**Online Appendix**

**A1: Question wording**

Study 1

Q1: As you may know, a federal election is expected to be held in the fall. If you wanted to vote, how easy or difficult do you think it would be to …?

1. …decide which candidate to vote for?
2. …go to the polling station?
3. …vote once you arrive at the polling station?

Answer choices:

1. Very easy
2. Somewhat easy
3. Somewhat difficult
4. Very difficult

Q2: How much time do you think it would take you to do the following?

1. go to the polling station?
2. vote once you arrive at the polling station?

Answer choices:

Record time in minutes: [NUMBER]

Q3: To the best of your knowledge, how long did it take you to travel to the [polling

station/advance polling station/local Elections Canada office/poll on campus]?

Answer choices:

Record time in minutes: [NUMBER]

Q4: To the best of your knowledge, how long did it take you to vote once you arrived at the [

polling station/advance polling station/local Elections Canada office/poll on campus]?

Answer choices:

Record time in minutes: [NUMBER]

Main IV

Q5. Did you vote in the previous federal election held on October 19, 2015?

1. Yes
2. No

Study 2

Federal:

Q6. For you personally, on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means very difficult and 10 means very easy, how easy or difficult is it to do the following?

a. To go the polling station
b. To make up your mind about the parties
c. To make up your mind about the party leaders

Provincial:

Q7. For you personally, on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means very difficult and 10 means very easy, how easy or difficult is it to do the following?

a.To go the polling station
b.To make up your mind about the parties
c.To make up your mind about the party leaders

Main IV:

Q8. Did you vote in the last federal election, in October 2008?

Yes

No

Study 3

Q9. Some people find that voting is unproblematic and easy. Others find that voting is difficult and cumbersome. How easy or hard is it for you to vote in the federal election?

* Very easy
* Somewhat easy
* Somewhat hard
* Very hard

Q.10 Some people find that voting is unproblematic and easy. Others find that voting is difficult and cumbersome. How easy or hard is it for you to vote in the European election?

* Very easy
* Somewhat easy
* Somewhat hard
* Very hard

Main IV’s:

Q11. In every election there are people who couldn’t vote because they were sick or had no time. Were you personally able to vote in this election?

* Yes
* No

Q12. Some people find that voting is unproblematic and easy. Others find that voting is difficult and cumbersome. How easy or hard is it for you to vote IN LAND ELECTIONS?

* Very easy
* Somewhat easy
* Somewhat hard
* Very hard

Q13. Some people find that voting is unproblematic and easy. Others find that voting is difficult and cumbersome. How easy or hard is it for you to vote in the federal election?

* Very easy
* Somewhat easy
* Somewhat hard
* Very hard

**A2: Comparison of means**

Comparison of means in the entire sample and the regression sample: BC- Quebec

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Variable name | Entire sample  | Decision cost | Polling Station cost |
| Age | 46 | 47 | 47 |
| Age squared | 2337 | 2498 | 2498 |
| Female  | .49 | .46 | .46 |
| Other Language  | .06 | .06 | .06 |
| Foreign Born: Mother | .89 | .90 | .90 |
| Education  | .60 | .62 | .62 |
| N | 3987 | 1989 | 1990 |

Comparison of means in the entire sample and the regression sample: Bavaria

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Variable name | Entire sample  | Federal- Land | European-Land  | European – Federal  |
| Age | 45 | 46 | 47 | 47 |
| Age squared | 2213 | 2286 | 2332 | 2339 |
| Female  | .51 | .46 | .45 | .44 |
| Other Language  | .03 | .03 | .02 | .02 |
| Foreign Born: Mother | .91 | .91 | .91 | .91 |
| Education  | .62 | .65 | .65 | .65 |
| N | 5910 | 3706 | 2261 | 2257 |