**Appendix**

Table A1: Support for Education Spending with Interaction Effects.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Reference Category: No Trade-Off |  |
| Higher Public Debt | -1.455\*\*\* | -1.632\*\*\* | -1.263\*\*\* |
|  | (0.13) | (0.36) | (0.22) |
| Higher Taxes | -0.878\*\*\* | -1.035\*\* | -1.024\*\*\* |
|  | (0.16) | (0.41) | (0.15) |
| Pension Cutbacks | -2.132\*\*\* | -1.790\*\*\* | -1.829\*\*\* |
|  | (0.16) | (0.28) | (0.19) |
| Higher Public Debt # Age | - | 0.003 | - |
|  | - | (0.01) | - |
| Higher Taxes # Age | - | 0.003 | - |
|  | - | (0.01) | - |
| Pension Cutbacks # Age | - | -0.007 | - |
|  | - | (0.00) | - |
| Higher Public Debt # Trust | - | - | -0.034 |
|  | - | - | (0.02) |
| Higher Taxes # Trust | - | - | 0.025 |
|  | - | - | (0.02) |
| Pension Cutbacks # Trust | - | - | -0.052\*\* |
|  | - | - | (0.02) |
| Age | -0.005\*\*\* | -0.005\* | -0.005\*\*\* |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Trust | 0.067\*\*\* | 0.067\*\*\* | 0.080\*\*\* |
|  | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.02) |
| Political Ideology | -0.083\*\*\* | -0.083\*\*\* | -0.083\*\*\* |
|  | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Female | -0.021 | -0.023 | -0.024 |
|  | (0.06) | (0.06) | (0.06) |
| Education Level | 0.063\*\* | 0.064\*\* | 0.065\*\* |
|  | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Income | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
|  | (0.01) | (0.02) | (0.01) |
| Children in the HH | 0.242\*\*\* | 0.241\*\*\* | 0.244\*\*\* |
|  | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Constant | 1.295\*\*\* | 1.313\*\*\* | 1.219\*\*\* |
|  | (0.29) | (0.34) | (0.30) |
| Observations | 7137 | 7137 | 7137 |
| *BIC* | 8767.528 | 8761.593 | 8759.309 |
| Log Likelihood | -4352.708 | -4349.741 | -4348.599 |

Standard errors in parentheses

Standard errors clustered by country; Country-dummies included but not shown

\* *p* < 0.10, \*\* *p* < 0.05, \*\*\* *p* < 0.01

Table A2: Determinants of Support Including Interaction Effect Age # Social Trust

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
|  | No Trade-Off | Higher Debt | Higher Taxes | Pension Cuts |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | -0.001 | 0.007 | -0.001 | -0.025\*\*\* |
|  | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Political Ideology | -0.112\*\*\* | -0.111\*\*\* | -0.100\*\*\* | -0.013 |
|  | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.02) |
| Trust | 0.127\* | 0.167\*\* | 0.097 | -0.076 |
|  | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.06) |
| Age # Trust | -0.001 | -0.002 | -0.000 | 0.002\*\* |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Female | 0.110 | -0.002 | -0.067 | -0.130 |
|  | (0.11) | (0.09) | (0.13) | (0.12) |
| Education Level | 0.146\*\*\* | 0.054 | 0.039 | 0.045 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.07) |
| Income | -0.030 | -0.045\* | 0.027 | 0.038 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.02) | (0.05) | (0.03) |
| Children in the HH | 0.100 | 0.104 | 0.306\*\* | 0.475\*\*\* |
|  | (0.18) | (0.11) | (0.13) | (0.16) |
| Constant | 1.210\*\*\* | -0.663 | 0.214 | -0.000 |
|  | (0.43) | (0.74) | (0.60) | (0.36) |
| Observations | 1,832 | 1,764 | 1,797 | 1,744 |
| *BIC* | 1,971.466 | 2,384.691 | 2,373.244 | 2,057.352 |
| Log Likelihood | -959.437 | -1,166.182 | -1,160.393 | -1,002.552 |

