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Survey among Swiss abroad

Financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation

Conducted in nine countries (Argentina, Brazil, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, Singapore, South Africa, USA)

In four languages (German, French, Italian, English)

Online from September, 25th to October 20th 2015

This document offers a

summarizing overview of answer frequencies

based on the raw data.

This is not a scientific analysis, please do not cite!

The complete analyses and results of the project will be accessible on our website by the end of 2016 (<https://www.unilu.ch/polsem-research>). Following this link, you also find further information about the project.

Swiss Abroad - USA

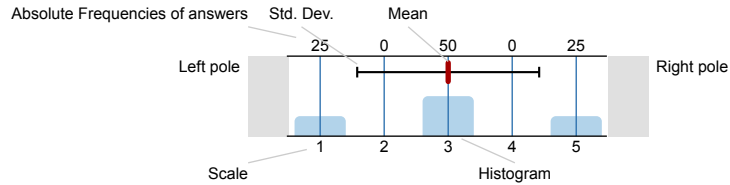
No. of responses = 724



Survey Results

Legend

Question text



n=No. of responses
av.=Mean
dev.=Std. Dev.
ab.=Abstention

1. Sprache / Langue / Lingua / Language

Bitte wählen Sie **links oben** Ihre bevorzugte Sprache und bestätigen Sie mit "**Change**". Klicken Sie dann "**weiter**".

S'il vous plaît, choisissez votre langue préférée dans l'angle **à gauche en haut** et confirmez avec "**Change**". Puis cliquez sur "**Suivante**".

Per favore, scelga la sua lingua preferita nell'angolo **sopra a sinistra** e confermi con "**Change**". Poi clicchi "**Suivante**".

Please select your preferred language in the **upper left** corner and confirm with "**Change**". Click then "**Next**".

2. Survey among Swiss abroad

Thank you very much for taking your time to participate in our survey! Among other Swiss abroad in nine countries you were randomly selected. We depend on your collaboration since only a high response rate and as complete answers as possible will lead to meaningful results.

It should not take more than 20 minutes to complete. Please stand assured that we guarantee the full protection of your data. Since your questionnaire is not personalized, it is not possible to interrupt filling in the survey and to continue later on.

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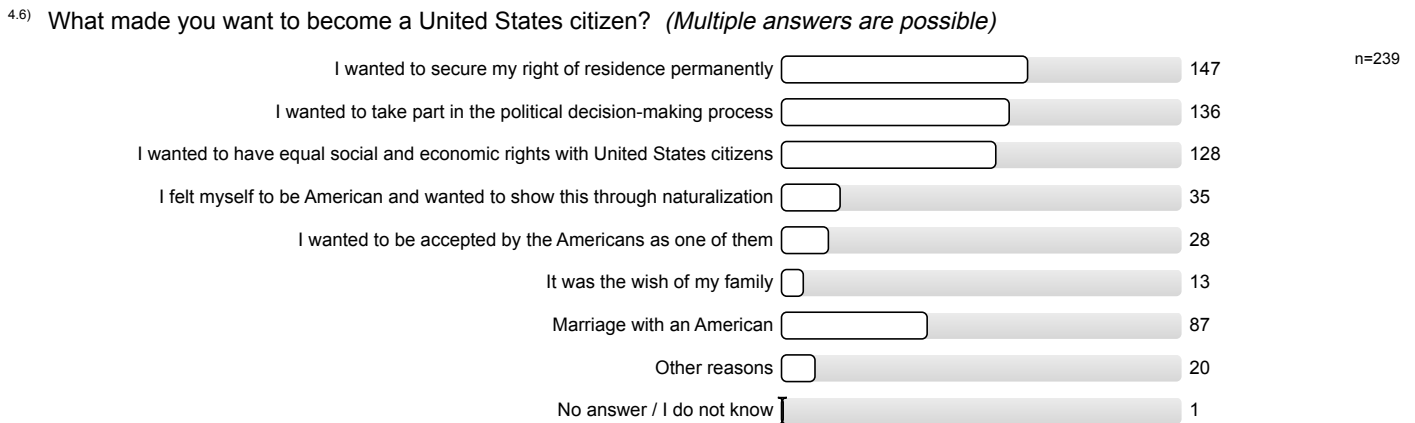
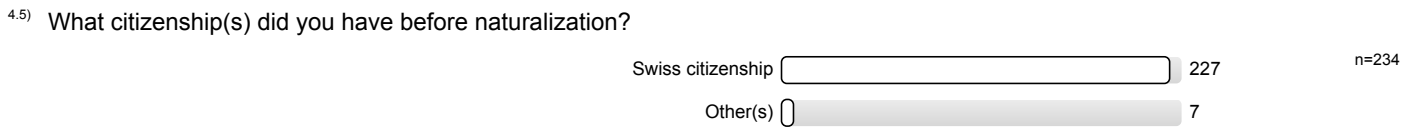
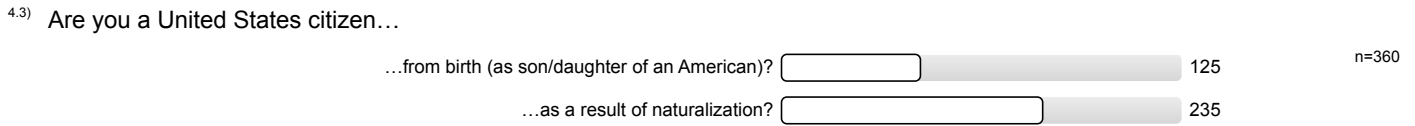
3.1) What is your country of permanent residence?

Country	Count	Total (n)
Argentina	0	n=723
Brazil	0	
France	2	
Germany	1	
Italy	0	
Japan	0	
Singapore	0	
South Africa	0	
United States of America	710	
Other	10	

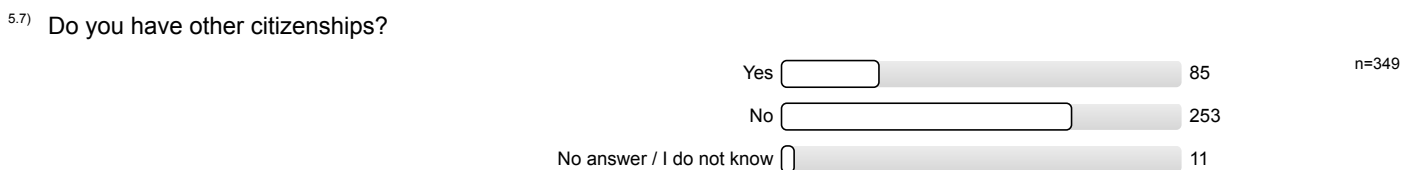
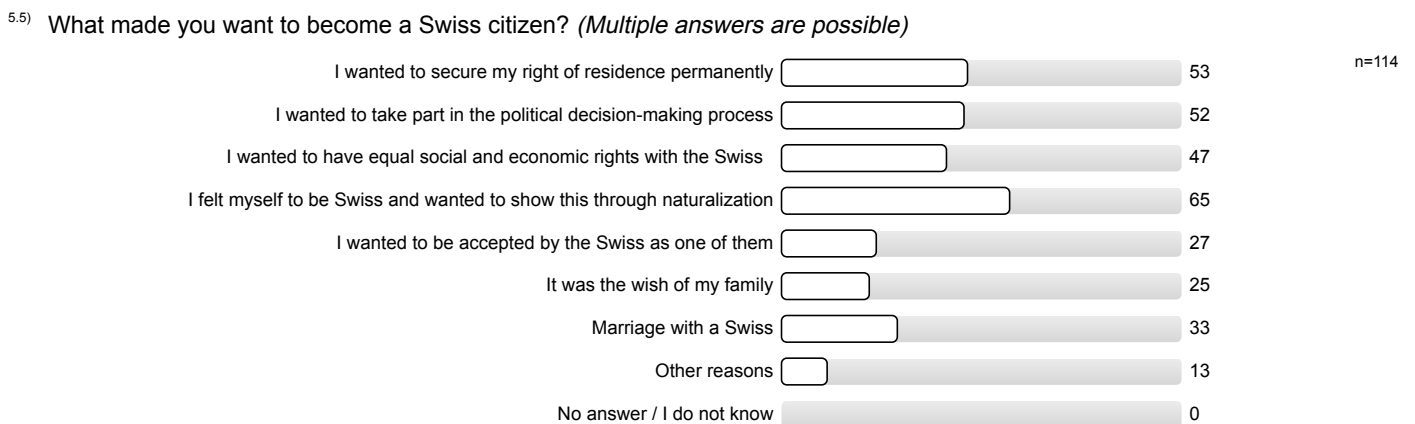
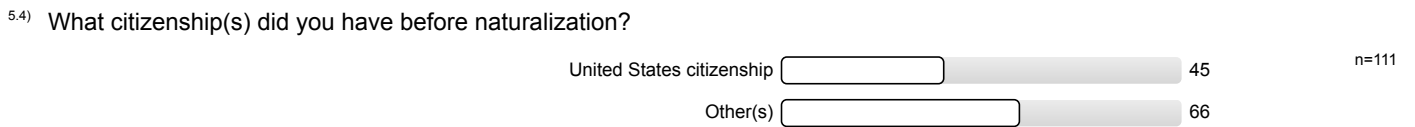
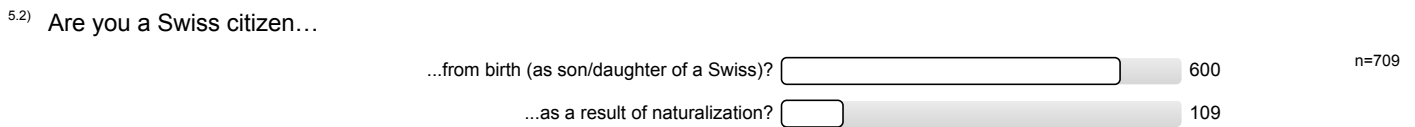
4. First we would like to ask you some general questions about your background.

