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Who should complete the questionnaire?

The person who was send the letter/questionnaire. The name of this person is printed on the envelope. For the quality of the research it is important that you answer all questions.

YOUR BACKGROUND

A1. Are you a man or a woman?
   (tick one box only)
   Man ☐ (1)  Woman ☐ (2)

A2. What is your month and year of birth?
   MONTH   YEAR

A3. Do you currently have a spouse or partner and, if yes, do you share the same household?
   (tick one box only)
   Yes, I have a partner and we share the same household ☐ (1)
   Yes, I have a partner but we do not share the same household ☐ (2)
   No, I do not have a spouse or partner ☐ (3)

A4. What is your current legal marital status?
   (tick one box only)
   Married ☐ (1)
   In a civil partnership ☐ (2)
   Separated ☐ (3)
   Legally divorced ☐ (4)
   Widowed ☐ (5)
   I have never been married or been in a civil partnership ☐ (6)

A5. In which country were you and your spouse or partner (if applicable) born, and in which country were your parents born?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>YOU</th>
<th>YOUR PARTNER</th>
<th>YOUR FATHER</th>
<th>YOUR MOTHER</th>
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<tr>
<td>Belgium</td>
<td>☐ (1)</td>
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<td>France</td>
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<td>Morocco</td>
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<td>The Netherlands</td>
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<td>Turkey</td>
<td>☐ (6)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Somewhere else</td>
<td>(specify)</td>
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☐ no partner (99)
A6. Different population groups can be distinguished in our country. Choose one or two groups which you count yourself among.

Belgians ○ (1)
Flemings ○ (2)
Walloons ○ (3)
Brussels residents ○ (4)

Other group(s) which you count yourself among (specify): ...................................

A7. What is the highest level of education you have attained? And your partner?

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<th>YOUR PARTNER</th>
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<tr>
<td>None</td>
<td>○ (1)</td>
<td>○ (1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Primary education</td>
<td>○ (2)</td>
<td>○ (2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>First grade of secondary education</td>
<td>○ (3)</td>
<td>○ (3)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lower general secondary education</td>
<td>○ (4)</td>
<td>○ (4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lower technical or art secondary education (A3)</td>
<td>○ (5)</td>
<td>○ (5)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lower secondary vocational education</td>
<td>○ (6)</td>
<td>○ (6)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Special secondary education</td>
<td>○ (7)</td>
<td>○ (7)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Higher general secondary education</td>
<td>○ (8)</td>
<td>○ (8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Higher technical or art secondary education (A2)</td>
<td>○ (9)</td>
<td>○ (9)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Higher vocational secondary education</td>
<td>○ (10)</td>
<td>○ (10)</td>
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<tr>
<td>7th year of vocational secondary education</td>
<td>○ (11)</td>
<td>○ (11)</td>
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<tr>
<td>7th year of general/technical/art secondary education (secondary-after-secondary)</td>
<td>○ (12)</td>
<td>○ (12)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Higher vocational education</td>
<td>○ (13)</td>
<td>○ (13)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Short type higher education / 1 cycle (A1, …) or professional bachelor</td>
<td>○ (14)</td>
<td>○ (14)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Academic bachelor at a university college or university</td>
<td>○ (15)</td>
<td>○ (15)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long type higher education / 2 cycles</td>
<td>○ (16)</td>
<td>○ (16)</td>
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<tr>
<td>University education (master, engineer, doctor, …)</td>
<td>○ (17)</td>
<td>○ (17)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other or in doubt, specify:</td>
<td>................................</td>
<td>..........................</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not applicable: no partner</td>
<td>○ (99)</td>
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</table>

A8a. How many years of primary education did you attend (nursery school and repeat years not included)?

(If you never went to school, enter 0)

______ years of primary education

A8b. How many years of secondary education did you attend (repeat years not included)?

(If you never attended secondary education, enter 0)

______ years of secondary education
A8c. How many years of short or long type higher education or university education did you attend (repeat years not included)?
(If you never attended higher education, enter 0)

[ ] years of higher education

A9. Which of the following options best describes your current situation? And your partner’s?