Standard errors in parentheses

Standard errors clustered by country; Country-dummies included but not shown

\* *p* < 0.10, \*\* *p* < 0.05, \*\*\* *p* < 0.01

Table A3: Robustness Check: Using Retirement Dummy instead of Age

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) |
|  | No Trade-Off | Higher Debt | Higher Taxes | Pension Cuts |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Retired | -0.041 | -0.063 | 0.128 | -0.248\*\*\* |
|  | (0.14) | (0.10) | (0.15) | (0.08) |
| Political Ideology | -0.108\*\*\* | -0.107\*\*\* | -0.101\*\*\* | -0.011 |
|  | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.02) |
| Trust | 0.077\*\*\* | 0.069\*\*\* | 0.083\*\*\* | 0.040\* |
|  | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Female | 0.099 | 0.002 | -0.080 | -0.138 |
|  | (0.12) | (0.10) | (0.14) | (0.11) |
| Education Level | 0.145\*\*\* | 0.057 | 0.051 | 0.046 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.07) |
| Income | -0.041 | -0.046\*\* | 0.017 | 0.016 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.02) | (0.05) | (0.03) |
| Children in the HH | 0.161 | 0.093 | 0.396\*\*\* | 0.497\*\*\* |
|  | (0.20) | (0.10) | (0.13) | (0.16) |
| Constant | 1.166\*\*\* | -0.281 | 0.061 | -1.186\*\*\* |
|  | (0.26) | (0.33) | (0.37) | (0.25) |
| Observations | 1,815 | 1,740 | 1,774 | 1,725 |
| *BIC* | 1,959.255 | 2,354.710 | 2,342.635 | 2,045.983 |
| Log Likelihood | -953.364 | -1,151.239 | -1,145.134 | -996.906 |

Standard errors in parentheses

Standard errors clustered by country; Country-dummies included but not shown

\* *p* < 0.10, \*\* *p* < 0.05, \*\*\* *p* < 0.01

Table A4: Robustness Check: Using Age as a Categorical Variable

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (17) | (18) | (19) | (20) |
|  | No Trade-Off | Higher Debt | Higher Taxes | Pension Cuts |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Reference Category: <35 |  |  |  |  |
| 35-44 | -0.270\*\* | -0.210 | -0.480\*\* | 0.059 |
|  | (0.12) | (0.24) | (0.20) | (0.22) |
| 45-54 | -0.097 | -0.152 | -0.204 | -0.141 |
|  | (0.30) | (0.12) | (0.22) | (0.23) |
| 55-64 | -0.402\*\* | -0.176 | -0.232 | -0.524\*\*\* |
|  | (0.20) | (0.18) | (0.18) | (0.15) |
| 65+ | -0.378\* | -0.135 | -0.173 | -0.383\* |
|  | (0.20) | (0.20) | (0.25) | (0.20) |
| Political Ideology | -0.112\*\*\* | -0.111\*\*\* | -0.102\*\*\* | -0.015 |
|  | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.02) |
| Trust | 0.078\*\*\* | 0.064\*\*\* | 0.083\*\*\* | 0.037\* |
|  | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Female | 0.120 | 0.010 | -0.059 | -0.138 |
|  | (0.11) | (0.09) | (0.13) | (0.12) |
| Education Level | 0.144\*\*\* | 0.057 | 0.046 | 0.044 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.07) |
| Income | -0.025 | -0.036\* | 0.038 | 0.032 |
|  | (0.06) | (0.02) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Children in the HH | 0.087 | 0.161 | 0.415\*\*\* | 0.428\*\* |
|  | (0.18) | (0.11) | (0.14) | (0.17) |
| Constant | 1.397\*\*\* | -0.170 | 0.245 | -1.001\*\*\* |
|  | (0.22) | (0.41) | (0.38) | (0.29) |
| Observations | 1,832 | 1,764 | 1,797 | 1,744 |
| *BIC* | 1,967.935 | 2,386.248 | 2,367.772 | 2,057.525 |
| Log Likelihood | -957.672 | -1,166.960 | -1,157.658 | -1,002.639 |

