

## **UK 1985 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 11,849 citizens of the 12 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over.

Total Sample: 719.

*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:  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)
relig	And, how important is God in your life? Please use the card to indicate – 10 means very important, and 1 means not at all important:	Recoded such that:
		1 Great importance
		2 Some importance
		3 Only of little importance
	1 Not at all	
	2	
	3	
	4	
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	7	
	8	
	9	
	10 Very	
	00. DK/NA	
Occrec	OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	Recoded such that:
		1 manual
		2 nonmanual
		3 inactive
	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	
		Categories 4 and 9 are recoded as missing.

Occrec1		Coded such that
Occrec2		0 Other professions 1 Farmer or Fisherman Coded such that
Occrec3		0 Other professions 1 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc. Coded such that
retnat	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)?	

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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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- 1. LOW - CODED 2 AT Q.176  
AND CODED 3 AT Q.240
- 2. CODED 0 OR 3 AT Q.176  
AND 3 AT Q.240; OR 2 AT  
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  
AT  
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  
AND 1 AT Q.240

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