

The political participation questions included on the common content include participation in campaigns, cooperation among individuals, contact with public representatives, and other kinds of participation. In addition to the questions asked on the common content, we propose that the members of the participation group add the questions below, including a small set of questions concerning online political participation.

### **Campaign**

- Common Content
  - Put a campaign sign or sticker on your house, yard, or car
  - Do volunteer work (such as going door-to-door or stuffing envelopes) to help a political candidate
  - Attend a rally for a political candidate
- Additional Questions
  - Campaign Debates

### **Cooperative**

- Common Content
  - Attend a school board meeting
  - Attend a meeting of your town or city council
- Additional Questions
  - Informal Community Work

### **Contact**

- Common Content
  - Write a letter or email to a public official
  - Informal Contact (Blog/Online)
- Additional Questions
  - Contact Petition
  - Q/A Representative or Candidate

### **Other**

- Additional Questions
  - Protests/Marches/Demonstrations/Sit-ins

### **Online**

- Additional Questions
  - Online Social Networks
  - Online Social Networks: Join a political group
  - Online Social Networks: Add Candidate as Friend
  - Visit Candidate Website

### **Question Wording:**

During the past twelve months, did you ...

**Part1** Campaign Debates

Watch or listen to a debate among candidates for a political office?

**Part2** Informal Community Work

Work informally with others in your community or neighborhood to try to deal with some community issue or problem?

**Part3** Contact Petition

Sign a petition about a political or civic issue?

**Part4** Q/A Representative or Candidate

Attend a meeting (other than official town council or school board meetings) where the public had an opportunity to ask questions of an elected representative or candidate for public office?

**Part5** Protests/Marches/Demonstrations/Sit-ins

Take part in a protest, march, demonstration, or sit-in on a political issue (other than a strike against your employer)?

**Part6** Online Social Networks

Do you have an account for an online social network (such as Facebook or MySpace)?

**Part6a** Online Social Networks: Join a Political Group

During the past twelve months, did you join an online 'group' through your social network that is dedicated to a political candidate or public issue?

**Part6b** Online Social Networks: Add Candidate as Friend

During the past twelve months, did you add a political candidate or public representative as a "friend" on your account?

**Part7** Visit Candidate Website

During the past twelve months, did you visit the official website of a candidate for public office?