

KYSELYLOMAKE: FSD3463 ULKOSUOMALAISTEN KANSALLINEN IDENTITEETTI JA POLIITTINEN OSALLISTUMINEN 2014

QUESTIONNAIRE: FSD3463 FINNISH EXPATRIATES' NATIONAL IDENTITY AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION 2014

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Bästa mottagare,

Vid Ledarskapshögskolan på Tammerfors universitet genomförs en undersökning i samband med en doktorsavhandling om nationell identitet och det politiska deltagandet för utlandsfinländare. För att få en heltäckande bild av detta, har 3 600 utlandsfinländare slumpmässigt uttagits ur Befolkningsregistrets databas. Ni är en av dessa slumpmässigt valda personer.

För att undersökningen skall lyckas är det mycket viktigt att ni svarar på enkäten. Ert svar är viktigt, eftersom en person som valts ut för enkäten inte kan ersättas med någon annan person. Vi ber er besvara webbenkäten senast den 10.10.2014. Fyll i enkäten på internet på adressen: www.uta.fi/jkk/expat

Ungefär 1,3 miljoner människor med finländska rötter bor utomlands. Det finns olika undersökningar om utlandsfinländare, men en heltäckande undersökning som baserar sig på slumpmässigt urval med uppsamlat forskningsmaterial och möjligheter till jämförelse saknas fortfarande. Ämnet är aktuellt, eftersom intresset för utlandsfinländare ökar kontinuerligt i Finland. Dessutom kan man notera ett ökat intresse för Finland och finländskt samhälle också bland utlandsfinländare. Med en enkätundersökning är det möjligt att få ett omfattande och representativt material om utlandsfinländare, vilket även möjliggör jämförelser för första gången.

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Mera information om undersökningen får ni av Johanna Peltoniemi, tfn [kontaktuppgifter borttagna] eller e-post: [kontaktuppgifter borttagna].

Vi tackar på förhand för samarbetet!

Johanna Peltoniemi	Ilkka Ruostetsaari
Doktorand	Professor i statsvetenskap
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Dear potential participant,

The School of Management at the University of Tampere is conducting a study focusing on national identity and political participation among Finnish expatriates. To gain a comprehensive picture of this matter, a sample of 3 600 Finnish expatriates has been drawn from the Population Register of Finland. You are one of the randomly selected individuals.

It is very important for the accuracy of the research that you respond to the survey questionnaire. Your answers are vital, as a selected query cannot be replaced by any other person. We kindly ask you to respond to a questionnaire which you may find on the Internet www.uta.fi/jkk/expat by October 10, 2014.

Around 1.3 million people with Finnish ancestry live abroad. Finnish expatriates have been researched before, but comprehensive survey data that would enable comparison are still lacking. However, the subject remains topical, and interest in Finnish expatriates has continuously increased in Finland. Furthermore, interest in Finland and Finnish society has increased among Finnish expatriates. With a questionnaire, it is possible to collect a representative data set regarding expatriates, enabling comparison for the first time.

You will be assured complete confidentiality. The answers will be compiled anonymously, and the data will be handled with absolute confidentiality. It is impossible to trace any of the answers to a respondent or to identify any individual. The research results will be published as a doctoral dissertation, which will be available in electronic form on the University of Tampere's website after its release. After the study is completed, the collected data will be stored in the Finnish Social Science Data Archive (FSD), to be available for researchers.

For additional information regarding the study, please contact Johanna Peltoniemi by telephone [contact information deleted] or e-mail: [contact information deleted].

Thank you for your valuable assistance!

Sincerely,

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Doctoral student	Professor in Political Science
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QUESTIONS RELATED TO NATIONAL IDENTITY

What is your current country of residence? Sweden Germany Great Britain Spain Canada USA Other

How long have you lived abroad (in a country other than Finland)?

Less than 5 years	1
6-10 years	2
11-15 years	3
16-20 years	4
More than 20 years	5
I have never lived in Finland	6
I have moved back to Finland	7

How much did the following things affect your decision to move abroad?
If you have migrated more than once, please consider the first time you migrated.

