



Icelandic Election Study – ICENES
1999
Questionnaire

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NOTE

In the dataset for the Icelandic Election study in 1999, the number values for some of the reply categories have been recoded.

The accurate codes for the reply categories in the dataset are listed in the codebook for the election study 1999.

Information about respondent

Number of respondent, string variable:

Ranging from 1 to 2300

Year of birth:

Ranging from 1919 to 1981

Gender:

1. Male
2. Female

Postal code:

Ranging from 101 to 851

Electoral district:

1. Reykjavik
2. Reykjanes
3. West
4. Vestfjords
5. North west
6. North east
7. East
8. South

- 03. Yes, the Independent Party → Skip to Q.5B
- 04. Yes, the Left Greens → Skip to Q.5B
- 05. Yes, the Liberal Party → Skip to Q.5B
- 06. Yes, the Humanist Party → Skip to Q.5B
- 07. Yes, the Christian Democratic Party → Skip to Q.5B
- 08. Yes, the Anarchist Party → Skip to Q.5B
- 09. Yes, the Social Democratic Party → Skip to Q.5B
- 10. Yes, the People's Alliance → Skip to Q.5B
- 11. Yes, the Women's Alliance → Skip to Q.5B
- 12. Yes, the People's Movement → Skip to Q.5B
- 13. Yes, other, what?: _____ → Skip to Q.5B

- 90. No, not a supporter of any party → Skip to Q.5C
- 98. Refuses to answer → Skip to Q.5D
- 99. Don't know → Skip to Q.5C

5B. Would you say you are very strong (OF GIVEN PARTY), rather strong, or not very strong supporter?

- 1. Very strong → Skip to Q.5D
- 2. Rather strong → Skip to Q.5D
- 3. Not very strong → Skip to Q.5D
- 8. Refuses to answer → Skip to Q.5D
- 9. Don't know → Skip to Q.5D

5C. Do you nevertheless feel somewhat closer to any party or organization than to others? (Allowed to mention more than one party).

- 01. Yes, the Social Democratic Alliance → Skip to Q.5D
- 02. Yes, the Progressive Party → Skip to Q.5D
- 03. Yes, the Independent Party → Skip to Q.5D
- 04. Yes, the Left Greens → Skip to Q.5D
- 05. Yes, the Liberal Party → Skip to Q.5D
- 06. Yes, the Humanist Party → Skip to Q.5D
- 07. Yes, the Christian Democratic Party → Skip to Q.5D
- 08. Yes, the Anarchist Party → Skip to Q.5D
- 09. Yes, the Social Democratic Party → Skip to Q.5D
- 10. Yes, the People's Alliance → Skip to Q.5D
- 11. Yes, the Women's Alliance → Skip to Q.5D
- 12. Yes, the People's Movement → Skip to Q.5D
- 13. Yes, other, what?: _____ → Skip to Q.5D
- 90. No, not a supporter of any party → Skip to Q.5D
- 98. Refuses to answer → Skip to Q.5D
- 99. Don't know → Skip to Q.5D

5D. Are you a member of a political party? If yes; What party?

- 01. Yes, the Social Democratic Alliance
- 02. Yes, the Progressive Party
- 03. Yes, the Independent Party
- 04. Yes, the Left Greens
- 05. Yes, the Liberal Party
- 06. Yes, the Humanist Party
- 07. Yes, the Christian Democratic Party
- 08. Yes, the Anarchist Party

- 09. Yes, the Social Democratic Party
- 10. Yes, the People's Alliance
- 11. Yes, the Women's Alliance
- 12. Yes, the People's Movement
- 13. Yes, other, what?: _____

- 91. No, not a member
- 98. Refuses to answer
- 99. Don't know

6. If you try to give the government marks on the scale from 0 to 10 for its general performance in the last term – what mark would you like to give the government of David Oddsson for its performance last years?

