

APPENDIX. QUESTIONNAIRE

Provisional questions for collecting information about social networks

Method used: Multiple situations name generator (adaptation of Fischer – McAllister technique)

The following questions refer to the persons with whom you interact in your everyday life. When answering these questions please consider the last 12 months. (If some major change has happened within this period - the person moved to another house/neighborhood/city/country; changed job, married or any other event that might have altered his/her social environment- please ask him/her to refer to the period from that moment on).

Q1. Who are those persons with whom you most often have discussions during a regular day, especially due to the fact that you very often interact with them? Could you indicate up to five such persons and give some details about them?

Person named (initial of first name)	Gender 1=male 2=female	Age (years)	Education (code)	Employment status (code)	Type of relationship (code)		Does she/he live in the same locality? 1=yes 2=no
					I.	II.	
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							

Codes

Education: 0 = do not know

1= less than eight school-years /primary school

2= eight school-years /secondary school

3 = vocational school

4= high school

5 = college/technical college

6 = university and post-university

Employment status

0= do not know

1= employed

Precise which sector, if possible _____

2 = unemployed

3= retired

4= homemaker

5= student

6=other What exactly? _____

Type of relationship

I.

1= belonging to the same household and living in the same house (sharing at least one common space)

2 = not belonging to the same household though living in the same house (sharing at least one common space)

3= not living in the same house

II. 1= spouse

2= child

3 = parent

4 = sibling

5 = other relative

6= close friend

7 = work-mate

8 = neighbor

9 = acquaintance

10=other What exactly? _____

Q2. Who are those persons with whom you most often spend your free time (weekends, holidays, visiting each other, going out together etc.)? Could you name up to five such persons and indicate some further information about them?

Person named	Gender	Age (years)	Education (code)	Occupation (code)	Type of relationship	Does she/he live in the

(initial of first name)	1=male 2=female				(code) I. II.	same locality? 1=yes 2=no
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Q3. Who are those persons from whom you most often ask for help on different small problems you encounter in your everyday life? (Both household and other type of problems such as asking for small services). Could you name up to five such persons and indicate some details about them?

Person named (initial of first name)	Gender 1=male 2=female	Age (years)	Education (code)	Occupation (code)	Type of relationship (code) I. II.	Does she/he live in the same locality? 1=yes 2=no
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12.						
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Q4. Who are those persons to whom you most often turn/would turn for help or advice regarding your career or important financial matters? Could you name up to five such persons and indicate some details about them?

Person named (initial of first name)	Gender 1=male 2=female	Age (years)	Education (code)	Occupation (code)	Type of relationship (code) I. II.	Does she/he live in the same locality? 1=yes 2=no
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Q5. Who are those persons with whom you generally discuss your most important problems and to whom you most often turn for advice or help regarding your important problems? (You can indicate persons with whom you have face to face, phone, or email communication). Could you indicate up to five such persons and give some information about them?

Person named (initial of first name)	Gender 1=male 2=female	Age (years)	Education (code)	Occupation (code)	Type of relationship (code) I. II.	Does she/he live in the same locality? 1=yes 2=no
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Q6. Who are those persons with whom you regularly/generally have discussions about politics in general or political events happening in your community, country, or abroad (e.g. electoral campaigns, politically salient issues, debates on major events, etc.) Could you name up to five such persons and give some further information about them? Please indicate whether some of these persons have already been named in previous questions.

Person named (initial of first name)	Gender 1=male	Age (years)	Education (code)	Occupation (code)	Type of relationship (code)	Does she/he live in the same locality?

first name)	2=female				I.	II.	1=yes 2=no
26.							
27.							
28.							
29.							
30.							

Now I would like to ask you some further information regarding the latter mentioned persons.

Q7. How often do you discuss with them generally? Would you say that politics constitute a frequent topic of your conversation? (Open answer that will be further codified).

Expected categories/suggestions:

- 1= discuss every day or almost every day and political discussion is often part of the regular discussion
- 2= discuss every day or almost every day but political discussion emerges only sometimes/rather rarely
- 3= discuss 2-3 times a week and political discussion is often part of the regular discussion
- 4= discuss 2-3 times a week but political discussion emerges only sometimes/rarely
- 5= discuss 2-3 times in a month and political discussion is often part of the regular discussion
- 6= discuss 2-3 times in a month but political discussion emerges only sometimes/rarely
- 7= discuss few times in a year and political discussion is part of the regular discussion
- 8= discuss few times in a year but political discussion emerges only sometimes/rather rarely

Person named (previous code)	Frequency of political discussion (code)

Q8. Are your political opinions rather similar or not? (Open answer that will be further codified).

Expected categories/Suggestions:

- 1= always/ more often similar
- 2= rather similar when it comes to important principles but quite different when we enter into details regarding support for parties, assessment of political actors, or opinions on particular issues
- 3= rather different concerning our political views
- 4 = always/more often different

Person named (previous code)	Similarity of political views

Q9. Do you know what the political preferences of your discussant are (i.e. party preference, stance on political salient issues)? (Open answer that will be further codified)

Expected categories/Suggestions:

- 1= yes, I know all/almost all of the political views of my discussant
- 2= I think I know some of my discussant’s political views though it is not absolutely clear to me what are his/her political preferences
- 3= I am confused about my discussant’s political views
- 4= I do not know the views of my political discussant at all despite the fact that we discuss politics quite often. He/she always abstains from clearly stating his/her preferences.

Person named	Awareness of discussants’ political views

