



GREEK ECONOMIC CRISIS

-QUESTIONNAIRE- December, 2010

INTRODUCTION:

Good morning/afternoon/evening. My name is from, an independent research company.

We are carrying out a nationwide survey on behalf of an academic team, looking at the general public's views about the Greek economic crisis and governmental austerity measures. All replies and any data retained for future research will be treated completely anonymously.

We would really appreciate it if you were willing to answer a few questions. Would you be able to respond to these questions now?

IF NO ASK:

Would there be a convenient time for us to call you back?

IF YES CONTINUE

Are you a Greek citizen? [if not, thank and end interview]

INTERVIEWER ENTER START DATE: / / (dd/mm/yy)

INTERVIEWER ENTER START TIME: (Use 24 hour clock)

Questionnaire Number

Interviewer's Code

Area Code

First Part: Attitudes towards the Economic Crisis

Q1. Compared to a year ago, your financial situation is...

1. Much worse
2. A bit worse
3. About the same
4. A bit better
5. Much better
6. DK/NR

Q2. To what extent are you concerned about the following?

	Not at all concerned	Slightly concerned	Somewhat concerned	Moderately concerned	Extremely concerned	DK/NR
a. Greece defaulting on its debt	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Losing your job (or unable to find employment)	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Being unable to pay your bills	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Widespread social unrest	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q3. Which of the following do you think is the main cause of the economic crisis in Greece?

1. The global economic circumstances and foreign interests
 2. Greece's own mistakes and past policies
 3. Both equally [SPONTANEOUS: DO NOT READ]
- OR**

Q4. Who is to blame for the crisis? How responsible for the crisis would you say each of the following is?

	Not at all responsible	Slightly responsible	Somewhat responsible	Moderately responsible	Extremely responsible	DK/NR
a. The current PASOK government	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. The previous ND government	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. The European Union	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Germany	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. The Greek banks	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Foreign investors/speculators	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. The European currency (euro)	1	2	3	4	5	6
h. Globalisation	1	2	3	4	5	6
i. Corruption in Greece	1	2	3	4	5	6
j. Each and every one of us	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q5. How do you think the economy will be in 12 months?

1. Much worse
2. A bit worse
3. About the same
4. A bit better
5. Much better
6. DK/NR

Second Part: Public Responses to the Austerity Package

Q6. To what extent do you support or oppose the government's austerity program?						
1. Strongly oppose 2. Oppose 3. Neither support or oppose 4. Support 5. Strongly support 6. DK/NR						
Q7. I will read out some things people have said about the economic measures. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of them?						
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	DK/NR
a. The austerity measures are necessary for our national survival	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. The burden of the measures is not distributed fairly to all citizens	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. If another party was in power, the austerity package would be less severe	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. The government had no option but to introduce these measures	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. People should fight against the measures	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. The crisis can be seen as an opportunity for Greece to move forward	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. There is nothing anybody can do to solve Greece's economic crisis	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q8. Many people have protested against the government's austerity measures in recent months. How effective do you think each of these actions are in pressing for changes?						
	Not at all	Slightly effective	Somewhat effective	Moderately effective	Extremely effective	DK/NR
a. Attending demonstrations	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Joining in strikes	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Occupying buildings or factories	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Blocking traffic	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Damaging things	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Using personal violence like fighting with police	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. Not voting in elections	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q9. In protest to the economic measures....						
	No	Yes	DK/NR			
a. Have there been <i>strikes</i> in the town or community where you live?	1	2	3			
b. If so, have you taken part in any of these strikes?	1	2	3			
c. Have there been any <i>demonstrations</i> in the town or community where you live?	1	2	3			
d. If so, have you taken part in any of these demonstrations?	1	2	3			
e. Did you take part in any demonstrations outside your town or community?	1	2	3			

Q10. How positive or negative would you say the contribution of the following has been in managing the crisis?

	Very Negative	Mostly Negative	Neither positive nor negative	Mostly Positive	Very Positive	DK/NR
a. The government	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. The International Monetary Fund	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. The European Union	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. The European Central Bank	1	2	3	4	5	6

Third Part: Political Values

Q11. How interested are you in politics?

1. Very interested
2. Somewhat interested
3. Not very interested
4. Not at all interested
5. DK/NR

Q12. How often do you read newspapers or follow political programmes in the mass media?

