

BELGIUM 1986 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 26 interviewed 11,837 citizens of the 12 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over.

Total Sample: 492.

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)

Notrelig

Do you personally feel, irrespective of how often you go to church, that your religion is of great importance, some importance, or only of little importance in your life?

Recoded such that:

1 Great importance
 2 Some importance
 3 Only of little importance

1 Great importance
 2 Some importance
 3 Only of little importance
 4 Don't know, no reply
 9 Inap, no religious denomination

Categories 4 and 9 are recoded as missing.

Occrec

OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

Recoded such that:

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

1 manual
 2 nonmanual
 3 inactive

	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	
Region	In which Linguistic region do you live?	1. WALLOON 2. FLANDERS
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	

Demsat 00 DK; NA
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

Eusup 0 DK; NA
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1. LOW - CODED 3 AT Q.332 AND CODED 3 AT Q.343
2. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.332 AND 3 AT Q.343; OR 3 AT Q.332 AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.343
3. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.332 AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.343; OR 1 AT Q.332 AND 3 AT Q.343; OR 3 ON Q.332 AND 1 AT Q.343
4. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.332 AND 1 AT Q.343; OR 1 AT Q.332 AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.343
5. HIGH - CODED 1 AT Q.332 AND 1 AT Q.343

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