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Socio Demographics

- D1. Sex [1] Male
 [2] Female
- D2. Exact Age: [][] Years old
 [0 0] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]
- D3. Age when finished full time education : [EXACT AGE IN 2 DIGITS]
 [][] years old
 [0 0] [REFUSAL/ NO ANSWER]
 [0 1] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
 [9 9] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- D4. As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity ?
 [READ OUT LEFT ITEMS - THEN ASK TO SPECIFY ("that is to say") - ONLY ONE ANSWER]
- **Self-employed**
 - i.e. : - farmer, forester, fisherman 11
 - owner of a shop, craftsman 12
 - professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...) 13
 - manager of a company 14
 - other (SPECIFY) 15
 - **Employee**
 - i.e. : - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect) 21
 - general management, director or top management 22
 - middle management, 23
 - civil servant 24
 - office clerk 25
 - other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...) 26
 - other (SPECIFY) 27
 - **Manual worker**
 - i.e. : - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc ...) 31
 - manual worker 32
 - unskilled manual worker 33
 - other (SPECIFY) 34
 - **Without a professional activity**
 - i.e. : - looking after the home 41
 - student (full time) 42
 - retired 43
 - seeking a job 44
 - other (SPECIFY) 45
 - **(Refusal)** 99
- D5. Region = "European Administrative Regional Unit" (N.U.T.S. 2)
 [2 DIGITS]
- D6. Type of Locality?
 - metropolitan zone 1
 - other town/urban centre 2
 - rural zone 3

Participation in the Referendum

Q1. Last Wednesday a Referendum was held on the approval of the treaty that establishes a Constitution for Europe. Did you vote in that Referendum?

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- Yes, you voted..... 1
- No, you did not vote 1

Reasons why you did not vote in this Referendum

IF DID NOT VOTE IN Q1

Q2. If you did not go to vote in the Referendum held on the 1 of June, is it because ... ?
 [READ OUT – ROTATION OF THE ITEMS – ONLY ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

- Yes 1
- No..... 2
- [DK/NA] 3

- a) You are not interested in politics, by elections in general..... 1 2 3
- b) You are not interested in the European Constitution..... 1 2 3
- c) You believed that voting at the referendum would not change anything 1 2 3
- d) You are not interested in European affairs 1 2 3
- e) You are against Europe, the European Union, the European construction..... 1 2 3
- f) You believed that you were not sufficiently informed on the Constitution to go vote.... 1 2 3
- g) You wished to penalize the Government..... 1 2 3
- h) You have been held up that day 1 2 3
- i) You think that the text is too complicated 1 2 3
- j) It was not worth voting because it was clear that the "NO " would win in any case 1 2 3
- k) It was not worth voting because France voted "NO" 1 2 3

Recall of vote at the referendum

IF YES IN Q1

Q3. How did you vote in that Referendum? Did you vote "Yes" in favour of the treaty that establishes a Constitution for Europe or "No" against it?

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- You voted "YES" 1
- You voted "NO" 2
- [Voted "Blank"]..... 3
- [DK/NA] 4

Reasons « Voted YES »

[ASK ONLY IF Q3= 1]

Q4. What are all the reasons why you voted "Yes" at the referendum on the European Constitution?
[DO NOT READ OUT – CODE ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

- a) Essential in order to pursue the European construction 1
- b) Essential in order to manage the integration of the new member states of the European Union 1
- c) Essential for the smooth running of the European institutions 1
- d) First steps towards/ Symbol of a social Europe 1
- e) Strengthens the feeling of a European identity 1
- f) Creates a true European citizenship 1
- g) First steps towards/ Symbol of a political unification of Europe 1
- h) Strengthens the European Union over the United States 1
- i) I've always been in favour of the European construction 1
- j) Strengthens democracy in Europe/ consults citizens 1
- k) Support the Government/ certain political parties 1
- l) Strengthens the economic and social situation in the Netherlands 1
- m) Strengthens the role of the Netherlands within the Union/ in the world 1
- n) For peace in Europe 1
- o) For the future generations 1
- p) Because France voted no 1
- q) I don't see what is negative in this text 1
- r) Other (SPECIFY) 1
- s) [DK/NA] 1

