



PARTIREP Election Study / Regional 2009

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SAMPLING METHOD

The PARTIREP Election Study – Regional 2009 is an electoral panel survey that was in the field before and after the 2009 regional and European elections in Belgium. The survey was organized by the PARTIREP research team, and consisted of two pre-electoral waves, and one post-electoral wave. The field work was carried out by TNS-Dimarso.

In wave one, a geographically stratified sample of eligible voters in Flanders and Wallonia was drawn from the national registry. The total number of addresses was 4363, spread out over 240 sampling points. No replacement addresses were used. The selected individuals were then asked to participate in a CAPI interview that would last approximately 45 minutes. The expected net sample size for wave 1 was 2400 completed interviews. Due to the lower response rate an additional sample of 500 addresses was obtained for the most problematic sampling points. Field work on wave 1 commenced on February 21st, 2009 and ended on May 23rd, 2009. After field work for wave 1 ended, 2331 completed interviews had been conducted out of 4831 addresses, a response rate of 48,3 per cent (32 addresses were omitted from the gross sample as no contact information was obtained from the interviewers during the field work period; they were therefore treated as non-contacts).

Those respondents that were successfully contacted in the first wave, were asked to participate in two follow up surveys conducted over the telephone (CATI interviews). Of the 2331 successfully contacted respondents, 2057 agreed to participate in these additional surveys. Of those 2057 contacts, 1845 were successfully contacted in wave 2 with a response rate of 89,6 per cent. Field work for wave 2 ran from Monday, May 25th until Saturday, June 6th 2009. For wave 3, the same set of respondents was again contacted, which resulted in 1698 completed interviews, which is a response rate of 82,1 per cent. The field work for wave 3 ran from Monday, June 22nd until Monday, August 24th.

WEIGHTING COEFFICIENTS

The data contain two sets of weighting coefficients.

The first set - variable names starting with TOT – first reduces the size of the Walloon sample to its real proportion in the sum of the population of Wallonia and Flanders. This correction can be used to run analyses that want to say something about the Belgian population as a whole (although Brussels is not included).

The second set – variable names starting with REG – keeps the original size of the Flemish and Walloon sample.

In each set of coefficients there are three weighting procedures available:

- Weight by province, gender and age
- Weight by province and socio-demographic characteristics
- Weight by province, socio-demographics and last electoral choice

These coefficients are available for each of the waves separately (W1, W2, W3) and for analyses on the respondents present in the three waves of the pane (W123)l.

TOT W1_PAG: WAVE 1- weight by province gender age
TOT W2_PAG: WAVE 2- weight by province gender age
TOT W3_PAG: WAVE 3- weight by province gender age
TOT W123_PAG: WAVE 123- weight by province gender age
TOT W1_PAGEP: WAVE 1- weight by province socio
TOT W2_PAGEP: WAVE 2- weight by province socio
TOT W3_PAGEP: WAVE 3- weight by province socio
TOT W123_PAGEP: WAVE 123- weight by province socio
TOT W1_PAGEPV: WAVE 1- weight by province socio last electoral choice
TOT W2_PAGEPV: WAVE 2- weight by province socio last electoral choice
TOT W3_PAGEPV: WAVE 3 - weight by province socio last electoral choice
TOT W123_PAGEPV: WAVE 123- weight by province socio last electoral choice

REG W1_PAG: WAVE 1- weight by province gender age
REG W2_PAG: WAVE 2- weight by province gender age
REG W3_PAG: WAVE 3- weight by province gender age
REG W123_PAG: WAVE 123- weight by province gender age
REG W1_PAGEP: WAVE 1- weight by province socio
REG W2_PAGEP: WAVE 2- weight by province socio
REG W3_PAGEP: WAVE 3- weight by province socio
REG W123_PAGEP: WAVE 123- weight by province socio
REG W1_PAGEPV: WAVE 1- weight by province socio last electoral choice
REG W2_PAGEPV: WAVE 2- weight by province socio last electoral choice
REG W3_PAGEPV: WAVE 3 - weight by province socio last electoral choice
REG W123_PAGEPV: WAVE 123- weight by province socio last electoral choice

QUESTIONNAIRE

(English translation)

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 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 showcard will be shown to you in order for you to visualize what is being asked. 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 write down 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. Of course, there is 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. Furthermore, 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 : ASK WHAT THE RESPONDENT'S REMARKS ARE 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 anything seems unclear to you during the interview, don't hesitate to mention it.

