### Table A1. Relative distributions of the dependent and independent variables

| Variables                        | February | March  | April | May   | June  | July  |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| **Trust in the prime minister**  |          |        |       |       |       |       |
| No trust at all                  | 33.2     | 31.3   | 28.4  | 29.3  | 32.2  | 32.6  |
| Little trust                     | 35.1     | 39.5   | 32.2  | 33.8  | 31.7  | 34.0  |
| Some trust                       | 26.5     | 24.8   | 32.0  | 31.1  | 29.4  | 26.4  |
| A lot of trust                   | 5.2      | 4.4    | 7.5   | 5.8   | 6.7   | 7.0   |
| **Sociotropic economic evaluation** |        |        |       |       |       |       |
| Very bad                         | 15.0     | 11.6   | 6.0   | 16.5  | 26.2  | 24.7  |
| Bad                              | 31.3     | 29.5   | 26.6  | 40.3  | 51.5  | 50.4  |
| (not asked)                      | 46.8     | 50.4   | 11.9  | 9.7   | 9.1   | 9.2   |
| Good                             | 6.5      | 8.2    | 53.5  | 32.3  | 12.8  | 15.2  |
| Very good                        | 0.4      | 0.3    | 2.0   | 1.1   | 0.4   | 0.5   |
| **Egotropic economic evaluation** |        |        |       |       |       |       |
| Very bad                         | 3.7      | 3.5    | 3.8   | 4.7   | 4.4   | 6.2   |
| Bad                              | 13.0     | 12.0   | 15.8  | 14.4  | 17.1  | 15.8  |
| (not asked)                      | 47.2     | 48.8   | 10.3  | 11.7  | 14.3  | 14.2  |
| Good                             | 35.0     | 34.9   | 66.0  | 65.5  | 60.1  | 60.7  |
| Very good                        | 1.1      | 0.8    | 4.0   | 3.6   | 4.0   | 3.1   |
| **Measures to fight the pandemic** |        |        |       |       |       |       |
| Not necessary at all             | -        | -      | 0.5   | 1.0   | 1.3   | 1.5   |
| Little necessary                 | -        | -      | 1.6   | 2.5   | 6.1   | 8.1   |
| (not asked)                      | -        | -      | 0.1   | 0.4   | 2.0   | 1.2   |
| Necessary                        | -        | -      | 24.8  | 36.0  | 33.6  | 34.1  |
| Very necessary                   | -        | -      | 73.0  | 60.1  | 57.0  | 55.1  |
| **Health hazard due to Covid-19 – national** |         |        |       |       |       |       |
| Covid-19 is the main national problem | -      | -      | 44.7  | 23.9  | 13.9  | 17.2  |
| **Health hazard due to Covid-19 – personal** |         |        |       |       |       |       |
| Covid-19 is the problem that affects the respondent the most | -      | -      | 41.3  | 26.0  | 26.2  | 24.1  |
| **Concern about Covid-19**       |          |        |       |       |       |       |
| Not at all                       | -        | -      | 0.4   | 0.6   | 0.9   | 0.9   |
| A little                         | -        | -      | 2.6   | 0.4   | 0.8   | 0.5   |
| (not asked)                      | -        | -      | 1.2   | 2.0   | 4.0   | 3.4   |
| Somewhat                         | -        | -      | 37.0  | 37.0  | 42.1  | 46.7  |
| Very much                        | -        | -      | 58.9  | 60.0  | 52.3  | 48.5  |
| **Party vote**                   |          |        |       |       |       |       |
| PSOE                             | 36.7     | 34.9   | 35.4  | 35.4  | 35.9  | 37.9  |
| PP                               | 18.9     | 15.7   | 17.9  | 16.9  | 16.2  | 16.8  |
| **Left-right placement**         |          |        |       |       |       |       |
| Left-wingers (2)                 | 71.0     | 74.3   | 72.4  | 73.6  | 77.5  | 76.0  |
| Right-wingers (1)                | 29.0     | 25.7   | 27.6  | 26.4  | 22.5  | 24.0  |
| N                                | 2173-2946| 2812-3889| 2798-3798| 2798-3798| 2931-4252| 2126-3023|

Sources: CIS, Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas, Barometers February to April 2020 (at: http://www.cis.es/cis/openen/ES/11_barometros/index.jsp).

