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Descriptive statistics for EU political authority

	N	%
True	3630	59,8
False	1113	18,3
Don't Know	1240	20,4
NA	84	1,4

Table A1: The members of the European Parliament (MEPs) are directly elected by the citizens of each member state

	N	%
Completely true	384	6,3
Mostly true	919	15,1
Half true, half false	923	15,2
Mostly false	1185	19,5
Completely false	964	15,9
Don't know	1633	26,9
NA	59	1

Table A2: The European Commission can issue new laws even when a majority of MPs of the European Parliament objects.

	N	%
Completely true	397	6,5
Mostly true	1079	17,8
Half true, half false	938	15,5
Mostly false	1089	17,9
Completely false	1020	16,8
Don't know	1485	24,5
NA	59	1

Table A3: The European Commission can issue new laws for the EU even when a majority of member states objects.

	N	%
Always	1654	27,3
Most of the time	2182	36,0
About half the time	878	14,5
Some of the time	1120	18,5
Never	188	3,1
Don't know	45	0,7

Table A4: Political interest: How often do you pay attention to what's going on in government and politics

	N	%
Only as citizen of their own country	2196	36,2
Citizen of their own country and European	3163	52,1
European and citizen of their own country	459	7,6
Only European	134	2,2
Don't know	115	1,9

Table A5: Identity measure: Do you see yourself as...?

	Germany	Spain	France	Italy	Poland	Sweden
<b>N</b>	1025	1007	1011	1006	1011	1007
<b>%</b>	16,9	16,6	16,7	16,6	16,7	16,6
<b>Gender</b>						
Female	506 (49%)	494 (49%)	488 (48%)	484 (48%)	478 (47%)	507 (50%)
Male	519 (51%)	513 (51%)	523 (52%)	522 (52%)	533 (53%)	500 (50%)
<b>Age</b>						
18 - 24	89 (8.7%)	93 (9.2%)	111 (11%)	88 (8.7%)	131 (13%)	116 (12%)
25 - 34	145 (14%)	143 (14%)	163 (16%)	142 (14%)	213 (21%)	152 (15%)
35 - 44	172 (17%)	209 (21%)	178 (18%)	201 (20%)	170 (17%)	170 (17%)
45 - 54	181 (18%)	188 (19%)	168 (17%)	180 (18%)	181 (18%)	151 (15%)
55 - 64	172 (17%)	142 (14%)	170 (17%)	143 (14%)	146 (14%)	163 (16%)
65 +	266 (26%)	232 (23%)	221 (22%)	252 (25%)	170 (17%)	255 (25%)
<b>Level of Education</b>						
Less than primary education	15 (1.5%)	10 (1.0%)	35 (3.5%)	10 (1.0%)	13 (1.3%)	87 (8.6%)
Primary education	367 (36%)	159 (16%)	103 (10%)	143 (14%)	101 (10.0%)	383 (38%)
Technical or vocational degree	356 (35%)	463 (46%)	516 (51%)	649 (65%)	570 (56%)	123 (12%)
University degree or higher	287 (28%)	375 (37%)	357 (35%)	204 (20%)	327 (32%)	414 (41%)

Table A6: Sample Demographics (Total Sample N = 6067)

Table A7: Multinomial probit regression, EU authority perceptions, results from Table 1 with all controls shown

	EU - MEP	EU - EP	EU - MS
<b>Correct</b>			
Intercept	-1.488*** (0.128)	-0.178 (0.144)	-0.225 (0.167)
Exclusionary ID	-0.196*** (0.041)	-0.177*** (0.052)	-0.192*** (0.055)
Political Interest	0.285*** (0.036)	0.271*** (0.028)	0.269*** (0.019)
Education	0.155*** (0.030)	0.141*** (0.026)	0.139*** (0.030)
Female	-0.364*** (0.043)	-0.299*** (0.038)	-0.342*** (0.040)
Age	0.140*** (0.012)	-0.032* (0.016)	-0.013 (0.018)
Born Abroad	0.008 (0.080)	0.052 (0.083)	0.079 (0.082)
Spain	0.613*** (0.091)	-0.041 (0.070)	-0.001 (0.070)
France	0.490*** (0.068)	-0.157 (0.085)	-0.167 (0.120)
Italy	0.472*** (0.063)	-0.149 (0.079)	-0.116 (0.066)
Poland	1.028*** (0.080)	-0.075 (0.082)	0.067 (0.080)
Sweden	0.507*** (0.070)	-0.330*** (0.066)	-0.217** (0.068)
<b>Incorrect</b>			
Intercept	-0.413 (0.282)	-0.599 (0.426)	-0.154 (0.135)
Exclusionary ID	-0.028 (0.041)	-0.027 (0.093)	-0.088 (0.053)
Political Interest	0.113 (0.081)	0.294*** (0.041)	0.269*** (0.022)
Education	0.052 (0.042)	0.107** (0.040)	0.089** (0.031)
Female	-0.068 (0.067)	-0.246*** (0.067)	-0.290*** (0.045)
Age	-0.010 (0.020)	-0.064*** (0.019)	-0.047** (0.016)
Born Abroad	-0.055 (0.069)	0.131 (0.095)	0.133 (0.081)
Spain	-0.196 (0.151)	-0.118 (0.083)	0.051 (0.068)
France	-0.067 (0.085)	0.042 (0.123)	0.087 (0.100)
Italy	0.024 (0.071)	-0.287** (0.099)	-0.068 (0.066)
Poland	-0.105 (0.150)	0.092 (0.108)	0.177* (0.077)
Sweden	-0.080 (0.089)	-0.323*** (0.084)	-0.146* (0.069)
AIC	10024.966	11594.828	12087.394
Num. obs.	5945	5969	5966

\*\*\* $p < 0.001$ ; \*\* $p < 0.01$ ; \* $p < 0.05$

Table A8: Multinomial probit regression, EU authority perceptions, with additional partisanship controls

