**A2. Variables and measurements**

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| Life satisfaction, reversed | | | | | | | | Left-right self-identification | | | | | | | | |
| How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your life in general? | | | | N | % | | | Using the same [left-right] scale, where would you place yourself? | | N | | | | % | | |
| Very satisfied | | | | 170 | 24 | | | Left | | 40 | | | | 5 | | |
| Fairly satisfied | | | | 482 | 66 | | | 1 | | 20 | | | | 2 | | |
| Fairly dissatisfied | | | | 53 | 8 | | | 2 | | 38 | | | | 5 | | |
| Very dissatisfied | | | | 15 | 2 | | | 3 | | 63 | | | | 8 | | |
|  | | | |  |  | | | 4 | | 80 | | | | 11 | | |
|  | | | |  |  | | | 5 | | 140 | | | | 22 | | |
|  | | | |  |  | | | 6 | | 56 | | | | 9 | | |
|  | | | |  |  | | | 7 | | 93 | | | | 16 | | |
|  | | | |  |  | | | 8 | | 77 | | | | 14 | | |
|  | | | |  |  | | | 9 | | 23 | | | | 4 | | |
|  | | | |  |  | | | Right | | 18 | | | | 3 | | |
|  | | | |  |  | | |  | |  | | | |  | | |
| Education | | | | | | | | Gender | | | | | | | | |
| What is the highest level of education or degree you have completed? | | | | N | % | | |  | | N | | | | % | | |
| Primary education | | | | 31 | 4 | | | Male | | 290 | | | | 46 | | |
| Lower secondary education | | | | 52 | 6 | | | Female | | 429 | | | | 54 | | |
| Short vocational training | | | | 182 | 26 | | |  | |  | | | |  | | |
| College-level vocational education | | | | 143 | 19 | | |  | |  | | | |  | | |
| Upper secondary education | | | | 64 | 10 | | |  | |  | | | |  | | |
| University of applied sciences degree | | | | 103 | 14 | | |  | |  | | | |  | | |
| University degree (B.A, M.A. or equivalent) | | | | 132 | 20 | | |  | |  | | | |  | | |
| Doctoral degree or equivalent | | | | 10 | 1 | | |  | |  | | | |  | | |
| Retrospective; pocketbook | | | Prospective; pocketbook | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If you think back to the past two years (24 months), are the following things currently better, worse or the same as before? Your own or your family's financial situation | N | % | And what about two years (24 months) from now, do you think the following things will be better, worse or the same as they are now? Your own or your family’s financial situation | | | | | | N | | | % | | | | |
| Better | 147 | 24 | Better | | | | | | 155 | | | 26 | | | | |
| Worse | 186 | 26 | Worse | | | | | | 120 | | | 19 | | | | |
| The same | 366 | 50 | The same | | | | | | 377 | | | 55 | | | | |
|  |  |  |  | | | | | |  | | |  | | | | |
| Retrospective; sociotropic | | | Prospective; sociotropic | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If you think back to the past two years (24 months), are the following things currently better, worse or the same as before? State of the economy in Finland | N | % | And what about two years (24 months) from now, do you think the following things will be better, worse or the same as they are now? State of the economy in Finland | | | | | | N | | | % | | | | |
| Better | 308 | 45 | Better | | | | | | 124 | | | 20 | | | | |
| Worse | 127 | 19 | Worse | | | | | | 248 | | | 42 | | | | |
| The same | 245 | 37 | The same | | | | | | 227 | | | 38 | | | | |
|  |  |  |  | | | | | |  | | |  | | | | |
| External political efficacy | | | Internal political efficacy | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?  I have no say in what the Government and Parliament decide | N | % | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?  I trust in my ability to participate in politics | | | | | | N | | | % | | | | |
