**Consent form and survey questions used in paper and included in the replication files**

**Consent form**

We appreciate your interest in participating in this questionnaire/online survey. You have been invited to participate as you are in the online panel of Respondi and of age 18 or over.

Please read through these terms before agreeing to participate by ticking the ‘yes’ box below.

We, a team of researchers from Georgetown University, the University of Oxford and Spanish National Research Council, are researching the views of people in Catalonia about the political situation. You will be given some questions to read about the political present and future of Catalonia. It should take about 10 minutes. No background knowledge is required.

Your answers will be completely anonymous and confidential. Your participation is voluntary. You may withdraw at any point during the questionnaire for any reason, before submitting your answers, by pressing the ‘Exit’ button or closing the browser. The data that we collect from you may be used in an academic publication, and if so, the data will be transferred to, and stored in an encrypted and password-protected academic repository “Dataverse” housed at Harvard University. Only academics with accounts at this repository will be able to access this anonymized data after any publication. Your IP address will not be stored. We have included a ‘Prefer not to say’ option for each set of questions if you prefer not to answer a particular question.

The University of Oxford and Georgetown University are the data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998. This questionnaire is for academic research purposes only. The principal researchers are Laia Balcells, attached to the Department of Government at Georgetown University, and Alexander Kuo, who is attached to Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford. This project has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance through, the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee and Georgetown University review board.

If you have a concern about any aspect of this project, please speak to the researcher Laia Balcells ([laia.balcells@georgetown.edu)](mailto:laia.balcells@georgetown.edu)) or Alexander Kuo ([alexander.kuo@politics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alexander.kuo@politics.ox.ac.uk)). The researchers should acknowledge your concern within 10 working days and give you an indication of how they intend to deal with it. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please contact the relevant Chair of the Research Ethics Committee at the University of Oxford:

Chair, Social Sciences & Humanities Interdivisional Research Ethics Committee; Email: ethics@socsci.ox.ac.uk; Address: Research Services, University of Oxford, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD

The Chair will seek to resolve the matter in a reasonably expeditious manner. Please note that you may only participate in this survey if you are 18 years of age or over.

☐ I certify that I am 18 years of age or over.

If you have read the information above and agree to participate with the understanding that the data (including any personal data) you submit will be processed accordingly, please check the relevant box below to get started.

☐ Yes, I agree to take part

**Survey questions**

Q. Do you prefer to respond to this survey in Catalan or in Spanish language?

Catalan....................................................1 CHANGE TO CATALAN

Spanish ...................................................2 CHANGE TO SPANISH

Instructions for Respondi: If respondent tries to move forward without answering, display screen with text giving respondent option to re-answer question

*Module: preferences for the future of Catalonia*

Q1. Which of the following best characterizes your overall preference for the future of Catalonia’s legal status?

1 - I would like Catalonia to be an independent republic

2 - I would like Catalonia to remain part of Spain, but with greater autonomy

3 - I would like Catalonia to remain part of Spain as it is now

4 - I would like Catalonia to have less autonomy

*Go to Q2*

If Q1=1, pose Q2a.

If Q1=2, 3, 4, pose Q2b.

[RANDOMIZE: Each respondent is offered only one option, either Q2a1, Q2a2, Q2a3, or Q2a4 if Q1=1, each option with probability=0.25]

Q2a1. In order to make Catalonia an independent state, to what extent would you favor or oppose the implementation of measures decided by the Catalan government that make that goal possible if such measures would have a very minimal impact on employment in Catalonia?

Strongly favor

Somewhat favor

Somewhat oppose

Strongly oppose

Q2a2. In order to make Catalonia an independent state, to what extent would you favor or oppose the implementation of measures decided by the Catalan government that make that goal possible, even if such measures would cause a temporary economic deterioration and loss of employment opportunities in Catalonia so that unemployment for the next five years would be 3 per cent higher than it is today?

Strongly favor

Somewhat favor

Somewhat oppose

Strongly oppose

Q2a3. In order to make Catalonia an independent state, to what extent would you favor the implementation of measures decided by the Catalan government that make that goal possible, even if such measures would cause a temporary economic deterioration and loss of employment opportunities in Catalonia so that unemployment for the next five years would be 10 per cent higher than it is today?

Strongly favor

Somewhat favor

Somewhat oppose

Strongly oppose

Q2a4. In order to make Catalonia an independent state, to what extent would you favor or oppose the implementation of measures decided by the Catalan government that make that goal possible, even if such measures would cause a significant worsening of the social situation in terms of conviviality for the next five years in Catalonia?

Strongly favor

Somewhat favor

Somewhat oppose

Strongly oppose

*Go to Q3*

[RANDOMIZE: Each respondent is offered only one option, either Q2b1, Q2b2, Q2b3, or Qba4 if Q1=2,3,4, each option with probability=0.25]

Q2b1 In order to prevent Catalonia from becoming and independent state, to what extent would you favor or oppose the implementation of measures taken by the Spanish government that make that goal impossible if such measures would have a very minimal impact on employment in Catalonia?

