

## **Survey of Candidate Members of Parliament**

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### **Political Frame and activities**

#### **1 In which party you do belong?\***

Please choose only one of the following:

- New Democracy
- PaSoK
- KKE-Greek Communistic Party
- SYN
- LaOS
- Other

#### **2 Which year did you enter the party? \***

Please write your answer here:

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Use code 0 if you never got intergrated.

#### **3 Were you ever a member of another party?\***

Please choose only one of the following:

- Yes
- No

#### **4 If yes which party/parties?**

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '3 [A3]' (Were you ever a member of another party?)

Please write your answer here:

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#### **5 Which years were you an MP candidate? \***

Please choose all the valid answers:

- 2007
- 2004
- 2000
- 1996
- 1993
- Older
- I was never before an MP candidate.

#### **6 Which years you were an elected MP \***

Please choose all the valid answers:

- 2007

- 2004
- 2000
- 1996
- 1993
- Older
- I have never been elected as an MP in previous elections.

**7 Before you got nominated for the National Parliament, were you ever occupied in a MPs or mister’s office? \***

Please choose only one of the following:

- Yes
- No

**8 If yes for how many years? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '7 [A5]' (Before you got nominated for the National Parliament, were you ever occupied in an MPs or mister’s office?)

Please write your answer here:

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**9 Have you ever worked as a paid employee of the party? \***

Please choose only one of the following:

- Yes
- No

**10 If yes, for how many years? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '9 [A6]' (Have you ever worked as a paid employee of the party?)

Please write your answer here:

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**11 Were you a member of:\***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

	Yes	No
Union		
Professional association(e.g.: doctor, lawyer)		
NGO or organisation of active citizens (e.g.: environmental group, female group)		
Sports group		
Cultural organisation		
Religious organisation		
Social organisation		
Hobby Club (e.g.: choir, chess)		
Other group, union or organisation		

**12 For the last twelve months, how many times were you present at the meeting of the unions that you are a member? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '11 [A7]' (Are you a member of a union?)

Please write your answer here:

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**13 For the last twelve months, how many times were you present at the meeting of the professional association that you are a member? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '11 [A7]' (Are you a member of a professional association?)

Please write your answer here:

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**14 For the last twelve months, how many times were you present at the meeting of the NGOs or organisations of active citizens that you are a member? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '11 [A7]' (Are you a member of an NGO or an organisation of active citizens?)

Please write your answer here:

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**15 For the last twelve months, how many times were you present at the meeting of the sports group that you are a member? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '11 [A7]' (Are you a member of a sports group?)

Please write your answer here:

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**16 For the last twelve months, how many times were you present at the meeting of the cultural organisation that you are a member? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '11 [A7]' (Are you a member of a cultural organisation?)

Please write your answer here:

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**17 For the last twelve months, how many times were you present at the meeting of the religious organisation that you are a member? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '11 [A7]' (Are you a member of a religious organisation?)

Please write your answer here:

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**18 For the last twelve months, how many times were you present at the meeting of the social organisation that you are a member? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '11 [A7]' (Are you a member of a social organisation?)

Please write your answer here:

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**19 For the last twelve months, how many times were you present at the meeting of the hobby club that you are a member? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '11 [A7]' (Are you a member of a hobby club?)

Please write your answer here:

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**20 For the last twelve months, how many times were you present at the meeting of other group, union or organisation? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '11 [A7]' (Are you a member of other group, union or organisation?)

Please write your answer here:

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**21 Please write, for how many years were you a member of\***

Please write the answer/s here:

- Local party leadership: \_\_\_\_\_
- Regional party leadership: \_\_\_\_\_
- National party leadership: \_\_\_\_\_

If you were not anything from the above please not 0 at the appropriate field

**22 Please write, for how many years were you a member of\***

Please write the answer/s here:

- Mayor
- Vice-mayor
- Prefect- Vice Prefect
- Minister- Vice Minister
- Municipal Councillor
- Prefect Councillor
- Member of the Parliament
- Member of the European Parliament

If you were not anything from the above please not 0 at the appropriate field

**23 Do you live in you electoral constituency?\***

Please choose only one of the following:

- Yes
- No

**24 If yes, for how many year do you live there?**

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '23 [A10]' (Do you live in your electoral constituency?)

