

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.