**Appendix to Chapter 5**

Table A5.1 Wording of variables in Table 5.2 (source: Eurobarometer 78.1)

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| **Variable** | **Question formulation** |
| Trust in national parliament | I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions. For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it.   * The national parliament |
| Knowledge EU politics | For each of the following statements about the European Union could you please tell me whether you think it is true or false?  [True | False | DK]   * The EU currently consists of 27 Member States * The members of the European Parliament are directly elected by the citizens of each Member State * Switzerland is a member of the European Union |
| My voice counts in the EU | Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.  [Totally agree | Tend to agree | Tend to disagree | Totally disagree]   * My voice counts in the European Union |
| My voice counts in country | Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.  [Totally agree | Tend to agree | Tend to disagree | Totally disagree]   * My voice counts in [COUNTRY] |
| Perception EU economy | How would you judge the current situation in each of the following areas?   * The state of the European economy |
| Perception national economy | How would you judge the current situation in each of the following areas?   * The state of the [COUNTRY] economy |
| Trust in media | I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions. For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it.   * The press * The radio * Television |

Table A5.2 Wording of variables in Table 5.3 (source: Eurobarometer 78.1)

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| **Variable** | **Question formulation** |
| Trust in national parliament | I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions. For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it.   * The national parliament |
| Discussion local politics | When you get together with friends or relatives, how often would you say you discuss local political matters?  [ Frequently | Occasionally | Never | DK ] |
| Perception national economy | How would you judge the current situation in each of the following areas?   * The state of the [COUNTRY] economy |
| My voice counts in country | Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.  [Totally agree | Tend to agree | Tend to disagree | Totally disagree]   * My voice counts in [COUNTRY] |
| Perception EU economy | How would you judge the current situation in each of the following areas?   * The state of the European economy |
| Satisfaction with democracy | On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in [COUNTRY]? Are you…?  [ Very satisfied | Fairly satisfied | Not very satisfied | Not at all satisfied ] |
| Trust in media | I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions. For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it.   * The press * The radio * Television |

Table A5.3 Wording of variables in Table 5.4 (source: AmericasBarometer, 2008)

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| **Variable** | **Question formulation** |
| Trust in national parliament | To what extent do you trust the National Congress? (1–7) |
| Political knowledge | Now we want to know how much information about politics and the country is known by the people...  [ Correct | Incorrect | Do not know | No answer]   * GI1. What is the name of the current president of the United States? [Don’t read, George Bush] * GI2. What is the name of the President of Congress in country? [Don’t read, insert name] * GI3. How many provinces does the country have? [Don’t read, insert number of provinces] * GI4. How long is the presidential/prime ministerial term of office in country? [Don’t read, insert number of years] * GI5. What is the name of the current president of Brazil? [Don’t read, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, also accept ‘Lula’] |
| Satisfaction with municipality | In this city/area where you live, are you satisfied or unsatisfied with…   * SD1. The public transportation system * SD2. The streets and interstates * SD3. The educational system and schools * SD4. The quality of air * SD5. The quality of water * SD6. The availability of health services and health care * SD7. The availability of good housing at affordable prices * SD8. The attractiveness of the area * SD9. Traffic * SD10. The sidewalks or pedestrian areas * SD11. The availability of parks, plazas, green areas * SD12. The availability of recreational facilities |
| Satisfaction with democracy | In general, would you say that you are very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the form of democracy in country? |
| Country's economic situation | How would you describe the country’s economic situation? Would you say that it is very good, good, neither good nor bad, bad or very bad? |
| Social trust | Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?  [ Most people can be trusted | One can't be too careful in dealing with people | DK/DR ] |
| Trust in media | To what extent do you trust the mass media? (1–7) |
| External efficacy | How much do you agree or disagree? (1–7)   * Those who govern this country are really interested in what people like me think |