

## The culture of academic disciplines and the sociopolitical attitudes of students.

### Technical appendix to the research note

Table A.1 Chronbach's Alpha for the different attitude scales used in table 1

	Year						
	2007	2005	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Old cleavage	0.807	0.788	0.736	0.801	0.769	0.812	0.789
<i>Correlation with full factorial scale</i>	<i>0.998</i>	<i>0.997</i>	<i>0.996</i>	<i>0.994</i>	<i>0.971</i>	<i>0.997</i>	<i>0.995</i>
New Cleavage (second order summation scale)	0.658	0.631	0.638	0.601	0.644	0.593	0.660
<i>Correlation with full factorial scale</i>							
- ethnocentrism	0.996	0.996	0.996	0.993	0.987	0.988	0.973
- utilitarian individualism	0.770	0.800	0.804	0.806	0.740	0.782	0.841
- authoritarianism	0.740	0.708	0.594	0.684	0.604	0.684	0.646
- anti-political attitudes	0.728	0.586	0.525	0.563	0.593	0.644	/
	0.844	0.826	0.830	0.862	0.861	0.865	0.859

Table A.2 Items of the attitude scales

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Old Cleavage
- In Flanders the rich are getting richer and the poor keep getting poorer
- The gap between rich and poor is still too big
- Government should redistribute incomes to benefit the socially weak
- In Flanders big bosses profit at the expense of laborers
- The class differences should be smaller than they are now
- Luxury products should be more heavily taxed
Ethnocentrism
- In general, immigrants cannot be trusted
- Guest workers contribute to our welfare
- Guest workers exploit our social security
- The presence of different cultures enriches our society
Utilitarian individualism
- Humanity, our fellow men, solidarity, are all quite meaningless slogans
- Because you always have to compromise when dealing with other people, it's best not to deal with others too much
- what counts is money and power, the rest is small talk
- Striving for your personal success is more important than working at a good understanding with our fellow men
Authoritarianism
- Obedience and respect are the most important virtues children should learn
- There are two kinds of people: strong ones and weaklings
- we need strong leaders who tell us what to do
- If people would work harder and less talk, everything would go better
Anti political attitudes
- The parliament is just a talking shop, without any power, it would therefore be better to abolish it
- One should abolish politics and let the country be ruled by wise men
- Everything would be much better in our country if there were no political parties
- I don't need politics
- Politicians should not become ministers
- The country should be governed by experts and specialists, not by politicians
- I would not object if our country was temporarily ruled by a dictator to solve its problems

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