**Do People Like to Discuss Politics?   
A Study of Citizens’ Political Talk Culture**

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**Online Appendix**

**Appendix 1: Measures**

*Political interest*

* How interested are you in politics? Very strongly, strongly, moderately, less strongly, or not at all?

*Party identification*

* In Germany, many people lean toward a particular political party for a long time, although occasionally they vote for another party. How about you: Do you lean – generally speaking – toward a particular party? [If yes:*]* Overall, how strongly or weakly do you lean toward this party: very strongly, rather strongly, moderately, rather weakly, or very weakly?

*Left-right identification*

* Many people use the terms “left” and “right” when they want to describe different political views. Thinking of your own political views, where would you place these on this scale where 0 means “left” and 10 “right”? The values in between can be used for differentiation.

*Internal political efficacy* (alpha = .61)

* I am perfectly able to understand and assess important political questions. (L)
* Politics is so complicated that someone like me does not understand what is going on. (L, RC)

*Need to belong* (alpha = .60)

* One of the worst things that can happen to me is to be excluded by people I know. (L)
* It would bother me if no one wanted to be around me. (L)

*Conflict orientation* (alpha = .70)

* My political views are private and no other people’s business. (L, RC)
* It is indiscrete to ask other people about their political views. (L, RC)
* Political conversations can be dangerous because they can destroy friendships. (L, RC)
* I hesitate to talk about politics with others because such conversations can lead to personal conflicts. (L, RC)
* I find it easy to express my opinion on political issues even if I expect that others contradict me. (L)
* I enjoy defending my political positions against criticism. (L)

*Discussion competence* (alpha = .72)

* In political conversations, I feel inhibited because I get the impression that other discussants can express themselves better than me. (L, RC)
* In political conversations, I hold myself back because I get the impression that other discussants have more expertise than me. (L, RC)

*Social trust* (alpha = .60)

* Generally speaking, how much **trust** do you have in the following people? Please tell me by using a scale from 0 to 10. 0 means “no trust at all”, 10 means “a great deal of trust”. The values in between can be used for differentiation. How much trust do you have in… your acquaintances?
* … strangers?

*Need to evaluate*

* I form opinions about everything. (L)

*Need for cognition*

* I find little satisfaction in thinking deeply about things for hours. (L, RC)

*Need for cognitive closure*

* I usually make important decisions quickly and confidently. (L)

*Gender*

* 1 = male, 0 = female.

*Age*

* Measured in years (18+).

*Immigration background*

* 1 = one or both parents born outside Germany, 0 = others.

*Education*

* 1 = completed upper secondary education, 0 = less.

*Occupational status*

* Measured by means of a 5-point scale developed by Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik[[1]](#footnote-1). It indicates the autonomy associated with respondents’ (present, for retirees previous) occupations and ranges from unskilled manual workers in the lowest category to employees and civil servants with advanced training occupying high-level supervisory positions as well as self-employed professionals and owners of larger companies in the highest category.

*Economic well-being*

* How would you evaluate your own current economic situation: Very good, good, neither good nor bad, bad or very bad? (RC)

*(L) = assessed on five-point Likert scale; (RC) = reverse coding.*

**Appendix 2: Models**

Entries are unstandard regression coefficients from multiple OLS regression analyses; robust standard errors (clustered by respondents) in parentheses.

All variables are normalized to range 0 to 1.