4.2) Are you a United States citizen?

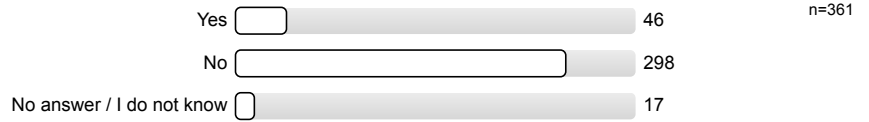
Response	Count	Total (n)
Yes	360	n=710
No	350	



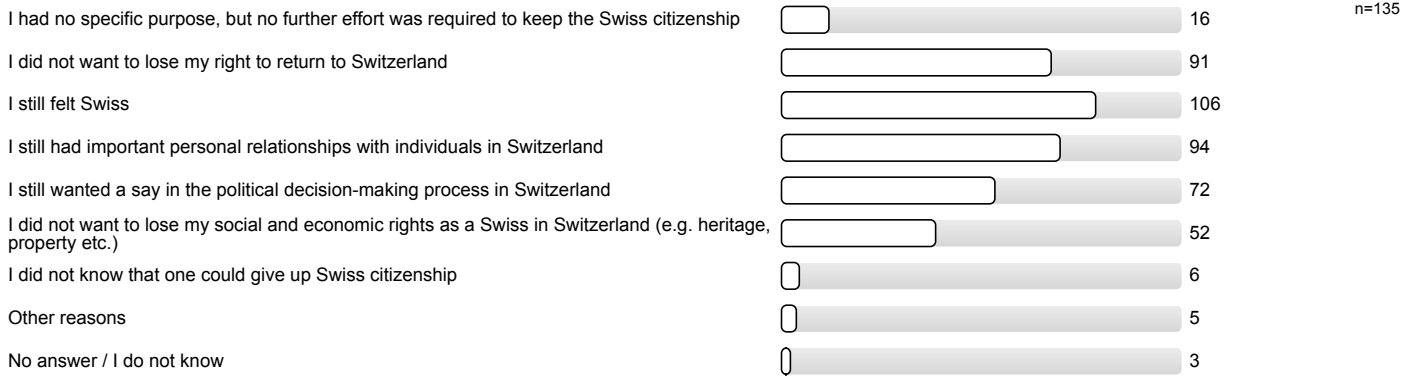
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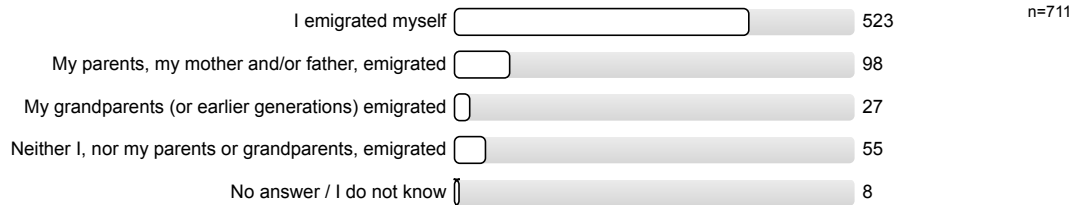
5.8) Do you have other citizenships (apart from the US and the Swiss citizenship)?



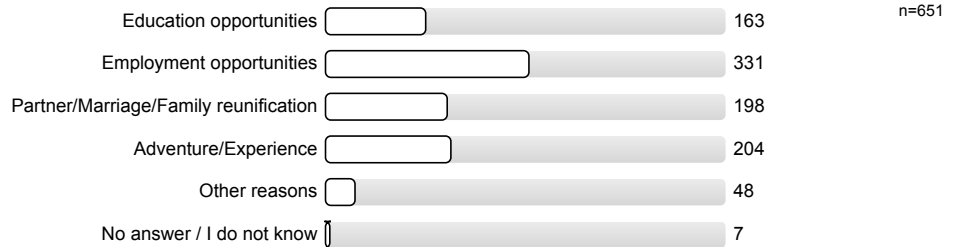
5.10) What made you keep the Swiss citizenship? (Multiple answers are possible)



5.12) Did you, or your family, emigrate from Switzerland?



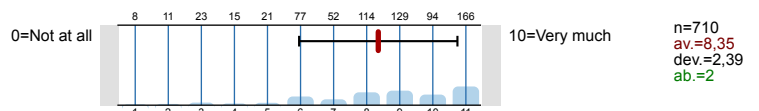
5.13) Why did you, or your parents or grandparents, emigrate from Switzerland? (Multiple answers are possible)



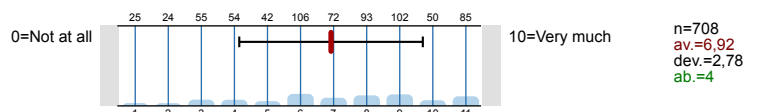
6. The following questions concern your political interest and participation.

How interested are you in.... (Please give one answer per line)

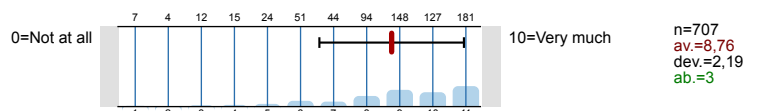
6.1) ...national politics in Switzerland?



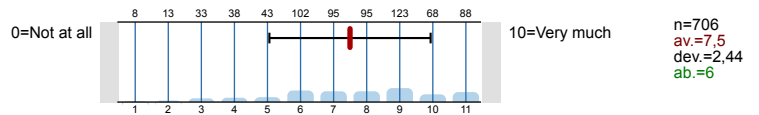
6.2) ... local and/or cantonal politics in Switzerland?



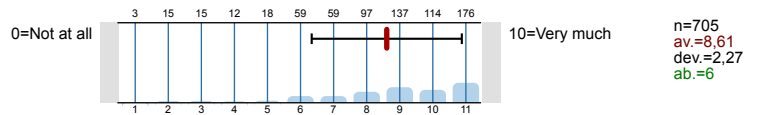
6.3) ...politics in the United States?



6.4) ...politics in the European Union?

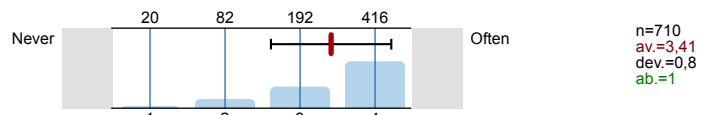


6.5) ...politics on the global level?

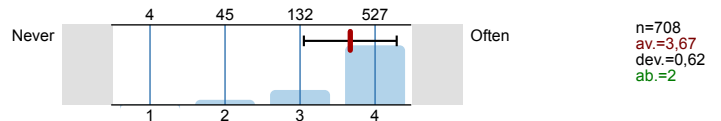


How often do you keep yourself informed about politics and actualities in Swiss and/or United States media? (Please give one answer per line)

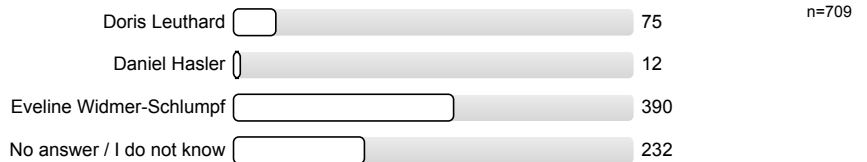
6.6) Swiss media



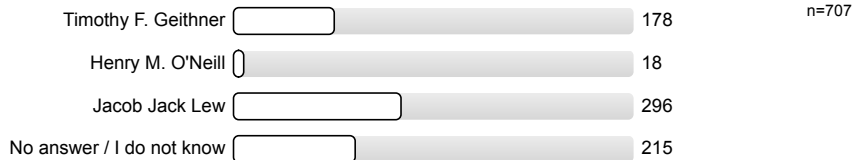
6.7) United States media



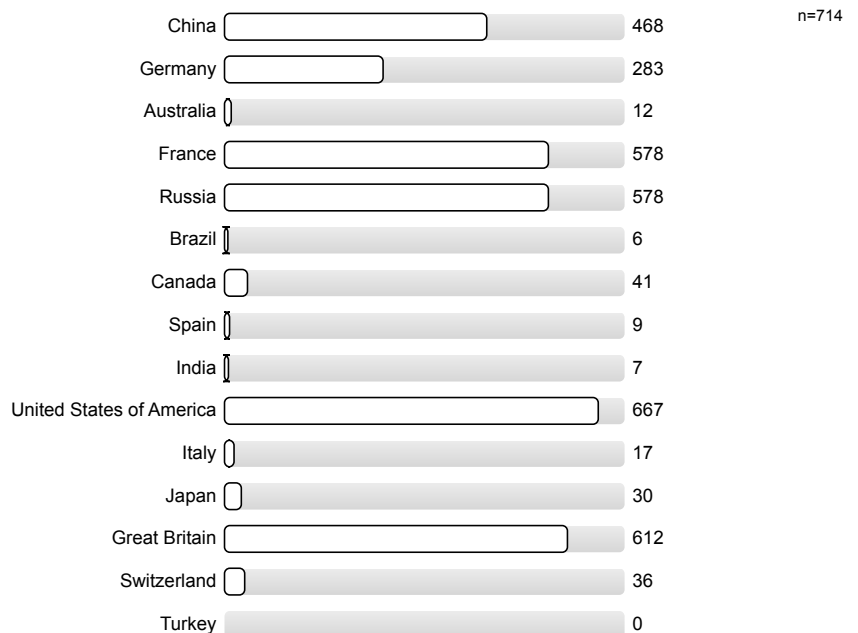
6.8) Who, in your opinion, is the Swiss finance minister? (Please answer without looking up the "right" answer)