1. Every day
2. A few times per week
3. Once a week
4. A few times a month
5. Rarely
6. Never
7. DK/NR

Q13. In politics people sometimes talk of “left” and “right”. Where would you place yourself on this 0-10 scale, where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

Left Right

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 DK/NR

Q14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	DK/NR
a. One of the problems with people today is that they challenge authority too often	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Immigrants are generally good for the Greek economy.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Immigrants increase crime rates	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Private enterprise is the best way to solve Greece’s economic problems.	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. There are times when people should follow their consciences even if it means breaking the law	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q15. Is there a particular political party you feel closer to than all the other parties?

No 1 →[GO TO Q18]

Yes 2 →[GO TO Q16]

DK/NR 3

Q16. IF YES: Which one?

[OPEN QUESTION, DO NOT READ ANSWERS]

1. PASOK
2. New Democracy
3. KKE
4. SYRIZA
5. LAOS
6. Ecologist Greens
7. Democratic Left
8. DY.SI (Democratic Alliance)
9. Other
10. DK/NR

Q17. How close do you feel to this party? Do you feel you are

1. Very close
2. Quite close
3. Not very close
4. DK/NR

Q18. Many people did not vote in the local elections of November 2010, whereas others voted. Did you vote in the recent elections or not?

1. Yes, I voted → [GO TO Q19]
2. No, I didn't vote → [GO TO Q21]
3. DK/NR → [GO TO Q22]

Q19. IF YES: Which party supported the candidates you voted for in the first round of the Regional/Periphery election on 7 November or maybe they were independent candidates?

[OPEN QUESTION, DO NOT READ ANSWERS]

1. PASOK
2. New Democracy
3. KKE
4. SYRIZA
5. LAOS
6. Ecologist Greens
7. Democratic Left
8. Other party
9. Blank/Spoiled ballot
10. Independent candidate
11. PASOK/Greens/Democratic Left
12. PASOK/LAOS
13. ND/LAOS
14. SYRIZA/ Ecologist Greens
15. Ecologist Greens / Democratic Left
16. DK
17. NR

Q20. How important was each of the following factors in determining who you voted for?

	Not at all	Slightly important	Somewhat important	Moderately important	Extremely important	DK/NR
a. Party support of the candidate	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. The personality, social and professional attributes of the candidate	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. The candidate's manifesto	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Personal relations with the candidate or other party's members	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. The candidate's stance towards the economic measures	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q21. IF NO: How important was each of the following reasons for not voting?

	Not at all	Slightly important	Somewhat important	Moderately important	Extremely important	DK/NR
a. ... you were unable to vote (e.g. you were abroad, too far from constituency, ill etc)?	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. ... there was no political party or candidate that reflected your interests/ideas?	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. ... you consciously wanted to protest against the austerity measures?	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q22. And which party did you vote for in the last general election of October 2009?

[OPEN QUESTION, DO NOT READ ANSWERS]

1. PASOK
2. New Democracy
3. KKE
4. SYRIZA
5. LAOS
6. Ecologist Greens
7. Other
8. Blank/Spoiled ballot
9. No vote
10. NR, Refused

Q23. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful dealing with people? Please use the 0 to 10 scale to indicate your view, where 0 means 'can't be too careful' and 10 means 'most people can be trusted'.

Can't be too careful										Most people can be trusted		
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12 DK/NR	

Q24. Some say European unification should be pushed further. Others say it already has gone too far. What is your opinion? In the same scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means unification 'has already gone too far' and 10 means it 'should be pushed further', what is your position?

Has gone too far										should be pushed further'		
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12 DK/NR	

Q25. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	DK/NR
a. People like me can have a real influence on politics if they are prepared to get involved	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Being active in politics is a good way to get benefits for me and my family	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Often politics seem so complicated that I can't really understand what is going on	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Taking part in a demonstration could cause me to be injured or arrested	1	2	3	4	5	6

Fourth Part: Demographics

Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions about your background.

Q27. In which year were you born?

1. Born in: 19
2. Refused [GO TO Q28]

Q28. Which age group do you belong to?

1. 18-24
2. 25-34
3. 35-44
4. 45-54
5. 55-64
6. 65+
7. NR

Q29. What is your gender?

[MARK WITHOUT ASKING]

1. Male
2. Female

Q30. What is your marital status?

1. Married
2. Living with a partner (but not married)
3. Widowed
4. Divorced/Separated
5. Single (never married)
6. NR, refused

Q31. Do you have any children?

1. Yes
2. No
3. NR, refused

Q32a. Did you have any brothers or sisters or were you an only child?

