

## **UK 1982 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 9,689 citizens of the 10 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over.

Total Sample: 682.

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
voteint	If there were a "General Election" tomorrow (SAY IF CONTACT UNDER 18 YEARS: and you had a vote), which party would you vote for?	Recoded such that:  20 Labour 30 SDP-Liberal 60 Conservative  '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	
eduagerc	0 DK; NA 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 05 18 years 06 19 years 07 20 years 08 21 years 09 22 years 10 Still studying 00 DK; NA	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  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)
notrelig	Independently of whether you go to church or not, would you say you are  1 A religious person 2 Not a religious person 3 A convinced atheist 0 DK; NA	
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		Coded such that  0 Other professions 1 Farmer or Fisherman
Occrec2		Coded such that  0 Other professions 1 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.

Occrec3

Coded such that

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How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months

0 Other professions  
1 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors  
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

Lrself

In political matters, people talk of “the Left” and “the Right”. How would you place your views on this scale?

- 01 Left
- 02
- 03
- 04
- 05
- 06
- 07
- 08
- 09
- 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)?

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

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