Strongly support

Somewhat support

Somewhat oppose

Strongly oppose

Q2b2 In order to prevent Catalonia from becoming and independent state, to what extent would you favor or oppose the implementation of measures taken by the Spanish government that make that goal impossible even if such measures would cause a temporary economic deterioration and loss of employment opportunities in Catalonia so that unemployment for the next five years would be 3 per cent higher than it is today?

Strongly support

Somewhat support

Somewhat oppose

Strongly oppose

Q2b3 In order to prevent Catalonia from becoming and independent state, to what extent would you favor or oppose the implementation of measures taken by the Spanish government that make that goal impossible even if such measures would cause a temporary economic deterioration and loss of employment opportunities in Catalonia so that unemployment for the next five years would be 10 per cent higher than it is today?

Strongly support

Somewhat support

Somewhat oppose

Strongly oppose

Q2b4 In order to prevent Catalonia from becoming and independent state, to what extent would you favor or oppose the implementation of measures taken by the Spanish government that make that goal impossible even if such measures would cause a significant worsening of the social situation in terms of conviviality for the next five years in Catalonia?

Strongly support

Somewhat support

Somewhat oppose

Strongly oppose

*Go to Q3*

[RANDOMIZE order of Q3-Q9]

Q3. If the newly elected regional government in Catalonia advocates for independence, would you favor or oppose the Spanish government taking all necessary administrative steps to prevent an independent Catalonia?

-Strongly oppose

-Somewhat oppose

-Neither oppose nor favor

-Somewhat favor

-Strongly favor

Q5. Suppose in the future the central government and government in Catalonia come to an agreement to have a referendum in Catalonia to decide if Catalonia should be an independent republic. Would you favor or oppose the holding of such a referendum?

-Strongly oppose

-Somewhat oppose

-Neither oppose nor favor

-Somewhat favor

-Strongly favor

Q6. Would you participate in such a referendum?

-Yes

-No

If Q6=Yes, go to Q7a

Q7a. How would you vote in such referendum?

-Yes

-No

*Module: Measure of polarization*

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QUESTIONS Q17-Q19 IN THIS MODULE

[For Q11: RANDOMIZE: Each respondent, gets, with probability p.5, one of the following statements Q11a, Q11b, Q11c, Q11d]

Q11a. Suppose you were moving to a new apartment or house within your neighborhood. How would you feel if most of your neighbors are against the independence of Catalonia, on a scale of 0-100, where 0 means very uncomfortable, and 100 means very comfortable?

[insert 0-100 scale]

Q11b. Suppose you were moving to a new apartment or house within your neighborhood. How

would you feel if most of your neighbors support the independence of Catalonia, on a scale of 0-100, where 0 means very uncomfortable, and 100 means very comfortable?

[insert 0-100 scale]

Q11c. Suppose you were moving to a new apartment or house within your neighborhood. How

would you feel if most of your neighbors display the Catalan independentist flag, on a scale of 0-100, where 0 means very uncomfortable, and 100 means very comfortable?

[insert 0-100 scale]

Q11d. Suppose you were moving to a new apartment or house within your neighborhood. How

would you feel if most of your neighbors display the Spanish flag, on a scale of 0-100, where 0 means very uncomfortable, and 100 means very comfortable?

[insert 0-100 scale]

[For Q12, RANDOMIZE. Each respondent, gets, with probability p.25, one of the following statements Q12a, Q12b, Q12c, or Q12d]

Q12a. Now we would like you to describe as best as you can what traits you think best describe

people who strongly support Catalan independence. Of course it is difficult to generalize, but we would like you to describe as best as you can.

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|  | Not well at all | Slightly well | Somewhat well | Very well | Extremely well |
| Open-minded |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prejudiced |  |  |  |  |  |
| Honest |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selfish |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reliable |  |  |  |  |  |
| Untrustworthy |  |  |  |  |  |

Q12b. Now we would like you to describe as best as you can what traits you think best describe

people who strongly believe that Catalonia should be part of Spain. Of course it is difficult to generalize, but we would like you to describe as best as you can.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Not well at all | Slightly well | Somewhat well | Very well | Extremely well |
| Open-minded |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prejudiced |  |  |  |  |  |
| Honest |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selfish |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reliable |  |  |  |  |  |
| Untrustworthy |  |  |  |  |  |

Q12c. Now we would like you to describe as best as you can what traits you think best describe

people who speak mostly Catalan at home. Of course it is difficult to generalize, but we would like you to describe as best as you can.

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|  | Not well at all | Slightly well | Somewhat well | Very well | Extremely well |
| Open-minded |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prejudiced |  |  |  |  |  |
| Honest |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selfish |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reliable |  |  |  |  |  |
| Untrustworthy |  |  |  |  |  |

Q12d. Now we would like you to describe as best as you can what traits you think best describe

people who speak mostly Spanish at home. Of course it is difficult to generalize, but we would like you to describe as best as you can.

