

MODULE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT APPLIED TO MEXICO
“COMPARATIVE STUDY OF ELECTORAL SYSTEMS”

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. In general terms, how satisfied are you with the way Democracy works in Mexico? Are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied?
 - (1) Very satisfied
 - (2) Fairly satisfied
 - (3) Not very satisfied
 - (4) Not at all satisfied
 - (5) D/K
 - (6) N/A

 2. In some countries, people believe their elections are clean. In others, people believe their elections are not clean. On a scale from 1 to 5 —where ONE means that the elections were not clean, and FIVE that the elections were clean—, how would you consider the past July 6th federal elections? (INTERVIEWER: SHOW CARD 1)

 - (6) D/K
 - (7) N/A

 3. Are you close to any political party in particular?
 - (1) Yes ⇒ 3a
 - (2) No ⇒ 3b
 - (3) D/K
 - (4) N/A

 - 3a. Which party is that?
 - (1) PAN (Partido Acción Nacional) ⇒3d
 - (2) PRI (Partido Revolucionario Institucional) ⇒3d
 - (3) PRD (Partido de la Revolución Democrática) ⇒3d
 - (4) PT (Partido del Trabajo) ⇒3d
 - (5) PVEM (Partido Verde Ecologista Mexicano) ⇒3d
 - (6) PC (Partido Cardenista) ⇒3d
 - (7) PPS (Partido Popular Socialista) ⇒3d
 - (8) PDM (Partido Demócrata Mexicano) ⇒3d
 - (9) Another ⇒3d
 - (10) D/K
 - (11) N/A

 - 3d. Do you feel closer to one political party?
 - (1) Yes
 - (2) No ⇒4
 - (3) D/K ⇒4
 - (4) N/A ⇒4
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3c. Which party is that?

- (1) (PAN) Partido Acción Nacional
- (2) (PRI) Partido Revolucionario Institucional
- (3) (PRD) Partido de la Revolución Democrática
- (4) (PT) Partido del Trabajo
- (5) (PVEM) Partido Verde Ecologista Mexicano
- (6) (PC) Partido Cardenista
- (7) PPS (Partido Popular Socialista)
- (8) PDM (Partido Demócrata Mexicano)
- (9) Another
- (10) D/K ⇒4
- (11) N/A ⇒4

3d. Do you feel very close, somewhat close or not very close with the party that you mentioned?

- (1) Very close
- (2) Somewhat close
- (3) Not very close
- (4) D/K
- (5) N/A

4. Some people think that political parties in Mexico do not care about the people's needs. Others say that political parties do care about the people's needs. Using the scale that appears on the card —where ONE means that the political parties do not care about the people's needs, and FIVE that the political parties do care about the people's needs—, where would you be?
(INTERVIEWER: SHOW CARD 2)

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- (6) D/K
 - (7) N/A

5. Some people say that the political parties are necessary in Mexico. Other people say that political parties are not necessary in Mexico. Using the scale that appears on the card —where ONE means that the parties are not necessary for our political system to function, and FIVE that the parties are necessary in Mexico—, where would you be? (INTERVIEWER: SHOW CARD 3)

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- (6) D/K
 - (7) N/A

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6. Do you remember some of the names of the candidates that ran for federal deputies for your district in the past elections? (INTERVIEWER: WRITE DOWN ALL THE NAMES THAT ARE MENTIONED TO YOU)

- (1) Yes ⇒ 6a
- (2) No
- (3) D/K
- (4) N/A

6a. Who were they?

7. I would like to know what you think about our political parties in Mexico. I will read to you the names of political parties, and I would like you to rate them according to a scale from 0 to 10, in which 0 means that you strongly dislike that party and 10 means that you strongly like that party. If I mention a party from which you've never heard of or from which you don't have enough information, just say it. How would you rate the PAN using a scale from 0 to 10?

