2011 Estonian Parliamentary Election Candidate Study

Codebook

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General information

Study description
The 2011 Estonian Parliamentary Election Candidate Study was conducted to collect information on the candidates who stood for the 2011 Estonian Parliamentary elections. The survey is concerned with a variety of aspects of being a candidate to the Estonian Parliament. The substantive questions to be answered by the candidates are concerned with the relationship between citizens and candidates as well as representatives with regard to mobilization efforts, contacts, the issues in the election, and how candidates conceptualize political representation.

The survey among candidates was done in dual mode, i.e. mail questionnaire and web-based survey. The choice of the mode was left to the candidates. The mail survey was centrally administered by the University of Exeter, the web-based survey platform was provided by the Bristol Online Survey.

The topics of the survey include attitudes toward political issues (position and valence issues); value orientations; parties’ and voters’ perceived positions on issues; campaign style, strategies, and means; attitudes towards European integration; preferences for distribution of authority between the national and the European level; focus of representation; attitudes towards party discipline; nomination procedures; variables on political background and experience.

The speciality of the candidate survey is that a number of questions, in particular political attitudes, value orientations, and attitudes towards European integration mirror questions, which have been asked as part of the Comparative Candidates Survey project and the 2009 European Election Candidate Study.

The data file is also supplemented with several party- and district-level variables that describe the contexts within which the candidates stood for election. In addition, an appendix is put together that includes further party- and country-level information.

Response rate
All 789 candidates who stood at the 2011 Estonian Parliamentary Election were contacted. A total of 250 responses were received, adding up to the response rate of around 32 per cent. Out of the 250 responses, 235 (94%) were submitted by filling out the electronic version of the questionnaire and 15 (6%) were submitted by filling out the paper version of the questionnaire.

Representativeness of the sample
The sample obtained represents the full population of candidates rather well.
Index of dissimilarity based on party-belongings of ‘all candidates’/’survey respondents’: 0.2.
Index of dissimilarity based on constituencies of ‘all candidates’/’survey respondents’: 0.1
Percents of ‘all candidates’/’survey respondents’ elected to the Parliament: 12.8/13.6.
Percents of female candidates amongst ‘all candidates’/’survey respondents’: 22.6/24.8.
Average age of ‘all candidates’/’survey respondents’: 47.2/47.5.

How to cite?
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- All the people who voted for your party
- All the people in your region
- Your national party
- Your national party’s Parliamentary group
- Women
- Elderly
- Workers
- Younger generation
- Socially disadvantaged
- Minorities

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I was born in...
My mother was born in...
My father was born in...
Do you see yourself as Estonia, belonging to another group or both?
If ’belonging to another group’, then which one...
If ’Estonian, but also belonging to another group’, then which one...
In what area do you live in?
Do you live in your constituency?
How long have you been living in your current residential community?
What is your current marital status?
How many underage children do you have?

Mode: Mode of response
parliament: Candidate serving as MP in the 12th Parliamentary term?
incumbency: Was candidate an incumbent?
country: Country code
chamber: Which chamber candidate stood for election?
segment: In which segment did the candidate stand for election?
district_level: Level of candidate’s district?
district_id: Constituency ID
district_name: Constituency name
district_voters: Eligible voters in the candidate’s electoral district
district_valid: Valid votes cast in the candidate’s electoral district
district_invalid: Invalid votes cast in total across all constituencies
district_seats: Seats contested in constituency
district_candidates: Total candidates in constituency
district_parties: Total party lists in constituency
party_id: Which party list did you stand in?
party_seats: Number of seats won by candidate’s party in country
party_vote: Proportion of votes cast in favor of candidate’s party in C’s constituency
party_lastvote: Proportion of votes cast for C’s party in C’s constituency - preceeding election
id: Candidate id
age_dob: Age of the respondent (date of birth)
age: Age of the respondent (2011-dob)
gender: Gender of the respondent
position_const: Position in constituency list
position_party: Position in national party list
candidate_vote: Number of votes cast in favor of the candidate
candidate_votes: Proportion of votes cast in favor of the candidate (country total/votes*100%)
Questionnaire items
v001_1: Are you / have you ever been a member of a local representative body?

1  Yes, at the moment
2  Yes, in the past
3  No, never

v001_2: Are you / have you ever been a member of a national representative body?

1  Yes, at the moment
2  Yes, in the past
3  No, never

v001_3: Are you / have you ever been a member of the EP?

1  Yes, at the moment
2  Yes, in the past
3  No, never

v001_4: Are you / have you ever been a member of local government?

