

BELGIUM 1983 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 9,718 citizens of the 10 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over.

Total Sample: 326.

Variables:

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
voteint	<p>If there were a "General Election" tomorrow (SAY IF CONTACT UNDER 18 YEARS: and you had a vote), which party would you vote for?</p> <p>10. COMMUNIST PARTY 20. SOCIALIST PARTY-FRENCH 21. SOCIALIST PARTY-FLEMISH 41. LIBERAL PARTY-FLEMISH 50. PEOPLE'S UNION 51. FRANCOPHONE FRONT-WALLOON UNION 53. PARTY OF REFORMS AND LIBERTY 55. ECOLOGISTS 60. CHRISTIAN SOCIALISTS-FRENCH 61. CHRISTIAN SOCIALISTS-FLEMISH 80. UDRT-RAD 90. OTHER PARTY</p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>Socialist Liberal Green Christian</p> <p>'Other', 'DK', and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.</p>
male	<p>Sex of respondent</p> <p>1 Male 2 Female</p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>0 Female 1 Male</p>
Age	<p>Can you tell me your date of birth please?</p>	<p>Exact age in years is coded.</p>
Urban	<p>Would you say you live in a:</p> <p>1 Rural area or village 2 Small or middle size town 3 Big town</p>	
eduagerc	<p>0 DK; NA</p> <p>How old were you when you finished your full-time education?</p>	<p>This variable is constructed by making use of education and age variables. Recoded such that:</p>

	01 Up to 14 years 02 15 years 03 16 years 04 17 years 05 18 years 06 19 years 07 20 years 08 21 years 09 22 years 10 Still studying 00 DK; NA	01 Up to 14 years 02 15 years 03 16 years 04 17 years 05 18 years 06 19 years 07 20 years 08 21 years 09 22 years 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: 1 Lowest quartile 2 3 4 Highest quartile 0 NA	Recoded such that: 1 Lowest quartile 2 Second quartile 3 Third quartile 4 High quartile
notrelig	Independently of whether you go to church or not, would you say you are 1 A religious person 2 Not a religious person 3 A convinced atheist 0 DK; NA	
Occrec	OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD 01 Farmers, fishermen (Skippers) 02 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc. 03 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors	Recoded such that: 1 manual 2 nonmanual 3 inactive

- 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

Occrec1

Coded such that

- 0 Other professions
 - 1 Farmer or Fisherman
- Coded such that

Occrec2

- 0 Other professions
 - 1 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.
- Coded such that

Occrec3

- 0 Other professions
- 1 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors

Dutch

Which Language do you speak at home?

- 0 French
- 1 Dutch

retnat

How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months

This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:

- 1 Got a lot better
- 2 Got a little better
- 3 Stayed the same
- 4 Got a little worse
- 5 Got a lot worse

- _Iretnat_1 – Got better
- _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same
- _Iretnat_3 – Got worse

0 DK; NA

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
04
05
06
07
08
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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SUPPORT FOR COMMON MARKET INDEX - CONSTRUCTED FROM Q.242 AND Q.244

1. LOW - CODED 2 ON Q.242 AND 3 ON Q.244

2. CODED 0 OR 3 ON Q.242 AND 3 ON Q.244; OR 2 ON Q.242

AND 0 OR 2 ON Q.244

3. CODED 0 OR 3 ON Q.242 AND 0 OR 2 ON Q.244; OR 1 ON

Q.242 AND 3 ON Q.244; OR 2 ON Q.242 AND 1 ON Q.244

4. CODED 0 OR 3 ON Q.242 AND 1 ON Q.244; OR 1 ON Q.242

AND 0 OR 2 ON Q.244

5. HIGH - CODED 1 ON Q.242 AND 1 ON Q.244

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