Questions on Adults Life

1 Demographic and Parents’ Characteristics

The basic demographic variables collected in the SOEP and many other surveys are the following:

Your sex
male □
female □

Year of birth and month □□□□ □□
Year Month

Where did you live before German unification, 1989?
In East Germany (including East Berlin)..............................□
In West Germany (included West-Berlin)............................□
Abroad................................................................................□

In which country were you born?

When did you come to Germany?
□□□□
Year

What is your citizenship?

Is German your mother language?
Yes…………………□ No……………………□

What is your marital status?
Married, living together with my spouse.........................□
Married, (permanently) separated from my spouse ........□
Single ........................................................................□
Divorced........................................................................□
Widowed.......................................................................□
Are you in a serious/permanent relationship?
Yes……………………. □  No……………………. □  
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Does your partner live in the same household?
Yes ........................... □  No ........................... □  

How many people currently live in your household, including children?
□□□□ Persons

How many are 14 years and older?
□□□□ Persons

How many are 18 years and older?
□□□□ Persons

How many of those are …
employed full-time .......................................................... □
employed part-time .......................................................... □
registered unemployed .................................................. □
enrolled in higher education/training/apprenticeship .......... □
retired ................................................................. □
other ........................................................................... □

If you take a look at the total income of all household members: how high is the monthly household income today?
Please state the net monthly income, which means after deductions for taxes and social security. Please include regular income such as pensions, housing allowance, child allowance, grants for higher education support payments, etc.
If you do not know the exact amount, please estimate the amount per month. □□□□ euros per month

Are you currently enrolled in some sort of education? In other words, do you attend a school or educational institution, are you in an apprenticeship or are you enrolled in further education or training?
Yes……………………. □  No……………………. □  
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What type of education or training is it?

General school:
Secondary general school (“Hauptschule”) .................. □
Intermediate School (“Realschule”) ......................... □
Upper Secondary School (“Gymnasium”) .................. □
Comprehensive School (“Gesamtschule”) ............... □
Evening Intermediate School (“Abendrealschule”) ...... □
“Fachoberschule” .......................................................... □
Vocational education:
Primary vocational training year, vocational preparatory year ("Berufsgrundbildungsjahr, Berufsvorbereitungsjahr")
Vocational school without apprenticeship
Apprenticeship
Full-time vocational school ("Berufsfachschule, Handelsschule")
School for health care professions
Trade and technical school ("Fachschule", for example, "Meister- Technikerschule")
Education as public employee
Other: 

Higher Education:
"Fachhochschule"
University, other higher education institution
Doctorate, doctorate program, “Habilitation”

Please state type of degree and field of study:
Type of degree:
Field of study:

Are you receiving a scholarship for these studies?
If so, from what organization?
No: 
Yes, BAfiG: 
Yes, other: 
Other: 

Further education ("Weiterbildung")/ occupational retraining ("Umschulung"):
Professional or vocational retraining ("Umschulung")
Further education in your profession
Professional rehabilitation
Further education in politics or general
Other: 

What type of school degree do you have?
No degree, still attending school
School-leaving certificate in the Federal Republic of Germany / West Berlin:
Secondary general school-leaving certificate (Volksschul- / Hauptschulabschluss)  □
Intermediate school-leaving certificate (Mittlere Reife, Realschulabschluss)  □
Fachhochschulreife, Abschluß Fachoberschule  □
Upper secondary school-leaving certificate (Abitur, Hochschulreife)  □
Other school-leaving certificate  □
Left school without attaining school-leaving certificate  □

School degree in the German Democratic Republic:
School-leaving certificate after 8 years of schooling (Abschluss 8. Klasse)  □
School-leaving certificate after 10 years of schooling (Abschluss 10. Klasse)  □
Upper secondary school-leaving certificate (Abitur, Hochschulreife)  □
Other school-leaving certificate  □
Left school without attaining school-leaving certificate  □