# *p* < 0.10, \* *p* < 0.05, \*\* *p* < 0.01, \*\*\* *p* < 0.001

*Table A1: Models for Figure 3*

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|  | **Separate models** | |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Combined model** | |
| Political interest | 0.195\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.067 | (0.061) | 0.094# | (0.053) | 0.147\* | (0.057) | -0.021 | (0.083) |
| PID strength | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.019 | (0.014) | 0.017 | (0.014) | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.018 | (0.014) |
| LR extremity | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.009 | (0.018) | -0.008 | (0.018) | -0.006 | (0.018) | -0.011 | (0.018) |
| Internal efficacy | -0.003 | (0.026) | -0.007 | (0.027) | -0.006 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.008 | (0.027) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Need to belong (low) | 0.004 | (0.053) | 0.045\* | (0.022) | 0.045\* | (0.022) | 0.044\* | (0.022) | 0.005 | (0.054) |
| Conflict orientation (seeking) | 0.402\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.264\*\*\* | (0.060) | 0.402\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.401\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.312\*\*\* | (0.067) |
| Discussion competence | 0.073\*\* | (0.024) | 0.075\*\* | (0.024) | -0.023 | (0.046) | 0.072\*\* | (0.024) | 0.010 | (0.051) |
| Social trust | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.119\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.049 | (0.066) | 0.060 | (0.065) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weak tie | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) |
| Disagreement | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) |
| Maj. disagreement | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Political interest # Need to belong (low) | 0.065 | (0.081) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.065 | (0.083) |
| Political interest # Conflict orientation (seeking) |  |  | 0.231\* | (0.093) |  |  |  |  | 0.151 | (0.105) |
| Political interest # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  | 0.172\* | (0.071) |  |  | 0.115 | (0.080) |
| Political interest # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.122 | (0.101) | 0.102 | (0.101) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) |
| Age | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.068\*\* | (0.023) | -0.062\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.064\*\* | (0.023) |
| Immigration background | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.015 | (0.013) | -0.015 | (0.012) | -0.013 | (0.012) | -0.016 | (0.013) |
| Abitur | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.003 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.004 | (0.010) |
| Occupational status | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.012 | (0.023) | 0.012 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.013 | (0.023) |
| Economic wellbeing | 0.003 | (0.025) | 0.005 | (0.025) | 0.005 | (0.025) | 0.004 | (0.025) | 0.005 | (0.025) |
| Need to evaluate | 0.037\* | (0.019) | 0.037\* | (0.018) | 0.035# | (0.019) | 0.036# | (0.019) | 0.036# | (0.019) |
| Need for cognition | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.032\* | (0.014) | 0.031\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.031\* | (0.014) |
| Need for cognitive closure | 0.018 | (0.018) | 0.020 | (0.018) | 0.020 | (0.018) | 0.018 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) |
| Constant | 0.057\* | (0.029) | 0.128\*\* | (0.043) | 0.108\*\* | (0.037) | 0.086\* | (0.042) | 0.176\*\* | (0.053) |
| Observations | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | |
| Adjusted *R*2 | 0.310 | | 0.312 | | 0.312 | | 0.311 | | 0.313 | |

*Table A2: Models for Figure 4*

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| ***Strength of ties*** | **Separate models** | |  | |  | |  | |  | | **Combined model** | |
| Political interest | 0.233\*\*\* | (0.025) | 0.206\*\*\* | (0.024) | 0.206\*\*\* | (0.024) | 0.206\*\*\* | (0.024) | 0.206\*\*\* | (0.024) | 0.233\*\*\* | (0.025) |
| PID strength | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.016 | (0.014) | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.016 | (0.014) | 0.016 | (0.014) | 0.016 | (0.014) |
| LR extremity | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.005 | (0.018) |
| Internal efficacy | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Need to belong (low) | 0.044\* | (0.022) | 0.032 | (0.023) | 0.044\* | (0.022) | 0.044\* | (0.022) | 0.044\* | (0.022) | 0.027 | (0.023) |
| Conflict orientation (seeking) | 0.401\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.401\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.417\*\*\* | (0.030) | 0.401\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.401\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.408\*\*\* | (0.031) |
| Discussion competence | 0.073\*\* | (0.024) | 0.073\*\* | (0.024) | 0.073\*\* | (0.024) | 0.090\*\*\* | (0.025) | 0.073\*\* | (0.024) | 0.079\*\* | (0.025) |
| Social trust | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.087\*\* | (0.028) | 0.078\*\* | (0.029) |
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| Weak ties | -0.041\*\*\* | (0.011) | -0.096\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.061\*\*\* | (0.015) | -0.057\*\*\* | (0.013) | -0.141\*\*\* | (0.016) | -0.089\*\*\* | (0.021) |
| Disagreement | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) |
| Maj. disagreement | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) |
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| Weak tie # Political interest | -0.079\*\*\* | (0.017) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.078\*\*\* | (0.019) |
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| Weak tie # Need to belong (low) |  |  | 0.037# | (0.020) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.050\* | (0.020) |
| Weak tie # Conflict orientation (seeking) |  |  |  |  | -0.048\* | (0.023) |  |  |  |  | -0.022 | (0.027) |
| Weak tie # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.050\*\* | (0.018) |  |  | -0.018 | (0.020) |
| Weak tie # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.102\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.127\*\*\* | (0.029) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) |
| Age | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) |
| Immigration background | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.012 | (0.012) |
| Abitur | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) |
| Occupational status | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.010 | (0.023) |
| Economic wellbeing | 0.004 | (0.025) | 0.003 | (0.025) | 0.003 | (0.025) | 0.003 | (0.025) | 0.003 | (0.025) | 0.004 | (0.025) |
| Need to evaluate | 0.037\* | (0.019) | 0.037\* | (0.019) | 0.036\* | (0.019) | 0.037\* | (0.019) | 0.036\* | (0.019) | 0.037\* | (0.019) |
| Need for cognition | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) |
| Need for cognitive closure | 0.019 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) |
| Constant | 0.034 | (0.028) | 0.052# | (0.028) | 0.041 | (0.028) | 0.039 | (0.028) | 0.068\* | (0.028) | 0.050# | (0.028) |
| Observations | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | |
| Adjusted *R*2 | 0.311 | | 0.310 | | 0.310 | | 0.311 | | 0.311 | | 0.313 | |

