

GERMANY 1990 Election Study

Methodology:

Between October 10 and November 2, 1990, INRA, a European Network of Market and Public Opinion Research Agencies, carried out Wave 34 of the standard Eurobarometer.

Eurobarometer 34 covers the population of the respective nationalities, aged 15 years and over, in each of the member states of the European Community. The basic sample design applied in all member states is a multi-stage, random (probability) design. In each EC country, a number of sampling points were drawn from all administrative regional units after stratification by individual unit and type of area (degree of urbanization). In each sampling point a starting address was drawn at random. Further addresses were selected by standard random route procedures. In each household, the respondent was selected according to a random procedure. Up to two recalls were made to achieve an interview. All interviews were carried out face-to-face in people's homes in the respective national languages. It is believed that Norway followed a similar sampling procedure, though this information was not provided.

Total Sample: 629.

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? 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	Recoded such that: SDP FDP Green CDU 'Other', 'DK', and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
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? Actual number is coded.	This variable is constructed by making use of education and age variables. If the response was 'still studying', then the age of the respondent is coded.
	00 Still Studying 98 NA 99 INAP	

		Categories 98 and 99 are recoded as missing.
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	01 Up to 14 years
	02 15 years	02 15 years
	03 16 years	03 16 years
	04 17 years	04 17 years
	05 18 years	05 18 years
	06 19 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	Whether you do or you don't follow religious practices, would you say that you are...?	Recoded such that:
	1 Religious person	1 Religious
	2 A non religious person	2 Not religious
	3 A confirmed atheist	3 An agnostic
	0 DK/NA	4 An atheist
		The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
Occrec	Occupation:	Recoded such that:
	01 Farmer & fisher	1 manual (categories 10 and 11)
	02 Professionals	2 lower nonman (categories 6, 7, 8, and 9)
	03 Shops/company owners	3 owners and higher nonman (categories 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5)
	04 Employed professionals	
	05 General management	
	06 Middle management	
	07 Other office employees	
	08 Non office employees	The 'INAP' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
	09 Supervisors	

	10 Skilled manuals 11 Other manuals 00 <NA> 99 <INAP	
Occrec1		Coded such that
		0 Other professions 1 Farmer or Fisherman
Occrec2		Coded such that
		0 Other professions 1 Professionals
Occrec3		Coded such that
		0 Other professions 1 Shop/Company owner
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 1 Mentioned	0 No 1 Yes
	Yes, someone else in the household 0 Not Mentioned 1 Mentioned	
Ownhome (v713)	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: 0 Rent (categories 2, 4, 5, and 6) 1 Own (categories 1 and 3)
	1 Owners of the house 2 Renters of the house 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.) 0 DK/NA	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
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	
Lrself	In political matters, people talk of “the Left” and “the Right”. How would you place your views on this scale?	The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.
	01 Left	
	02	
	03	
	04	
	05	
	06	
	07	
	08	
	09	
	10 Right	
	00 DK; NA	
Eusup (v731)	Typology of European Attitudes	Recoded 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 Negative attitudes – coded 3 for Q.379 and either 3 or 4 for Q.378	3 Positive
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)?	Recoded such that:
	1 Very satisfied	1 Very satisfied
	2 Fairly satisfied	2 Fairly satisfied
	3 Not very satisfied	3 Not very satisfied
	4 Not at all satisfied	4 Not at all satisfied
	0 DK; NA	The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.

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