	MEP	MEP	EP	EP	MS	MS
<b>Correct</b>						
Intercept	-1.583*** (0.115)	-1.086** (0.357)	-0.284* (0.138)	-0.029 (0.127)	-0.262 (0.145)	-0.263 (0.202)
Exclusionary ID	-0.178*** (0.041)	-0.198*** (0.044)	-0.169*** (0.051)	-0.158** (0.051)	-0.178*** (0.051)	-0.218*** (0.062)
Political Interest	0.260*** (0.034)	0.261*** (0.032)	0.245*** (0.023)	0.251*** (0.023)	0.241*** (0.018)	0.223*** (0.027)
Education	0.149*** (0.030)	0.146*** (0.030)	0.136*** (0.026)	0.135*** (0.028)	0.129*** (0.030)	0.157*** (0.033)
Female	-0.356*** (0.043)	-0.343*** (0.041)	-0.293*** (0.038)	-0.282*** (0.040)	-0.329*** (0.041)	-0.326*** (0.042)
Age	0.138*** (0.012)	0.129*** (0.023)	-0.038* (0.015)	-0.033* (0.015)	-0.022 (0.017)	0.003 (0.024)
Born Abroad	0.014 (0.079)	-0.004 (0.086)	0.066 (0.083)	0.076 (0.087)	0.095 (0.082)	0.038 (0.089)
Spain	0.621*** (0.086)	0.483** (0.180)	-0.062 (0.075)	-0.080 (0.073)	-0.011 (0.072)	-0.048 (0.075)
France	0.540*** (0.066)	0.442*** (0.118)	-0.093 (0.084)	-0.147 (0.083)	-0.076 (0.109)	-0.258 (0.151)
Italy	0.542*** (0.072)	0.440*** (0.079)	-0.101 (0.086)	-0.183* (0.079)	-0.062 (0.075)	-0.157* (0.069)
Poland	1.065*** (0.079)	0.907*** (0.180)	-0.009 (0.084)	-0.083 (0.078)	0.140 (0.084)	0.026 (0.095)
Sweden	0.488*** (0.071)	0.412** (0.127)	-0.375*** (0.069)	-0.390*** (0.069)	-0.246*** (0.069)	-0.271*** (0.070)
Conservative party family	0.270*** (0.071)		0.416*** (0.073)		0.393*** (0.073)	
Socialist party family	0.230** (0.071)		0.326*** (0.065)		0.283*** (0.063)	
Green party family	0.202 (0.110)		0.270* (0.114)		0.202 (0.114)	
Radtan party family	0.113 (0.060)		0.270*** (0.068)		0.276*** (0.065)	
Liberal party family	0.224** (0.081)		0.349*** (0.086)		0.368*** (0.087)	
Radical left party family	0.124 (0.084)		0.302*** (0.082)		0.253** (0.084)	
Christian-Dem party family	0.318** (0.103)		0.300** (0.093)		0.215* (0.096)	
Other party family	0.265 (0.149)		0.242 (0.143)		0.194 (0.139)	
Political Ideology		0.003 (0.009)		0.005 (0.010)		0.014 (0.010)
<b>Incorrect</b>						
Intercept	-0.396 (0.285)	-0.412 (0.245)	-0.736 (0.487)	-0.609 (0.605)	-0.226 (0.129)	-0.167 (0.151)
Exclusionary ID	-0.019 (0.034)	-0.083 (0.078)	-0.037 (0.092)	-0.047 (0.088)	-0.110* (0.049)	-0.067 (0.058)
Political Interest	0.094 (0.071)	0.167 (0.108)	0.272*** (0.034)	0.283*** (0.037)	0.240*** (0.019)	0.217*** (0.035)
Education	0.048 (0.039)	0.088 (0.062)	0.109** (0.037)	0.102** (0.039)	0.095** (0.030)	0.078* (0.036)
Female	-0.062 (0.060)	-0.160 (0.129)	-0.245*** (0.061)	-0.247*** (0.056)	-0.292*** (0.042)	-0.235*** (0.060)
Age	-0.006 (0.016)	0.033 (0.041)	-0.071** (0.023)	-0.065* (0.026)	-0.046** (0.015)	-0.049** (0.016)
Born Abroad	-0.049 (0.062)	-0.028 (0.070)	0.143 (0.101)	0.154 (0.109)	0.132 (0.081)	0.110 (0.080)
Spain	-0.155 (0.124)	-0.022 (0.128)	-0.159 (0.099)	-0.164 (0.101)	0.020 (0.071)	0.034 (0.068)
France	-0.035 (0.068)	0.074 (0.131)	0.096 (0.131)	0.017 (0.133)	0.104 (0.093)	0.109 (0.102)
Italy	0.031 (0.071)	0.156 (0.148)	-0.272* (0.133)	-0.347* (0.140)	-0.037 (0.074)	-0.089 (0.069)
Poland	-0.061 (0.120)	0.184 (0.278)	0.143 (0.118)	0.037 (0.112)	0.225** (0.083)	0.177* (0.076)
Sweden	-0.080 (0.080)	0.043 (0.117)	-0.396*** (0.085)	-0.411*** (0.086)	-0.199** (0.069)	-0.157* (0.077)
Conservative party family	0.069 (0.071)		0.431*** (0.090)		0.425*** (0.073)	
Socialist party family	0.105 (0.085)		0.370*** (0.081)		0.309*** (0.063)	
Green party family	0.085 (0.091)		0.172 (0.147)		0.204 (0.113)	
Radtan party family	0.027 (0.046)		0.357*** (0.088)		0.318*** (0.064)	
Liberal party family	0.029 (0.062)		0.372*** (0.100)		0.382*** (0.087)	
Radical left party family	0.073 (0.074)		0.291** (0.098)		0.274** (0.084)	
Christian-Dem party family	0.077 (0.095)		0.274* (0.110)		0.201* (0.096)	
Other party family	0.066 (0.121)		0.105 (0.183)		0.180 (0.140)	
Political Ideology		-0.005 (0.006)		0.035 (0.021)		0.026*** (0.008)
AIC	10033.307	8917.260	11570.670	10434.812	12065.691	10919.013
Num. obs.	5945	5393	5969	5418	5966	5416

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*  $p < 0.05$ . Results for regional, M5, agrarian and no party families omitted for space.