6.9) Who, in your opinion, is the United States Secretary of the Treasury? (Please answer without looking up the "right" answer)

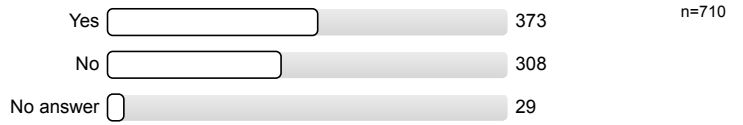


6.10) Five countries are permanent members in the security council of the United Nations (UN). Which, in your opinion, are the 5 countries? (Please answer without looking up the "right" answer)

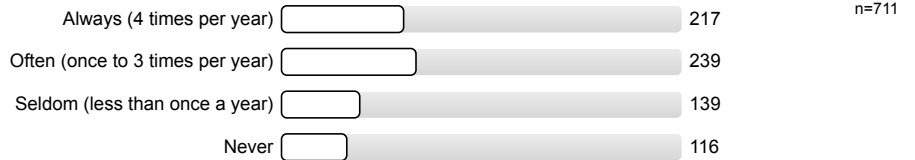


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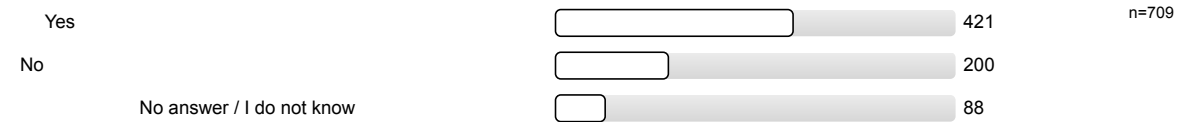
7.1) Some people don't vote nowadays for one reason or another.
Did you vote in the last Swiss federal elections in October 2011?



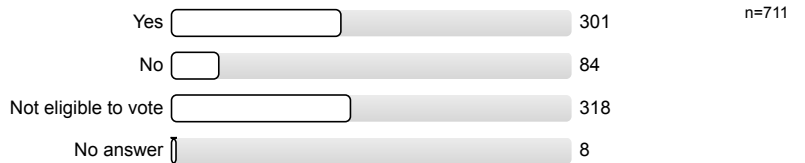
7.2) On average, how often have you participated in national popular votes (that is, national referenda) during the past two years?



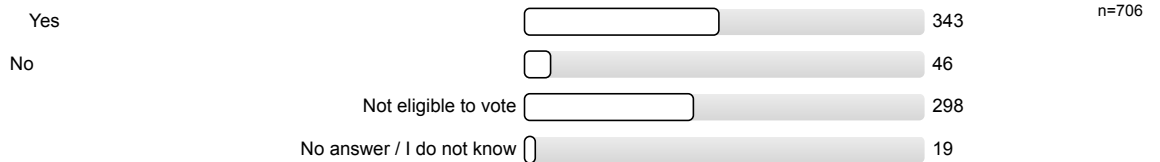
7.3) Do you intend to vote/Did you vote in the upcoming federal elections in Switzerland in October 2015?



7.4) Did you vote in the last general election in the United States?



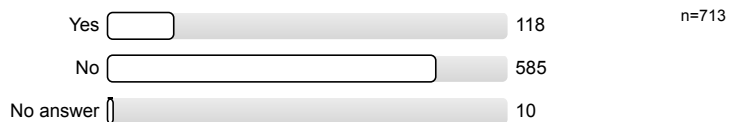
7.5) Do you intend to vote in the next general election in the United States?



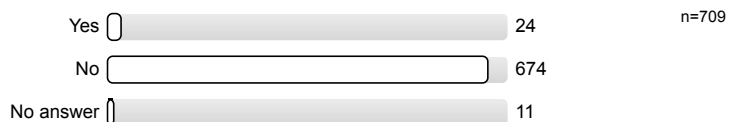
There are different ways of trying to improve things or help prevent things from going wrong.
During the last two years, have you done any of the following?

Concerning **Swiss themes**, have you...

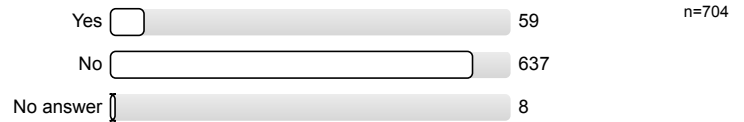
7.6) Signed a petition



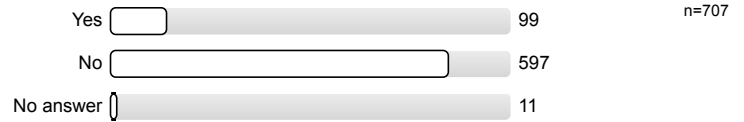
7.7) Participated in a demonstration



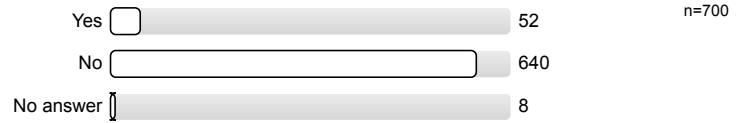
7.8) Contacted a politician, government or local government official



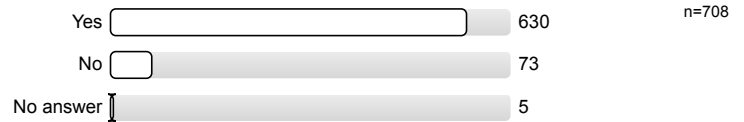
7.9) Donated or collected money for a political purpose



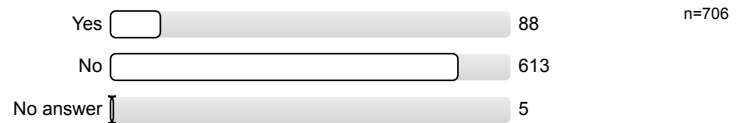
7.10) Contacted the media or appeared in the media to make your opinion known



7.11) Discussed political issues with family, friends and/or colleagues

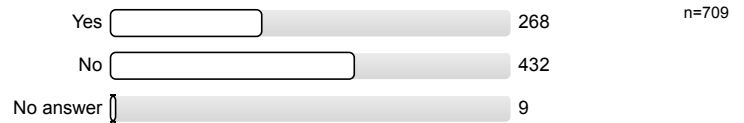


7.12) Participated in a political forum or a discussion on the Internet

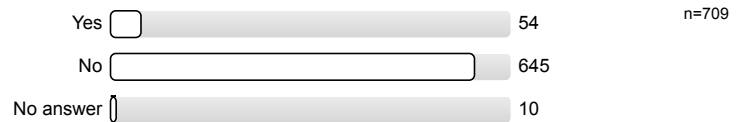


Concerning ***United States themes***, have you...

