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Documentation of Questionnaire

The German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES) is a long-term project funded by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) which started with the 2009 federal election and is continued with the federal election 2013. GLES is the largest and most ambitious election study held so far in Germany.

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The following documentation refers to the Rolling Cross-Section Campaign Survey with Post-election Panel Wave (ZA5703) of the GLES 2013 and will give you some general information about the dataset.

<u>Bibliographic description of the dataset</u>

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<u>Basic information</u>

Funding Agency	German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft)
Data Collector	Ipsos, Hamburg
Date of collection	07/08/2013 – 09/21/2013 (pre-election)
	09/23/2013 – 11/03/2013 (post-election)
Content	The RCS design (telephone sample) allows the analysis of election campaign dynamics on a daily basis so that short-term effects become visible.

<u>Methodology</u>

Geographic Coverage	Germany (DE)
Universe	The population comprises all German-speaking people, whose residence is in the Federal Republic of Germany and who are eligible to vote in the federal election 2013 as well as living in private households with a landline.
Selection Method	Multistage random sampling based on the ADM-design (Gabler-Haeder-model for telephone samples). The pre-election wave is a Rolling Cross-Section (RCS) survey with the aim to realize 100 interviews per day based on random sampling. These daily interviews were conducted in such a way that not only the entire sample, but also the interviews collected on each day constitute random samples from the universe of German citizens aged 18 and above. Besides, the sample is stratified by region. Due to the complicated sampling design of RCS surveys interviews collected on the first days do not yet constitute proper random samples. The target person in the household was determined by last-birthday-method.
Mode of Data Collection	Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI), with an average duration of approximately 30 minutes (pre-election) and 21 minutes (post-election).

Field Work	A random sample of 7,882 voters was interviewed over a period of 76 days before the election, with an average of about 100 interviews conducted on each day of the period of observation. The post-election panel wave started directly after the Bundetag election and ended at the 11/03/2013.
Response Rate	7,882 people were surveyed in the pre-election wave. Thus, the response rate concerning the pre-election wave is 15.8 percent. 5,353 or 67.9 percent of them also participated in the post-election wave.
Weights	This study comprises transformation weights and post-stratification weights (also known as population or calibration weights) which are calculated on the respondents of the RCS pre-election wave. Due to the RCS design there are total, weekly and where possible also daily weights.

Transformation weights (wei_tran) are included in the dataset because the design of the study was based on landline numbers. They were calculated by dividing the number of all people who are eligible to vote in the household with the number of telephone extensions in the household. Afterwards the weight factors were standardized resulting in a mean of 1. The transformation weight enables us to transform the data into a personal sample.

The post-stratification weights namely "education weights", "sociodemographic weights" and "sociodemographic and regional weights" with (and without) transformation weight create the second type of weights provided in the dataset. Those weights were calculated by the iterative proportional fitting (IPF) procedure. The iteration process ends when the difference between the weighted marginal distribution and the aimed distribution becomes smaller than 0.0001. To prevent large weights, the weights were trimmed (after each iteration) so that no weight is more than 5 times larger than the average weight. The weights are constructed on the basis of gender, age (four groups: 18 to 29, 30 to 44, 45 to 59 and 60 years and older), education (three groups: low, middle, high), BIK-regions (three groups) and East (incl. Berlin) / West German federal states. Missing cases are replaced with the mode.

To adjust for drop-out in the post-election panel component of the RCS panel weights were added. These weights were calculated by employing propensity score weighting. Therefore, attrition was estimated using a logistic regression model. Based on the results of the regression, individual participation probabilities were predicted. The inverse of the participation probability was used as a weighting factor.

Data access

Usage regulations	Data and documents are released for academic research and teaching: access category A.
Anonymized data	According to German data protection laws, only anonymized data can be made accessible for public download. Based on this, some variables had to be deleted from the publicly available dataset. As a matter of course no information is lost: All variables can be used by interested researchers in a Secure Data Center (SDC) at GESIS (Cologne, Mannheim). Some variables are also available by signing a user contract. If you are interested in those variables please send an e-mail to gles@gesis.org. An overview of those variables can be found on our homepage (www.gesis.org/gles).

Errata

The most recent errata list is provided by the GESIS Data Catalogue (www.gesis.org/dbk). There you can also find a list of all changes made between the different versions of the dataset.

<u>Further Remarks</u>
A Rolling Cross-Section Campaign Survey with Post-election Panel Wave was also conducted in 2005 (ZA4991) and within the GLES in 2009 (ZA5303).

You can find more information about GLES at www.gesis.org/gles and www.gles.eu.

To get an overview of the use of our data, we kindly request users of GLES-data to inform us about publications that utilize those data. In case of limited access to your publication (e.g. conference papers), we would highly appreciate if you could send us an electronic (PDF file, gles@gesis.org) or a print copy of your publication

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Documentation of Questionnaire

Pre-election

(07/08/2013 – 09/21/2013)

pre001
Interest in politics

Quite generally, how interested are you in politics: very interested, somewhat interested, in between, not very interested, or, not at all interested?

(1)   Very interested
(2)   Somewhat interested
(3)   In between
(4)   Not very interested
(5)   Not at all interested

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre002
Interest, election campaign

And how interested are you in particular in this federal election campaign - very interested, somewhat interested, in between, not very interested, or not at all interested?

(1)   Very interested
(2)   Somewhat interested
(3)   In between
(4)   Not very interested
(5)   Not at all interested

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre003
Vote intention

When elections are held a lot of people vote, others do not manage to vote or do not participate in elections for other reasons. The next federal election will be held on 22nd September. What will you do? Are you certain to vote, likely to vote, might you vote, or are you not likely or certain not to vote?

(1)   Certain to vote
(2)   Likely to vote
(3)   Might vote
(4)   Not likely to vote
(5)   Certain not to vote

(6)   Have already cast a postal vote

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre004
Vote intention, first vote

[FILTER: If the respondent's vote intention is at least "might" (1-3):]

You have two votes in the federal election on 22nd September. The first vote is for a candidate in your local constituency, the second vote is for a party. How will you mark your ballot? I will vote for the candidate of the …

[INT: Do not read out the list of political parties!]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU

(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   Piratenpartei
(322)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(206)   NPD [also DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(225)   REP (Die Republikaner)
(126)   BP (Bayernpartei)
(134)   BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(171)   FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(209)   ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei=
(214)   PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(224)   RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschlands)
(226)   RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   Other political party _____

(-83)   I will cast an invalid first vote
(-84)   I will not cast a first vote

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre005
Vote intention, second vote

[FILTER: If the respondent's vote intention is at least "might" (1-3):]

And which party will you vote for with your second vote in the federal election?

[INT: Do not read out the list of political parties!]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(322)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(206)   NPD [auch DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(225)   REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
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(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   Other political party _____

(-83)   I will cast an invalid second vote
(-84)   I will not cast a second vote

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre006
First vote, absentee ballot

[FILTER: If pre003 (vote intention) = postal vote (6):]

You had two votes in the absentee ballot. The first vote was for a candidate in your local constituency, the second vote was for a party. How did you mark your ballot?

[INT: Do not read out the list of political parties!]

I voted for the candidate of the…

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
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(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   Other political party _____

(-83)   I cast an invalid first vote
(-84)   I didn't cast my first vote for anyone

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre007
Second vote, absentee ballot

[FILTER: If pre003 (vote intention) = postal vote (6):]

And which party did you vote for with your second vote?

[INT: Do not read out the list of political parties!]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
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(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   Other political party _____

(-83)   I cast an invalid second vote
(-84)   I didn't cast my second vote for anyone

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre008
Possible other party

[FILTER: If pre003 (vote intention) is at least "might" (1-3) AND pre005 (vote intention, second vote) political party referred to (1-801):]

Are you considering possibly voting for a different political party than the [enter the party from pre005, if "other political party", "this party"]?

[INT: If so:] Which party is it?
[INT: Do not read out the list of political parties!]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
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(226)   RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   Other political party _____

(-82)   No other party
(-84)   I wouldn't vote

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre009
Interest in the outcome of the election

How important is the outcome of the upcoming federal election to you personally? Very important, somewhat important, in between, not very important, or not important at all?

(1)   Very important
(2)   Somewhat important
(3)   In between
(4)   Not very important
(5)   Not important at all

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre010
Probability of smaller parties entering parliament

How likely do you think it is for the following parties to be represented in the Bundestag after the federal election?

A   What about the FDP? Is it absolutely certain, fairly certain, neither certain nor improbable, fairly uncertain or completely improbable that the FDP will be a part of the Bundestag?
B   What about Die Linke?
C   And what about Alternative für Deutschland?

Scale:

(1)   Absolutely certain
(2)   Fairly certain
(3)   Neither certain nor improbable
(4)   Fairly uncertain
(5)   Completely improbable

(-71)   I don't know enough about these parties
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre011
Scalometer, coalitions

Now, let's look at a question concerning the possible composition of the federal government after the next federal election. Imagine a thermometer which only measures from +5 to –5 with a zero point in the middle. Now using the thermometer, tell me what you think about the following coalitions – regardless of how likely the respective coalition is in your opinion. +5 means that you would find the coalition a very desirable outcome; -5 means that you would not find this coalition a desirable outcome at all. Use the values in between to express your opinion more precisely. If you are not sure about a coalition, you do not have to rate it of course.

