ICELANDIC CANDIDATE SURVEY 2009 – ICECS

Questionnaire

For what political party did you campaign for in the parliament elections in the year 2009?
(Please tick one answer)

☐ Progressive Party
☐ Conservative Party
☐ Liberal Party
☐ Civic Movement
☐ Social Democratic Alliance
☐ Left Green Movement

Are you still a member of the Civic Movement?

☐ No
☐ Yes

A1c. Those asked who are not members of the Civic Movement (A1b).
Are you still a member of the Movement?

☐ No
☐ Yes

A2. Everyone asked.
What year did you join the party you campaigned for in 2009?

Year:_____ 

A3a. Everyone asked.
Have you ever been a member of another political party?
(Please tick one answer)

☐ No
☐ Yes

A3b. Those asked that have been a member of another political party (A3a).
What party/parties where you a member off before?
(Please tick all that apply)

☐ People’s Alliance
☐ Social Democratic Party
☐ The Alliance of Social Democrats
☐ Citizen’s party (founded 1987)
☐ Civic Movement
☐ Progressive Party
☐ Liberal Party (founded 1998)
☐ Liberal Party second youngest (from 1973-1974)
☐ Social Democratic Movement
☐ Union of Liberals and Leftists
☐ Women’s Alliance
☐ Conservative Party
☐ Left Green Movement
☐ Thjodvaki, People’s Movement
☐ Other party or political organization, which?

A4. Everyone asked.
In which years have you stood as a candidate for Althingi [THE ICELANDIC PARLIAMENT] and have you been elected in those years?
(Please tick as many as apply)

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A5a. Everyone asked.
Before becoming a candidate for Althingi [THE ICELANDIC PARLIAMENT], were you ever employed for an MP or in a minister’s office?
(Please tick one answer)

☐ No
☐ Yes

A5b. Those asked that had been employed for an MP or in a minister’s office (A5a)
For how many years did you work for an MP or in a minister’s office?
(Please tick one answer and write number of years if applicable)

☐ Less than one year:
☐ Number of years (if more than one year)?:____

A6a. Everyone asked.
Have you ever worked as a paid employee for your party?
(Please tick one answer)

☐ No
☐ Yes
A6b. Those asked that have worked as a paid employee for their party.  
For how many years did you work as a paid employee for your party?  
(Please tick one answer and write number of years if applicable)

☐ Less than one year:

☐ Number of years (if more than one year):____

A7a. Everyone asked.  
Are you a member of any of the organizations or associations listed below?  
(Please tick as many as apply)

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<td>Sports Club</td>
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<td>Cultural organization (e.g. history or arts)</td>
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A7aa. Those asked that ticked “other” in A7a.  
If you ticked „other kind of organizations or associations“ can you explain in one or in few words what kind of organizations or association that is?

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A7b. Respondents asked about the association they ticked in A7a.  
How often have you attended meetings in the past 12 months?  
(Please tick number of meetings)

Number of meetings:

___ Union (e.g. metal workers or public employees)  
___ Professional association (e.g. pharmacists, winegrowers or lawyers)  
___ Interest group, citizen action group (e.g. women’s’, environment, peace)  
___ Sports Club  
___ Cultural organization (e.g. history or arts)  
___ Religious organization other than the national church  
___ Social organization, club (e.g. scouts or homeless support)  
___ Hobby group (e.g. chess)  
___ Other kind of organizations or associations
A8. Everyone asked.
Have you been a member of the parliament or in local government? If yes, for how many years?
(Please write 0 for never. If you have been an MP or held a regional party office for less than one year, please write „less than one year”)
  . .held regional party office – number of years:____
  . .been an MP – number of years:____

Please indicate for how many years you a participated in political work …:
(Please tick 0 for never. If you have participated in political work for less than one year in relevant level, please write „less than one year”)
  . .held local party office – number of years:____
  . .held regional party office – number of years:____
  . .held national party office – number of years:____

A10a. Everyone asked.
Do you live in the constituency which you were a candidate for in the parliament elections in 2009? If you lived in the constituency when you were a candidate please tick yes, even if you have moved since then.
(Please tick one answer)
  □ No
  □ Yes

A10b. Those asked that lived in the constituency they were candidates for (A10a).
For how many years have you lived in that constituency? If you have moved from the constituency after last elections, please write for how long you lived there until you moved.
(Please tick one answer and number of years if applicable)
  □ Less than one year:
  □ Number of years (of more than one year)?:____

A11a. Everyone asked
Next you are asked if you have ever been active in a different constituency, other than the one you were a candidate for in the election in 2009? Here we are asking whether you moved your candidacy or have been active in other constituency. We do NOT mean if constituencies have been merged or divided. (For example if you did run in Reykjavik North in 2009 and in Reykjavik before it was divided you mark “no” that you have not been a candidate in another constituency…)

Have you …
(Please tick one answer in every question)

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<td>. .been a member of a local assembly in another constituency?</td>
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<td>. .been a mayor in a different constituency?</td>
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A11b. Those asked that ticked yes in A11a.

