

IRELAND 1985 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 24 interviewed 11,849 citizens of the 12 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over.

Total Sample: 1008.

Variables:

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint	If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you support? 20 Labour Party 21 Workers Party 30 Fine Gael 50 Ecology Party 60 Fianna Fail 90 Other Party 96 No Party Preference 99 DK; NA	Recoded such that: 20 labor (category 20) 21 workers (category 21) 30 fg (category 30) 50 greens (category 50) 60 ff (category 60) 95 abstain (categories 95 and 98) 96 nopref (category 96) '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.
Income	Family income in quartiles: 1 Lowest quartile 2 3 4 Highest quartile 0 NA	Recoded such that: 1 Lowest quartile 2 Second quartile 3 Third quartile 4 High quartile
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	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	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)
relig	And, how important is God in your life? Please use the card to indicate – 10 means very important, and 1 means not at all important:	Recoded such that:
		1 Great importance
		2 Some importance
		3. Only of little importance
	1 Not at all	
	2	
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	10 Very	
	00 DK/NA	
Occrec (var80)	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

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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

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How does the financial situation of your household now compare with what it was 12 months ago?

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

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And over the next 12 months, how do you think the general economic situation in this country will be...? Would you say it will...?

	<p>1 Get a lot better</p> <p>2 Get a little better</p> <p>3 Stay the same</p> <p>4 Get a little worse</p> <p>5 Get a lot worse</p> <p>6 DK</p> <p>0 NA</p> <p>9 Inap.</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</p> <p>2 Fairly satisfied</p> <p>3 Not very satisfied</p> <p>4 Not at all satisfied</p> <p>0 DK; NA</p>
Lrself	<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</p> <p>02</p> <p>03</p> <p>04</p> <p>05</p> <p>06</p> <p>07</p> <p>08</p> <p>09</p> <p>10 Right</p> <p>00 DK; NA</p>
Eusup	<p>Support for Common Market Index – Constructed from Q176 and Q240</p>
	<p>1. low – coded 2 on Q176 and 3 on Q240</p> <p>2 - Coded 0 or 3 on Q176 and 3 on Q240, or 2 on Q176 and 0 or 2 on Q240</p>

3 - Coded 0 or 3 on Q176 and 0 or 2 on Q240 or 1 on Q176 and 3 on Q240 or 2 on Q176 and 1 on Q240

4 - Coded 0 or 3 on Q176 and 1 on Q240 or 1 on Q176 and 0 or 2 on Q240

5 High – Coded 1 on Q176 and 1 on Q240

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