

Electronic Supplementary Material 1 to the article *Civic identity in emerging adulthood: Validation of the Civic Identity Status Scale*

## CISS and additional measures used in the study

### The Civic Identity Status Scale (CISS)

Please read each of the following statements about attitudes towards your civic rights, obligations and engagement. Then, indicate to what extent each of the statements reflects your own thoughts and feelings. If a statement has more than one part, please indicate your response to the statement as a whole.

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| (D) | 1  | I haven't really thought much about myself as an active citizen. I'm not too concerned about my civic rights and obligations.                                   |
| (M) | 2  | There are many different ways to be an active part of the society. I haven't decided which one to follow, but I'm trying to figure it out.                      |
| (A) | 3  | I have practiced different civic behaviours and now I have a clear idea of which I want to take part in.  |
| (F) | 4  | My parents know what's best for me in terms of my civic engagement.   |
| (A) | 5  | I've spent time thinking about myself as a citizen, my civic obligations and actions, and I've decided on which ways of civic engagement will work best for me. |
| (M) | 6  | I really don't know what kind of a citizen I am. I'm still trying to figure out what kind of civic engagement feels right to me, and it's extent.               |
| (F) | 7  | I only engage in civic behaviours my parents would approve of.  |
| (F) | 8  | I've never really questioned my views on civic engagement and obligations. If they are right for my parents, they must be right for me.*                        |
| (A) | 9  | Based on past experiences, I've chosen the kind of civic engagement style that suits me best for the time being.  |
| (D) | 10 | I don't think about my civic obligations and ways of civic participation. I just kind of take it as it comes.   |
| (M) | 11 | I'm still trying to decide how capable I am as a person to participate in the community and what civic goals are right for me.                                  |
| (D) | 12 | I haven't really considered whether I am an active part of the community. Civic engagement just doesn't interest me much.                                       |

*Notes: Scored from 1 — Strongly disagree to 7 — Strongly agree; Letters in parentheses denote status/factor (D — diffusion; M — moratorium; A — achievement; F — foreclosure).*

\*Suggested rewording: I haven't really questioned my own views on civic engagement and obligations. I believe those of my parents are just right for me.

We believe such item would have clearer factor loadings as it retains the lack of identity exploration in the first sentence (while avoiding the word never, which might

be too strong), but more clearly states the commitment of the emerging adult to civic views of their parents in the second sentence.

### **Civic behaviours**

How often have you participated in the following activities in the past? (*1 — Never to 7 — Very often*)

- (O) Expressed my opinion on a forum with political/societal content.
- (O) Responded to blog posts with political/societal content.
- (O) Wrote a blog about political/societal issues.
- (O) Posted longer comments or essays concerning political/societal issues on social media.
- (O) Posted short comments concerning political/societal issues on social media.
- (C/T) Helped with the organization of an offline protest or rally.
- (C/T) Attended an offline event aimed at advancing society.
- (C/T) Encouraged an offline event aimed at advancing society.
- (P/T) Voted (or planned to vote) in the last (or next) local (university, union, municipal) or national/provincial/state election.
- (P/T) Donated money to a political organization.
- (C/T) Attended a protest or demonstration.
- (C/T) Volunteered for a community project or charitable organization.
- (C/T) Bought or boycotted products for political/ethical reasons.
- (T/P) Attended a political meeting.
- (C) Signed a petition about social or political issue.
- (C) Contributed to the improvement of my community.
- (C/T) Wore clothes or other objects with a political/social message.
- (T) Boycotted an event because of political or ethical reasons.
- (P/T) Volunteered at a political event or for a political party.
- (O) Shared articles concerning political/societal issues on social media.
- (O) Commented on news or articles concerning political/societal topics online.

*Letters in parentheses denote types of activities: C – civic, P – political, O – online, T – offline (traditional). Note that not all items can be assigned to only one of these types.*

### **Political interest, political trust and political self-efficacy**

Please indicate on the scale the number on the scale that best reflects your opinion and behaviour for each of the statements below. (*1 — Strongly disagree to 7 — Strongly agree*)

1. I am interested in political and social issues.
2. I am satisfied that democracy is working in my country.
3. I have a good understanding of the important political or economic issues facing my country today.

**Demographic questions**

I confirm that I have read and understood the disclosure sheet for this study and I agree to take part.

1. What is your gender?
  - a. Male
  - b. Female
  - c. Other
  
2. Your age? (number fields)  
\_\_\_ years and \_\_\_ months
  
3. Which of the following best describes your current main daily activities and/or responsibilities?
  - a. Student
  - b. Working full-time
  - c. Working part-time
  - d. Unemployed/searching for employment
  - e. Taking care of the children/household
  
4. Which of the following best describes your current living situation?
  - a. I live with my parents
  - b. I live in student accommodation
  - c. I partially live alone (e.g., rented apartment during the week)
  - d. I live alone/with a romantic partner
  - e. Other (please specify)