**Please write what years you were ....**:

... a candidate in a different constituency?: from year:______ to year:______

... in regional party office in another constituency?: from year:______ to year:______

... a regional executive in another constituency?: from year:______ to year:______

... a member of a local assembly in another constituency?: from year:______ to year:______

... a mayor in a different constituency?: from year:______ to year:______

A12. Everyone asked.

**Prior to the election campaign, about how much time did you usually devote to party activities in an average month? Vacations excluded?**

(Please tick one answer and write number of hours where applicable)

□ No time

□ Less than one hour

□ Number of hours (if more than one hour):______

B1. Everyone asked.

**How long before the elections in 2009 ....**

(Please tick one answer in each question)

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<th>About 9-12 months before</th>
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B2. Everyone asked.

**Was your recent nomination contested?**

(Please tick one answer)

□ I was the only person considered

□ I had one contender campaign

□ I had several contenders

B3. Everyone asked.

**Who made the decision about your nomination and at what level was it made?**

(Please tick all applicable)

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B3a. Those asked that ticked “other” who made the decision in B3
If other, how were you nominated?
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B3b. Those asked that ticked “other” level in B3.
At what level where you nominated?
____________________________________________________________________________________
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B4. Everyone asked.
About how much time did you devote to campaigning per week during the last month before the election?
(Please tick one answer and write number of hours if applicable)

☐ No time
☐ Less than one hour
☐ Number of hours (if more than one hour):____

B5a. Everyone asked.
During this final month of campaigning, how many hours per week did you personally spend on the following campaign activities?
(Please tick one answer in each row)

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B5b. Everyone asked.

**How many hours did you personally spend on ...**

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B6a. Everyone asked.

**If you think about your overall campaign, did you use any of the following means?**

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B6aa. Those asked about the activity they ticked “yes” to in B5b.

**If you think about your overall campaign, how important were the following means?**

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B6b. Everyone asked.

**Independently from your party, did your personal campaign produce any of the following campaign means?**

(Please tick one answer in each row)

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B7. Everyone asked.
What was the primary aim of your campaign? Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means “to attract as much attention as possible for me as a candidate” and 10 means “to attract as much as possible attention for my party”? (Please tick just one box.):

- [ ] 0. Attract as little attention as possible for me as a candidate
- [ ] 1
- [ ] 2
- [ ] 3
- [ ] 4
- [ ] 5
- [ ] 6
- [ ] 7
- [ ] 8
- [ ] 9
- [ ] 10. Attract as much attention as possible for me as a candidate

B8. Everyone asked.
Did you raise any issues during your campaign that were specific to your constituency and that were not raised by the national or regional party? (Please tick one answer and write the issues if applicable)

- [ ] No
- [ ] Yes; what were the most important issues?

_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

B9a. Everyone asked.
Independent of your party’s webpage, did you as a candidate make use of the internet to reach voters? (Please tick as many as apply.)

- [ ] I had an own webpage which was largely designed and maintained by the party
- [ ] I had an own webpage which was largely designed and maintained by my local campaign
- [ ] I used email lists to distribute information and organize activities
- [ ] I offered a personal campaign spot to advertise my candidacy on the internet
- [ ] I conducted a number of online chats with voters
- [ ] I advertised my webpage and/or email address on campaign literature
- [ ] I used a blog during my campaign
B9aa. Those asked that ticked “I offered a personal campaign spot…” in B9a. **On what Webpages did you publish your campaign spot?**

Webpage(s): __________________________________________

B10a. Everyone asked. **How strongly did you emphasize each of the following in your campaign?**

(Please tick one answer in each row)

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B9a_dupe. Everyone asked. **Did you have your own campaign team in the campaign?** Here we mean if you had any individuals that were working specifically for you and your candidacy and not the party in general.

(Please tick one answer)

- No
- Yes

B9c1. Everyone asked. **How large was your campaign team and how many of these people were provided by your party?**

(Please write the number of individuals)

- Your campaign team total:_____
- Team members provided by party:_____

B10b. Everyone asked. **Did you employ any professional consultant in your personal campaign?**

(Please tick one answer)

- No
- Yes
B10c. Those asked that did employ a professional consultant in B10b.

If so, for what purpose/jobs did you employ professional consultants in your personal campaign?
(Please write a short description/job title of the persons involved)

_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
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B11. Everyone asked.