<table>
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<th>YOUR PARTNER</th>
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<tr>
<td>In paid work (employee, self-employed, working for the family business)</td>
<td>(1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retired</td>
<td>(2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Housewife/house husband</td>
<td>(3)</td>
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<tr>
<td>On sick leave</td>
<td>(4)</td>
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<td>On maternity/paternity leave</td>
<td>(5)</td>
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<td>On unpaid leave</td>
<td>(6)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Full-time career break / parental leave</td>
<td>(7)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Incapacitated to work</td>
<td>(8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unemployed with benefit</td>
<td>(9)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Looking for a first job</td>
<td>(10)</td>
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<td>Full-time student</td>
<td>(11)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Apprentice</td>
<td>(12)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other, specify:</td>
<td>........................</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not applicable: no partner</td>
<td>(99)</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

A10. INCLUDING YOURSELF, your partner (if you have one), your children (if any) and others (if any), how many people currently live in your household?
(Enter the number for each age group)

- Adults aged 18 or older: 
- Children aged 6 to 17: 
- Children aged up to and including 5: 
- Total number of members in your household:
ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

B1. In general, would you say that people should obey the law without exception, or are there exceptional occasions on which people should follow their consciences even if it means breaking the law? (tick one box only)

Obey the law without exception (1)

OR

Follow conscience on occasions (2)

Can't choose (8)

B2. There are many ways people or organisations can protest against a government action they strongly oppose. Please show which you think should be allowed and which should not be allowed by ticking a box on each line. (tick one box on each line)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Should it be allowed?</th>
<th>definitely</th>
<th>probably</th>
<th>probably not</th>
<th>definitely not</th>
<th>can't choose</th>
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<tr>
<td>a. Organising public meetings to protest against the government</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>b. Organising protest marches and demonstrations</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
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B3. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider people who want to overthrow the government by revolution. Do you think such people should be allowed to ...

(tick one box on each line)

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<th></th>
<th>definitely</th>
<th>probably</th>
<th>probably not</th>
<th>definitely not</th>
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<tr>
<td>a. ... hold public meetings to express their views?</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
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<td>b. ... publish books expressing their views?</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
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B4. All systems of justice make mistakes, but which do you think is worse ...

(tick one box only)

... to convict an innocent person (1)

OR

... to let a guilty person go free (2)

can't choose (8)
B5. Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Please show which actions you are in favour of and which you are against.  
*(tick one box on each line)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action</th>
<th>strongly in favour of</th>
<th>in favour of</th>
<th>neither in favour of nor against</th>
<th>strongly against</th>
<th>can't choose</th>
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<tr>
<td>a. Cuts in government spending</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (4)</td>
<td>0 (5)</td>
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<td>b. Government financing of projects to create new jobs</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (4)</td>
<td>0 (5)</td>
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<td>c. Less government regulation of business</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
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<td>d. Support for industry to develop new products and technology</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (4)</td>
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<td>e. Support for declining industries to protect jobs</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
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<td>f. Reducing the working week to create more jobs</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
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B6. Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please show whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say "much more", it might require a tax increase to pay for it.  
*(tick one box on each line)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>spend much more</th>
<th>spend more</th>
<th>spend the same as now</th>
<th>spend less</th>
<th>spend much less</th>
<th>can't choose</th>
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<tr>
<td>a. The environment</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (4)</td>
<td>0 (5)</td>
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<td>b. Health</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (4)</td>
<td>0 (5)</td>
<td>0 (8)</td>
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<td>c. The police and law enforcement</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (4)</td>
<td>0 (5)</td>
<td>0 (8)</td>
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<td>d. Education</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (4)</td>
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<td>0 (8)</td>
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<td>e. The military and defence</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (4)</td>
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<td>f. Old age pensions</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (4)</td>
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<td>g. Unemployment benefits</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (4)</td>
<td>0 (5)</td>
<td>0 (8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>h. Culture and the arts</td>
<td>0 (1)</td>
<td>0 (2)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0 (4)</td>
<td>0 (5)</td>
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B7. On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to ...
(tick one box on each line)

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<th></th>
<th>definitely should be</th>
<th>probably should be</th>
<th>probably should not be</th>
<th>definitely should not be</th>
<th>can't choose</th>
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<tr>
<td>a. ... provide a job for everyone who wants one</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
<td>O (8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>b. ... keep prices under control</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
<td>O (8)</td>
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<td>c. ... provide health care for the sick</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
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<td>d. ... provide a decent standard of living for the old</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
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<td>O (8)</td>
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<td>e. ... provide industry with the help it needs to grow</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
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<td>O (8)</td>
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<td>f. ... provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
<td>O (8)</td>
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<td>g. ... reduce income differences between the rich and the poor</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>h. ... give financial help to university students from low-income families</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
<td>O (8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>i. ... provide decent housing for those who can't afford it</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
<td>O (8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>j. ... impose strict laws to make industry do less damage to the environment</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
<td>O (8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>k. ... promote equality between men and women</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
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B8. People have different opinions on who should provide services in Belgium. Who do you think should primarily provide:
(tick one box on each line)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>government</th>
<th>private companies/for-profit organisations</th>
<th>non-profit organisations/charities/cooperatives</th>
<th>religious organisations</th>
<th>family, relatives or friends</th>
<th>can't choose</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>a. Health care for the sick?</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
<td>O (5)</td>
<td>O (8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>b. Care for older people?</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
<td>O (5)</td>
<td>O (8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>c. School education for children?</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
<td>O (4)</td>
<td>O (5)</td>
<td>O (8)</td>
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B9. Here is a list of people and organisations that can influence government actions.
Please read through the list and tick one box corresponding to the one you think have the most and the second most influence on the actions of the government in Belgium?