	Affected very much	Affected fair amount	Affected relatively little	Didn't affect at all	Can't choose
Work	1	2	3	4	9
Studies	1	2	3	4	9
Relationship with a foreigner	1	2	3	4	9
Migrated as a child with family	1	2	3	4	9
Migrated as a war child	1	2	3	4	9
Health issues	1	2	3	4	9
Climate	1	2	3	4	9
Interest in another country	1	2	3	4	9
Adventure or desire to experience new things	1	2	3	4	9

What is your mother tongue? Finnish Swedish English Spanish German French Other

Which language do you speak most often with your...

	Finnish	Swedish	English	Spanish	German	French	Other	Does not apply
Spouse?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Children?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Mother?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Father?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maternal grandparents?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Paternal grandparents?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

What are your current connections to Finland?

	Yes	No
I have family or relatives in Finland	1	2
I have friends in Finland	1	2
I have Finnish friends or friends with Finnish ancestry in my country of residence	1	2
I own property in Finland (apartment, summer cottage etc.)	1	2
I visit Finland because of business trips or I have other connections to Finland because of my work	1	2

How often do you visit Finland?

5 times a year or more
3-4 times a year
1-2 times a year
At least once every two years
At least once every five years
Less frequently than once every five years
I have never visited Finland

How close do you feel to...?

	Very close	Fairly close	Not very close	Not at all close	Can't choose
Your town or city	1	2	3	4	9
Your country of residence	1	2	3	4	9
Finland	1	2	3	4	9
Europe	1	2	3	4	9

Which region do you feel closest to?

Please select the three regions or places you feel closest to and place them in order of importance.

	The most important region or place for me	The second most important region or place for me	The third most important region or place for me
Birthplace (in Finland)	1	2	3
Birthplace (not in Finland)	1	2	3
The town or city you live in	1	2	3
Finland	1	2	3
Current country of residence	1	2	3
Europe	1	2	3
North America	1	2	3
Other	1	2	3

Which in the following list is most important to you in describing who you are? Please select the three groups which best describe how you identify yourself and place them in order of importance.

Current or previous occupation	_____
Race/ethnic background	_____
Gender	_____
Age group	_____
Religion	_____
Preferred political party, group or movement	_____
Nationality	_____
Family or marital status	_____
Social class	_____
The part of the country of residence that you live in	_____
Country of residence	_____

Some people say that the following things are important for being truly Finnish. Others say that they are not important. How important do you think each of the following is?

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not at all important	Can't choose
To have been born in Finland	1	2	3	4	9
To have Finnish citizenship	1	2	3	4	9
To have lived in Finland for most of one's life	1	2	3	4	9
To be able to speak Finnish or Swedish	1	2	3	4	9
To be a lutheran	1	2	3	4	9
To respect Finland's political institutions and laws	1	2	3	4	9
To feel Finnish	1	2	3	4	9
To have Finnish ancestry	1	2	3	4	9

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?						
	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
I would rather be a citizen of Finland than any other country	1	2	3	4	5	9
There are some things that make me feel ashamed of Finland	1	2	3	4	5	9
The world would be a better place if people from other countries were more like the Finnish	1	2	3	4	5	9
Generally speaking, Finland is a better country than most other countries	1	2	3	4	5	9
People should always support Finland, even if Finland is in the wrong	1	2	3	4	5	9
When Finland does well in international sports, it makes me feel proud to be Finnish	1	2	3	4	5	9
For the most of the time I am proud to be Finnish	1	2	3	4	5	9
I am often less proud of Finland than what I would like to be	1	2	3	4	5	9
I consider myself Finnish	1	2	3	4	5	9
I consider myself Finnish expatriate	1	2	3	4	5	9

How proud are you of Finland in each of the following?	Very proud	Somewhat proud	Not very proud	Not proud at all	Can't choose
The way democracy works	1	2	3	4	9
Political influence in the world	1	2	3	4	9
Economic achievements	1	2	3	4	9
Social security system	1	2	3	4	9
Scientific and technological achievements	1	2	3	4	9
Achievements in sports	1	2	3	4	9
Achievements in arts and literature	1	2	3	4	9
Armed forces	1	2	3	4	9
History	1	2	3	4	9
Fair and equal treatment of all the groups in society	1	2	3	4	5