Next question is about your campaign budget. Thinking about your campaign budget, what would be your best estimate of total cost of your campaign? (All inclusive; party funds, donations, private funds and other)
(Please write an amount)

Icelandic kronas:__________

B12. Those asked that had a campaign budget (>0) in B11.
What portion (%) of that sum came from:
(Please estimate about what portion of the budget came from the following)

Party funds:______%
Donations:______%
Private funds:______%


Did members of central party leadership visit in your constituency during the campaign?
(Please tick one answer)

☐ No
☐ Yes, once
☐ Yes, more than once
☐ Not applicable, the party leader(s) was running in my constituency


In the beginning of the campaign, how did you evaluate your chances to win the mandate?
(Please tick one answer)

☐ I thought I could not win
☐ I thought I could hardly win
☐ I thought it was an open race
☐ I thought I could hardly lose
☐ I thought I could not lose
C1. Everyone asked. 
**In your opinion, what were the three most important issues discussed in the electoral campaign 2009?**

1. Issue:_________________________________________________________________________________
2. Issue:_________________________________________________________________________________
3. Issue:_________________________________________________________________________________

C1i. Everyone asked. 
**In your opinion, what are the three most important political problems facing Iceland today?**

1. The most important problem is:_________________________________________________________________________________
2. The second most important problem is:_________________________________________________________________________________
3. The third most important problem is:_________________________________________________________________________________
C2. Everyone asked. People hold different views on political issues. What do you think of the following? (Please tick one box in each row)

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<th>Agree</th>
<th>Neither</th>
<th>Disagree</th>
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C3a. Everyone asked.  
**In politics, people sometimes talk about the ‘left’ and the ‘right’. Where would you place your own views on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means the most left and 10 means the most right?**  
(Please tick one answer)

- [ ] 0. Left  
- [ ] 1  
- [ ] 2  
- [ ] 3  
- [ ] 4  
- [ ] 5  
- [ ] 6  
- [ ] 7  
- [ ] 8  
- [ ] 9  
- [ ] 10. Right

C3b. Everyone asked.  
**Using the same scale, where would you place your party?**  
(Please tick one answer)

- [ ] 0. Left  
- [ ] 1  
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- [ ] 9  
- [ ] 10. Right

D1. Everyone asked.  
**On the whole are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Iceland?**  
(Please tick one answer)

- [ ] Very satisfied  
- [ ] Fairly satisfied  
- [ ] Not very satisfied  
- [ ] Not at all satisfied
D2. Everyone asked.
Thinking about how elections in Iceland work in practice, how well do you think they ensure that the views of MPs accurately reflect the views of voters?
(Please tick one answer)

☐ Very well  
☐ Fairly well  
☐ Not very well  
☐ Not well at all

D3. Everyone asked.
There are different opinions about whom an elected member of parliament should primarily represent. What is your opinion?
Please rank all of the options in decreasing importance. You can do this by marking the most preferred as 1, the second most as 2, and so on.

Rank:
   ___ Own voters in the constituency  
   ___ Own party voters in the constituency  
   ___ All citizens in the constituency  
   ___ Members of a social group (e.g. elderly, children, immigrants)  
   ___ The Icelandic citizenry

D4ai. Everyone asked.
How should a Member of Parliament vote in parliament:
If the voters in his/her constituency have one opinion and his/her party takes a different position?
(Please tick one answer)

☐ MP should vote according to his/her party opinion  
☐ MP should vote according to his/her voters opinion

D4aii. Everyone asked.
How should a Member of Parliament vote in parliament:
If his/her own opinion on an issue does not correspond with the opinion of the voters in his/her constituency?
(Please tick one answer)

☐ MP should vote according to his/her own opinion  
☐ MP should vote according to the opinion of the voters in his/her constituency

D4aiii. Everyone asked.
How should a Member of Parliament vote in parliament:
If his/her own opinion on an issue does not correspond with his/her party’s position?
(Please tick one answer)

☐ MP should vote according to his/her own opinion  
☐ MP should vote according to his/her own party opinion
D5. Everyone asked.
**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements on democracy in Iceland?**
(please tick one answer in each row)

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<td>Legislation reflects the interests of the majority of citizens</td>
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<td>Political parties are the essential link between citizens and the state</td>
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<td>Special interests have too much influence on law making</td>
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<td>The process of law making is too complicated</td>
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<td>Parliament, not voters, should make final decisions on law and policy</td>
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<td>A certain number of citizens should be able to initiate a referendum</td>
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**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements on direct democracy on the national level?**
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D7. Everyone asked.

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements on democracy in your party?**
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E1. Everyone asked.

**Are you male or female?**
(Please tick one answer)

- □ Male
- □ Female

E2. Everyone asked.