School-leaving certificate attained abroad:
Duration of schooling □ □ years,
in particular:
Compulsory schooling without school-leaving certificate.............. □
Compulsory schooling school-leaving certificate........................ □
School-leaving certificate from secondary schooling.................. □

Did you complete school, vocational training, or university education?
Yes □ No................................. □

What kind of degree was it?
→ Possible to tick more than one box.
Apprenticeship ................................................................. □
Full-time vocational school............................................... □
Berufsfachschule, Handelsschule ........................................ □
School for health care professions..................................... □
Trade and technical school for vocational education.............. □
Training for public employees............................................ □
Fachhochschule.............................................................. □
University, technical university, other higher education institution .... □
Doctorate degree … ........................................................... □
Other degree.................................................................... □
In what year was your father / mother born?

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Does or did your father and/or mother have the German citizenship?

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<td>No......</td>
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What type of secondary school diploma/certificate do your parents have?

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<td>Elementary school-leaving certificate (“Volksschulabschluss”), secondary general school-leaving certificate (“Hauptschulabschluss”) or an 8th grade school-leaving certificate from East Germany</td>
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<td>Intermediate school-leaving certificate (“Mittlere Reife”, “Realschulabschluss”) or an 10th grade leaving degree from East Germany</td>
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<tr>
<td>Upper secondary school-leaving certificate as qualification for university studies (“Abitur” or “Hochschulreife”)</td>
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<td>Another type of school-leaving certificate</td>
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<td>Don’t know</td>
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Did your father and/or mother receive job training or an university degree?

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<td>Yes, university or higher education degree</td>
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<td>No finished training or degree</td>
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<td>Don’t know</td>
<td>☐</td>
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If applicable: What occupation did your parents have when you were aged 15?

Father

Mother

Does your father / mother belong to a church or other type of religious group?

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<td>member of the (German) protestant church</td>
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<td>member of another Christian group</td>
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<td>member of another type of religious group</td>
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<td>No: no religious affiliation</td>
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2 Labour Market

The following questions are aimed at measuring key information about individuals’ labor market behaviour.

Have you done any paid work during the last seven days, even if this work was only for an hour or just a few hours? Please answer yes also if you normally would have worked in the last seven days, but did not do so due to holidays, sickness, bad weather, or other reasons.

Yes ................................... No ...................................

Are you currently on maternity leave or parental leave (“Elternzeit”)?

Yes, maternity leave.............. Yes, parental leave ........... No ...................................

Are you officially registered as unemployed at the Employment office (“Arbeitsamt”)?

Yes ................................... No ...................................

Are you currently engaged in paid employment? Which of the following applies best to your employment status?

Pensioners with a job contract are considered employed.
Employed full-time ..............................................................
Employed part-time ..............................................................
In occupational/professional education or retraining.............
Marginally (“geringfügig”) or irregularly employed..............
Approaching retirement in part-time employment with zero working hours ..............................................................
Doing compulsory military service ........................................
Doing community service as substitute for compulsory military service (“Zivildienst”)/voluntary social year ............
Not employed ......................................................................

What is your current occupational status?

Please give the exact title. For example, do not write “clerk”; but “shipping clerk”; not “blue-collar worker”, but “machine metalworker”. If you are engaged in public employment, please give your official title, for example, “police chief” or “Studienrat”. If you are an apprentice or in vocational training, please state the profession associated with your training.

Please write the German term only! ____________________________

Is this position the same as the profession for which you were educated or trained?

Yes ................. Currently in education or training ....................
No.................. I have not been trained or educated for a particular profession ............
What type of education or training is usually necessary for this type of work?

- No completed vocational training/apprenticeship required ...........................................................
- Completed vocational training/apprenticeship required ..................................................................
- “Fachhochschule” school-leaving certificate required .................................................................
- Completed degree from a university or other institution of higher education ............................... 

What type of introduction or introductory training is usually necessary for this type of work?

