- 1: CD&V
- 2: Groen!
- 3: N-VA
- 4: SP.A
- 5: SLP
- 6: Vlaams Belang
- 7: Open VLD
- 8: Lijst Dedecker
- 9: PvdA
- 98: Another party
- 97: No party in particular
- 99:

***QUESTION 17**

Question 17

People occasionally debate on politics. Could you tell us how often you have talked about politics with the following persons, during the past month?

"Friends"

"Colleagues"

"Family"

"Members of an association which you belong to"

"Members of a political party"

How often have you talked about politics with *ITEM during the past month?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 4: Often
- 3: Sometimes
- 2: Rarely
- 1: Never
- 99:

***FILTER: ASK QUESTION 18 IF CODE 4, 3, OR 2 TO AT LEAST ONE OF THE ITEMS FROM QUESTION 17**

***RANDOM**

***QUESTION 18**

Question 18

Could you tell us how often you debate about the following topics with persons of your entourage?

"Positions of political parties on specific matters"

"Performances of governing parties or of parties in the opposition"

"Candidates of political parties"

"Predictions over elections results"

How often do you debate *ITEM?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Never
- 2: Rarely
- 3: Sometimes
- 4: Often
- 99:

5. VARIABLES LINKED TO THE ELECTORAL BEHAVIOUR

***RANDOM**

***QUESTION 19**

Question 19

If the elections were held today, on the basis of which matter would you make your choice between the different parties? I am going to read a list of political matters. Could you, for each of them, tell me to what extent it is important to determine your vote?

- « Mobility »
- « Social security »
- « Culture »
- « Environment »
- « Taxes »
- « Immigration »
- « Criminality and justice »
- « Unemployment »
- « Reform of the State »
- « Financial crisis »

- 1: Not important at all
- 2: Not important
- 3: Neither important, nor unimportant
- 4: Important
- 5: Very important
- 99:

*QUESTION 20

Question 20

Which of the following matters is going to be the most important to determine your vote?

- 1: Mobility
- 2: Social security
- 3: Culture
- 4: Environment
- 5: Taxes
- 6: Immigration
- 7: Criminality and justice
- 8: Unemployment
- 9: Reform of the State
- 10: Financial crisis
- 99:

6. END

That was all I needed to ask you. I thank you a lot for the time you have spent and for your collaboration. We hope that we can rely on your collaboration for the last phone interview of this survey. You will be contacted again during the last days of June, or during the first week of July.

Thanks again, have a nice day.

0. INTRODUCTION

*QUESTION 0.1:

Question 0.1

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Can I talk to "NAME OF THE RESPONDANT"?

- 1: Yes

2: No

*SCREEN

I am calling you regarding an electoral survey that we are currently carrying out, under the direction of a team of Belgian universities. This survey is going to look at your opinion about politics and the next elections.

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This is the second and last of these two phone surveys.

1. CAMPAIGN

*QUESTION 1

Question 1

To what extent have you followed the electoral campaign?

1: Not at all

2: Not very intensively

3: Intensively

4: Very intensively

99:

3. USE OF MEDIAS

*QUESTION 2

Question 2

If in the newspaper an article was devoted to the electoral campaign, have you read it...?

1: You don't read newspapers

2: Rarely or never

3: Sometimes

4: Often

5: Almost always

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 3

Question 3

On the TV channels, several shows devoted to the elections have been aired during the weeks preceding the elections. Could you tell us if you watched the following shows?

"Huis clos, every day on RTBF"

"The debate of the presidents on RTBF the last Friday but one before elections"

"The debate of the presidents on RTL-TVI the last Friday before elections"

"Electoral shows on your local TV channel"

Have you *ITEM?

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

1: I haven't watched at all

2: I have watched part of it or watched sometimes when it was broadcasted

3: I have watched the whole show or watched it every time (or almost) it was broadcasted

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 4

Question 4

The last weeks before the elections, which party have you most seen in the media?