**In what year were you born?**

Year: ____

E3a. Everyone asked.

**In what country are you born?**
(Please tick one answer)

- □ Iceland
- □ Abroad, in what country?: _____________________

E4a. Everyone asked.

**Do you live in a ...**
(Please tick one answer)

- □ Rural area or village (less than 200 inhabitants)
- □ Small or middle sized town (200 to 20,000 inhabitants)
- □ Suburb of a large town or a city (20,000 to 100,000 inhabitants, or in Garðabæ, Hafnarfirði, Seltjarjarnesi, Álftanesi, Köpavogi eða Mosfellsbæ)
- □ Large city (more than 100,000 inhabitants or only those who live in Reykjavik)

E4b. Everyone asked.

**How long have you been living in your current residential community?**
(Please write number of years if applicable)

- □ Less than one year
- □ More than one year, how many?: _____
E5a. Everyone asked.

**What is your level of education?**

(Please tick the highest education you have finished)

- I have not finished any education
- Primary education
- Trade, other than vocational education
- Secondary uncompleted
- Secondary completed / Matriculation examination
- Vocational education
- “Old degrees”, not university; teacher’s training, nurse or midwife
- University (e.g. BA, Bed, BS or higher (MA, MS, Cand, PhD o.s.frv.)
- Other education, which?

E5c. Those asked that ticked “university” in E5a.

**What was your major discipline in university?**

Major discipline: _________________________________

E7a. Everyone asked.

**Irrespective of whether or not you are a Member of Parliament, what is your employment status? Are you ...**

(Please tick one answer)

- Self-employed
- Employed full time (32 hrs or more weekly)
- Employed part time (15-32 hrs weekly)
- Employed less than 15 hrs weekly
- Helping family member
- Unemployed (including temporarily unemployed)
- Student, in school, vocational training
- Retired
- Housewife, responsible for home duties
- Others not in the labor force

E7b. Those asked that ticked “self-employed” in E7a.

**What was your previous employment status?**

(Please tick one answer)

- Self-employed
- Employed full time (32 hrs or more weekly)
- Employed part time (15-32 hrs weekly)
- Employed less than 15 hrs weekly
- Helping family member
- Unemployed (including temporarily unemployed)
Student, in school, vocational training
Retired
Housewife, responsible for home duties
Others not in the labour force

E8a. Everyone asked.
What is your current occupation? If you are an MP today or retired, which was your main occupation before you became an MP or retired?
(Please tick one answer)

□ An elected representative (not applicable if you are an MP today), public official or head of an interest group
□ Director, head of a large corporation or institution, employer, head of a large department (more than 10 subordinates)
□ Chief executive officer or a manager of small company/institution/department (e.g. store manager or employer with less than 10 subordinates)
□ Specialist, with a University degree (e.g. empirical science, math, engineer, architect, computer science, natural science and health sciences, doctor, nurse, biologist, teacher, writer, artist).
Technician, with special education (e.g. in empirical sciences, medicine, math, engineering, pilot, nurse assistant, developmental therapist, detective, coach, designer, captain or steersman)
□ Office job (e.g. bank clerk, collector, telephone service or mail carrier)
□ Service, sales or reception (e.g. caregiver, fireman, police officer, chef, waiter, hairdresser or beautician)
□ Farmer / seaman
□ Fisherman
□ Tradesman, specialized work in industry (e.g. construction worker, explosive expert, metal industry worker, machinist, air mechanic or auto mechanic)
□ Machine operator or driver
□ Unspecialized work (e.g. worker in sales or service, in industry, fishing industry or agriculture)
□ Other, what?: ________________________________________________________________

About how often do you attend religious services these days?
(Please tick one answer)

□ At least once a week
□ Two or three times a month
□ Once a month
□ A number of times a year
□ Once a year
□ Less than once a year
□ Never
E10. Everyone asked.

**What is your current marital status?**

(Please tick one answer)

- □ Married or living as married
- □ Widowed
- □ Divorced/Separated
- □ Single

E11. Everyone asked.

**Do you have any children in your care aged ...**

Here we also mean step- or foster children that are in your care.

(Please tick all applicable)

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E12. Everyone asked.

**In which constituency did you stand for election?**

(Please tick one answer)

- □ Reykjavík north
- □ Reykjavík south
- □ South-west
- □ North-west
- □ North-east
- □ South

E12b. Everyone asked.

**Next you are asked about what was the number of your seat on the party list you did run for in 2009.**

Seat number: ______


**We have one last question for you: can you please, very briefly, indicate what “left” and “right” means in politics to you nowadays?**

"Left" means:

_________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

"Right" means:

_________________________________________________________________________________

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