[INT: If respondent asks for details. Read out the explanation of the thermometer again.]

A   How desirable would you find a black-yellow coalition of the CDU/CSU and FPD?
B   And what about a red-green coalition of the SPD and Die Grünen?
C   And a grand coalition of the CDU/CSU and SPD?
D   And a black-green of the CDU/CSU and Die Grünen?
E   And a "traffic-light" coalition of the SPD, FDP and Die Grünen ?
F   And a red-red-green coalition of the SPD, Die Grünen and Die Linke?

Scale:

(1)   -5 I would not find this coalition a desirable outcome at all
(2)   -4
(3)   -3
(4)   -2
(5)   -1
(6)   0
(7)   +1
(8)   +2
(9)   +3

(10)   +4
(11)   +5 I would find this coalition a very desirable outcome

(-71)   I don't know enough about this coalition
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre012
Perception of coalition signals

Coalitions can only be formed if the corresponding political parties are willing to form them. Regardless of the actual majorities after the federal election, how likely do you think it is that the following political parties would be willing to join a coalition with each other after the federal election?

A   Do you think it is absolutely certain, fairly certain, neither certain nor improbable, fairly uncertain or completely improbable that CDU/CSU and FPD would be willing to form a coalition together?
B   And what about the SPD and Die Grünen?
C   And the CDU/CSU and SPD?
D   And the CDU/CSU, and Die Grünen?
E   And the SPD, FDP and Die Grünen?
F   And the SPD, Die Grünen and Die Linke?

Scale:

(1)   Absolutely certain
(2)   Fairly certain
(3)   Neither certain nor improbable
(4)   Fairly uncertain
(5)   Completely improbable

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre013
Expected government

The coalitions which can actually be formed also depend on the outcome of the election. Which parties do you think will actually form the government together after the federal election?

[INT: Multiple response, check all the parties which belong to the coalition]
[INT: Do not read out response options]

1   Expected government: CDU/CSU
2   Expected government: SPD
3   Expected government: FDP
4   Expected government: DIE LINKE
5   Expected government: DIE GRÜNEN
6   Expected government: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
7   Expected government: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
8   Expected government: other political party

9   Expected government: don't know
10   Expected government: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

[INT:
(if respondents use „Labels" for coalitions)

- „Große Koalition"   = CDU/CSU, SPD
- „Schwarz-gelb"   = CDU/CSU, FDP
- „Buergerliche Koalition"   = CDU/CSU, FDP
- "Buergerliche Regierung"   [INT: Ask, if a) CDU/CSU government or b) CDU/CSU, FDP was meant]
- „Jamaika"   = CDU/CSU, FDP, Gruene
- „Schwampel"   = CDU/CSU, FDP, Gruene
- „Schwarze Ampel"   = CDU/CSU, FDP, Gruene
- „Rot-gruen"   = SPD, Gruene
- „Sozial-liberale Koalition" = SPD, FDP
- „Rot-gelb"   = SPD, FDP
- „Ampel"   = SPD, FDP, Gruene
- „Rot-rot-gruen"   = SPD, Gruene, Die Linke
- „Linksbuendnis/Linkskoalition" [INT: Ask, if a) SPD, Gruene, Die Linke or b) SPD-Die Linke or c) SPD-Gruene was meant]
- „Rot-rot"   = SPD, Die Linke

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pre014
Most important problem

In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing Germany today?
[Open answer]

(-98) Don't know
(-99) No answer

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pre015
Ability to solve the most important problem

[FILTER: Only ask the question if problem referred to in pre014 (most important problem):]

Which party is best able to handle this problem?
[INT: Do not read out response options. Only one party]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
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(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   Other political party _____

(808)   No party
(809)   All parties equally good

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre016
Second most important problem

[FILTER: Only ask the question if problem referred to in pre014 (most important problem):]

In your opinion, what is the second most important problem facing Germany today?
[Open answer]

(-97) Not applicable
(-98) Don't know
(-99) No answer

pre017
Ability to solve the second most important problem

[FILTER: Only ask the question if problem referred to in pre016 (Second most important problem):]

Which party is best able to handle this problem?
[INT: Do not read out response options. Only one party]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(322)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(206)   NPD [auch DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
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(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   Other political party _____

(808)   No party
(809)   All parties equally good

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre018
Left-right self-assessment

In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on a scale
from 1 to 11 where 1 means the left and 11 means the right? Use the values in between to
express your opinion more precisely.

(1)   1 left
(2)   2
(3)   3

(4)   4
(5)   5
(6)   6
(7)   7
(8)   8
(9)   9
(10)   10
(11)   11 right

(-71)   I don't know these terms
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre019
Party positions, socioeconomic dimension

Now, let us shift attention to several political issues. Some people prefer lower taxes, although this results in less social services. Others prefer more social services, although this results in raising taxes. What do you think are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please tell me by using a scale from 1 to 11. 1 means that the party prefers to cut taxes and spend less on social services, and 11 means that the party prefers to raise taxes and spend more. Use the values in between to express your opinion more precisely.

A   In your view, what is the position of the CDU?
B   And what is the position of the CSU?
C   And the SPD?
D   And the FDP?
E   And Die Grünen?
F   And Die Linke?

Scale:

(1)   1 Lower taxes, although this results in less social services
(2)   2
(3)   3
(4)   4
(5)   5
(6)   6
(7)   7
(8)   8
(9)   9
(10)   10
(11)   11 More social services, although this results in raising taxes

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre020
Own position, socioeconomic dimension

And what position do you take on this issue?

(1)   1 Lower taxes, although this results in less social services
(2)   2
(3)   3
(4)   4
(5)   5
(6)   6
(7)   7
(8)   8
(9)   9
(10)   10
(11)   11 More social services, although this results in raising taxes

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre021
Issue battery

And what is your opinion about the following statements? Please tell me for each of the statements whether you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree.

[PROG: randomization]

A   Immigrants should be obliged to assimilate into the German culture.
B   The government should take measures to reduce the discrepancies in income.
C   In times of the European debt crisis, Germany should provide financial support for EU member states experiencing financial and economic difficulties.

Scale:

(1)   Strongly agree
(2)   Agree
(3)   Neither agree nor disagree
(4)   Disagree
(5)   Strongly disagree

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre022
Performance of the federal government

As to the present federal government in Berlin - are you more satisfied or less satisfied with the performance of the government of CDU/CSU and FDP in the last four years? Please tell me by using this scale from +5 to -5 again. + 5 means that you are completely satisfied with the performance of the government so far, -5 means that you are not at all satisfied with the performance of the government. Use the values in between to express your opinion more precisely.

(-5)   -5 Not at all satisfied
(-4)   -4
(-3)   -3
(-2)   -2
(-1)   -1
(0)   0
(+1)   +1
(+2)   +2
(+3)   +3
(+4)   +4
(+5)   +5 Completely satisfied

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre023
Performance of the governing parties

And when you consider each of the governing parties separately, could you please tell me how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with their performance of the last four years? Please tell me by using the scale from +5 to -5 again.

A   How satisfied are you with the performance of the CDU?
B   And how satisfied are you with the performance of the CSU?

C   And how satisfied are you with the performance of the FDP?

<u>Scale:</u>

(-5)   -5 Not at all satisfied
(-4)   -4
(-3)   -3
(-2)   -2
(-1)   -1
(0)   0
(+1)   +1
(+2)   +2
(+3)   +3
(+4)   +4
(+5)   +5 Completely satisfied

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre024
Personal economic situation, current

Now, let us shift attention to the economic situation. How would you evaluate your own current economic situation: very good, good, neither good nor bad, bad, or very bad?

(1)   Very good
(2)   Good
(3)   Netiher good nor bad
(4)   Bad
(5)   Very bad

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre025
General economic situation, current

And how would you evaluate the current general economic situation in Germany: very good, good, neither good nor bad, bad, or very bad?

(1)   Very good
(2)   Good
(3)   Neither good nor bad
(4)   Bad
(5)   Very bad

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre026
General economic situation, retrospective

Has the general economic situation in Germany improved considerably, improved somewhat, remained the same, deteriorated somewhat or deteriorated considerably in the last one to two years?

(1)   Improved considerably
(2)   Improved somewhat
(3)   Remained the same,
(4)   Deteriorated somewhat
(5)   Deteriorated considerably

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre027
Responsibility for general economic situation

[FILTER: If pre026 = 1-5 (General economic situation, retrospective):]

To what extent do you think that the government's policies are responsible for this development
- a great deal, a fair amount, moderately, not very much, or not at all?

(1)   A great deal
(2)   A fair amount
(3)   Moderately
(4)   Not very much
(5)   Not at all

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre028
General economic situation, future

What do you think the general economic situation in Germany will be a year from now? Do you
expect that the general economic situation in Germany will have improved considerably,
improved somewhat, remained the same, deteriorated somewhat or deteriorated considerably?

