

BELGIUM 1985 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 11,849 citizens of the 12 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over.

Total Sample: 565.

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. PARTY OF REFORMS AND LIBERTY 55. ECOLOGISTS 60. CHRISTIAN SOCIALISTS—FRENCH 61. CHRISTIAN SOCIALISTS—FLEMISH 80. UDRT-RAD 90. OTHER PARTIES 95. BLANK BALLOT 99. DK/NA	Recoded such that: Liberal Flemish 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	
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
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

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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)

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And, how important is God in your life? Please use the card to indicate – 10 means very important, and 1 means not at all important:

Recoded such that:

1 Great importance
2 Some importance
3 Only of little importance

1 Not at all
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9

Categories 4 and 9 are recoded as missing.

10 Very
00. DK/NA
OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

Occrec

Recoded such that:

01 Farmers, fishermen (Skippers)
02 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.

1 manual
2 nonmanual
3 inactive

- 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
Occrec2		0 Other professions 1 Farmer or Fisherman Coded such that
Occrec3		0 Other professions 1 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc. Coded such that
Region	In which Linguistic region do you live?	0 Other professions 1 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors 1. WALLOON 2. FLANDERS
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	
	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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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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