

Appendix A: Policy statements used to calculate political dimensions

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Statement	Scaling
Economic left-right	
Free market competition makes the health care system function better	Right
The number of public sector employees should be reduced	Right
The state should intervene as little as possible in the economy	Right
Wealth should be redistributed from the richest people to the poorest	Left
Cutting government spending is a good way to solve the economic crisis	Right
It should be easy for companies to fire people	Right
External loans from institutions such as the IMF are a good solution to crisis situations	Right
Social liberal-conservative	
Immigrants must adapt to the values and culture of (country)	Conservative
Restrictions on citizen privacy are acceptable in order to combat crime	Conservative
To maintain public order, governments should be able to restrict demonstrations	Conservative
Less serious crimes should be punished with community service, not imprisonment	Liberal
Same sex couples should enjoy the same rights as heterosexual couples to marry	Liberal
Women should be free to decide on matters of abortion	Liberal
The recreational use of cannabis should be legal	Liberal
More EU vs less EU	
(Your country) should leave the Euro/should never adopt the Euro	Less EU
A single member state should be able to block a treaty change, even if all the other members states agree to it	Less EU

The right of EU citizens to work in (your country) should be restricted	Less EU
There should be a common EU foreign policy even if this limits the capacity of (your country) to act independently	More EU
The EU should redistribute resources from richer to poorer EU regions	More EU
Overall, EU membership has been a bad thing for (your country)	Less EU

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Statement	Scaling
Economic left-right	
Social programmes should be maintained even at the cost of higher taxes	Left
It should be harder for EU immigrants working or staying in [your country] to get access to social assistance benefits than it is for [your country's] citizens	Right
Pension benefits should be reduced to limit the state debt in [your country]	Right
Government spending should be reduced in order to lower taxes	Right
Bank and stock market gains should be taxed more heavily	Left
Governments should reduce workers' protection regulations in order to fight unemployment	Right
The state should provide stronger financial support to unemployed workers	Left
The EU should relax its austerity policy in order to foster economic growth	Left
The promotion of public transport should be fostered through green taxes (e.g. road taxing)	Left
Renewable sources of energy (e.g. solar or wind energy) should be supported even if this means higher energy costs	Left
Traditional vs. Liberal Values	
Immigration [into your country] should be made more restrictive	Traditional
Immigrants from outside Europe should be required to accept our culture and values	Traditional

¹ <http://euandi.eu/abouteuandi.html>

The legalisation of same sex marriages is a good thing	Liberal
Embryonic stem cell research should be stopped	Traditional
The legalisation of the personal use of soft drugs is to be welcomed	Liberal
Euthanasia should be legalized	Liberal
The promotion of public transport should be fostered through green taxes (e.g. road taxing)	Liberal
Renewable sources of energy (e.g. solar or wind energy) should be supported even if this means higher energy costs	Liberal
Restrictions of personal privacy on the Internet should be accepted for public security reasons	Traditional
Criminals should be punished more severely	Traditional
Access to abortion should become more restricted	Traditional

Pro-Anti EU Integration

It should be harder for EU immigrants working or staying in [your country] to get access to social assistance benefits than it is for [your country's] citizens	Anti-EU
To fight the problem of illegal immigration, the European Union should take responsibility for patrolling its borders	Pro-EU
The EU should acquire its own tax raising powers	Pro-EU
The European Union should strengthen its security and defence policy	Pro-EU
On foreign policy issues the EU should speak with one voice	Pro-EU
European integration is a good thing	Pro-EU
To tackle the sovereign debt crisis, the member states of the Eurozone should be allowed to issue common bonds (Eurobonds)	Pro-EU
The single European currency (Euro) is a bad thing	Anti-EU
Individual member states of the EU should have less veto power	Pro-EU