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<th></th>
<th>most influence</th>
<th>second most influence</th>
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<tr>
<td>a. The media</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>(1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>b. Trade unions</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td>(2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c. Business, banks and industry</td>
<td>(3)</td>
<td>(3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>d. Religious organisations/authorities</td>
<td>(4)</td>
<td>(4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>e. The military/army</td>
<td>(5)</td>
<td>(5)</td>
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<tr>
<td>f. Organised crime</td>
<td>(6)</td>
<td>(6)</td>
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<tr>
<td>g. People who vote for the party/the parties in government</td>
<td>(7)</td>
<td>(7)</td>
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<tr>
<td>h. Citizens in general</td>
<td>(8)</td>
<td>(8)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>i. Civic and voluntary organisations (e.g. United Nations, International Monetary Fund)</td>
<td>(9)</td>
<td>(9)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>j. International organisations (e.g. United Nations, International Monetary Fund)</td>
<td>(10)</td>
<td>(10)</td>
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<tr>
<td>k. Can't choose</td>
<td>(88)</td>
<td>(88)</td>
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B10. Here are two opinions about what affects policies in Belgium. Which of them comes closest to your view? (tick one box only)

- Policies in Belgium depend more on what is happening in the world economy, rather than who is in government
- Policies in Belgium depend more on who is in government, rather than what is happening in the world economy
- Can't choose

B11. Do you think that the Belgian government should or should not have the right to do the following: (tick one box only)

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<th></th>
<th>definitely should have right</th>
<th>probably should have right</th>
<th>probably should not have right</th>
<th>definitely should not have right</th>
<th>can't choose</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>a. ... keep people under video surveillance in public areas?</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td>(3)</td>
<td>(4)</td>
<td>(8)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b. ... monitor e-mails and any other information exchanged on the Internet?</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td>(3)</td>
<td>(4)</td>
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B12. Here is a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 is “all government information should be publicly available, even if this meant a risk to public security” and 10 is “public security should be given priority, even if this meant limiting access to government information”. Where would you place yourself on such a scale? (tick one box only)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>All government information should be publicly available, even if this meant a risk to public security</th>
<th>Public security should be given priority, even if this meant limiting access to government information</th>
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<td>(0)</td>
<td>(1)</td>
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B13. Some people think that governments should have the right to take certain measures in the name of national security. Others disagree. Do you think that the Belgian government should or should not have the right to do the following: (tick one box on each line)

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<tr>
<td>a. ... collect information about anyone living in Belgium without their knowledge</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(8)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b. ... collect information about anyone living in other countries without their knowledge</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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B14. Suppose the government suspected that a terrorist act was about to happen. Do you think the authorities should have the right to... (tick one box on each line)

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<th>definitely should have right</th>
<th>probably should have right</th>
<th>probably should not have right</th>
<th>definitely should not have right</th>
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<td>a. ... detain people for as long as they want without putting them on trial?</td>
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<td>b. ... tap people’s telephone conversations?</td>
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<td>c. ... stop and search people in the street at random?</td>
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Now some more questions about politics.

B15. How interested would you say you personally are in politics? (tick one box only)

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<th>Very interested</th>
<th>Fairly interested</th>
<th>Somewhat interested</th>
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<th>Not at all interested</th>
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B16. Please tick one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.
*(tick one box only)*

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<th>strongly agree</th>
<th>agree</th>
<th>neither agree nor disagree</th>
<th>disagree</th>
<th>strongly disagree</th>
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<tr>
<td>People like me don’t have any say about what the government does.</td>
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<td>I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country.</td>
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<td>People we elect as members of parliament try to keep the promises they have made during the election.</td>
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<td>Most civil servants can be trusted to do what is best for the country.</td>
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<td>O (2)</td>
<td>O (3)</td>
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B17. Generally, how would you describe taxes in Belgium today?
We mean all taxes together, including wage deductions, income tax, taxes on goods and services and all the rest.

