

## **BELGIUM 1991 Election Study**

### *Methodology:*

Between October 15 and November 21, 1991, INRA, a European Network of Market and Public Opinion Research Agencies, carried out wave 36 of the Standard Eurobarometer.

The Eurobarometer 36 covers the population of the respective nationalities, aged 15 years and over, in each of the Member States of the European Community. In addition, a separate national survey was conducted independently in Norway. The basic sample design applied in all Member States is a multi-stage, random (probability) one. In each EC country, a number of sampling points were drawn with probability proportional to population size (for a total coverage of the country) and to population density.

Total Sample: 381.

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint2	If there were a "General Election" tomorrow, which party would you vote for?  20. <PS> Socialist Party – French 21. <SP> Socialist Party – Flemish 41. <PVV> Liberal-Conservative Party – Flemish 50. <VU> Flemish Nationalists 51. <FDF-RW> Francophone Democratic Front - Walloon Rally 52. <VIB> Flemish Blok 53. <PRL> Liberal Reform Party 55. <ECOLO> Ecologists 56. <AGALEV> Live Differently (Ecologists 60. <PSC> Christian Social Party – Flemish 61. <CVP> Christian People's Party – Flemish 90. Other party 94. Refused 95. Blank 98. Will not vote 00. DK/NA	Recoded such that:  Socialist Green Flemish Liberal Christian  '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	This variable is constructed by making use of education and age

	education?	variables. If the response was 'still studying', then the age of the respondent is coded.
	00 Still Studying	
	98 NA	
	99 INAP	Actual number is coded.
Edulevel	edulevel=eduagerc	Categories 98 and 99 are recoded as missing. 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)	1 manual
	02 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.	2 nonmanual
	03 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors	3 inactive
	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		<p>0 Other professions          1 Farmer or Fisherman          Coded such that</p>
Occrec3		<p>0 Other professions          1 Professional- lawyers,          accountants, etc.          Coded such that</p>
retnat	<p>How do you think the general          economic situation has changed          over the last twelve months</p>	<p>0 Other professions          1 Business –owners of shops,          craftsmen, proprietors          This variable is recoded so that          there are three dummy variables          representing:</p>
Ownhome	<p>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</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>_Iretnat_1 – Got better          _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same          _Iretnat_3 – Got worse</p> <p>Recorded such that:</p> <p>0 Rent (categories 2, 4, 5, and 6)          1 Own (categories 1 and 3)</p>
Unionhld	<p>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</p> <p>Are you yourself or is anyone          else in your household a member          of a trade union?</p>	<p>The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses          are recoded as missing.</p> <p>The Unionhld variable is          generated using two other          variables: var704, and var705.          Recoded such that:</p>
	<p>Yes, respondent          0 Not Mentioned</p>	<p>0 No</p>

	1 Mentioned	1 Yes
Lrself	<p>Yes, someone else in the household</p> <p>0 Not Mentioned</p> <p>1 Mentioned</p> <p>In political matters, people talk of "the Left" and "the Right". How would you place your views on this scale?</p>	
Demsat	<p>01 Left</p> <p>02</p> <p>03</p> <p>04</p> <p>05</p> <p>06</p> <p>07</p> <p>08</p> <p>09</p> <p>10 Right</p> <p>00 DK; NA</p> <p>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)?</p>	
Eusup	<p>1 Very satisfied</p> <p>2 Fairly satisfied</p> <p>3 Not very satisfied</p> <p>4 Not at all satisfied</p> <p>0 DK; NA</p> <p><b>TYPOLOGY OF SINGLE MARKET ATTITUDES</b></p> <p>The Typology of European attitudes is based upon answers to the following questions: "In general, are you for or against efforts being made to unify Western Europe? Are you for, very much; for, to some extent; against, to some extent; against, very much?" (Q.16 = UNIFICATION) and "Generally</p>	<p>Recorded such that:</p> <p>1 Negative</p> <p>2 Ambivalent</p> <p>3 Positive</p> <p>The 'INAP' responses are recorded as missing.</p>

speaking, do you think that (your country's) membership of the European Community is: a good thing, a bad thing, or neither good nor bad?" (Q.17 = MEMBERSHIP). Positive attitudes: MEMBERSHIP "good" and UNIFICATION: "for...". Ambivalent attitudes: MEMBERSHIP "neither good nor bad" or MEMBERSHIP "good" and UNIFICATION: "against..." or MEMBERSHIP "bad" and UNIFICATION "for..." or DK/NA. Negative attitudes: MEMBERSHIP "bad" and UNIFICATION: "against..."

- 1 Positive
- 2 Ambivalent
- 3 Negative
- 0 DK/NA

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