Note: (1) Includes respondents who self-positioned themselves in points 6 to 10 of the scale, inclusive; (2) Includes respondents who self-positioned themselves in points 1 to 5 of the scale, inclusive.
Table A2. Explaining trust in the Spanish prime minister in February-July, and in April-July 2020 (DV: 0= don’t trust; 1=trust)

|                      | February – July 2020 | April – July 2020 |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                      | Model 1              | Model 2           | Model 3              | Model 4              |
|                      | Exp(B)  B (se)  Exp(B)  B (se) | Exp(B)  B (se)  Exp(B)  B (se) | Exp(B)  B (se)  Exp(B)  B (se) |
| Month dummy (March=1)| 1.01  -0.11  (0.05) | 0.63  -0.47*** (0.06) |
| Month dummy (April=1)| 1.49  0.40*** (0.06) | 0.82  -0.20** (0.07) |
| Month dummy (May=1)  | 1.27  0.24*** (0.05) | 0.88  -0.13* (0.06) | 0.85  -0.16** (0.06) | 1.22  0.20* (0.08) |
| Month dummy (June=1) | 1.39  0.33*** (0.05) | 1.31  0.27*** (0.05) | 0.91  -0.10 (0.06) | 1.87  0.62*** (0.08) |
| Month dummy (July=1) | 1.15  0.14** (0.06) | 0.97  -0.03 (0.06) | 0.75  -0.29*** (0.07) | 1.41  0.34*** (0.09) |
| Sociotropic economic evaluation (very good=5) | 1.75  0.57**** (0.02) | 1.77  0.57**** (0.03) |
| Egotropic economic evaluation (very good=5)   | 1.13  0.12*** (0.02) | 1.06  0.06* (0.03) |
| Measures to fight the pandemic (very necessary=5) | 1.39  0.33*** (0.04) |
| Health hazard due to Covid-19 – national (=1)  | 1.22  0.20** (0.07) |
| Health hazard due to Covid-19 – personal (=1)  | 1.05  0.05 (0.06) |
| Concern about Covid-19 (a lot=5)               | 1.04  0.04 (0.04) |
| PSOE dummy (=1)                                  | 3.54  1.26*** (0.04) | 2.76  1.02*** (0.06) |
| PP dummy (=1)                                    | 0.27  -1.31*** (0.09) | 0.35  -1.07*** (0.11) |
| Left-right positioning (right=10)               | 0.71  -0.34*** (0.01) | 0.72  -0.33*** (0.02) |
| Education (higher=6)                             | 0.96  -0.04** (0.01) | 0.97  -0.03 (0.02) |
| Age                                               | 1.01  0.01*** (0.00) | 1.01  0.01*** (0.00) |
| Gender (male=1)                                  | 0.89  -0.11** (0.03) | 0.85  -0.16** (0.05) |
| Constant                                          | 0.51  -0.67*** (0.02) | 0.22  -1.52*** (0.12) | 0.75  -0.28*** (0.05) | 0.05  -3.01*** (0.33) |
| Negelkerke                                        | 0.01  0.38 | 0.00  0.37 |
| N                                                 | 21426 | 8325 |

Sources: CIS. Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas. Barometers February to July 2020 (at: http://www.cis.es/cis/openem/ES/11_barometros/index.jsp).
Note: Models estimate logistic regression (standard errors in parentheses). *** p<.001; **p<.01; *p<.05.
Table A3. Explaining trust in the Spanish prime minister during the early months of the Covid-19 pandemic (DV: 1 = no trust at all; 2 = little trust; 3 = some trust; 4 = lot of trust)