a. First, for those with high incomes, taxes are ...
*(tick one box only)*

- much too high O (1)
- too high O (2)
- about right O (3)
- too low O (4)
- much too low O (5)
- Can’t choose O (8)

b. Next, for those with middle incomes, taxes are ...
*(tick one box only)*

- much too high O (1)
- too high O (2)
- about right O (3)
- too low O (4)
- much too low O (5)
- Can’t choose O (8)

c. Lastly, for those with low incomes, taxes are ...
*(tick one box only)*

- much too high O (1)
- too high O (2)
- about right O (3)
- too low O (4)
- much too low O (5)
- Can’t choose O (8)
B18. In general, how often do you think that the **tax authorities** in Belgium do the following…
(tick one box on each line)

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<td>a. ... make sure people pay their taxes</td>
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<td>O (2)</td>
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<td>O (8)</td>
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<td>b. ... treat everyone in accordance with the law, regardless of their contacts or position in society?</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
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B19. In general, how often do you think that **major private companies** in Belgium do the following…
(tick one box on each line)

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<td>a. ... comply with laws and regulations?</td>
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<td>O (2)</td>
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<td>b. ... try to avoid paying their taxes?</td>
<td>O (1)</td>
<td>O (2)</td>
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B20. In your opinion, about how many politicians in Belgium are involved in corruption?
(tick one box only)

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<th>Some</th>
<th>Quite a lot</th>
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B21. And in your opinion, about how many public officials in Belgium are involved in corruption?
(tick one box only)

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B22. In the last five years, how often have you or a member of your immediate family come across a public official who hinted they wanted, or asked for, a bribe or favour in return for a service?
(tick one box only)

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<th>Seldom</th>
<th>Occasionally</th>
<th>Quite often</th>
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YOUR CURRENT OR LAST OCCUPATION

C1. Which situation applies to you?
(tick one box only)
I am currently in paid work or I am working unpaid in a family business ○ (1)
I am currently not in paid work, but I previously had paid work ○ (2)
I have never had paid work ○ (3)

if you answered 'I have never had paid work', proceed to C10

C2. If you are currently in paid work or previously had paid work, which labour situation corresponds/corresponded with your main job?
(tick one box only)
Employee in paid employment ○ (1)
Self-employed without employees ○ (2)
Self-employed with employees ○ (3)
Helper, working in family business (no employment contract) ○ (4)

C3. If you are/were self-employed, how many employees do/did you employ, yourself not included?
(enter the number below)

employees

C4. If you work/worked, do/did you manage others?
(tick one box only)
Yes ○ (1)
No ○ (2)

C5. If you answered 'Yes' to question C4, how many people do/did you manage?
(enter the number below)

people

C6. Do/did you work for a for-profit organisation or a non-profit organisation?
The purpose of a for-profit organisation is to make profit, which is not the case for a non-profit organisation.
(tick one box only)
For-profit organisation ○ (1)
Non-profit organisation ○ (2)
Don't know ○ (8)

C7. Do/did you work in the public or private sector?
(tick one box only)
Public sector ○ (1)
Private sector ○ (2)
Don't know ○ (8)
C8a. What is the name of your current main job (or of your last job if you currently do not work)?
(specify as detailed as possible)

C8b. What kind of work do you do in your main job (or did you do in your last job)?
(specify as detailed as possible the kind of work you do/did)

C9. How many hours do you generally work per week in your current job (including overtime)?
(enter the number below)

C10. Which situation applies to your spouse or partner?
(tick one box only)

He/she is currently in paid work or he/she works unpaid in family business
He/she currently does not have paid work but previously had paid work
He/she has never had paid work
Not applicable: no partner

If you answered 'he/she has never had paid work' or 'not applicable: no partner', proceed to question C15

C11. If your spouse or partner currently has paid work (or previously had paid work), which labour situation corresponds (corresponded) with his/her main job?
(tick one box only)

Employee in paid employment
Self-employed without employees
Self-employed with employees
Helper, working in a family business (no employment contract)

C12. If your spouse or partner works/worked, does/did he/she manage others in his/her job?
(tick one box only)

Yes
No
Don't know

IF YOU HAVE A SPOUSE OR PARTNER, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SPOUSE OR PARTNER, PROCEED TO QUESTION C15.
C13a. What is the name of the current main job of your spouse/partner (or the last job if he/she no longer works)?
(Specify as detailed as possible)

