

OPERATIONALIZATION OF BACKGROUND VARIABLES (41C)

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Variable name	Operationalization
Age	<p>1 = Young (18-34 years old) 2 = Adult (35-64 years old) 3 = Old (65+ years old)</p> <p><u>Original Coding</u> Scale: 18+</p>
Gender	<p>1 = Female 2 = Male NA = Non-Response</p> <p><u>Original Coding</u> 1 = Female 2 = Male 3 = Non-Binary (Iceland Only)</p> <p>Non-binary is coded as NA and excluded from analysis due to the low number of samples (n = 4).</p>
Religion	<p>0 = Not religious 1 = Religious NA = Non-Response</p> <p><u>Original Coding</u> 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</p> <p>1 is coded as 0. 2-12 are coded as 1. 97, 98, 99 are coded as NA.</p>
Education	<p>1 = Lower-level education 2 = Middle-level education 3 = Higher-level education NA = Non-Response</p> <p><u>Original Coding</u> 1 = Did not complete any formal education 2 = Early childhood 3 = Primary</p>

	<p>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)</p> <p>1-4 are coded as 1. 5 and 6 are coded as 2. 7-10 are coded as 3. 97 is coded as NA.</p>
Presence of Partner	<p>0 = No partner 1 = Has a partner NA = Non-Response</p> <p><u>Original Coding:</u> 1 = Married or common law 2 = In a relationship 3 = Single 4 = Divorced 5 = Separated 6 = Widowed 97 = Other 99 = Prefer not to say</p> <p>3-6 are coded as 0. 1 and 2 are coded as 1. 97 and 99 are coded as NA.</p>
Having Children	<p>0 = No children 1 = Have at least one child NA = Non-Response</p> <p><u>Original Coding:</u> 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</p> <p>1 is coded as 0. 2-6 are coded as 1. 98 and 99 are coded as NA.</p>
Employment	<p>0 = Unemployed 1 = Employed NA = Non-Response</p> <p><u>Original Coding:</u> 1 = Working full time 2 = Working part time 3 = Temporarily unemployed (i.e. between jobs) 4 = Retired 5 = Permanently disabled</p>

	<p>6 = Taking care of home or family 7 = Student 8 = Unemployed 97 = Other 99 = Prefer not to say</p> <p>3-8 are coded as 0. 1 and 2 are coded as 1. 97 and 99 are coded as NA.</p>
Income	<p>1 = Lower income 2 = Middle income 3 = Higher income NA = Non-Response</p> <p><u>Original Coding:</u> 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</p> <p>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.</p>
Political Orientation	<p>-1 = Left 0 = Centre 1 = Right 99 = Not Applicable</p> <p>99 is coded as NA.</p> <p><u>Original Coding:</u> Variable is generated based on the question of respondents' intention to vote in the next election. Further explanation on the coding process can be read in the 41 Country Survey Methodological Report.</p>