Supplementary material

*Table A1*. Descriptive statistics of all the variables

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|  | ***N*** | ***Mean*** | ***St. dev*** | ***Min*** | ***Max*** |
| *Individual Level Variables* |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | 2771 | 44.34 | 16.96 | 18 | 96 |
| Education | 2771 | 1.00 | 0.65 | 0 | 2 |
| Female | 2771 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0 | 1 |
| Political interest | 2771 | 1.16 | 0.94 | 0 | 3 |
| Exposure to TV news | 2771 | 2.55 | 0.78 | 0 | 4 |
| Exposure to newspapers | 2771 | 1.91 | 1.67 | 0 | 4 |
| Number of TV channels used | 2771 | 2.84 | 1.69 | 0 | 7 |
| Correct answers | 2771 | 18.33 | 4.88 | 1 | 27 |
| Format: Open | 2771 | 4.04 | 1.42 | 0 | 6 |
| Format: Closed | 2771 | 14.08 | 4.04 | 1 | 21 |
| Content: Classic | 2771 | 4.85 | 2.16 | 0 | 8 |
| Content: Economy | 2771 | 2.19 | 1.21 | 0 | 4 |
| Content: Policies | 2771 | 4.43 | 1.32 | 0 | 6 |
| Content: Democracy | 2771 | 5.79 | 1.72 | 0 | 8 |
| Temporal: Current | 2771 | 10.35 | 3.28 | 0 | 16 |
| Temporal: Not current | 2771 | 7.77 | 2.33 | 1 | 11 |
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| *Question Level Variables* |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Correct answers | 74817 | 0.679 | 0.467 | 0 | 1 |
| Format (1 = open) | 74817 | 0.222 | 0.415 | 0 | 1 |
| Content: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Classic | 74817 | 0.296 | 0.456 | 0 | 1 |
| Economy | 74817 | 0.148 | 0.355 | 0 | 1 |
| Policies | 74817 | 0.222 | 0.415 | 0 | 1 |
| Democracy | 74817 | 0.333 | 0.471 | 0 | 1 |
| Temporality (1 = current) | 74817 | 0.592 | 0.491 | 0 | 1 |
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*Source:* Our elaboration of the data CIS2973.



Figure A1. Replication of Figures 1 to 3 in the main text. Figures are calculated using the margins command in Stata and on the basis of Table 1 in the online appendix (which replicates the estimation of Table 2 in the main text with the 33 knowledge items, that is, 27 political knowledge items + 5 cultural items + 1 item about the name of the family doctor).