1. SCREENING

We start with a question to check if you are eligible for this survey.

*QUESTION 0

Do you have the right to vote at the Walloon/Flemish 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 with 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: High school, incomplete
- 4: Technical high school, incomplete
- 5: Vocational high school, incomplete
- 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: Laborer
- 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 steady 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 you have adopted?

|_|_| child(ren)

*QUESTION 13:

Question 13

Do you personally regard yourself as being...?

- 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 you belong most?

(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 feel you belong second most?

- 1: Europe
- 2: Belgium
- 3: French-speaking Community of Belgium
- 4: Flemish Region or Community
- 5: German-speaking 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

In our country, many people are members of associations. I will now read you a list of associations. Could you tell me, for each association, whether you are or have been a member, or not?

- *A youth group or movement
- *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/Church association
- *A district/local community committee, a consultative local council, or a school council, etc.
- *An association campaigning 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 member of the leadership, 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 member of the leadership
- 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 PARTY) FOR QUESTION 17

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

*QUESTION 19:

Question 19

Which political party or party's youth organisation are (or were) you a member of?

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

- 1: CD&V (formerly CVP)
- 2: Groen! (formerly Agalev)
- 3: N-VA
- 4: SP.A
- 5: SLP (formerly VlaamsProgressieven or Spirit)
- 6: Vlaams Belang

- 7: Open VLD
- 8: Lijst Dedecker
- 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 upcoming elections.

*QUESTION 20:

Question 20

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

Are you already certain for which party you are going to vote?

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

- 1: I am entirely certain
- 2: I have a slight preference for a certain party
- 3: I am still hesitating between two or more parties
- 4: I am completely undecided
- 9: Refusal to answer – no answer

*RANDOM (CODE 20 A 25)

*QUESTION 21:

Question 21

If the Flemish / Walloon regional elections were to be held today, and you therefore HAD to make a choice, which of the following parties would you vote for?

*Flanders

- 1: CD&V
- 2: Groen!
- 3: N-VA
- 4: SP.A
- 5: SLP (voorheen VlaamsProgressieven of Spirit)
- 6: Vlaams Belang
- 7: Open VLD
- 8: Lijst Dedecker
- 9: PvdA

*Wallonia:

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

- 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
- 98: Other party
- 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: ADD THE PARTY MENTIONED IN QUESTION 21 TO QUESTION 22
*QUESTION 22:

Question 22

You have indicated that you would vote for *PARTY for the Flemish / Walloon Parliament.
People often have various 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 MENTIONING « THE AUTHORITIES / THE GOVERNMENT »: ASK
“WHICH AUTHORITIES / GOVERNMENT ARE YOU REFERRING TO?”)

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

*FILTER: ONLY ASK QUESTION 23 IF CODE 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 21
*PROGR: ADD THE PARTY MENTIONED IN QUESTION 21 TO QUESTION 23
*QUESTION 23:

Question 23

You have declared that you would vote for *PARTY for the Flemish / Walloon Parliament.
Have you ever 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, MOVE TO QUESTION 26
*RANDOM (CODES 20 TO 25)
*QUESTION 24:

Question 24

During the last elections on Sunday June 10, 2007, you could vote for the federal Parliament.
Which party have you voted for in the Chamber of Representatives?

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

1: CD&V-N-VA

2: Groen!

4: SP.A-Spirit

6: Vlaams Belang

7: Open VLD

8: Lijst Dedecker

9: PvdA

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)

20: PS

21: MR (formerly PRL-FDF-MCC)

22: CDH (formerly PSC)

23: ECOLO

24: FN

25: PTB

98: Other party (INT.: SPECIFY)

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: ADD THE PARTY MENTIONED IN QUESTION 21 AND IN QUESTION 24

*QUESTION 25:

Question 25

Why would you currently 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 voting was not compulsory anymore in Belgium, would you always, often, sometimes or never go out to vote?

