

## **BELGIUM 1984 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.

Total Sample: 452.

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint2	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 41. LIBERAL PARTY-FLEMISH 50. PEOPLE'S UNION 51. FRANCOPHONE FRONT-WALLOON UNION 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 98 Will not vote 99 DK/NA	Recoded such that:  Liberal Green Christian Socialist  '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.
Urban	Would you say you live in a:  1 Rural area or village 2 Small or middle size town 3 Big town  0 DK; NA	

eduagerc	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 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:	Recoded such that:
	1 Lowest quartile 2 3 4 Highest quartile 0 NA	1 Lowest quartile 2 Second quartile 3 Third quartile 4 High quartile
notrelig	Whether you do or you don't follow religious practices, would you say that you are...?	Recoded such that:
	1 Religious person 2 A non religious person 3 A confirmed atheist 0 DK/NA	1 Religious 2 Not religious 3 An agnostic 4 An atheist
		The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
Occrec	OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	Recoded such that:
	01 Farmers, fishermen	1 manual 2 nonmanual

	(Skippers)	3 inactive
	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	
Occrec1		Coded such that
		0 Other professions
		1 Farmer or Fisherman
Occrec2		Coded such that
		0 Other professions
		1 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.
Occrec3		Coded such that
		0 Other professions
		1 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors
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	_Iretnat_1 – Got better
	2 Got a little better	_Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same
	3 Stayed the same	_Iretnat_3 – Got worse
	4 Got a little worse	
	5 Got a lot 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	

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10 Right

00 DK; NA

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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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INDEX - CONSTRUCTED  
FROM Q.176 AND Q.240

1. LOW - CODED 2 AT Q.176  
AND CODED 3 AT Q.240  
2. CODED 0 OR 3 AT Q.176  
AND 3 AT Q.240; OR 2 AT  
Q.176  
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.240  
3. CODED 0 OR 3 AT Q.176  
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.240; OR 1  
AT  
Q.176 AND 3 AT Q.240; OR 2  
ON Q.176 AND 1 AT Q.240  
4. CODED 0 OR 3 AT Q.176  
AND 1 AT Q.240; OR 1 AT  
Q.176  
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.240  
5. HIGH - CODED 1 AT Q.176  
AND 1 AT Q.240

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