

## **UK 1987 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. Faits et Opinions developed equivalent French and English questionnaires for this Euro-Barometer. The questionnaires were translated into other languages by the professional polling agency.

Total Sample: 718.

*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)
relginx	IDEAS OR CAUSES THAT WOULD MAKE R TAKE ACTION ... My religious faith	The religion index is generated by using these three variables. For each respondent, the values to these questions are added to create the index, recoded such that:
	0 Not mentioned	
	1 Mentioned	
	QUALITIES WHICH CHILDREN CAN LEARN AT HOME ... Religious faith	
	0 Not mentioned	0 low relg
	1 Mentioned	1
		2
		3 high relg
	GROUPS OR ASSOCIATIONS R BELONGS TO...Churches or religious organizations	
	0 Not mentioned	
	1 Mentioned	
Occrec	OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	Recoded such that:
		1 manual
	01 Farmers, fishermen (Skippers)	2 nonmanual
	02 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.	3 inactive
	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

Occrec1

Coded such that

0 Other professions  
1 Farmer or Fisherman  
Coded such that

Occrec2

0 Other professions  
1 Professional- lawyers,  
accountants, etc.  
Coded such that

Occrec3

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
- 4 Not at all satisfied
- 0 DK; NA

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INDEX

Recoded such that:

- 1. LOW - CODED 3 AT Q.328  
AND CODED 3 AT Q.338
- 2. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.328  
AND 3 AT Q.338; OR 3 AT  
Q.328 AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.338
- 3. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.328  
AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.338; OR 1  
AT Q.328 AND 3 AT Q.338;  
OR 3 ON Q.328 AND 1 AT  
Q.338
- 4. CODED 0 OR 2 AT Q.328  
AND 1 AT Q.338; OR 1 AT  
Q.328 AND 0 OR 2 AT Q.338
- 5. HIGH - CODED 1 AT Q.328  
AND 1 AT Q.338

- 1 Negative
- 2 Ambivalent
- 3 Positive

The 'INAP' responses are  
recoded as missing.

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