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

1: Never

2: Sometimes

3: Often

4: Always

99:

4. POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE

I will now ask you a few questions on political knowledge to see how close politics is to the people. If you don't know the answer to the question, just let me know and we will skip to the next question.

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 27:

Question 27

The federal parliament consists of...

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

1: The Chamber of Representatives and the Government

2: The Chamber of Representatives and the Senate

3: The Chamber of Representatives, the Senate and the Parliaments of federated entities

4: The Chamber of Representatives, the Senate and the Government

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 28:

The Chairman of the Chamber of Representatives is ...

(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: Railways
- 4: Education
- 99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 30:

Who is the vice-Premier 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.
(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)
(INT.: SHOW SHOWCARD A)

- 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. Using the following scale from 0 to 10,

where 0 means the left, 10 means the right, and 5 represents the centre, where would you place your own opinion?

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW SHOWCARD B)

0: Left

1:

2:

3:

4:

5: Centre

6:

7:

8:

9:

10: Right

99:

*QUESTION 34:

Question 34

Considering the Flemish / Walloon population at large, do you think the Flemish / 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 SHOWCARD 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 Flemish / 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 SHOWCARD 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 regarding the proper distribution of powers between the federal and regional levels of government.

Some people think that more powers should go to the regions and communities. Other people think that more powers should go to the federal state.

Where would place your opinion 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 SHOWCARD C)

0: All the competences to the Regions and Communities

1:

2:

3:

4:

5: It is good the way it is

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 pushed further. Others think that it has already gone too far. What do you think about this topic? Where would you place your opinion on a scale ranging from 0 to 10, where 0 means that, to your opinion, European integration has already gone too far, and 10 means that this integration should be pushed further. The value 5 means that you agree with the current situation.

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW SHOWCARD D)

0: The integration has already gone too far

1:

2:

3:

4:

5: It is good the way it is

6:

7:

8:

9:

10: The integration should be pushed further

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 38:

Question 38

To what extent do you agree with the following propositions?

"I consider myself 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 people"

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

"There is no point in voting; parties do what they want anyway"

"Before the elections parties make a lot of promises, but eventually little ever comes of them"

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

***PROPOSITION**

To which extent do you agree to this proposition?

(INT: READ ALL ANSWER CATEGORIES – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

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 domestic politics.

***QUESTION 39:**

Question 39

To what extent are you satisfied with the policies carried out by the Flemish / Walloon government for the past 5 years?

(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:

***RANDOM**

***QUESTION 40:**

Question 40

What do you think about the ideas of 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 ideas of *PARTY

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW SHOWCARD E)

0: Totally disagree

1:

2:

3:

4:

5:

6:

7:

8:
9:
10: Totally agree
99:

*RANDOM
*QUESTION 41:

Question 41

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 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 SHOWCARD 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 govern Flanders / 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.

*FLANDERS:
"Kris Peeters"
"Dirk Van Mechelen"
"Frank Vandenbroucke"
"Mieke Vogels"
"Filip Dewinter"
"Jean-Marie Dedecker"
"Geert Lambert"
"Bart De Wever"

*WALLONIA:
"Rudy Demotte"
"Serge Kubla"
"André Antoine"
"Bernard Wesphael"
"Daniel Féret"

To what extent do you think that *POLITICIAN is qualified to govern Flanders / Wallonia?
(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)
(INT.: SHOW SHOWCARD 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 indicate to what extent they have an influence on your daily life?

"Politics"
"Media"
"Firms"
"Social movements"

To what extent do / does *ITEM have an influence on your daily life?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

4: A lot of influence
3: Some 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"
"Flemish / Walloon government"
"Flemish / Walloon Parliament"
"Federal government"
"Federal Parliament"
"Social movements"
"Politicians"

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

0: Totally distrust
1:

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

*QUESTION 45:

Question 45

In general, 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 can never be 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 would try to take advantage of you if they have an opportunity to do so, or that they would try to be honest?

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW SHOWCARD I)

0: Most people would try to take advantage of me
1:
2:
3:
4:
5:
6:
7:
8:
9:
10: Most people would try to be honest
99:

7. POLITICAL ISSUES

Politics is often about specific issues and the views of the various political parties and politicians. We will now discuss YOUR vision on these current issues.

