

BELGIUM 1988 Election Study

Methodology:

A two-stage sampling method was used in each country. In the first stage, a random selection of sampling points was made from the whole territory of each country. Various types of area (Urban, Rural, etc.) were represented in proportion to their populations. In all, approximately, 1,350 sampling points were selected from all countries. In the second stage, individual respondents were selected from the sampling points obtained in the first stage. Three methods of selection were used in the second stage: a) In Denmark, Luxembourg and Netherlands, respondents were selected at random from population registers or electoral lists, b) In Belgium, France, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Ireland, respondents were selected by quota sampling. Census data was used to establish quotas by age, sex and occupation, c) In Germany, Greece, Spain and Portugal, respondents were selected by 'random route', a combination of methods a and b.

Total Sample: 510.

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 52. FLEMISH BLOC 53. PRL PARTY OF REFORMS AND LIBERTY 55. ECOLOGIST/AGALEV 60. PSC CHRISTIAN SOCIALISTS-FRENCH 61. CVP CHRISTIAN SOCIALISTS-FLEMISH 90. OTHER PARTY 95. WOULD VOTE BLANK	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	This variable is constructed by making use of education and age variables. Recoded such that: 01 Up to 14 years

	02 15 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)
newrelg	Whether you do or you don't follow religious practices, would you say that you are...?	Recoded such that:
	1 Religious person	1 Religious
	2 A non religious person	2 Not religious
	3 A confirmed atheist	3 An agnostic
	0 DK/NA	4 An atheist
		The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
OccHH	Occupation of the head of household: (v709)	For the categories greater than category 12 of v709, their v711 coding will be put in. Recoded such that:
	01 Farmer	01 Farmer
	02 Fisherman	02 Fisherman
	03 Professional (Lawyer, practitioner, accountants, etc...)	03 Professional (Lawyer, practitioner, accountants, etc...)
	04 Owners of shops or companies, craftsmen, proprietors	04 Owners of shops or companies, craftsmen, proprietors
	05 Employed professional (Employed lawyer, practitioner, accountant, etc...)	05 Employed professional (Employed lawyer, practitioner, accountant, etc...)
	06 General management	06 General management
	07 Middle management	
	08 Other office employees	

09 Non-office employees, not manual work (Service sector, e.g. shop assistants, etc...)
10 Supervisors
11 Skilled manual worker
12 Other manual worker
13 Retired
14 Housewife, not otherwise employed
15 Student
16 Military service
17 Temporarily not working, unemployed
00 DK/NA

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00 INAP.
13 Head of household never did any paid work
14 Non precise <DK/NA>
occrec=occhH

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Occrec

Recorded such that:

1 manual and farmers (categories 1, 2, 11 and 12)
2 lower nonman (categories 7, 8,

		9 and 10) 3 owners and higher nonman (categories 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Occrec1		The following categories are recoded as missing: 0, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17. Coded such that
Occrec2		0 Other professions 1 Farmer Coded such that
Occrec3		0 Other professions 1 Fisherman Coded such that
retnat	How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months	0 Other professions 1 Professional 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
Ownhome	Do you live in a house or an apartment? And for you or for your family are you owners of where you live or do you rent it?	Recoded such that: 0 Rent (categories 2, 4, 5, and 6) 1 Own (categories 1 and 3)
	1 Owners of the house 2 Renters of the house 3 Owners of an apartment 4 Renters of an apartment 5 Renters in Council or Municipal housing 6 Other (rent a room, live as a lodger, squatter, etc.) 0 DK/NA	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
Unionhld	Are you yourself or is anyone else in your household a member	The Unionhld variable is generated using two other

	of a trade union?	variables: var704, and var705. Recoded such that:
	Yes, respondent	
	0 Not Mentioned	0 No
	1 Mentioned	1 Yes
	Yes, someone else in the household	
	0 Not Mentioned	
	1 Mentioned	
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	
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	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	TYPOLOGY OF EUROPEAN ATTITUDES	Recoded such that:
	1. Positive attitudes- Coded 1 for Q.379 and either 1 or 2 for Q.378	1 Negative 2 Ambivalent 3 Positive

2. Ambivalent attitudes/undecided- Coded 0 for Q.379; Or coded 1 for Q.379 and either 3, 4 or 0 for Q.378; or coded 2 for Q.379; or coded 3 for Q.379 and either 1, 2 or 0 for Q.378
3. Negative attitudes- Coded 3 for Q.379 and either 3 or 4 for Q.378

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