1. Yes → [GO TO Q32b]
2. No, I am an only child
3. NR, refused

Q32b. If YES, how many brothers and sisters?

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| 1. One | 3. Three |
| 2. Two | 4. Four or more |
| | 5. NR, refused |

Q32c. And where were you placed in the order of births?

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. First born | 3. Third born |
| 2. Second born | 4. Fourth or more |
| | 5. NR, refused |

Q33. What level of education have you completed or currently studying for?

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| 1. Primary school | |
| 2. Secondary (3 years) | |
| 3. Secondary, Lyceum (6 years) | |
| 4. Post-secondary trade/vocational school | |
| 5. University, undergraduate | |
| 6. University, postgraduate | |
| 7. Nothing | 8. DK/NR |

Q34. Apart from such special occasions as weddings, funerals and baptisms and so on, nowadays, how often do you attend services or meetings connected with your religion?

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|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Every day | |
| 2. A few times per week | |
| 3. Once a week | |
| 4. A few times a month | |
| 5. Rarely | |
| 6. Never | 7. NR |

Q35. What is your current employment status?

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|-----------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Full time (more than 30 hours per week) | (1) | Part-time employment (less than 30 hours per week) | (2) |
| Self-employed | (3) | Homemaker | (4) |
| Student | (5) | Retired | (6) |
| Unable to work | (7) | Unemployed | (8) |

Q36. What is your occupation?

[IF NOT WORKING REFER TO PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT OR PARTNER'S JOB]

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[OPEN QUESTION, RECORD USING ISCO-6 CODES]

Q37. Which type of organisation do you work for?

[IF NOT WORKING REFER TO PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT OR PARTNER'S JOB]

1. Private sector firm or company
2. Public sector employer
3. Charity/voluntary sector (e.g. charitable companies, churches, NGOs, trade unions)
4. Never worked
5. NR

Q38. Are you yourself or anyone else in your household a member of any of the following organisations?

	Yes, I am	Yes, someone else is	Yes, both me and someone else are	No	DK	NR
a. A political party	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Trade Union or Labour Organisation	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Voluntary organisation (e.g. neighbourhood groups, churches, cultural groups, non governmental organisations, etc)	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q39. Prior to the current economic crisis starting in 2009, did you in the last 10 years ever take part... [If yes, how often?]

	Yes, once	Yes, 2-5 times	Yes, more than 5 times	No	DK/NR
a. In a strike	1	2	3	4	5
b. In a public demonstration	1	2	3	4	5

Q40a. If you had to choose among the following things, which one of them would you say should be the government's top priority?

[MARK ONE ANSWER PER COLUMN]

40b. And which one would you say should be the country's second highest priority?

	a. 1 st Choice	b. 2 nd choice
1. Maintaining order in the nation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Giving people more say in important political decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Fighting rising prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Protecting freedom of speech	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q41. Lastly, if there was a national election this Sunday, which party would you vote for?

[OPEN QUESTION, DO NOT READ ANSWERS, ONLY RECORD ONE ANSWER]

1. PASOK
2. New Democracy
3. KKE
4. SYRIZA
5. LAOS
6. Ecologist Greens
7. Democratic Left (Kouvelis)
8. Democratic Alliance (DY.SI – Bakoyanni)
9. Other party
10. Blank/Spoiled ballot
11. No vote
12. Undecided, Don't know
13. Refused, NR

Q42. How would you describe the place where you live?

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| A big city | <input type="checkbox"/> | (1) |
| The suburbs of outskirts of a big city | <input type="checkbox"/> | (2) |
| A small city or town | <input type="checkbox"/> | (3) |
| A country village | <input type="checkbox"/> | (4) |
| A farm or home in the country | <input type="checkbox"/> | (5) |

Q43. Which region/periphery of Greece do you live in?

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. East Macedonia and Thrace | 8. Central Greece |
| 2. Central Macedonia | 9. Peloponnese |
| 3. West Macedonia | 10. Attica |
| 4. Thessaly | 11. North Aegean |
| 5. Epirus | 12. South Aegean |
| 6. Ionian Islands | 13. Crete |
| 7. West Greece | |

Q44. We would like to contact you in the future for additional questions, if you give us permission to do so. Would you be willing to leave a first name?

1. Yes, ask for
2. Yes, but don't want to give name
3. No thanks

Thank you very much for your time!

If you would like more information about this research or would like to find out its findings, I can give you the contact details of the primary investigator.

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