Please write your answer here:

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**25 Were you active on another electoral constituency as a: \***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

	Yes	No
Candidate MP		
Member of a local party leadership		
Elective on the local government		
Mayor		

**26 Type the very first year, that you were active on another electoral constituency as a candidate MP? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '25 [A11]' (Were you active on another electoral constituency)

Please write your answer here:

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**26 Type the last year, that you were active on another electoral constituency as a candidate MP? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '25 [A11]' (Were you active on another electoral constituency)

Please write your answer here:

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**28 Type the very first year, that you were active on another electoral constituency as a member of a local party leadership? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '25 [A11]' (Were you active on another electoral constituency)

Please write your answer here:

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**29 Type the last year, that you were active on another electoral constituency as a member of a local party leadership? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '25 [A11]' (Were you active on another electoral constituency)

Please write your answer here:

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**30 Type the very first year, that you were active on another electoral constituency as an elective on the local government member of a local party leadership? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '25 [A11]' (Were you active on another electoral constituency)

Please write your answer here:

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**31 Type the last year, that you were active on another electoral constituency as an elective on the local government member of a local party leadership? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '25 [A11]' (Were you active on another electoral constituency)

Please write your answer here:

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**32 Type the very first year, that you were active on another electoral constituency as a mayor? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '25 [A11]' (Were you active on another electoral constituency)

Please write your answer here:

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**33 Type the last year, that you were active on another electoral constituency as a mayor? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '25 [A11]' (Were you active on another electoral constituency)

Please write your answer here:

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**34 Before the electoral campaign, approximately how many hours did you spend on activities related to the party? \***

Please write your answer here:

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**Electoral Campaign**

**35 How long before the elections:\***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

	>12 months	9-12 months	6-9 months	3-6 months	< 3 months	Not applicable
You were nominated from you party						
Started to organise your campaign						
Started your campaign						

**36 Who made the final decision for your nomination? \***

Please choose only one of the following:

- The voters
- The voter of my party
- The members of my party
- The party connevtion
- The leadership of the party

**37 At which level was your nomination decided? \***

- Please choose only one of the following
- At an electoral constituency level
- At a regional level
- At a national level
- Other

**38 How many hours per week, approximately, did you spend on you electoral campaign, the last month before the elections? \***

Please write your answer here:

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**39 During your official electoral campaign, how many hours did you spend personally per week on the following activities? \***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

	No time at all	1-5 hours	5-10 hours	10-20 hours	More
Visiting homes					
Phone approach of voters					
Via mailing					

Public debates with opponents					
Providing information and communication via internet					
Meeting with local party members					
Meeting with members of the national party leadership					
Visiting to business, athletic and cultural events with national interest					
Visiting to business, athletic and cultural events with local interest					
Presence on charity events					

**40 There are also other campaigning methods. During the last month of your campaigning, how many hours did you spend personally per week on the following activities? \***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

	No time at all	1-5 hours	5-10 hours	10-20 hours	More
Appointments with regional companies					
Appointments with regional clubs					
Organisation and participation of big meetings on the region					
Interviews on local and regional					



newspapers					
Interviews on national newspapers					
Interviews on local or regional radio/tv					
Interviews on national radio/tv					

**41 Throughout your electoral campaign did you use any of the following means? If yes, how important were they? \***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

	Not used	Not important at all	A little important	Important enough	Very important
Personal posters					
Personal ads on the local newspapers					
Office hours					
Social meetings					
Personal flyers					
Personal radio/tv spots					
Personal website					

**42 What was your first goal of the campaign? Rate from 0 to 10, where 0 is “I was trying to gather attention to me as a candidate” and 10 “I was trying to gather attention to my party”. Where do you place yourself? \***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

0: to me as a candidate	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10: to my party
Answer									

**43 During your campaign, did you raised some issues concerning your region and which did not address your party? \***

Please choose only one of the following:

- Yes
- No

**44 If yes, which ones were the most important? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '43 [B8]' (During your campaign, did you raised some issues concerning your region and which did not address your party?)