(1)   Improved considerably
(2)   Improved somewhat
(3)   Remained the same
(4)   Deteriorated somewhat
(5)   Deteriorated considerably

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre029
Worries, economic crisis

Now let's look at the current debt crisis in Europe. How worried are you about the current debt
crisis? Are you very worried, fairly worried, moderately worried, a little worried or not worried at
all?

(1)   Very worried
(2)   Fairly worried
(3)   Moderately worried
(4)   A little worried
(5)   Not worried at all

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre030
Scalometer, political parties

Looking now at the political parties in detail, what do you think of the different parties in general?
Please use the thermometer from +5 to -5 again. +5 means that you think a great deal of the
party and -5 that you do not think much of the party at all. Use the values in between to express
your opinion more precisely.

A   Let's begin with the CDU. What do you think of the CDU?
B   And what do you think of the CSU?
C   And the SPD?
D   And the FDP?
E   And Die Grünen?
F   And Die Linke?
G   And the Piratenpartei?
H   And the Alternative für Deutschland?

Scale:

(1)   -5 I do not think much of the party at all
(2)   -4
(3)   -3
(4)   -2
(5)   -1
(6)   0
(7)   +1
(8)   +2
(9)   +3
(10)   +4
(11)   +5 I think a great deal of the party

(-71)   I don't have sufficient knowledge about this party
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre031
Scalometer, political leaders

And what do you think of the political leaders? Please use the thermometer from +5 to -5 again. +5 means that you think a great deal of the politician and -5 that you do not think much of the politician at all. Use the values in between to express your opinion more precisely. If I come to a political leader you haven´t heard of or you feel you do not know enough about, just say so.

A   I'll start with Angela Merkel. What do you think of Angela Merkel?
B   And of Peer Steinbrück?
C   And of Rainer Brüderle?
D   And of Jürgen Trittin?
E   And of Gregor Gysi?

Scale:

(1)   -5 I do not think much of the politician at all
(2)   -4
(3)   -3
(4)   -2
(5)   -1
(6)   0
(7)   +1
(8)   +2
(9)   +3
(10)   +4
(11)   +5 I think a great deal of the politician

(-71)   I don't know enough about this politician
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre032
Preferred chancellor

And who would you prefer as chancellor after the federal election: Angela Merkel or Peer Steinbrück?

(1)   Angela Merkel
(2)   Peer Steinbrück
(3)   None of them [INT: Only if mentioned spontaneously]

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre033
Political knowledge: first vote/second vote

In the federal elections you have two votes, the first vote and the second vote. What do you think: Which vote decides how many seats each party will have in parliament?

[INT: Do not read out response options.]

(1)   The first vote
(2)   The second vote
(3)   Both are equally important

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre034
Use of BILD

There are different ways of following news about politics during the election campaign in Germany. Starting with daily newspapers, do you occasionally or regularly read the BILD newspaper?

[INT: If so:] On how many days did you read political reports in the "BILD newspaper" last week?
[INT: Only print version!]

(1-7)   On __ days
(8)   I didn't read this newspaper last week
(9)   I don't read any political reports in the BILD newspaper

(10)   I never read the BILD newspaper

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre035
BILD use, previous day

[FILTER: If pre034 (Use of BILD) = 1-7:]

[PROG: If field day = Tuesday-Sunday]

[If BILD was read on up to 5 days in the previous week, pre034 = 1-5:]
And what about yesterday? Did you read the "BILD newspaper"?

[If the newspaper was read on 6 or 7 days, then pre034 = 6-7:]
Does that mean that you read the "BILD newspaper" yesterday as well?

[PROG: If field day = Monday]
[If BILD was read on up to 5 days in the previous week, then pre035 = 1-5:]
And what about yesterday or the day before yesterday? Did you read the "BILD newspaper"?

[If the newspaper was read on 6 or 7 days, then pre034 = 6-7:
Does that mean that you read the "BILD newspaper" yesterday or the day before yesterday as well?

(1)   Yes
(2)   No

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre036
Party political bias, BILD

[FILTER: If BILD is read on at least one day (pre034 = 1-7):]

When you think in particular about the reports in "BILD" on political parties or the election campaign, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favourable to some parties than to others?

[INT.: If so:] Which parties were they more favourable to?
[INT: Do not read out the parties]
[INT:Multiple response, record up to three political parties in the order they are mentioned, but do not ask about any more parties if one is mentioned]

1   Party political bias BILD: CDU/CSU
2   Party political bias BILD: CDU
3   Party political bias BILD: CSU
4   Party political bias BILD: SPD
5   Party political bias BILD: FDP
6   Party political bias BILD: DIE LINKE
7   Party political bias BILD: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Party political bias BILD: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Party political bias BILD: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Party political bias BILD: other political party

11   Party political bias BILD: none of the parties
12   Party political bias BILD: don't know
13   Party political bias BILD: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-97)   Not applicable

pre037
Use of daily newspapers

[FILTER: If respondent does not read BILD, doesn't know or no answer, pre034 = 10, -98, -99:]

Do you occasionally or regularly read another daily newspaper? Which one?

[FILTER: If BILD was read on 1-7 days of the previous week, was not read in the previous week or no political articles were read at all, thus pre034 = 1-9:]

Do you occasionally or regularly read another daily newspaper as well?

[INT: If so:] Which one?
[INT: Only print. Do not read out the list]
[INT: If several are mentioned:] Which one is read most?

(1)   Frankfurter Rundschau (FR)
(2)   Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ)

(3)   Süddeutsche Zeitung (SZ)
(4)   Die tageszeitung (taz)
(5)   Die Welt [INT: „Welt kompakt", too, if mentioned spontaneously.]
(6)   Local newspaper or other daily newspaper

(97)   No, none of the newspapers

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

Pre038
Use of political reports in daily newspapers

[FILTER: If a daily newspaper is mentioned (pre037 = 1-6):]
On how many days in the last week did you read political reports in this newspaper?

(1-7)   On __ days
(8)   I didn't read this newspaper last week
(9)   I don't read any political reports in this newspaper [only when mentioned
spontaneously]

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre039
Use of daily newspaper, day before

[FILTER: If use of daily newspaper (pre038) = 1-7 AND daily newspaper mentioned (pre037) =
1-5:]

[PROG: If field day = Tuesday-Sunday]
[If the daily newspaper was read on up to 5 days in the previous week, thus pre038 = 1-5:]
And what about yesterday? Did you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of daily newspaper (pre037)]?

[If the newspaper was read on 6 or 7 days, thus pre038 = 6-7:]
Does that mean that you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of daily newspaper (pre037)] yesterday
as well?

[PROG: If field day = Monday]
[If the daily newspaper was read on up to 5 days in the previous week, pre038 = 1-5:]
Did you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of daily newspaper (pre037)] yesterday or the day before
yesterday?

[If the newspaper was read on 6 or 7 days, thus pre038 = 6-7:]
Does that mean that you read [enter codes 1-5 from use of daily newspaper (pre037)] yesterday
or the day before yesterday as well?

(1)   Yes
(2)   No

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre040
Party political bias of daily newspaper

[FILTER: If reports on political issues were read in a daily newspaper on at least one day
(pre038=1-7):]

When you think in particular about the reports in this newspaper on the political parties or the election campaign, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favourable to some parties than to others?

[INT: If so:], Which parties were they more favourable to?
[INT: Do not read out the parties]
[INT: Multiple response, record up to three political parties in the order they are mentioned, but do not ask about any more parties if one is mentioned]

1   Party political bias of daily newspaper: CDU/CSU
2   Party political bias of daily newspaper: CDU
3   Party political bias of daily newspaper: CSU
4   Party political bias of daily newspaper: SPD
5   Party political bias of daily newspaper: FDP
6   Party political bias of daily newspaper: DIE LINKE
7   Party political bias of daily newspaper: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Party political bias of daily newspaper: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Party political bias of daily newspaper: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Party political bias of daily newspaper: other political party

11   Party political bias of daily newspaper: none of the parties
12   Party political bias of daily newspaper: don't know
13   Party political bias of daily newspaper: no answer
(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-97)   Not applicable

pre041
Use of other daily newspapers

[FILTER: Referred to as a daily newspaper (pre037 = 1-6):]

Do you occasionally or regularly read another daily newspaper?

[INT: If so:] Which one?
[INT: Do not read out the list, only print versions.]
[INT: If several are mentioned:] Which one is read most?

(1)   Frankfurter Rundschau (FR)
(2)   Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ)
(3)   Sueddeutsche Zeitung (SZ)
(4)   Die tageszeitung (taz)
(5)   Die Welt [INT: Including "Welt kompakt", if referred to spontaneously]
(6)   Local newspaper or other daily newspaper

(97)   No, none of the newspapers

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre042
Use of political reports in other daily newspapers

[FILTER: If other daily newspaper is mentioned (pre041 = 1-6):]
On how many days in the last week did you read political reports in this newspaper?