Table A9: Multinomial probit regression, EU authority perceptions, with EU support controls

	MEP	MEP	EP	EP	MS	MS
<b>Correct</b>						
Intercept	-1.569*** (0.169)	-1.788*** (0.133)	-0.137 (0.159)	-0.490*** (0.148)	-0.295 (0.231)	-0.474* (0.228)
Exclusionary ID	-0.142** (0.045)	-0.120** (0.044)	-0.127* (0.063)	-0.137** (0.047)	-0.161* (0.064)	-0.149** (0.050)
Political Interest	0.261*** (0.038)	0.281*** (0.036)	0.228*** (0.032)	0.262*** (0.034)	0.222*** (0.023)	0.264*** (0.021)
Pro-EU	0.037*** (0.008)		0.030*** (0.008)		0.032*** (0.009)	
Pro-EU Index		0.414*** (0.071)		0.359*** (0.074)		0.298** (0.101)
Education	0.135*** (0.031)	0.140*** (0.031)	0.126*** (0.027)	0.130*** (0.027)	0.143*** (0.033)	0.134*** (0.030)
Female	-0.361*** (0.043)	-0.364*** (0.043)	-0.292*** (0.040)	-0.303*** (0.041)	-0.361*** (0.043)	-0.344*** (0.040)
Age	0.142*** (0.013)	0.143*** (0.012)	-0.035 (0.018)	-0.027 (0.016)	-0.006 (0.023)	-0.008 (0.020)
Born Abroad	-0.000 (0.084)	0.009 (0.079)	0.062 (0.089)	0.032 (0.085)	0.063 (0.092)	0.073 (0.083)
Spain	0.614*** (0.106)	0.621*** (0.085)	-0.075 (0.074)	-0.038 (0.071)	-0.053 (0.075)	-0.011 (0.071)
France	0.490*** (0.073)	0.511*** (0.067)	-0.196* (0.091)	-0.181* (0.079)	-0.260 (0.152)	-0.196 (0.129)
Italy	0.483*** (0.064)	0.517*** (0.064)	-0.158 (0.087)	-0.090 (0.080)	-0.162* (0.070)	-0.091 (0.066)
Poland	0.951*** (0.090)	0.987*** (0.075)	-0.176* (0.085)	-0.158* (0.080)	-0.049 (0.093)	0.014 (0.089)
Sweden	0.484*** (0.074)	0.527*** (0.068)	-0.371*** (0.071)	-0.316*** (0.071)	-0.263*** (0.074)	-0.216** (0.068)
<b>(Incorrect)</b>						
Intercept:incorrect	-0.356 (0.264)	-0.373 (0.264)	-0.703 (0.592)	-1.402 (0.915)	-0.155 (0.175)	-0.228 (0.122)
Exclusionary ID	-0.047 (0.048)	-0.034 (0.040)	0.065 (0.120)	0.093 (0.125)	0.000 (0.066)	-0.065 (0.049)
Political Interest	0.110 (0.084)	0.108 (0.076)	0.269*** (0.046)	0.352** (0.126)	0.228*** (0.030)	0.266*** (0.026)
Pro-EU	-0.001 (0.007)		0.030** (0.010)		0.023* (0.009)	
Pro-EU Index		-0.056 (0.083)		0.002 (0.178)		0.067 (0.096)
Education	0.047 (0.041)	0.051 (0.040)	0.084 (0.044)	0.091 (0.049)	0.064 (0.039)	0.081* (0.032)
Female	-0.070 (0.072)	-0.058 (0.060)	-0.240*** (0.072)	-0.230** (0.087)	-0.272*** (0.057)	-0.279*** (0.048)
Age	-0.003 (0.019)	-0.015 (0.023)	-0.075** (0.026)	-0.100 (0.052)	-0.064** (0.023)	-0.051** (0.017)
Born Abroad	-0.052 (0.069)	-0.057 (0.072)	0.166 (0.112)	0.215 (0.172)	0.163 (0.092)	0.138 (0.081)
Spain	-0.180 (0.136)	-0.222 (0.179)	-0.147 (0.091)	-0.196 (0.148)	0.034 (0.077)	0.057 (0.069)
France	-0.048 (0.077)	-0.088 (0.100)	0.045 (0.155)	0.219 (0.220)	0.168 (0.145)	0.114 (0.105)
Italy	0.032 (0.077)	0.003 (0.073)	-0.332** (0.128)	-0.431 (0.241)	-0.083 (0.074)	-0.052 (0.066)
Poland	-0.081 (0.132)	-0.137 (0.167)	0.031 (0.142)	0.244 (0.227)	0.148 (0.098)	0.178* (0.084)
Sweden	-0.054 (0.077)	-0.102 (0.107)	-0.370*** (0.097)	-0.360* (0.156)	-0.144 (0.081)	-0.134 (0.070)
AIC	9276.485	9988.195	10882.761	11570.581	11345.251	12040.148
Num. obs.	5593	5945	5616	5969	5615	5966

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*  $p < 0.05$

Table A10: Multinomial probit regression, EU authority perceptions, with subjective knowledge and CRT controls

