

## **IRELAND 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: 1022.

*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  
05 18 years  
06 19 years  
07 20 years  
08 21 years  
09 22 years  
10 Still studying  
00 DK; NA

03 16 years  
04 17 years  
05 18 years  
06 19 years  
07 20 years  
08 21 years  
09 22 years

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

The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.

Occrec Occupation:

Recoded such that:

01 Farmer & fisher  
02 Professionals  
03 Shops/company owners  
04 Employed professionals  
05 General management  
06 Middle management  
07 Other office employees  
08 Non office employees  
09 Supervisors  
10 Skilled manuals  
11 Other manuals  
00 NA  
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1 manual (categories 10 and 11)  
2 lower nonman (categories 6, 7, 8, and 9)  
3 owners and higher nonman (categories 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5)

The 'INAP' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.

Occrec1

Coded such that

0 Other professions  
1 Farmer Fisherman

Occrec2		Coded such that
		0 Other professions
		1 Professionanl
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 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	
	4 Renters of an apartment	
	5 Renters in Council or Municipal housing	
	6 Other (rent a room, live as a	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.

lodger, squatter, etc.)

0 DK/NA

retnat How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months

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

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 country)?	Recorded 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
	1 Very satisfied	
	2 Fairly satisfied	
	3 Not very satisfied	
	4 Not at all satisfied	
	0 DK/NA	
Eusup	TYPOLOGY OF SINGLE MARKET ATTITUDES This variable was constructed from responses to two different questions (Q36 and Q37): Whether respondents react to the single market with hope or fear and their evaluation ("good thing"/"bad thing") of the single market. It combines answers to those two questions in the following way:	Recorded such that:
	1 Positive	1 Negative
	2 Ambivalent	2 Ambivalent
	3 Negative	3 Positive
		The ‘INAP’ responses are recoded as missing.

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