- Only brief on-the-job training ........................................................................................................
- A longer period of in-house training ...............................................................................................
- Participation in special training or courses .....................................................................................

Does the company in which you are employed belong to the public sector?

- Yes ................................... 
- No .................................

Which business or industry sector is your company or institution active in for the most part?

Please state the branch as exactly as possible, for example, not “industry”, but “electronics industry”; not “trade”, but “retail trade”; not “public service”, but “hospital”.

Please write the German term only! _______________________________________________

Approximately how many people does the company employ as a whole?

- less than 5 people .................................................................
- from 5 up to 10 people.................................................................
- from 11 up to, but less than 20 people.................................................................
- from 20 up to, but less than 100 people.................................................................
- from 100 up to, but less than 200 people.................................................................
- from 200 up to, but less than 2,000 people.................................................................
- 2,000 or more people .........................................................................................

Not applicable, because I am self-employed without further employees .................................

How high was your income from employment last month?

If you received extra income such as vacation pay or back pay, please do not include this. Please do not include overtime pay.

If you are self-employed: Please estimate your monthly income before and after tax.

Please fill in both:

- gross income, which means wages or salary before deduction of taxes and social security
- net income, which means the sum after deduction of taxes, social security, and unemployment and health insurance.

My income was:  
gross  euros  
net  euros
For Non-Employed Respondents

If someone offered you an appropriate position right now, could you start working within the next two weeks?
Yes .................... □  
No .................... □  

Have you actively looked for work within the last two weeks?
Yes .................□  
No .................. □  

3 Health

Health status is important for several kinds of activities and preferences. We recommend collecting the following variables:

How would you describe your current health?
Very good .............. □  
Good .................... □  
Satisfactory .......... □  
Poor ..................... □  
Bad ................... □  

When you climb the stairs, i.e., go up several floors on foot, does your state of health affect you severely, slightly, or not at all?
Severely ............... □  
Slightly ............... □  
Not at all ............. □  

What about your ability to do other tiring everyday tasks such as lifting something heavy or activities requiring agility: Does your state of health affect you severely, slightly, or not at all?
Severely ............... □  
Slightly ............... □  
Not at all ............. □  

Please think about the last four weeks. How often did it occur within this period of time ...

- that you felt rushed or pressed for time? □ □ □ □ □
- that you felt run-down and melancholy? □ □ □ □ □
- that you felt relaxed and well-balanced? □ □ □ □ □
- that you expended a lot of energy? □ □ □ □ □
- that you experienced severe physical pain? □ □ □ □ □
- that due to physical health problems you achieved less than you wanted to at work or in everyday tasks? □ □ □ □ □
• that due to mental health or emotional problems you achieved less than you wanted to at work or in everyday tasks?
  □ □ □ □ □ □  
• your carried out your work or everyday tasks less thoroughly than usual?
  □ □ □ □ □ □

How tall are you?
If you don’t know, please estimate.
□□□□ cm

How much do you currently weight (in kilograms)?
If you don’t know, please estimate.
□□□□ kg

Are you legally classified as disabled or having a reduced ability to work for medical reasons?
Yes ☐
What is the extent of your disability according to the most recent diagnosis? ...........................................
No. ............

Are you naturally right-handed or left-handed?
Right-handed........
Left-handed........

Which hand do you actually write with?
Right hand ..........
Left hand..........

In addition to these two questions, the SOEP collects (for a random subsample) physical measurements of hand grip strength (cf. Schupp 2007).
4 Personality, Preferences, and Subjective Orientations

Personal traits and preferences are important for describing individual differences in behavior (see, for example, Dohmen et al., 2006 and Dohmen et al., 2008). We recommend the following variables4:

I will now read to you a number of feelings. Please indicate for each feeling how often or seldom you experienced this feeling in the last four weeks.