|                | February | March   | April   | May     | June    | July    |
|----------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                | Exp(B)   | B (se)  | Exp(B)  | B (se)  | Exp(B)  | B (se)  |
| Sociotropic economic evaluation (very good=5) | 1.65     | 0.50*** (0.06) | 1.85   | 0.62*** (0.06) | 1.64 | 0.50*** (0.05) | 1.74 | 0.55*** (0.04) | 1.79 | 0.58*** (0.05) | 1.87 | 0.63*** (0.06) |
| Egototropic economic evaluation (very good=5) | 1.02     | 0.02 (0.06) | 1.04   | 0.04 (0.06) | 1.13 | 0.12* (0.05) | 1.07 | 0.06 (0.14) | 1.05 | 0.05 (0.05) | 0.99 | -0.02 (0.05) |
| Measures to fight the pandemic (very necessary=5) | 1.45     | 0.37*** (0.09) | 1.26   | 0.23*** (0.06) | 1.39 | 0.33*** (0.05) | 1.39 | 0.33*** (0.06) |
| Health hazard due to Covid-19 – national (=1) | 1.71     | 0.54*** (0.09) | 1.46   | 0.38*** (0.10) | 1.39 | 0.33*** (0.08) | 1.11 | 0.11 (0.09) | 1.39 | 0.33*** (0.11) | 1.32 | 0.28 (0.12) | 1.47 | 0.38*** (0.12) | 1.50 | 0.41** (0.13) |
| Health hazard due to Covid-19 – personal (=1) | 0.99     | -0.01 (0.09) | 1.04   | 0.03 (0.10) | 1.02 | 0.02 (0.11) | 1.00 | -0.01 (0.09) | 1.30 | 0.26** (0.08) | 1.11 | 0.10 (0.09) | 1.16 | 0.15 (0.11) | 1.15 | 0.14 |
| Concern about Covid-19 (a lot=5) | 0.81     | -0.21*** (0.06) | 0.83   | -0.19** (0.07) | 1.00 | 0.00 (0.05) | 1.02 | 0.02 (0.07) | 0.84 | -0.17** (0.06) | 0.89 | -0.12 (0.07) | 0.92 | -0.09 (0.07) | 0.96 | -0.04 (0.08) |
| PSOE dummy (=1) | 6.90     | 1.93*** (0.11) | 7.18   | 1.97*** (0.10) | 4.09 | 1.41*** (0.11) | 1.73 | 0.55*** (0.09) | 3.01 | 1.10*** (0.09) | 4.47 | 1.50*** (0.12) |
| PP dummy (=1) | 0.40     | -0.91*** (0.16) | 0.44   | -0.82*** (0.14) | 0.36 | -1.03*** (0.15) | 0.64 | -0.44*** (0.13) | 0.27 | -1.31*** (0.15) | 0.37 | -1.60*** (0.18) |
| Left-right positioning (right=10) | 0.60     | -0.50*** (0.03) | 0.70   | -0.36*** (0.02) | 0.68 | -0.39*** (0.03) | 0.83 | -0.19*** (0.02) | 0.67 | -0.41*** (0.03) | 0.63 | -0.47*** (0.03) |
| Education (higher=6) | 0.88     | -0.12*** (0.03) | 0.93   | -0.08** (0.03) | 0.88 | -0.12*** (0.04) | 0.95 | -0.06 (0.05) | 0.94 | -0.07*** (0.03) | 0.96 | -0.04 (0.04) |
| Age | 1.01     | 0.01** (0.00) | 1.01   | 0.01** (0.00) | 1.01 | 0.01** (0.00) | 1.01 | 0.01** (0.00) | 1.01 | 0.01** (0.00) | 1.01 | 0.01** (0.00) |
| Gender (male=1) | 0.82     | -0.20* (0.09) | 0.91   | -0.10 (0.08) | 0.94 | -0.06 (0.09) | 0.91 | -0.10 (0.08) | 0.79 | -0.24** (0.08) | 0.90 | -0.11 (0.10) |
| AIC | 3615.32 | 4866.62 | 260.80 | 3870.86 | 246 | 5345.26 | 307.57 | 4775.74 | 257.63 | 3225.40 |
| BIC | 3676.74 | 4930.84 | 296.37 | 3954.47 | 282.53 | 5431.64 | 344.53 | 4862.23 | 292.44 | 3306.66 |

Sources: CIS. Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas. Barometers February to April 2020 (at: http://www.cis.es/cis/opencm/ES-11_barometros/index.jsp).
Note: Models estimate ordinal logistic regression (standard errors in parentheses). *** p<.001; **p<.01; *p=0.05.