

Version B

Instructional Questionnaire
UCSC-UVIC Collaborative Study

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This questionnaire is based on the suggestions of students enrolled in POLI 185 at the University of California-Santa Cruz. It was developed as part of a class exercise to learn more about research and about students of politics at the University of Victoria.

The questions were formulated after reviewing media reports of recent events. For the most part they are about general preferences and values, so there are no right or wrong answers. And your responses are to be anonymous, so do not include your name or other identifying information.

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Please circle the response which corresponds most closely to your view.

1. To what extent does the federal government act with all Canadians' best interest at heart?

1. Fully
2. Somewhat
3. Not at all

2. To what extent do you support the federal government's plans to spend more money on bridges and roads?

1. Fully
2. Somewhat
3. Not at all

3. How often do veterans of the Canadian Afghan Mission receive the recognition they deserve for their service?

1. Always
2. Mostly
3. Sometimes
4. Rarely
5. Never

4. To what extent do you favour the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)?

1. Fully
2. Somewhat
3. Not at all

5. Should Canada and the US have an open border system under which people are free to travel and establish residence wherever they choose?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

6. Do you favour the carbon-pricing system over California's cap and trade system?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

7. Should additional oil pipelines be built despite the risks of possible oil spills?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

8. How adequate are the recent government \$1.7 billion spill response and preparedness commitments?

1. Very adequate
2. Some what adequate
3. Not at all adequate

9. Given the risks of genetically modified foods exposing humans and animals to new diseases, should the Canadian government permit their manufacture?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

10. Should gay and lesbian couples be allowed to adopt children in Canada?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

11. In general, do you believe it is ethically acceptable for a woman to have an abortion in the final weeks of a pregnancy?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

12. Should UVic increase admissions irrespective of available student housing?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

13. Do you favour an increase in university tuition to ensure that students who suffer from mental illness receive the support they need on campus?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

14. Canada's health care system is often unfavourably compared with that in the US with its significantly shorter average wait times for treatment.

On a scale from 1-10, how would you rate the Canadian health care system?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

15. Do you think the immigration to Canada of Syrian Refugees will be beneficial or detrimental to Canada?

1. Beneficial
2. Detrimental
3. Not sure

16. Generally speaking do you think Canada is accepting too many, too few or the right amount of immigrants?

1. Too
2. Too few
3. Right amount

17. Do you agree with Prime Minister Trudeau that Canada should accept more refugees from Syria?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

18. Given the importance of respecting the outcome of a majority vote, do you think the American people should peacefully accept the outcome of the recent US presidential election?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

Now some questions about the next BC provincial election.

19. What would you say likely will be the number one issue in the May 2017 in the provincial election?

1. The Environment
2. Health care
3. Government accountability
4. Housing, poverty and homelessness
5. The economy and jobs
6. Transit

20. So far as you know, how likely is it that you will vote in the provincial election?

1. I will definitely vote
2. It's very likely that I will vote
3. It's somewhat likely that I will vote
4. It's not very likely that I will vote
5. I will definitely NOT vote

21. For which party do you think you are most likely to vote in the next provincial election?

1. Liberal Party
2. New Democratic Party
3. Green
4. Other
5. None of the above

22. Which party would be your second choice?

1. Liberal Party
2. New Democratic Party
3. Green
4. Other
5. None of the above

23. When you decide whether something is right or wrong, to what extent are the following considerations relevant to your thinking? Please rate each statement using this scale:

0 = not at all relevant (This consideration has nothing to do with my judgments of right and wrong)

5 = extremely relevant (This is one of the most important factors when I judge right and wrong)

4 = very relevant

3 = somewhat relevant

2 = slightly relevant

1 = not very relevant

_____ Whether or not someone suffered emotionally

_____ Whether or not some people were treated differently than others

_____ Whether or not someone's action showed love for his or her country

_____ Whether or not someone showed a lack of respect for authority

_____ Whether or not someone violated standards of purity and decency

_____ Whether or not someone cared for someone weak or vulnerable

_____ Whether or not someone acted unfairly

_____ Whether or not someone did something to betray his or her group

_____ Whether or not someone conformed to the traditions of society

_____ Whether or not someone did something disgusting

24. Please read the following sentences and indicate your agreement or disagreement:

0	1	2	3	4	5
Strongly disagree	Moderately disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree

_____ Compassion for those who are suffering is the most crucial virtue.

_____ When the government makes laws, the number one principle should be ensuring that everyone is treated fairly.

_____ I am proud of my country's history.

_____ Respect for authority is something all children need to learn.

_____ People should not do things that are disgusting, even if no one is harmed.

_____ One of the worst things a person could do is hurt a defenseless animal.

_____ Justice is the most important requirement for a society.

_____ People should be loyal to their family members, even when they have done something wrong.

_____ Men and women each have different roles to play in society.

_____ I would call some acts wrong on the grounds that they are unnatural.

Lastly, a few questions for statistical purposes.

25. In what year were you born?

26. Where were you born?

27. With which gender do you identify?

1. Female
2. Male
3. Other

28. Do you consider yourself a religious person?

1. Yes
2. Somewhat
3. No

29. Where would you place yourself on an ideological spectrum running from very liberal to very conservative?

1. very liberal
2. liberal
3. slightly liberal
4. moderate
5. slightly conservative
6. conservative
7. very conservative

30. With which federal political party do you identify?

1. Liberal
2. Conservative
3. New Democratic
4. Green

31. In which year of university are you?

1. First
2. Second
3. Third
4. Fourth
5. Fifth or beyond

32. As well as being a student, are you also employed?

1. Yes, full time
2. Yes, part time
3. No

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