C13b. What kind of work does your spouse/partner do in his/her current main job (or last job)?
(Specify as detailed as possible the kind of work he/she does/did)

C14. How many hours does your spouse/partner generally work per week in his/her current job (including overtime)?
(enter number below)

C15. There are groups which are at the very top and groups which are at the very bottom of our society. Where would you put yourself on this scale?
(tick one box only)

Top
○ (10)
○ (9)
○ (8)
○ (7)
○ (6)
○ (5)
○ (4)
○ (3)
○ (2)
○ (1)

Bottom
○ (0)

C16. What is the average net monthly income of yourself and of your household?
By net monthly household income we mean the total earnings of all household members together, after tax deduction; everything included, such as salaries, professional income, dinner vouchers, child benefit, retirement pay, replacement benefits (accident, illness, unemployment), income from capital or real estate, etc. .
(tick one box only for yourself and one for all your household members together)

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<th>approximately per month</th>
<th>your own income</th>
<th>household income</th>
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<td>€ 750 up to € 1000</td>
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C17. Which belief system do you belong to?
(tick one box only)

- Agnostic/atheist
- Latitudinarian
- Protestant
- Christian but not catholic
- Catholic
- Islamic
- Jewish
- None

Other, specify: ______________________________

C18. Not including weddings, funerals and baptisms, how often do you attend ecclesiastical or religious services?
(tick one box only)

- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Two or three times a month
- Once a month
- Several times a year
- Once a year
- Less frequently than once a year
- Never

C19. Are you currently or have you ever been a member of a trade union?
(tick one box only)

- Yes, I am currently a member of a trade union
- I previously was a member of a trade union, but not currently
- I have never been a member of a trade union

C20. Which political party did you vote for in the last federal (national) elections of Sunday 25 May 2014?
(tick one box only)

- MR
- Groen
- Vlaams Belang
- ProDG
- Vivant
- FDF
- Open Vld
- Lijst Dedecker
- Ecolo
- PS
- UF
- sp.a
- N-VA
- cdH
- CD&V
- Parti Populaire
- PVDA+
- PTB-GO

Another party, specify: ______________________________

- Blank/invalid
- I was not obliged to vote then
- I did not vote
- I did not have the right to vote
C21. Finally, how would you best describe the type of community you live in?
(tick one box only)

A big city (1)
The suburbs or outskirts of a big city (2)
A medium-sized city or small town (3)
A country village (4)
A farm or home in the countryside (5)

C22. Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire.

If you have any comments, please write them below.

Please return the completed questionnaire in the enclosed envelope (a postage stamp is not necessary).

Legal provisions:
The answers will be statistically processed for purposes of research under the International Social Survey Programme. The identification number on the questionnaire is only required to be able to verify who has returned a completed questionnaire. Naturally, your replies will be processed completely anonymously. The anonymised data will be used by researchers of the international ISSP network and the GESIS data archives. In accordance with the law on the protection of privacy you shall have the right to access and correct any data relating to you. If you wish to invoke this right and would like to receive information about your data, please contact Statistiek Vlaanderen or the Commission for the Protection of Privacy. You can, on legitimate grounds, also object to the processing of your personal data.
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Thank you for agreeing to participate. All of your answers are private and confidential.

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YOUR BACKGROUND

* 1.A1. Are you a man or a woman?
   ○ Man
   ○ Woman

* 2.A2.1 What is your month of birth?
   ○ January
   ○ February
   ○ March
   ○ April
   ○ May
   ○ June
   ○ July
   ○ August
   ○ September
   ○ October
   ○ November
   ○ December

* 3.A2.2 What is your year of birth?
   ○ 1999
   ○ 1998
   ○ 1997
   ○ 1996
   ○ 1995
   ○ 1994
   ○ 1993
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   ○ 1958
   ○ 1957
   ○ 1956
   ○ 1955
4. A3. Do you currently have a spouse or partner and, if yes, do you share the same household?

