Questionnaire for a survey of participants in the European Social Forum of Athens



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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL FORUM IN ATHENS 2006

This questionnaire is part of the project /Democracy in Europe and the Mobilisation of Society/ (Demos) which is being carried out by scholars from six European countries. The Demos project focuses upon the movement that developed in opposition to neo-liberal globalisation and in favour of more democratic, political practices. If you want to learn more about the research group and read the first results of our research, please visit the project website at http://demos.iue.it. If you have any questions, proposals or comments, you can write to us at demos@iue.it. We thank you in advance for helping us and for the time spent filling in this questionnaire

	The data will be treated anonymously								
1.	Have you ever participated in any protest/demonstration of the global movement (global justice movement, for a globalization from below, for another globalization, hereafter 'global movement') prior to this European Social Forum?								
			no once	between 2 and 5 times		_	more than 10 times		
			0 1	2	3□	1100	4		
2.		vas at least o sidence (prio			monstration	in a	country other	than your c	ountry
			1	Yes	0	No			
3.	To wha	at extent do y	ou identify w	ith the glob	oal moveme	nt?			
			not at all	a little	quite a lot	very n	nuch		
			0	1	2	3]		
4.	Have y	ou been or a	re you plann	ing to go to	the Autono	mous	Spaces in the	city centre?	?
	1 🗖	Yes	₀ □ No)	9 □ I hav	e not l	neard of Autono	mous Space)
5.		ou engaged tick all that ap		following a	ctivities wit	hin the	e last five year	s?	
	a		persuade some		for a politica	al party	,	1 🔲	
	b	VVOINCUII	n a political pa	•					
	c. d		petition/public						
	e		a demonstrat out leaflets	ion					
	f.		t in a strike						
	g	rook part	l civil disobedi	ence					
	h		t in non-violen		ns				
	i.	•	d products						
	j.		ted in cultural	performance	es as a form	of prot	est		
	k.	•	t in an occupa			•			
	I.	Took part	t in an occupa	tion of aband	doned home	s and/	or land		
	m	^{n.} Took part	t in a blockade)					
	n	 Used viol 	lent forms of a	ction agains	t property				
		9 Other (p	olease specify)					
		9a							
_	II.			4		_1! ^			
6.	mave y	ou ever beer	n a member o ₁□ Yes	any group	or organisa	ation?			
		(ease go to	question 10	-			

7. Have you ever been involved in any of the following kinds of voluntary / campaigning groups?									
Multiple answers possible. (Please tick only one box for each group you are, or have involved in and distinguish between present and past membership)									
	gaich se	ос р. осо	in and past mom	• •	RESENT	PAST			
a.	Women's rights				1 🔲	2			
b.	Environmental/anti-nuclear								
C.	Peace								
d.	Gay/lesbian/ transgender								
e.	Development aid								
f.	Human rights								
g.	International solidarity								
h.	Anti-racist, immigrants rights or	pro-immigra	ants group						
i.	Consumerism/fair trade								
j.	Student group								
k.	Socialist								
l.	Trotskyist								
m.	Communist								
n.	Anarchist								
0.	Autonomist / social centre								
p.	Against neo-liberal economic ag	genda							
q.	Local social forum								
r.	Alternative media								
S.	Peasant/farmer								
t.	Charity organisation/social volu	-							
u.	Religious group/religious comm	unity							
V.	Trade union								
W.	Unemployed								
Х.	Political party								
	9 Other (please specify)								
	9a								
	low please think of the group tha		nportant to you	. What is its na	ame?				
(if th	nere isn't one please go to question	n 10)							
o w	hat is the position you have in t	hie aroun?	(place tick only	the most relev	ant hov)				
J. VV	4☐ Member of the leadership	ilis group:	(piease lick offiy	the most relev	ani box)				
	3☐ Paid staff member								
	2□ Voluntary activist/campaign	er							
	□ Ordinary member								
	Not actively involved in the	group							
	Other (please specify)								
	9a								
10. To what extent are you satisfied with the decision-making processes in each of th									
Very Very									
		satisfied	Moderately	Moderately	unsatisfied	l part of a			
\			satisfied	unsatisfied		group			
Your	group	0	1	2	3□	99			
	groups and networks taking								
part	n the global movement								
Your	national political system								
	European Union								
	•	_		_					
The	United Nations								

a. b.

c. d. Now please think about the meetings / assemblies of your group during the last few months. If you do not belong to any group, or have never attended such meetings, or if your group does not have them, please go to question 12.

11. Which of the opposing statements below better describes the meetings of your group? Please tick the appropriate box, depending on which pole comes closer to your own experience.

Α	In case of disagreem the quality of argume difference regardless them.	nts that makes a		or	In case of disagreement, argument have a different weight depending who produces the		
	high importance of arguments	0□	1	2	3□	high importan	
В		hen there is disagreement, the ponents usually accept each other		or		here is disagreemer s rarely accept each as equal discuss	other
	usually equal discussants	□				rarely equa discussant	
С	Most decisions are ta	•		or		decisions are taken partici	pants.
	few participants	U		⊔	⊔	all participar	nts
D	Decisions are taken to raising hands or similar	ar.		or		n are taken by conse	ensus.
	voting	□				consensus	S
wi	In your opinion, whathin networks and cape ase tick the appropriate the discussion, it is of arguments that regardless of who particularly in the discussion	ampaigns of the g ate box depending int disagreement in primarily the qualifinakes a difference	lobal move on which p	ement?	closer to your op In case o the di		ement in s have a nding on
	high importance of arguments	0 🗆 —	1□-	2D]3□	high impoi individ	
В	When there is disagopponents usually equal discussants. usually equal discussants	accept each other		or 		n there is disagreem rarely accept each equal disco rarely e discuss	other as ussants.
<u> </u>	uiscussants					uiscus	sants
C	Most decisions are by a few people. few participants			or 		Most decisions ar by all particip	cipants.
D	Most decisions are voting, raising hand voting			or 		Most decisions are ta consens	sensus.
	E Have you ever pa	rticipated in such	network/c	ampaign r	neetings ? 1□	Yes ₀□ N	0

