

Belgium 1999 Election Study

Methodology:

Total Sample: 1604

Variables:

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Votelist	Who did you vote for in the recent elections?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Communist Party 20 Socialist Party 40 Liberal Party 50 Flemish Peoples Union 51 Francophone Front 52 Vlaams Bloc 55 Green 60 Christian Socialists 	
Retnat	How does the financial situation of your household now compare with what it was 12 months ago?	This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 A lot better 2 A little better 3 About the same 4 A little worse 5 A lot worse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> _Iretnat_1 – Got better _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same _Iretnat_3 – Got worse
Relig	Whether you do or you don't follow religious practices, would you say that you are...?	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Not religious at all 2 Not very religious 3 Somewhat religious 4 Very religious 0 Don't Know/No Answer 	
Male	Sex of respondent	Recoded such that:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Male 2 Female 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 Female 1 Male
Educat	What is the highest level of education that you have?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None 2. Some Primary 3. Primary 4. Some Secondary 5. Secondary 	

	6. Trade Training	
	7. Undergraduate Degree Began	
	8. Undergraduate Degree Completed	
Age	Can you tell me your date of birth please?	Exact age in years is coded.
Lang	Do you speak French or Dutch?	
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	
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	
Occupal	occupa is a recategorization of Goldthorpe’s categories into manual, nonmanual and unemployed.	Dummy variables created for Manual and Nonmanual
Occupa3		
Unionhold	Are you yourself or is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?	The Unionhld variable is generated using these two variables: 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

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