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| ***Disagreement*** | **Separate models** | |  | |  | |  | |  | | **Combined model** | |
| Political interest | 0.241\*\*\* | (0.024) | 0.206\*\*\* | (0.024) | 0.206\*\*\* | (0.024) | 0.206\*\*\* | (0.024) | 0.206\*\*\* | (0.024) | 0.283\*\*\* | (0.024) |
| PID strength | 0.016 | (0.014) | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.015 | (0.014) |
| LR extremity | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.005 | (0.018) |
| Internal efficacy | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Need to belong (low) | 0.044\* | (0.022) | 0.007 | (0.022) | 0.044\* | (0.022) | 0.044\* | (0.022) | 0.044\* | (0.022) | 0.014 | (0.022) |
| Conflict orientation (seeking) | 0.401\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.401\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.335\*\*\* | (0.030) | 0.401\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.401\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.338\*\*\* | (0.030) |
| Discussion competence | 0.073\*\* | (0.024) | 0.073\*\* | (0.024) | 0.072\*\* | (0.024) | 0.022 | (0.024) | 0.073\*\* | (0.024) | 0.013 | (0.024) |
| Social trust | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.128\*\*\* | (0.028) | 0.123\*\*\* | (0.028) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weak ties | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) |
| Disagreement | -0.033\*\* | (0.013) | -0.078\*\*\* | (0.006) | -0.114\*\*\* | (0.016) | -0.105\*\*\* | (0.014) | -0.065\*\*\* | (0.015) | -0.100\*\*\* | (0.021) |
| Maj. disagreement | -0.054\*\*\* | (0.013) | -0.045\*\*\* | (0.006) | -0.077\*\*\* | (0.016) | -0.073\*\*\* | (0.014) | -0.042\*\* | (0.015) | -0.084\*\*\* | (0.022) |
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| Disagreement # Political interest | -0.062\*\* | (0.019) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.112\*\*\* | (0.021) |
| Maj. disagreement # Political interest | 0.019 | (0.020) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.007 | (0.023) |
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| Disagreement # Need to belong (low) |  |  | 0.047\* | (0.021) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.039# | (0.020) |
| Maj. disagreement # Need to belong (low) |  |  | 0.016 | (0.025) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.011 | (0.025) |
| Disagreement # Conflict orientation (seeking) |  |  |  |  | 0.071\*\* | (0.024) |  |  |  |  | 0.076\* | (0.030) |
| Maj. disagreement # Conflict orient. (seek.) |  |  |  |  | 0.057\* | (0.025) |  |  |  |  | 0.038 | (0.030) |
| Disagreement # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.053\*\* | (0.019) |  |  | 0.071\*\* | (0.024) |
| Maj. disagreement # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.048\* | (0.019) |  |  | 0.037 | (0.024) |
| Disagreement # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.011 | (0.029) | -0.000 | (0.030) |
| Maj. disagreement # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.000 | (0.029) | -0.006 | (0.029) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) |
| Age | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) |
| Immigration background | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.012 | (0.012) |
| Abitur | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) |
| Occupational status | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) |
| Economic wellbeing | 0.003 | (0.025) | 0.003 | (0.025) | 0.003 | (0.025) | 0.004 | (0.025) | 0.003 | (0.025) | 0.003 | (0.025) |
| Need to evaluate | 0.036\* | (0.019) | 0.036\* | (0.019) | 0.036\* | (0.019) | 0.036\* | (0.019) | 0.036\* | (0.019) | 0.036\* | (0.019) |
| Need for cognition | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) |
| Need for cognitive closure | 0.019 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) |
| Constant | 0.029 | (0.028) | 0.056\* | (0.028) | 0.091\*\* | (0.029) | 0.084\*\* | (0.029) | 0.047# | (0.028) | 0.084\*\* | (0.030) |
| Observations | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | |
| Adjusted *R*2 | 0.311 | | 0.311 | | 0.311 | | 0.312 | | 0.310 | | 0.314 | |

