

## **UK 1984 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.

Total Sample: 537.

*Variables:*

| Variable Name: | Question Asked:   | Coded As:  |
|----------------|---|--|
| Voteint2       | 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:<br><br>20 Labour<br>30 SDP-Liberal<br>60 Conservative<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  |  |
| eduagerc       | 0 DK; NA<br>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<br>02 15 years<br>03 16 years<br>04 17 years<br>05 18 years<br>06 19 years<br>07 20 years<br>08 21 years<br>09 22 years<br>10 Still studying<br>00 DK; NA | 01 Up to 14 years<br>02 15 years<br>03 16 years<br>04 17 years<br>05 18 years<br>06 19 years<br>07 20 years<br>08 21 years<br>09 22 years<br><br>For category 10, 'still studying', the age of the respondent is |

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|          |  | 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)                 |
| 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    | Whether you do or you don't follow religious practices, would you say that you are...? | Recoded such that:                                  |
|          | 1 Religious person   | 1 Religious   |
|          | 2 A non religious person   | 2 Not religious                                     |
|          | 3 A confirmed atheist  | 3 An agnostic                                       |
|          | 0 DK/NA  | 4 An atheist  |
|          |  | The 'DK' and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing. |
| Occrec   | OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD  | Recoded such that:                                  |
|          | 01 Farmers, fishermen (Skippers)   | 1 manual  |
|          | 02 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.  | 2 nonmanual   |
|          | 03 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors                                   | 3 inactive  |
|          | 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  |   |
| Occrec1  |  | Coded such that                                     |

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| Occrec2 |   | 0 Other professions<br>1 Farmer or Fisherman<br>Coded such that   |
| Occrec3 |   | 0 Other professions<br>1 Professional- lawyers,<br>accountants, etc.<br>Coded such that   |
| retnat  | How do you think the general<br>economic situation has changed<br>over the last twelve months   | 0 Other professions<br>1 Business –owners of shops,<br>craftsmen, proprietors<br>This variable is recoded so that<br>there are three dummy variables<br>representing: |
| Lrself  | 1 Got a lot better<br>2 Got a little better<br>3 Stayed the same<br>4 Got a little worse<br>5 Got a lot worse<br>0 DK; NA<br>In political matters, people talk<br>of “the Left” and “the Right”.<br>How would you place your<br>views on this scale?  | _Iretnat_1 – Got better<br>_Iretnat_2 – Stayed the same<br>_Iretnat_3 – Got worse   |
| Demsat  | 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<br>On the whole, are you very<br>satisfied, fairly satisfied, not<br>very satisfied or not at all<br>satisfied with the way<br>democracy works (in your<br>country)? |   |

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

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Q.176  
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.240
- 3. CODED 0 OR 3 AT Q.176  
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.240; OR 1  
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Q.176 AND 3 AT Q.240; OR 2  
ON Q.176 AND 1 AT Q.240
- 4. CODED 0 OR 3 AT Q.176  
AND 1 AT Q.240; OR 1 AT  
Q.176  
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.240
- 5. HIGH - CODED 1 AT Q.176  
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