*QUESTION 47

Question 47

Could you, in your own words, tell me what you consider to be the MOST IMPORTANT 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 Flemings / Walloons also consider this to be the main problem
 - 2: Some Flemings / Walloons also consider this to be the main problem
 - 3: Very few Flemings / Walloons also consider this to be the main problem
- 99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 49:

Question 49

Could you tell me to what extent you agree with each of the following propositions on political issues?

'The postal services should be privatized'

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

'The State should play a lesser role in managing 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 in the local elections'

'Immigration contributes to the wealth of our country'

'A woman should have the right to abortion should she want to'

'Cannabis consumption should be strictly forbidden'

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

'School should foremost teach children discipline and effort'

'People who break the law should be given stiffer sentences'

'The death penalty should be restored'

To what extent do you agree with this proposition?

(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 the same

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 in the 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 the same
- 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 from voting"
- "To hire a home help evading social security contributions"
- "To use public transport without paying"
- "To receive an unemployment allocation while you work"
- "Tax evasion"
- "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 propositions regarding women's status in society and politics?

- "There is generally a real equality between women and men today"
- "The government should ensure that women and men have equal opportunities"
- "Affirmative action is a legitimate means to address the under-representation of women in politics, for example by establishing quotas"
- "Women's organisations are no longer necessary today"
- "When jobs are scarce, men have more right to 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 as much as women"

To what extent do you agree with this proposition?
(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 the elections were to be held today, on the basis of which issues would you make a choice between the different parties? I am going to read a list of political issues. Could you, for each issue, 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 these issues is 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

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

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

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 57:

Question 57

There are different views on what democracy is or should be. I am going to read some potential characteristics of a democracy. Could you, for each of them, tell me to what extent you think that they are important for democracy?

"That a majority does not override the concerns of any significant minority"
"That the same political party does not remain in power for a very long period of time"
"That the state manages to solve the problems of our society, even if its actions sometimes give rise to protests"
"That the representatives of the people have the last say in all decisions"
"That organised groups in society are consulted on policies when they are concerned"
"That the electoral system allows voters, and not party leaders, to decide on who will sit in the Parliament"
"That the most important political questions are put to the voters via referendums"
"That people have the opportunity to take part in the public decision-making process"

To what extent do you think that it is important for democracy... *ITEM?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

4: Very important
3: Rather important
2: Rather unimportant
1: Not important at all
99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 58:

Question 58

We often hear that the relation between politicians and citizens has deteriorated. I am going to read you a list of statements that are sometimes heard in this regard. 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 "buzzwords" and on conflicting matters"
"Too many citizens fail to see that their own interest is only one of many diverging interests in society"
"Most citizens have no clear policy preferences"
"Political parties are not offering really different policy alternatives to the people"
"Political parties make too many promises on which they cannot deliver"
"Most politicians are out of touch with people's concerns"
"Politicians determine their own position on political issues according to polls and campaign advisers"
"Politicians are more interested in the clash of persons than in the confrontation of 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

Over the past few years, different views on the deteriorating relationship between citizens and politicians have inspired several suggestions for reforms. For each of the following potential reform, could you indicate to what extent you think that they are desirable?

"To increase the number of referendums"

"To have the selection of candidates for the elections decided on the basis of primary elections in which all the members of the party can take part"

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

"To involve interest groups in society more often in the decision-making processes"

"To elect directly the Flemish / Walloon Prime minister"

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

(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 Flemish / Walloon population"

"The Flemish / Walloon politicians"

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

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

1: Very divided

2: Rather divided

3: Rather 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 individual problems"

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

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

"To lobby a minister to fund public works in his/her region"

To what extent do you find it 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 negotiated solutions"
- "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 has a good idea of what people want"
- "Someone who is honest/incorruptible"

To what extent do you find it important for a good representative that (s)he is *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 follow the political news"
- "To help people worse off than yourself"
- "To get involved in social movements"

To your view, is *ITEM important to be a good citizen?
(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)
(INT.: SHOW SHOWCARD 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 regarding politics and elections.

*RANDOM

***QUESTION 64:**

Question 64

For each of the following media, can you indicate how often you have 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?

