Supplementary material

Stability of ideology measure

English version:

“Please indicate how much you agree with the following statements about your political opinions.” (7-point Likert scale, 1 = strongly disagree, 7 = strongly agree)

My opinions about political issues have changed in the last few years.

My political opinions always stayed the same. (R)

I feel that nothing can change the political opinions that I currently hold. (R)

Certain events sometimes make my political opinion change.

I have not always had the same opinions about politics.

I am often unsure about my political orientation.

German version:

"Bitte geben Sie an, wie sehr Sie den folgenden Aussagen über Ihre politischen Ansichten zustimmen."

1) Meine Meinungen zu politischen Themen haben sich in den letzten Jahren verändert.

2) Meine politischen Ansichten sind immer gleich geblieben. (R)

3) Ich glaube, dass nichts die politischen Meinungen, die ich derzeit habe, ändern kann. (R)

4) Bestimmte Ereignisse verändern manchmal meine politische Meinung.

5) Ich hatte nicht immer die gleichen Ansichten über Politik.

6) Ich bin oft unsicher bezüglich meiner politischen Orientierung.
Political orientation measures

1) “Please indicate where you are on the political spectrum using the left-right continuum below.”

2) “On the political continuum from progressive (in the sense of propagating social change) to conservative (in the sense of propagating tradition) where do you see yourself?”

3) “On the following issues/dimensions, how politically left-or right do you think you are?”

Economic
- The political left is more socialist and usually emphasizes income equality, higher tax rates on the wealthy, government spending on social programs and infrastructure, and stronger regulations on business.
- The political right is more capitalist and usually emphasizes lower taxes and less regulation on businesses, reduced government spending, and thereby more economic freedom

Social
- The political left values supporting those who cannot support themselves, and believe in equality
- The political right values tradition, self-reliance, and believe in personal responsibility

Safety
- The political left leans towards seeking to combat crime by reducing poverty and inequality, and trying to improve life circumstances for those who are less well off.
- The political right leans towards seeking to combat crime by increasing police surveillance, and more severe punishments.