- 1: CD&V
- 2: Groen!
- 3: N-VA
- 4: SP.A
- 5: SLP
- 6: Vlaams Belang
- 7: Open VLD
- 8: Lijst Dedecker
- 9: PvdA
- 10: MR
- 11: PS
- 12: Ecolo
- 13: FN
- 14: CDH
- 15: PTB
- 98: Another party
- 97: No party in particular
- 99:

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 5 IF CODE 1 TO 15 FOR QUESTION 4

*QUESTION 5

Question 5

Has this party made a good or a bad impression on you?

- 1: A bad impression
- 2: A neither good, nor bad impression
- 3: A good impression
- 99:

3. ELECTORAL BEHAVIOUR AND POLITICAL ATTITUDES

*RANDOM (CODES 20 TO 25)

*QUESTION 6

Question 6

On Sunday, June 7th, you have voted to elect the Walloon Parliament.
Which of the following parties have you voted for?

- 20: PS
- 21: MR (formerly PRL-FDF-MCC)
- 22: CDH (formerly PSC)
- 23: ECOLO
- 24: FN
- 25: PTB
- 98: Other party (INT.: SPECIFY)
- 10: I have casted a blank vote
- 11: I have casted a null vote
- 12: I haven't vote
- 13: I don't want to answer (INT.: DO NOT READ)
- 99:

*FILTER: IF CODE 99, 10, 11, 12, 13 FOR QUESTION 6, GO TO QUESTION 18

*FILTER: IF CODE 98 FOR QUESTION 6, GO TO QUESTION 9
*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 7 IF CODE 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 6
*PROGR: ADD PARTY FROM QUESTION 6 TO QUESTION 7
*QUESTION 7

Question 7

You have declared that you voted for "PARTI Q6" to the Walloon Parliament. Voters often have several reasons to vote for a given party. Could you, with your own words, tell the reason why you voted for this party?

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST ANYTHING - INSIST – WRITE DOWN LITERALLY)

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER « THE BEST PARTY »: ASK "WHY IS IT THE BEST PARTY?")

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER MENTIONNING « THE AUTHORITIES »: ASK "WHICH AUTHORITIES ARE YOU REFERING TO?")

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER MENTIONNING 'PUBLIC POLICIES': ASK "WHICH PUBLIC POLICIES ARE YOU REFERING TO?")

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 8 IF CODE 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 6 AND CODE 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 5 IN WAVE 2 AND IF CODE IN QUESTION 5 WAVE 2 DIFFERS FROM CODE IN QUESTION 6
*PROGR: ADD PARTY FROM QUESTION 6 TO QUESTION 8
*PROGR: ADD PARTY FROM QUESTION 5 IN WAVE 2 TO QUESTION 8
*QUESTION 8

Question 8

During the interview before elections, you have declared that you wanted to vote for *PARTY Q5 OF W2" to the Walloon Parliament. Is there any particular reason for which you voted for *PARTY Q6" rather than for "PARTY Q5 OF W2"?

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST ANYTHING - INSIST – WRITE DOWN LITERALLY)

*QUESTION 9

Question 9

In order to determine their vote some voters look at what parties have done in the past, others look at what parties promise to do in the future, and others think that both are important. When you have voted for the elections to the Walloon Parliament, were you thinking...?

- 1: Only about the previous administration
- 2: More about the previous administration than about the next
- 3: As much about previous administration than about the next
- 4: More about the next administration than about the previous
- 5: Only about the next administration
- 99:

*QUESTION 10

Question 10

Now, I'm going to read a set of reasons which a person could use to vote for a party. If you think about your vote to the Walloon Parliament, could you tell me for each of these reasons if it was important or not important in your vote?

- "Ideology, founding values of the party"
- "The position of the party on specific topics"
- "The party defends the interests of a group which I belong to"
- "The party is the best to defend my interests"
- "Out of habit, I have always voted for this party"
- "The party defends the interests of my entourage"
- "Because of one or several candidates on the list of the party"
- "In my entourage, most people vote for this party"
- "Because of personal contacts I've had with candidates of this party"
- "Because of the bad performances of other parties"
- "Because of the good performances of the party itself"
- "The party's image strikes a chord with me"

"The party's communication during the campaign"
"To express my dissatisfaction with the political system"
"Because we have to choose"
"Because it will help the party to have more chances to participate to the government"
"Because I want this party to reach the electoral threshold"

(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Not important at all
- 2: Not important
- 3: Neither important, nor unimportant
- 4: Important
- 5: Very important
- 99:

*QUESTION 11

Question 11

At the elections for the Walloon Parliament, have you casted a vote for the list or have you casted a preferential vote for one or several particular candidates on the list?

