

BELGIUM 1982 Election Study

Methodology:

Each national survey was conducted by a professional polling agency. Representative samples of the total population of age fifteen years and older were drawn in each country. The sampling designs were either multi-stage national probability samples or national stratified quota samples. In the administration of the Euro-Barometers, samples of Great Britain and of Northern Ireland are drawn independently of each other. Thus, a weighting factor for the United Kingdom is necessary to maintain the representativeness of the United Kingdom sample. In all, Eurobarometer 24 interviewed 9,689 citizens of the 10 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over.

Total Sample: 337.

Variables:

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
voteint	If there were a "General Election" tomorrow (SAY IF CONTACT UNDER 18 YEARS: and you had a vote), which party would you vote for? 10. COMMUNIST PARTY 20. SOCIALIST PARTY-FRENCH 21. SOCIALIST PARTY-FLEMISH 40. LIBERAL PARTY-FRENCH 41. LIBERAL PARTY-FLEMISH 43. LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY 50. PEOPLE'S UNION 51. WALLOON UNION 52. FRANCOPHONE FRONT 53. WALLOON PARTY OF REFORMS AND LIBERTY 55. ECOLOGISTS 60. CHRISTIAN SOCIALISTS-FRENCH 61. CHRISTIAN SOCIALISTS-FLEMISH 80. UDRT-RAD 90. OTHER PARTY 95. BLANK BALLOT 96. NO PARTY PREFERENCE 99. DK; NA	Recoded such that: 1 Liberals 2 Socialist 3 Green 4 Christian 'Other', 'DK', and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
male	Sex of respondent 1 Male 2 Female	Recoded such that: 0 Female 1 Male
Age	Can you tell me your date of birth please?	Exact age in years is coded.
Dutch	Which Language do you speak at home? 0 French 1 Dutch	

Urban	Would you say you live in a:	
	1 Rural area or village	
	2 Small or middle size town	
	3 Big town	
eduagerc	0 DK; NA How old were you when you finished your full-time education?	This variable is constructed by making use of education and age variables. Recoded such that:
	01 Up to 14 years	01 Up to 14 years
	02 15 years	02 15 years
	03 16 years	03 16 years
	04 17 years	04 17 years
	05 18 years	05 18 years
	06 19 years	06 19 years
	07 20 years	07 20 years
	08 21 years	08 21 years
	09 22 years	09 22 years
	10 Still studying	
	00 DK; NA	For category 10, 'still studying', the age of the respondent is coded in.
Edulevel	edulevel=eduagerc	Recoded such that:
		1 no HS (category 1)
		2 some HS (categories 2 and 3)
		3 HS (categories 4 and 5)
		4 college (categories 6, 7 and 8)
		5 post college or grad (category 9)
Income	Family income in quartiles:	Recoded such that:
	1 Lowest quartile	1 Lowest quartile
	2	2 Second quartile
	3	3 Third quartile
	4 Highest quartile	4 High quartile
	0 NA	
notrelig	Independently of whether you go to church or not, would you say you are	
	1 A religious person	
	2 Not a religious person	

Occrec	<p>3 A convinced atheist 0 DK; NA OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD</p> <p>01 Farmers, fishermen (Skippers) 02 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc. 03 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors 04 Manual worker 05 White collar – office worker 06 Executive, top management, director 07 Retired 08 Housewife, not otherwise employed 09 Student, military service 10 Unemployed</p>	<p>Recorded such that:</p> <p>1 manual 2 nonmanual 3 inactive</p>
Occrec1		Coded such that
Occrec2		<p>0 Other professions 1 Farmer or Fisherman Coded such that</p>
Occrec3		<p>0 Other professions 1 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc. Coded such that</p>
retnat	<p>How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months</p> <p>1 Got a lot better 2 Got a little better 3 Stayed the same 4 Got a little worse 5 Got a lot worse 0 DK; NA</p>	<p>This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:</p> <p>_Iretnat_1 – Got better _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same _Iretnat_3 – Got worse</p>
Lrself	In political matters, people talk	

of “the Left” and “the Right”.
How would you place your
views on this scale?

01 Left

02

03

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09

10 Right

00 DK; NA

Demsat

On the whole, are you very
satisfied, fairly satisfied, not
very satisfied or not at all
satisfied with the way
democracy works (in your
country)?

1 Very satisfied

2 Fairly satisfied

3 Not very satisfied

4 Not at all satisfied

0 DK; NA

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