

## **GERMANY 1988 Election Study**

### *Methodology:*

A two-stage sampling method was used in each country. In the first stage, a random selection of sampling points was made from the whole territory of each country. Various types of area (Urban, Rural, etc.) were represented in proportion to their populations. In all, approximately, 1,350 sampling points were selected from all countries. In the second stage, individual respondents were selected from the sampling points obtained in the first stage. Three methods of selection were used in the second stage: a) In Denmark, Luxembourg and Netherlands, respondents were selected at random from population registers or electoral lists, b) In Belgium, France, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Ireland, respondents were selected by quota sampling. Census data was used to establish quotas by age, sex and occupation, c) In Germany, Greece, Spain and Portugal, respondents were selected by 'random route', a combination of methods a and b.

Total Sample: 727.

*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?	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	01 Up to 14 years 02 15 years 03 16 years 04 17 years 05 18 years 06 19 years

	07 20 years 08 21 years 09 22 years 10 Still studying 00 DK; NA	07 20 years 08 21 years 09 22 years  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)
newrelg	Whether you do or you don't follow religious practices, would you say that you are...?  1 Religious person 2 A non religious person 3 A confirmed atheist 0 DK/NA	Recoded such that:  1 Religious 2 Not religious 3 An agnostic 4 An atheist  The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
OccHH	Occupation of the head of household: (v709)  01 Farmer 02 Fisherman 03 Professional (Lawyer, practitioner, accountants, etc...) 04 Owners of shops or companies, craftsmen, proprietors 05 Employed professional (Employed lawyer, practitioner, accountant, etc...) 06 General management 07 Middle management 08 Other office employees 09 Non-office employees, not manual work (Service sector, e.g. shop assistants, etc...) 10 Supervisors 11 Skilled manual worker	For the categories greater than category 12 of v709, their v711 coding will be put in. Recoded such that:  01 Farmer 02 Fisherman 03 Professional (Lawyer, practitioner, accountants, etc...) 04 Owners of shops or companies, craftsmen, proprietors 05 Employed professional (Employed lawyer, practitioner, accountant, etc...) 06 General management 07 Middle management 08 Other office employees 09 Non-office employees, not manual work (Service sector, e.g. shop assistants, etc...)

12 Other manual worker  
13 Retired  
14 Housewife, not otherwise employed  
15 Student  
16 Military service  
17 Temporarily not working, unemployed  
00 DK/NA

10 Supervisors  
11 Skilled manual worker  
12 Other manual worker

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06 General management  
07 Middle management  
08 Other office employees  
09 Non-office employees, not manual work (Service sector, e.g. shop assistants, etc...)  
10 Supervisors  
11 Skilled manual worker  
12 Other manual worker  
00 INAP.  
13 Head of household never did any paid work  
14 Non precise <DK/NA>  
occrec=occHH

Occrec

Recoded such that:

1 manual and farmers (categories 1, 2, 11 and 12)  
2 lower nonman (categories 7, 8, 9 and 10)  
3 owners and higher nonman (categories 3, 4, 5 and 6)

		The following categories are recoded as missing: 0, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17. Coded such that
Occrec1		
		0 Other professions 1 Farmer
Occrec2		Coded such that
		0 Other professions 1 Fisherman
Occrec3		Coded such that
		0 Other professions 1 Professional
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	_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	
Ownhome	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?	Recoded such that:
	1 Owners of the house	0 Rent (categories 2, 4, 5, and 6)
	2 Renters of the house	1 Own (categories 1 and 3)
	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.)	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
	0 DK/NA	
Unionhld	Are you yourself or is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?	The Unionhld variable is generated using two other variables: var704, and var705. Recoded such that:
	Yes, respondent	
	0 Not Mentioned	0 No
	1 Mentioned	1 Yes

	Yes, someone else in the household	
	0 Not Mentioned	
	1 Mentioned	
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	TYPOLOGY OF EUROPEAN ATTITUDES	Recorded such that:
	1. Positive attitudes- Coded 1 for Q.379 and either 1 or 2 for Q.378	1 Negative
	2. Ambivalent attitudes/undecided- Coded 0 for Q.379; Or coded 1 for Q.379 and either 3, 4 or 0 for Q.378; or coded 2 for Q.379; or coded 3 for Q.379 and either 1, 2 or 0 for Q.378	2 Ambivalent
		3 Positive

3. Negative attitudes- Coded 3  
for Q.379 and either 3 or 4 for  
Q.378

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