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

6: Systematically every day of the week, that is six or seven days per week

5: Almost every day of the week, that is five days per week

4: Often, that is three or four days per week

3: Sometimes, that is one or two days per week

2: Rarely, that is 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)

*FLANDERS:

1: Het Nieuwsblad, de Gentenaar, het Volk

2: De Standaard

3: De Morgen

4: Gazet van Antwerpen

5: Belang van Limburg

6: De Tijd

7: Het Laatste Nieuws, De Nieuwe Gazet

*WALLONIA:

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

*BOTH:

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?

*FLANDERS:

1: één

2: Canvas

3: VTM

*WALLONIA:

5: RTBF

6: RTL-TVI

*BOTH:

4: Your local TV channel

98: Other (INT.: SPECIFY)

99:

*PROGR: INSERT THE NAME OF THE NEWSPAPER OF QUESTION I65 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, whether you find them trustworthy?

*FLANDERS:

"Het Journaal op één"

"Het Nieuws op VTM"

"De krant *KRANT "

"Information websites"

*WALLONIA:

"The RTBF TV news"

"The RTL-TVI TV news"

"The newspaper *NEWSPAPER"

"Information websites"

To what extent do you find *ITEM trustworthy?

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

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 and try to inform citizens in different ways. Could you tell me, for each of the following sources of communication, to what extent you have been in contact with 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 direct contact with a member or an activist from a political party"

How often have you *ITEM over the past month?

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

4: Often

3: Sometimes

2: Rarely

1: Never

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 69:

Question 69

People occasionally talk about politics. Could you indicate how often you have talked about politics with the following persons during the past month?

"Friends"

"Colleagues"

"Family"

During the past month, how often have you talked about politics with *ITEM?
(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 from deteriorating. Over the past twelve months, how often have you performed 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 political problems on web forums or in discussion groups on the web"

"Supported a good cause"

During the past twelve months, how often have you *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 effectiveness that you attribute to it, 1 meaning that you find it not effective at all, and 7 that you think it is very effective?

"Boycott products"

"Vote in elections"

"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 political problems on web forums or in discussion groups on the web"
"Support a good cause"

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

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

11. RECRUITMENT FOR THE NEXT WAVES

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

Knowing that many events will happen in Belgian politics in the months to come, this election 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 measure the possible 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 greatly help us tremendously to better understand politics and elections.

Two subsequent surveys are planned. Both are going to be performed by phone. Moreover, each of them should not take more than 15 minutes of your time, and are therefore much less intensive 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 in the three surveys, I will give 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

*PROGR: IF CODE 1 TO QUESTION 72

Allow me to thank you once again for participating in this electoral survey. You will be contacted by phone for participation to the second interview over the course of the following months.

*PROGR: IF CODE 2 TO QUESTION 72

Allow me to thank you once again for participating in this electoral survey.

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1. INTRODUCTION

*QUESTION 0.1:

Question 0.1

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

1: Yes

2: No (INT: MAKE APPOINTMENT)

*PROGR: ADD DATE FROM FTF-INTERVIEW FROM WAVE 1

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 about your opinion on politics and the next elections of June 7th.

On "DATE INTERVIEW", one of our interviewers visited you and you participated in 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 use of various media regarding 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 television news"

"Consulted a news website"

"Listened to the radio"

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

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

6: Systematically every day of the week, that is six or seven days per week

5: Almost every day of the week, that is five days per week

4: Often, that is three or four days per week

3: Sometimes, that is one or two days per week

2: Rarely, that is less than once a week

1: Never

99:

*RANDOM
*QUESTION 2

Question 2

Which party have you noticed the most in the media over the past month?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

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

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

2. ELECTORAL BEHAVIOUR AND POLITICAL ATTITUDES

*QUESTION 4

Question 4

The elections for the Walloon / Flemish Parliament will be held on the 7th of June.
Are you already certain for which party you are going to vote?
(INT.: READ ALL THE PROPOSALS – ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: I am entirely certain
- 2: I have a slight preference for a certain party
- 3: I am still hesitating between two or more parties
- 4: I am completely undecided
- 99: Refusal to answer – no answer

*RANDOM (CODES 1 TO 9 / 20 TO 25)
*QUESTION 5

Question 5

If the Flemish / Walloon regional elections were to be held today, and you therefore HAD to make a choice, which of the following parties would you vote for?