(1-7)   On __ days
(8)   I didn't read this newspaper last week
(9)   I don't read any political reports in this newspaper

(-97)   Not applicable

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre043
Use of daily newspaper, day before

[FILTER: If use of other daily newspaper (pre042) = 1-7 AND other daily newspaper referred to (pre041) = 1-5):]

[PROG: If field day = Tuesday-Sunday]
[If other daily newspaper was read on up to 5 days in the previous week, thus pre042 = 1-5:]
And what about yesterday? Did you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of other daily newspaper (pre041)]?

[If other daily newspaper was read on 6 or 7 days, thus pre042 = 6-7:]
Does that mean that you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of other daily newspaper (pre041)] yesterday as well?

[PROG: If field day = Monday]
[If other daily newspaper was read on up to 5 days in the previous week, thus pre042 = 1-5:]
Did you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of other daily newspaper (pre041)] yesterday or the day before yesterday?

[If other daily newspaper was read on 6 or 7 days, thus pre042 = 6-7:]
Does that mean that you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of other daily newspaper (pre041)] yesterday or the day before yesterday as well?

(1)   Yes
(2)   No

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre044
Party political bias of other daily newspapers

[FILTER: If reports on political issues were read in another daily newspaper on at least one day (pre042 = 1-7):]

When you think in particular about the reports in this newspaper on the political parties or the election campaign, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favourable to some parties than to others?

[INT: If so:] Which parties were they more favourable to?
[INT: Multiple response (record up to three political parties in the order they are mentioned).]

1   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: CDU/CSU
2   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: CDU
3   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: CSU
4   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: SPD
5   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: FDP
6   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: DIE LINKE
7   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: other political party

11   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: none of the parties
12   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: don't know
13   Party political bias of other daily newspaper: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned

(1)   Mentioned

(-97)   Not applicable

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pre045
Attention to reports on the parties

[FILTER: If person read political reports at least one day, thus at least one in pre034, pre038
OR pre42=1-7:]

On the whole how much attention did you pay to reports on the parties and the election
campaign – a great deal, quite a bit, a little, or none?

(1)   A great deal
(2)   Quite a bit
(3)   A little
(4)   None

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre046
Weekly press, previous week

And did you read "SPIEGEL", "Focus" or "DIE ZEIT" in the last week?

[INT : Only print versions.]
[INT: Multiple response]

1   Weekly press, previous week SPIEGEL
2   Weekly press, previous week Focus
3   Weekly press, previous week ZEIT

4   Weekly press, previous week, none of them
5   Weekly press, previous week, don't know
6   Weekly press, previous week, no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

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pre047
Use of TV news programmes, ARD (public-service television network)

Now, let us shift attention to news programmes on television, beginning with the news
programmes broadcast on ARD, namely "Tagesschau" and "Tagesthemen". On how many days
in the last week did you watch "Tagesschau" or "Tagesthemen" on "ARD"?

[INT: Including on other channels (such as on regional public-service stations or on the public-
service station Phoenix) or on the Internet.

(1-7)   On __ days
(8)   Not in the last week
(9)   I never watch the news on this channel [INT: Only if mentioned spontaneously.]

(96)   I never watch the news
(97)   I never watch television

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre048
Party political bias, TV news on ARD

[FILTER: If news was watched on the ARD channel on at least one day, then pre047 = 1-7:]

When you think in particular about the reports in these programmes on the political parties or the election campaign, which impression did you have? Were these reports more favourable to some parties than to others?

[INT: If so] Which parties were they more favourable to?
[INT: Multiple response (record up to three political parties in the order they are mentioned).]

1   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: CDU/CSU
2   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: CDU
3   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: CSU
4   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: SPD
5   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: FDP
6   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: DIE LINKE
7   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: other political party

11   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: none of the parties
12   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: don't know
13   Party political bias, TV news on ARD: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-97)   Not applicable

pre049
Use of TV news programmes, ZDF

[FILTER: If the respondent does NOT say that she/he never watches TV or never watches news on television, thus pre047 NOT= 96-97:]

And on how many days in the last week did you watch "Heute" or "Heute Journal", the newscasts of "ZDF"?

[INT: Including on other channels (such as on 3sat or on the public-service station Phoenix) or on the Internet.]

(1-7)   On __ days
(8)   Not in the last week
(9)   I never watch the news on this channel

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre050
Party political bias, TV news on ZDF

[FILTER: If news was watched on the ZDF channel on at least one day, thus pre049 = 1-7:]

When you think in particular about the reports in these programmes on the political parties or the election campaign, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favourable to some parties than to others?

[INT: If so:] Which parties were they more favourable to?
[INT: Multiple response (record up to three political parties in the order they are mentioned).]

1	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: CDU/CSU
2	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: CDU
3	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: CSU
4	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: SPD
5	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: FDP
6	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: DIE LINKE
7	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: DIE GRÜNEN
8	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: other political party
11	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: none of the parties
12	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: don't know
13	Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: no answer
(0)	Not mentioned
(1)	Mentioned
(-97)	Not applicable

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pre051
Use of TV, RTL news

[FILTER: If the respondent does NOT say that she/he never watches television or never watches the news on television, thus pre047 NOT= 96-97:]

And what about "RTL aktuell", the newscast of "RTL" - on how many days in the last week did you watch this newscast?

(1-7)	On __ days
(8)	Not in the last week
(9)	I never watch the news on this channel
(-97)	Not applicable
(-98)	Don't know
(-99)	No answer

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pre052
Party political bias, TV news on RTL

[FILTER: If news was watched on the RTL channel on at least one day, thus pre051 = 1-7:]

When you think in particular about the reports in this programme on the political parties or the election campaign, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favourable to some parties than to others?

[INT: If so:] Which parties were they more favourable to?
[INT: Multiple response (record up to three political parties in the order they are mentioned).]

1	Party political bias RTL: CDU/CSU
2	Party political bias RTL: CDU
3	Party political bias RTL: CSU
4	Party political bias RTL: SPD
5	Party political bias RTL: FDP
6	Party political bias RTL: DIE LINKE
7	Party political bias RTL: DIE GRÜNEN
8	Party political bias RTL: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9	Party political bias RTL: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10	Party political bias RTL: other political party
11	Party political bias RTL: none of the parties
12	Party political bias RTL: don't know

13   Party political bias RTL: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-97)   Not applicable

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pre053
Use of TV, Sat.1 news

[FILTER: If the respondent does NOT say that she/he never watches television or never watches the news on television, thus pre047 NOT= 96-97:]

And what about "Sat.1 Nachrichten", the newscast of "Sat.1" - on how many days in the last week did you watch this newscast?

(1-7)   On __ days
(8)   Not in the last week
(9)   I never watch the news on this channel

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre054
Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1

[FILTER: If news was watched on the Sat.1 channel on at least one day, thus pre053 = 1-7]

When you think in particular about the reports in these programmes on the political parties or the election campaign, which impression did you have? Were these reports more favourable to some parties than to others?

[INT: If so:] Which parties were they more favourable to?
[INT: Multiple response (record up to three political parties in the order they are mentioned).]

1   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: CDU/CSU
2   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: CDU
3   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: CSU
4   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: SPD
5   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: FDP
6   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: DIE LINKE
7   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: other political party

11   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: none of the parties
12   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: don't know
13   Party political bias TV news on Sat.1: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-97)   Not applicable

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pre055
Attention to TV news programmes

[FILTER: If television news was watched on at least one day, then at least one
in pre047, pre049, pre051, OR pre053 = 1-7:]

When you were watching the news on television, how much attention did you pay to reports on the political parties and the federal election campaign – a great deal of attention, quite a bit of attention, a little attention, no attention?

(1)   A great deal
(2)   Quite a bit
(3)   A little
(4)   None

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre056
TV news on the day before

[FILTER: If TV news watched on 1-7 days in the last week, then at least one in pre047, pre049, pre051, OR pre053 = 1-7:]

Did you watch a TV news programme yesterday?

[INT: If so:] On which TV channel was it?
[INT: MULTIPLE RESPONSE]
[INT: If only one channel is mentioned:] Did you watch another news programme yesterday?

1   TV news on the day before: ARD
2   TV news on the day before: ZDF
3   TV news on the day before: RTL
4   TV news on the day before: SAT.1
5   TV news on the day before: other channel

7   TV news on the day before: didn't watch
8   TV news on the day before: don't know
9   TV news on the day before: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-97)   Not applicable

pre057
Internet usage, in general

On how many days per week, on average, do you use the Internet?

(1-7)   On _____ days
(8)   Less than one day a week

(9)   I never use the Internet
(10)   I haven't got an internet connection [INT: Only if mentioned spontaneously.]

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre058
Internet usage, news

[FILTER: If pre057 (Internet usage, in general) = 1-8]

On how many days in the last week did you use political news websites, e.g. of newspapers, sites from TV channels or other providers?

[INT: E.g. news websites (Spiegel online, t-online, …), use of ePaper, app.]

(1-7)   On _____ days
(8)   Not used in the previous week
(9)   I never use the Internet to inform myself about politics [INT: only if mentioned spontaneously.]