Standard errors in parentheses

Standard errors clustered by country; Country-dummies included but not shown

\* *p* < 0.10, \*\* *p* < 0.05, \*\*\* *p* < 0.01

Table A5: Robustness Check: Including Social Spending Preferences

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (21) | (22) | (23) | (24) |
|  | No Trade-Off | Higher Debt | Higher Taxes | Pension Cuts |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | -0.006\* | -0.002 | -0.003 | -0.012\*\*\* |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Political Ideology | -0.084\*\*\* | -0.094\*\*\* | -0.080\*\*\* | -0.016 |
|  | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.02) |
| Trust | 0.071\*\*\* | 0.063\*\*\* | 0.076\*\*\* | 0.041\* |
|  | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Female | 0.071 | -0.012 | -0.073 | -0.111 |
|  | (0.12) | (0.09) | (0.13) | (0.11) |
| Education Level | 0.161\*\*\* | 0.070 | 0.040 | 0.046 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.03) | (0.07) |
| Income | -0.029 | -0.041\* | 0.052 | 0.045 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.02) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Children in the HH | 0.090 | 0.123 | 0.325\*\* | 0.475\*\*\* |
|  | (0.20) | (0.11) | (0.13) | (0.14) |
| Support Social Spending | 0.383\*\*\* | 0.263\*\*\* | 0.265\*\*\* | -0.038 |
|  | (0.08) | (0.07) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Constant | 0.023 | -1.161\*\* | -0.769\* | -0.539 |
|  | (0.36) | (0.57) | (0.46) | (0.45) |
| Observations | 1,778 | 1,713 | 1,749 | 1,688 |
| *BIC* | 1,881.281 | 2,296.224 | 2,286.863 | 1,999.932 |
| Log Likelihood | -914.449 | -1,122.051 | -1,117.298 | -973.957 |

Standard errors in parentheses

Standard errors clustered by country; Country-dummies included but not shown

\* *p* < 0.10, \*\* *p* < 0.05, \*\*\* *p* < 0.01

Table A6: Robustness Check: Including Social Spending Preferences and Interaction Age # Social Trust

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (29) | (30) | (31) | (32) |
|  | No Trade-Off | Higher Debt | Higher Taxes | Pension Cuts |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | 0.000 | 0.009 | -0.003 | -0.027\*\*\* |
|  | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.00) |
| Political Ideology | -0.084\*\*\* | -0.095\*\*\* | -0.080\*\*\* | -0.017 |
|  | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.02) |
| Trust | 0.129\* | 0.170\*\* | 0.076 | -0.093 |
|  | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.06) |
| Age # Trust | -0.001 | -0.002 | -0.000 | 0.003\*\*\* |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Female | 0.068 | -0.021 | -0.073 | -0.112 |
|  | (0.12) | (0.08) | (0.13) | (0.10) |
| Education Level | 0.161\*\*\* | 0.071 | 0.040 | 0.047 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.03) | (0.07) |
| Income | -0.030 | -0.046\* | 0.052 | 0.046 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.02) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Children in the HH | 0.086 | 0.120 | 0.325\*\* | 0.491\*\*\* |
|  | (0.21) | (0.11) | (0.13) | (0.15) |
| Support Social Spending | 0.381\*\*\* | 0.262\*\*\* | 0.265\*\*\* | -0.034 |
|  | (0.08) | (0.07) | (0.05) | (0.06) |
| Constant | -0.280 | -1.745\* | -0.769 | 0.226 |
|  | (0.58) | (0.92) | (0.55) | (0.48) |
| Observations | 1,778 | 1,713 | 1,749 | 1,688 |
| *BIC* | 1,880.727 | 2,293.958 | 2,286.863 | 1,996.802 |
| Log Likelihood | -914.172 | -1,120.918 | -1,117.298 | -972.391 |