13. Which of the opposing statements below better describes how you think political decisions should be taken in general? *Please tick the appropriate box.*

	A	In decision-making, it should be primarily the quality of argumer that makes a difference regardl of who produces them.			or		0	of more re	aking, the a esourceful lividuals sh mo	and active
		arguments	0□	1□		2	зП			rather than nents
	В	In a political conflict, important that the op- each other as equal of	ponents accept		or			situa	cal conflict tions in whi ince is not	ich mutual
		acceptance always important							acceptance impo	not always rtant
	С	In many cases it is rio political decisions to			or				ation of all d always be in decisio	
		delegation	D						partic	pation
	D	Political decisions sh by voting.			or			cal decis	-	onsensus.
		voting		⊔					COIIS	ensus
14	. To	what extent do you	trust the followin	g types o	of ins		•			
						Not at all	A little	A fair amoun	A lot t	
	a.					0	1 🗖	2	3□	
	b.									
	c. d.									
	e.	The second secon								
	f.	The judiciary				ā				
	g.									
	h.	-								
	i.	Trade unions								
	j.	NGOs (Non Gover		tions)						
	k.		organizations							
	I.	Churches . Mass media								
		b. Practice c. Take to d. Spread		o influence oup life ress disse	e thei ent pu	r decisions blicly s to the pu	tant, etc. pleas stra	ance de	mocracy?	

16. In your opinion, what should be done to tame neo-liberal globalization?										
					strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree		
	a.	Strengthen national	governments		0	1 🔲	2	3		
	b.	Strengthen the EU								
	c.	Strengthen the Unite	d Nations							
	d.	Build new institutions society on the Europ								
	e.	Build new institutions society on the internal								
	17. Now please think of public decisions taken on national issues in your home country over the last year or so. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?									
		liticians in my own cou			ongly agree	disagree	agree	strongly agree		
		s, they sometimes con of groups with less p		0		1	2	з 		
imp imp	lemen roves	people believe that the ted by local governments the quality of political strongly disagree of the control of the temperature o	nental institution al decisions. Do disagree	s (e.g you a agree	ı. Agenda	21, partic				
			₁□ Yes		٥	No				
		use the Internet, hav			e the Interr at least once a we	at lea	uestion 21 ast once nonth	() less frequently	never	
		ne petitions or particip mail and/or mailing-list		S	з 		2	1 🗖	0	
		political opinions (in n, etc.)?	nailing-lists, forum	S,						
		d in a net-strike and/o ne protest?	r other forms of							
Exch grou	_	I information online wi	thin your political							
Fina	ally, pl	ease tell us somethi	ng about yoursel	lf:						
21.	Sex:	₁□ fer	nale o	⊒ m	nale					
22.	Year o	f birth: 19								
23. Country of permanent residence:										
24. Size of the town in which you live:										
		1 □ B€	naller than 20,000 stween 20,000 and ore than 100,000 i	d 100,	000 inhab	itants				

a.

b.

C.

d.

25. What is your employment status?

Tick where "other".	appropriate. If you have any doubt, please s	pecify your profession in the box
	Manual worker	1□
	Non-manual worker	2.
	Employer / manager	3□
	Professional (doctor, lawyer etc.)	4 🗖
	Teacher	5□
	Unemployed, looking for a job	6□
	Retired / early retired	7
	Homemaker, no paid work for family reason	
	Student → go to question 28	
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	99 🗖
	9a	
26. Do you have	temporary job? ₁□ Yes o	□ No
27. In which sect	or do you work?	
	Industry	1□
	Private service sector	2
	Public Education	3□
	Public sector, other	4
	Associative sectors (charities, parties, No	GOs) 50
	Other sector (e.g. Agriculture/Fishery, plants)	
	9a	
28. What is your	nighest educational qualification?	
	None	1
	Completed primary school	2
	Completed secondary school	3□
	Passed examinations at undergraduate I	
	First degree	7
	Higher degree	<i>;</i> □ 8 □
	riigitor dogree	-
29. "Left" and "R yourself on this	ght" are notions used to describe politic cale?	cal positions. Where do you place
	left	right
	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8 9 9 ·
	99☐ I cannot / don't want to place m	
30. Did you vote to question 32)	n the last national election in your home	country? (if you did not vote please go
	₁□ Yes ₀□ No	
31. Which politic	al party did you vote for?	

32.	I did not vote/cast a blank or spoilt ballot because	
	I was unable/not entitled to vote	1
	There is no political party that reflects my ideals/interests	2
	I do not approve of representative democracy	3 🗖
	For another reason (please specify)	9
	Totalion rougen (produce openity)	–
	9a	
(docN)lf	you want to add something about your commitment, or if y	ou want to comment on this
quest	ionnaire, please go ahead!	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COLLABORATION!