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre059
Internet usage, social networks

 [FILTER: If pre057 (Internet usage, in general) = 1-8]

What about online social networks, such as Facebook or Twitter. On how many days in the last week did you see or read postings about political parties or the federal election?

(1-7)   On_____days
(8)   I didn't see or read postings about political parties or the federal election in the previous week
(9)   I never use online social networks on the Internet [INT: Only if mentioned spontaneously.]

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre060
Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates

 [FILTER: If pre057 (Internet usage, in general) = 1-8]

What about websites of political parties and candidates? Did you use these websites during this election campaign? From which parties?

[INT: If so:] Which parties were they about?
[INT: Multiple response, if respondent mentions candidate, write down the party he belongs to, check with respondent if necessary]

1   Websites: CDU/CSU
2   Websites: CDU
3   Websites: CSU
4   Websites: SPD
5   Websites: FDP
6   Websites: DIE LINKE
7   Websites: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Websites: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Websites: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Websites: NPD [DVU]
11   Websites: other political party

12   Didn't use any websites of parties or candidates
13   Don't know
14   No answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-97)   Not applicable

pre061
Internet usage, special information offerings

[PROG: active from 25.8.13 onwards]

[FILTER: If pre057 (Internet usage, in general) = 1-8]

And what about special information offerings, such as the "Wahl-o-mat" or "Kandidatenwatch":
Did you use any of them during this election campaign?

(1)   Yes
(2)   No

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre062
Perception, opinion polls

Did you read or see any results of current opinion polls on the federal election in the last week?

(1)   Yes
(2)   No

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre063
Discussions about politics

On how many days during the last week did you talk with other people, such as members of
your family, friends or acquaintances, about politics and political parties?

(0)   Not at all
(1-7)   On ___ days

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre064
Network size

[FILTER: pre063 (Discussions about politics) = 1-7 days]

How many people in total would you say you have talked to?

(1-20)   _____persons
(21)   More than 20 persons

(-71)   Several people, but exact number unknown

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre065
First discussion partner: relationship

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size)= 1:]

What is your relationship to this person - is he/she your spouse/partner, a relative, a friend, a work colleague or a neighbour?
[FILTER: If pre064 (network size)> 1 or =-71, -98, -99:]
If you now think of the person you talked most about political parties or the federal election with during the last week, what is your relationship to this person - is he/she your spouse/partner, a relative, a friend, a work colleague or a neighbour?

(1)   Spouse/partner
(2)   A relative
(3)   A friend   [INT: In case of duplicate responses, friend has higher priority than work colleagues and neighbours]
(4)   A work colleague
(5)   A neighbour
(6)   Other contact

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre066
First discussion partner: frequency of discussions

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size)>= 1 or -71:]

On how many days of the previous week did you talk with <u>this</u> person about parties or the federal election?

(0)   Not at all
(1-7)   On _____days

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre067
First discussion partner: knowledge of politics

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size)>= 1 or =-71:]

How much do you think this person knows about politics? A great deal, a fair amount, not so much, or nothing at all?

(1)   A great deal
(2)   A fair amount
(3)   Not so much
(4)   Nothing at all

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre068
First discussion partner: differences of opinion

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size) >= 1 or = -71, -98, -99:]

When you talk with this person about political questions, how often would you say you are of different opinion: often, sometimes, rarely or never?

(1)   Often
(2)   Sometimes
(3)   Rarely

(4)   Never

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre069
First discussion partner: voting decision

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size) >= 1 or = -71, -98, -99:]

Which party do you think this person will probably vote for in the federal election on 22nd September, or do you think she/he will not go to vote at all?

[INT: If respondent gives a clear answer (including "Don't know" and "Hasn't decided yet"), please note this as first mentioned. If respondent gives an ambiguous answer (e.g. mentions more than one party or mentions party and possibility of not voting) please write it down in order mentioned (max. three).]

[INT: Don't read out the answers!]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   SPD
(3)   FDP
(4)   DIE LINKE
(5)   DIE GRÜNEN
(6)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(7)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(8)   NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(9)   Other political party

(-81)   Hasn't decided yet [INT: Only if mentioned spontaneously]
(-85)   Will not vote

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre070
Second discussion partner

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size) >1 or =-71:]

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size) = 2 AND pre065 (First discussion partner: relationship) NOT= spouse/partner:]
If you now think of the other person you talked most about political parties or the federal election with, what is your relationship to this person - is he/she your spouse/partner, a relative, a friend, a work colleague or a neighbour?

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size) >2 or =-71 AND pre065 (First discussion partner: relationship) NOT= spouse/partner:]
If you now think of the person amongst these other people you talked most about political parties or the federal election with, what is your relationship to this person - is he/she your spouse/partner, a relative, a friend, a work colleague or a neighbour?

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size) =2 AND pre065 (First discussion partner: relationship)= spouse/partner:
If you now think of the other person you talked most about political parties or the federal election with, what is your relationship to this person - is he/she a relative, a friend, a work colleague or a neighbour?

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size) >2 or =-71 AND pre065 (First discussion partner: relationship)= spouse/partner:

If you now think of the person amongst these other people you talked most about political parties or the federal election with, what is your relationship to this person - is he/she a relative, a friend, a work colleague or a neighbour?

(1)   Spouse/partner
(2)   A relative
(3)   A friend   [INT: In case of duplicate responses, friend has higher priority than work colleagues and neighbours]
(4)   A work colleague
(5)   A neighbour
(6)   Other contact

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre071
Second discussion partner: frequency of discussions

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size)> 1 or -71:]
On how many days of the previous week did you talk with <u>this</u> person about parties or the federal election?

(0)   Not at all
(1-7)   On ___ days

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre072
Second discussion partner: knowledge of politics

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size) > 1 oder = -71:]

How much do you think this person knows about politics? A great deal, a fair amount, not so much, or nothing at all?

(1)   A great deal
(2)   A fair amount
(3)   Not so much
(4)   Nothing at all

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre073
Second discussion partner: differences of opinion

[FILTER: If pre064 (network size) > 1 oder = -71:]

When you talk with this person about political questions, how often would you say you are of different opinion: often, sometimes, rarely or never?

(1)   Often
(2)   Sometimes
(3)   Rarely
(4)   Never

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know

(-99)   No answer

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pre074
Second discussion partner: voting decision

[FILTER: if pre064 (network size) > 1 oder = -71:]

Which party do you think this person will probably vote for in the federal election on 22nd September, or do you think she/he will not go to vote at all?

[INT: If respondent gives a clear answer (including "Don't know" and "Hasn't decided yet"), please note this as first mentioned. If respondent gives an ambiguous answer (e.g. mentions more than one party or mentions party and possibility of not voting) please write it down in order mentioned (max. three).]

[INT: Don't read out the answers!]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   SPD
(3)   FDP
(4)   DIE LINKE
(5)   DIE GRÜNEN
(6)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(7)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(8)   NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(9)   Other political party

(-81)   Hasn't decided yet [INT: Only if mentioned spontaneously]
(-85)   Will not vote

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre075
Televised debate: reception

[PROG: active from 2nd September 2013 onwards]

Did you watch the TV debate of Angela Merkel and Peer Steinbrück on 1st September?

(1)   Yes
(2)   No

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre076
Televised debate: perceptions of Merkel's performance

[PROG: active from 2nd September 2013 onwards]

[FILTER: If pre075 (Televised debate: reception) = 1:]
How well do you think Angela Merkel did in this debate - very well, well, neither well nor badly, badly or very badly?

[FILTER: If pre075 (Televised debate: reception)= 2, -98, -99]
Did you perhaps read or hear about how well Angela Merkel did in this debate - very well, well, neither well nor badly, badly or very badly?

(1)   Very well

(2)   Well
(3)   Neither well nor badly
(4)   Badly
(5)   Very badly

(-71)   I haven't heard

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre077
Televised debate: perceptions of Steinbrück's performance

[PROG: active from 2nd September 2013 onwards]

[FILTER: If pre075 (Televised debate: reception)= 1]
How well do you think Peer Steinbrück did in this debate - very well, well, neither well nor badly, badly or very badly?

[FILTER: If pre075 (Televised debate: reception)= 2, -98, -99]
And did you perhaps read or hear about how well Peer Steinbrück did in this debate - very well, well, neither well nor badly, badly or very badly?

(1)   Very well
(2)   Well
(3)   Neither well nor badly
(4)   Badly
(5)   Very badly

(-71)   I haven't heard

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre078
Election campaign contacts: party advertising in newspapers, TV, radio

[PROG: active from 25th August 2013 onwards]

When you think about the election campaign of the political parties, did you see or hear party advertisements in newspapers, TV or radio in the last week?

[INT: If so:] From which parties was that?
[INT: Don't read out parties.]
[INT: Multiple response]

1   Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CDU/CSU
2   Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CDU
3   Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CSU
4   Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: SPD
5   Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: FDP
6   Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: DIE LINKE
7   Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: NPD [DVU]
11   Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: other party/parties

12   Election campaign: advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: no party advertisements

13   Election campaign: party advertising in newspapers, TV, radio: don't know
14   Election campaign: party advertising in newspapers, TV, radio: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-97)   Not applicable

pre079
Election campaign contacts: direct election campaign contact

[PROG: active from 25th August 2013 onwards]

And has a candidate or anyone from one of the political parties called you up or come around and talked to you lately, e.g. at an election campaign booth, during rallies or canvassing?