	MEP	MEP	EP	EP	MS	MS
<b>Correct</b>						
Intercept	-1.638*** (0.249)	-1.447*** (0.260)	-0.632*** (0.127)	-0.182 (0.132)	-0.622*** (0.157)	-0.288 (0.197)
Exclusionary ID	-0.150*** (0.041)	-0.190*** (0.041)	-0.138** (0.050)	-0.151** (0.046)	-0.141* (0.057)	-0.203*** (0.055)
Political Interest	0.219*** (0.029)	0.303*** (0.032)	0.204*** (0.021)	0.275*** (0.021)	0.184*** (0.020)	0.263*** (0.021)
Subjective Knowledge	0.238*** (0.039)		0.302*** (0.034)		0.266*** (0.032)	
CRT Index		0.086** (0.030)		0.049 (0.026)		0.021 (0.030)
Education	0.131*** (0.028)	0.155*** (0.029)	0.115*** (0.029)	0.133*** (0.025)	0.106*** (0.031)	0.141*** (0.029)
Female	-0.307*** (0.039)	-0.353*** (0.040)	-0.277*** (0.041)	-0.285*** (0.037)	-0.297*** (0.041)	-0.341*** (0.039)
Age	0.143*** (0.019)	0.138*** (0.019)	-0.028* (0.014)	-0.032* (0.014)	0.001 (0.018)	-0.007 (0.020)
Born Abroad	-0.023 (0.087)	-0.003 (0.083)	0.009 (0.089)	0.067 (0.080)	0.029 (0.084)	0.069 (0.083)
Spain	0.491** (0.172)	0.556*** (0.153)	-0.092 (0.077)	-0.037 (0.069)	-0.015 (0.071)	-0.002 (0.069)
France	0.442*** (0.109)	0.445*** (0.103)	-0.155 (0.082)	-0.135 (0.077)	-0.115 (0.123)	-0.200 (0.129)
Italy	0.434*** (0.077)	0.476*** (0.073)	-0.217** (0.076)	-0.155* (0.073)	-0.134* (0.067)	-0.120 (0.065)
Poland	0.852*** (0.169)	0.979*** (0.146)	-0.218** (0.080)	-0.042 (0.073)	-0.013 (0.080)	0.056 (0.082)
Sweden	0.400*** (0.117)	0.471*** (0.105)	-0.410*** (0.072)	-0.327*** (0.064)	-0.264*** (0.068)	-0.218** (0.067)
<b>Incorrect</b>						
Intercept	-0.737 (0.435)	-0.647 (0.335)	-6.391 (4.292)	-0.262 (0.173)	-0.517*** (0.119)	-0.120 (0.119)
Exclusionary ID	-0.053 (0.055)	-0.060 (0.065)	0.722 (0.584)	-0.081 (0.059)	-0.045 (0.048)	-0.087 (0.051)
Political Interest	0.133 (0.085)	0.179 (0.109)	0.508 (0.266)	0.273*** (0.028)	0.177*** (0.023)	0.259*** (0.026)
Subjective Knowledge	0.149 (0.095)		0.991 (0.539)		0.269*** (0.033)	
CRT Index		0.072 (0.043)		0.008 (0.032)		-0.035 (0.026)
Education	0.072 (0.052)	0.081 (0.058)	-0.024 (0.150)	0.118*** (0.030)	0.060* (0.029)	0.090** (0.031)
Female	-0.126 (0.102)	-0.124 (0.108)	-0.172 (0.189)	-0.261*** (0.048)	-0.240*** (0.047)	-0.287*** (0.048)
Age	0.040 (0.040)	0.015 (0.036)	-0.239 (0.159)	-0.047*** (0.013)	-0.028* (0.013)	-0.049** (0.015)
Born Abroad	-0.054 (0.069)	-0.054 (0.076)	0.560 (0.550)	0.096 (0.077)	0.078 (0.079)	0.119 (0.077)
Spain	-0.039 (0.102)	-0.127 (0.130)	-0.832 (0.614)	-0.079 (0.068)	0.024 (0.067)	0.050 (0.066)
France	0.064 (0.108)	-0.014 (0.108)	0.962 (0.780)	-0.039 (0.082)	0.107 (0.083)	0.093 (0.095)
Italy	0.131 (0.126)	0.109 (0.132)	-1.331 (0.859)	-0.221** (0.069)	-0.093 (0.065)	-0.075 (0.065)
Poland	0.133 (0.210)	0.052 (0.240)	0.543 (0.572)	0.026 (0.073)	0.073 (0.070)	0.170* (0.071)
Sweden	0.027 (0.093)	-0.013 (0.114)	-0.938 (0.556)	-0.316*** (0.069)	-0.199** (0.069)	-0.137* (0.069)
AIC	9506.343	10003.277	11023.706	11556.083	11510.692	12045.515
Num. obs.	5718	5939	5744	5962	5741	5960

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*  $p < 0.05$



Table A11: Multinomial probit regression, EU authority perceptions, with objective knowledge controls

