Can we Prepare People for Public Life?
Assessing the Impact of the Summer Institute for Future Legislators

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR IFL PARTICIPANTS

The Summer Institute for Future Legislators (IFL) is a cross-partisan program, which means that it is open to participants from across the political spectrum. We call the program cross-partisan rather than non-partisan because we know that, as aspiring legislators, participants are interested in entering the partisan arena. Moreover, most of the practitioners who participate in the program as mentors or speakers have served in elective office as representatives of one political party or another.

Partisanship may be defined as a political orientation or attitude concerning support for a political party. We are interested in your attitudes toward partisanship and how they evolve over the course of the program.

By answering this questionnaire you can help us to better understand, assess, and ultimately improve the impact of this program. Your participation is entirely confidential and under no circumstances will your participation be made public. Your participation is also entirely voluntary and you may withdraw at any time. If you do withdraw, it will have no impact on your participation in the program. However, we think that your participation will benefit not only the program but also your own professional development.

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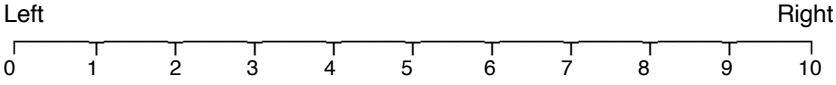
1.Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Conservative, Green, Liberal, New Democrat, or a supporter of another party? (If yes, please indicate which):

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2. How strongly would you rate your support for that party?

Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High	No opinion
1	2	3	4	5	6

3. Where would you place yourself on the scale below?



Please consider the following statements and circle to indicate your level of agreement/disagreement:

I'm proud of the political party to which I belong or support

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
1	2	3	4	5	6

When people criticize this party, it feels like a personal insult.

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
1	2	3	4	5	6

When I speak about the party I support, I refer to it as "my party"

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
1	2	3	4	5	6

When people praise this party, it makes me feel good.

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
1	2	3	4	5	6

Politicians should always support the position of their party, even if most of their constituents disagree

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
1	2	3	4	5	6

Politicians should be willing to compromise with other parties, even if doing so goes against an election promise

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
1	2	3	4	5	6

Politicians should support evidence-based policy, even if it conflicts with their party promises
Party leaders should not have too much say in who gets nominated to run in elections

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
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It is fine for politicians to frame their arguments differently, depending on whether they are talking to supporters or the general public

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
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I wish to hold elective office because I wish to (select and rank the top 5)

represent my constituents

advance a cause I believe in

help my political party

be a leader of my country, province, or city

avoid the regret of not serving

enjoy the rewards of public service

it is the next step in my career

Other (specify):

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