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# International Study of Civic Education

Teacher Questionnaire

Dear Colleague,

thank you for your co-operation in this international study on civic education. The aim of this study is to compare different concepts, areas of interest, and knowledge in the field of civic education. We know that the interpretation of the results of the student questionnaire depends on the culture of the country, the school, and the teachers' intentions. In order to understand the context of student responses, we need information from you as an expert about the conditions of civic education in the chosen class. Please help us to understand the findings from the student questionnaire by completing this teacher questionnaire.

Perhaps you find something in our questions that does not perfectly match the conditions of your school. Please take into account that this questionnaire has been developed for an international study and has to be used in very different school systems.

We thank you for your effort and co-operation.

## PART 1: WORK EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

The questions which follow are being asked to teachers in over 25 countries around the world.

We assure you that your answers will be treated CONFIDENTIALLY. Answers to these questions help in interpreting the answers you give in other parts of this questionnaire.

1. What [civic related subject(s)] do you teach this school year?

2.	Do you teach in the tested class?	
	No 1	
	Yes 2	
	[If yes, what subject	]
3.	Are you the home room/class teacher of the tested class?	
	No 1	
	Yes 2	

- \_\_\_\_\_years.
- 5. For how many years, including the present year, have you been teaching [civic education or a civic education related subject]?

\_\_\_\_\_years.

6. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

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 [A].....
 1

 [B]....
 2

 [C]....
 3

 [D]....
 4

 [E]....
 5

7. Do you hold a degree from an academic/teacher education institution in a discipline related to civic education?

No 1	
Yes 2	
If yes, please name	
discipline/s:	level of the degree/s:
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

- 8. Have you participated in in-service professional development activities or training in a discipline related to civic education?
  - No ..... 1 Yes ..... 2

If yes, what was/were the name/s of the course/s:

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
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### 9. How old are you?

Under 25	1
25-29	
30-39	
40-49	4
50-59	
60 or more	

#### 10. Are you female or male?

Female	1	
Male	2	

### **PART 2:** VIEWS ON CIVIC EDUCATION

With the statements in this section we would like to inquire about your views on civic education in the curriculum of schools.

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strongly

agree

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#### Section A: How should civic education be taught?

Please rate the statements below on the following scale:

#### Civic education ...

- A1 should be taught as a specific subject.....
- A2 should be taught integrated into subjects related to human and social sciences, like history, geography, languages, religion, ethics, law.....
- A3 should be integrated into all subjects taught at school ..
- A4 should be an extra-curricular activity .....

#### Section B: What is worth learning in civic education?

Please rate the statements below on the following scale:

		disagree	uisugree	ugree	agree
		1	2	3	4
B1	There is broad consensus in our society as to what is worth learning in civic education				
B2	Teachers should negotiate with students what is to be studied in civic education				
B3	Teachers should teach according to curriculum standards/requirements in the area of civic education				
B4	What is important in civic education cannot be taught in school				
В5	Because of conflicts and different opinions in society there cannot be agreement on what should be taught in civic education				
B6	Changes have been so rapid in recent years that teachers often do not know what to teach in civic education				

## Section C: How much does civic education matter?

Please rate the statements below on the following scale:

	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
	1	2	3	4
C1 Teaching civic education makes a difference for students' political and civic development				
C2 Teaching civic education at school matters a great deal for our country				
C3 Schools are irrelevant for the development of students' attitudes and opinions about matters of citizenship				
C4 Education authorities pay little attention to civic education				
Section D: What is emphasised in civic education at your	school?			
Tick only <u>one</u> box for each column!				
When I look at civic education in my school, I				
believe <u>most</u> emphasis	<i>is</i> placed	on sh	<i>ould be</i> p	laced on
knowledge about society	1			1
student independent (critical) thinking	2			2
student participation in community and political activities	🛛 3			3
development of values	🗆 4			4
Section E: What do students learn in your school?				
Please rate the statements below on the following scale:				
	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
	1	2	3	4
E1 In our school students learn to understand people who have different [ideas/points of views]				
E2 In our school students learn to co-operate [work together] in groups with other students				
E3 In our school students learn to contribute to solve problems in the community [society]				
E4 In our school students learn to be patriotic and loyal [committed] citizens of their country				

## - What do children learn in your school (continued) -

	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
	1	2	3	4
E5 In our school students learn how to act to protect the environment				
E6 In our school students learn to be concerned about what happens in other countries				
E7 In our school students learn about the importance of voting in national and local election				