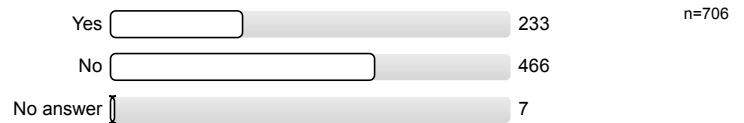
7.13) Signed a petition



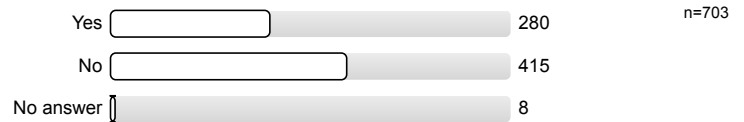
7.14) Participated in a demonstration



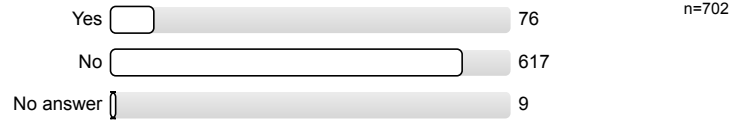
7.15) Contacted a politician, government or local government official



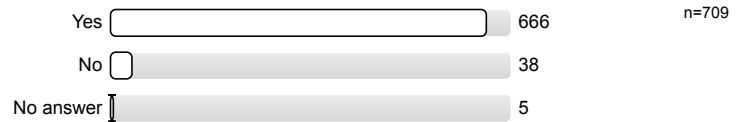
7.16) Donated or collected money for a political purpose



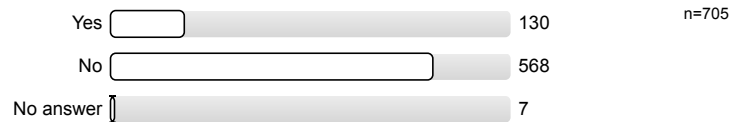
7.17) Contacted the media or appeared in the media to make your opinion known



7.18) Discussed political issues with family, friends and/or colleagues

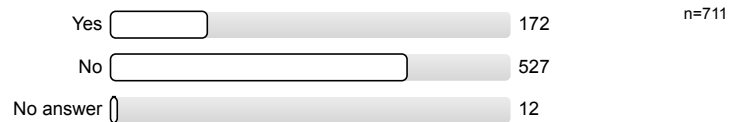


7.19) Participated in a political forum or a discussion on the Internet

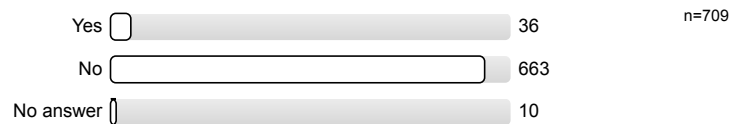


Concerning **global themes**, have you in the past 2 years...

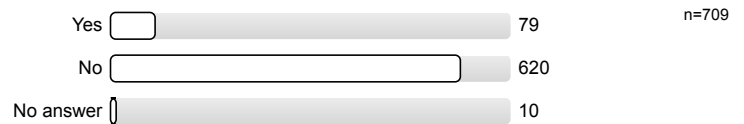
7.20) Signed a petition



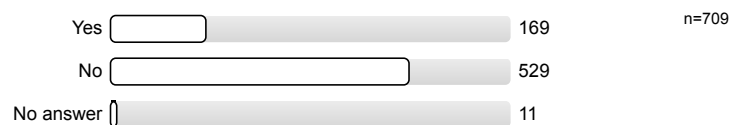
7.21) Participated in a demonstration



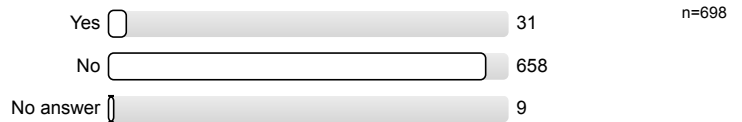
7.22) Contacted a politician, government or local government official



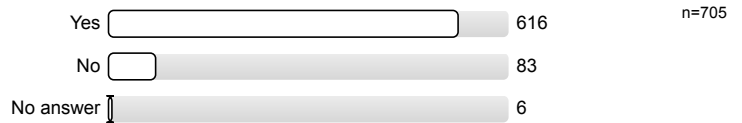
7.23) Donated or collected money for a political purpose



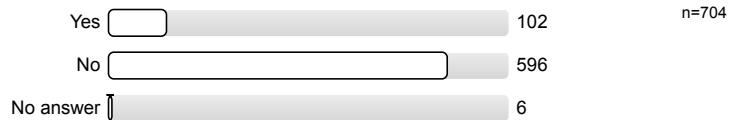
7.24) Contacted the media or appeared in the media to make your opinion known



7.25) Discussed political issues with family, friends and/or colleagues

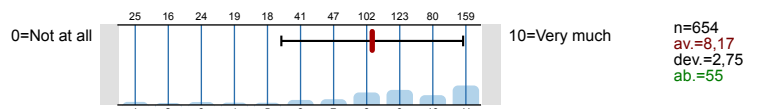


7.26) Participated in a political forum or a discussion on the Internet

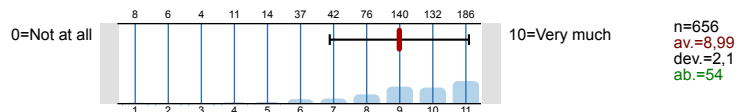


Which interests do you usually take into account when you participate politically **in Switzerland?** (Please give one answer per line)

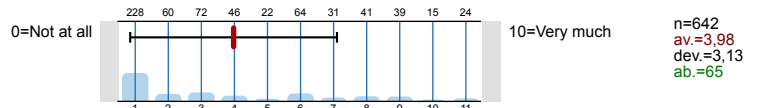
7.27) Your own/your family's interests



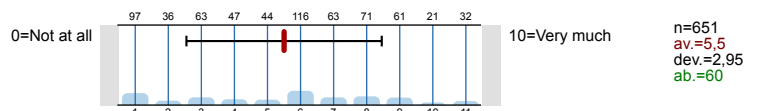
7.28) Swiss interests



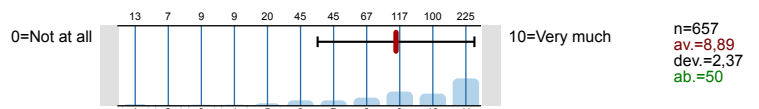
7.29) United States interests



7.30) European interests

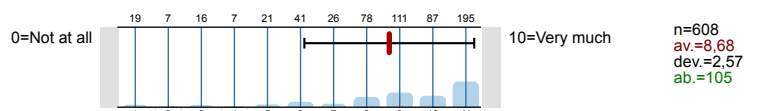


7.31) Interests of humankind

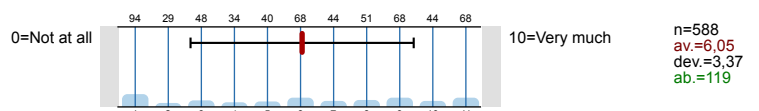


Which interests do you usually take into account when you participate politically **in the United States?** (Please give one answer per line)

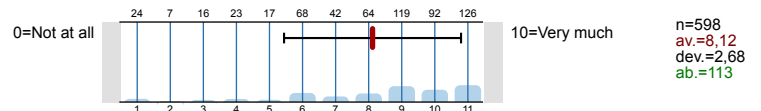
7.32) Your own/your family's interests



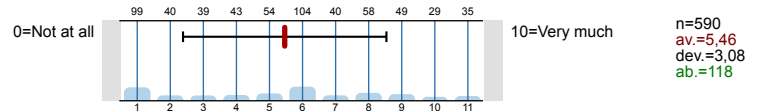
7.33) Swiss interests



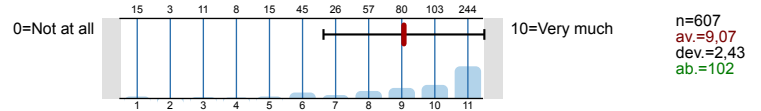
7.34) United States interests



7.35) European interests

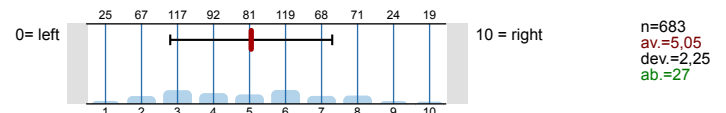


7.36) Interests of humankind



In politics people sometimes talk about "left" and "right".

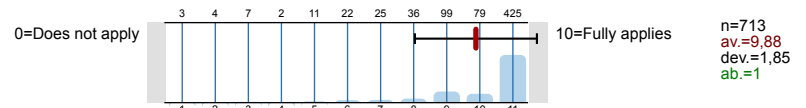
7.37) Where would you place yourself on this scale, where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?



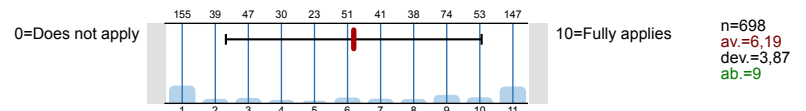
8. In the following, we are interested in your feelings of belonging.

The following statements represent different self-descriptions. On a scale from 0 to 10 please indicate to what extent each description applies to you. (Please give one answer per line)

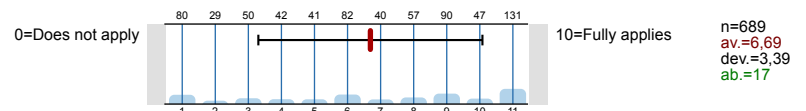
8.1) I am a Swiss



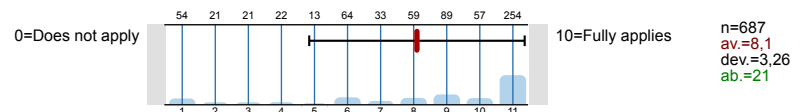
8.2) I am an American



8.3) I am a European



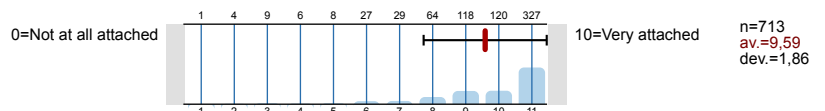
8.4) I am a global citizen



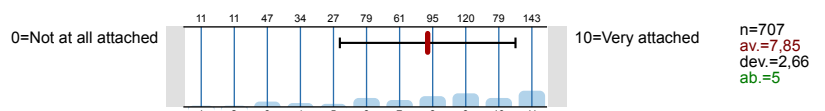
People may feel different degrees of attachment to their country of residence, their country of descent, to Europe, or the world as a whole.