Please write your answer here:

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**45 Besides your party webpage, you as an MP candidate, how did you exploit the internet to gather voters?**

Please answer those which are valid:

- I had my own personal webpage, which was designed and maintained by the party.
- I had my own personal webpage, which was designed and maintained by my personal funds.
- I used e mail listing to distribute information and organise activities
- Presented a personal campaign spit on the internet
- Conducted conversations with voters via net
- Advertised my webpage/e-mail on my pre-election materials
- I used blog for my campaign

**46 How much did you focused at each of the following on your campaign? \***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

	Very much	A lot	Enough	A little	Not at all
Providing services and help to the people of your constituency on practical problems					
Supporting of issues that concern the voters of your constituency					
Caring for the economic improvement of your constituency					
Daily communication with your constituency voters					

Emphasis the local customs					
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**47 How many people were involved in your party team that dealt with the electoral campaign in your constituency?**

Please write your answer here:

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Type 0 if there was not team at the constituency

**48 Did you had your own personal campaign team? \***

Please choose only one of the following

- Yes
- No

**49 If yes, how many people were involved?\***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '48 [B9c]' (Did you had your own personal campaign team?)

Please write your answer here:

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**50 Did you employ a professional consultant for your electoral campaign? \***

Please choose only one of the following

- Yes
- No

**51 If yes, why? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Yes”, question '50 [B10b]' (you employ a professional consultant for your electoral campaign?)

Please write your answer here:

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**52 Regarding your pre-election budget, how much do you believe it was approximately (counting on the grant from the party, donations and your own funds)?**

Please write your answer here:

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**53 Which % from the overall amount was from:\***

Please write your answer/s here:

- Grand from the party: \_\_\_\_\_
- Donations: \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal funds: \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not type %. Just insert a number from 0 to 100.

**54 Did members of the central party leadership visit your constituency during the pre- election period? \***

Please choose only one of the following:

- No,
- Yes, once
- Yes, more than once

**55 At the beginning of your campaign, how many chances did you believe you had to be elected? \***

Please choose only one of the following:

- I was under the impression that I would not be elected
- I was under the impression that it could be hard to be elected
- I was under the impression that it would be an open race
- I was under the impression that I would be very hard to lose
- I was under the impression that I would not lose

**Issues and Policies**

**56 According to your opinion, which is the first important problem that your country faces today? \***

Please write your answer here:

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**57 According to your opinion, which is the second most important problem that your country faces today? \***

Please write your answer here:

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**58 According to your opinion, which is the third most important problem that your country faces today? \***

Please write your answer here:

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**59 People have different opinions regarding political issues. What do you think about the following? \***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

	Fully agree	Agree	Neither agree, nor disagree	Disagree	Fully disagree
Immigrants should adopt the customs of the country					
Politics should not interfere with the economy					
Stronger measurements should be taken regarding the protection of the environment					
Same gender marriages must be banned by the law					
Women should have privileged treatment regarding					

recruitment and promotions.					
People who break the law must be punished harshly					
It should be the government's primary concern to build a stable network of social security					
The income and the wealth should be redistributed to simple citizens					
Our democracy needs serious reformations					
Immigrants help the country's economy					
Women should be free to decide on the issue of abortion					
The country should provide military aid towards "the battle against terrorism"					
The torture of a prisoner is unjustified, even if it prevents a terroristic					

action									
Globalisation should be strengthened									

**60 In politics, people sometimes talk about “left” and “right”. At which side of the scale does your opinions are closer. Rate, where 0 is more left and 10 is more right.\***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

0: left	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10: right
Answer									

**61 By using the same scale, where would you place your party? \***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

0: left	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10: right
Answer									

**62 Generally speaking, do you believe that Greece’s participation on the EU is: \***

Please choose only one of the following:

- A good thing
- A bad thing
- Neither good, nor bad

**63 Some people believe that the European integration must advance more, others that have advanced enough. What is your opinion?**

0: has advanced enough	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10: must advance more
Answer									

**64 How satisfied do you feel with way democracy functions within the EU?**

Please choose only one of the following:

- Very satisfied
- Enough satisfied
- A little satisfied
- Not at all satisfied

**65 Should EU expand and integrate more countries? \***

Please choose only one of the following

- Definitely yes
- Maybe yes
- Don’t know
- Maybe no
- Definitely no

**66 If yes, which other countries should be integrated? \***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “Definitely yes” or “Maybe yes”, question '65 [C7]' (Should EU expand and integrate more countries?)

Please write your answer here:

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**Democracy and Representation:**

**67 On the whole are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Greece?\***

Please choose only one from the following:

Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Not very satisfied	Not at all satisfied
_____	_____	_____	_____

**68 Thinking about how elections in Greece work in practice, how well do you think they ensure that the views of MPs accurately reflect the views of voters?\***

Please choose only one from the following:

Very well	Fairly well	Not very well	Not well at all
_____	_____	_____	_____

**69 There are different opinions regarding who a deputy should represent primarily. What is your opinion?**

Please number each cell in accordance of preference from 1 to 6. from the most important to the least:

Your personal voters	_____
The voters of your party on your constituency.	_____
All citizens of the constituency.	_____
The electorate of the party in general.	_____
Social group members.	_____
Greek citizens.	_____

**70 How should an MP vote in the Parliament if the voters of the his/her constituency have a different opinion and the party takes a different stance?\***

Please choose only one from the following:

- The MP should vote according to his/her party guideline.
- The MP should vote according to the opinion of his/her voters.

**71 How should an MP vote if his/her opinion on an issue is not in compliance with the opinion of the voter in his/her constituency?\***

Please choose only one from the following:

- The MP should vote in accordance with this/her opinion.
- The MP should vote in accordance with the voter's opinion.

**72 How should an MP vote in the parliament if his/her opinion is not in compliance with the party guidelines?**

Please choose only one from the following:

- The MP should vote in accordance with this/her opinion.
- The MP should vote in accordance with the party's opinion.

**73 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the democratic procedures in our country?\***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither - nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Citizens have ample opportunity to participate in political decisions.					
Democracy is in danger to lose the trust of the citizens					
The laws reflect the interests of the majority of the citizens.					
Political parties are the essential link between citizens and the state.					
The representatives of the special groups influence a lot the law making process.					
The introductions and the vote for new laws is too complicated.					
The parliament and not the voters should have the final word over the vote of the laws and the policies					
Referendums should be made if the citizens ask for it					

**74 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the direct democracy at a national level?\***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither - nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Citizens initiated referendums enable citizens to get politicians' attention.					
Citizen referendums make bad law					
Citizen initiatives referendums help to the participation of citizens on					

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither - nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree
politics					

**75 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding democracy in your party?\***

Please choose the appropriate answer for each cell:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither - nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The decision-making process in my party is too top down; grass roots militants find it hard to participate on the decision-making process.					
MPs should have a vote that is independent of their political party position.					
The party leader has excessive power.					
Polling specialists and political strategists have too much influence on the decision making process in my party.					

### **Regarding you**

Here are some questions about yourself and your background. Remember that the information you provide is strictly confidential. It will not be reported or released identifying you personally.

#### **76 Gender:**

Please choose only one from the following:

- Female
- Male

#### **77 Year of Birth:\***

Please write your answer here:

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#### **78 In which country you were born?\***

Please choose only one from the following:

- Greece
- Other

#### **79 You reside in:\***

Please choose only one from the following:

- A rural area/village
- Small/medium sized city
- Suburbs of a big city
- Big city

#### **80 For how many years you have been living there?\***

Please write your answer here:

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#### **81 What is your level of education?\***

Please choose only one from the following:

- Primary (incomplete)
- Primary
- Secondary (incomplete)
- Secondary
- Secondary- technical
- University degree (incomplete)
- University degree