(INTERVIEWER: SHOW CARD 4)

PAN	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know the party enough
and the PRI?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know the party enough
the PRD?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know the party enough
the PT?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know the party enough
the PVEM?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know the party enough
the PC?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know the party enough
the PPS?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know the party enough
the PDM?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know the party enough

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8. Now, using the same scale, I would like to ask you how much you sympathize with our political leaders in Mexico? Again, if I mention the name of a leader from whom you've never heard of or from whom you don't have enough information to make a judgement, just say it. How would you rate Felipe Calderón Hinojosa in a scale from 0 to 10? (INTERVIEWER: SHOW CARD 5).

Felipe Calderón Hinojosa?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know him enough/never heard of him
Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know him enough/never heard of him
Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know him enough/never heard of him
Diego Fernández de Cevallos?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know him enough/never heard of him
Manuel López Obrador?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know him enough/never heard of him
Carlos Salinas de Gortari?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know him enough/never heard of him
Humberto Roque Villanueva?	-----	(11) D/K	(12) N/A	(13) I don't know him enough/never heard of him

9. What do you think about the economic situation nowadays? Would you say that the economic situation is very good, good, neither good nor bad, bad or very bad?

- (1) Very good
- (2) Good
- (3) Neither good nor bad
- (4) Bad
- (5) Very bad
- (6) D/K
- (7) N/A

10. Would you say that during the past 12 months the economic situation has improved, remained stable or worsen?

- (1) It has gotten better ⇒ 10a
- (2) It has remained the same
- (3) It has gotten worse ⇒ 10b
- (4) D/K
- (5) N/A

10a. Would you say that the economic situation is much better or somewhat better?

- (1) Much better
- (2) Somewhat better
- (3) D/K
- (4) N/A

10b. Would you say that the economic situation has gotten much worse or somewhat worse?

- (1) Much worse
- (2) Somewhat worse
- (3) D/K
- (4) N/A

11. Some people say deputies do not care about the people's needs. Some people say that deputies do care about the people's needs. Using the scale that appears on the card—where ONE means that deputies do not care about the people's needs, and FIVE that the deputies do care about the people's needs—, where would you be? (INTERVIEWER: SHOW CARD 6)

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- (6) D/K
 - (7) N/A

12. Have you had contact with a federal deputy in the past 12 months?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) D/K
- (4) N/A

13. Some people say that it doesn't matter which party is in power. On the contrary, some people say that it does matter which party is in power. Using the scale that appears on the card—where ONE means that it doesn't matter which party is in power, and FIVE that it does matter which party is in power—, where would you be? (INTERVIEWER: SHOW CARD 7)

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- (6) D/K
 - (7) N/A

14. Some people think that no matter for whom one votes, vote has no influence in what happens in the country. Other people, on the contrary, consider that the choice one makes when voting has an impact on what happens to the country. Using the scale that appears on the card—where ONE means that the vote has no influence in what may happen to the country, and FIVE that the vote has a lot of influence in what happens in the country—, where would you be? (INTERVIEWER: SHOW CARD 8)

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- (6)D/K
 - (7)N/A

15. Whenever Mexicans are asked to express an opinion about the government, do you think the majority of the people usually say what they feel about the government? Or do you think people usually hide what they really feel about the government? Using the scale that appears on the card —where ONE means that the majority of the Mexicans usually hide what they feel about the government, and FIVE that the majority of the Mexicans usually say what they really feel—, where would you be? (INTERVIEWER: SHOW CARD 9)

- (6) D/K
(7) N/A

16. In politics people often talk of the “left” and the “right”. In a scale from 0 to 10, in which 0 means left and 10 means right, where would you be? (INTERVIEWER: SHOW CARD 10)

- (11) D/K
(12) N/A

Using the same scale, where would the PAN be? ----- (11) D/K (12) N/A
And the PRI? ----- (11) D/K (12) N/A
the PRD? ----- (11) D/K (12) N/A
the PT? ----- (11) D/K (12) N/A
the PVEM? ----- (11) D/K (12) N/A
the PC? ----- (11) D/K (12) N/A
the PPS? ----- (11) D/K (12) N/A
the PDM? ----- (11) D/K (12) N/A

17. Did you vote in the July 6th federal elections to choose deputies?

- (1) Yes
(2) No
(3) D/K
(4) N/A