

## **NETHERLANDS 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: 1068.

*Variables:*

| Variable Name: | Question Asked:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Coded As:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Voteint        | If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you support?<br><br>10 Communist Party<br>15 Pacifist Socialist Party<br>16 Radicals<br>20 Labour Party<br>22 Democrats '66<br>23 SP<br>40 Social Democrats '70<br>55 Centrum Party<br>63 Christian Democratic Appeal<br>70 Liberal Party<br>80 Famer's Party<br>81 Calvinist State Party<br>82 Calvinist Political Alliance<br>84 RPF<br>85 Evangelische Volksparti<br>90 Other Party<br>95 Blank Ballot<br>96 No Party Preference<br>99 DK; NA | Recoded such that:<br><br>10 Communist, Pacifist Socialist, or Radical<br>20 Labour<br>22 Democrats '66<br>23 SP<br>40 Social Democrats '70<br>55 Centrum Party<br>63 Christian Democratic Appeal<br>70 Liberal Party<br>80 Famer's Party<br>85 Calvinist, RPF or Evangelische Volksparti<br>95 abstain<br>96 nopref<br><br>'Other', 'DK', and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing. |
| male           | Sex of respondent<br>1 Male<br>2 Female                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Recoded such that:<br>0 Female<br>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:<br><br>1 Rural area or village<br>2 Small or middle size town<br>3 Big town<br><br>0 DK; NA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| eduagerc       | How old were you when you finished your full-time education?<br><br>01 Up to 14 years<br>02 15 years<br>03 16 years<br>04 17 years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | This variable is constructed by making use of education and age variables. Recoded such that:<br><br>01 Up to 14 years<br>02 15 years<br>03 16 years<br>04 17 years                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|          | 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',<br>the age of the respondent is<br>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<br>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                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                 |
| relig    | And, how important is God in<br>your life? Please use the card to<br>indicate – 10 means very<br>important, and 1 means not at all<br>important: | Recoded such that:                                                              |
|          | 1 Not at all                                                                                                                                     | 1 Great importance                                                              |
|          | 2                                                                                                                                                | 2 Some importance                                                               |
|          | 3                                                                                                                                                | 3 Only of little importance                                                     |
|          | 4                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                 |
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|          | 7                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                 |
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|          | 9                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                 |
|          | 10 Very                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                 |
|          | 00 DK/NA                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                 |
| Occrec   | OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF<br>HOUSEHOLD                                                                                                               | Recoded such that:                                                              |
|          | 01 Farmers, fishermen<br>(Skippers)                                                                                                              | 1 manual                                                                        |
|          |                                                                                                                                                  | 2 nonmanual                                                                     |
|          |                                                                                                                                                  | 3 inactive                                                                      |

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|         | 02 Professional- lawyers,<br>accountants, etc.                                                       |                                                                                                               |
|         | 03 Business –owners of shops,<br>craftsmen, proprietors                                              |                                                                                                               |
|         | 04 Manual worker                                                                                     |                                                                                                               |
|         | 05 White collar – office worker                                                                      |                                                                                                               |
|         | 06 Executive, top management,<br>director                                                            |                                                                                                               |
|         | 07 Retired                                                                                           |                                                                                                               |
|         | 08 Housewife, not otherwise<br>employed                                                              |                                                                                                               |
|         | 09 Student, military service                                                                         |                                                                                                               |
|         | 10 Unemployed                                                                                        |                                                                                                               |
|         | 00 DK/NA                                                                                             |                                                                                                               |
| 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,<br>other self employed position,<br>Business proprietors, owner of a<br>company |
| retnat  | How do you think the general<br>economic situation has changed<br>over the last twelve months        | This variable is recoded so that<br>there are three dummy variables<br>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<br>of your household now compare<br>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 of worse                                                                                 | 5 Got a lot of worse                                                                                          |

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| Pronat | <p>4 Got a little worse<br/> 5 Got a lot worse<br/> 0 DK; NA<br/> And over the next 12 months,<br/> how do you think the general<br/> economic situation in this<br/> country will be...? Would you<br/> say it will...?</p> | <p>The 'DK' and 'NA' responses<br/> are recoded as missing.<br/> Recoded such that:</p>                                      |
|        | <p>1 Get a lot better<br/> 2 Get a little better<br/> 3 Stay the same<br/> 4 Get a little worse<br/> 5 Get a lot worse<br/> 6 DK<br/> 0 NA<br/> 9 Inap.</p>                                                                  | <p>1 Get a lot better<br/> 2 Get a little better<br/> 3 Stayed the same<br/> 4 Get a little worse<br/> 5 Get a lot worse</p> |
| Proper | <p>And over the next 12 months, do<br/> you expect that the financial<br/> situation of your household<br/> will...?</p>                                                                                                     | <p>Recoded such that:</p>                                                                                                    |
|        | <p>1 Get a lot better<br/> 2 Get a little better<br/> 3 Stay the same<br/> 4 Get a little worse<br/> 5 Get a lot worse<br/> 6 DK<br/> 0 NA<br/> 9 Inap.</p>                                                                  | <p>1 Get a lot better<br/> 2 Get a little better<br/> 3 Stayed the same<br/> 4 Get a little worse<br/> 5 Get a lot worse</p> |
| Lrself | <p>In political matters, people talk<br/> of "the Left" and "the Right".<br/> How would you place your<br/> views on this scale?</p>                                                                                         | <p>The 'DK' and 'NA' responses<br/> are recoded as missing.</p>                                                              |
|        | <p>01 Left<br/> 02<br/> 03<br/> 04<br/> 05<br/> 06<br/> 07<br/> 08<br/> 09<br/> 10 Right<br/> 00 DK; NA</p>                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                              |

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| Eusup  | Support for Common Market Index                                                                                                                    | Coded so that:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|        | Constructed from Q 242 and Q244                                                                                                                    | <p>1 low – 2 on Q242 and 3 on Q244</p> <p>2 – 0 or 3 on Q242 and 3 on Q244 or 2 on Q42 and 0 or 2 on Q244</p> <p>3 coded 0 or 3 on Q242 and 0 or 2 on Q244 or 1 on Q242 and 3 on Q244 or 2 on Q242 and 1 on Q244</p> <p>4 – coded 0 or 3 on Q242 and 1 on Q244 or 1 on Q242 and 0 or 2 on Q244</p> <p>5 high – Coded 1 on Q242 and 1 on Q244</p> |
| 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)? | Recoded such that:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|        | <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>                        | <p>1 Very satisfied</p> <p>2 Fairly satisfied</p> <p>3 Not very satisfied</p> <p>4 Not at all satisfied</p> <p>The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.</p>                                                                                                                                                                           |

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