

NETHERLANDS 1994 Election Study

Methodology:

International Research Associates of Europe, INRA, carried out the fieldwork for this Eurobarometer from November 14 to December 31, 1994. INRA is a European network of market and public opinion research agencies, coordinated by the European Coordination Office. In all member states, fieldwork was conducted on the basis of detailed and uniform instructions prepared by the ECO. INRA developed equivalent French and English questionnaires for this Eurobarometer. These questionnaires were translated into other languages by the firms responsible for interviewing in each country. In all, Eurobarometer 42 interviewed 13,063 citizens of the 12 countries in the European Community (nationals and non-nationals but EU-citizens). Respondents were aged 15 and over. Separate samples were drawn for Northern Ireland and East Germany. In addition, 1,082 Austrian, 501 Swedish, 1,000 Finnish, and 1,031 Norwegian citizens aged 15 and over were interviewed with a subset of questions.

Total Sample: 1047.

Variables:

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint2	<p>If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you support?</p> <p>14 Socialist Party 17 Green Left, Radical Political Party, Pacifist Socialist Party, Netherlands Communist Party, Evangelical Peoples Party 20 Labour Party 22 Democrats '66 52 Union 55+ 53 General Association of Elderly People 57 Centre Democrats 63 Christian Democratic Appeal 70 Liberal Party 81 Political Reformed Party 82 Reformed Political Union 84 Reformed Political Federation 90 Other party 95 Would vote blank/spoil vote 96 Would not vote 98 Don't Know 00 NA</p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>10 exleft (categories 14 and 17) 20 pvda (category 20) 22 d66 (category 22) 52 pension (categories 52 and 53) 57 cent (category 57) 63 cda (category 63) 70 lib (category 70) 85 calvin (category 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85) 95 abstain (categories 95 and 98) 96 nopref (category 96)</p> <p>'Other', 'DK', and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.</p>
male	<p>Sex of respondent</p> <p>1 Male 2 Female</p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>0 Female 1 Male</p>
Age	<p>Can you tell me your date of birth please?</p>	<p>Exact age in years is coded.</p>
Urban	<p>Size of community:</p> <p>01 less than 5.000 02 5.000 - less than 10.000 03 10.000 - less than 20.000 04 20.000 - less than 50.000 05 50.000 - less than 100.000 06 100.000 - less than 400.000 07 400.000 and more inhabitants</p>	
eduagerc	<p>How old were you when you stopped full-time education?</p>	<p>Actual number is coded</p>

Edulevel	<p>98 Still studying 00 NA 99 Inap. edulevel=eduagerc</p>	<p>For category 98, 'still studying', the age of the respondent is coded in. Recoded such that:</p>
notrelig	<p>Whether you do or you don't follow religious practices, would you say that you are...?</p> <p>1 Religious person 2 A non religious person 3 A confirmed atheist 0 DK/NA</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>1 Religious 2 Not religious 3 An agnostic 4 An atheist</p> <p>The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing. Recoded such that:</p>
Occrec	<p>Occupation:</p> <p>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> 99 <INAP></p>	<p>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)</p> <p>The 'INAP' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.</p>
Occrec1		Coded such that
Occrec2		<p>0 Other professions 1 Farmer or Fisherman Coded such that</p>
Occrec3		<p>0 Other professions 1 Professionals Coded such that</p>
		<p>0 Other professions 1 Shop/Company owner</p>

retnat	<p>How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months</p> <p>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</p>	<p>This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:</p> <p>_Iretnat_1 – Got better _Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same _Iretnat_3 – Got worse</p>
retper	<p>How does the financial situation of your household now compare with what it was 12 months ago?</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>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</p> <p>The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.</p>
Pronat	<p>And over the next 12 months, how do you think the general economic situation in this country will be...? Would you say it will...?</p> <p>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></p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>1 Get a lot better 2 Get a little better 3 Stay the same 4 Get a little worse 5 Get a lot worse</p> <p>The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.</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 2 Get a little better 3 Stay the same 4 Get a little worse 5 Get a lot worse 6 DK 0 <NA></p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>1 Get a lot better 2 Get a little better 3 Stay the same 4 Get a little worse 5 Get a lot worse</p> <p>The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.</p>
Lrself	<p>In political matters, people talk of “the Left” and “the Right”. How would you place your views on this</p>	<p>The ‘DK’ and ‘NA’ responses are recoded as missing.</p>

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01 Left

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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)? Would you say you are...?

Recoded such that:

1 Very satisfied

2 Fairly satisfied

3 Not very satisfied

4 Not at all satisfied

1 Very satisfied

2 Fairly satisfied

3 Not very satisfied

4 Not at all satisfied

5 DK

0 NA

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

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Typology of Single Market Attitudes

Recoded such that:

The Typology of European attitudes is based upon answers to the following questions: "In general, are you for or against efforts being made to unify Western Europe? Are you for, very much; for, to some extent; against, to some extent; against, very much?" and "Generally speaking, do you think that (your country's) membership of the European Community is: a good thing, a bad thing, or neither good nor bad?"

1 Negative

2 Ambivalent

3 Positive

1 Positive

2 Neither Good or Bad

3 Negative

0 DK/NA

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