Reasons « Voted NO »

[ASK ONLY IF Q3= 2]

Q5. What are all the reasons why you voted "No" at the referendum on the European Constitution?
[DO NOT READ OUT – CODE ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

- a) Loss of national sovereignty 1
- b) Lack of information 1
- c) I am against Europe / European construction / European integration 1
- d) I do not see what is positive in this text 1
- e) Not democratic enough 1
- f) It will have negative effects on the employment situation in the Netherlands/
 relocation of Dutch enterprises/loss of jobs 1
- g) Too complex 1
- h) Opposes the national government/ certain political parties 1
- i) Economically speaking, the draft is too liberal 1
- j) The draft goes too far/ advances too quickly 1
- k) Not enough social Europe 1
- l) The economic situation in the Netherlands is too weak/
 there is too much unemployment in the Netherlands 1
- m) Too technocratic / juridical / too much regulation 1
- n) Does not want Turkey in the European Union 1
- o) Opposition to further enlargement 1
- p) Because France voted "NO" 1
- q) The result of this referendum is not binding 1
- r) I do not want a European political union/ a European federal State/
 the « United States » of Europe 1
- s) Other (SPECIFY) 1
- t) [DK/NA] 1

The moment of choice

IF YES IN Q1

Q6. Can you tell me roughly when did you make up your mind how you would vote in the Referendum on the European Constitution?

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- At the time the Referendum was announced 1
- Fairly early on during the Referendum campaign 2
- In the final weeks of the campaign 3
- The week before the Referendum 4
- the day of the Referendum itself 5
- [DK/NA]..... 6

The key-element to vote

IF YES IN Q1

Q7. Could you tell me what was the key element that led to your vote in this Referendum?

[READ OUT – ROTATE PER BLOCK OF TWO ITEMS – ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- Your opinion on the European Constitution..... 1
- Your overall opinion regarding the European Union 2
- Your opinion of those who led the "YES" campaign..... 3
- Your opinion of those who led the "NO" campaign..... 4
- Your opinion on the economic and social situation in the Netherlands 5
- [NONE OF THESE BUT THIS ONE – SPECIFY] 6
- [DK/NA]..... 7

Feeling with regard to the result

TO ALL

Q8. Regardless of whether or not you voted, are you satisfied toward the « No » victory?

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- Very satisfied 1
- Rather satisfied 2
- Rather dissatisfied 3
- Not satisfied at all 4
- [DK/NA] 5

The debates about the European Constitution

TO ALL

Q9. Would you say that the debates about the European Constitution in the Netherlands started ...

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- Too early 1
- Too late 2
- Just at the right time 3
- [DK/NA] 4

Consequences of the vote

Q10. Please tell me if you tend to agree or tend to disagree with each of the following statements...
 [READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- Tend to agree1
- Tend to disagree2
- [DK]3

- a) The Institutions of the European Union conjure up a good image to you 1 2 3
- b) The "No" victory in the referendum will allow for the renegotiation of the Constitution in order to come to a more social text 1 2 3
- c) The "No" victory in the referendum will allow for the renegotiation of the Constitution in order to come to a text which will better defend the Netherlands's interests 1 2 3
- d) The Netherlands's membership to the EU is a good thing 1 2 3
- e) The "No" victory will decrease Netherlands's influence within the European Union 1 2 3
- f) The "No" victory will make the running of the European Institutions difficult 1 2 3
- g) Before voting in the referendum, you had all necessary information in order to take a decision..... 1 2 3
- h) The "No" victory will make it more difficult for new countries to join the European Union 1 2 3
- i) The "No" victory in the referendum in the Netherlands and in France will lead the rest of the countries that will hold a similar Referendum to vote « Non » 1 2 3
- j) The European Constitution is essential in order to pursue the European Construction 1 2 3

Q11. If between now and November 2006, at least 20 of the 25 Member States ratify the Constitutional Treaty, the European Council, composed of Heads of State and Government of the Member States, should decide on the procedure regarding the application of the Treaty within the European Union.
 Which of the following propositions would you prefer?