Please tell me how attached you feel to... (Please give one answer per line)

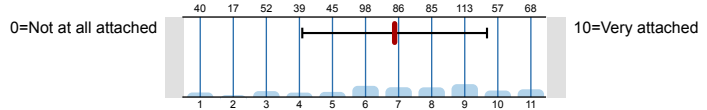
8.5) ...Switzerland



8.6) ...the United States

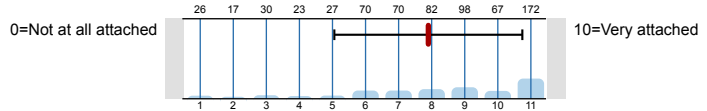


8.7) ...Europe



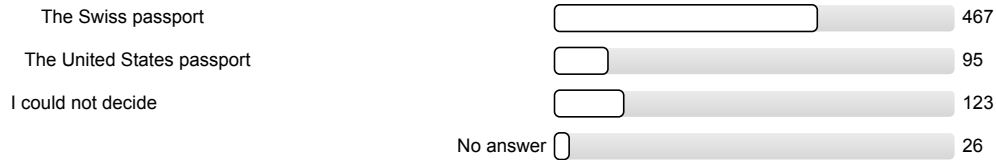
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av.=6,88
dev.=2,79
ab.=10

8.8) ...the world



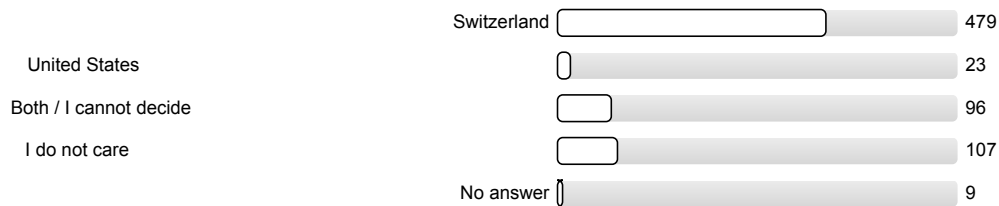
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av.=7,9
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8.9) If you could only hold one passport, which one would you keep?



n=711

8.10) Which team would you support in a soccer game between Switzerland and the United States?

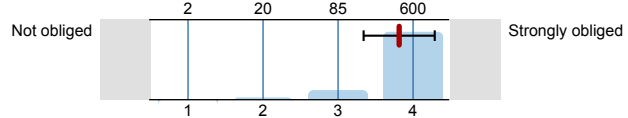


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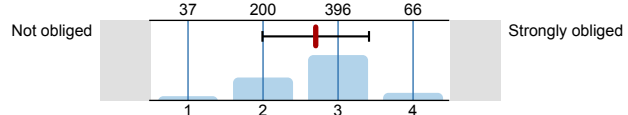
One can feel more or less solidarity with other people. How about you? How strongly do you feel obliged to the following people?
(Please give one answer per line)

9.1) Family members and/or friends



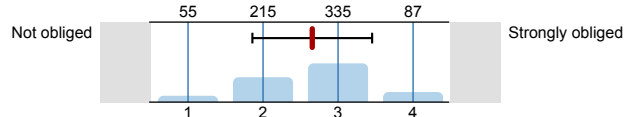
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9.2) All Swiss



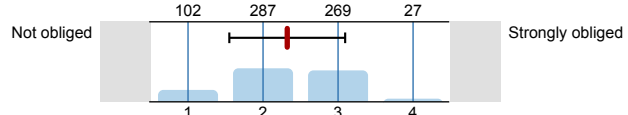
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9.3) All Swiss abroad



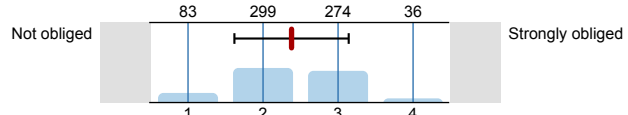
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9.4) All American nationals



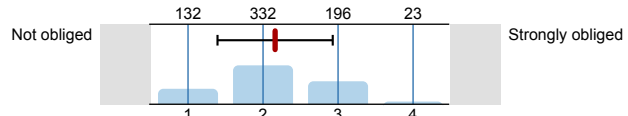
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9.5) All residents of the United States



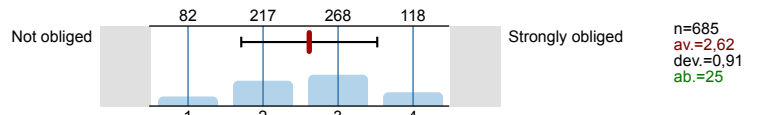
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9.6) All Europeans



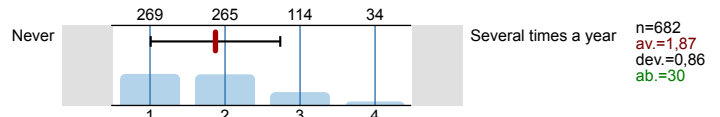
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9.7) All people worldwide

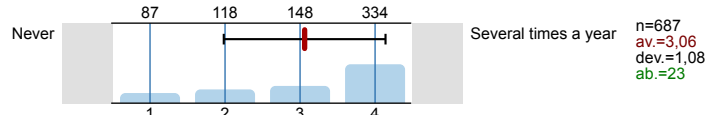


How often do you donate money to... (Please give one answer per line)

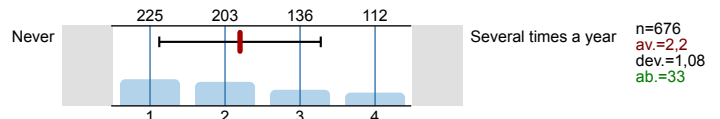
9.8) ...a good cause in Switzerland?



9.9) ...a good cause in the United States?

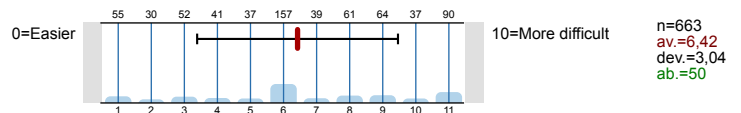


9.10) ...a good cause in other countries?

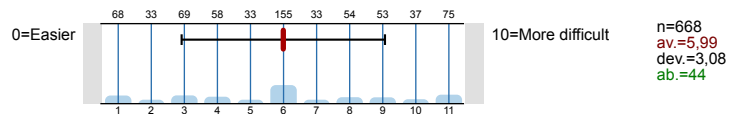


10. In the following we would like to ask your opinion regarding immigration, naturalization and voting rights. There are no right or wrong answers, so please just indicate what you think.

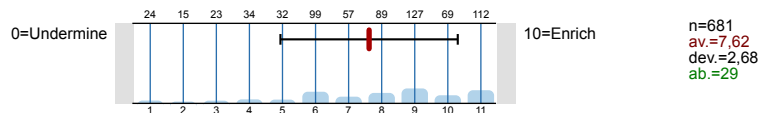
10.1) In general, do you think immigration into Switzerland should be made easier, or more difficult?



10.2) In general, do you think naturalization in Switzerland should be made easier, or more difficult?



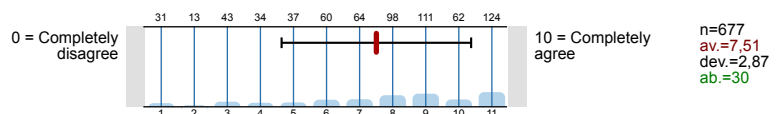
10.3) In general, would you say immigrants enrich, rather than undermine, the Swiss cultural life?



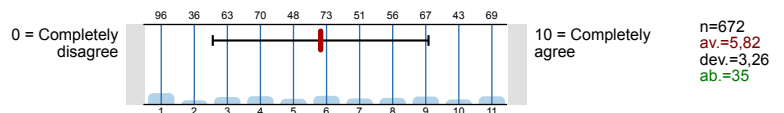
To what extent do you agree with the following statements.

Some national political decisions have an impact across national borders. Do you think that in these instances... (Please give one answer per line)

10.4) ...we should take into account the interests of all affected people, independently of their nationality and even if they live across the national borders?