Where would you place yourself in the following scale?										
In my opinion...										
It is better for society if different racial and ethnig groups maintain their distinct customs and traditions						It is better for society if different racial and ethnic groups adapt and blend into the larger society				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

When you moved from Finland to another country, did you experience that...	Agree strongly	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't Choose
...you were encouraged to learn a new language?	1	2	3	4	9
...you started to preference your mother tongue?	1	2	3	4	9
...you were expected to give up your own habits and traditions?	1	2	3	4	9
...you were expected to change your political opinions or habits?	1	2	3	4	9
...you were expected to change your religious beliefs or habits?	1	2	3	4	9
...you started to value your own culture more?	1	2	3	4	9

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Agree strongly	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
I have avoided using my mother tongue.	1	2	3	4	9
I have given up my own habits or traditions.	1	2	3	4	9
I have changed my political opinions or habits.	1	2	3	4	9
I have changed my religious beliefs or habits.	1	2	3	4	9
My own culture has stayed in the background.	1	2	3	4	9
I belong to the majority of the population in my current country of residence.	1	2	3	4	9

Do you follow Finnish culture or sports? Which kind and how often?

How would you describe your own national identity?

**The following question is for expatriates living in Great Britain, Spain and Canada.
What do you think about the separatist organisations and/or parties that function in your country of residence? ***

** e.g. English Democrats, Sinn Féin, SDLP, IRA, SNP and Plaid Cymru in Great Britain; CC, CDC, EAJ-PNV, ERC, ETA, ICV, MLNV (ENAM) in Spain; Bloc Québécois and PQ in Canada.*

QUESTIONS RELATED TO POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

How interested would you say you personally are in politics?	Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	Can't choose
Politics in Finland	1	2	3	4	9
Politics in my country of residence	1	2	3	4	9

On average, how often do you:	Daily	At least once a week	At least once a month	At least once a year	Never
Read a newspaper to obtain political news regarding Finland	1	2	3	4	9
Read a newspaper to obtain political news regarding your country of residence	1	2	3	4	9
Watch news on television or listen to radio to obtain political news regarding Finland	1	2	3	4	9
Watch news on television or listen to radio to obtain political news regarding your country of residence	1	2	3	4	9
Use the Internet to obtain political news or political information regarding Finland	1	2	3	4	9
Use the Internet to obtain political news or political information regarding your country of residence	1	2	3	4	9
Follow social media to obtain political information regarding Finland	1	2	3	4	9
Follow social media to obtain political information regarding your country of residence	1	2	3	4	9

Here are some different forms of political and social action that people can take. Please indicate for each one whether or not you have done any of these things or might do in future:

	I have in the past year	I have in the more distant past	I have not, but might	I have not and would never	Can't choose
Signed a petition	1	2	3	4	9
Boycotted, or deliberately bought, certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	1	2	3	4	9
Took part in a demonstration	1	2	3	4	9
Attended a political meeting or rally	1	2	3	4	9
Contacted, or attempted to contact, a politician or a civil servant to express your views	1	2	3	4	9
Donated money or raised funds for a social or political activity	1	2	3	4	9
Contacted or appeared in the media to express your views	1	2	3	4	9
Joined an internet political forum or discussion group	1	2	3	4	9

Since 2012 Finnish citizens have been able to have their initiatives considered by Parliament via an online service called Kansalaisaloite.fi. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Agree	Disagree	Can't choose
I have organised or supported a citizen's initiative	1	2	9
I have considered organising or supporting a citizen's initiative	1	2	9
I would have wanted to organise or support a citizen's initiative, but could not identify myself in the service	1	2	9
I can't identify myself in the service, because I don't have Finnish online banking codes, mobile network operator or e-ID	1	2	9
If I could identify myself in the service, I would organise or support a citizen's initiative	1	2	9

People sometimes belong to different kind of groups or associations. For each type of group, please indicate whether you belong and participate or not.