- Yes, I have a partner and we share the same household
- Yes, I have a partner but we do not share the same household
- No, I do not have a spouse or partner

5. A4. What is your current legal marital status?

- Married
- Separated
- Widowed
- In a civil partnership
- Legally divorced
- I have never been married or been in a civil partnership

6. A5a. In which country were you born?

- Belgium
- Italy
- The Netherlands
- Somewhere else, specify
- France
- Morocco
- Turkey

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4. A3. Do you currently have a spouse or partner and, if yes, do you share the same household? is gelijk aan No, I do not have a spouse or partner
7. A5b. In which country was your spouse or partner born?
   - Belgium
   - Italy
   - The Netherlands
   - Somewhere else, specify

8. A5c. In which country was your father born?
   - Belgium
   - Italy
   - The Netherlands
   - Somewhere else, specify

9. A5d. In which country was your mother born?
   - Belgium
   - Italy
   - The Netherlands
   - Somewhere else, specify

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10. A6. Different population groups can be distinguished in our country. Choose one or two groups which you count yourself among.
   - Belgians
   - Flemings
   - Walloons
   - Brussels residents
   - Other group(s) which you count yourself among (specify)

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* 11A7a. What is the highest level of education you have attained?
   - None
   - First grade of secondary education
   - Lower grade of secondary education (A3)
   - Special secondary education
   - Higher technical or art secondary education (A2)
   - 7th year of vocational secondary education
   - Primary education (mainstream or special)
   - Lower general secondary education
   - Lower secondary vocational education
   - Higher general secondary education
   - Higher vocational secondary education
   - 7th year of general/technical/art secondary education (secondary-after-secondary)
Do you currently have a spouse or partner and, if yes, do you share the same household?

- No, I do not have a spouse or partner

What is the highest level of education your partner has attained?

- None
- Primary education (mainstream or special)
- First grade of secondary education
- Lower general secondary education
- Lower technical or art secondary education (A3)
- Lower secondary vocational education
- Special secondary education
- Higher general secondary education
- Higher technical or art secondary education (A2)
- Higher vocational secondary education
- 7th year of vocational secondary education
- 7th year of general/technical/art secondary education (secondary-after-secondary)
- Higher vocational education
- Short type higher education / 1 cycle (A1, …) or professional bachelor
- Academic bachelor at a university college or university
- Long type higher education / 2 cycles
- University education (master, engineer, doctor, …)
- Other or in doubt, specify

How many years of primary education did you attend (nursery school and repeat years not included)?

If you never went to school, enter 0.

How many years of secondary education did you attend (repeat years not included)?

If you never attended secondary education, enter 0.

How many years of short or long type higher education or university education did you attend (repeat years not included)?

If you never attended higher education, enter 0.
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*16. A3. Which of the following options best describes your current situation?

- In paid work (employee, self-employed, working for the family business)
- Housewife/house husband
- On maternity/paternity leave
- Full-time career break / parental leave
- Unemployed with benefit
- Full-time student
- Other, specify:

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17. A9b. Which of the following options best describes the current situation of your partner?

- In paid work (employee, self-employed, working for the family business)
- Housewife/house husband
- On maternity/paternity leave
- Full-time career break / parental leave
- Unemployed with benefit
- Full-time student
- Other, specify:

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*18. A10. INCLUDING YOURSELF, your partner (if you have one), your children (if any) and others (if any), how many people currently live in your household?

**Total number of members in your household:**

*19. Enter the number for each age group.

**Adults aged 18 or older:**

*20. Children aged 6 to 17:**

*21. Children aged up to and including 5:**
22. B1. In general, would you say that people should obey the law without exception, or are there exceptional occasions on which people should follow their consciences even if it means breaking the law?

- Obey the law without exception
- Follow conscience on occasions
- Can't choose

23. B2. There are many ways people or organisations can protest against a government action they strongly oppose. Please show which you think should be allowed and which should not be allowed by ticking a box on each line.

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<td>b. Organising protest marches and demonstrations</td>
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24. B3. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider people who want to overthrow the government by revolution. Do you think such people should be allowed to...

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<td>a. ... hold public meetings to express their views?</td>
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<td>b. ... publish books expressing their views?</td>
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25. B4. All systems of justice make mistakes, but which do you think is worse...

- ... to convict an innocent person?
- ... to let a guilty person go free?
- can't choose

26. B5. Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Please show which actions you are in favour of and which you are against.

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<th>Action</th>
<th>strongly in favour of</th>
<th>in favour of</th>
<th>neither in favour of nor against</th>
<th>against strongly</th>
<th>against</th>
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27. B6. Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please show whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say "much more", it might require a tax increase to pay for it.

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<td>e. The military and defence</td>
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28. B7. On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to ...