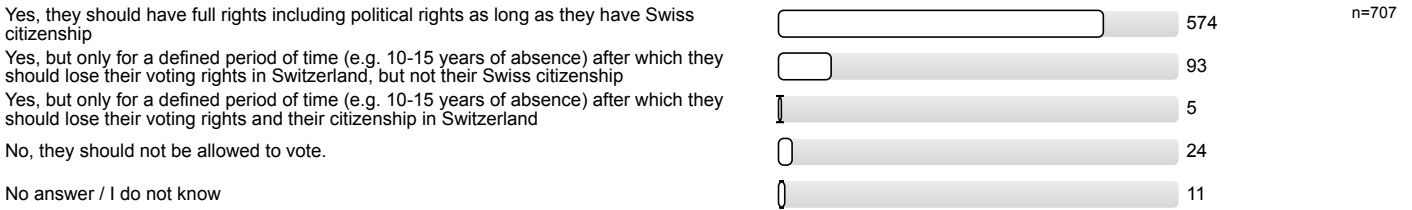


10.5) ...all affected people should be represented in the national decision-making process, independently of their nationality and even if they live across national borders?

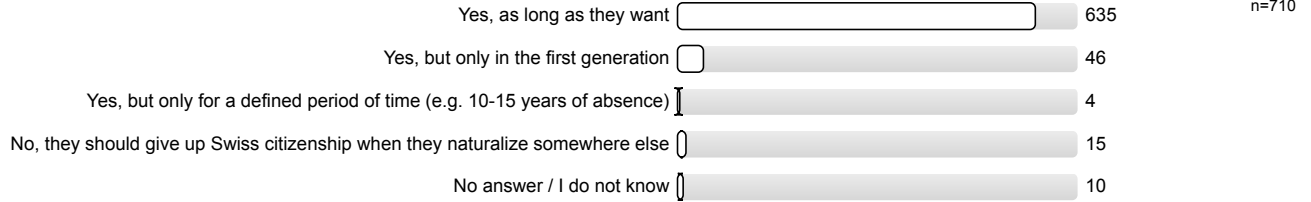


What about Swiss citizens, who live abroad?

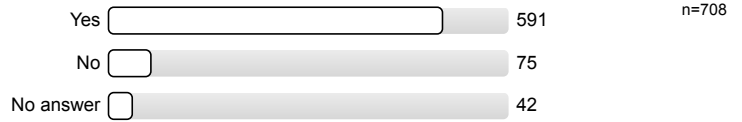
10.6) In your opinion, should **Swiss emigrants be allowed to vote** in Switzerland? (Please select one answer)



10.7) In your opinion, should **Swiss emigrants be allowed to keep Swiss citizenship** once they naturalize in another country? (Please select one answer)

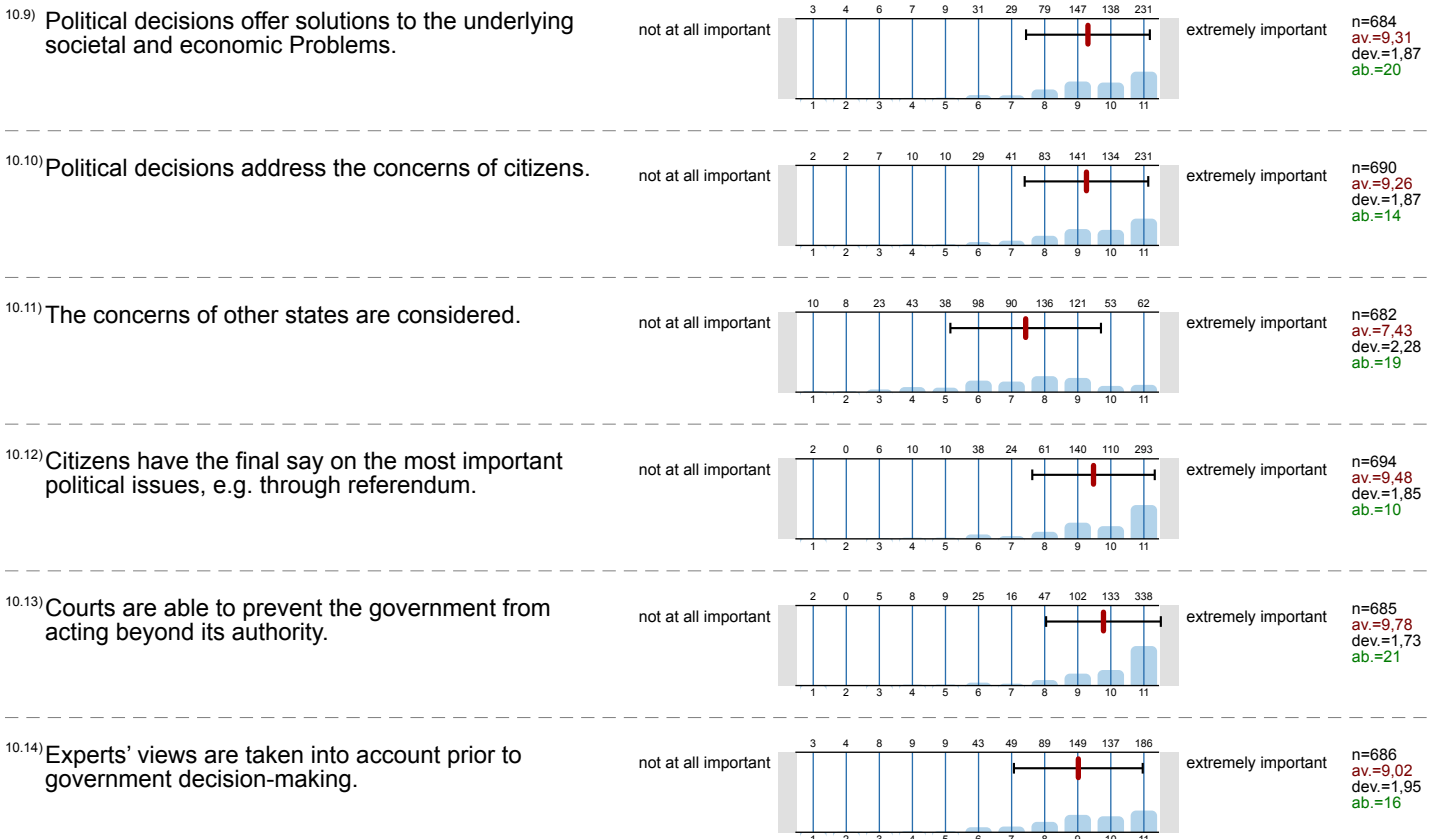


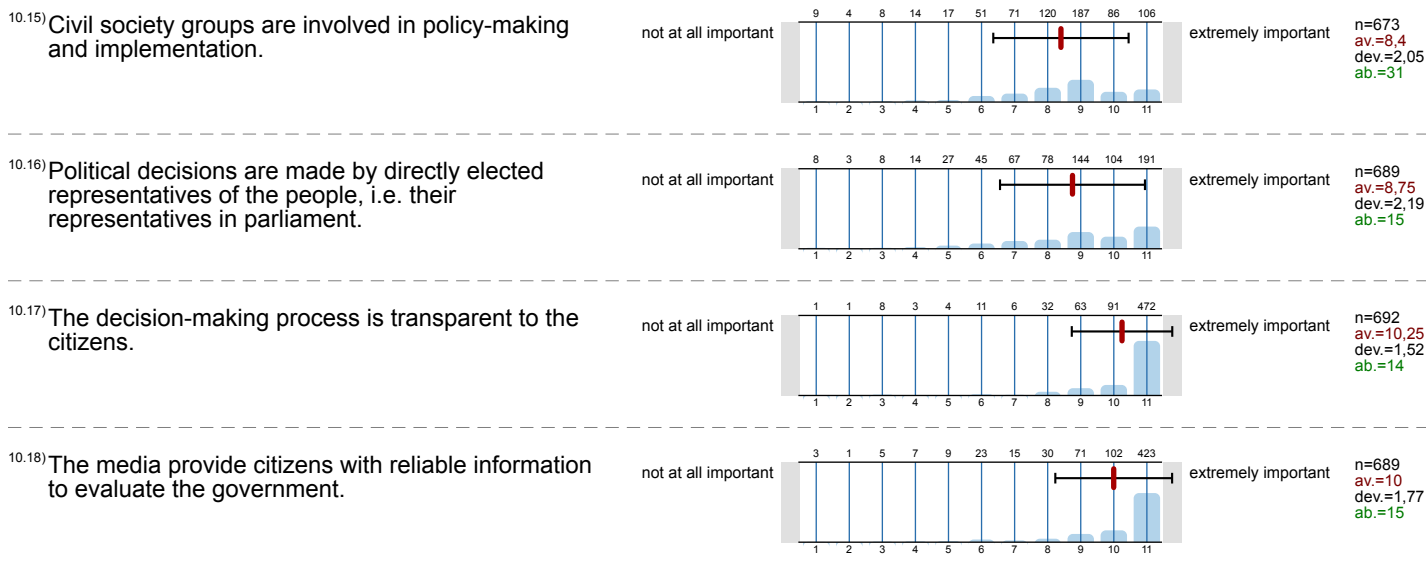
10.8) In your opinion, should **the children of Swiss emigrants** who have naturalized in another country **be allowed to keep Swiss citizenship** if they are born and always lived abroad? (Please select one answer)



