

## Assignment of Questions to smartspider Axes

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### smartspider methodology

The smartspider graph consists of five axes each representing a specific policy issue or a political goal. Questions can be assigned to none, one or several axes.

- The code “1” indicates that answering a question with “yes” will move the position of the voter or candidate towards the goal on the specific axis (moving towards the outer edge) – a “no” answer will subsequently move the position of the voter or candidate in the opposite direction (towards the centre of the smartspider).
- The code “-1” indicates a situation vice versa: A “no” answer will move the position towards the specific political goal (moving outwards) and a “yes” answer will cause the position to move towards the centre.
- The code “0” indicates that the specific question is not assigned to an axis.

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## Question assignment for the 2021 Sikyong and 17th Tibetan parliamentary elections:

### Categories and Questions

Culture & Language		Open Society	Political Reform	Cultural Preservation	Middle Way Approach	Expanded Welfare & Education
1	Do you agree that one must speak Tibetan to be able to say you are Tibetan?	0	0	1	0	0
2	Is it the responsibility of the CTA to provide Tibetan language programs for Tibetan children as well as adults living outside of India and Nepal?	0	0	1	0	1
3	Should public CTA documents and forms be made available in English in addition to Tibetan?	0	0	-1	0	0
4	Should Tibetan groups and individuals launch more projects and support initiatives to preserve the Tibetan language inside Tibet?	0	0	1	0	0
5	Do you agree that it should be compulsory to wear Tibetan traditional clothes on Wednesday (also known as Lhakar)?	0	0	1	0	0
Political System		Open Society	Political Reform	Cultural Preservation	Middle Way Approach	Expanded Welfare & Education
6	Do you support the current situation in which monks and nuns have two votes in the election (one for the traditional province and one for the religious school)?	0	-1	0	0	0
7	Should seat allocation in the parliament be adjusted in proportion to the growing number of Tibetans living outside of India, Nepal and Bhutan?	0	1	0	0	0

8	Should religious schools continue to have reserved seats in the parliament?	0	-1	1	0	0
9	Are you in favour of civil society organizations being banned from supporting election campaign related activities?	0	-1	0	0	0
10	Should every Tibetan be allowed to vote, even if they do not have a complete record of Green Book contributions?	0	1	0	0	0
11	Do you agree that the political rights of Tibetans of mixed heritage should be limited?	-1	0	0	0	0
12	Should the right to freedom of speech exclude criticism against religious figures?	-1	0	0	0	0
13	Do you think that employees at the Offices of Tibet should receive additional training in diplomacy and language skills?	0	0	0	0	0
14	Do you think the CTA should take more measures to become a financially self-reliant organisation?	0	1	0	0	0
15	Should Tibetans who adopt Indian citizenship have reduced access to CTA services (e.g. scholarships, job opportunities within the CTA, etc.)?	0	0	0	0	-1
16	Should the interests of the Tibetan people living inside Tibet be better represented in CTA's initiatives and projects?	0	0	0	0	0
17	Should the CTA aim for equal gender representation in leadership positions within all CTA departments?	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Social Services, Education &amp; Health</b>		<b>Open Society</b>	<b>Political Reform</b>	<b>Cultural Preservation</b>	<b>Middle Way Approach</b>	<b>Expanded Welfare &amp; Education</b>

18	Do you agree to invest more resources to provide individual career counselling to all Tibetan students of CTA schools in India and Nepal starting in 10th grade? <i>(Remember an increase in expenditures could result in a decrease for other areas.)</i>	0	0	0	0	1
19	Should the CTA increase teacher's salary to retain high quality teachers in future? <i>(Remember an increase in expenditures could result in a decrease for other areas.)</i>	0	0	0	0	1
20	Should the CTA strive to provide for public health insurance for all Tibetans in India, Nepal and Bhutan?	0	0	0	0	1
21	Do you think that physical health problems should be taken more seriously than mental health issues?	-1	0	0	0	0
22	Due to the current pandemic many Tibetan small business owners have significant reduced income: Do you think it is the responsibility of the CTA to support these Tibetans financially?	0	0	0	0	1
23	Should the CTA provide institutional care (e.g. nursing, housing, financial aid, etc.) for Tibetan people with special needs, mental health issues or older persons rather than the individuals and their families themselves?	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Tibetan Society &amp; Social Values</b>		<b>Open Society</b>	<b>Political Reform</b>	<b>Cultural Preservation</b>	<b>Middle Way Approach</b>	<b>Expanded Welfare &amp; Education</b>
24	Do you think that there is an issue of sexual and gender-based violence in Tibetan society that should be openly discussed?	1	0	0	0	0
24	Do you think women should have the right to obtain an abortion?	1	0	0	0	0

26	Do you think a marriage should only be between a man and a woman?	-1	0	0	0	0
27	Do you agree that discrimination based on race or ethnicity is an important issue within Tibetan society?	1	0	0	0	0
28	Do you agree that diverging opinions from the Middle Way Approach in our society harm our unity?	-1	0	0	0	0
<b>Tibet's Future</b>		<b>Open Society</b>	<b>Political Reform</b>	<b>Cultural Preservation</b>	<b>Middle Way Approach</b>	<b>Expanded Welfare &amp; Education</b>
29	Do you think the CTA should prioritize human rights advocacy work by increasing resources and training staff? <i>(Remember an increase in expenditures could result in a decrease for other areas.)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
30	Do you think that the Tibetan freedom movement should invest more advocacy work for Tibet's environment? <i>(Remember an increase in expenditures could result in a decrease for other areas.)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
31	Are you in favour of investing more resources in the monitoring of the situation inside Tibet? <i>(Remember an increase in expenditures could result in a decrease for other areas.)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
32	Should the CTA take a more active role in the discussion about the time after His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama?	0	0	0	0	0
33	Should Tibetan independence (Rangzen) be the goal of the CTA?	0	0	0	-1	0
34	Do you support the «Memorandum on Genuine Autonomy for the Tibetan People»?	0	0	0	1	0

35	Do you think it is necessary to evaluate the current strategy of the Sino-Tibetan dialogue?	0	0	0	-1	0
36	Do you think the CTA should work with other groups and movements such as Uighurs, Taiwan, Hong Kong, etc.?	0	0	0	-1	0
37	Are you in favour of the CTA becoming more involved in the Tibet Support Groups' activities?	0	0	0	-1	0