_____: Governments grade

- 98. Refuses to answer
- 99. Don't know

7. Do you support the presence of the American defence force here, do you think the armed forces should leave, or do you think this makes no difference? (Probe: Strongly or a tend to)

- 1. Strongly supportive of the presence of the US military base
- 2. Tend to be supportive of the presence of the US military base
- 3. Makes no difference
- 4. Tend to be against the presence of the US force
- 5. Strongly against the presence of the US force

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

8. Do you agree or disagree that the government should decrease its influence on the labour market, or do you think this makes no difference? (Probe: strongly or tend do)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Tend to agree
- 3. Makes no difference
- 4. Tend to disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

9. Do you think that it is desirable or undesirable that Iceland should apply for membership in the European Community? (Probe; very or rather)

- 1. Very desirable
- 2. Rather desirable
- 3. Doesn't matter
- 4. Rather undesirable
- 5. Very undesirable

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

10. Do you agree or disagree that in the next years action on environmental issues should be prioritized over attempts to increase economic growth or do you think this makes no difference? (Probe; strongly or tend to)

1. Strongly agree
2. Tend to agree
3. Doesn't matter
4. Tend to disagree
5. Strongly disagree

8. Refuses to answer
9. Don't know

11. Do you agree or disagree that the government should be used to equal the distribution of income in society – or do you think this makes no difference? (Probe: strongly/tend to).

1. Strongly agree
2. Tend to agree
3. Doesn't matter
4. Tend to disagree
5. Strongly disagree

8. Refuses to answer
9. Don't know

12. Do you feel that the government should lay much emphasis, somewhat much emphasis or little emphasis on large scale industry that demands a lot of energy (Probe; much or somewhat)

1. Much emphasis
2. Somewhat much emphasis
3. Some emphasis
4. Rather little emphasis
5. Very little emphasis (no emphasis)

- 8 Refuses to answer
- 9 Don't know

13. If we now turn to the question whether Iceland should continue its NATO membership, is this an issue on which you have an opinion?

1. Yes → *Skip to Q.13B*
2. No → *Skip to Q.14*

8. Refuses to answer → *Skip to Q.14*
9. Don't know → *Skip to Q.14*

13b. Some people believe Iceland should stay in NATO, while others believe it should discontinue its membership. What is your opinion?

1. Stay
2. Discontionue

8. Refuses to answer
9. Don't know

- 14. Do you agree or disagree, that it is necessary to change the quota management system essentially – or do you think this makes no difference?** (Probe: strongly/tend to).
1. Strongly agree
 2. Tend to agree
 3. Makes no difference
 4. Tend to disagree
 5. Strongly disagree
 8. Refuses to answer
 9. Don't know
- 15. Are you for or against the idea that the government should sell "Búnaðarbankinn" or "Landsbankinn) (state banks) to private parties – or do you think this makes no difference?** (Probe; strongly or rather)
- 1 Strongly for
 - 2 Rather for
 - 3 Doesn't matter
 - 4 Rather against
 - 5 Strongly against
 - 8 Refuses to answer
 - 9 Don't know
- 16. Do you agree or disagree, that a multistage tax system should be adopted– or do you think this makes no difference?** (Probe; strongly or rather)
- 1 Strongly agree
 - 2 Rather agree
 - 3 Doesn't matter
 - 4 Rather disagree
 - 5 Strongly disagree
 8. Refuses to answer
 9. Don't know
- 17. Do you agree or disagree that preferably all votes in the country should have equal weight when parliamentary seats are allotted – or do you think this makes no difference?** (Probe: strongly/tend to)
1. Strongly agree
 2. Tend to agree
 3. Makes no difference
 4. Tend to disagree
 5. Strongly disagree
 8. Refuses to answer
 9. Don't know
- 18. Do you agree or disagree that import on agricultural products should be greatly expanded, in steps? - Or do you think this makes no difference?** (Probe: strongly/tend to)
1. Strongly agree

2. Tend to agree
3. Makes no difference
4. Tend to disagree
5. Strongly disagree

8. Refuses to answer
9. Don't know

19. Do you agree or disagree, that taxes should be reduced, even though it would mean that public services would have to be reduced, e.g. health care, education, or social security – or do you think this makes no difference? (Probe: strongly/tend to)

1. Strongly agree
2. Tend to agree
3. Makes no difference
4. Tend to disagree
5. Strongly disagree

8. Refuses to answer
9. Don't know

20. Do you agree or disagree that progress in the capital area may be decreased in order to increase prosperity in the rural regions, or does this not make any difference? (Probe: strongly/tend to).