	Belong, actively participate	Belong, don't participate	Used to belong but not anymore	Never belonged	Can't choose
Political party	1	2	3	4	9
Trade union, business or professional association	1	2	3	4	9
Church or other religious organisation	1	2	3	4	9
Sports, leisure or cultural group	1	2	3	4	9
Finland Society	1	2	3	4	9
Another voluntary association	1	2	3	4	9

The voter turnout in Finland's elections among Finnish expatriates is traditionally very low, around 10 percent. In your opinion, what are the most important reasons for the low turnout? Choose the three most important reasons and place them in order of importance: 1=the most important, 2=the second most important and 3=the third most important.

- Voting is difficult, because the polling station is too far away _____
- There is a lack of knowledge of how voting is carried out _____
- Expatriates are not interested in Finnish politics and elections, and they are therefore indifferent to voting _____
- Expatriates just could not be bothered to vote _____
- There is a lack of knowledge of the Finnish elections, political parties and candidates _____
- There is a lack of knowledge of the political debate or current political issues in Finland _____
- Expatriates have no confidence in politics and politicians _____
- Expatriates believe that voting in Finland's elections would not benefit them _____
- Other _____

In your opinion, which would be the most effective means for increasing the turnout in Finland's elections among expatriates? Choose the three most effective means and place them in order of importance: 1=the most effective, 2=the second most effective and 3=the third most effective.

- Increasing the amount of polling stations _____
- Adopting postal voting _____
- Adopting internet voting _____
- Adopting mobile polling stations (e.g. polling buses) _____
- Receiving party programs and election material at home before elections _____
- Meeting party representatives _____
- Getting additional information about elections and voting practises generally speaking _____
- Getting additional information about the political debates and current political issues in Finland and about what parliament/the government/the president has accomplished during the previous term _____
- Other _____

Postal voting: Voter orders or collects postal voting material from Finnish mission or from Finland. Two witnesses attest that the voter has voted and that secrecy of the vote has been met. After this, the voter posts the vote to the municipal central election committee.

Internet voting: Voter registers online. After this, instructions for identification are sent via mail or text message. Voting is done via the Internet with a computer, tablet, smart phone or other similar device.

To facilitate greater votes in Finland's elections among Finnish expatriates, the possibility of enabling postal voting and internet voting has been considered. How useful would you consider these means for increasing the political participation of expatriates?

	Very useful	Fairly useful	Fairly useless	Completely useless	Can't choose
Adopting postal voting	1	2	3	4	9
Adopting internet voting	1	2	3	4	9

Finnish expatriates vote in different electoral districts. One suggestion for increasing expatriates' influence is to establish an electoral district for expatriates from which Members of Parliament would be elected. In your opinion, should Finnish expatriates have their own electoral district?

	Yes	No	Can't choose
Should Finnish expatriates have their own electoral district?	1	2	3

Do you vote in Finland's elections more frequently or less frequently than you did while you still lived in Finland?

When I lived in Finland, I voted more often than I do nowadays.	1
When I lived in Finland, I voted as often as I do nowadays.	2
When I lived in Finland I voted less often than nowadays.	3
I never voted when I lived in Finland, and I do not vote nowadays, either.	4
When I lived in Finland, I was not entitled to vote.	5
I have never lived in Finland.	6

What is the distance from where you live to the nearest polling station where you can vote in Finnish elections?

Less than 10 kilometres	11-20 km	21-30 km	31-40 km
41-50 km	51-60 km	61-70 km	71-80 km
81-90 km	91-100 km	101-200 km	201-300 km
301-400 km	401-500 km	501-600 km	601-700 km
701-800 km	801-900 km	901-1000 km	More than 1000 kilometres

During the time that you have lived abroad, have you voted in Finland's elections during the past 10 years?

	I voted	I didn't vote	I wasn't entitled to vote
Presidential elections	1	2	3
Parliamentary elections	1	2	3
European parliamentary elections	1	2	3

If you did not vote in Finland's elections, which were the most important reasons? Choose the three most important reasons and place them in order of importance: 1=the most important, 2=the second most important and 3=the third most important.

If you have voted in all of the elections during the past 10 years, please continue to the next question.

