

GERMANY 1991 Election Study

Methodology:

Between October 15 and November 21, 1991, INRA, a European Network of Market and Public Opinion Research Agencies, carried out wave 36 of the Standard Eurobarometer.

The Eurobarometer 36 covers the population of the respective nationalities, aged 15 years and over, in each of the Member States of the European Community. In addition, a separate national survey was conducted independently in Norway. The basic sample design applied in all Member States is a multi-stage, random (probability) one. In each EC country, a number of sampling points were drawn with probability proportional to population size (for a total coverage of the country) and to population density.

Total Sample: 509.

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.
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	
eduagerc	0 DK; NA How old were you when you finished your full-time education? 00 Still Studying 98 NA 99 INAP	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. Actual number is coded. Categories 98 and 99 are recoded as missing.

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 Categories 4 and 9 are recoded as missing.
Occrec	OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD 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	Recoded such that: 1 manual 2 nonmanual 3 inactive
Occrec1		Coded such that 0 Other professions 1 Farmer or Fisherman
Occrec2		Coded such that

Occrec3		0 Other professions 1 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc. Coded such that
retnat	How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months	0 Other professions 1 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing: _Iretnat_1 – Got better _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same _Iretnat_3 – Got worse
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: 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.
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
Proper	And over the next 12 months, do you expect that the financial	Recoded such that:
	Yes, someone else in the household 0 Not Mentioned 1 Mentioned	

	situation of your household will...?	1 Get a lot better 2 Get a little better 3 Stayed the same 4 Get a little worse 5 Get a lot worse
Lrself	<p>1 Get a lot better 2 Get a little better 3 Stay the same 4 Get a little worse 5 Get a lot worse 6 DK 0 NA 9 Inap.</p> <p>In political matters, people talk of “the Left” and “the Right”. How would you place your views on this scale?</p> <p>01 Left 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 Right 00 DK; NA</p>	
Demsat	<p>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)?</p> <p>1 Very satisfied 2 Fairly satisfied 3 Not very satisfied 4 Not at all satisfied 0 DK; NA</p>	
Eusup	<p>TYPOLOGY OF SINGLE MARKET ATTITUDES</p> <p>The Typology of European attitudes is based upon answers to the following questions: "In general, are you for or against efforts being made to unify</p>	<p>Recorded such that:</p> <p>1 Negative 2 Ambivalent 3 Positive</p> <p>The ‘INAP’ responses are</p>

Western Europe? Are you for, very much; for, to some extent; against, to some extent; against, very much?" (Q.16 = UNIFICATION) and "Generally speaking, do you think that (your country's) membership of the European Community is: a good thing, a bad thing, or neither good nor bad?" (Q.17 = MEMBERSHIP). Positive attitudes: MEMBERSHIP "good" and UNIFICATION: "for...". Ambivalent attitudes: MEMBERSHIP "neither good nor bad" or MEMBERSHIP "good" and UNIFICATION: "against..." or MEMBERSHIP "bad" and UNIFICATION "for..." or DK/NA. Negative attitudes: MEMBERSHIP "bad" and UNIFICATION: "against..."

- 1 Positive
- 2 Ambivalent
- 3 Negative
- 0 DK/NA

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