

Appendix. The questionnaire

The questionnaire had 2500 respondents in Russia and 1206 in Denmark. The interviews were conducted by phone in Denmark and by face-to-face interviews in Russia, where phone ownership is not universal. The questionnaire is as similar as we could make it for the two countries.

Our key explanatory variables have been selected from two existing questionnaires. First, questions have been replicated from Krishna and Shrader (1999) concerning structural social capital, namely Q1 and 5 through 9. Second, cognitive aspects Q3 and 4, are taken from the World Values Survey, see Inglehart et al. (1998).

Putnam's Instrument

(Q1) and (Q2) How many voluntary organizations are you a member of:

| Name | Code from* | Number of contacts | | |
|------|------------|--------------------|-------|------|
| | | week | month | year |
| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | | | | |
| 5 | | | | |
| 6 | | | | |
| 7 | | | | |
| 8 up | | | | |

* Type codes, for number of contacts choose lowest time unit

| % of those, participated in a organization | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | Farmers'/fisherman's group | 11 | Parent group |
| 2 | Traders' association/business group | 12 | School committee |
| 3 | Cooperative | 13 | Health committee |
| 4 | Women's group | 14 | Water/waste |
| 5 | Credit/finance group (formal) | 15 | Sports group |
| 6 | Political group | 16 | NGO |
| 7 | Youth group | 17 | Civic group (ie, Rotarian) |
| 8 | Religious group | 18 | Professional Association |
| 9 | Cultural Association | 19 | Trade Union |
| 10 | Neighborhood/village association | 98 | Other |

Generalized trust

(Q3) Generally speaking, do you believe that most people can be trusted or can't you be too careful in dealing with people ?

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| Most people can be trusted | |
| You can't be too careful | |

Special trust (Trust in institutions)

(Q4) How much confidence do you have in the following institution?

| Institution | (1) A great deal | (2) Quite a lot | (3) Not very much | (4) None at all | (5) Hard to answer |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 The legal system | | | | | |
| 2 The police | | | | | |
| 3 The administration | | | | | |
| 4 The government | | | | | |

Special trust (local loans)

(Q5) Do you think that in this neighbourhood/village people generally trust each other in matters of lending and borrowing ?

| (1) Do trust | (2) Do not trust | (3) Don't know/ not sure | (4) No answer |
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Networks

(Q6) Suppose your neighbor suffered an economic loss, say (RURAL: “crop failure”; URBAN “job loss”). In that situation, who do you think would assist him/her financially? [Record first three mentioned.]

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| 1 | No one would help | |
| 2 | Family | |
| 3 | Neighbors | |
| 4 | Friends | |
| 5 | Religious leader or group | |
| 6 | Community leader | |
| 7 | Business leader | |
| 8 | Police | |
| 9 | Social authorities | |
| 10 | Patron/employer/benefactor | |
| 11 | Political leader | |
| 12 | Mutual support group to which s/he belongs | |
| 13 | Assistance group to which s/he belongs | |
| 14 | Other | |
| 15 | Don't know/not sure | |
| 16 | No answer | |

(Q7) People here look out mainly for the welfare of their own families and they are not much concerned with village/neighborhood welfare. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

| | | |
|---|---------------------|--|
| 1 | Strongly agree | |
| 2 | Agree | |
| 3 | Disagree | |
| 4 | Strongly disagree | |
| 5 | Don't know/not sure | |
| 6 | No answer | |

(Q8) Please tell me whether *in general* you agree or disagree with the following statements:

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| a Most people in this village/neighborhood are basically honest and can be trusted | | | | |
| b People are always interested only in their own welfare | | | | |
| c Members in this village/neighborhood are always more trustworthy than others | | | | |
| d In this village/neighborhood one has to be alert or someone is likely to take advantage of you | | | | |
| e If I have a problem there is always someone to help you | | | | |
| f I do not pay attention to the opinions of others in the village/neighborhood | | | | |
| g Most people in this village/neighborhood are willing to help if you need it | | | | |
| h This village/neighborhood has prospered in the last five years | | | | |
| i I feel accepted as a member of this village/neighborhood | | | | |
| j If you drop your purse or wallet in the neighborhood, someone will see it and return it to you | | | | |

Civic actions

(Q9) In the last three years have you personally done any of the following things

| | (1) Yes | (2) No | (3) Don't Know |
|---|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| a Voted in the election | | | |
| b Actively participated in an association | | | |
| c Made a personal contact with an influential person | | | |
| d Made newspapers, radio and TV interested in a problem | | | |
| e Actively participated in an information campaign | | | |
| f Actively participated in an election campaign | | | |
| g Taken part in a protest march or demonstration | | | |
| h Contacted your elected representative | | | |
| i Taken part in a sit-in or disruption of government meetings/offices | | | |
| j Talked with other people in your area about a problem | | | |
| k Notified the court or police about a problem | | | |
| l Made a donation of money or in-kind | | | |
| m Volunteered for a charitable organization | | | |

Background variables

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| Gender | Male | |
| | Female | |

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| Age | 18-24 | |
| | 25-34 | |
| | 35-44 | |
| | 45-59 | |
| | 60- | |

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| Education | Incomplete middle | |
| | Middle, specialized middle | |
| | Incomplete higher, higher | |

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| Social position | Businessman | |
| | Manager | |
| | Professional (with higher education) | |
| | Blue collar worker | |
| | Supporting personnel (no higher education) | |
| | Military | |
| | Student | |
| | Unemployed | |
| | Pensioner | |
| | Housewife | |

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| Monthly per capita income (in roubles) | Below 600 | |
| | 600-1000 | |
| | 1000-1500 | |
| | 1500-2000 | |
| | Above 2000 | |

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| Type of population center | Cities 1mil and above | |
| | 300,000-1,000,000 | |
| | 100,000-300,000 | |
| | Towns below 100,000 | |
| | Rural | |

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| Regions (Federal Districts) | St.Petersburg | |
| | Moscow | |
| | Urals | |
| | Privolzhski (Volga) | |
| | Yuzhnyi (Southern) | |
| | Severo-Zapadnyi (North-Western) | |
| | Tsentrlnyi (Central) | |