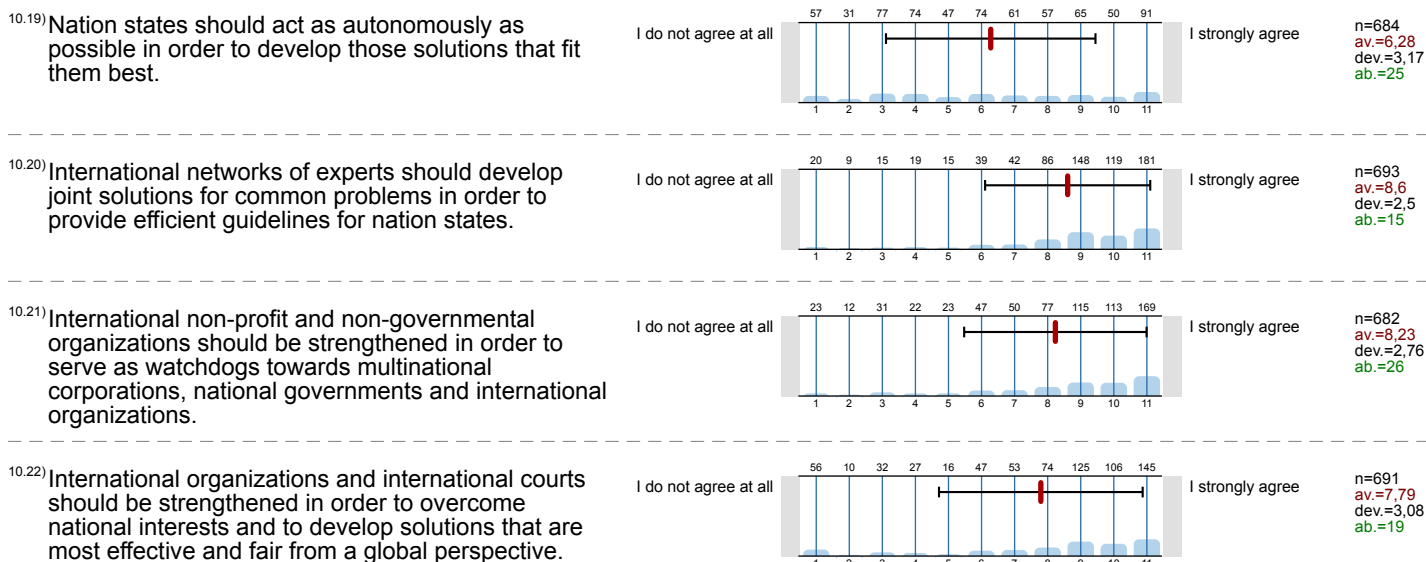
Now, we would like to ask you a general question about democracy. It is **not** about how democracy actually works in any country but rather about what you think is important for democracy in **general**. Again, there is no right or wrong answer, so please just indicate what you think.

How important are the following aspects for a successful democracy?



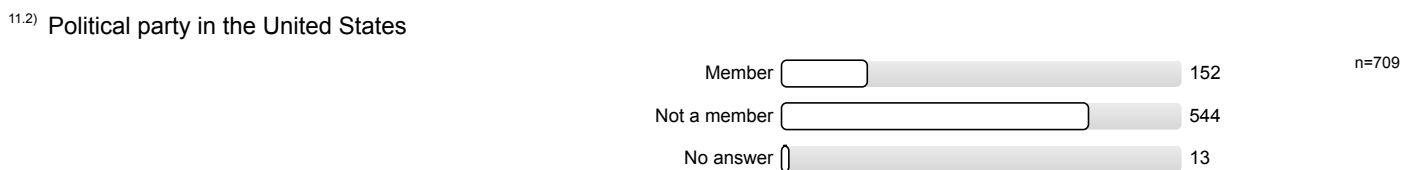
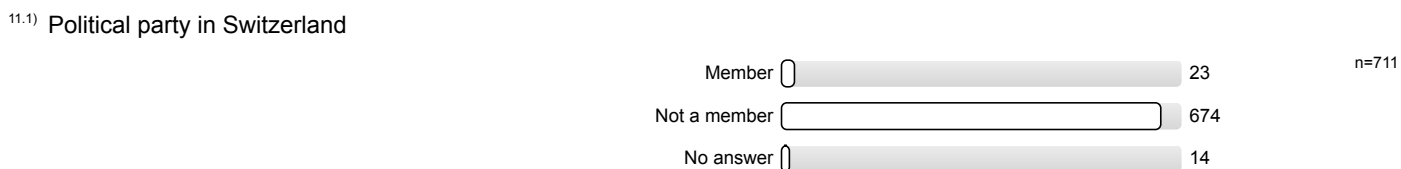


Given the fact that we are faced with a globalized economy and many cross-border problems (e.g. pollution, migration, crime etc.), to what extent do you agree with the following statements?

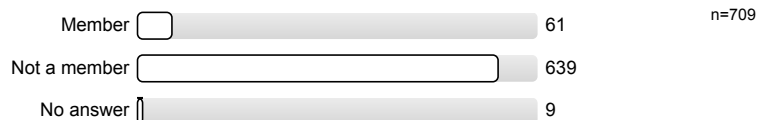


11. The following – almost last – questions concern your personal network.

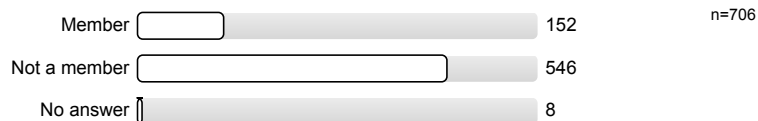
One can be a member of different groups and/or organizations. Please indicate if you are a member of the following groups or organizations for each country. (Please give one answer per line)



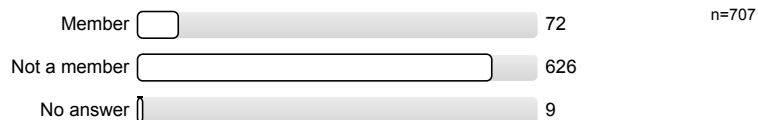
11.3) Union, economic/professional association in Switzerland



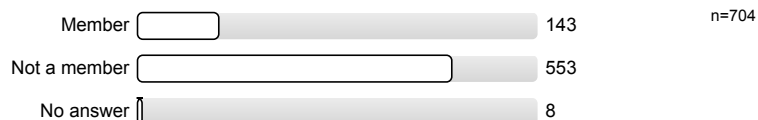
11.4) Union, economic/professional association in the United States



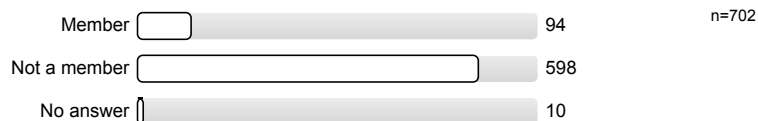
11.5) Church or other religious organization in Switzerland



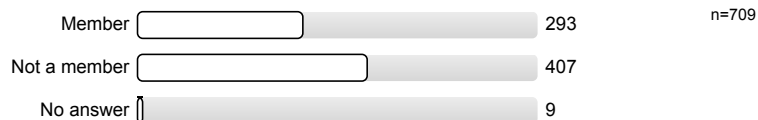
11.6) Church or other religious organization in the United States



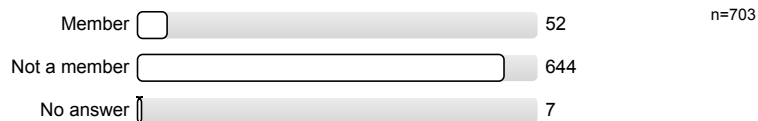
11.7) Sport, leisure or cultural association in Switzerland



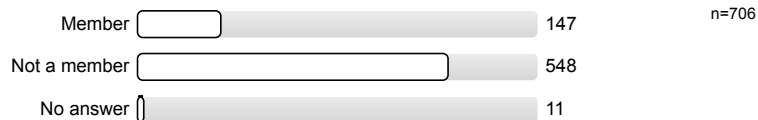
11.8) Sport, leisure or cultural association in the United States



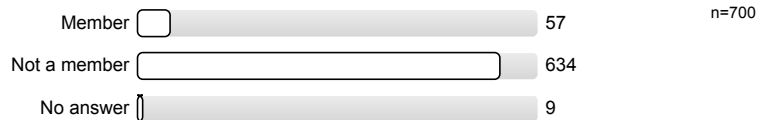
11.9) Migrant/Expatriate organization in Switzerland



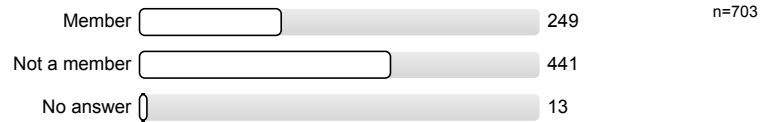
11.10) Migrant/Expatriate organization in the United States



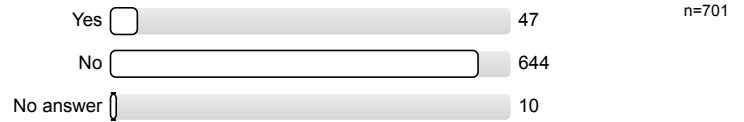
11.11) Other voluntary organization in Switzerland



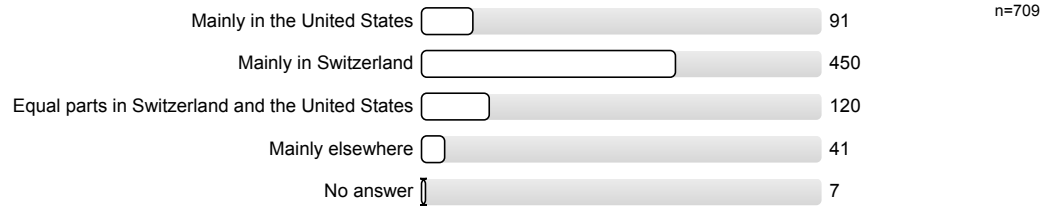
11.12) Other voluntary organization in the United States



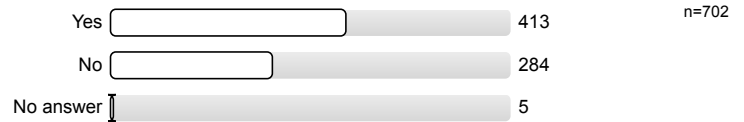
11.13) Are you a member of an international non-governmental organization (NGO)?



