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# 1999 EXPERT SURVEY ON NATIONAL PARTIES AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

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## Instructions

- Please answer the questions in this survey by circling the response that best captures your view of the positions of the national parties of [COUNTRY]. A list of party abbreviations is included as a separate sheet with this survey.
- In answering the questions, please keep in mind that we would like you to reflect on the positions of the **national** parties over the course of **1999** (unless we state differently in the questions).
- Some questions are easier to answer than others. We would like you to answer all questions. However, should you encounter a question that you do not know the answer to, please feel free to skip that question. You can also skip particular parties if you do not feel sufficiently familiar with them. We would rather have you return an incomplete questionnaire than no questionnaire at all.
- After you have filled out the survey, please place it in the addressed return envelope and return it to the Center for European Studies of the University of North Carolina.

Thank you for your cooperation.

















(c) Another way parties are sometimes classified is in terms of their views of **democratic freedoms and rights**. “Libertarian” or “post-materialist” parties tend to favor expanded personal freedoms and rights. Such parties, for example, support abortion, doctor-assisted suicide, same-sex marriages. They favor increased democratic participation and freedom of speech. At the same time, they oppose discrimination on ethnic, religious, political or sexual grounds. In sum, these parties want government to stay out of the life choices that people make and they promote widespread democracy. “Traditional” or “authoritarian” parties often reject these ideas. These parties believe that the government should be a firm authority that expresses moral voice. To these parties, order is preferable to unbridled participation and freedom. On the scale below, please indicate where parties are located in terms of their ideological views of freedoms and rights.

Freedoms and Rights	Party A	Party B	Party C	Party D	Party E	Party F	Party G	Party H	Party I	Party J
0 “Libertarian” / “Post-materialist”	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5 Center	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
10 “Traditional” / “Authoritarian”	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

This completes the survey. Thank you for your participation.