	MEP	MEP	MEP	EP	EP	EP	MS	MS	MS
<b>Correct</b>									
Intercept	-1.920*** (0.245)	-1.595*** (0.126)	-1.773*** (0.169)	-0.510*** (0.140)	-0.347** (0.115)	-0.359* (0.145)	-0.452*** (0.137)	-0.373** (0.145)	-0.343* (0.141)
Exclusionary ID	-0.174*** (0.043)	-0.186*** (0.048)	-0.107** (0.041)	-0.155** (0.052)	-0.144** (0.047)	-0.109* (0.050)	-0.135** (0.047)	-0.163** (0.053)	-0.111* (0.047)
Political Interest	0.265*** (0.025)	0.244*** (0.023)	0.232*** (0.029)	0.243*** (0.025)	0.227*** (0.019)	0.226*** (0.025)	0.241*** (0.018)	0.218*** (0.018)	0.219*** (0.019)
Non-EU Knowledge Index	0.376*** (0.041)			0.230*** (0.025)			0.263*** (0.028)		
Non-Political EU Knowledge Index		0.607*** (0.056)			0.331*** (0.026)			0.355*** (0.024)	
Other Non-Political EU Knowledge Index			0.368*** (0.040)			0.243*** (0.021)			0.251*** (0.020)
Education	0.163*** (0.029)	0.136*** (0.032)	0.094*** (0.028)	0.137*** (0.026)	0.114*** (0.027)	0.097*** (0.026)	0.123*** (0.028)	0.105*** (0.030)	0.088** (0.028)
Female	-0.324*** (0.041)	-0.290*** (0.047)	-0.236*** (0.039)	-0.268*** (0.038)	-0.251*** (0.038)	-0.209*** (0.039)	-0.301*** (0.040)	-0.296*** (0.042)	-0.249*** (0.039)
Age	0.118*** (0.021)	0.093*** (0.016)	0.087*** (0.017)	-0.041** (0.015)	-0.054*** (0.014)	-0.069*** (0.014)	-0.040** (0.013)	-0.044** (0.016)	-0.057*** (0.015)
Born Abroad	0.091 (0.083)	0.001 (0.095)	0.069 (0.083)	0.121 (0.085)	0.082 (0.085)	0.111 (0.084)	0.190* (0.081)	0.123 (0.085)	0.164* (0.082)
Spain	0.624*** (0.145)	0.669*** (0.080)	0.548*** (0.123)	-0.001 (0.071)	0.070 (0.070)	-0.094 (0.071)	0.064 (0.069)	0.143* (0.071)	-0.052 (0.069)
France	0.606*** (0.093)	0.522*** (0.079)	0.404*** (0.085)	-0.073 (0.086)	-0.067 (0.078)	-0.221** (0.085)	0.046 (0.084)	-0.032 (0.105)	-0.181 (0.100)
Italy	0.600*** (0.073)	0.426*** (0.077)	0.438*** (0.065)	-0.083 (0.075)	-0.183** (0.070)	-0.213** (0.075)	-0.019 (0.066)	-0.123 (0.067)	-0.169* (0.066)
Poland	0.912*** (0.152)	0.982*** (0.085)	0.922*** (0.113)	-0.118 (0.079)	0.010 (0.074)	-0.156 (0.081)	0.053 (0.072)	0.149* (0.076)	-0.005 (0.077)
Sweden	0.371** (0.114)	0.655*** (0.077)	0.469*** (0.086)	-0.401*** (0.067)	-0.214** (0.066)	-0.380*** (0.067)	-0.268*** (0.067)	-0.064 (0.070)	-0.245*** (0.067)
<b>Incorrect</b>									
Intercept	-0.995* (0.415)	-25.696 (25.366)	-0.635 (0.352)	-0.845* (0.366)	-0.544 (0.280)	-0.598* (0.290)	-0.433*** (0.123)	-0.351* (0.137)	-0.246* (0.098)
Exclusionary ID	-0.057 (0.062)	1.969 (2.356)	-0.016 (0.035)	-0.020 (0.086)	-0.074 (0.068)	-0.006 (0.069)	-0.106* (0.047)	-0.099 (0.051)	-0.064 (0.043)
Political Interest	0.165* (0.082)	-3.157 (3.428)	0.118 (0.071)	0.264*** (0.033)	0.234*** (0.020)	0.252*** (0.028)	0.246*** (0.020)	0.222*** (0.020)	0.219*** (0.019)
Non-EU Knowledge Index	0.251* (0.118)			0.206*** (0.040)			0.252*** (0.026)		
Non-Political EU Knowledge Index		22.135 (22.025)			0.344*** (0.027)			0.356*** (0.026)	
Other Non-Political EU Knowledge Index			0.182 (0.109)			0.173*** (0.052)			0.221*** (0.023)
Education	0.093 (0.054)	-1.883 (2.085)	0.042 (0.032)	0.108** (0.037)	0.097** (0.031)	0.080* (0.031)	0.110*** (0.028)	0.076* (0.030)	0.067* (0.027)
Female	-0.120 (0.097)	5.710 (6.129)	-0.063 (0.057)	-0.224*** (0.059)	-0.224*** (0.047)	-0.193*** (0.048)	-0.291*** (0.040)	-0.267*** (0.042)	-0.229*** (0.040)
Age	0.003 (0.033)	-3.038 (3.168)	-0.006 (0.013)	-0.068*** (0.018)	-0.070*** (0.016)	-0.082*** (0.015)	-0.050*** (0.015)	-0.066*** (0.017)	-0.068*** (0.012)
Born Abroad	0.000 (0.084)	-1.965 (2.676)	-0.018 (0.061)	0.193* (0.093)	0.121 (0.089)	0.161 (0.089)	0.202* (0.084)	0.155 (0.087)	0.178* (0.080)
Spain	-0.079 (0.169)	-4.041 (4.861)	-0.095 (0.074)	-0.073 (0.083)	0.040 (0.075)	-0.144 (0.077)	0.076 (0.070)	0.173* (0.073)	-0.024 (0.066)
France	0.104 (0.163)	-2.546 (3.273)	-0.016 (0.063)	0.107 (0.115)	0.033 (0.097)	-0.040 (0.116)	0.117 (0.089)	0.129 (0.102)	-0.047 (0.074)
Italy	0.196 (0.167)	-3.838 (4.417)	0.085 (0.089)	-0.204* (0.094)	-0.241** (0.079)	-0.309*** (0.083)	-0.011 (0.067)	-0.097 (0.068)	-0.140* (0.065)
Poland	0.028 (0.246)	-10.579 (11.604)	0.042 (0.137)	0.035 (0.107)	0.088 (0.089)	-0.004 (0.105)	0.090 (0.077)	0.219** (0.079)	0.057 (0.068)
Sweden	-0.079 (0.108)	-0.032 (1.399)	0.001 (0.072)	-0.386*** (0.085)	-0.207** (0.069)	-0.363*** (0.081)	-0.247*** (0.068)	-0.025 (0.071)	-0.202** (0.066)
AIC	9745.492	8020.289	9479.596	11332.463	11215.654	11179.210	11759.791	11674.082	11624.946
Num. obs.	5911	5920	5908	5872	5875	5869	5869	5872	5866

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*  $p < 0.05$

Table A12: Multinomial Probit, Non-EU Knowledge, results from Table 2 with all control variables shown

	Parliament	Government	Party
<b>Correct</b>			
Intercept	-0.845*** (0.230)	0.638*** (0.139)	0.153 (0.112)
Exclusionary ID	-0.059 (0.042)	-0.064 (0.064)	-0.047 (0.046)
Political Interest	0.211*** (0.029)	0.231*** (0.040)	0.254*** (0.019)
Education	0.038 (0.024)	0.023 (0.043)	0.030 (0.030)
Female	-0.361*** (0.036)	0.037 (0.062)	-0.255*** (0.042)
Age	0.017 (0.023)	0.060** (0.019)	0.061*** (0.014)
Born Abroad	-0.330*** (0.078)	-0.429*** (0.119)	-0.222** (0.084)
Spain	-0.057 (0.060)	0.089 (0.102)	-0.495*** (0.090)
France	0.092 (0.120)	-0.376* (0.179)	-0.451*** (0.110)
Italy	-0.064 (0.057)	-0.011 (0.103)	-0.517*** (0.139)
Poland	0.661*** (0.082)	-0.477** (0.153)	0.323*** (0.086)
Sweden	0.524*** (0.063)	0.412*** (0.116)	0.301*** (0.081)
<b>Incorrect</b>			
Intercept	-0.464* (0.212)	-0.532 (0.744)	-0.291 (0.529)
Exclusionary ID	0.000 (0.031)	0.029 (0.079)	-0.019 (0.053)
Political Interest	0.151 (0.085)	0.213* (0.086)	0.241*** (0.035)
Education	0.017 (0.022)	0.045 (0.045)	0.020 (0.033)
Female	-0.179 (0.123)	-0.047 (0.074)	-0.222*** (0.062)
Age	-0.023* (0.011)	0.016 (0.037)	0.046* (0.021)
Born Abroad	-0.137 (0.116)	-0.067 (0.272)	-0.177 (0.101)
Spain	-0.053 (0.052)	0.081 (0.121)	-0.257 (0.248)
France	0.196* (0.094)	0.203 (0.313)	-0.148 (0.290)
Italy	-0.032 (0.048)	0.004 (0.118)	-0.136 (0.346)
Poland	0.261 (0.212)	0.093 (0.341)	0.161 (0.197)
Sweden	0.245 (0.178)	0.159 (0.249)	0.313*** (0.085)
AIC	11943.826	4661.795	8778.721
Num. obs.	5948	5934	5941