*Flanders
1: CD&V
2: Groen!
3: N-VA
4: SP.A
5: SLP (voorheen VlaamsProgressieven of Spirit)
6: Vlaams Belang
7: Open VLD
8: Lijst Dedecker
9: PvdA

*Wallonia:
20: PS
21: MR (formerly PRL-FDF-MCC)
22: CDH (formerly PSC)
23: ECOLO
24: FN
25: PTB
98: Other party

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
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 indicated that you would vote for *PARTY for the Flemish / Walloon Parliament.

People often have various 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 MENTIONING « THE AUTHORITIES / THE GOVERNMENT »: ASK “WHICH AUTHORITIES / GOVERNMENT ARE YOU REFERRING TO?”)

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

*FILTER: ASK QUESTION 7 IF CODE 1 TO 9 / 20 TO 25 FOR QUESTION 5 AND 1 TO 9 / 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 indicated that you would vote for *PARTY QUESTION 21 WAVE 1.

Is there any particular reason why 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 getting under way. What is your personal prediction about the fate awaiting each party participating in the elections for the Flemish / Walloon Parliament? Could you, for each party, tell me whether it will improve its result, or whether it will obtain a lower result in comparison to federal elections from 2007?

*Flanders:

"CD&V"

"Groen!"

"Lijst Dedecker"

"N-VA"

"Open VLD"

"SPA"

"Vlaams Belang"

*Wallonia:

"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: Decrease a lot

2: Decrease slightly

3: Neither increase, nor decrease

4: Increase slightly

5: Increase a lot

6:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 9

Question 9

In Belgium, a party has to obtain at least 5% of the votes in a 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 the electoral threshold or not?

*Flanders:

"Groen!"

"Lijst Dedecker"

"N-VA"

"SLP"

*Wallonia:

"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)

4: It will reach the electoral threshold

3: It will probably reach the electoral threshold

2: It will probably not reach the electoral threshold

1: It won't reach the electoral threshold

99:

*RANDOM
*QUESTION 10

Question 10

What do you think about the ideas of the Flemish / Walloon 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.

*Flanders:

"CD&V"
"Groen!"
"N-VA"
"SP.A"
"SLP"
"Vlaams Belang"
"Open VLD"
"Lijst Dedecker"
"PvdA"

*Wallonia:

"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 these people are qualified to govern Flanders / 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.

*FLANDERS:

"Kris Peeters"
"Dirk Van Mechelen"
"Frank Vandenbroucke"
"Mieke Vogels"
"Filip Dewinter"
"Jean-Marie Dedecker"
"Geert Lambert"
"Bart De Wever"

*WALLONIA:

“Rudy Demotte”
“Serge Kubla”
“André Antoine”
“Bernard Wesphael”
“Daniel Féret”

To what extent do you think that *POLITICIAN is qualified govern Flanders / Wallonia?
(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

0: Totally unqualified
1:
2:
3:
4:
5:
6:
7:
8:
9:
10: Totally qualified
99:

*RANDOM
*QUESTION 12

Question 12

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

Could you tell us which of the following parties are currently part of the FLEMISH / WALLOON government?

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

*Flanders:

1: CD&V
2: Groen!
3: N-VA
4: SP.A
5: SLP
6: Vlaams Belang
7: Open VLD
8: Lijst Dedecker
9: PvdA

*Wallonia:

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

*RANDOM
*QUESTION 13

Question 13

And for the BELGIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, could you tell us which of the following parties are currently part of that?

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

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
- 99:

*QUESTION 14

Question 14

Could you describe in your own words what you think is the most important problem the country has to face at this moment?

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

3. INFORMATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 15

Question 15

During the electoral campaign, political parties try to keep in touch with and inform voters. Could you tell me, for each of the following sources of communication, to what extent you have been in contact with it over 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 direct contact with a member or an activist of a political party"

How often have you *ITEM during the past month?

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

4: Often

3: Sometimes

2: Rarely

1: Never

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 16

Question 16

Which party have you noticed the most in the media over the past month?

