OPERATIONALIZATION OF BACKGROUND VARIABLES (41C)

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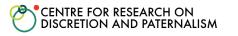
Variable name	Operationalization
Age	**1 = Young (18-34 years old)** **2 = Adult (35-64 years old)** **3 = Old (65+ years old)** Original Coding Scale: 18+
Gender	**1 = Female** **2 = Male** **NA = Non-Response** Original Coding 1 = Female 2 = Male 3 = Non-Binary (Iceland Only) Non-binary is coded as NA and excluded from analysis due to the low number of samples (n = 4).
Religion	**0 = Not religious** **1 = Religious** **NA = Non-Response** Original Coding 1 = Do not regard as belonging to any religion 2 = Christianity – Protestantism 3 = Christianity – Catholicism 4 = Christianity – Other 5 = Islam – Sunni 6 = Islam – Shia 7 = Judaism 8 = Hinduism 9 = Sikhism 10 = Buddhism 11 = Shinto 12 = Christianity – Orthodox (Greece Only) 97 = Other 98 = Don't know 99 = Prefer not to say 1 is coded as 0. 2-12 are coded as 1. 97, 98, 99 are coded as NA.

Education	**1 = Lower-level education** **2 = Middle-level education** **3 = Higher-level education** **NA = Non-Response** Original Coding 1 = Did not complete any formal education 2 = Early childhood 3 = Primary 4 = Lower secondary 5 = Upper secondary 6 = Post-secondary, non-tertiary 7 = Short-cycle tertiary 8 = Bachelors or equivalent level degree 9 = Masters or equivalent level degree 10 = Doctoral or equivalent level degree 97 = Other (Greece Only) 1-4 are coded as 1. 5 and 6 are coded as 2. 7-10 are coded as 3. 97 is coded as NA.
Presence of Partner	**0 = No partner** **1 = Has a partner** **NA = Non-Response** Original Coding: 1 = Married or common law 2 = In a relationship 3 = Single 4 = Divorced 5 = Separated 6 = Widowed 97 = Other 99 = Prefer not to say 3-6 are coded as 0. 1 and 2 are coded as 1. 97 and 99 are coded as NA.
Having Children	**0 = No children** **1 = Have at least one child** **NA = Non-Response** Original Coding: 1 = 0 child 2 = 1 child 3 = 2 children 4 = 3 children 5 = 4 children

	6 = 5 or more children 98 = Don't know 99 = Prefer not to say 1 is coded as 0. 2-6 are coded as 1. 98 and 99 are coded as NA.
Employment	**0 = Unemployed** **1 = Employed** **NA = Non-Response** Original Coding: 1 = Working full time 2 = Working part time 3 = Temporarily unemployed (i.e. between jobs) 4 = Retired 5 = Permanently disabled 6 = Taking care of home or family 7 = Student 8 = Unemployed 97 = Other 99 = Prefer not to say 3-8 are coded as 0. 1 and 2 are coded as 1. 97 and 99 are coded as NA.
Income	**1 = Lower income** **2 = Middle income** **3 = Higher income** **NA = Non-Response** Original Coding: 1 = Lower income: less than 75% of the median (per country) 2 = Middle income: between 75% and 200% of the median (per country) 3 = Higher income: higher than 200% of the median (per country) 99 = Prefer not to say/Don't know 99 is coded as NA. For some countries, the categorization does not follow 75% and 200% of the median separations. Further information on these cases can be seen in the 41 Country Survey Methodological Report.