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*  $p < 0.05$

Table A13: Multinomial Probit, EU non-polarising knowledge, results from Table 2 with all control variables shown

	Juncker	EP Term	EP Election
<b>Correct</b>			
Intercept	-1.148*** (0.143)	-0.561** (0.184)	-0.741*** (0.129)
Exclusionary ID	-0.100* (0.044)	-0.054 (0.038)	-0.069 (0.058)
Political Interest	0.347*** (0.025)	0.244*** (0.021)	0.220*** (0.045)
Education	0.201*** (0.027)	0.113*** (0.025)	0.106** (0.040)
Female	-0.603*** (0.045)	-0.118** (0.037)	-0.155* (0.073)
Age	0.189*** (0.022)	0.011 (0.022)	0.001 (0.029)
Born Abroad	0.110 (0.087)	-0.004 (0.077)	-0.089 (0.102)
Spain	-0.322*** (0.075)	-0.275 (0.222)	-0.257 (0.144)
France	-0.577*** (0.072)	0.168* (0.066)	-0.060 (0.114)
Italy	-0.051 (0.071)	0.146* (0.061)	0.090 (0.104)
Poland	-0.283** (0.103)	0.324*** (0.068)	-0.056 (0.200)
Sweden	-0.447*** (0.068)	-0.351** (0.119)	-0.076 (0.116)
<b>Incorrect</b>			
Intercept	-139.672 (974.365)	-0.717** (0.275)	-2.151 (1.166)
Exclusionary ID	14.836 (104.172)	-0.024 (0.048)	-0.298* (0.150)
Political Interest	6.035 (41.267)	0.158 (0.115)	0.445* (0.183)
Education	-7.794 (54.867)	0.056 (0.057)	0.240* (0.108)
Female	0.616 (9.441)	-0.086 (0.067)	-0.554* (0.256)
Age	-22.460 (157.183)	-0.039* (0.019)	0.206 (0.107)
Born Abroad	24.162 (167.462)	-0.039 (0.076)	-0.000 (0.121)
Spain	-22.078 (152.297)	0.304 (0.181)	0.872 (0.515)
France	1.428 (16.728)	0.150 (0.104)	0.712 (0.394)
Italy	1.576 (16.654)	0.083 (0.100)	0.707* (0.357)
Poland	67.966 (474.938)	0.238 (0.169)	1.505 (0.798)
Sweden	5.755 (43.682)	0.064 (0.184)	0.735 (0.410)
AIC	8845.940	10378.364	10023.856
Num. obs.	5943	5946	5945

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*  $p < 0.05$

Table A14: Multinomial Probit, EU Authority Perception - MEP - By Country

	Germany	Spain	France	Italy	Poland	Sweden
<b>Correct</b>						
Intercept	-1.076*** (0.255)	-1.201*** (0.230)	-0.733 (0.702)	-0.844 (0.501)	-0.473 (0.242)	-1.005 (0.561)
Exclusionary ID	-0.236* (0.110)	-0.083 (0.156)	-0.178* (0.095)	-0.181 (0.115)	-0.167* (0.103)	-0.187* (0.099)
Political Interest	0.363*** (0.100)	0.277*** (0.042)	0.291*** (0.077)	0.290*** (0.059)	0.267* (0.111)	0.329*** (0.074)
Education	0.046 (0.064)	0.340*** (0.075)	0.148* (0.074)	0.369*** (0.097)	0.223* (0.107)	0.085 (0.055)
Female	-0.540*** (0.117)	-0.181* (0.102)	-0.399*** (0.099)	-0.293** (0.112)	-0.400*** (0.103)	-0.370*** (0.105)
Age	0.035 (0.031)	0.235*** (0.034)	0.112 (0.084)	0.114* (0.050)	0.131* (0.061)	0.167** (0.054)
Born Abroad	-0.178 (0.228)	-0.187 (0.191)	0.070 (0.266)	0.470 (0.382)		0.272 (0.271)
<b>Incorrect</b>						
Intercept	-1.947 (2.951)	-1.318 (1.288)	-0.361 (0.360)	-0.396 (0.460)	-0.469 (0.833)	-0.667 (0.561)
Exclusionary ID	-0.182 (0.264)	-0.029 (0.510)	-0.090 (0.178)	0.047 (0.300)	-0.006 (0.100)	-0.077 (0.173)
Political Interest	0.330 (0.399)	0.274*** (0.045)	0.191 (0.279)	0.080 (0.210)	0.120 (0.248)	0.224 (0.288)
Education	0.040 (0.126)	0.338*** (0.076)	0.065 (0.141)	0.313* (0.180)	0.071 (0.174)	0.033 (0.080)
Female	-0.019 (0.332)	-0.156 (0.256)	-0.181 (0.346)	-0.081 (0.272)	0.007 (0.169)	-0.230 (0.324)
Age	-0.009 (0.070)	0.225* (0.093)	-0.005 (0.082)	-0.161 (0.320)	-0.065 (0.114)	0.049 (0.137)
Born Abroad	-0.933 (1.361)	-0.162 (0.291)	-0.127 (0.220)	-0.058 (0.838)		0.311 (0.306)
AIC	2047.655	1506.726	1735.962	1734.080	1305.770	1729.036
Num. obs.	1012	976	986	990	997	984