[INT: If so:] Which party were they from?
[INT: Don't read out parties.]
[INT: Multiple response]

1   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CDU/CSU
2   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CDU
3   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CSU
4   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: SPD
5   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: FDP
6   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: DIE LINKE
7   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: NPD [DVU]
11   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: other party/parties

12   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: didn't talk to anyone from any political party
13   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: don't know
14   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-97)   Not applicable

pre080
Recall BTW 2009

In the last federal election on 27th September 2009 a lot of people did not manage to vote or did not participate in the election for other reasons. How about you? Did you vote, did you not vote, or were you not yet eligible to vote?

(1)   I did vote
(2)   I did not vote
(3)   I was not yet eligible to vote

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre081
Recall BTW 2009: voting decision

[FILTER: If pre080 (Recall Wahlbeteiligung BTW 2009) = 1]
Which party did you vote for?

[INT: If respondent asks for more details: We are talking about your second vote, the vote which decides on how strongly the political parties are represented in the Bundestag]
[INT: Don't read out the parties.]

(1) CDU/CSU
(2) CDU
(3) CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(7) DIE LINKE
(6) DIE GRÜNEN
(215) PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(206) NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschland)
(168) DVU (DEUTSCHE VOLKSUNION)
(225) REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126) BP (Bayernpartei)
(134) BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(171) FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(209) ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(214) PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(224) RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(226) RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(237) Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152) DIE VIOLETTEN
(801) other political party: _____

(-83) I cast an invalid second vote
(-97) Not applicable
(-98) Don't know
(-99) No answer

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pre101
Year of birth

Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions about you personally:
What year were you born in?

Year of birth: _____

(-98) Don't know
(-99) No answer

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pre102
Gender

[INT: Do not read out, but select without respondent; only ask again if in doubt]

(1) Male
(2) Female

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pre103
School leaving certificate

What's your highest level of general education?

(1) Finished school without school leaving certificate
(2) Lowest formal qualification in Germany's tripartite secondary school system, after 8 or 9 years of schooling ("Hauptschulabschluss, Volksschulabschluss")
(3) Intermediary secondary qualification, after 10 years of schooling ("Mittlere Reife, Realschulabschluß bzw. Polytechnische Oberschule mit Abschluß 10. Klasse")

(4)   Certificate fulfilling entrance requirements to study at a polytechnical college ("Fachhochulreife (Abschluß einer Fachoberschule etc.)")
(5)   Higher qualification, entitling holders to study at a university ("Abitur bzw. erweiterte Oberschule mit Abschluss 12. Klasse (Hochschulreife)")
(6)   Other school leaving certificate
(7)   Still at school

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre104
Gainful employment

[FILTER: If pre103 (school leaving certificate) NOT still at school (7):]

Do you currently work in a paid job? By this I mean any salaried occupation or one connected with an income time, regardless of the number of working hours. Do you currently work full-time or part-time, in vocational training or studies or do you not work in a paid job at all?

[INT: Full-time: more than 30 hours/week; part-time: up to 30 hours/week.]

(1)   Full-time
(2)   Part-time
(3)   In vocational training or studies
(4)   I do not work in a paid job at all

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre105
Profession

[FILTER: If pre104 (gainful employment) = Full-time (1) or part-time (2):]

Are you a manual worker, a salaried employee, a civil servant, a farmer or self-employed?

[INT: The main activity is decisive]

(1)   A manual worker
(2)   A salaried employee
(3)   A civil servant [Int: including judges and soldiers]
(4)   A farmer
(5)   Self-employed

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre106
Professional group in detail, manual worker

[FILTER: If pre105 (profession) = Manual worker (1):]

Are you a semi-skilled or unskilled worker, a skilled worker or head-workman or a master craftsman?

(1)   Semi-skilled,unskilled or farm worker
(2)   A skilled worker
(3)   A head-workman or master craftsman

(-97)   Not applicable

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre107
Professional group in detail, service/white-collar worker

[FILTER: If pre105 (profession) = Service/White-collar worker (2):]

Are you a salaried white collar employee in a lower level, a medium level or in a managerial position?

(1)   In a lower level
(2)   In a medium level
(3)   In a managerial position

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre108
Professional group in detail, civil servant

[FILTER: If pre105 (profession) = Civil servant (3):]

Are you a low, medium, high or highest level civil servant?

(1)   A low level civil servant
(2)   A medium level civil servant
(3)   A high level civil servant
(4)   A highest level civil servant

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre109
Reason for lack of gainful employment

[FILTER: If pre104 (employment) = Unemployed (4):]

Are you retired, receiving a pension or in early retirement, maternity/parental leave, unemployed or not employed for any other reasons?

(1)   Retired, receiving a pension or in early retirement
(2)   Maternity/parental leave
(3)   Unemployed
(4)   Not employed for any other reasons

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre110
Previous gainful employment

[FILTER: If pre104 (employment) = /"unemployed" (4):]

Have you worked in a full-time or part-time job in the past?

(1)   Yes
(2)   No

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre111
Former profession

[FILTER: If pre110 (previous gainful employment) = Yes:]

Were you a manual worker, a salaried employee, a civil servant, a farmer or self-employed?
[INT: The previous main activity is decisive]

(1)   A manual worker
(2)   A salaried employee
(3)   A civil servant (including judges and soldiers)
(4)   A farmer
(5)   Self-employed

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre112
Professional group in detail, manual worker

[FILTER: If pre111 (former profession) = Manual worker (1):]

Were you a semi-skilled or unskilled worker, a skilled worker or head-workman or a master craftsman?

(1)   A semi-skilled, unskilled or farm worker
(2)   A skilled worker
(3)   A head-workman or master craftsman

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre113
Previous professional group in detail, service/white-collar worker

[FILTER: If pre111 (former profession) = Service/wWhite-collar worker (2):]

Were you a salaried white collar employee in a lower level, a medium level or in a managerial position?

(1)   In a lower level
(2)   In a medium level
(3)   In a managerial position

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre114
Previous professional group in detail, civil servant

[FILTER: If pre111 (former profession) = Civil servant (3):]

Were you a low, medium, high or highest level civil servant?

(1)   A low level civil servant
(2)   A medium level civil servant
(3)   A high level civil servant
(4)   A highest level civil servant

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre115
Household size

How many people live in your household permanently, including yourself and all children?

(1-x)   People in the household: _____

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre116
People aged 18+ who are eligible to vote

[FILTER: If pre115 (household size) > 1 AND NOT=-98, -99:]

How many people in this household are eligible to vote in the federal election?

(1-x)   Eligible voters in the household: _____

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre117
Husband/wife/partner

[FILTER: If pre115 (household size) > 1 AND NOT=-98, -99:]

In your household, are you living with your husband/wife or partner?

(1)   Yes
(2)   No

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre118
Partner's gainful employment

[FILTER: If partner exists, thus pre117 = 1:]

Does your partner currently work full-time or part-time, in vocational training or studies or does she/he not work in a paid job at all?

(1)   Full-time
(2)   Part-time
(3)   In vocational training or studies
(4)   She/he does not work in a paid job at all

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre119
Reason for partner's lack of gainful employment

[FILTER: If pre118 (partner's employment) = Unemployed (4):]

Is your partner retired, receiving a pension or in early retirement, maternity/parental leave, unemployed or not employed for any other reasons?

(1)   Retired, receiving a pension or in early retirement
(2)   Maternity/parental leave
(3)   Unemployed
(4)   Not employed for any other reasons

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre120
Religious denomination

What is your religious denomination?

(1)   Roman Catholic
(2)   Protestant
(5)   Other
(8)   None

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre121
Church attendance

Generally, how frequently do you attend religious services - never, only once a year, more than once a year, at least once a month, two to three times a month, at least once a week, more than once a week?

(1)   Never
(2)   Once a year
(3)   Several times a year
(4)   Once a month
(5)   Two to three times a month
(6)   Once a week
(7)   More often

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pre122
Trade union membership

Are you or is someone else in your household a member of a trade union?

1)   Yes, I am
(2)   Yes, only others
(3)   Yes, I am and others

(4)   No

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre123
Party identification

In Germany, many people lean toward a particular political party for a long time, although occasionally, they vote for another party. How about you, do you lean toward a particular political party? If yes, which party is that?

[INT: Do not read out the parties!]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(322)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(206)   NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(225)   REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126)   BP (Bayernpartei)
(134)   BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(171)   FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(209)   ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(214)   PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(224)   RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(226)   RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   Other political party _____

(808)   No, do not lean toward any party

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre124
Strength of party identification

[FILTER: If pre123 (Party identification) = 1-801:]

All in all, how strongly or weakly do you lean toward this party: very strongly, fairly strongly, moderately, fairly weakly or very weakly?

