

## **NETHERLANDS 1986 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 26 interviewed 11,837 citizens of the 12 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over.

Total Sample: 1026.

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint2	If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you support?  10 Communist Party 15 Pacifist Socialist Party 16 Radicals 20 Labour Party 22 Democrats '66 55 Centrum Party 63 Christian Democratic Appeal 70 Liberal Party 80 Famer's Party 81 Calvinist State Party 82 Calvinist Political Alliance 84 RPF 85 Evangelische Volksparti 90 Other Party 95 Blank Ballot 96 No Party Preference 99 DK; NA	Recoded such that:  10 Communist, Pacifist Socialist, or Radical 20 Labour 22 Democrats '66 55 Centrum Party 63 Christian Democratic Appeal 70 Liberal Party 80 Famer's Party 85 Calvinist, RPF or Evangelische Volksparti 95 abstain 96 nopref  '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.
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 04 17 years 05 18 years 06 19 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 05 18 years 06 19 years

	07 20 years 08 21 years 09 22 years 10 Still studying 00 DK; NA	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)
Notrelig	Do you personally feel, irrespective of how often you go to church, that your religion is of great importance, some importance, or only of little importance in your life?	Recoded such that:  1 Great importance 2 Some importance 3 Only of little importance
	1 Great importance 2 Some importance 3 Only of little importance 4 Don't know, no reply 9 Inap, no religious denomination	Categories 4 and 9 are recoded as missing.
Occrec	OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD  01 Farmers, fishermen (Skippers) 02 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc. 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	Recoded such that:  1 manual 2 nonmanual 3 inactive

Occrec1	00 DK/NA	Coded such that
Occrec2		0 Other professions 1 Farmer or Fisher Coded such that
Occrec3		0 Other professions 1 Professionals Coded such that
retnat	How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months	0 Other professions 1 Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self employed position, Business proprietors, owner of a company This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:  _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?	Recoded such that:  1 Got a lot better 2 Got a little better 3 Stayed the same 4 Got a little worse 5 Got a lot of worse  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 2 Get a little better 3 Stayed the same 4 Get a little worse 5 Get a lot worse

	<p>5 Get a lot worse</p> <p>6 DK</p> <p>0 NA</p> <p>9 Inap.</p>	
Proper	<p>And over the next 12 months, do you expect that the financial situation of your household will...?</p> <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>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>1 Get a lot better</p> <p>2 Get a little better</p> <p>3 Stayed the same</p> <p>4 Get a little worse</p> <p>5 Get a lot worse</p>
Lrself	<p>In political matters, people talk of “the Left” and “the Right”. How would you place your views on this scale?</p> <p>01 Left</p> <p>02</p> <p>03</p> <p>04</p> <p>05</p> <p>06</p> <p>07</p> <p>08</p> <p>09</p> <p>10 Right</p> <p>00 DK; NA</p>	<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> <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</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)?

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

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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