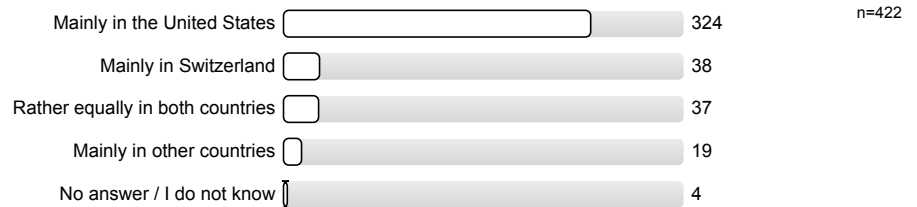
11.14) Where do most of your family members live (e.g. parents, grandparents, children, siblings, nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts)?



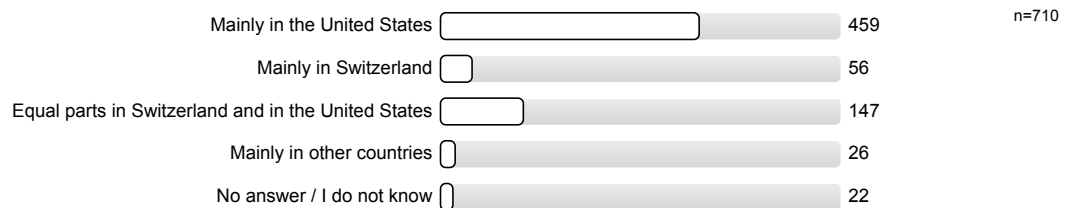
11.15) Do you have children?



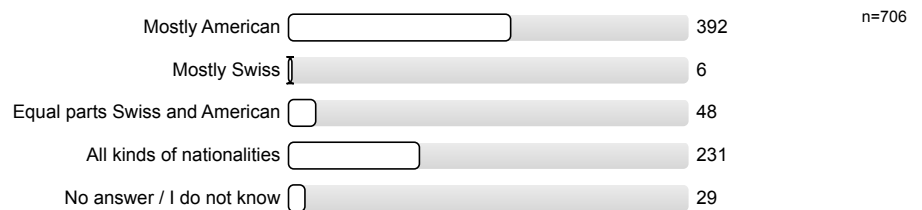
11.16) Were your children raised...



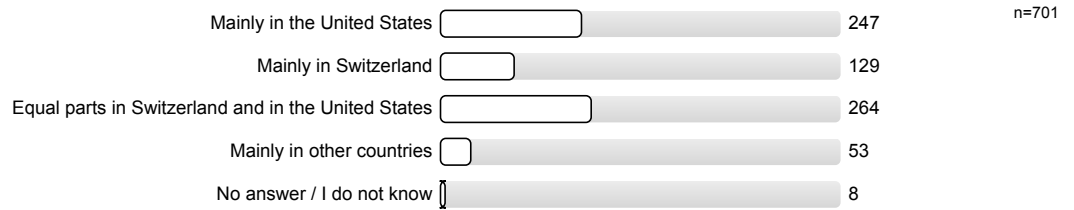
11.17) In which country are most of your professional contacts (colleagues, customers, patients, etc.)?



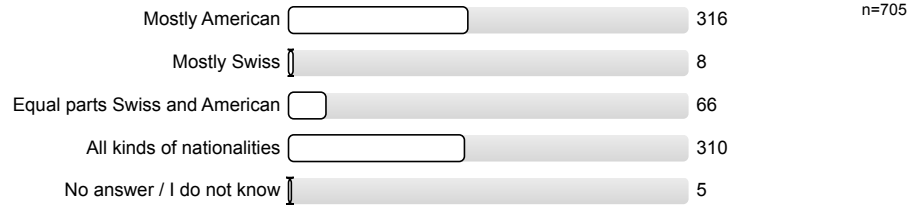
11.18) Are your professional contacts (colleagues, customers, patients, etc.) in the United States...



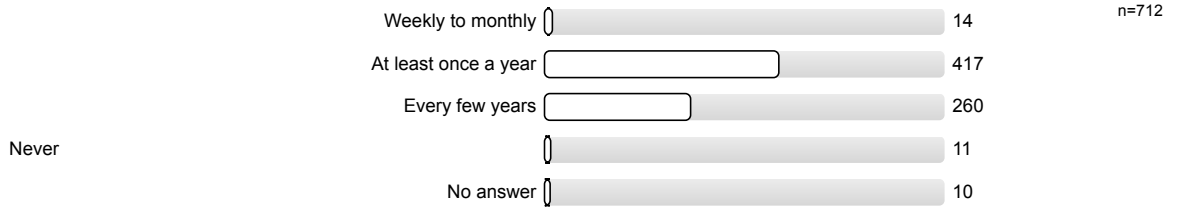
11.19) In which country do most of your friends live?



11.20) Are your friends in the United States...



11.21) How often do you travel to Switzerland for business or private reasons? (Average)

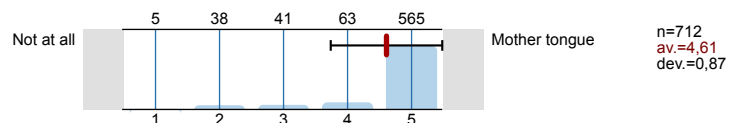


11.22) Do you plan to move back to Switzerland one day?

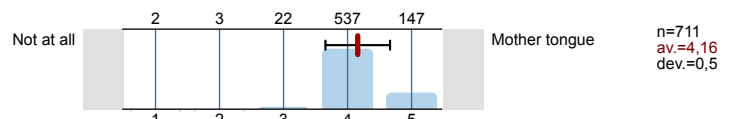


How well do you speak the following languages? (Please give one answer per line)

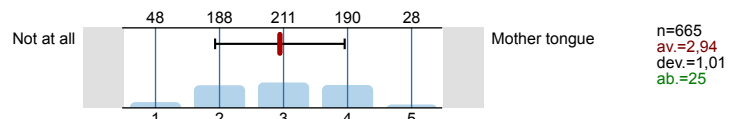
11.23) One of the official languages of Switzerland (Swiss-German, French, Italian, Rumantsch)



11.24) English

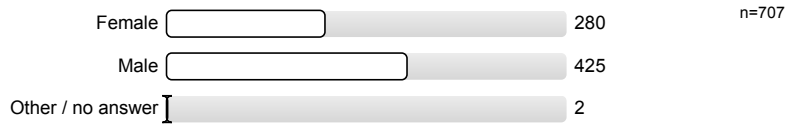


11.25) Other languages

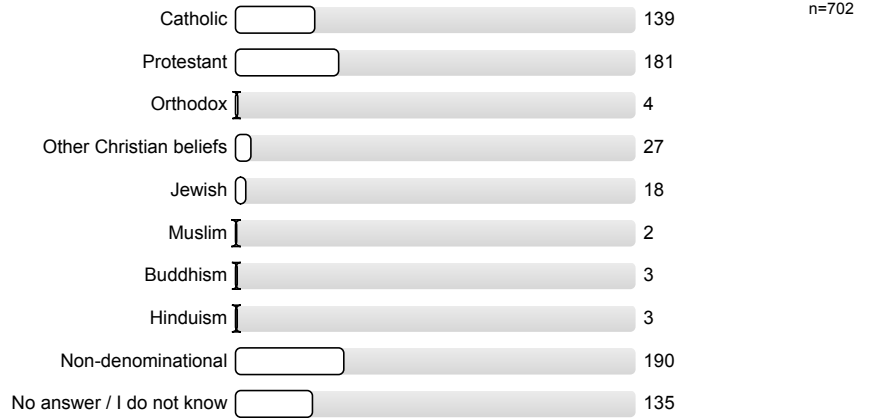


12. And finally, some statistics.

12.1) Are you...?



12.3) Do you consider yourself as belonging to any particular religion or denomination? If yes, which one?



12.5) For the next question, please consider your personal income. If you sum up all your wages and incomes, how high is your monthly net salary (salary after all social deductions such as retirement provisions, disability insurance etc.)