Standard errors in parentheses

Standard errors clustered by country; Country-dummies included but not shown

\* *p* < 0.10, \*\* *p* < 0.05, \*\*\* *p* < 0.01

Table A7: Robustness Check: Including Egalitarian Attitudes

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (33) | (34) | (35) | (36) |
|  | No Trade-Off | Higher Debt | Higher Taxes | Pension Cuts |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | -0.008\*\* | -0.004 | -0.004 | -0.012\*\*\* |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Political Ideology | -0.090\*\*\* | -0.096\*\*\* | -0.081\*\*\* | -0.009 |
|  | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Trust | 0.074\*\*\* | 0.067\*\*\* | 0.084\*\*\* | 0.039\* |
|  | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Female | 0.079 | 0.011 | -0.066 | -0.131 |
|  | (0.11) | (0.10) | (0.13) | (0.12) |
| Education Level | 0.148\*\*\* | 0.056 | 0.037 | 0.046 |
|  | (0.06) | (0.05) | (0.03) | (0.07) |
| Income | -0.007 | -0.031 | 0.041 | 0.033 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.02) | (0.05) | (0.03) |
| Children in the HH | 0.086 | 0.117 | 0.293\*\* | 0.471\*\*\* |
|  | (0.18) | (0.11) | (0.13) | (0.16) |
| Egalitarianism | 0.601\*\*\* | 0.400\*\*\* | 0.428\*\*\* | 0.061 |
|  | (0.10) | (0.15) | (0.12) | (0.10) |
| Constant | 1.036\*\*\* | -0.480 | -0.081 | -0.736\* |
|  | (0.23) | (0.39) | (0.41) | (0.40) |
| Observations | 1,828 | 1,758 | 1,783 | 1,735 |
| *BIC* | 1,945.219 | 2,367.045 | 2,340.842 | 2,048.716 |
| Log Likelihood | -946.321 | -1,157.371 | -1,144.220 | -998.253 |

Standard errors in parentheses

Standard errors clustered by country; Country-dummies included but not shown

\* *p* < 0.10, \*\* *p* < 0.05, \*\*\* *p* < 0.01

Table A8: Robustness Check: Including Egalitarian Attitudes and Interaction Age # Social Trust

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (41) | (42) | (43) | (44) |
|  | No Trade-Off | Higher Debt | Higher Taxes | Pension Cuts |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | -0.002 | 0.006 | -0.002 | -0.024\*\*\* |
|  | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Political Ideology | -0.090\*\*\* | -0.097\*\*\* | -0.081\*\*\* | -0.010 |
|  | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Trust | 0.141\* | 0.160\* | 0.099 | -0.075 |
|  | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.06) |
| Age # Trust | -0.001 | -0.002 | -0.000 | 0.002\*\* |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Female | 0.075 | 0.003 | -0.066 | -0.131 |
|  | (0.11) | (0.09) | (0.13) | (0.11) |
| Education Level | 0.148\*\*\* | 0.056 | 0.037 | 0.046 |
|  | (0.06) | (0.05) | (0.03) | (0.07) |
| Income | -0.008 | -0.035\* | 0.041 | 0.034 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.02) | (0.05) | (0.03) |
| Children in the HH | 0.083 | 0.113 | 0.292\*\* | 0.483\*\*\* |
|  | (0.19) | (0.10) | (0.13) | (0.16) |
| Egalitarianism | 0.606\*\*\* | 0.396\*\*\* | 0.428\*\*\* | 0.062 |
|  | (0.10) | (0.15) | (0.12) | (0.10) |
| Constant | 0.666 | -0.989 | -0.164 | -0.078 |
|  | (0.44) | (0.73) | (0.63) | (0.44) |
| Observations | 1,828 | 1,758 | 1,783 | 1,735 |
| *BIC* | 1,944.435 | 2,365.239 | 2,340.793 | 2,046.346 |
| Log Likelihood | -945.929 | -1,156.468 | -1,144.195 | -997.067 |

