

Questionnaire of the elections to the National Council and the Council of State 18 October 2015

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Effects of the questions on the smartspider profile

Guidance: E.g. if you answer the question "Do you support a raise in the retirement age?" with "yes", the effect on the smartspider dimension "expanded welfare state" will be negative (marked by "-1"). That is the plot moves on this dimension towards 0 (negative effect), resp. with the answer "no" towards 100 (positive effect). Empty rows indicate that a question has no effect on the smartspider profile.

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1. Welfare state & family								
1	Do you support a raise in the retirement age for both women and men (e.g. to 67)?						-1	
2	Do you approve that the federal government provides financial support for child care outside the family?							1
3	Do you think that paid paternity leave of several weeks should be introduced in addition to existing maternity insurance benefits?						1	
4	Would you appreciate the introduction of needs-based minimum benefits for families on low income on a national level?						1	
5	Are you in favour of an adjustment to the benefits regulations which provide for a reduction of benefits for large families and young adults?						-1	
6	Do you think the conversion rate regulating the BVG pension amount (second pillar) should be adjusted to the increased life expectancy and, accordingly, be reduced from 6.8% to 6.0%?						-1	
2. Health care								
1	Would you agree to an increase in the minimum deductible relating to the compulsory basic health insurance scheme (KVG) from CHF 300 to CHF 500?						-1	
2	Do you think compulsory vaccination should be introduced on the basis of the Swiss vaccination plan?							
3	Do you think that medical treatments through complementary (alternative) methods should still be paid from basic insurance scheme (KVG) beyond 2017?						1	
4	Should more hospitals in Switzerland be closed down to reduce the healthcare costs?							
3. Education & research								
1	Should the government increase its efforts to support equal education opportunities (such as through vouchers for private lessons granted to students from families on low income)?						1	
2	Are you in favour of a harmonisation between cantonal curricula (such as through the 'Lehrplan 21' or PER projects)?							
3	Do you think that in all cantons primary schools should teach a second official language?							
4	Under the integrated schooling concept, children with learning difficulties or disabilities are generally taught in regular school classes. Do you approve of this idea?							
5	Do you approve of schools allowing pupils to be exempted from individual subjects or events on religious grounds (e.g. PE/swimming, school trips, sex education lessons, etc.)?							-1
6	Should the economic benefits of research projects be taken more into account when it comes to the allocation of public funding?							
4. Immigration & integration								
1	Would you support that foreigners who have lived for at least ten years in Switzerland being given voting and electoral rights at municipal level throughout Switzerland?				-1			
2	Should the naturalisation process for third-generation foreigners be simplified?				-1			
3	Should the residence permit for migrants from non-EU/EFTA countries be subject to the fulfilment of binding integration agreements across Switzerland?				1			
4	Are you in favour of legalizing the status of sans papiers immigrants (i.e. immigrants who have no official paperwork) through a one-off, collective granting of residency permits?				-1			
5	Do you think Switzerland should accept an increased number of refugees directly from crisis regions for which the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) needs host countries (what is called quota refugees)?				-1			
5. Society & ethics								
1	Should same-sex couples who have registered their partnership be able to adopt children?							1
2	In June 2015 the Swiss people approved the relaxation of the rules for medically assisted reproduction (referendum on pre-implantation diagnosis, PID). Do you welcome this decision?							1
3	Should the consumption of cannabis as well as its possession for personal use be legalised?			-1				1
4	Would you agree to the introduction of a minimum proportion of women as members of the board of directors or managements boards of companies listed on the stock exchange?		-1					
5	Would you support the right of doctors in Switzerland to help someone die with impunity?							1
6	Would you appreciate the introduction of automatic organ donation (presumed consent) in Switzerland?							
7	Do you think the federal government should withdraw from its financial support of cultural activities?			1				

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6. Finances & taxes								
1								1
2			1					
3			1					
4			-1					
5								
6								-1
7. Economy & work								
1		-1						
2		-1						
3						1		
4								
5		-1						
6		1						1
7		-1						
8. Energy								
1		1						
2		-1				1		
3		1				-1		
4			-1			1		
9. Environment & transport								
1		-1				1		
2						-1		
3		-1				1		
4						-1		
5						-1		
6						1		
10. Political system								
1								
2	1							
3								
11. Justice & security								
1				-1				
2				-1				
3				1				-1
4				1				
5				-1				
6	-1			1				

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12. External relations								
1	Should Switzerland embark on negotiations in the next four years to join the EU?	1						
2	Do you consider the strict implementation of the large-scale immigration initiative to have priority over the continuation of bilateral agreements with the EU?	-1	-1		1			
3	Should Switzerland start negotiations with the USA on a free trade agreement?	1	1					
4	Should liability regulations for companies operating from Switzerland be tightened with regard to the compliance with human rights and environmental standards?		-1			1		
5	Do you think that Swiss foreign policy should increasingly be oriented to a strict interpretation of neutrality?	-1						
13. Federal budget								
1	Development aid and economic cooperation	1						
2	National defence		-1	1				
3	Public security		-1	1				
4	Education and research		-1					
5	Social services		-1				1	
6	Road traffic		-1			-1		
7	Public transport		-1			1		
8	Environment and land planning		-1			1		
9	Agriculture		-1					
10	Contributions to the cantons in the context of financial equalisation		-1					