

## **BELGIUM 1987 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. Faits et Opinions developed equivalent French and English questionnaires for this Euro-Barometer. The questionnaires were translated into other languages by the professional polling agency.

Total Sample: 379.

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint2	If there were a "General Election" tomorrow, which party would you vote for?  10. PCB COMMUNIST PARTY 20. PS SOCIALIST PARTY-FRENCH 21. SP SOCIALIST PARTY-FLEMISH 41. PVV LIBERAL PARTY-FLEMISH 50. PEOPLE'S UNION 51. FDF/RW FRANCOPHONE FRONT/WALLOON UNION 53. PRL PARTY OF REFORMS AND LIBERTY 55. ECOLOGISTS 60. PSC CHRISTIAN SOCIALISTS—FRENCH 61. CVP CHRISTIAN SOCIALISTS—FLEMISH 80. URDT/RAD 90. OTHER PARTIES 95. BLANK BALLOT	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?  01 Up to 14 years 02 15 years	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	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)

relginx

IDEAS OR CAUSES THAT WOULD MAKE R TAKE ACTION ... My religious faith

The religion index is generated by using these three variables. For each respondent, the values to these questions are added to create the index, recoded such that:

0 Not mentioned  
 1 Mentioned

QUALITIES WHICH CHILDREN CAN LEARN AT HOME ... Religious faith

0 low relg  
 1  
 2  
 3 high relg

0 Not mentioned  
 1 Mentioned

GROUPS OR ASSOCIATIONS R BELONGS TO...Churches or religious organizations

0 Not mentioned  
 1 Mentioned

Occrec

OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

Recoded such that:

01 Farmers, fishermen (Skippers)  
 02 Professional- lawyers,

1 manual  
 2 nonmanual  
 3 inactive

- 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
Occrec2		0 Other professions 1 Farmer or Fisherman Coded such that
Occrec3		0 Other professions 1 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc. Coded such that
retnat	How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months	0 Other professions 1 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors 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 0 DK; NA	_Iretnat_1 – Got better _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same _Iretnat_3 – Got worse
Bel_Lang	Which Language do you speak at home?	0 Dutch 1 French
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

Eusup

SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN  
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY  
INDEX

Recoded such that:

1. LOW - CODED 3 AT Q.328  
AND CODED 3 AT Q.338  
2. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.328  
AND 3 AT Q.338; OR 3 AT  
Q.328 AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.338  
3. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.328  
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.338; OR 1  
AT Q.328 AND 3 AT Q.338;  
OR 3 ON Q.328 AND 1 AT  
Q.338  
4. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.328  
AND 1 AT Q.338; OR 1 AT  
Q.328 AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.338  
5. HIGH - CODED 1 AT Q.328  
AND 1 AT Q.338

1 Negative  
2 Ambivalent  
3 Positive

The 'INAP' responses are  
recoded as missing.

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