

## **IRELAND 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: 1009.

*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

04	17 years	03	16 years
05	18 years	04	17 years
06	19 years	05	18 years
07	20 years	06	19 years
08	21 years	07	20 years
09	22 years	08	21 years
10	Still studying	09	22 years
00	DK; NA		

For category 10, 'still studying', the age of the respondent is coded in. Recoded such that:

Edulevel      edulevel=eduagerc

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)  
 Recoded such that:

notrelig      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

1 Religious  
 2 Not religious  
 3 An agnostic  
 4 An atheist

OccHH      Occupation of the head of household: (v709)

The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing. 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...)  
 10 Supervisors  
 11 Skilled manual worker

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

12 Other manual worker

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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

occrec=ocHH

Recorded 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 recorded as  
missing: 0, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

Occrec1		Coded such that
		0 Other professions
		1 Farmer
Occrec2		Coded such that
		0 Other professions
		1 Fisherman
Occrec3		Coded such that
		0 Other professions
		1 Professional
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 No
	0 Not Mentioned	1 Yes
	1 Mentioned	
	Yes, someone else in the household	
	0 Not Mentioned	
	1 Mentioned	
Pubhome	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 Not Public Home (categories 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6)
	2 Renters of the house	1 Public Home (category 5)
	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	Recoded such that:
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?	0 Rent (categories 2, 4, 5, and 6)
	1 Owners of the house	1 Own (categories 1 and 3)
	2 Renters of the house	
	3 Owners of an apartment	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.

	<p>4 Renters of an apartment</p> <p>5 Renters in Council or Municipal housing</p> <p>6 Other (rent a room, live as a lodger, squatter, etc.)</p> <p>0 DK/NA</p>	
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:
	<p>1 Got a lot better</p> <p>2 Got a little better</p> <p>3 Stayed the same</p> <p>4 Got a little worse</p> <p>5 Got a lot worse</p> <p>0 DK; NA</p>	<p><u>_Iretnat_1</u> – Got better</p> <p><u>_Iretnat_2</u> – Stayed the same</p> <p><u>_Iretnat_3</u> – Got worse</p>
retper	How does the financial situation of your household now compare with what it was 12 months ago?	
	<p>1 Got a lot better</p> <p>2 Got a little better</p> <p>3 Stayed the same</p> <p>4 Got a little worse</p> <p>5 Got a lot worse</p> <p>0 DK; NA</p>	
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...?	
	<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>	
Proper	And over the next 12 months, do you expect that the financial situation of your household will...?	
	<p>1 Get a lot better</p>	

- 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 country)?

Recorded such that:

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Fairly satisfied
- 3 Not very satisfied
- 4 Not at all satisfied

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- 4 Not at all satisfied
- 0 DK/NA

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Recorded such that:

- 1. Positive attitudes- Coded 1 for Q.379 and either 1 or 2 for Q.378
- 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

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

Q.378

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

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