## Section F: What should students learn to become good citizens?

Please rate the items below on the following scale:

	ecome a good adult citizen students should 1 to recognise the importance of	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
		1	2	3	4
F1	obeying the law				
F2	voting on every election				
F3	joining a political party				
F4	working hard				
F5	participating in a peaceful protest against a law believed to be injust				
F6	knowing about the country's history				
F7	being willing to serve in the military to defend the country				
F8	reading about [following] political issues in the newspaper, on the radio or on TV				
F9	participating in activities to help people in the community [society]				
F10	showing respect for government representatives [leaders, officials]				
F11	taking part in activities promoting human rights				

- What should students learn to become good citizens? (continued) -

To become a good adult citizen students should learn to recognise the importance of		strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
		1	2	3	4
F12	engaging in political discussion				
F13	being patriotic and loyal [devoted] to the country				
F14	ignoring [disregarding] a law that violated human rights				

## PART 3: THE TEACHING OF [CIVIC EDUCATION RELATED] SUBJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND LESSONS

# Section G: How do you plan for civic education? When you prepare for civic education related activities, from what sources do you draw?

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*Please rate the importance of each source on the following scale:* 

		not important	less important	important	very important
		1	2	3	4
G1	Official curricula or curricular guidelines or frameworks				
G2	Official requirements (standards) in the area of civic education				
G3	Your own ideas of what is important to know in civic education				
G4	Original sources (such as constitutions, human rights declarations)				
G5	[Approved] Textbooks				
G6	Materials published by commercial companies, public institutes, or private foundations				
G7	Self-produced materials				
G8	Media (newspapers, magazines, television)				

## Section H: What topics do you teach?

The following table contains a list of 20 topics. Please rate them by checking the appropriate boxes in the table according to...

Ple	Please rate them by checking the appropriate boxes in the table according to												
	(a) How important do you think is this topic for civic education?			(b) How confident (well equipped) do you feel to deal with this topic?				(c) How much oppor-tunity do students up to & including grade [xx] have to learn this topic?					
		not important	of little importance	important	very important	not at all	Little confident	confident	very confident	not at all	little confident	confident	very confident
List of Topics		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
H1	National Constitution and State/political institutions												
H2	Citizens rights and obligations												
Н3	Different conceptions of democracy												
H4	[Different/Comparative] political systems												
Н5	Election and electoral systems												
Н6	The judicial system												
H7	Human and civil rights												
H8	Important events in the nation's history												
H9	International organisations												

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List of 7	Topics	not important 1	of little importance 2	important 3	very important 4	not at all 1	little confident 2	confident 3	very confident 4	not at all 1	little confident 2	confident 3	very confident 4
	nternational problems and elations												
H11 M	Aigrations of people												
H12 E	conomic issues												
H13 S	locial Welfare												
H14 T	Trade/Labour Unions												
	Equal opportunities for vomen and men												
	Cultural differences and ninorities												
H17 E	Environmental issues												
H18 C	Civic virtues												
	Dangers of propaganda and nanipulation												
H20 M	/ledia												

## – What topics do you teach (continued) –

## **PART 4: INSTRUCTION**

The following list presents activities that can be used in [civic related education].

## Section I: How often are the following activities used in your classes?

Please indicate how frequently the following activities are used in your classes:

		never	some- times	often	very often
		1	2	3	4
I1	The teacher chooses the issues to be discussed in class				
I2	Students work on projects that involve gathering information outside of school				
I3	Students study textbooks				
I4	Students work on drill sheets or work sheets				
15	Students work in groups on different topics and prepare presentations				
I6	Students participate in role play and simulations				
I7	The teacher asks questions and the students answer				
I8	The teacher lectures [presents the subject] and the students take notes				
19	The teacher includes discussion on controversial issues in class				
I10	Students participate in events or activities in the community (society)				

# Section J: In your view, what needs to be improved about civic education in your school?

Select the <u>three</u> most important items listed below by checking the three appropriate boxes. We need...

J1	more materials and textbooks
J2	better materials and textbooks
J3	additional training in teaching methods $\Box$
J4	additional training in subject matter knowledge $\Box$
J5	more co-operation between teachers in different subject areas $\Box$
J6	more instructional time allocated to civic education
J7	more co-operation with external experts $\Box$
J8	more opportunities for special projects $\hfill \Box$
J9	more resources for extra-curricular activities $\Box$
J10	more autonomy for school decisions

### Section K: How do you assess students?

Please check appropriate box. Tick two boxes only!

When I assess students in civic related education, I primarily rely on...

K1	written compositions or essays	
K2	multiple-choice tests	
K3	oral assessments	
K4	oral participation	
K5	other forms of assessment:	
	please specify:	
K6	no specific assessment	

You have now reached the end of this questionnaire. Many thanks for taking the time to answer these questions. Your answers will contribute to a better understanding of civic education around the world.