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<th>Rarely</th>
<th>Occasionally</th>
<th>Often</th>
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<td>happy?</td>
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<td>sad?</td>
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What is your opinion on the following three statements?

Please tick one of the boxes for each statement.

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<th>Totally agree</th>
<th>Agree slightly</th>
<th>Disagree slightly</th>
<th>Totally disagree</th>
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<td>On the whole you can trust people.</td>
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<td>Nowadays one can’t rely on anyone.</td>
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<td>If one is dealing with strangers, it is better to be careful before trusting them.</td>
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Do you believe that most people ...

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<td>would exploit you if they had the opportunity?</td>
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<td>Or would they try to be fair with you?</td>
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Would you say that most of the time, people ...

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<td>try to be helpful?</td>
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<td>Or do they only act in their own interest?</td>
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4 For two ultra-short cognitive tests which we were applied in SOEP 2006, see Schupp et al. (2008).
In the SOEP, the following 15-item question version aims at eliciting respondents’ personality traits through the “Big Five Inventory (BFI)”.

Now a completely different subject: everyday actions. While our actions are influenced by our basic beliefs, there is very limited scientific knowledge available on this topic.

Below are different qualities that a person can have. You will probably find that some apply to you completely and that some do not apply to you at all. With others, you may be somewhere in between.

Please answer according to the following scale:

1 means “does not apply to me at all”,

7 means “applies to me completely”.

With values between 1 and 7, you can express where you lie between these two extremes.

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<th>I see myself as someone who</th>
<th>Does not apply to me at all</th>
<th>Applies to me completely</th>
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<td>• does a thorough job</td>
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<td>☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐</td>
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<td>• is communicative, talkative</td>
<td>☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐</td>
<td>☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐</td>
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<td>• is sometimes somewhat rude to others</td>
<td>☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐</td>
<td>☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐</td>
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<td>• is original, comes up with new ideas</td>
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<td>• worries a lot</td>
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<td>☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐</td>
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<td>• has a forgiving nature</td>
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<td>☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐</td>
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<td>• tends to be lazy</td>
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<td>• is outgoing, sociable</td>
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<td>• values artistic experiences</td>
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<td>• gets nervous easily</td>
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<td>• does things effectively and efficiently</td>
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<td>☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐</td>
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<td>• is reserved</td>
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<td>• is considerate and kind to others</td>
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<td>• has an active imagination</td>
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<td>• is relaxed, handless stress well</td>
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The following questions are aimed at measuring individuals’ locus of control, which goes back to the work of Rotter (1966). In the SOEP, locus of control is surveyed with 10-items.
The following statements apply to different attitudes towards life and the future. To what degree do you personally agree with the following statements?

Please answer according to the following scale:
1 means: "disagree completely", 7 means: "agree completely".

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<th>Statement</th>
<th>Disagree completely</th>
<th>Agree completely</th>
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<td>How my life goes depends on me</td>
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<td>Compared to other people, I have not achieved what I deserve</td>
<td>☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐</td>
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<td>What a person achieves in life is above all a question of fate or luck</td>
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<td>If a person is socially or politically active, he/she can have an effect on social conditions</td>
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<td>I frequently have the experience that other people have a controlling influence over my life</td>
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<tr>
<td>One has to work hard in order to succeed</td>
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<td>If I run up against difficulties in life, I often doubt my own abilities</td>
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<td>The opportunities that I have in life are determined by the social conditions</td>
<td>☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐</td>
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<td>Inborn abilities are more important than any efforts one can make</td>
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<td>I have little control over the things that happen in my life</td>
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How would you describe yourself:
Are you generally an impatient person, or someone who always shows great patience?

Please tick a box on the scale, where the value 0 means: “very impatient” and the value 10 means “very patient”. You can use the values in between to make your estimate.

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<th>Very patient</th>
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How would you describe yourself:
Are you generally willing to take risks, or do you try to avoid risks?