\*\*\* $p < 0.001$ ; \*\* $p < 0.01$ ; \* $p < 0.10$

Table A15: Multinomial Probit, EU Authority Perception - EP - By Country

	Germany	Spain	France	Italy	Poland	Sweden
<b>Correct</b>						
Intercept	-0.304 (0.243)	-0.314 (0.382)	0.046 (0.194)	0.174 (0.265)	-0.419* (0.225)	-0.625** (0.219)
Exclusionary ID	-0.343** (0.106)	0.112 (0.166)	-0.057 (0.090)	-0.235* (0.099)	-0.049 (0.156)	-0.235* (0.097)
Political Interest	0.367*** (0.096)	0.243*** (0.037)	0.308*** (0.036)	0.216*** (0.046)	0.238* (0.097)	0.331*** (0.043)
Education	0.108* (0.062)	0.193** (0.073)	0.050 (0.068)	0.095 (0.077)	0.197* (0.082)	0.128** (0.048)
Female	-0.527*** (0.115)	-0.317*** (0.094)	-0.309*** (0.088)	-0.226* (0.133)	-0.142 (0.088)	-0.268** (0.092)
Age	-0.010 (0.035)	0.005 (0.036)	-0.101*** (0.027)	-0.084** (0.030)	-0.023 (0.029)	-0.021 (0.028)
Born Abroad	-0.471** (0.171)	0.053 (0.174)	0.399 (0.207)	-0.040 (0.281)		0.290* (0.151)
<b>Incorrect</b>						
Intercept	-0.417 (0.332)	-0.575 (0.995)	-0.373 (0.244)	-0.826 (3.357)	-0.402 (0.226)	-2.005 (2.613)
Exclusionary ID	-0.235 (0.187)	0.254 (0.328)	-0.019 (0.105)	-0.177 (0.180)	0.047 (0.085)	0.049 (0.483)
Political Interest	0.363** (0.124)	0.240*** (0.057)	0.383*** (0.044)	0.226* (0.109)	0.216 (0.148)	0.492 (0.324)
Education	0.083 (0.071)	0.137 (0.154)	0.058 (0.079)	0.140 (0.183)	0.158 (0.128)	0.161 (0.111)
Female	-0.470* (0.211)	-0.332** (0.118)	-0.346*** (0.102)	0.139 (0.989)	-0.081 (0.107)	-0.545 (0.530)
Age	-0.022 (0.029)	-0.034 (0.091)	-0.132*** (0.032)	-0.135 (0.166)	-0.021 (0.027)	-0.128 (0.182)
Born Abroad	-0.361 (0.256)	-0.036 (0.278)	0.419* (0.231)	-0.605 (1.651)		0.871 (1.038)
AIC	1878.138	1839.705	2020.648	1885.679	2033.503	1950.552
Num. obs.	1017	980	986	999	996	991

\*\*\* $p < 0.001$ ; \*\* $p < 0.01$ ; \* $p < 0.10$

Table A16: Multinomial Probit, EU Authority Perception - MS - By Country

	Germany	Spain	France	Italy	Poland	Sweden
<b>Correct</b>						
Intercept	-0.396 (0.396)	-1.004*** (0.211)	-1.237*** (0.239)	-0.214 (0.438)	-0.347 (0.432)	-0.483 (0.259)
Exclusionary ID	-0.230 (0.161)	-0.078 (0.133)	-0.239* (0.111)	-0.231* (0.126)	-0.124 (0.130)	-0.266** (0.100)
Political Interest	0.335*** (0.055)	0.099 (0.088)	0.129 (0.083)	0.256*** (0.073)	0.283*** (0.048)	0.334*** (0.042)
Education	0.161* (0.066)	0.302*** (0.072)	0.171* (0.078)	0.015 (0.094)	0.219* (0.087)	0.039 (0.051)
Female	-0.460*** (0.101)	-0.205* (0.108)	-0.207 (0.150)	-0.353** (0.110)	-0.324* (0.148)	-0.252** (0.092)
Age	-0.008 (0.052)	0.092** (0.028)	0.033 (0.033)	-0.081 (0.052)	-0.015 (0.038)	0.001 (0.031)
Born Abroad	-0.079 (0.207)	0.030 (0.157)	0.237 (0.199)	-0.290 (0.343)		0.315* (0.154)
<b>Incorrect</b>						
Intercept	-0.305 (0.284)	-0.199 (0.397)	-0.013 (0.067)	-11.952 (56.823)	-0.216 (0.294)	-0.449* (0.196)
Exclusionary ID	-0.081 (0.161)	0.049 (0.115)	-0.029 (0.056)	5.091 (24.123)	-0.039 (0.124)	-0.246* (0.100)
Political Interest	0.334*** (0.064)	0.085 (0.157)	0.066 (0.128)	2.816 (12.410)	0.282*** (0.057)	0.332*** (0.042)
Education	0.117 (0.074)	0.025 (0.055)	0.010 (0.026)	0.893 (4.512)	0.158 (0.095)	0.032 (0.050)
Female	-0.407** (0.124)	-0.057 (0.107)	-0.098 (0.189)	-0.685 (3.192)	-0.179 (0.150)	-0.249** (0.092)
Age	-0.051 (0.045)	-0.010 (0.033)	-0.018 (0.037)	-2.589 (11.749)	-0.040 (0.037)	-0.006 (0.029)
Born Abroad	0.039 (0.201)	0.009 (0.078)	-0.019 (0.075)	3.420 (17.954)		0.331* (0.154)
AIC	2017.556	2044.596	1925.628	2114.865	2001.460	2044.789
Num. obs.	1017	980	988	997	992	992

\*\*\* $p < 0.001$ ; \*\* $p < 0.01$ ; \* $p < 0.10$

Table A17: Multinomial probit regression, EU authority perceptions - excluding Spain

	Direct election of MEPs	Power of EP vs. Commission	Power of MS vs. Commission
<b>Correct</b>			
Political Interest	0.288*** (0.040)	0.277*** (0.033)	0.288*** (0.023)
Exclusionary ID	-0.188*** (0.045)	-0.197*** (0.052)	-0.233*** (0.064)
Intercept	-1.468*** (0.124)	-0.142 (0.129)	-0.260 (0.196)
<b>Incorrect</b>			
Political Interest	0.107 (0.078)	0.288*** (0.042)	0.291*** (0.030)
Exclusionary ID	-0.040 (0.047)	-0.079 (0.078)	-0.087 (0.065)
Intercept	-0.370 (0.273)	-0.423 (0.284)	-0.204 (0.181)
AIC	8505.841	9767.794	10050.549
Num. obs.	4969	4989	4986

\*\*\* $p < 0.001$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \* $p < 0.05$ . All models include country fixed effects, and controls for respondents' education level, age, gender, and whether they were born abroad (see appendix Table A7). Reference outcome is "Don't know". Abbreviations: MEP: Members of the European Parliament, EP: European Parliament, MS= member states. Note that all respondents from Spain are excluded for these models.

