

## **BELGIUM 1990 Election Study**

### *Methodology:*

Between October 10 and November 2, 1990, INRA, a European Network of Market and Public Opinion Research Agencies, carried out Wave 34 of the standard Eurobarometer.

Eurobarometer 34 covers the population of the respective nationalities, aged 15 years and over, in each of the member states of the European Community. The basic sample design applied in all member states is a multi-stage, random (probability) design. In each EC country, a number of sampling points were drawn from all administrative regional units after stratification by individual unit and type of area (degree of urbanization). In each sampling point a starting address was drawn at random. Further addresses were selected by standard random route procedures. In each household, the respondent was selected according to a random procedure. Up to two recalls were made to achieve an interview. All interviews were carried out face-to-face in people's homes in the respective national languages. It is believed that Norway followed a similar sampling procedure, though this information was not provided.

Total Sample: 471.

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint2	<p>If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you support?</p> <p>10. Communist Party            20. Socialist Party-French            21. Socialist Party-Flemish            41. Liberal Conservative Party-Flemish            50. Flemish Nationalists            51. Francophone Democratic Front-Walloon Rally            52. Flemish Block            53. Liberal Reform Party            55. Ecologists            56. Live Differently-Ecologists            60. Social Christian Party            61. Christian People's Party            80. Democratic Union for the Respect of Labor            90. Other party</p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>Socialist            Flemish            Liberal            Green            Christian</p> <p>'Other', 'DK', and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.</p>
male	<p>Sex of respondent</p> <p>1 Male            2 Female</p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>0 Female            1 Male</p>
Age	<p>Can you tell me your date of birth please?</p>	<p>Exact age in years is coded.</p>
Urban	<p>Would you say you live in a:</p> <p>1 Rural area or village            2 Small or middle size town            3 Big town</p>	
eduagerc	<p>How old were you when you finished your full-time education?</p> <p>Actual number is coded.</p> <p>00 Still Studying            98 NA            99 INAP</p>	<p>This variable is constructed by making use of education and age variables. If the response was 'still studying', then the age of the respondent is coded.</p>

eduagerc	How old were you when you finished your full-time education?	<p>Categories 98 and 99 are recoded as missing.</p> <p>This variable is constructed by making use of education and age variables. Recoded such that:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 Up to 14 years</li> <li>02 15 years</li> <li>03 16 years</li> <li>04 17 years</li> <li>05 18 years</li> <li>06 19 years</li> <li>07 20 years</li> <li>08 21 years</li> <li>09 22 years</li> <li>10 Still studying</li> <li>00 DK; NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 Up to 14 years</li> <li>02 15 years</li> <li>03 16 years</li> <li>04 17 years</li> <li>05 18 years</li> <li>06 19 years</li> <li>07 20 years</li> <li>08 21 years</li> <li>09 22 years</li> </ul>
Edulevel	edulevel=eduagerc	<p>For category 10, 'still studying', the age of the respondent is coded in.</p> <p>Recoded such that:</p>
notrelig	<p>Whether you do or you don't follow religious practices, would you say that you are...?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Religious person</li> <li>2 A non religious person</li> <li>3 A confirmed atheist</li> <li>0 DK/NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 no HS (category 1)</li> <li>2 some HS (categories 2 and 3)</li> <li>3 HS (categories 4 and 5)</li> <li>4 college (categories 6, 7 and 8)</li> <li>5 post college or grad (category 9)</li> </ul> <p>Recoded such that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Religious</li> <li>2 Not religious</li> <li>3 An agnostic</li> <li>4 An atheist</li> </ul>
Occrec	Occupation:	<p>The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.</p> <p>Recoded such that:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 Farmer &amp; fisher</li> <li>02 Professionals</li> <li>03 Shops/company owners</li> <li>04 Employed professionals</li> <li>05 General management</li> <li>06 Middle management</li> <li>07 Other office employees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 manual (categories 10 and 11)</li> <li>2 lower nonman (categories 6, 7, 8, and 9)</li> <li>3 owners and higher nonman (categories 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5)</li> </ul> <p>The 'INAP' and 'NA' responses are</p>

	08 Non office employees	recoded as missing.
	09 Supervisors	
	10 Skilled manuals	
	11 Other manuals	
	00 <NA>	
	99 <INAP	
Occrec1		Coded such that
		0 Other professions
		1 Farmer or Fisherman
Occrec2		Coded such that
		0 Other professions
		1 Professionals
Occrec3		Coded such that
		0 Other professions
		1 Shop/Company owner
Unionhld	Are you yourself or is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?	The Unionhld variable is generated using two other variables: var704, and var705. Recoded such that:
	Yes, respondent	0 No
	0 Not Mentioned	1 Yes
	1 Mentioned	
	Yes, someone else in the household	
	0 Not Mentioned	
	1 Mentioned	
Ownhome (v713)	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.)	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
	0 DK/NA	
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:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Got a lot better</li> <li>2 Got a little better</li> <li>3 Stayed the same</li> <li>4 Got a little worse</li> <li>5 Got a lot worse</li> <li>0 DK; NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_Iretnat_1 – Got better</li> <li>_Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same</li> <li>_Iretnat_3 – Got worse</li> </ul>
Region2	In which Linguistic region do you live?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WALLOON</li> <li>2. FLANDERS</li> </ul>
Lrself	In political matters, people talk of “the Left” and “the Right”. How would you place your views on this scale?	The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 Left</li> <li>02</li> <li>03</li> <li>04</li> <li>05</li> <li>06</li> <li>07</li> <li>08</li> <li>09</li> <li>10 Right</li> <li>00 DK; NA</li> </ul>	
Eusup (v731)	Typology of European Attitudes	Recoded such that:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Positive attitudes – coded 1 for Q.379 and either 1 or 2 for Q.378</li> <li>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</li> <li>3 Negative attitudes – coded 3 for Q.379 and either 3 or 4 for Q.378</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Negative</li> <li>2 Ambivalent</li> <li>3 Positive</li> </ul>
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)?	Recoded such that:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Very satisfied</li> <li>2 Fairly satisfied</li> <li>3 Not very satisfied</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Very satisfied</li> <li>2 Fairly satisfied</li> <li>3 Not very satisfied</li> <li>4 Not at all satisfied</li> </ul>
		The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.

4 Not at all satisfied  
0 DK; NA

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