

## **BELGIUM 1994 Election Study**

### *Methodology:*

International Research Associates of Europe, INRA, carried out the fieldwork for this Eurobarometer from November 14 to December 31, 1994. INRA is a European network of market and public opinion research agencies, coordinated by the European Coordination Office. In all member states, fieldwork was conducted on the basis of detailed and uniform instructions prepared by the ECO. INRA developed equivalent French and English questionnaires for this Eurobarometer. These questionnaires were translated into other languages by the firms responsible for interviewing in each country. In all, Eurobarometer 42 interviewed 13,063 citizens of the 12 countries in the European Community (nationals and non-nationals but EU-citizens). Respondents were aged 15 and over. Separate samples were drawn for Northern Ireland and East Germany. In addition, 1,082 Austrian, 501 Swedish, 1,000 Finnish, and 1,031 Norwegian citizens aged 15 and over were interviewed with a subset of questions.

Total Sample: 514.

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint2	<p>If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you support?</p> <p>15. (GU) United Left-wings            16. (PTB) Labour Party            20. (PS) Socialist Party – French            21. (SP) Socialist Party            22. (PVDA) Socialist Party - Flemish            41. (VLD) Flemish Liberals and Democrats            50. (VU) Flemish Nationalists&gt;            51. (PRL/FDF) Liberal Reform Party/Francophone Democratic Front            52. (VB) Flemish Block            55. (ECOLO) Ecologists            56. (AGALEV) Live Differently - Ecologists            57. (WOW) Growing Old in Dignity            58. (AGIR) Regionalist Initiative Vaguard            60. (PSC) Christian Social Party-French            61. (CVP) Christian People's Party-Flemish            81. (FN) National Front            90. Other Party including:                - (BEB (NWP) (PSY)            95 Would vote blank/spoil vote            96 Would not vote            98 Don't Know            00 NA</p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>Socialist            Walloon            Green            Christian            Liberal</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>Size of community:</p>	

	01 less than 5.000 02 5.000 - less than 10.000 03 10.000 - less than 20.000 04 20.000 - less than 50.000 05 50.000 - less than 100.000 06 100.000 - less than 400.000 07 400.000 and more inhabitants	
eduagerc	How old were you when you stopped full-time education?	Actual number is coded
	98 Still studying 00 NA 99 Inap.	For category 98, '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)
notrelig	Whether you do or you don't follow religious practices, would you say that you are...?	Recoded such that:
	1 Religious person 2 A non religious person 3 A confirmed atheist 0 DK/NA	1 Religious 2 Not religious 3 An agnostic 4 An atheist
Occrec	Occupation:	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing. Recoded such that:
	01 Farmer & 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 <NA> 99 <INAP>	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)
Occrec1		The 'INAP' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.  Coded such that

Occrec2		0 Other professions 1 Farmer or Fisherman Coded such that
Occrec3		0 Other professions 1 Professionals Coded such that
Region2	In which Linguistic region do you live?	0 Other professions 1 Shop/Company owner 1. WALLOON 2. FLANDERS 3. BRUSSELS
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:
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	The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.  _Iretnat_1 – Got better _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same _Iretnat_3 – Got worse
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...?	Recoded such that:  1 Very satisfied 2 Fairly satisfied 3 Not very satisfied 4 Not at all satisfied

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Fairly satisfied
- 3 Not very satisfied
- 4 Not at all satisfied
- 5 DK
- 0 NA

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Typology of Single Market Attitudes

Recoded such that:

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?"

- 1 Negative
- 2 Ambivalent
- 3 Positive

- 1 Positive
- 2 Neither Good or Bad
- 3 Negative
- 0 DK/NA

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