1  Yes, at the moment
2  Yes, in the past
3  No, never

v001_5: Are you / have you ever been a member of national government?

1  Yes, at the moment
2  Yes, in the past
3  No, never

v002_1: Are you / were you a member / held office in a local party organization?

1  I am a member
2  I am a member and hold an office
3  I have been a member and have held an office
4  I am not a member

v002_2: Are you / were you a member / held office in a national party organization?

1  I am a member
2  I am a member and hold an office
3  I have been a member and have held an office
4  I am not a member

v002_3: Are you / have you ever been a ‘lobbyist’ in Brussels?

1  I am a member
2  I am a member and hold an office
3  I have been a member and have held an office
4  I am not a member

v002_4: Are you / were you a member / held office in a professional association?

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3  I have been a member and have held an office
4  I am not a member
v002_5: Are you / were you a member / held office in a trade union?
1 I am a member
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4 I am not a member

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1 I am a member
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4 I am not a member

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1 I am a member
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4 I am not a member

v002_8: Are you / were you a member / held office in an environmental group?
1 I am a member
2 I am a member and hold an office
3 I have been a member and have held an office
4 I am not a member

v002_9: Are you / were you a member / held office in a religious organization?
1 I am a member
2 I am a member and hold an office
3 I have been a member and have held an office
4 I am not a member

v003: Who officially nominated you to run for the elections?
1 The executive board of your party
2 Appointed party members
3 Elected party members (delegates)
4 All party members
5 Voters

v004: To become the official nominee, was it necessary …
1 …to get at least 50% of votes
2 …to get more votes than any other candidate
3 …to get a certain share of votes
4 …there was no vote

v005: Who should make the final decision on the nomination of candidates?
1 National party leaders
2 Local/regional party leaders
3 Elected delegates
4 Party members
5 No valid answer
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v011_1: Extent of the campaigns focus on candidate’s personal qualifications?
  1   Very much
  2   Fairly much
  3   Rather little
  4   Very little
v011_2: Extent of the campaigns focus on local / regional points of view?
1 Very much
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v012: Primary aim of the campaign?
0 To attract as much attention as possible for me as a candidate...
10 To attract as much as possible attention for my party

v013: Should politicians be more concerned with designing country’s policies according to the electorate’s wishes, or convincing the electorate in their party’s political visions?
1 Designing country’s policies according to the electorate’s wishes
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v014: Should candidates focus on explaining their past actions or explaining their future visions during the campaign?
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Open ended (Codes: Appendix 1)

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1 Regional level
2 National level
3 European level

v018_2: Level the second most important problem in Estonia is dealt with?
1 Regional level
2 National level
3 European level
V018_3: Level the third most important problem in Estonia is dealt with?
  1 Regional level
  2 National level
  3 European level

v019_1: Appropriate level the most important problem should be dealt with?
  1 Regional level
  2 National level
  3 European level

v019_2: Appropriate level the 2nd most important problem should be dealt with?
  1 Regional level
  2 National level
  3 European level

v019_3: Appropriate level the 3rd most important problem should be dealt with?
  1 Regional level
  2 National level
  3 European level

v020_1: In terms of left and right, what is your political position?
  0 Left
  ... 
  10 Right

v020_2: In terms of left and right, what is your party’s political position?
  0 Left
  ... 
  10 Right

v020_3: In terms of left and right, what is your party’s voters political position?
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2 Agree
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4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

v022: Do you think that Estonian membership of the EU is a good thing in general?
1 Good thing
2 Bad thing
3 Neither good nor bad

v023_1: European unification: candidate’s position?
0 Has already gone too far
... 10 Should be pushed further

v023_2: European unification: candidate’s party’s position?
0 Has already gone too far
... 10 Should be pushed further

v023_3: European unification: party’s voter position?
0 Has already gone too far
... 10 Should be pushed further

v024_1: Level of decision making: Agriculture and fisheries
0 Exclusively at the national level
... 10 Exclusively at the European level

v024_2: Level of decision making: Unemployment policies
0 Exclusively at the national level
... 10 Exclusively at the European level

v024_3: Level of decision making: Economic policy
0 Exclusively at the national level
... 10 Exclusively at the European level
Level of decision making: Fighting Crime
0  Exclusively at the national level
...  
10  Exclusively at the European level

Level of decision making: Regional development
0  Exclusively at the national level
...  
10  Exclusively at the European level

Level of decision making: Security and defence
0  Exclusively at the national level
...  
10  Exclusively at the European level

Level of decision making: Protection of the environment
0  Exclusively at the national level
...  
10  Exclusively at the European level