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|  | Not well at all | Slightly well | Somewhat well | Very well | Extremely well |
| Open-minded |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prejudiced |  |  |  |  |  |
| Honest |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selfish |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reliable |  |  |  |  |  |
| Untrustworthy |  |  |  |  |  |

Q13. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that one should be careful when dealing with other people?

-One can trust most people

-One must be careful when dealing with other people

*Module: Previous election voting*

Q14. Did you vote in the last elections to the Catalan Parliament, in September 2015?

-Yes

-I could not vote

-I preferred not to vote

If Q14= yes, go to Q14a.

Q14a. Which party or list did you vote for? (rotate order randomly)

-Junts pel Sí (JxS)

-Ciutadans / Ciudadanos (C’s)

-Partit dels Socialistes de Catalunya (PSC)

-Catalunya Sí Que Es Pot (Comuns)

-Partido Popular (PP)

-Candidatures d’Unitat Popular (CUP)

-Others

-Blank

*Module: Previous 2017 referendum support and experience*

Q15. Did you vote in the referendum in Catalonia on 1st of October 2017?

-Yes

-I could not vote

-I decided not to vote

If Q15=no, go to Q16a.

If Q15=yes, go to Q16b.

Q16a. If no: Which of the best reasons explains why you did not vote? [RANDOMIZE order]

-I was not of legal voting age

-I did not believe the referendum was legal and thus thought it would be wrong to participate

-I did not believe the referendum was legal and was concerned about a future declaration of independence

-I wanted to vote but I could not for logistical reasons (such as work, other delays, etc).

-I did not vote because I was stopped from doing it by public authorities

-I did not vote because I was afraid

-I did not want to vote because it was organized by only a part of Catalan society

-I did not vote because I was not interested in this issue

-I did not vote because I am apolitical

*Go to Q17*

Q16b. If yes: And was your chosen option in the referendum of the 1st of October?

2-Yes

-No

*Module: past non-voting participation + network modules*

Q18. Did you protest in any the recent demonstrations since 1 October against the actions of the Spanish state, regarding the referendum and its consequences?

-Yes

-No

*Module: Election vote choice*

Q24. Which of the following political parties are you most likely to vote for in the upcoming Catalan elections on December 21?

-Esquerra Republicana

-Ciudadanos

-Partit del Socialistes de Catalunya (PSC)

-Junts per Catalunya

-Catalunya en Comú

-Partido Popular (PP)

-Candidatures d’Unitat Popular (CUP)

-I will not vote in the election

-I don’t know

Q25. Regardless of which party you will vote for, which of the political parties do you currently feel closest to:

-Esquerra Republicana

-Ciudadanos

-Partit del Socialistes de Catalunya (PSC)

-Pdecat

-Catalunya en Comú

-Partido Popular (PP)

-Candidatures d’Unitat Popular (CUP)

-I don’t know

*Demographic questions*

Q29. What is your gender?

-Male

-Female

-Other

Q30. What year were you born in? [insert 1925-1999]

Q31. What is your zipcode?

Q33. Where were you and your parents born?

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|  | In Catalonia | In other region of Spain | Other country |
| Yourself |  |  |  |
| Mother |  |  |  |
| Father |  |  |  |

Q34. What are the highest degree studies you have completed?

01. Less than 5 years of schooling.

02. Primary or compulsory secondary education (EGB, ESO, school graduate)

03. General secondary education (BUP, COU, Baccalaureate)

04. Vocational training of medium or higher grade (FP I or II, professional degrees, ..)

05. University (Diplomatura, Ingeniería, Licenciatura)

06. Postgraduate (Master, Doctorate, ...)

Q35. Adding the net monthly income of the people that make up your household, what is your best guess as to your household’s total income each month?

No income

Less or equal than 300 €

From 301 to 600 €

From 601 to 900 €

From 901 to 1000 €

From 1.001 to 1.200 €

From 1.201 to 1.800 €

From 1.801 to 2.000 €

From 2.001 to 2.400 €

From 2.401 to 3.000 €

From 3.001 to 4.000 €

From 4.001 to 4.500 €

From 4.501 to 5.000 €

From 5.001 to 6.000 €

13. More than 6.000 €

Q36. In which of these situations are you now?

Working

Retired

Unemployed

Student

Housekeeping

Other

[If Q36=working, go to 36a, 36b]

Q36a. And do you work as…

Employer

Self-employed

Salary worker under permanent contract

Salary worker under temporary contract

Other

Q38. Could you describe on the scale if you feel very Spanish or very Catalan, with 0 indicating you feel only Spanish and 10 indicating you feel very only Catalan?

Only spanish Only Catalan

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| 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 |

Q39. Please feel free to express your views regarding the situation in Catalonia.

[insert page text box]

Thank you so much for your participation.