

NETHERLANDS 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: 1006.

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 81 Calvinist State Party 82 Calvinist Political Alliance 84 RPF 85 Evangelische Volksparti 90 Other Party 95 Blank Ballot 96 No Party Preference 00 NA 99 DK	Recoded such that: 10 Communist, Pacifist Socialist, or Radical 20 Labour 22 Democrats '66 55 Centrum Party 63 Christian Democratic Appeal 70 Liberal 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

	07 20 years 08 21 years 09 22 years 10 Still studying 00 DK; NA	06 19 years 07 20 years 08 21 years 09 22 years
Edulevel	edulevel=eduagerc	For category 10, 'still studying', the age of the respondent is coded in. 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)
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	Recoded such that: 1 Religious 2 Not religious 3 An agnostic 4 An atheist
OccHH	Occupation of the head of household: (v709) 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 12 Other manual worker 13 Retired 14 Housewife, not otherwise	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 12 Other manual worker

employed
15 Student
16 Military service
17 Temporarily not working,
unemployed
00 DK/NA

Lat Occupation of the head of
household: (v711)

01 Farmer
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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
12 Other manual worker
00 INAP.
13 Head of household never did
any paid work
14 Non precise <DK/NA>
occrec=occHH

Occrec

Recoded 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)

Occrec1

The following categories are recoded
as missing: 0, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.
Coded such that

Occrec2		0 Other professions 1 Farmer Coded such that
Occrec3		0 Other professions 1 Fisherman Coded such that
Unionhld	Are you yourself or is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?	0 Other professions 1 Professional (Lawyer, practitioner, accountants, etc...) The Unionhld variable is generated using two other variables: var704, and var705. Recoded such that:
	Yes, respondent 0 Not Mentioned 1 Mentioned	0 No 1 Yes
Ownhome (v713)	Yes, someone else in the household 0 Not Mentioned 1 Mentioned 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: 0 Rent (categories 2, 4, 5, and 6) 1 Own (categories 1 and 3)
retnat	1 Owners of the house 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 lodger, squatter, etc.) 0 DK/NA How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months	The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing. This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:
	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	_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 worse 0 DK; NA	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
Lrself	In political matters, people talk of “the Left” and “the Right”. How would you place your views on this scale?	The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing. The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.
	01 Left 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 Right 00 DK; NA	
Eusup (v731)	Typology of European Attitudes	Recoded 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 Q.378 3 Negative attitudes – coded 3 for Q.379 and either 3 or 4 for Q.378	1 Negative 2 Ambivalent 3 Positive
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:
	1 Very satisfied 2 Fairly satisfied	1 Very satisfied 2 Fairly satisfied 3 Not very satisfied 4 Not at all satisfied
		The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are

3 Not very satisfied
4 Not at all satisfied
0 DK; NA

recoded as missing.

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