## Question wording and coding

Dependent variables:

### 1) MEP (election of MEPs)

The first set of questions asks you to indicate if you think that the following statements are true or false. / The members of the European Parliament (MEPs) are directly elected by the citizens of each member state.

– Answer categories and coding: true= coded as correct , false = coded as misperception, DK.

### 2) EP (power of the European Parliament vis-à-vis the European Commission)

Please evaluate the following statements about the European Union (EU) using a scale of completely true, mostly true, half true/half false, mostly false, and completely false. If you don't know, then please simply tick the box for don't know. / The European Commission can issue new laws even when a majority of MPs of the European Parliament objects.

– Answer categories and coding: Completely true = coded as misperception, mostly true = coded as misperception, half true, half false = coded as correct, mostly false = coded as correct, completely false = coded as correct, don't know=separate category.

### 3) MS (power of the EU member states vis-à-vis the European Commission)

Please evaluate the following statements about the European Union (EU) using a scale of completely true, mostly true, half true/half false, mostly false, and completely false. If you don't know, then please simply tick the box for don't know. / The European Commission can issue new laws for the EU even when a majority of member states objects.

– Answer categories and coding: Completely true = coded as misperception, mostly true = coded as misperception, half true/half false = coded as correct, mostly false = coded as correct, completely false = coded as correct, don't know=separate category.



Dependent variables for placebo tests

Introduction. The first set of questions asks you to indicate if you think that the following statements are true or false. If you don't know, please select "Don't know."

Questions related to the EU:

1) Jean-Claude Juncker is the President of the European Commission

– Answer categories and coding: true= coded as correct , false = coded as misperception, DK.

2) The term of office for a member of the European Parliament is five years

– Answer categories and coding: true= coded as correct , false = coded as misperception, DK.

3) The next European Parliament elections will take place in November 2020

– Answer categories and coding: true= coded as misperception , false = coded as correct, DK.

Questions related to the national level:

4) There are (150 percent OF CORRECT NUMBER) members in the (LOWER HOUSE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

– Answer categories and coding: true= coded as misperception , false = coded as correct, DK.

5) (NAME OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT) belongs to (NAME OF CORRECT PARTY

– Answer categories and coding: true= coded as correct , false = coded as misperception, DK.

6) The party with the largest number of seats in the [national] Parliament is [correct party]

– Answer categories and coding: true= coded as correct , false = coded as misperception, DK.

## Independent variables

### Political interest

How often do you pay attention to what's going on in government and politics?

- Answer categories and coding: 4 Always, 3 Most of the time, 2 About half the time, 1 -Some of the time, 0 Never, Don't know: excluded.

### Inclusive/exclusive national identity

Do you see yourself: only as [COUNTRY], as [COUNTRY] and European, as European and [COUNTRY], or as European? Don't know.

- Answer categories and coding: exclusionary national identity: only as [COUNTRY], inclusive national identity: as [COUNTRY] and European / as European and [COUNTRY] / as European. Don't know: excluded.

Nativity/born abroad 0 = "born in survey country, 1 = "born in another EU country / non-EU member country"

### Education

What is the highest level of education you have successfully completed?

- Answer categories and coding: 0= Less than primary education, 0=Primary education (finished schooling at age 16), 1= Technical or vocational degree after primary education, 2=University degree or higher

### Political Ideology

In political matters people talk of "the left" and "the right". What is your position? Please use a scale from 0 to 10, where '0' means "left" and '10' means "right". Which number best describes your position?

### Party families

Which party do you feel closest to? [Each country has its own list]

### Subjective Knowledge

How confident are you in your own knowledge about the EU? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident?

– Answer categories and coding: 4= Very confident, 3= Somewhat confident, 2 = Not very confident, 1 = Not at all confident, Don't know: excluded.

CRT Index= additive index based on the three items below (higher values= more correct answers)

1) A cheese and crackers snack costs \$2.20 in total. The cheese costs \$2.00 more than the crackers. How much does the crackers cost?

– Answer categories and coding: \$.20 = incorrect, \$.10 = correct, \$.15 = incorrect, \$.05 = incorrect, Don't know = incorrect

2) In a field, there is a patch of weeds. Every day, the patch doubles in size. If it takes 50 days for the patch to cover the entire field, how long would it take for the patch to cover half the field?

– Answer categories and coding: 25 days = incorrect, 12.5 days = incorrect, 49 days = correct, 37.5 days = incorrect, Don't know = incorrect

3) If you're running a race and you pass the person in second place, what place are you in? – Answer categories and coding: First = incorrect, Second = correct, Third = incorrect, Not enough information is provided= incorrect, Don't know = incorrect

### Pro-EU

How would describe your feelings towards the European Union or EU? Using a scale from 0 to 10, where '0' means you feel extremely cold or unfavorable towards the EU, and '10' means you feel extremely warm or favorable towards the EU, where would you place yourself? (don't option was provided, don't know responses were excluded)

### Pro-EU Index

Additive index (row means) based on standardized responses to the four question items below, alpha= .8)

1) How would describe your feelings towards the European Union or EU? Using a scale from 0 to 10, where '0' means you feel extremely cold or unfavorable towards the EU, and '10' means you feel extremely warm or favorable towards the EU, where would you place yourself? [Include a "don't know" option]

2) On the whole, how satisfied are you with how democracy works in the European Union? Please answer on a 0-10 scale, where '0' means you extremely dissatisfied, and '10' means extremely satisfied.

3) Taking everything into consideration, would you say that (your country) has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the European Union?

– Answer options: Benefited / Not benefited / Don't know

4) In your opinion, has the unification of the European Union gone too far or should it be strengthened?

– Answer options: EU unification has already gone too far / EU unification should be strengthened / don't know.

#### Pro-immigration

Would you say that your opinion of immigrants in [nation] is favorable or unfavorable?

– Answer categories and coding: Very favorable = 1, Somewhat favorable = 2, Neither favorable nor unfavorable= 3, Somewhat unfavorable = 4, Very unfavorable = 5, Don't know = excluded