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<th>Responsibility</th>
<th>definitely should be</th>
<th>probably should be</th>
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<td>a. ... provide a job for everyone who wants one</td>
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<td>b. ... keep prices under control</td>
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<td>c. ... provide health care for the sick</td>
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<td>d. ... provide a decent standard of living for the old</td>
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<td>e. ... provide industry with the help it needs to grow</td>
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<td>g. ... reduce income differences between the rich and the poor</td>
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<td>h. ... give financial help to university students from low-income families</td>
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<td>i. ... provide decent housing for those who can't afford it</td>
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<td>k. ... promote equality between men and women</td>
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29. B8. People have different opinions on who should provide services in Belgium. Who do you think should primarily provide:
30. B9. Here is a list of people and organisations that can influence government actions. Please read through the list and tick one box corresponding to the one you think have the most and the second most influence on the actions of the government in Belgium.

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<tr>
<th>People and Organisations</th>
<th>Most Influence</th>
<th>Second Most Influence</th>
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<td>a. The media</td>
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<td>b. Trade unions</td>
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<td>c. Business, banks and industry</td>
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<td>d. Religious organisations/authorities</td>
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<tr>
<td>e. The military/army</td>
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<td>f. Organised crime</td>
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<td>g. People who vote for the party/the parties in government</td>
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<td>h. Citizens in general</td>
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<td>i. Civic and voluntary organisations</td>
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<td>j. International organisations (e.g. United Nations, International Monetary Fund)</td>
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<td>k. Can't choose</td>
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31. B10. Here are two opinions about what affects policies in Belgium. Which of them comes closest to your view?

- Policies in Belgium depend more on what is happening in the world economy, rather than who is in government
- Policies in Belgium depend more on who is in government, rather than what is happening in the world economy
- Can't choose

32. Now some questions about civil liberties and public security.

B11. Do you think that the Belgian government should or should not have the right to do the following:

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<th>Action</th>
<th>Should</th>
<th>Should</th>
<th>Should</th>
<th>Should</th>
<th>Can't Choose</th>
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<tr>
<td>definitely</td>
<td>probably</td>
<td>definitely</td>
<td>probably</td>
<td>definitely</td>
<td>choose</td>
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have right
have right
not have right
not have right

a. ... keep people under video surveillance in public areas?

b. ... monitor e-mails and any other information exchanged on the Internet?

33. B12. Here is a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 is “all government information should be publicly available, even if this meant a risk to public security” and 10 is “public security should be given priority, even if this meant limiting access to government information”. Where would you place yourself on such a scale?

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34. B13. Some people think that governments should have the right to take certain measures in the name of national security. Others disagree. Do you think that the Belgian government should or should not have the right to do the following:

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<th>definitely should have right</th>
<th>probably should have right</th>
<th>probably should not have right</th>
<th>definitely should not have right</th>
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<tr>
<td>a. ... collect information about anyone living in Belgium without their knowledge</td>
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<td>b. ... collect information about anyone living in other countries without their knowledge</td>
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35. B14. Suppose the government suspected that a terrorist act was about to happen. Do you think the authorities should have the right to ...

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<th>definitely should have right</th>
<th>probably should have right</th>
<th>probably should not have right</th>
<th>definitely should not have right</th>
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<td>a. ... detain people for as long as they want without putting them on trial?</td>
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<td>b. ... tap people’s telephone conversations?</td>
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<td>c. ... stop and search people in the street at random?</td>
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Now some more questions about politics.
36. B15. How interested would you say you personally are in politics?
- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Fairly interested
- Not very interested
- Not at all interested
- Can't choose

37. B16. Please tick one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

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<th>strongly agree</th>
<th>agree</th>
<th>neither agree nor disagree</th>
<th>disagree</th>
<th>strongly disagree</th>
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<td>a. People like me don't have any say about what the government does</td>
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<td>b. I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country</td>
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<td>c. People we elect as members of parliament try to keep the promises they have made during the election</td>
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<td>d. Most civil servants can be trusted to do what is best for the country</td>
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38. a. First, for those with **high** incomes, taxes are ...
- much too high
- about right
- much too low
- can't choose

39. b. Next, for those with **middle** incomes, taxes are ...
- much too high
- about right
- much too low
- can't choose

40. c. Lastly, for those with **low** incomes, taxes are ...
- much too high
- about right
- much too low
41. B18. In general, how often do you think that tax authorities in Belgium do the following ...

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<th>almost always</th>
<th>often</th>
<th>sometimes</th>
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<td>a. ... make sure people pay their taxes?</td>
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<td>b. ... treat everyone in accordance with the law, regardless of their contacts or position in society?</td>
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42. B19. In general, how often do you think that major private companies in Belgium do the following ...

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<td>a. ... comply with laws and regulations?</td>
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<td>b. ... try to avoid paying their taxes?</td>
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43. B20. In your opinion, about how many politicians in Belgium are involved in corruption?