(1)   Very strongly
(2)   Fairly strongly
(3)   Moderately
(4)   Fairly weakly
(5)   Very weakly

(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre125
Landline phone

How many landline telephone numbers are there in your household which are used privately by you or another member of your household? This means telephone numbers with area code which are used to take calls. Answerphones, fax or telephone numbers which exist but which are not connected up to a terminal device do not count.

[INT.: If respondent aks for details: A landline phone is a normal telephone for which Telekom or another telephone company lays a cable to your home. Landline numbers for mobile phones in "home zones" may also be given.]

(1-x)   Number: ___

(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pre126
Willingness to take part again

Our last interview question is also a request. This survey you have just participated in is being carried out under the scientific direction of the University of Mannheim. The study will be continued after the federal election. We would like to do a further interview with you then and keep your telephone number for this purpose. May we contact you again then?

(1)   Yes
(2)   No, definitely not

Record of identifying details

[FILTER: If willingness to take part again (pre126) = Yes (1)]

Would you please tell me your first name or the first letter of your first name and the first letter of your last name?
[INT: If respondent wants to know details:] We need this information to be sure that we are actually talking to you when we contact you again.

Documentation of Questionnaire

Post-election

(09/23/2013 – 11/03/2013)

Contact/identification of respondent

Good day, my name is [PROG: Name of Interviewer] from Ipsos, one of the major polling organisations in Germany.
Some time ago, we have conducted an interview with someone in your household, on behalf of the University of Mannheim. I would like to ask this person for a second interview. Thus, I would like to speak to the person

- whose first name is [PROG: insert first name]

- whose initials are [PROG: insert initials]

- who is [PROG: male/female] and [PROG: insert age] years old.

[if you are already talking to target person:] May we ask you to take part in the interview?

(1)   yes   [START INTERVIEW]
(2)   no   [IF RESPONDENT DOESN'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE, TRY TO CONVINCE HIM/HER BY ALL MEANS!]

[if you are talking to contact person:] Would you please get this person on the phone?

[IF CONTACT PERSON HAS ANY QUESTIONS:]
We are currently conducting a scientific survey about the federal election on behalf of the University of Mannheim.
This person has already participated in a survey in this study some time ago and agreed to participate in the post election survey, too.

[IF RESPONDENT HAS ANY QUESTIONS:]
We are currently conducting a scientific survey about the federal election on behalf of the University of Mannheim.
Some time ago, you have agreed to participate in the post election survey, too. That's what I would like you to do now. We would be very grateful if you participated again. Your participation is of great importance for the success of this scientific study.
This interview won't take as long as the first one, it takes about 15 minutes. (There won't be another interview.) The participation in the interview is voluntary. All your answers will be handled anonymously, viz. we won't connect your answers to your name or address. The study is obliged to adhere to the Data Protection Act. It is absolutely certain that your data will not be linked to your person.
Are you willing to participate in the study?

pos001
Interesting election campaign

How interesting did you find the campaign for the federal election on 22nd September - very interesting, rather interesting, not very interesting, or not at all interesting?

(1)   Very interesting
(2)   Rather interesting
(3)   Not very interesting
(4)   Not at all interesting

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos002
Recall BTW 2013: turnout

In the federal election on 22nd September a lot of people did not manage to vote or did not participate in the election for other reasons. How about you? Did you vote or did you not vote?

(1)   I did vote
(2)   I did not vote

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos003
Recall BTW 2013: first vote

[FILTER: If turnout (pos002) = 1 OR -98, -99:]

In the federal election you had two votes: the first vote was for a candidate in your local constituency, the second vote was for a party. Which party did the candidate you cast your first vote for belong to?

[INT.: On no account read out the parties.]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(322)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(206)   NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(225)   REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126)   BP (Bayernpartei)
(134)   BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(171)   FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(209)   ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(214)   PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(224)   RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(226)   RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   other political party _____

(-83)   I cast an invalid first vote
(-84)   I didn't cast a first vote

(-85)   I didn't vote   [INT: in case of inconsistent statement in pos002]

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos004
Recall BTW 2013: second vote

[FILTER: If respondent doesn't negate turnout, thus if turnout (pos002) = 1, -98, -99 AND pos003 dissimilar -85]

And which party did you vote for with your second vote in the federal election?

[INT.: On no account read out the parties.]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(322)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(206)   NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(225)   REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126)   BP (Bayernpartei)
(134)   BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
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(224)   RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(226)   RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   other political party _____

(-83)   I cast an invalid second vote
(-84)   I didn't cast a second vote
(-85)   I didn't vote   [INT: in case of inconsistent statement in pos002]

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos005
Recall BTW 2013: time of final voting decision

[FILTER: If respondent doesn't negate turnout, thus if turnout (pos002) = 1, -98, -99 AND pos003 dissimilar -85 AND pos004 dissimilar -85]

When did you decide how to vote in this federal election? A long time ago, a few months ago, a few weeks or days before the election or on election day?

(1)   A long time ago
(2)   A few months ago
(3)   A few weeks before the election
(4)   A few days before the election
(5)   On election day

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos006
Recall BTW 2013: time of decision not to vote

[FILTER: If respondent didn't vote, thus if pos002=2 OR pos003= -85 OR pos004= -85:]

When did you decide not to vote in this federal election? A long time ago, a few months ago, a few weeks or days before the election or on election day?

(1)   A long time ago
(2)   A few months ago
(3)   A few weeks before the election
(4)   A few days before the election
(5)   On election day

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos007
Recall BTW 2013: difficulty of voting decision (voter)

[FILTER: If respondent doesn't negate turnout, thus if turnout (pos002) = 1, -98, -99 AND pos003 dissimilar -85 AND pos004 dissimilar -85]

Was it very difficult, fairly difficult, fairly easy or very easy for you to decide whom to vote for in this federal election?

(1)   Very difficult
(2)   Fairly difficult
(3)   Fairly easy
(4)   Very easy

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos008
Recall BTW 2013: difficulty of voting decision (non-voter)

[FILTER: If respondent didn't vote, thus if pos002=2 OR pos003=-85 OR pos004=-85:]

Was it very difficult, fairly difficult, fairly easy or very easy for you to decide not to vote in this federal election?

(1)   Very difficult
(2)   Fairly difficult
(3)   Fairly easy
(4)   Very easy

(5)   I was unable to vote [INT: only if mentioned spontaneously by the non-voter]

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos009
Recall BTW 2013: possible other party

[FILTER: If a party is mentioned in Recall BTW 2013: second vote, thus pos004=1-801]

Was there any time in the run-up to the federal election when you seriously thought you might vote for another party than [insert party] with your second vote?

[INT: If so:] Which party was it?

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(322)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(206)   NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(225)   REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126)   BP (Bayernpartei)
(134)   BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(171)   FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(209)   ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(214)   PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(224)   RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(226)   RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   other political party _____

(-82)   No other party

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos010
Coalition preference (post election)

Regardless of the outcome of the federal election, which parties do you personally think should govern Germany over the next four years?

[INT: Multiple response, check all the parties which belong to the coalition]

1   Coalition preference (post-election): CDU/CSU
2   Coalition preference (post-election): SPD
3   Coalition preference (post-election): FDP
4   Coalition preference (post-election): DIE LINKE
5   Coalition preference (post-election): DIE GRÜNEN
6   Coalition preference (post-election): PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
7   Coalition preference (post-election): AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
8   Coalition preference (post-election): other political party

9   Coalition preference (post-election): don't know
10   Coalition preference (post-election): no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-95) Not participated

[INT:
(if respondents use labels for coalitions)

- „Große Koalition"   = CDU/CSU, SPD
- „Schwarz-gelb"   = CDU/CSU, FDP
- „Buergerliche Koalition"   = CDU/CSU, FDP
- „Buergerliche Regierung"   [INT: Ask, if a) CDU/CSU government or b) CDU/CSU, FDP]
- „Jamaika"   = CDU/CSU, FDP, Gruene
- „Schwampel"   = CDU/CSU, FDP, Gruene
- „Schwarze Ampel"   = CDU/CSU, FDP, Gruene
- „Rot-gruen"   = SPD, Gruene
- „Sozial-liberale Koalition" = SPD, FDP
- „Rot-gelb"   = SPD, FDP
- „Ampel"   = SPD, FDP, Gruene
- „Rot-rot-gruen"   = SPD, Gruene, Die Linke
- „Linksbuendnis/Linkskoalition"
  [INT: Ask, if
  a) SPD, Gruene, Die Linke or
  b) SPD-Die Linke or
  c) SPD-Gruene]
- „Rot-rot"   = SPD, Die Linke

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pos011
Most important problem

In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing Germany today?

[open]

(-95) Not participated
(-98) Don't know
(-99) No answer

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pos012
Ability to solve the most important problem

[FILTER: Only ask the question if problem referred to in pos011:]

Which party is best able to handle this problem?