*Table A3: Models for Figure 5*

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| ***Strength of ties*** | **Separate models** | |  | |  | |  | | **Combined model** | |
| Political interest | 0.216\*\*\* | (0.030) | 0.129\* | (0.063) | 0.144\*\* | (0.054) | 0.201\*\*\* | (0.057) | 0.059 | (0.082) |
| PID strength | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.019 | (0.014) | 0.017 | (0.014) | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.018 | (0.014) |
| LR extremity | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.009 | (0.018) | -0.008 | (0.018) | -0.006 | (0.018) | -0.011 | (0.018) |
| Internal efficacy | -0.003 | (0.026) | -0.007 | (0.027) | -0.006 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.008 | (0.027) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Need to belong (low) | -0.032 | (0.054) | 0.045\* | (0.022) | 0.045\* | (0.022) | 0.044\* | (0.022) | -0.034 | (0.055) |
| Conflict orientation (seeking) | 0.402\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.305\*\*\* | (0.063) | 0.402\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.401\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.343\*\*\* | (0.071) |
| Discussion competence | 0.073\*\* | (0.024) | 0.075\*\* | (0.024) | 0.007 | (0.047) | 0.072\*\* | (0.024) | 0.034 | (0.053) |
| Social trust | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.119\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.037 | (0.064) | 0.038 | (0.064) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weak tie | -0.058\*\*\* | (0.014) | 0.027 | (0.031) | 0.010 | (0.025) | -0.055 | (0.041) | -0.001 | (0.049) |
| Disagreement | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.071\*\*\* | (0.005) |
| Maj. disagreement | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) | -0.042\*\*\* | (0.005) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Political interest # Need to belong (low) | 0.101 | (0.085) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.101 | (0.086) |
| Political interest # Conflict orientation (seeking) |  |  | 0.169# | (0.096) |  |  |  |  | 0.113 | (0.110) |
| Political interest # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  | 0.131# | (0.073) |  |  | 0.084 | (0.083) |
| Political interest # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.074 | (0.099) | 0.067 | (0.099) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weak tie # Political interest | -0.061\*\* | (0.021) | -0.184\*\*\* | (0.055) | -0.151\*\*\* | (0.044) | -0.158\* | (0.065) | -0.237\*\* | (0.082) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weak tie # Need to belong (low) | 0.105\* | (0.047) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.114\* | (0.049) |
| Weak tie # Conflict orientation (seeking) |  |  | -0.122\* | (0.055) |  |  |  |  | -0.089 | (0.057) |
| Weak tie # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  | -0.092\* | (0.040) |  |  | -0.070# | (0.042) |
| Weak tie # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.037 | (0.076) | 0.066 | (0.079) |
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| Weak tie # Political interest # Need to belong (low) | -0.107 | (0.073) |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.104 | (0.075) |
| Weak tie # Political interest # Conflict orientation (seeking) |  |  | 0.182\* | (0.087) |  |  |  |  | 0.112 | (0.094) |
| Weak tie # Political interest # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  | 0.124\* | (0.062) |  |  | 0.090 | (0.067) |
| Weak tie # Political interest # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.139 | (0.117) | 0.103 | (0.121) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) |
| Age | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.068\*\* | (0.023) | -0.062\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.064\*\* | (0.023) |
| Immigration background | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.015 | (0.013) | -0.014 | (0.012) | -0.013 | (0.012) | -0.016 | (0.013) |
| Abitur | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.003 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.004 | (0.010) |
| Occupational status | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.013 | (0.023) | 0.012 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.013 | (0.023) |
| Economic wellbeing | 0.003 | (0.025) | 0.005 | (0.025) | 0.005 | (0.025) | 0.004 | (0.025) | 0.005 | (0.025) |
| Need to evaluate | 0.037\* | (0.019) | 0.037\* | (0.018) | 0.035# | (0.019) | 0.036# | (0.019) | 0.036# | (0.019) |
| Need for cognition | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.032\* | (0.014) | 0.031\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.031\* | (0.014) |
| Need for cognitive closure | 0.018 | (0.018) | 0.020 | (0.018) | 0.020 | (0.018) | 0.018 | (0.018) | 0.019 | (0.018) |
| Constant | 0.046 | (0.029) | 0.089\* | (0.043) | 0.074\* | (0.038) | 0.074# | (0.041) | 0.145\*\* | (0.053) |
| Observations | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | |
| Adjusted *R*2 | 0.312 | | 0.313 | | 0.313 | | 0.313 | | 0.316 | |

