

## **BELGIUM 1993 Election Study**

### *Methodology:*

From October 18 to November 5, 1993, International Research Associates of Europe, INRA, carried out the fieldwork for this Eurobarometer. INRA is a European network of market and public opinion research agencies, coordinated by the European Coordination Office (ECO). In all member states, fieldwork was conducted on the basis of detailed and uniform instructions prepared by the ECO.

INRA (Europe) developed equivalent French and English questionnaires for this Euro-Barometer. These questionnaires were translated into other languages by the firms responsible for interviewing in each country. In all, Euro-Barometer 40 interviewed 13,073 citizens of the 12 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over. Separate samples were drawn for Northern Ireland and East Germany. In addition, 1011 Norwegian and 995 Finnish citizens aged 15 and over were interviewed with a subset of questions.

Total Sample: 409.

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint2	If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you support?  10. Communist Party 20. (PSB) Socialist Party – French 21. (BSP) Socialist Party – Flemish 41. (VLD) Flemish Liberals and Democrats 50. (VU) Flemish nationalists 51. (FDF-RW) Francophone Democratic Front / Walloon Rally 52. (VIB) Flemish Block 53. (PRL) Liberal Reform Party 54. (ROSSEM) 55. (ECOLO) Ecologists 56. (AGALEV) Live differently (Ecologists) 60. (PSC) Christian Social Party – French 61. (CVP) Christian People's Party – Flemish 80. (UDRT/RAD) Democratic Union for the Respect of Labour 90. Other party 95. Would vote blank 96. Would not vote	Recoded such that:  Liberal 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 stopped full-time education?	Actual number is coded

Edulevel	<p>98 Still studying  00 NA  99 Inap.  edulevel=eduagerc</p>	<p>For category 98, 'still studying', the age of the respondent is coded in.  Recoded such that:</p>
notrelig	<p>Whether you do or you don't follow religious practices, would you say that you are...?</p> <p>1 Religious person  2 A non religious person  3 A confirmed atheist  0 DK/NA</p>	<p>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)  Recoded such that:</p> <p>1 Religious  2 Not religious  3 An agnostic  4 An atheist</p> <p>The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.  Recoded such that:</p>
Occrec	<p>Occupation:</p> <p>01 Farmer &amp; fisher  02 Professionals  03 Shops/company owners  04 Employed professionals  05 General management  06 Middle management  07 Other office employees  08 Non office employees  09 Supervisors  10 Skilled manuals  11 Other manuals  00 &lt;NA&gt;  99 &lt;INAP&gt;</p>	<p>1 manual (categories 10 and 11)  2 lower nonman (categories 6, 7, 8, and 9)  3 owners and higher nonman (categories 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5)</p> <p>The 'INAP' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.</p>
Occrec1		Coded such that
Occrec2		<p>0 Other professions  1 Farmer or Fisherman  Coded such that</p>
Occrec3		<p>0 Other professions  1 Professionals  Coded such that</p>
		0 Other professions

retnat	<p>How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months</p> <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>1 Shop/Company owner  This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:</p> <p>_Iretnat_1 – Got better  _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same  _Iretnat_3 – Got worse</p>
Ownhome	<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>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>Recoded such that:</p> <p>0 Rent (categories 2, 4, 5, and 6)  1 Own (categories 1 and 3)</p> <p>The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.</p>
Unionhld	<p>Are you yourself or is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?</p> <p>Yes, respondent  0 Not Mentioned  1 Mentioned</p>	<p>The Unionhld variable is generated using two other variables: var704, and var705. Recoded such that:</p> <p>0 No  1 Yes</p>
Lrself	<p>In political matters, people talk of “the Left” and “the Right”. How would you place your views on this scale?</p> <p>01 Left  02  03  04  05</p>	<p>The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.</p>

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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)? Would you say you are...?	<p>Recorded such that:</p> <p>1 Very satisfied  2 Fairly satisfied  3 Not very satisfied  4 Not at all satisfied</p>
	1 Very satisfied 2 Fairly satisfied 3 Not very satisfied 4 Not at all satisfied 5 DK 0 NA	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recorded as missing.
Eusup (v731)	<p>Typology of Single Market Attitudes</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?" and "Generally 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?"</p> <p>1 Positive  2 Neither Good or Bad  3 Negative  0 DK/NA</p>	<p>Recorded such that:</p> <p>1 Negative  2 Ambivalent  3 Positive</p>

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