

## **NETHERLANDS 1984 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.

Total Sample: 631.

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint	If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you support?	Recoded such that:  10 Communist, Pacifist Socialist, or Radical 20 Labour 22 Democrats '66 23 SP 40 Social Democrats '70 55 Centrum Party 63 Christian Democratic Appeal 70 Liberal Party 80 Famer's Party 85 Calvinist, RPF or Evangelische Volksparti 95 abstain 96 nopref
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male	Sex of respondent	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  0 DK; NA	
eduagerc	How old were you when you finished your full-time education?	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	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)
Income	Family income in quartiles:	Recoded such that:
	1 Lowest quartile	1 Lowest quartile
	2	2 Second quartile
	3	3 Third quartile
	4 Highest quartile	4 High quartile
	0 NA	
notrelig	Independently of whether you go to church or not, would you say you are	Recoded such that:
	1 A religious person	0 Religious
	2 Not a religious person	1 Not religious (Categories 2 and 3)
	3 A convinced atheist	
	0 DK; NA	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
Occrec	OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	Recoded such that:
	01 Farmers, fishermen (Skippers)	1 manual
	02 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.	2 nonmanual
	03 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors	3 inactive
	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 Fisher
Occrec2		Coded such that
		0 Other professions 1 Professionals
Occrec3		Coded such that
		0 Other professions 1 Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self employed position, Business proprietors, owner of a company
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	_Iretnat_1 – Got better
	2 Got a little better	_Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same
	3 Stayed the same	_Iretnat_3 – Got worse
	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?	Recoded such that:
	1 Got a lot better	1 Got a lot better
	2 Got a little better	2 Got a little better
	3 Stayed the same	3 Stayed the same
	4 Got a little worse	4 Got a little worse
	5 Got a lot worse	5 Got a lot of worse
	0 DK; NA	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
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...?	Recoded such that:
	1 Get a lot better	1 Get a lot better
	2 Get a little better	2 Get a little better
	3 Stayed the same	3 Stayed the same
	4 Get a little worse	4 Get a little worse

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Get a lot better</li> <li>2 Get a little better</li> <li>3 Stay the same</li> <li>4 Get a little worse</li> <li>5 Get a lot worse</li> <li>6 DK</li> <li>0 NA</li> <li>9 Inap.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 Get a lot worse</li> </ul>
Proper	<p>And over the next 12 months, do you expect that the financial situation of your household will...?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Get a lot better</li> <li>2 Get a little better</li> <li>3 Stay the same</li> <li>4 Get a little worse</li> <li>5 Get a lot worse</li> <li>6 DK</li> <li>0 NA</li> <li>9 Inap.</li> </ul>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Get a lot better</li> <li>2 Get a little better</li> <li>3 Stayed the same</li> <li>4 Get a little worse</li> <li>5 Get a lot worse</li> </ul>
Lrself	<p>In political matters, people talk of “the Left” and “the Right”. How would you place your views on this scale?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 Left</li> <li>02</li> <li>03</li> <li>04</li> <li>05</li> <li>06</li> <li>07</li> <li>08</li> <li>09</li> <li>10 Right</li> <li>00 DK; NA</li> </ul>	<p>The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.</p>
Eusup	<p>Support for Common Market Index</p> <p>Constructed from Q 242 and Q244</p>	<p>Coded so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 low – 2 on Q242 and 3 on Q244</li> <li>2 – 0 or 3 on Q242 and 3 on Q244 or 2 on Q42 and 0 or 2 on Q244</li> <li>3 coded 0 or 3 on Q242 and 0 or 2 on Q244 or 1 on Q242 and 3</li> </ul>

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)?

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

on Q244 or 2 on Q242 and 1 on Q244  
4 – coded 0 or 3 on Q242 and 1 on Q244 or 1 on Q242 and 0 or 2 on Q244  
5 high – Coded 1 on Q242 and 1 on Q244

Recoded such that:

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

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

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