| Strongly agree | 165 | 23 | Strongly disagree | | | | | | 70 | | | 9 | | | | |
| Agree to some extent | 225 | 33 | Disagree to some extent | | | | | | 104 | | | 16 | | | | |
| Disagree to some extent | 259 | 36 | Agree to some extent | | | | | | 269 | | | 42 | | | | |
| Strongly disagree | 59 | 8 | Strongly agree | | | | | | 233 | | | 34 | | | | |
|  |  |  |  | | | | | |  | | |  | | | | |
| Satisfaction with democracy | | | Generalized trust | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Finland? | N | % | Would you say that people can be trusted or that you can’t be too  careful in dealing with people? Indicate your opinion on a scale 0-10, where 0 means you can’t be too careful about people and 10 means that most people can be trusted | | | | | | N | | | % | | | | |
| Very satisfied | 45 | 7 | Can’t be too careful | | | | | | 12 | | | 2 | | | | |
| Fairly satisfied | 501 | 73 | 1 | | | | | | 5 | | | 1 | | | | |
| Not very satisfied | 133 | 17 | 2 | | | | | | 11 | | | 1 | | | | |
| Not at all satisfied | 21 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 16 | | | 2 | | | | |
|  |  |  | 4 | | | | | | 19 | | | 3 | | | | |
|  |  |  | 5 | | | | | | 86 | | | 12 | | | | |
|  |  |  | 6 | | | | | | 61 | | | 9 | | | | |
|  |  |  | 7 | | | | | | 137 | | | 20 | | | | |
|  |  |  | 8 | | | | | | 201 | | | 27 | | | | |
|  |  |  | 9 | | | | | | 93 | | | 13 | | | | |
|  |  |  | Most people can be trusted | | | | | | 70 | | | 10 | | | | |
| **Additional measures for robustness checks** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Income satisfaction, reversed | | | | | | | Trust in political parties | | | | | | | | |
| How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your financial situation? | | | | N | % | | To what extent do you trust or mistrust the following? Political parties | | | | N | | | | % |
| Very satisfied | | | | 68 | 10 | | Don’t trust at all | | | | 9 | | | | 1 |
| Fairly satisfied | | | | 426 | 60 | | 1 | | | | 4 | | | | 1 |
| Fairly dissatisfied | | | | 150 | 22 | | 2 | | | | 19 | | | | 3 |
| Very dissatisfied | | | | 65 | 9 | | 3 | | | | 32 | | | | 4 |
|  | | | |  |  | | 4 | | | | 50 | | | | 7 |
|  | | | |  |  | | 5 | | | | 169 | | | | 23 |
|  | | | |  |  | | 6 | | | | 128 | | | | 19 |
|  | | | |  |  | | 7 | | | | 184 | | | | 25 |
|  | | | |  |  | | 8 | | | | 107 | | | | 15 |
|  | | | |  |  | | 9 | | | | 17 | | | | 3 |
|  | | | |  |  | | Trust completely | | | | 1 | | | | 0 |
|  | | | |  |  | |  | | | |  | | | |  |
| Trust in Parliament | | | | | | | Trust in Government | | | | | | | | |
| To what extent do you trust or mistrust the following? The Parliament | | | | N | % | | To what extent do you trust or mistrust the following? The Government | | | | N | | | | % |
| Don’t trust at all | | | | 9 | 1 | | Don’t trust at all | | | | 12 | | | | 2 |
| 1 | | | | 5 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 10 | | | | 2 |
| 2 | | | | 15 | 2 | | 2 | | | | 23 | | | | 3 |
| 3 | | | | 30 | 4 | | 3 | | | | 26 | | | | 3 |
| 4 | | | | 33 | 4 | | 4 | | | | 48 | | | | 6 |
| 5 | | | | 104 | 14 | | 5 | | | | 107 | | | | 15 |
| 6 | | | | 119 | 17 | | 6 | | | | 98 | | | | 14 |
| 7 | | | | 188 | 26 | | 7 | | | | 187 | | | | 25 |
| 8 | | | | 168 | 23 | | 8 | | | | 162 | | | | 23 |
| 9 | | | | 39 | 6 | | 9 | | | | 37 | | | | 6 |
| Trust completely | | | | 10 | 1 | | Trust completely | | | | 10 | | | | 1 |