- Almost none
- Some
- Almost all
- Can't choose

44. B21. And in your opinion, about how many public officials in Belgium are involved in corruption?

- Almost none
- Some
- Almost all
- Can't choose

45. B22. In the last five years, how often have you or a member of your immediate family come across a public official who hinted they wanted, or asked for, a bribe or favour in return for a service?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Very often
- Seldom
- Quite often
- Can't choose
46. C1. Which situation applies to you?

- I am currently in paid work or I am working unpaid in a family business
- I have never had paid work
- I am currently not in paid work, but I previously had paid work

47. C2. If you are currently in paid work or previously had paid work, which labour situation corresponds/corresponded with your main job?

- Employee in paid employment
- Self-employed without employees
- Self-employed with employees
- Helper, working in family business (no employment contract)

48. C3. If you were self-employed, how many employees do/did you employ, yourself not included?

49. C4. If you work/worked, do/did you manage others?

- Yes
- No

50. C5. If you answered ‘Yes’ to question C4, how many people do/did you manage?

51. C6. Do/did you work for a for-profit organisation or a non-profit organisation?

The purpose of a for-profit organisation is to make profit, which is not the case for a non-profit organisation.
52. C7. Do/did you work in the public or private sector?
- Public sector
- Private sector
- Don't know

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53. C8a. What is the name of your current main job (or of your last job if you currently do not work)? Specify as detailed as possible.

54. C8b. What kind of work do you do in your main job (or did you do in your last job)? Specify as detailed as possible the kind of work you do/did.

55. C9. How many hours do you generally work per week in your current job (including overtime)?

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* 56C10. Which situation applies to your spouse or partner?
- He/she is currently in paid work or he/she works unpaid in a family business
- He/she currently does not have paid work but previously had paid work
- He/she has never had paid work
- Not applicable: no partner

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56. C10. Which situation applies to your spouse or partner? is gelijk aan Not applicable: no partner

of
56. C10. Which situation applies to your spouse or partner? is gelijk aan He/she has never had paid work

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57. C11. If your spouse or partner currently has paid work (or previously had paid work), which labour situation corresponds (corresponded) with his/her main job?
- Employee in paid employment
- Self-employed without employees
58. C12. If your spouse or partner works/worked, does/did he/she manage others in his/her job?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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59. C13a. What is the name of the current main job of your spouse/partner (or the last job if he/she no longer works)?
Specify as detailed as possible.

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60. C13b. What kind of work does your spouse/partner do in his/her current main job (or last job)?
Specify as detailed as possible the kind of work he/she does/did.

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61. C14. How many hours does your spouse/partner generally work per week in his/her current job (including overtime)?

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62. C15. There are groups which are at the very top and groups which are at the very bottom of our society. Where would you put yourself on this scale?

- 10 Top
- 9
- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Bottom

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63. C16. What is the average net monthly income of yourself and of your household?

By net monthly household income we mean the total earnings of all household members together, after tax deduction; everything included, such as salaries, professional income, dinner vouchers, child benefit, retirement pay, replacement benefits (accident, illness, unemployment), income from capital or real estate, etc.

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<th>your own income</th>
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€ 2000 up to € 2250
€ 2250 up to € 2500
€ 2500 up to € 3000
€ 3000 up to € 3500
€ 3500 up to € 4000
€ 4000 up to € 5000
more than € 5000

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64. C17. Which belief system do you belong to?
- Agnostic/atheist
- Protestant
- Catholic
- Jewish
- Other, specify

65. C18. Not including weddings, funerals and baptisms, how often do you attend ecclesiastical or religious services?
- Several times a week
- Two or three times a month
- Several times a year
- Less frequently than once a year
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Once a year
- Never

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66. C19. Are you currently or have you ever been a member of a trade union?
- Yes, I am currently a member of a trade union
- I previously was a member of a trade union, but not currently
- I have never been a member of a trade union

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67. C20. Which political party did you vote for in the last federal (national) elections of Sunday 25 May 2014?
- MR
- Vlaams Belang
- Vivant
- Open Vld
- Ecolo
- Groen
- ProDG
- FDF
- Lijst Dedecker
- PS
Your responses have been registered!

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, your input is valuable to us.

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68. C21. Finally, how would you best describe the type of community you live in?

- A big city
- A medium-sized city or small town
- A farm or home in the countryside
- The suburbs or outskirts of a big city
- A country village

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69. Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire.

If you have any comments, please write them below.

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Your responses have been registered!