**Survey1 questionnaire**

**March 2022**

**SURVEY CONSENT FORM**

**Permission to Take Part in a Human Research Study**

**Georgetown University**

**Location:** Online survey implemented in Spain

**Key Information:**The following is a summary of this study to help you decide whether or not to be a part of this study.

**Why am I being invited to take part in a research study?**

We invite you to take part in a research study because you are in the respondents’ pool of 40db survey company.

**What should I know about a research study?**

1. Whether or not you take part is up to you.
2. You can choose not to take part.
3. You can agree to take part and later change your mind.
4. Your decision will not be held against you.

**Why is this research being done?**

The purpose of the research is to learn about views about politics in Spain.

**How long will the research last and what will I need to do?**

We expect that you will be in this research study for 15 minutes. We will ask you to answer to some survey questions and the survey includes reading a news article.

The researchers will not have access to your name or to any information could identify you. You will not be identified in any report or publication resulting from this study. All the published data will be anonymous.

If you agree to participate, after providing consent, you will begin the survey.

**Who can I talk to?**

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, talk to Dr. Laia Balcells at [*estudiomedioses@gmail.com*](mailto:estudiomedioses@gmail.com)

This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (“IRB”). You may talk to them at (202) 687-1506 or [irboard@georgetown.edu](mailto:irboard@georgetown.edu) if:

1. Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
2. You cannot reach the research team.
3. You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
4. You have questions about your rights as a research subject.
5. You want to get information or provide input about this research.

**By clicking “Next”, you confirm you are at least 18, you agree with the above information, and you consent to participate.**

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*Basic demographics (quotas)*

Q1. What is your gender?

* Male
* Female
* Other/non-binary

Q2. What is your age?

[If under 18 years old, stop the survey]

Q3. In which Autonomous Community do you live?

[Autonomous Communities of Spain listed here]

Q4. What is your zipcode?

Q5. Do you have Spanish citizenship?

-Yes

-No

[If not a Spanish citizen, stop the survey]

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*Measure media preference and ideology*

Q6. We are interested in knowing about what kind of media sources people usually prefer to read. If you were given the three options below, which one would you choose?

* El País
* ABC
* I prefer to read other type of media (ej. 20 Minutos, HOLA, Pronto, Marca, El Mundo Deportivo, National Geographic, etc.)

Q7. If you were given a longer list of options, which one would you choose?

* El País
* ABC
* El Mundo
* La Vanguardia
* El Periódico de Catalunya
* La Razón
* La Voz de Galicia
* El Diario de Navarra
* El Correo
* El Día
* El Diario Vasco
* La Nueva España
* El Norte de Castilla
* Heraldo de Aragón
* Ideal
* Diari Ara
* I prefer to read other media (ej. 20 Minutos, HOLA, Pronto, Marca, El Mundo Deportivo, National Geographic, etc)
* Other

Q8. When people talk about politics, they normally talk about “left” and “right”. In a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means “left” and 10 means “right”, where would you place yourself?

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Q9. Did you vote in the last general elections of November 2019?

-Yes

-No

Q10. If there were to be national elections tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

[Rotate order of parties randomly]

* PSOE
* PP
* Cs
* Vox
* Unidas Podemos
* ERC
* Junts per Catalunya
* CUP
* PNV
* Bildu
* BNG
* UPN
* Coalición Canaria
* Más País
* Others
* I don’t remember

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*Washout period / demographics*

Q11. 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 to 500€
* From 501 to 900€
* From 901 to 1200€
* From 1201 to 1500€
* From 1501 to 2500€
* From 2501 to 4000€
* From 4001 to 6000€
* More than 6000€

Q12. What is your level of education completed?

-Less than 5 years of schooling

-Elementary

-Secondary

-High School

-Vocational training

-BA

-MA

-PhD

-Other

-I prefer not to answer

Q13. How many people live in your household?

Q14a. What is your employment status?

* Working
* Retired
* Unemployed
* Student
* Housekeeping
* Other

Q14b. [If Q14a = “Working”]. And you work as…

-Business owner

-Autonomous worker

-For an external employer (fixed contract)

-For an external employer (temporary contract)

-Other

Q15. We would like to know if you are paying attention. Please ignore the following question and select ‘unemployment’ as the least important issue. Of the following issues, which one would you say is the least important issue facing your country today?

* Health care
* Unemployment
* Refugee crises
* COVID-19
* Crime
* Education
* Relations with other countries
* Global warming

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*Reading articles*

[Random: **conflict or economy** condition, 50% probability each]

[Random: **free choice or forced choice** condition, 50% probability each]

[**If free choice**, assignQ16a or Q16b depending on conflict/economy condition. **If forced choice**, assign newspaper randomly (1/3 probability each) and skip to Q16c.]