Please tick a box on the scale, where the value 0 means: “risk averse” and the value 10 means “fully prepared to take risks”. You can use the values in between to make your estimate.

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How would you describe yourself:

Do you generally think things over for a long time before acting – in other words, Are you not impulsive at all? Or do you generally act without thinking things over for long time – in other words, are you very impulsive?^

Please tick a box on the scale, where the value 0 means “not at all impulsive” and the value 10 means “very impulsive”. You can use the values in between to make your estimate.

![Impulsiveness scale](image)

Different things can be important to different people. Are the following things currently important for you?

Very important, important, less important or not at all important?

- Being able to afford to buy something for yourself
- Being there for others
- Being self-fulfilled
- Being successful in my career
- Owning a house
- Having a happy marriage/relationship
- Having children
- Being politically and/or socially involved
- Seeing the world and/or travelling widely

To what extent do the following statements apply to you?

- When I think about the future, I’m actually quite optimistic
- I often feel lonely
- I don’t really enjoy my work
- Things have gotten so complicated that I almost can’t manage anymore

5 Subjective Wellbeing

Researchers working on subjective well-being (SWB) might be interested in collecting the following SOEP indicators. For a discussion on affective and cognitive components of SWB see Schimmack et al. (2008).
How satisfied are you today with the following areas of your life?
Please answer according to the following scale:

0 means “totally unhappy”,
10 means “totally happy”.

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<td>your free time?</td>
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<td>(if you have small children) the child care available?</td>
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<td>your family life?</td>
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<td>(if you do volunteer work) with your volunteer work in clubs, associations, or other special service organizations?</td>
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In the SOEP questionnaire, the question about satisfaction with life is generally asked at the end of the personal questionnaire. We recommend doing so in other studies as well, because the answer to this question depends—at least to a certain extent—on the context of this question.

In conclusion, we would like to ask you about your satisfaction with your life in general.

Please answer according to the following scale:

0 means “completely dissatisfied”, 10 means “completely satisfied”.

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<th>How satisfied are you with your life, all things considered?</th>
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6 Political Involvement and Participation

Researchers working on involvement, citizenship and political participation might be interested in collecting the following information:

**Which of the following activities do you take part in during your free time?**
*Please check how often you do each activity: at least once a week, at least once a month, less often, never.*

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<td>Doing sports yourself</td>
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<td>Artistic or musical activities (playing music/singing, dancing, acting, painting, photography)</td>
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<td>Volunteer work in clubs or social services</td>
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<td>Involvement in a citizens’ group, political party, local government</td>
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**Are you a member of a church or religious community? If so, are you**

- Catholic ........................................................................................................... ☐
- Protestant ........................................................................................................... ☐
- a member of a different Christian denomination or religious community ............................ ☐
- a member of an Islamic religious community ......................................................... ☐
- a member of another religious community ............................................................ ☐
- No, I am not a member of a religious community ..................................................... ☐

**Are you a member of one of the following organizations or unions?**

- trade union? ........................................................................................................... ☐
- professional body? ................................................................................................. ☐
- works or staff council at your place of work? ......................................................... ☐
- group or organization that supports the conservation and protection of the environment and/or nature? ........................................................................................................... ☐
- club or similar organization? .................................................................................. ☐

**Generally speaking, how interested are you in politics?**

Very much.............. ☐
Much..................... ☐
Not so much ...... □

Not at all............. □

Many people in Germany lean towards one party in the long term, even if they occasionally vote for another party. Do you lean towards a particular party?
Yes ................. □
No................... □

Which party do you lean toward?
SPD ........................................ □
CDU ........................................ □
CSU........................................ □
FDP ........................................ □
Bündnis 90/Die Grünen......... □
Die Linke/PDS/WASG ........... □
DVU/Republikaner/NPD......... □
Other ................................. □

And to what extent?
Very strongly............... □
Rather strongly............... □
Somewhat....................... □
Weakly ......................... □
Very weakly.................. □