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| ***Disagreement*** | **Separate models** | |  | |  | |  | | **Combined model** | | |
| Political interest | 0.229\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.138\* | (0.067) | 0.239\*\*\* | (0.056) | 0.183\*\* | (0.060) | 0.104 | (0.091) |
| PID strength | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.019 | (0.014) | 0.017 | (0.014) | 0.015 | (0.014) | 0.018 | (0.014) |
| LR extremity | -0.005 | (0.018) | -0.010 | (0.018) | -0.008 | (0.018) | -0.006 | (0.018) | -0.011 | (0.018) |
| Internal efficacy | -0.003 | (0.026) | -0.006 | (0.027) | -0.006 | (0.027) | -0.003 | (0.027) | -0.008 | (0.027) |
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| Need to belong (low) | -0.038 | (0.056) | 0.045\* | (0.022) | 0.045\* | (0.022) | 0.044\* | (0.022) | -0.028 | (0.056) |
| Conflict orientation (seeking) | 0.402\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.187\*\* | (0.066) | 0.402\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.401\*\*\* | (0.029) | 0.224\*\* | (0.073) |
| Discussion competence | 0.073\*\* | (0.024) | 0.075\*\* | (0.024) | -0.038 | (0.050) | 0.072\*\* | (0.024) | 0.024 | (0.054) |
| Social trust | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.121\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.119\*\*\* | (0.027) | 0.051 | (0.073) | 0.054 | (0.072) |
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| Weak tie | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) | -0.090\*\*\* | (0.004) |
| Disagreement | -0.039\* | (0.016) | -0.078\* | (0.036) | -0.030 | (0.029) | -0.034 | (0.037) | -0.079 | (0.051) |
| Maj. disagreement | -0.059\*\*\* | (0.017) | -0.063 | (0.040) | -0.035 | (0.032) | -0.048 | (0.037) | -0.056 | (0.051) |
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| Political interest # Need to belong (low) | 0.072 | (0.084) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.073 | (0.085) |
| Political interest # Conflict orientation (seeking) |  |  | 0.207\* | (0.101) |  |  |  |  | 0.195# | (0.114) |
| Political interest # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  | 0.056 | (0.075) |  |  | -0.015 | (0.083) |
| Political interest # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.118 | (0.108) | 0.117 | (0.107) |
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| Disagreement # Political interest | -0.063\*\* | (0.024) | -0.096 | (0.063) | -0.179\*\*\* | (0.053) | -0.060 | (0.061) | -0.157# | (0.082) |
| Maj. disagreement # Political interest | 0.023 | (0.026) | -0.024 | (0.069) | -0.075 | (0.057) | 0.012 | (0.057) | -0.063 | (0.086) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disagreement # Need to belong (low) | 0.047 | (0.048) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.035 | (0.048) |
| Maj. disagreement # Need to belong (low) | 0.033 | (0.064) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.032 | (0.065) |
| Disagreement # Conflict orientation (seeking) |  |  | 0.101# | (0.059) |  |  |  |  | 0.107 | (0.071) |
| Maj. disagreement # Conflict orientation (seeking) |  |  | 0.028 | (0.066) |  |  |  |  | 0.054 | (0.079) |
| Disagreement # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  | 0.030 | (0.043) |  |  | -0.004 | (0.052) |