Standard errors in parentheses

Standard errors clustered by country; Country-dummies included but not shown

\* *p* < 0.10, \*\* *p* < 0.05, \*\*\* *p* < 0.01

Table A9: Robustness Check: Using Ordered Logit Regression

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (45) | (46) | (47) | (48) |
|  | No Trade-Off | Higher Debt | Higher Taxes | Pension Cuts |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | -0.009\*\* | -0.005 | -0.005 | -0.012\*\*\* |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Political Ideology | -0.123\*\*\* | -0.098\*\*\* | -0.125\*\*\* | -0.025 |
|  | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Trust | 0.081\*\*\* | 0.060\*\* | 0.090\*\*\* | 0.063\*\*\* |
|  | (0.01) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Female | 0.073 | 0.045 | -0.072 | -0.032 |
|  | (0.09) | (0.10) | (0.10) | (0.12) |
| Education Level | 0.171\*\*\* | 0.071\* | 0.075\*\* | 0.091 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.06) |
| Income | 0.004 | -0.055\*\*\* | 0.021 | 0.007 |
|  | (0.04) | (0.01) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Children in the HH | 0.097 | 0.065 | 0.258\*\*\* | 0.344\*\* |
|  | (0.14) | (0.10) | (0.09) | (0.17) |
| cut1 |  |  |  |  |
| Constant | -3.983\*\*\* | -2.613\*\*\* | -2.775\*\*\* | -2.174\*\*\* |
|  | (0.47) | (0.41) | (0.36) | (0.31) |
| cut2 |  |  |  |  |
| Constant | -2.418\*\*\* | -0.785\*\* | -1.177\*\*\* | -0.344 |
|  | (0.31) | (0.40) | (0.40) | (0.28) |
| cut3 |  |  |  |  |
| Constant | -1.263\*\*\* | 0.072 | -0.338 | 0.650\*\* |
|  | (0.36) | (0.41) | (0.35) | (0.31) |
| cut4 |  |  |  |  |
| Constant | 1.207\*\*\* | 2.483\*\*\* | 2.071\*\*\* | 2.940\*\*\* |
|  | (0.29) | (0.44) | (0.45) | (0.31) |
| Observations | 1,832 | 1,764 | 1,797 | 1,744 |
| *BIC* | 4,416.444 | 5,061.540 | 4,946.373 | 5,014.475 |
| Log Likelihood | -2,181.926 | -2,504.606 | -2,446.958 | -2,481.114 |

Standard errors in parentheses

Standard errors clustered by country; Country-dummies included but not shown

\* *p* < 0.10, \*\* *p* < 0.05, \*\*\* *p* < 0.01

Table A10: Robustness Check: Using Ordered Logit Regression and Interaction Age # Social Trust

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (53) | (54) | (55) | (56) |
|  | No Trade-Off | Higher Debt | Higher Taxes | Pension Cuts |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | -0.005 | 0.004 | -0.006 | -0.023\*\*\* |
|  | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.00) |
| Political Ideology | -0.123\*\*\* | -0.098\*\*\* | -0.126\*\*\* | -0.025 |
|  | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Trust | 0.124\* | 0.152\*\* | 0.075 | -0.040 |
|  | (0.07) | (0.07) | (0.07) | (0.03) |
| Age # Trust | -0.001 | -0.002 | 0.000 | 0.002\*\*\* |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Female | 0.071 | 0.035 | -0.072 | -0.029 |
|  | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.10) | (0.12) |
| Education Level | 0.172\*\*\* | 0.072\* | 0.075\*\* | 0.090 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.06) |
| Income | 0.003 | -0.059\*\*\* | 0.021 | 0.009 |
|  | (0.04) | (0.01) | (0.04) | (0.02) |
| Children in the HH | 0.094 | 0.059 | 0.259\*\*\* | 0.352\*\* |
|  | (0.14) | (0.10) | (0.09) | (0.17) |
| cut1 |  |  |  |  |
| Constant | -3.734\*\*\* | -2.121\*\*\* | -2.860\*\*\* | -2.767\*\*\* |
|  | (0.61) | (0.61) | (0.48) | (0.36) |
| cut2 |  |  |  |  |
| Constant | -2.170\*\*\* | -0.293 | -1.261\*\* | -0.934\*\*\* |
|  | (0.48) | (0.63) | (0.51) | (0.35) |
| cut3 |  |  |  |  |
| Constant | -1.016\* | 0.564 | -0.422 | 0.061 |
|  | (0.52) | (0.65) | (0.49) | (0.39) |
| cut4 |  |  |  |  |
| Constant | 1.455\*\*\* | 2.978\*\*\* | 1.987\*\*\* | 2.351\*\*\* |
|  | (0.48) | (0.70) | (0.51) | (0.33) |
| Observations | 1,832 | 1,764 | 1,797 | 1,744 |
| *BIC* | 4,415.915 | 5,059.198 | 4,946.306 | 5,011.541 |
| Log Likelihood | -2,181.661 | -2,503.435 | -2,446.925 | -2,479.647 |