1. Strongly agree
2. Tend to agree
3. Makes no difference
4. Tend to disagree
5. Strongly disagree

8. Refuses to answer
9. Don't know

21. Did you take part in a primary of any party before the last election? If yes: What primary? (Mark every primary respondent took part)

1. Yes, Social Democratic Alliance
2. Yes, Progressive Party
3. Yes, Independent Party
4. Yes, other. What? _____
5. No, did not take part in any primary
6. Took part – will not say for whom

8. Refuses to answer
9. Don't know

22a. Did you vote in the Althingi election on May 8th? If yes: What party or list did you vote for?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 01. Social Democratic Alliance (S) | → Skip to Q.22b |
| 02. Progressive Party (B) | → Skip to Q.22b |
| 03. Independent Party (D) | → Skip to Q.22b |
| 04. Left Greens (U) | → Skip to Q.22b |
| 05. Liberal Party (F) | → Skip to Q.22b |
| 06. Humanist Party (H) | → Skip to Q.22b |

- 07. Christian Democratic Party (K) → *Skip to Q.22b*
- 08. Anarchist Party (Z) → *Skip to Q.22b*

- 90. Voted – will not say what → *Skip to Q.23*
- 91. Didn't vote → *Skip to Q.23*
- 92. Cast an invalid ballot → *Skip to Q.23*

- 98. Refuses to answer → *Skip to Q.23*
- 99. Don't know → *Skip to Q.23*

22b. Did you ever consider voting another party before the last election? If yes: What party / parties? (Allowed to mention more than one party)

- 01. Social Democratic Alliance → *Skip to Q.22C*
- 02. Progressive Party → *Skip to Q.22C*
- 03. Independent Party → *Skip to Q.22C*
- 04. Left Greens → *Skip to Q.22C*
- 05. Liberal Party → *Skip to Q.22C*
- 06. Humanist Party → *Skip to Q.22C*
- 07. Christian Democratic Party → *Skip to Q.22C*
- 08. Anarchist Party → *Skip to Q.22C*

- 09. Yes, every other party → *Skip to Q.22C*
- 10. Yes, not to vote → *Skip to Q.22C*
- 11. Yes, to cast an invalid ballott → *Skip to Q.22C*
- 12. Yes, will not say what party/parties → *Skip to Q.22C*

- 90. No, did not consider voting another → *Skip to Q.23*
- 98. Refuses to answer → *Skip to Q.23*
- 99. Don't know → *Skip to Q.23*

22c. How long before the election did you make a final decision?

- 1. On election day
- 2. In the week before the elections
- 3. A week before the elections
- 4. 8-30 day before the elections
- 5. More that a month before the elections

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

23. What about the 1995 Althingi elections – did you vote then? If yes: What party or list did you vote for?

- 01. Social Democratic Party
- 02. Progressive Party
- 03. Independence Party
- 04. People's Alliance
- 05. People's Movement
- 06. Women's Alliance
- 07. Nature Law Party
- 08. Christian Political Movement
- 09. West Fjord Party (Pétur Bjarnason)
- 10. South Party (Eggert Haukdal)

- 90. No, did not have the right to vote

- 91. No, did not vote
- 92. Cast an invalid ballot
- 93. Did vote, will not say what

- 98. Refuses to answer
- 99. Don't know

24. What parties would you like to see form a majority coalition government after the elections?

- 1. Independent Party and Progressive Party
- 2. Independent Party and Left Greens
- 3. Independent Party and Social Democratic Alliance
- 4. Alliance, Progressive Party and Left Greens
- 5. Other. What? _____
- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

The following questions are a part of an international study. Some of the question are similar to questions you have already answered, but we ask you to answer them nevertheless so the results can be comparable between countries

25. On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Iceland?

- 1. Very satisfied
- 2. Fairly satisfied
- 3. Not very satisfied
- 4. Not at all satisfied
- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

26. In some countries, people believe their elections are conducted fairly. In other countries, people believe that their elections are conducted unfairly. Thinking of the last election in Iceland, where would you place it on this scale of one to five where ONE means that the last election was conducted fairly and FIVE means that the last election was conducted unfairly?

- 1. Fairly
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5. Unfairly
- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

27a. Do you usually think of yourself as close to any particular political party?