Level of decision making: Monetary policy
0  Exclusively at the national level
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10  Exclusively at the European level

Level of decision making: Health
0  Exclusively at the national level
...  
10  Exclusively at the European level

Level of decision making: Social policy
0  Exclusively at the national level
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10  Exclusively at the European level

Level of decision making: Education
0  Exclusively at the national level
...  
10  Exclusively at the European level

Level of decision making: Foreign policy
0  Exclusively at the national level
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10  Exclusively at the European level

Level of decision making: Taxation policy
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v024_14: Level of decision making: Development aid policy
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10  Exclusively at the European level

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v025_1: On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Estonia?
1  Very satisfied
2  Fairly satisfied
3  Not very satisfied
4  Not at all satisfied

v025_2: On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the EU?
1  Very satisfied
2  Fairly satisfied
3  Not very satisfied
4  Not at all satisfied

v026_1: Importance of representation of: All people in Estonia
1  Of great importance
...  
7  Of little importance

v026_2: Importance of representation of: All the people who voted for your party
1  Of great importance
...  
7  Of little importance

v026_3: Importance of representation of: All the people in your region
1  Of great importance
...  
7  Of little importance

v026_4: Importance of representation of: Your national party
1  Of great importance
...  
7  Of little importance

v026_5: Importance of representation of: Your national party’s Parliamentary group
1  Of great importance
...  
7  Of little importance

v026_6: Importance of representation of: Women
1  Of great importance
...  
7  Of little importance
v026_7: Importance of representation of: Elderly
  1   Of great importance
  ...
  7   Of little importance

v026_8: Importance of representation of: Workers
  1   Of great importance
  ...
  7   Of little importance

v026_9: Importance of representation of: Younger generation
  1   Of great importance
  ...
  7   Of little importance

v026_10: Importance of representation of: Socially disadvantaged
  1   Of great importance
  ...
  7   Of little importance

v026_11: Importance of representation of: Minorities
  1   Of great importance
  ...
  7   Of little importance

v027: How should an MP vote if her voters have one opinion and her party a different?
  1   Should vote according to her/his party’s position
  2   Should vote according to her/his voters’ opinion

v028: How should MEP vote if his opinion doesn’t correspond with his voters’ opinion?
  1   Should vote according to her/his own opinion
  2   Should vote according to her/his voters’ opinion

v029: How should MEP vote if her opinion doesn’t correspond with her party’s position?
  1   Should vote according to her/his own opinion
  2   Should vote according to her/his party’s position

v030_1: I was born in...
  Open ended (Codes: Appendix 2)

v030_2: My mother was born in...
  Open ended (Codes: Appendix 2)

v030_3: My father was born in...
  Open ended (Codes: Appendix 2)

v031_1: Do you see yourself as Estonia, belonging to another group or both?
  1   I see myself as just Estonian
  2   I belong to another group
  3   I’m Estonian, but also belong to another group
v031_2: If ‘belonging to another group’, then which one...
Open ended (Codes: Appendix 3)

v031_3: If ‘Estonian, but also belonging to another group’, then which one...
Open ended (Codes: Appendix 3)

v032_1: In what area do you live in?
1 Rural area or village
2 Small or middle-sized town
3 Suburb of large town or city
4 Large town or city

v032_2: Do you live in your constituency?
1 Yes
2 No

v033: How long have you been living in your current residential community?
Open ended

v034_1: What is your current marital status?
1 Married
2 Not married, living with partner
3 Widowed
4 Divorced
5 Separated
6 Single

v034_2: How many underage children do you have?
Open ended

v035: Education
1 Incomplete primary
2 Primary completed
3 Incomplete secondary
4 Secondary completed
5 Post-secondary trade / vocational school
6 Incomplete university
7 University degree completed

party_id: Which party list did you stand in?
1 Estonian Independence Party
2 Estonian Center Party
3 Estonian Reform Party
4 People’s Union of Estonia
5 Estonian Christian Democrats
6 Estonian Greens
7 Union of Pro Patria and Res Publica
8 Social Democratic Party
9 Russian Party in Estonia
10 Independent
district_id: Which constituency did you stand in?
1 Tallinna Haabersti, Põhja-Tallinna ja Kristiine linnaosa
2 Tallinna Kesklinna, Lasnamäe ja Põhja linnaosa
3 Tallinna Mustamäe ja Nõmme linnaosa
4 Harju- ja Raplamaa
5 Hiiu-, Lääne- ja Saaremaa
6 Lääne-Virumaa
7 Ida-Virumaa
8 Järva- ja Viljandimaa
9 Jõgeva- ja Tartumaa
10 Tartu linn
11 Võru-, Valga- ja Põlvamaa
12 Pärnumaa

