INSTRUCTIONS

- Open the questionnaire using Word (do not print it)
- Answer all the questions (by clicking the gray checkboxes)
- Save the completed questionnaire
- Send the completed questionnaire as an attachment by e-mail to: tibi@udel.edu

PURPOSE – The results of this survey will be used to study the opinions of legislators in 6 European countries on issues related to the Role of Government.

SCOPE – You have been selected to participate in this study because you are a legislator in one of these countries: the Czech Republic, Belgium, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, or the Slovak Republic.

CONFIDENTIALITY – Your responses will be kept strictly confidential. We will never disclose any personally identifiable information about you or your responses.

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1. Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Please show which actions you favor and which you are against. (Choose one box on each line)

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2. Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please show whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say much more, it might require a tax increase to pay for it. (Choose one box on each line)

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3. On the whole, do you think it **should** or **should not** be the government’s responsibility to…..

(Choose one box on each line)

| a. ….. provide a job to everyone who wants it | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| b. ….. keep prices under control | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| c. ….. provide health care for the sick | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| d. ….. provide decent standard of living for the old | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| e. ….. provide industry the help it needs to grow | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| f. ….. provide decent standard of living for the unemployed | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| g. ….. reduce income differences between the rich and the poor | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| h. ….. give financial help to university students from low income families | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| i. ….. provide decent housing for those who can’t afford it | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| j. ….. impose strict laws to make industry do less damage to the environment | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |

4. How successful do you think the government in your country is nowadays in each of the following areas?

(Choose one box on each line)

| a. The environment | Very successful | Quite successful | Neither successful nor unsuccessful | Quite unsuccessful | Very unsuccessful | Can't choose |
| b. Health | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| c. The police and law enforcement | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| d. Education | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
| e. The military and defense | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |
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| h. Culture and the arts | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not | Can't choose |

5. Suppose the government suspected that a terrorist act was about to happen. Do you think the authorities have the right to …..

(Choose one on each line)

| a. ….. detain people for as long as they want without putting them on trial | Definitely should have right | Probably should have right | Probably should not have right | Definitely should not have right | Can't choose |
| b. ….. tap people’s telephone conversations | Definitely should have right | Probably should have right | Probably should not have right | Definitely should not have right | Can't choose |
| c. ….. stop an search people in the street at random | Definitely should have right | Probably should have right | Probably should not have right | Definitely should not have right | Can't choose |
6. In general, would you say that people should obey the law without exception, or are there exceptional occasions on which people should follow their consciences even if it means breaking the law?  (Choose one)

- a. □ Obey the law without exception
- b. □ Follow conscience on occasions
- c. □ Can’t choose

7. There are many ways people or organizations can protest against a government action they strongly oppose. Please show which you think should be allowed and which should not be allowed.  (Choose one box on each line)

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8. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. As, for example, people who want to overthrow the government by revolution. Do you think such people should be allowed to…...  (Choose one box on each line)

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9. All systems of justice make mistakes, but which do you think are worse?  (Choose one)

- a. □ To convict an innocent person
- b. □ To let a guilty person go free.
- c. □ Can’t choose

10. Generally, how would you describe taxes (all taxes together such as wage deductions, income tax, tax on goods and services) in your country today?

10.1 First, for those with high incomes, taxes are…….  (Choose one)

- a. □ Much too high
- b. □ Too high
- c. □ About right
- d. □ Too low
- e. □ Much too low
- f. □ Can’t choose

10.2 Next, for those with middle incomes, taxes are….  (Choose one)

- a. □ Much too high
- b. □ Too high
- c. □ About right
- d. □ Too low
- e. □ Much too low
- f. □ Can’t choose

10.3 Next, for those with low incomes, taxes are….  (Choose one)

- a. □ Much too high
- b. □ Too high
- c. □ About right
- d. □ Too low
- e. □ Much too low
- f. □ Can’t choose
11. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

11.1 “There are only a few people I can trust completely” (Choose one)
   a. [ ] Strongly agree
   b. [ ] Agree
   c. [ ] Neither agree nor disagree
   d. [ ] Disagree
   e. [ ] Strongly disagree
   f. [ ] Can’t choose

11.2 “If you are not careful, other people will take advantage of you” (Choose one)
   a. [ ] Strongly agree
   b. [ ] Agree
   c. [ ] Neither agree nor disagree
   d. [ ] Disagree
   e. [ ] Strongly disagree
   f. [ ] Can’t choose

12. Do you think that the treatment people get from public officials in your country depends on who they know? (Choose one)
   a. [ ] Definitely yes
   b. [ ] Probably yes
   c. [ ] Probably does not
   d. [ ] Definitely does not
   e. [ ] Can’t choose

13. In your opinion, about how many politicians in your country are involved in corruption? (Choose one)
   a. [ ] Almost none
   b. [ ] A few
   c. [ ] Some
   d. [ ] Quite a lot
   e. [ ] Almost all
   f. [ ] Can’t choose

14. In light of the global financial and economic crisis, what do you think should be your country’s government’s response? Please indicate which one of these options are YOU in favor of and which one YOU oppose? (Choose one box on each line)

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   a. decrease corporate taxes (even if it means lower budget revenues) | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
   b. decrease personal taxes (even if it means lower budget revenues) | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
   c. increase corporate taxes (even if it means slower economic growth) | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
   d. increase personal taxes (even if it means slower economic growth) | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
   e. cut social benefits (retirement, unemployment benefits, disability) | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
   f. engage in large scale investment/building projects | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
   g. cut government expenditures | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
   h. curtail the employment of foreign workers | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
   i. provide a guarantee for mortgages | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
   j. create a bank that would buy up toxic assets | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] | [ ] |
15. In light of the global financial and economic crisis what do you think should your government’s priority be in the next 12 months? (Please rank the options below 1 highest priority, 5 lowest priority- type in the number)
   a. maintain employment
   b. minimize budget deficits
   c. enhance business environment
   d. stabilize banking sector
   e. stimulate economy through government spending

16. What is your estimate, how many more months will the current economic downturn last in your country? (Type in months)
   I estimate that the current economic downturn will last ____ months.

17. In the horizon of 2 years, do you expect that the current global economic downturn will inspire more cooperation among countries or cause protectionism? (Choose one)
   a. ☐ The current economic crisis will inspire more cooperation among countries
   b. ☐ The current economic crisis will cause more protectionism
   c. ☐ There will be no change in the level of cooperation between countries due to the global economic crisis
   d. ☐ Can’t choose

18. In light of the financial crisis are you in favor of or do you oppose additional government oversight for the financial industry in your country? (Choose one)
   a. ☐ I am strongly in favor of additional government oversight for the financial industry in my country
   b. ☐ I am in favor of additional government oversight for the financial industry in my country
   c. ☐ I oppose additional government oversight for the financial industry in my country
   d. ☐ I strongly oppose additional government oversight for the financial industry in my country
   e. ☐ Can’t choose.

19. In what year were you born? (Type your answer)
   ____

20. What is your marital status? (Choose one)
   a. ☐ single
   b. ☐ married
   c. ☐ widowed
   d. ☐ other

21. Approximately, how many people resided in the city/town/village where you lived at the time of your high school graduation? (Type your answer)
   ____

22. Please indicate your gender. (Choose one)
   a. ☐ female
   b. ☐ male

23. Which political party do you represent in this legislature? (Type your answer)
   ____
THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATOR SURVEY PROJECT’S QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT.

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