- 1: Casted a vote for the list
- 2: Casted a vote for the head candidate
- 3: Casted a preferential vote for one or several candidates on a party list
- 4:

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 12 IF CODE 3 FOR QUESTION 11

*QUESTION 12

Question 12

How many candidates have you cast a preferential vote for? If you don't remember the exact number, give an estimate.

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: 1
- 2: 2
- 3: 3
- 4: 4
- 5: 5 persons or more
- 99:

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 13 IF CODE 2 FOR QUESTION 11 OR CODE 1 FOR QUESTION 12

*QUESTION 13

Question 13

Was it a man or a woman?

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Man
- 2: Woman
- 3:

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 14 IF CODE 2, 3, 4 OR 5 FOR QUESTION 12

*QUESTION 14

Question 14

And you voted...?

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Only for men
- 2: Only for women

3: Both for men and women
4:

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 15 IF CODE 2 FOR QUESTION 11 OR CODE 1 FOR QUESTION 12
*QUESTION 15

Question 15
Would you have voted for the same party if this candidate wouldn't have been on its list?

1: Yes
2: No
3:

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 16 IF CODE 2, 3, 4, OR 5 FOR QUESTION 12
*QUESTION 16

Question 16
Would you have voted for the same party if these candidates wouldn't have been on its list?

1: Yes
2: No
3:

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 17 IF CODE 2 FOR QUESTION 11
*QUESTION 17

Question 17
People often have multiple reasons to vote for a candidate in particular. Could you tell us, for each of the following reasons, to what extent it has been important to determine your preferential vote?

"The candidate has expertise"
"The candidate is able to explain things clearly and simply in the media"
"The candidate's personality in the media strikes a chord in me"
"The candidate lives in my town or in a neighbouring town"
"I have often met this candidate personally"
"The candidate was already a famous person before entering into politics"
"The candidate is member of a group in which I identify myself"
"The candidate is a woman"
"The candidate has helped me to face personal problems"
"The candidate belongs to a tendency in the party which I support"

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

1: Not important at all
2: Not important
3: Neither important, nor unimportant
4: Important
5: Very important
6:

*RANDOM
*QUESTION 18

Question 18
On Sunday 17 June, you also had to vote at the European election. Which of the following party have you voted for?

20: PS
21: MR (formerly PRL-FDF-MCC)
22: CDH (formerly PSC)
23: ECOLO
24: FN

25: PTB
98: Other party
10: I have casted a blank vote
11: I have casted a null vote
12: I didn't vote
13: I don't want to answer
99:

*FILTER: IF CODE 98, 99, 10, 11, 12, 13 FOR QUESTION 18, GO TO QUESTION 20
*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 19 IF CODE 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 18
*PROGR: ADD PARTY FROM QUESTION 18 TO QUESTION 19
*QUESTION 19

Question 19

You have declared that you had voted for *PARTY Q18 to the European Parliament. Voters often have several reasons to vote for a given party. Could you, in your own words, tell the reason why you voted for this party?

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST ANYTHING - INSIST – WRITE DOWN LITERALLY)

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER « THE BEST PARTY »: ASK “WHY IS IT THE BEST PARTY?”)

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER MENTIONNING « THE AUTHORITIES »: ASK “WHICH AUTHORITIES ARE YOU REFERING TO?”)

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER MENTIONNING ‘PUBLIC POLICIES’: ASK “WHICH PUBLIC POLICIES ARE YOU REFERING TO?”)

4. TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS

*RANDOM
*QUESTION 20

Question 20

Could you, on a scale from 0 to 10, assess your personal trust in institutions that I am going to name? 0 means that you don't trust this institution at all, and 10 means that you totally trust it.

