APPENDIX 1. Support for Social Europe among Belgians (percentages)

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| Social regulations | Below are a number of measures that the European Union has taken in recent years. Can you indicate for each of the following measures whether it is a (very) good or a (very) bad thing that the EU has taken these measures? | | | | | |
|  |  | A very bad thing | A bad thing | Neither good nor bad | A good thing | A very good thing |
| D30\_1 | The EU imposes a number of obligations on employers to protect the health and safety of workers | 0.22 | 0.94 | 8.53 | 59.36 | 30.95 |
| D30\_2 | The EU prohibits a workweek of more than 48 hours (including overtime) for workers in the EU member states | 1.74 | 8.90 | 24.82 | 44.65 | 19.90 |
| D30\_4 | The EU posits that workers in the EU member states are entitled to paid leave for a period of at least 4 weeks | 0.22 | 2.39 | 15.29 | 54.35 | 27.75 |
| D30\_5 | The EU obliges all EU member states to provide at least 4 months of paid maternity leave to women who gave birth | 1.45 | 6.24 | 21.25 | 44.09 | 26.98 |
| Member state solidarity | The following statements are about solidarity between member states of the European Union. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | | | | | |
|  |  | Completely disagree | Disagree | Neither agree nor disagree | Agree | Completely agree |
| D33\_1 | Rich EU countries such as Belgium should always support other member states that experience serious economic difficulties | 5.93 | 27.11 | 36.59 | 27.98 | 2.39 |
| D33\_2 | Too much tax money is going from the prosperous EU countries to the poorer EU countries | 2.62 | 14.99 | 43.52 | 32.24 | 6.62 |
| D33\_3 | The solidarity between the richer and poorer EU countries should not be broken | 1.95 | 9.04 | 36.61 | 43.56 | 8.83 |
| European social citizenship | Now we would like to ask your opinion on whether EU citizens should have access to social security in Belgium. By EU citizens we mean people who have come to Belgium from other EU member states and live here. Social security provides citizens with an income in case of illness, unemployment and disability. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | | | | | |
|  |  | Completely disagree | Disagree | Neither agree nor disagree | Agree | Completely agree |
| D15\_1 | EU citizens should receive the same social facilities as Belgians | 10.16 | 28.30 | 28.66 | 28.23 | 4.64 |
| D15\_3 | In the allocation of social benefits Belgians should have priority over EU citizens | 4.42 | 23.50 | 26.11 | 35.10 | 10.88 |
| D15\_4 | EU citizens should first have a job before they gain access to social services | 1.59 | 7.39 | 16.96 | 46.16 | 27.90 |
| D15\_5 | Let’s support the poor in our country first, before we help the poor coming from other EU countries | 2.90 | 11.01 | 22.45 | 34.18 | 29.47 |
| European social security systema |  | Completely against | Rather against | Rather for | Completely for |  |
| D38 | General systemb | 14.83 | 37.92 | 38.64 | 8.61 |  |
| D39 | Child benefitb | 11.72 | 29.09 | 47.25 | 11.94 |  |
| D40 | Minimum income benefitb | 10.00 | 30.00 | 49.06 | 10.94 |  |
| D41 | Unemployment benefitb | 11.27 | 34.97 | 44.51 | 9.25 |  |

aAnswer categories are reversed. bQuestions are given in Appendix 2.