- 1. Yes → Skip to Q.27b
- 2. No → Skip to Q.27d
- 8. Refuses to answer → Skip to Q.27d
- 9. Don't know → Skip to Q.27d

27b. Which party is that? (Only record one party unless respondent names two or more without being asked – record three parties at most. Do not request respondents to name more than one party)

First PARTY mentioned: _____

→ If only one party block is mentioned → skip to Q.27b1

→ If only one party (within a block) is mentioned → skip to Q.27c

Second PARTY (if volunteered): _____

→ If more than one party is mentioned → skip to Q.27f

Third PARTY (if volunteered): _____

→ If more than one party is mentioned → skip to Q.27f

98. Don't know, no party mentioned → Skip to Q.27F

27b1. (Only those respondents asked who only mention the Social Democratic Alliance (party block) in Q.27B.) **Which party in Alliance[NAME OF BLOCK] do you feel closest to?**

List only one unless respondent names two or more without being asked.

First PARTY mentioned: _____

→ If only one party block is mentioned → skip to Q.27f

Second PARTY (if volunteered): _____

→ If more than one party is mentioned → skip to Q.27c

Third PARTY (if volunteered): _____

→ If more than one party is mentioned → skip to Q.27c

5. No party mentioned/only Social Democratic Alliance → skip to Q.27F

98. Don't know → skip to Q.27F

27c. (Only those respondents who name more than one party on Q.27B or Q.27B1.) **Which party do you feel closest to?**

Party identified: _____ → Skip to Q.27F

98. No party identified → skip to Q.28

27d. (Those respondent asked who said no or don't know in 27A.) **Do you feel yourself a little closer to one of the political parties than the others?**

1. Yes → Skip to Q.27E

2. No → Skip to Q.28

8. Refuses to answer → Skip to Q.28

9. Don't know

27e. Which party is that? (One party)

Party identified: _____ → Skip to Q.27F

98. Don't know / refuses

→ Skip to Q.28

27f. Do you feel very close to this (party/party block), somewhat close, or not very close?

- 1 Very close
- 2 Somewhat close
- 3 Not very close

- 8 Refuses to answer
- 9 Don't know

28. Some people say that political parties in Iceland care what ordinary people think. Others say that political parties in Iceland don't care what ordinary people think. Using the scale on from one to five, where ONE means that voting won't make a difference to what happens and FIVE means that voting can make a difference, where would you place yourself?

- 1. Political parties care what ordinary people think
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5. Political parties don't care what ordinary people think

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

29. Some people say that political parties are necessary to make our political system work in Iceland. Others think that political parties are not needed in Iceland. Using the scale on this card, (where ONE means that political parties are necessary to make our political system work, and FIVE means that political parties are not needed in Iceland), where would you place yourself?

- 1. Political parties ARE NECESSARY to make our political system work
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5. Political parties ARE NOT NEEDED in Iceland

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

30a. Do you happen to remember the name of any candidates who ran in your primary electoral district in the last parliamentary election?

- 1. Yes → Skip to Q.30B
- 2. No → Skip to Q.31

- 8. Refuses to answer → Skip to Q.31
- 9. Don't know → Skip to Q.31

30b. What were their names?

Do not list more than names of three candidates

30B1 Candidate 1 name: _____

30b2. Candidate 2 name: _____

34a. Would you say that over the past twelve months, the state of the economy on Iceland has gotten better, stayed about the same or gotten worse?

- 1. Gotten better → *Skip to Q.34B*
- 3. Stayed the same → *Skip to Q.35*
- 5. Gotten worse → *Skip to Q.34C*

- 8. Refuses to answer → *Skip to Q.35*
- 9. Don't know → *Skip to Q.35*

34b. Would you say much better or somewhat better?

- 1. Much better → *Skip to Q.35*
- 2. Somewhat better → *Skip to Q.35*

- 8. Refuses to answer → *Skip to Q.35*
- 9. Don't know → *Skip to Q.35*

34c. Would you say much worse or somewhat worse?

- 1. Much worse → *Skip to Q.35*
- 2. Somewhat worse → *Skip to Q.35*

- 8. Refuses to answer → *Skip to Q.35*
- 9. Don't know → *Skip to Q.35*

35. Some people say that members of Althingi (Parliament) know what ordinary people think. Others say that members of Althingi (Parliament) don't know much about what ordinary people think. Using the scale from one to five (where ONE means that the members of Parliament know what ordinary people think, and FIVE means that the members of Parliament don't know much about what ordinary people think), where would you place yourself?

- 1. Know what ordinary people think.
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5. Don't know what ordinary people think.

