

GERMANY 1987 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. Faits et Opinions developed equivalent French and English questionnaires for this Euro-Barometer. The questionnaires were translated into other languages by the professional polling agency.

Total Sample: 689.

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)
relginx	IDEAS OR CAUSES THAT WOULD MAKE R TAKE ACTION ... My religious faith	The religion index is generated by using these three variables. For each respondent, the values to these questions are added to create the index, recoded such that:
	0 Not mentioned	
	1 Mentioned	
	QUALITIES WHICH CHILDREN CAN LEARN AT HOME ... Religious faith	0 low relg
		1
		2
		3 high relg
	0 Not mentioned	
	1 Mentioned	
	GROUPS OR ASSOCIATIONS R BELONGS TO...Churches or religious organizations	
	0 Not mentioned	
	1 Mentioned	
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
 - 1 Farmer or Fisherman
- Coded such that

Occrec2

- 0 Other professions
 - 1 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.
- Coded such that

Occrec3

- 0 Other professions
- 1 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors

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:

- 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

- _Iretnat_1 – Got better
- _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same
- _Iretnat_3 – Got worse

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	
Eusup	SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY INDEX	Recoded such that:
	1. LOW - CODED 3 AT Q.328 AND CODED 3 AT Q.338	1 Negative
	2. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.328 AND 3 AT Q.338; OR 3 AT Q.328 AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.338	2 Ambivalent
	3. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.328 AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.338; OR 1 AT Q.328 AND 3 AT Q.338; OR 3 ON Q.328 AND 1 AT Q.338	3 Positive
	4. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.328 AND 1 AT Q.338; OR 1 AT Q.328 AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.338	
	5. HIGH - CODED 1 AT Q.328 AND 1 AT Q.338	The 'INAP' responses are recoded as missing.

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