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

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:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 17

Question 17

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

"Friends"

"Colleagues"

"Family"

"Members of an association of which you are a member"

"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 talk 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 election results"

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

4: Often

3: Sometimes

2: Rarely

1: Never

99:

5. VARIABLES LINKED TO THE VOTING BEHAVIOUR

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 19

Question 19

If the elections were to be held today, on the basis of which issues would you make a choice between the different parties? I am going to read a list of political issues. Could you, for each issue, tell me to what extent it is important in determining 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 in determining 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 20

Question 20

Which of these issues is the most important in determining 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 wanted to ask you at this time. I thank you a lot for your time and cooperation. We hope that we can also rely on your collaboration for the last phone interview of this survey. You will be contacted again during the last weeks of June, or during the first weeks of July.

Thanks again, and have a nice day.

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0. INTRODUCTION

*QUESTION 0.1:

Question 0.1

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

- 1: Yes
- 2: No (INT: MAKE APPOINTMENT)

*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 about your opinion on politics and the elections of June 7th.

A few months ago, one of our interviewers visited you, and you participated in the first part of the survey. On that occasion, you have accepted to collaborate to two phone surveys which follow this first contact.

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

1. FOLLOWING THE CAMPAIGN

*QUESTION 1

Question 1

To what extent have you followed the electoral campaign?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 1: Not at all
- 2: Not very intensively
- 3: Intensively
- 4: Very intensively
- 99:

3. USE OF MEDIA

*QUESTION 2

Question 2

If an article in the newspaper was devoted to the electoral campaign, have you read it...?
(INT.: READ ALL PROPOSALS - ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

- 5: Almost always
- 4: Often
- 3: Sometimes
- 2: Rarely or never

1: You don't read newspapers
99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 3

Question 3

The various TV channels aired several shows devoted to the elections during the weeks preceding the elections. Could you tell us if you watched the following shows?

*Flanders:

"Ter Zake 09, every weekday on Canvas"

"Het Groot Debat on Eén on Sunday one week before the Elections"

"Het Groot Slotdebat on VTM, the last Friday before the Elections"

"Electoral programs on your local TV channel"

*Wallonia:

"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 watched *ITEM...

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

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

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

1: not at all

99:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 4

Question 4

Which party have you noticed the most in the media during the last week before the elections?

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

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

97: No party in particular

98: Another party

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?

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

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

3. ELECTORAL BEHAVIOUR AND POLITICAL ATTITUDES

*RANDOM (CODES 20 TO 25)

*QUESTION 6

Question 6

On Sunday, June 7th, you have voted in the elections for the Flemish / Walloon Parliament.

Which of the following parties have you voted for?

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

*Flanders

- 1: CD&V
- 2: Groen!
- 3: N-VA
- 4: SP.A
- 5: SLP (voorheen VlaamsProgressieven of Spirit)
- 6: Vlaams Belang
- 7: Open VLD
- 8: Lijst Dedecker
- 9: PvdA
- 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
- 98: Other party
- 99:

*Wallonia:

- 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 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 indicated that you voted for *PARTY for the Flemish / Walloon Parliament.

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

Could you, in your own words, explain 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 MENTIONING « THE AUTHORITIES / THE GOVERNMENT »: ASK "WHICH AUTHORITIES / GOVERNMENT ARE YOU REFERRING TO?")

(INT.: IN CASE OF ANSWER MENTIONING 'PUBLIC POLICIES': ASK "WHICH PUBLIC POLICIES ARE YOU REFERRING 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 previous interview, you have indicated that you wanted to vote for *PARTY Q5 OF W2". 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 for the Flemish / Walloon Parliament, were you thinking...?

1: Only about policy from the past

2: More about policy from the past than about policy from the future

3: As much about policy from the past than about policy from the future

4: More about policy from the future than about policy from the past

5: Only about policy from the future

6:

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 10

Question 10

Now, I'm going to read a list of reasons which a person could have to vote for a party. If you think about your vote for the Flemish / Walloon Parliament, could you tell me for each of these reasons how important it was in determining your vote choice?