“Political parties”

“The Walloon Parliament”

“The federal government”

“The federal Parliament”

“Politicians”

0: Don't trust at all

1:

2:

3:

4:

5:

6:

7:

8:

9:

10: Totally trust

99:

5. 5. INFORMATION ON POLITICAL PARTIES

*QUESTION 21

Question 21

Overall, which party's communication struck you the most during the last weeks of the electoral campaign?

1: CD&V

2: Groen!
3: N-VA
4: SP.A
5: SLP
6: Vlaams Belang
7: Open VLD
8: Lijst Dedecker
9: PvdA
10: MR
11: PS
12: Ecolo
13: FN
14: CDH
15: PTB
98: Another party
97: No party in particular
99:

6. INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

***QUESTION 22**

Question 22

People sometimes debate about politics. Could you tell us how often you talked about politics with the following persons since the elections?

"Friends"

"Colleagues"

"Family"

"Members of an association which you belong to"

"Members of a political party"

(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

1: Never

2: Rarely

3: Sometimes

4: Often

99:

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 23 IF CODE 4, 3, OR 2 TO AT LEAST ONE OF THE ITEMS FROM QUESTION 22

*RANDOM

***QUESTION 23**

Question 23

Could you tell us how often you have debated about the following topics with people you know, since the elections?

'The positions of parties on specific matters'

"Performances of the governing parties or the parties in the opposition"

"Candidates of political parties"

"Consequences of the electoral results"

1: Never

2: Rarely

3: Sometimes

4: Often

99:

7. THEMES

***QUESTION 24**

Question 24

Could you describe in your own words what is according to you the main problem that our country has to face for the moment?

*RANDOM

***QUESTION 25**

Question 25

When people think about a particular topic, they often think about a given party. Some parties are thus spontaneously associated to some topics. I am going to mention several topics. Could you tell me which French-speaking party comes first to your mind when you think about this topic? It does not necessarily mean that you agree with the position of this party on the topic. If no party comes to your mind when I mention a topic, just say it, and we move on to the next topic.

« Mobility »

« Social security »

« Culture »

« Environment »

« Taxes »

« Immigration »

« Criminality and justice »

« Unemployment »

« Reform of the State »

« Financial crisis »

(INT.: DO NOT SUGGEST – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

20: PS

21: MR (formerly PRL-FDF-MCC)

22: CDH (formerly PSC)

23: ECOLO

24: FN

25: PTB

98: Other party

97: No party

99:

8. EXPECTATIONS TOWARDS POLITICIANS AND REPRESENTATIVES

***QUESTION 26**

Question 26

During the five past years have you tried to get in touch with a politician in order to talk about a personal problem?

1: Yes

2: No

3:

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 27 IF CODE 1 FOR QUESTION 26

***QUESTION 27**

Question 27

Have the intervention of this politician helped you to face your problem?

- 1: Yes
- 2: No
- 3:

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 28 IF CODE 1 FOR QUESTION 26

*QUESTION 28

Question 28

Have you voted for this politician in most of the elections which he ran for?

- 1: Yes
- 2: No
- 3:

*QUESTION 29

Question 29

How do you think a representative has to vote when his/her party has an opinion on a particular vote in the Parliament, which is different from his/her own opinion?

- 1: The representative must vote according to his/her own opinion
- 2: The representative must vote according to the position of his/her party
- 3:

*QUESTION 30

Question 30

How do you think a representative must vote when she/he has an opinion on a particular vote in the Parliament, which is different from the opinion of his/her voters?

- 1: The representative must vote according to his/her own opinion
- 2: The representative must vote according to the opinion of his/her voters
- 3:

*QUESTION 31

Question 31

How do you think a representative must vote when his/her voters have a different opinion than the opinion of his/her own party?

- 1: The representative must vote according to the opinion of his/her voters
- 2: The representative must vote according to the position of his/her party
- 3:

9. **END**

That's all I wanted to ask you. Let me thank you again for the time you have spent and for your kind collaboration to our electoral survey in its entirety.