Standard errors in parentheses

Standard errors clustered by country; Country-dummies included but not shown

\* *p* < 0.10, \*\* *p* < 0.05, \*\*\* *p* < 0.01

Table A11: Determinants of Support Including Interaction Effect Age # Social Trust and Age # Education

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
|  | No Trade-Off | Higher Debt | Higher Taxes | Pension Cuts |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | 0.004 | 0.001 | -0.003 | -0.010 |
|  | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Political Ideology  | -0.113\*\*\* | -0.111\*\*\* | -0.100\*\*\* | -0.014 |
|  | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Trust  | 0.126 | 0.179\*\* | 0.100 | -0.091 |
|  | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.07) |
| Age # Trust | -0.001 | -0.002 | -0.000 | 0.002\*\*\* |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Age # Education Level | -0.002 | 0.002 | 0.001 | -0.005 |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Female | 0.103 | 0.002 | -0.067 | -0.138 |
|  | (0.11) | (0.09) | (0.13) | (0.11) |
| Education Level | 0.243\*\* | -0.074 | 0.004 | 0.300 |
|  | (0.11) | (0.13) | (0.12) | (0.25) |
| Income | -0.032 | -0.045\* | 0.027 | 0.033 |
|  | (0.05) | (0.02) | (0.05) | (0.03) |
| Children in the HH | 0.100 | 0.099 | 0.307\*\* | 0.477\*\*\* |
|  | (0.18) | (0.11) | (0.13) | (0.16) |
| Constant | 0.916 | -0.293 | 0.309 | -0.722 |
|  | (0.58) | (0.92) | (0.62) | (0.77) |
| Observations | 1,832 | 1,764 | 1,797 | 1,744 |
| *BIC* | 1,970.850 | 2,383.438 | 2,373.145 | 2,053.075 |
| Log Likelihood | -959.129 | -1,165.555 | -1,160.344 | -1,000.414 |

Standard errors in parentheses

Standard errors clustered by country; Country-dummies included but not shown

\* *p* < 0.10, \*\* *p* < 0.05, \*\*\* *p* < 0.01

Table A12: Descriptive Statistics

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | N | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| No Trade-Off | 2237 | 0.734 | 0.442 | 0 | 1 |
| Higher Debt | 2178 | 0.421 | 0.494 | 0 | 1 |
| Higher Taxes | 2238 | 0.538 | 0.499 | 0 | 1 |
| Pension Cuts | 2148 | 0.272 | 0.445 | 0 | 1 |
| Age | 8881 | 54.312 | 16.723 | 18 | 96 |
| Political Ideology | 8152 | 4.824 | 2.330 | 0 | 10 |
| Trust | 8861 | 5.639 | 2.598 | 0 | 10 |
| Female | 8904 | 0.541 | 0.498 | 0 | 1 |
| Education Level | 8856 | 3.376 | 1.531 | 1 | 5 |
| Income | 7835 | 3.050 | 1.414 | 1 | 5 |
| Children in the HH | 8877 | 0.334 | 0.472 | 0 | 1 |
| Retired | 8779 | 0.340 | 0.474 | 0 | 1 |
| Age Groups: |  |  |  |  |  |
| <35 | 8881 | 0.143 | 0.350 | 0 | 1 |
| 35-44 | 8881 | 0.133 | 0.340 | 0 | 1 |
| 45-54 | 8881 | 0.208 | 0.406 | 0 | 1 |
| 55-64 | 8881 | 0.212 | 0.409 | 0 | 1 |
| 65+ | 8881 | 0.304 | 0.460 | 0 | 1 |
| Support Social Spending | 8560 | 3.375 | 0.959 | 1 | 5 |
| Egalitarianism | 8855 | 0.700 | 0.458 | 0 | 1 |
| Observations | 8905 |  |  |  |  |



**Figure A1:** Determinants of Change in Probabilities of Support for Education Spending (only main independent variables are shown). For a better comparability of effect sizes the graph shows x-standardized coefficients.

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**Figure A2:** Interaction effect between social trust and age.