id: What is your name?
   Open ended

age_dob: What year were you born in?
   Open ended

gender: Are you...?
1 Male
2 Female
Appendix 1 – Topic codes

01 European Integration
02 Environment
03 Globalization
04 Economic Conditions
05 Immigration
06 Interest Rates
07 Health Care
08 Climate Change
09 Foreign policy in general
10 Foreign policy towards Eastern European countries that are now members of the EU
11 Foreign policy towards Eastern European countries that are not members of the EU
12 Foreign Policy towards Russia
13 Foreign Policy towards United States of America
14 Defence and national security of national government
15 Imperialism
16 Military in general
17 Military expenditure
18 Armed forces
19 NATO, Military treaties obligations, Military cooperation
20 Peace
21 Peace negotiations
22 Peace keeping missions/troops
23 Freedom and Human Rights
24 Civil rights, Civil liberties, Rights in general
25 Equality before Law
26 Democracy
27 Democracy, sovereignty of the people
28 Division of power among branches of government
29 Separation of church and state
30 Rule of Law
31 Democratic role of political parties
32 Democratic role of the media
33 Constitutionalism
34 Discussion about national constitution
35 Decentralization
36 Federalism, Devolution, Regional Autonomy
37 Executive and Administrative Efficiency
38 Political Corruption
39 EU political corruption
40 National Political corruption
41 Political Authority: Strong Government, Government Stability
42 Financing the EC/EU: National contributions to finance the EC/EU
43 Competences of the European Commission
44 Competences of the European Council/Council of Ministers
45 Voting procedures in the (European) Council
46 Competences of the European Court of Justice
47 Competences of Other EC/EU Institutions
48 European Central Bank
49 Membership in the EU of East European countries currently not in the EU
50 Membership in the EU of Balkan countries currently not in the EU
51 Economic structure/policies/goals/conditions
Free enterprise capitalism
Private property rights
Government intervention/control over the economy
Social Ownership
Publicly-Owned Industry
Economic Planning
EC/EU Structural Fund
Government Ownership, nationalisation in general
Privatisation
Corporatism
National policy on monopolies, trusts, consumer and small businesses protection
Incentives
Productivity
Technology and Infrastructure
National energy policy
National transportation policy
National media and ICT policy
Protectionism
Anti-Growth Economy
Creating Jobs
Labour Migration
Single Market/Common market
Inflation
Unemployment
National employment policies
Stock market and its developments
Business
Bankruptcy of business, companies, banks
Debt
Taxes
Trade, trade deficits
Wages and Earnings
Effect of Euro on the Economy
Effects of financial crisis on domestic/ EU/ global economy
Environmental Protection
National environmental policy
Culture
National cultural policy
Social Justice
Welfare State
Pensions
Nursing Services
National health care policy
Social Housing
Child Care
Education
National Education Policy
Multiculturalism
Law and Order
Fight against terrorism
National Crime prevention policy(ies)
Courts, trials, court decisions
104 National Way of Life
105 National Immigration policy
106 Cyprus Issue
107 Labour Groups
108 Agriculture and Farmers
109 National Agricultural policy
110 Underprivileged Minority Groups
111 Handicapped
112 Homosexuals
113 Gay marriage
114 Ethnic Minorities
115 Non-economic Demographic Groups
116 Women
117 Abortion
118 Old People
119 Young People
120 Linguistic Groups
121 National language policies
122 European Elections: European Elections in general
123 European Elections: profiles of candidates, politicians, parties
124 European Elections: Electioneering, campaigning
125 Media coverage of the campaign
126 European elections: Voters, public opinion, polls, (anticipated) electoral success
127 European Election: Voter turnout
128 European Elections: list of party positions on issues
129 European Elections: Voting procedures
130 European Elections: Election laws, rules, regulations
131 European Elections: Debates between parties, politicians
132 Political consequences of EP election outcome
133 EU-level politicians’ personality
134 Vote advice for European Elections
135 Other EU election-related topics
136 National elections in EU Countries
137 National elections in non-EU Countries
138 Other topic related to elections
147 Any other topic

Appendix 2 – Country codes
233 Estonia
246 Finland
398 Kazakhstan
428 Latvia
440 Lithuania
528 Netherlands
643 Russian Federation
804 Ukraine

Appendix 3 – Ethnicity codes
30 Russian
47 Estonian
62 Swedish
80 Jewish