#### **82 Field of university- tertiary education:\***

Answer yes if only the following conditions are valid:

° The answer was “University degree (incomplete)” or “University degree”, question '81 [E6]' (What is your level of education)

Please choose only one from the following:

- Natural Sciences
- Astronomy
- Sciences of Behaviour
- Biology
- Chemistry

- Physics
- Geology
- Mathematics and Computer Sciences
- Mathematics
- Computer Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Communication
- Economic
- Intercultural Sciences
- Ethnology
- History
- Geography
- Linguistics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Semiotics
- Sociology
- Arts and Literature
- Cultural Studies
- Arts
- Classic Studies
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- English Literature
- Cinema Studies
- Folklore Studies
- Literature and Cultural Studies
- Music
- Mythology
- Literature
- Philosophy
- Theology
- Theatre
- Feminine Studies
- Applied Sciences
- Architecture and Environmental Design
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Ergonomics
- Agriculture
- Foresters
- Domestic Economy
- Journalism and Mass Media Studies
- Law

- Librarian
- Health Sciences
- Military Sciences
- Public Relations and Social Services

**83 What is your professional status?**

Please choose only one from the following:

- Freelance occupant
- Paid employee with 32 or more hours per week
- Paid employee with cut hours per week (15-32 hours)
- Paid employee with less than 15 hours per week
- Employee at a family business
- Unemployed (even temporary)
- Student
- Pensioner
- Housewife
- Other, outside labour force

If you are an MP, please declare your occupation before becoming an MP.

**84 Which is your current occupation? If you are an MP or retired what was your previous occupation?**

Please choose only one from the following:

- Armed Forces
- Members of legislation bodies and high members of the public administration and organisations of special interests.
- Administrative and high members of big Public or Private business and organisations
- Entrepreneurs and subordinates of small public or private business
- Physics, Mathematicians, Architects, Engineers and similar occupations
- Biologists-generally- doctors and similar occupations
- Educators
- People who are artists and similar occupations
- Technicians and technical assistants of the natural sciences and similar occupations
- Technicians and assistant technicians of the sciences of biology and health
- Assistant educational staff
- Office workers
- Customer Service workers
- Workers on the field of caretaking and protection of the humans
- Models, salesmen/women and similar occupations
- Specialised farmers, fishers and similar occupations
- Miners, quarrymen, constructionists and finishing craftsmen related professionals
- Cast metal, welders, metal construction craftsmen, blacksmiths, mechanics, fitters and maintenance workers of machinery and electrical and electronic equipment and related professionals
- Technicians performing precision work, handicraft, printing and related trades workers

- Other technicians
- Steady machinery operators
- Machine operators
- Drivers of public transportations and operators of moving machinery
- Vendors, housemaids and similar occupations
- Unspecialised workers on agricultural works
- Unspecialised workers on mines, construction and other similar occupations
- Other unspecialised workers
- Other professions
- Not answering
- I do not know

**85 How often do you go to church?**

Please choose only one from the following:

- At least once a week
- 2 to 3 times per month
- Once a month
- Sometimes a year
- Once a year
- Seldom
- Never

**86 What are your religious beliefs?**

Please choose only one from the following:

- Catholic Christian
- Protestant Christian
- Orthodox Christian
- Muslim
- Buddhist
- Atheist
- Other

**87 What is your current family status?**

Please choose only one from the following:

- Married/Living with someone
- Widower
- Divorced
- Single

**88 Do you have the custody of your children?**

Please choose from the following:

	none	one	two	three	over three
Under 5 years old					
5 to 15 years old					

**89 Do you have the responsibility of adults, who are dependent on you?**

Please choose only one from the following:

- Yes
- No

**90 What is your ethnic background?**

Please choose only one from the following:

- Greek
- Other

**91 In which electoral constituency you were a candidate?**

Please write your answer here:

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**92 For the last question, can you describe what “right” and “left” means for you?**

Please write your answer here:

**Right:**

**Left:**

Thank you for answering this questionnaire!!!!