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- That a new vote be organised in the countries which have not ratified the Treaty 1
- That the Treaty be applicable only in the countries which ratified it..... 2
- That this Treaty be abandoned for all Member States 3
- Another solution [Specify] 4
- [DK] 5

Conduction of this survey details

This telephone survey FLASH EUROBAROMETRE 172 "The European Constitution: Post-referendum in the Netherlands" was conducted for the European Commission, Directorate-General "Press and Communication".

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The interviews were conducted between the 02/06/2005 and the 04/06/2005 by the EOS GALLUP EUROPE Institute in the Netherlands : TNS-NIPO

Representativity of the results

The national sample is representative of the population of 18 y.o. and above registered to vote.

Sample size

The sample size amounts to 2000 respondents

A weighting factor has been applied on the national result in order to represent the national population of the Netherlands, the result in the Referendum and the vote results in the last European Elections

In the report we have presented side by side the number of interviews:

- 1) Actually conducted in this country
- 2) Derived from the weighting in proportion of the population of the Netherlands, the result in the Referendum

Interviews			
Conducted (1)		Weighted (2)	
2000	100%	2000	100%

Questionnaires

- 1) The questionnaire prepared for this survey is reproduced at the end of this results volume in French, English and Dutch (see hereafter)
- 2) The translation has been revised by EOS Gallup Europe.

Tables of results

* VOLUME C :

The VOLUME C presents the results with the following personal characteristics of respondents as breakdowns:

Sex (Men, Women)
Age (15-24, 25-39, 40-54, 55 +)
Education (15&-, 16-20, 21&+)
Occupation
Locality type
Participation
Vote
Moment of choice
Result
Necessary information
Party proximity
Vote in the European Elections

Statistical significance of the results

The results in a survey are valid only between the limits of a **statistical margin** caused by the sampling process. This margin varies with three factors :

1. The sample size (or the size of the analysed part in the sample) : the greater the number of respondents is, the smaller the statistical margin will be;
2. The result in itself : the closer the result approaches 50%, the wider the statistical margin will be ;
3. The desired degree of confidence: the more "strict" we are, the wider the statistical margin will be.

As an example, examine this illustrative case :

1. One question has been answered by 500 people ;
2. The analysed result is around 50%;
3. We choose a significance level of 95 % (it is the level most often used by the statisticians, and it is the one chosen for the Table hereafter);

In this illustrative case the statistical margin is : (+/- 4.4%) around the observed 50%. And as a conclusion : the result for the whole population lies between 45.6% and 54.4 %.

Hereafter, the statistical margins computed for various observed results are shown, on various sample sizes, at the 95% significance level.

**STATISTICAL MARGINS DUE TO THE SAMPLING PROCESS
(AT THE 95 % LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE)**

Various sample sizes are in rows ;
Various observed results are in columns :

	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	
	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	
N=50	6.0	8.3	9.9	11.1	12.0	12.7	13.2	13.6	13.8	13.9	N=50
N=500	1.9	2.6	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	N=500
N=1000	1.4	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	N=1000
N=1500	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	N=1500
N=2000	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	N=2000
N=3000	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	N=3000
N=4000	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	N=4000
N=5000	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	N=5000
N=6000	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	N=6000
N=7000	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	N=7000
N=7500	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	N=7500
N=8000	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	N=8000
N=9000	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	N=9000
N=10000	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	N=10000
N=11000	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	N=11000
N=12000	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	N=12000
N=13000	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	N=13000
N=14000	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	N=14000
N=15000	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	N=15000
	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	
	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	