**[If economy]:**

Q16a. We are interested in learning what people think about the role of the government in the economy. Before answering a few questions on this topic, we would like you to read an article first. From which of the following media sources do you prefer to read it?

* El País
* ABC
* I’d rather read about another topic (20 Minutos)

[SHOW THE CHOSEN ARTICLE]

**[If conflict]:**

Q16b. We are interested in learning what people think about the historical memory of the Spanish civil war and Francoism. Before answering a few questions on this topic, we would like you to read an article first. From which of the following sources do you prefer to read?

* El País
* ABC
* I’d rather read about another topic (20 Minutos)

[SHOW THE CHOSEN ARTICLE]

Q16c. Now we will show you an article. Please read it carefully before answering the next questions.

[SHOW CORRESPONDING ARTICLE]

[If respondent is in the control condition or chose to read 20 minutes (free choice), exclude Q22-Q23]

Q17-21. We would like to know your general impression about the article. You might have read some ideas you generally agree with, disagree with, or a mixture of both. Any case is OK. But thinking about the article in general, how it is written, how the ideas are presented, and so on, how likely would you:

[very likely - likely - not likely - not likely at all]

Q17. Look up for more information on the topic from the same source.

Q18a. Look up for more information on different sources.

Q18b. [**Only If Q18a = “likely” o “very likely”**] ¿In which source would you look for more information?

* + El País
  + ABC
  + El Mundo
  + La Vanguardia
  + El Periódico de Catalunya
  + La Razón
  + La Voz de Galicia
  + El Diario de Navarra
  + El Correo
  + El Día
  + El Diario Vasco
  + La Nueva España
  + El Norte de Castilla
  + Heraldo de Aragón
  + Ideal
  + Otro

Q19. Discuss the article with a family member or a friend.

Q20. Share the article on social media.

Q21. Discuss the article publicly (e.g. post a message about it, send a letter to the source)

Q22. Generally speaking, do you agree with the article?

[completely agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / completely disagree]

Q23. Have your views about this topic changed after reading this article?

-No, I think the same as before

-Not much

-Fairly

-Very much, I think very differently now

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*Topic questions*

[If **conflict**: only Q24-Q34]

[If **economy**: only Q35-Q40]

Q24-28. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

[completely agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / completely disagree]

Q24. Passing a new Law of Historical Memory is necessary to achieve true reconciliation from the Spanish Civil War and Francoism.

Q25. The divisions and resentment brough about by the Civil War and Francoism have already been forgotten. It is useless to talk about them.

Q26. Removing Francoist symbols and monuments is necessary for a true reconciliation.

Q27. Passing a new Law of Historical Memory is negative because it will open old wounds and divide the Spanish people.

Q28. The issues of the Law of Historical Memory or the Valley of the Fallen are irrelevant for people like me.

Q29. Which side do you think caused more deaths during the Spanish Civil War?

1. Nationalist/Francoist
2. Republican/Loyalist
3. Both about the same

Q30. Who do you think was responsible for the outbreak of the Civil War?

1. The Left
2. The Right
3. Both the Left and the Right

Q31a. In your opinion, should an independent commission be created to investigate human right violations during the Civil War?

1. Yes
2. No

Q31b. And to investigate human right violations during Franco’s regime?

1. Yes
2. No

Q32. And to exhume all the mass graves from the Civil War?

1. Yes
2. No

Q33. In your opinion, ¿what should be done with the Valley of the Fallen?

1. Leave it as it is
2. Turn it into a museum dedicated to all the victims of the Spanish Civil War and Francoism
3. Demolish it
4. Other
5. I don’t know

Q34-38. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

[completely agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / completely disagree]

Q34. For a society to progress, one must give more freedom to businesses and avoid too much regulation or taxes that can burden the economy.

Q35. The government should increase taxes on businesses, endowments and inheritance.

Q36. An increased spending capacity for the government would imply greater welfare for everyone.

Q37. Any fiscal reform should be minimal so that it does not damage the economy.

Q38. The government should take measures to reduce differences in income levels among Spanish citizens.

Q39. Some people think that public services and social benefits should be improved even if they have to pay more taxes, while others think that it is more important to pay less taxes even if this means reducing public services and social benefits.

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means “Public services and social benefits should be improved even if more taxes have to be paid” and 10 means “It is more important to pay less taxes even if this means reducing public services and social benefits”, where would you place yourself?

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Q40.**[Exclude if respondent is in control condition or chose to read 20 Minutos]** Generally speaking, would you say the article you just read is biased towards the left, biased towards the right, or neutral?