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

36. During the past twelve months, have you had any contact with a member of parliament in any way?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No; No contact at all

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

37. Some people say it makes a difference who is in power. Others say that it doesn't make a difference who is in power. Using the scale on from one to five, where ONE means that it makes a difference who is in power and FIVE

**41. Now, using the same scale where would you place the political parties?
Let's start on the Progressive party (PARTY B).....**

List placement of the parties

- 96. If respondent does not know the party
- 98. Don't know / refuses

(Change ranking order of parties between respondents)

- ___ Progressive party (Q.411)
- ___ Independence party (Q.314)
- ___ Alliance (Q.413)
- ___ Left greens (Q.414)
- ___ Liberal party (Q.415)

42. In the election campaign there were various tv-shows about politics, for example promotional programs about the political parties, and various political debate shows. Did you see almost all of these programs, much, some, rarely or none?

- 1. Almost all
- 2. Most
- 3. Some
- 4. Rarely
- 5. None

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

43. The night before the elections the leaders of the political parties appeared together in a talk show in the National TV and on Station 2 (Stöð 2). Did you see that program?

- 1. Yes, all of it
- 2. Yes, part of it
- 3. No, did not see it

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

44. What is your education? Which degrees have you finished?

1. Education: _____

- 99. Refuses / don't know
- 00. Never been in school

45. Are you currently economically active / in a paid job?

- 1. Yes → Skip to Q.48
- 2. No → Skip to Q.46

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

46. Have you been economically active / in a paid job / in the last 3 months?

- 1. Yes → Skip to Q.47
- 3. No → Skip to Q.47

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

47. Do you work at home, are you in school, unemployed, temporarily not working because of health problems, on a vacation or retired?

- 1. Unemployed → If yes: For how many weeks have you been unemployed? _____
- 2. Temporarily not working or quit because of ill health
- 3. On a vacation / parental leave
- 4. Retired
- 5. Student
- 6. Housewife who has not have another job

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

48. How many hours did you generally work in a week, last month? (Meaning total hours in all jobs respondent has)

Total hours a week: _____ hours

- 998. Refuses to answer
- 999. Don't know

49. What is / was your main occupation? (Meaning the main occupation if respondent has more than one job)

1. Main occupation: _____

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

50. Do / did you work for in the public sector (public institution, public company, in to district lever) or in another sector?

- 1. Public institution
- 2. Public company
- 3. Mixed, public and private
- 4. Else

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

51. Are / were you an employee or do you operate your own business? If own business: Do you have employees?

- 1. Employee
- 2. Subcontractor
- 3. Own business, without employees
- 4. Own business with one or more employees

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

52. In what field is your work? (Main occupation)

- 01. Agriculture
- 02. Fisheries
- 03. Fish industry
- 04. Construction
- 05. High tech industry/software industry
- 06. Other industry
- 07. Public service in the education sector
- 08. Public service in the health sector
- 09. Public service in ministries and local governments
- 10. Other public service
- 11. Stations (veitur) such as powerstations and waterworks
- 12. Transport
- 13. Banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions
- 14. Commerce and service (verslun og þjónusta)
- 15. Other

- 98. Refuses to answer
- 99. Don't know

53. What is your marital status?

- 1. Married/common law marriage
- 2. Cohabitation
- 3. Single
- 4. Divorced
- 5. Widow/widower

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

54. Number of people in household, you included?

Number: _____

- 98. Refuses to answer
- 99. Don't know

55. How many children under the age of 18 are in the home?

(If no children → *Skip to Q.57*)

Number: _____

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

56. How many of them are supported by you?

Number: _____

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

57. Are you a member of a union?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

If more than one person in household

58. Are someone else in household a member of a union?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

If married or cohabiting

59. What is the main occupation of your spouse?

- 1. Spouse's main occupation: _____

- 8. Refuses to answer
- 9. Don't know

60. What was your total salary in last month before taxes and other deductions, approximately? (All paid job: part time, over time and etere)

Total salary brutto: _____ Icelandic kronur a month
(Write exact amount)

- 999998. Refuses to answer
- 999999. Don't know

61. What was your total income of both you and your spouse, before all levies in last month? (All paid job, student loan, pension, insurance benefits and etere)

Total family income _____ Icelandic kronur a month
(Write exact amount)

- 999998. Refuses to answer
- 999999. Don't know

62. What was the disposable income of your family / you (if respondent is single), that is the total income after you deduction of income tax, approximately? (Referring to all net pay, insurance benefits and pension)

Total family income _____ Icelandic kronur a month
(Write exact amount)

- 999998. Refuses to answer
- 999999. Don't know