

GERMANY 1986 Election Study

Methodology:

Each national survey was conducted by a professional polling agency. Representative samples of the total population of age fifteen years and older were drawn in each country. The sampling designs were either multi-stage national probability samples or national stratified quota samples. In the administration of the Euro-Barometers, samples of Great Britain and of Northern Ireland are drawn independently of each other. Thus, a weighting factor for the United Kingdom is necessary to maintain the representativeness of the United Kingdom sample. In all, Eurobarometer 26 interviewed 11,837 citizens of the 12 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over.

Total Sample: 774.

Variables:

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint2	If there were a "General Election" tomorrow (SAY IF CONTACT UNDER 18 YEARS: and you had a vote), which party would you vote for?	Recoded such that: SDP FDP Green CDU 'Other', 'DK', and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
	10. COMMUNIST PARTY<DKP> 20. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY<SPD> 40. FREE DEMOCRATIC PARTY<FDP> 50. GREEN LIST 54. ALTERNATIVE LIST 60. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY<CDU/CSU> 80. NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY<NPD> 96. NO PARTY PREFERENCE 99. DK; NA	
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 0 DK; NA	
eduagerc	How old were you when you finished your full-time education? 01 Up to 14 years 02 15 years 03 16 years 04 17 years 05 18 years 06 19 years	This variable is constructed by making use of education and age variables. Recoded such that: 01 Up to 14 years 02 15 years 03 16 years 04 17 years 05 18 years 06 19 years

	07 20 years	07 20 years
	08 21 years	08 21 years
	09 22 years	09 22 years
	10 Still studying	
	00 DK; NA	For category 10, '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	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:
		1 manual
		2 nonmanual
		3 inactive
	01 Farmers, fishermen (Skippers)	
	02 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.	
	03 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors	
	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
		0 Other professions
Occrec2		1 Farmer or Fisherman Coded such that
		0 Other professions
Occrec3		1 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc. Coded such that
		0 Other professions
retnat	How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months	1 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:
	1 Got a lot better	_Iretnat_1 – Got better
	2 Got a little better	_Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same
	3 Stayed the same	_Iretnat_3 – Got worse
	4 Got a little worse	
	5 Got a lot worse	
	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	
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

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- 1. LOW - CODED 3 AT Q.332
AND CODED 3 AT Q.343
- 2. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.332
AND 3 AT Q.343; OR 3 AT
Q.332
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.343
- 3. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.332
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.343; OR 1
AT
Q.332 AND 3 AT Q.343; OR 3
ON Q.332 AND 1 AT Q.343
- 4. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.332
AND 1 AT Q.343; OR 1 AT
Q.332
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.343
- 5. HIGH - CODED 1 AT Q.332
AND 1 AT Q.343

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