| Maj. disagreement # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  | -0.014 | (0.051) |  |  | -0.033 | (0.058) |
| Disagreement # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.004 | (0.072) | 0.012 | (0.071) |
| Maj. disagreement # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.012 | (0.069) | -0.004 | (0.073) |
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| Disagreement # Political interest # Need to belong (low) | 0.003 | (0.076) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.006 | (0.075) |
| Maj. disagreement # Political interest # Need to belong (low) | -0.028 | (0.102) |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.035 | (0.103) |
| Disagreement # Political interest # Conflict orientation (seeking) |  |  | 0.014 | (0.095) |  |  |  |  | -0.052 | (0.119) |
| Maj. disagreement # Political interest # Conflict orientation (seeking) |  |  | 0.047 | (0.104) |  |  |  |  | -0.027 | (0.128) |
| Disagreement # Political interest # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  | 0.117 | (0.072) |  |  | 0.133 | (0.090) |
| Maj. disagreement # Political interest # Discussion competence |  |  |  |  | 0.111 | (0.080) |  |  | 0.123 | (0.094) |
| Disagreement # Political interest # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.003 | (0.113) | -0.021 | (0.114) |
| Maj. disagreement # Political interest # Social trust |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.015 | (0.104) | -0.004 | (0.109) |
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| Male | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) | 0.022\* | (0.009) |
| Age | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.068\*\* | (0.023) | -0.062\*\* | (0.023) | -0.066\*\* | (0.023) | -0.064\*\* | (0.023) |
| Immigration background | -0.012 | (0.012) | -0.015 | (0.013) | -0.015 | (0.012) | -0.013 | (0.012) | -0.016 | (0.013) |
| Abitur | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.003 | (0.010) | 0.005 | (0.010) | 0.004 | (0.010) |
| Occupational status | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.012 | (0.023) | 0.012 | (0.023) | 0.009 | (0.023) | 0.013 | (0.023) |
| Economic wellbeing | 0.003 | (0.025) | 0.004 | (0.025) | 0.005 | (0.025) | 0.004 | (0.025) | 0.005 | (0.025) |
| Need to evaluate | 0.037\* | (0.019) | 0.037\* | (0.018) | 0.035# | (0.019) | 0.036# | (0.019) | 0.036# | (0.019) |
| Need for cognition | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.032\* | (0.014) | 0.031\* | (0.014) | 0.033\* | (0.014) | 0.031\* | (0.014) |
| Need for cognitive closure | 0.018 | (0.018) | 0.020 | (0.018) | 0.020 | (0.018) | 0.018 | (0.018) | 0.020 | (0.018) |
| Constant | 0.042 | (0.029) | 0.140\*\* | (0.046) | 0.078# | (0.040) | 0.064 | (0.046) | 0.185\*\* | (0.060) |
| Observations | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | | 10,884 | |
| Adjusted *R*2 | 0.311 | | 0.314 | | 0.316 | | 0.311 | | 0.317 | |

1. Cf. Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik, J. H. P. (2003). Stellung im Beruf als Ersatz für eine Berufsklassifikation zur Ermittlung von sozialem Prestige. *ZUMA-Nachrichten, 27*(53), 114-127. doi:https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:0168-ssoar-207760 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)