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Interview guide 1: Views on political transformation

Semi-structured interview

Research question: How do students believe political transformation can be realistically achieved?

Topic I: Biographical background of the person

Who is the person I'm talking to?

Activity: Are they active in a political party or another organization?

Knowledge: What do they know about political and societal issues?

Understanding: How do they understand political transformation?

Topic II: Issue areas

Fields: In which societal areas do they see issues? How are the issues characterized?

What causes the issues?

How can the issues be addressed by political transformation?

Topic III: Transformation

Will political transformation take place? If yes, how?

Is political transformation necessary?

Enablers: What enables political transformation?

Barriers: What hinders political transformation?

Ideals vs. reality: How should political transformation take place?

Interview guide 2: Views on political transformation
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1. Personal Information

Field of Study: _____

Are you politically engaged?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, in which area? (Multiple answers possible)

☐ Political party

☐ Environmental / social movement

☐ Student initiative

☐ NGO

☐ Other: _____

2. Definition and Necessity of Political Transformation

Political transformation means to me (multiple answers possible):

☐ Fundamental change of the political system

☐ Adjustments to political processes

☐ More citizen participation

☐ Other: _____

Do you think political transformation is necessary?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

3. Personal Political Engagement

Do you believe student engagement can lead to political change?

☐ Yes, to a large extent

☐ Yes, to a small extent

☐ No

What are the main barriers preventing your political engagement? (Multiple answers possible)

☐ Lack of time

☐ Lack of interest

☐ Feeling of having no influence

☐ Other: _____

4. Perceived Barriers

Which of the following factors do you think hinder political transformation in general? (Multiple answers possible)

- ☐ Political institutions and bureaucracy
- ☐ Lack of transparency
- ☐ Influence of lobby groups
- ☐ Social inequality
- ☐ Other: _____

5. Important Political Challenges

Please rate the importance of the following topics for political transformation (1 = unimportant, 5 = very important):

Topic	1	2	3	4	5
Climate Crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Justice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peace Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Political Participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Optimism / Pessimism

How optimistic are you that positive political transformation can succeed in the next 10 years?

- ☐ Very optimistic
- ☐ Somewhat optimistic
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat pessimistic
- ☐ Very pessimistic

7. Pathways and Actors of Political Transformation

Which of the following pathways do you consider most effective for achieving political transformation? (Multiple answers possible)

- ☐ Political elections
- ☐ Protests and demonstrations
- ☐ Education and awareness
- ☐ Engagement in parties / organizations
- ☐ Lobbying and advocacy

Which actors do you consider most important? (Multiple answers possible)

- ☐ Politicians
- ☐ Citizens and voters
- ☐ Youth and student movements
- ☐ Media
- ☐ NGOs and social initiatives
- ☐ Other: _____

8. General Assessment

How do you think political transformation should be achieved? (Please select one answer)

- ☐ Through gradual reforms and adjustments within the existing political system
- ☐ Through fundamental and profound changes to political structures
- ☐ Through social engagement and movements outside formal politics
- ☐ Through education and raising awareness among the population
- ☐ Through enhanced political participation and citizen involvement
- ☐ Through international cooperation and the influence of global organizations
- ☐ Other: _____

Do you feel like adding anything else to the whole topic?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes: _____