- I was not entitled to vote _____
- Voting was difficult because the polling station was too far away _____
- I didn't think voting would benefit me _____
- In my opinion, one vote doesn't affect the results of the elections _____
- I'm not interested in politics and am indifferent to voting _____
- I'm not interested in Finland's elections _____
- The time of the election was not convenient for me because of work or a trip _____
- I couldn't vote because of sickness or old age _____
- I didn't remember to vote _____
- I just couldn't be bothered to vote _____
- I didn't know the election was held _____
- In my opinion, I didn't know enough about the current political situation in Finland _____
- It was difficult to find a suitable party _____
- It was difficult to find a suitable candidate _____
- I wanted to protest against politics and politicians _____
- I have no confidence in politics and politicians _____
- Other _____

How probable it is that you would vote in Finland's elections if you had the possibility to vote using postal voting or internet voting?

	Definitely	Probably	Probably not	I wouldn't vote	Can't choose
I would vote by mail	1	2	3	4	9
I would vote via internet	1	2	3	4	9

Which party represents best your opinions?

- National Coalition Party (Kok) 1
- Social Democratic Party of Finland (SDP) 2
- Finns Party (PS) 3
- Centre Party (Kesk) 4
- Left Alliance (Vas) 5
- Swedish People's Party of Finland (RKP) 6
- Green League (Vihr) 7
- Christian Democrats of Finland (KD) 8
- Some other party or group 9
- Can't choose 10
- Don't want to say 11

Have you voted in the elections of your current country of residence during the past 10 years?

	Yes	No	Elections have not been held in my country of residence during the past 10 years
Presidential elections	1	2	3
Parliamentary elections	1	2	3
Regional elections	1	2	3
Local elections	1	2	3
European parliamentary elections	1	2	3
Referendum	1	2	3
I have never voted in any elections other than the elections held in Finland	1	2	3
I have never voted in any elections	1	2	3

What was the most important reason for you choosing not to vote in your country of residence?

If you have voted in all the elections held during the past 10 years in your country of residence, please continue to the next question.

- I was not entitled to vote _____
- Voting was difficult because the polling station was too far away _____
- I didn't think voting would benefit me _____
- In my opinion, one vote doesn't affect the results of the elections _____
- I'm not interested in politics and am indifferent to voting _____
- I'm not interested in the elections of my country of residence _____
- The time of the election was not convenient for me because of work or a trip _____
- I couldn't vote because of sickness or old age _____
- I didn't remember to vote _____
- I just couldn't be bothered to vote _____
- I didn't know the election was held _____
- In my opinion, I didn't know enough about the current political situation in my country of residence _____
- It was difficult to find a suitable party _____
- It was difficult to find a suitable candidate _____
- I wanted to protest against politics and politicians _____
- I have no confidence in politics and politicians _____
- Other _____

Is there something more you would like to share about your or other Finnish expatriates' political or societal participation?

Empty box for sharing additional information.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Are you?	Male	Female
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Year of birth? _____

Are you currently...	Single
	Married
	Registered partnership
	Living as married
	Divorced or separated
	Widowed
	Other

Are you a Finnish citizen?	Yes	No
I have Finnish citizenship	1	2
I have dual citizenship	1	2

At the time of your birth, were both, one or neither of your parents citizens of Finland?
Both were Finnish citizens
Only father was a Finnish citizen
Only mother was a Finnish citizen
Neither parent was a Finnish citizen

What is your highest level of education or degree?	
Still at school (comprehensive school, high school, vocational school, etc.)	1
Elementary school (folke schoole, kansakoulu)	2
Comprehensive school	3
Vocational school	4
Gymnasium or abitur	5
Polytechnic school	6
University	7
Licentiate or doctor	8

What is your current occupation or your latest occupation if you currently are inactive?	
Higher managerial position (employee)	1
Lower managerial/ professional employee	2
Intermediate level employee (clerical, technical, administrative)	3
Worker	4
Entrepreneur or self-employed	5
Farmer	6
Student	7
Homemaker	8
Unemployed	9
Other	10

Would you describe the place where you live as:	
Urban, a big city	1
The suburbs or outskirts of a big city	2
A small city or town	3
A country village	4
A farm or home in the country	5