"The ideology, founding values of the party"

"The position of the party on specific issues"

"The party defends the interests of a group which I belong to"

"The party defends my interests best"

"Out of habit, I have always voted for this party"

"The party defends the interests of people from my setting"

"Because of one or several candidates on the list of the party"

"In my setting, 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"

"No reason, because we have to choose"

"Because it increases the party's chances to enter the government"

"Because I want this party to reach the electoral threshold"

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

5: Very important

4: Important

3: Neither important, nor unimportant

2: Not important

1: Not important at all

99:

*QUESTION 11

Question 11

In the elections for the Flemish / 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 list vote
- 2: Casted a vote for the candidate at the top of the list
- 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 had not 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 had not been on its list?

1: Yes

2: No

3:

*RANDOM

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

*QUESTION 17

Question 17

People often have various reasons to vote for a specific candidate. 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 politics"

"The candidate is member of a group I identify with"

"The candidate is a woman"

"The candidate has helped me deal with personal problems"

"The candidate belongs to a tendency in the party which I support"

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

5: Very important

4: Important

3: Neither important, nor unimportant

2: Not important

1: Not important at all

6:

*RANDOM (CODES 1-9 / 20-25)

*QUESTION 18

Question 18

On Sunday 7th of June, you also had to vote in the European election. Which of the following parties have you voted for?

*Flanders

1: CD&V

2: Groen!

3: N-VA

4: SP.A

5: SLP (voorheen VlaamsProgressieven of Spirit)

6: Vlaams Belang

7: Open VLD

8: Lijst Dedecker

9: PvdA

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

98: Other party

99:

*Wallonia:
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 indicated that you voted for *PARTY for the European Parliament.

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

Could you, in your own words, explain 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 MENTIONING « THE AUTHORITIES / THE GOVERNMENT »: ASK “WHICH AUTHORITIES / GOVERNMENT ARE YOU REFERRING TO?”)

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

4. TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 20

Question 20

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.

“Political parties”

“The Flemish / Walloon Parliament”

“The federal government”

“The federal Parliament”

“Politicians”

To what extent do you trust *ITEM?

(INT.: ONLY 1 ANSWER ALLOWED)

(INT.: SHOW SHOWCARD G)

0: Totally distrust

1:

2:

3:

4:

5:

6:

7:

8:

9:

10: Totally trust

99:

5. INFORMATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

*QUESTION 21

Question 21

Which parties' OWN communications have you noticed the most during the last weeks of the campaign?

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

- 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 talk 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"

How often have you discussed politics with *ITEM since the elections?

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

- 4: Often
- 3: Sometimes
- 2: Rarely
- 1: Never
- 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 to what extent you have talked about the following topics with people you know

since the elections?

'The positions of parties on specific issues

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

"Candidates of political parties"

"Consequences of the electoral results"

4: Often

3: Sometimes

2: Rarely

1: Never

99:

7. **ISSUES**

*QUESTION 24

Question 24

Could you, in your own words, tell me what you consider to be the MOST IMPORTANT problem that our country has to face at the moment?

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

*RANDOM

*QUESTION 25

Question 25

When people think about a particular issue, they often spontaneously think about a given party. Some parties are thus spontaneously associated to some issues. I am going to present you with several issues. Could you tell me which Flemish / French-speaking party first comes to 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 mind when I mention an issue, just say so and we'll 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)

*Flanders:

1: CD&V

2: Groen!

3: N-VA

4: SP.A

5: SLP

6: Vlaams Belang

7: Open VLD

8: Lijst Dedecker

9: PvdA

*Wallonia

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

Now a few questions on your contacts with politicians and expectations regarding your MPs ensue.

*QUESTION 26

Question 26

Over the five past years have you tried to contact a politician in order to talk about a specific personal problem?

1: Yes
2: No
3:

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

*QUESTION 27

Question 27

Has the intervention of this politician helped you solve 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 or she ran for?

1: Yes
2: No
3:

*QUESTION 29

Question 29

How do you think a representative should 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 should vote according to his/her own opinion
2: The representative should vote according to the position of his/her party
3:

*QUESTION 30

Question 30

How do you think a representative should 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 should vote according to his/her own opinion
2: The representative should vote according to the opinion of his/her voters
3:

*QUESTION 31

Question 31

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

1: The representative should vote according to the opinion of his/her voters

2: The representative should 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 your time and for your kind collaboration to our entire electoral survey.