* Biased towards the left
* Biased towards the right
* Neutral

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*General questions*

*Trust questions*

Q41: Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you need to be very careful in dealing with people?

1 Most people can be trusted.

2 Need to be very careful.

Q42. How important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically?

[Sliding scale: Not at all important - Absolutely important]

Q43-Q51: I am going to name a number of organizations. For each one, could you tell me how much confidence you have in them?

Q43. The Spanish government

Q44. Your regional government

Q45. Political parties

Q46. The armed forces

Q47. The police

Q48. The judges

Q49. Businessmen

Q50. The European Union

Q51. Trade Unions

*Affective polarization*

Q52. We would like to know what you think about each of the following political parties. Please rate them on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you strongly dislike that party and 10 means that you strongly like that party. If you do not like or dislike a party in particularly, you should choose a value of 5. If there is any party you haven't heard of or you feel you do not know enough about, just say so.

[random option order]

1. PSOE
2. PP
3. VOX
4. Unidas Podemos
5. Ciudadanos
6. ERC
7. Junts per Catalunya
8. EAJ-PNV
9. Bildu

Q53. And now, using the same scale from 0 to 10, we would like to ask you how much you like or dislike the voters of each of these political parties.

[random option order]

1. PSOE voters
2. PP voters
3. VOX voters
4. Unidas Podemos voters
5. Ciudadanos voters
6. ERC voters
7. Junts per Catalunya voters
8. EAJ-PNV voters
9. Bildu voters

Q54. Suppose that someone who votes for [least liked party in Q52] moved in as your new neighbor. How would you feel, on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means very uncomfortable and 10 means very comfortable?

Q55. And how would you feel if you had a son or daughter and they got married to someone who votes for [least liked party in Q52]? Please respond using the same scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means very uncomfortable and 10 means very comfortable.

[Only if **conflict**: **randomize** Q55a/Q55b, 0.5 probability each, If **economy, skip** to Q58]

Q56a. Now support you move to a new apartment or house within your neighborhood. How would you feel if most of your neighbors sympathize with the Republican side of the Civil War? Please respond using the same scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means very uncomfortable and 10 means very comfortable.

Q56b. Now support you move to a new apartment or house within your neighborhood. How would you feel if most of your neighbors sympathize with the Nationalist side of the Civil War? Please respond using the same scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means very uncomfortable and 10 means very comfortable.

[Only if **conflict**: Q57]

Q57. In Spain, there are a number of organizations that lobby to get the Spanish government to take steps to develop a more profound reconciliation process, investigating human rights violations during the Civil War and the Franco regime. Would you like to receive information via email about some of the activities they organize?

-Yes

-No

[Only if **economy**: Q61]

Q58. In Spain, there are a number of organizations that lobby to get the Spanish government to carry out a tax reform that solves the problems of tax exemptions and increases corporate, wealth and inheritance taxes. Would you like to receive information via email about some of the activities they organize?

-Yes

-No

Q59. In a scale where a 0 means “left” and a 10 means “right’, where do you place yourself?

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Q60. Could you indicate how Spanish do you identify in a scale 0-10 where 0 means you do not feel Spanish at all and 10 means you feel very Spanish?

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Q61. And could you indicate how **[regional id]** do you feel in a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means that you do not feel **[regional id]** y 10 means very **[regional id]**?

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Q62. Some days ago, Russia invaded Ukraine, initiating a war that has provoked a debate about the international response to the Russian aggression. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements?

[completely agree / agree / neither agree nor disagree / disagree / completely disagree]

-We have to apply economic sanctions to Russia even if these have consequences for the global economy (including Spain’s).

-We need to militarily support Ukraine with weapons and troops even if this leads to security risks for Spain.

-This is an issue between Russia and Ukraine and Spain should not get involved.

**DEBRIEF**

​​You have now completed the survey. Thank you for your time and participation. Below is a debriefing about the purpose of the study.

This survey was designed to measure how people evaluate information from different news media sources. The article you were asked to read and comment on was **entirely fictional**. While the content of the article was based on existing news sources and references real people and events, the claims and quotes in the article were entirely fabricated for the purpose of the study. Also, even if you answered yes to question Q57/Q58, we will not provide your email address to any association that does activism on the topics covered in this survey.

The researchers provided you with some fictional information in order to have more control over the message being delivered and the reactions to the message. The information that you provided will help the researchers to better understand how people form political attitudes. The researchers regret these small deceptions, but found them necessary in order to more precisely measure the desired outcomes.

Thank you again for your participation in this research. If you have any further questions, please contact [estudiomedioses@gmail.com](mailto:estudiomedioses@gmail.com)