

UK 1986 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 26 interviewed 11,837 citizens of the 12 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over.

Total Sample: 648.

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	<p>Recoded such that:</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)</p>
Notrelig	<p>Do you personally feel, irrespective of how often you go to church, that your religion is of great importance, some importance, or only of little importance in your life?</p> <p>1 Great importance 2 Some importance 3 Only of little importance</p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>1 Great importance 2 Some importance 3 Only of little importance</p>
	<p>1 Great importance 2 Some importance 3 Only of little importance 4 Don't know, no reply 9 Inap, no religious denomination</p>	<p>Categories 4 and 9 are recoded as missing.</p>
Occrec	<p>OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Recoded such that:</p> <p>1 manual 2 nonmanual 3 inactive</p>
Occrec1		<p>Coded such that</p> <p>0 Other professions 1 Farmer or Fisherman</p>

Occrec2

Coded such that

0 Other professions
1 Professional- lawyers,
accountants, etc.

Occrec3

Coded such that

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

retnat

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

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

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4 Not at all satisfied
0 DK; NA
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FROM Q.332 AND Q.343

1. LOW - CODED 3 AT Q.332
AND CODED 3 AT Q.343
2. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.332
AND 3 AT Q.343; OR 3 AT
Q.332
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.343
3. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.332
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.343; OR 1
AT
Q.332 AND 3 AT Q.343; OR 3
ON Q.332 AND 1 AT Q.343
4. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.332
AND 1 AT Q.343; OR 1 AT
Q.332
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.343
5. HIGH - CODED 1 AT Q.332
AND 1 AT Q.343

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