

## **IRELAND 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: 997.

*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 22 Progressive Democratic 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) 22 progdem (category 22) 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	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	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)
relginx	Ideas or causes that would make respondent 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 that children can learn at home: Religious faith	0 low relg
		1
		2
	0 Not mentioned	3 high relg
	1 Mentioned	
	Groups or Associations respondent belongs to: Churches or religious organizations	
	0 Not mentioned	
	1 Mentioned	
Occrec (var80)	Occupation of Head of Household	Recoded such that:
		1 manual
	01 Farmers, fishermen (Skippers)	2 nonmanual
	02 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.	3 inactive
	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

retper

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

Pronat

And over the next 12 months, how do you think the general

economic situation in this country will be...? Would you say it will...?

- 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.

Proper

And over the next 12 months, do you expect that the financial situation of your household will...?

- 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.

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

Recorded such that:

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Fairly satisfied
- 3 Not very satisfied

country)?

4 Not at all satisfied

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Fairly satisfied
- 3 Not very satisfied
- 4 Not at all satisfied
- 0 DK/NA

Eusup

Support for EEC Index.  
Constructed from Q328 and  
Q338

Recoded such that:

- 1 Low – Coded at 3 for Q328  
and 3 for Q338
- 2 - Coded 0 or 2 for Q328 and 3  
for Q338 or 3 for Q328 and 0 or  
2 for Q338
- 3 - Coded 0 or 2 for Q328 and 0  
or 2 for Q338 or 1 for Q328 and  
3 for Q338 or 3 for Q328 and 1  
for Q338
- 4 - Coded 0 or 2 for Q328 and 1  
for Q338, or 1 for Q328 and 0 or  
2 for Q338
- 5 high – Coded 1 for Q328 and 1  
for Q338

- 1. Negative
- 2. Ambivalent
- 3. Positive

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