|  | | | |  |  | |  | | | |  | | | |  |
| Trust in politicians | | | | | | | Political interest | | | | | | | | |
| To what extent do you trust or mistrust the following? Politicians | | | | N | % | | How interested are you in politics? | | | | N | | | | % |
| Don’t trust at all | | | | 13 | 2 | | Not at all interested | | | | 22 | | | | 3 |
| 1 | | | | 11 | 1 | | Not very interested | | | | 124 | | | | 17 |
| 2 | | | | 29 | 4 | | Somewhat interested | | | | 347 | | | | 48 |
| 3 | | | | 38 | 6 | | Very interested | | | | 226 | | | | 31 |
| 4 | | | | 72 | 9 | |  | | | |  | | | |  |
| 5 | | | | 157 | 22 | |  | | | |  | | | |  |
| 6 | | | | 137 | 20 | |  | | | |  | | | |  |
| 7 | | | | 179 | 25 | |  | | | |  | | | |  |
| 8 | | | | 73 | 10 | |  | | | |  | | | |  |
| 9 | | | | 10 | 1 | |  | | | |  | | | |  |
| Trust completely | | | | 1 | 0 | |  | | | |  | | | |  |
| Political knowledge 1 | | | | | | | Political knowledge 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Who of the following was the Finnish Minister of Finance right before the recent parliamentary  elections? | | | | N | % | | What was the unemployment rate in Finland in February 2019 according to Statistics Finland? | | | | N | | | | % |
| Paula Risikko | | | | 25 | 4 | | 2.1 % | | | | 1 | | | | 0 |
| Petteri Orpo | | | | 557 | 77 | | 4.9 % | | | | 27 | | | | 4 |
| Antti Rinne | | | | 9 | 2 | | 7.4 % | | | | 360 | | | | 51 |
| Anne Berner | | | | 10 | 1 | | 11.5 % | | | | 206 | | | | 28 |
| Can’t say | | | | 119 | 17 | | Can’t say | | | | 126 | | | | 18 |
| Political knowledge 3 | | | | | | | Political knowledge 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Who is the current President of the European Commission? | | | | N | % | | What do you think is meant by a parliamentary system of government? | | | | N | | | | % |
| José Manuel Barroso | | | | 50 | 7 | | Government by the people | | | | 98 | | | | 14 |
| Angela Merkel | | | | 56 | 9 | | That Parliament has the confidence of the Government | | | | 65 | | | | 9 |
| Jean-Claude Juncker | | | | 407 | 56 | | That the Government has the confidence of Parliament | | | | 421 | | | | 59 |
| Donald Tusk | | | | 51 | 7 | | That the Government has the confidence of the President | | | | 16 | | | | 2 |
| Can’t say | | | | 156 | 22 | | Can’t say | | | | 120 | | | | 16 |
| Political knowledge 5 | | | | | |  | | | | | | |  | | |
| Which of the following parties has the second largest number of seats in the newly elected Parliament? | | | | | | N | | | | | | | % | | |
| Social Democratic Party (SDP) | | | | | | 36 | | | | | | | 5 | | |
| Finns Party (PS) | | | | | | 539 | | | | | | | 75 | | |
| National Coalition Party (KOK) | | | | | | 90 | | | | | | | 13 | | |
| Centre party of Finland | | | | | | 16 | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Can’t say | | | | | | 39 | | | | | | | 5 | | |
| Self-rated health | | | | | |  | | | | | | |  | | |
| How would you describe your health in general? | | | | | | N | | | | | | | % | | |
| Very good | | | | | | 135 | | | | | | | 22 | | |
| Good | | | | | | 319 | | | | | | | 45 | | |
| Average | | | | | | 231 | | | | | | | 29 | | |
| Poor | | | | | | 29 | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| Very poor | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | 0 | | |

Data: FNES 2019. Frequencies are unweighted, percentages are weighted. Additional covariates: age in years (18-90) and age-squared are omitted from the table.