[INT: Do not read out response options. One response only]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215) PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(322) AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(206) NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(225) REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126) BP (Bayernpartei)
(134) BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(171) FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
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(214) PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(224) RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(226) RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(237) Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)

(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   other political party _____

(808)   No party
(809)   All parties equally good

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos013
Second most important problem

[FILTER: If problem mentioned in pos011 (most important problem)]

In your opinion, what is the second most important problem facing Germany today?

[open]

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos014
Ability to solve second most important problem

[FILTER: Only ask the question if problem referred to in pos013:]

Which party is best able to handle this problem?

[INT: Do not read out response options. One response only]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(322)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(206)   NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(225)   REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
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(224)   RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(226)   RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   other political party _____

(808)   No party
(809)   All parties equally good

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos015
Left-right self- assessment

In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 1 to 11 where 1 means the left and 11 means the right? Use the values in between to express your opinion more precisely.

(1)   1 left
(2)   2
(3)   3
(4)   4
(5)   5
(6)   6
(7)   7
(8)   8
(9)   9
(10)   10
(11)   11 right

(-71)   I don't know these terms
(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos016
Party positions, socioeconomic dimension

Now, let us shift attention to several political issues. Some people prefer lower taxes, although this results in less social services. Others prefer more social services, although this results in raising taxes. What do you think are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please tell me by using a scale from 1 to 11. 1 means that the party prefers to cut taxes and spend less on social services, and 11 means that the party prefers to raise taxes and spend more. Use the values in between to express your opinion more precisely.

A   In your view, what is the position of the CDU?
B   And what is the position of the CSU?
C   And the SPD?
D   And the FDP?
E   And Die Grünen?
F   And Die Linke?

Scale:

(1)   1 Lower taxes, although this results in less social services
(2)   2
(3)   3
(4)   4
(5)   5
(6)   6
(7)   7
(8)   8
(9)   9
(10)   10
(11)   11 More social services, although this results in raising taxes

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos017
Own position, socioeconomic dimension

And what position do you take on this issue?

Scale:

(1)   1 Lower taxes, although this results in less social services
(2)   2
(3)   3
(4)   4
(5)   5
(6)   6
(7)   7
(8)   8
(9)   9
(10)   10
(11)   11 More social services, although this results in raising taxes

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos018
Issue battery

And what is your opinion about the following statements? Please tell me for each of the statements whether you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree.

[PROG: randomization: A-C; D-E]

A   Immigrants should be obliged to assimilate into the German culture.
B   The government should take measures to reduce the discrepancies in income.
C   In times of the European debt crisis, Germany should provide financial support for EU member states experiencing financial and economical difficulties.
D   The leadership of the government should be entrusted to someone who is above the party bickering.
E   It would be better for the country if the politcians simply acted and solved the problems instead of talking.

Scale:

(1)   Strongly agree
(2)   Agree
(3)   Neither agree nor disagree
(4)   Disagree
(5)   Strongly disagree

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos019
Personal economic situation, current

Now, let us shift attention to the economic situation. How would you evaluate your own current economic situation: very good, good, neither good nor bad, bad, or very bad?

(1)   Very good
(2)   Good
(3)   Netiher good nor bad
(4)   Bad
(5)   Very bad

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos020
General economic situation, current

And how would you evaluate the current general economic situation in Germany: very good, good, neither good nor bad, bad, or very bad?

(1)   Very good
(2)   Good
(3)   Neither good nor bad
(4)   Bad
(5)   Very bad

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos021
General economic situation, retrospective

Has the general economic situation in Germany improved considerably, improved somewhat, remained the same, deteriorated somewhat or deteriorated considerably in the last one to two years?

(1)   Improved considerably
(2)   Improved somewhat
(3)   Remained the same
(4)   Deteriorated somewhat
(5)   Deteriorated considerably

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos022
Responsibility for general economic situation

[FILTER: If valid answer in pos021 (general economic situation, retrospective), thus pos021=1-5:]

To what extent do you think that the last government's policies are responsible for this development - a great deal, a fair amount, moderately, not very much, or not at all?

(1)   A great deal
(2)   A fair amount
(3)   Moderately
(4)   Not very much
(5)   Not at all

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos023
General economic situation, future

And how will it be in a year? Do you expect that the general economic situation in Germany will have improved considerably, improved somewhat, remained the same, deteriorated somewhat or deteriorated considerably?

(1)   Improved considerably
(2)   Improved somewhat
(3)   Remained the same
(4)   Deteriorated somewhat
(5)   Deteriorated considerably

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos024
Worries, economic crisis

Now let's look at the current debt crisis in Europe. How worried are you about the current debt crisis? Are you very worried, fairly worried, moderately worried, a little worried or not worried at all?

(1)   Very worried
(2)   Fairly worried
(3)   Moderately worried
(4)   A little worried
(5)   Not worried at all

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos025
Scalometer, political parties

Looking now at the political parties in detail, what do you think of the different parties in general? Please use the thermometer from +5 to -5 again. +5 means that you think a great deal of the party and -5 that you do not think much of the party at all. Use the values in between to express your opinion more precisely.

A   Let's begin with the CDU. What do you think of the CDU?
B   And what do you think of the CSU?
C   And the SPD?
D   And the FDP?
E   And Die Grünen?
F   And Die Linken?
G   And the Piratenpartei?
H   And the Alternative für Deutschland?

Scale

(1)   -5 I do not think much of the party at all
(2)   -4
(3)   -3
(4)   -2
(5)   -1
(6)   0
(7)   +1
(8)   +2
(9)   +3
(10)   +4
(11)   +5 I think a great deal of the party

(-71)   I don't have sufficient knowledge about this party

(-98) Don't know
(-99) No answer
(-95) Not participated

pos026
Scalometer, political leaders

And what do you think of the political leaders? Please use the thermometer from +5 to -5 again. +5 means that you think a great deal of the politician and -5 that you do not think much of the politician at all. Use the values in between to express your opinion more precisely. If I come to a political leader you haven´t heard of or you feel you do not know enough about, just say so.

A   I'll start with Angela Merkel. What do you think of Angela Merkel?
B   And of Peer Steinbrück?
C   And of Rainer Brüderle?
D   And of Jürgen Trittin?
E   And of Gregor Gysi?

Scale:

(1)   -5 I do not think much of the politician at all
(2)   -4
(3)   -3
(4)   -2
(5)   -1
(6)   0
(7)   +1
(8)   +2
(9)   +3
(10)   +4
(11)   +5 I think a great deal of the politician

(-71) I don't know enough about this politician
(-95) Not participated
(-98) Don't know
(-99) No answer

pos027
Attention to election campaign

How much attention did you pay to the federal election campaign? A great deal, quite a bit, a little, or none?

(1)   A great deal
(2)   Quite a bit
(3)   A little
(4)   None

(-95) Not participated
(-98) Don't know
(-99) No answer

pos028
Helpfulness election campaign

[FILTER: If pos027 (attention to election campaign)=1-3:]

To what extent did the election campaign help you to reach your voting decision: Was the election campaign very helpful, fairly helpful, not so helpful or not helpful at all in helping you decide who to vote for?

(1)   Very helpful

(2)   Fairly helpful
(3)   Not so helpful
(4)   Not helpful at all

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pos029
Election campaign contacts: electoral events

Did you go to any political meetings, rallies or speeches organised by the political parties?

[INT: Falls ja:] From which party exactly?
[INT: Multiple response]

1   Election campaign: political meetings: CDU/CSU
2   Election campaign: political meetings: CDU
3   Election campaign: political meetings: CSU
4   Election campaign: political meetings: SPD
5   Election campaign: political meetings: FDP
6   Election campaign: political meetings: DIE LINKE
7   Election campaign: political meetings: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Election campaign: political meetings: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Election campaign: political meetings: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Election campaign: political meetings: NPD [DVU]
11   Election campaign: political meetings: other party/parties

12   Election campaign: political meetings: didn't go to any political meetings
13   Election campaign: political meetings: don't know
14   Election campaign: political meetings: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pos030
Election campaign contacts: direct election campaign contact

And did a candidate or anyone from one of the political parties call you up or come around and talk to you during the election campaign, e.g. at an election campaign booth, during rallies or canvassing?

[INT: If so:] Which party were they from?
[INT: Don't read out parties.]
[INT: Multiple response]

1   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CDU/CSU
2   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CDU
3   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CSU
4   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: SPD
5   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: FDP
6   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: DIE LINKE
7   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: NPD [DVU]
11   Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: other party/parties

12 Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: didn't talk to anyone from any political party
13 Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: don't know
14 Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: no answer

(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned

(-95) Not participated
(-98) Don't know
(-99) No answer

pos031
Election campaign contacts: party advertising in newspapers, TV, radio

When you think about the election campaign of the political parties, did you see or hear party advertisements in newspapers, TV or radio?

[INT: If so:] From which parties was that?
[INT: Multiple response]

1 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CDU/CSU
2 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CDU
3 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CSU
4 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: SPD
5 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: FDP
6 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: DIE LINKE
7 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: DIE GRÜNEN
8 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: NPD [DVU]
11 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: other party/parties

12 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: no party advertisements
13 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: don't know
14 Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: no answer

(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned

(-95) Not participated
(-98) Don't know
(-99) No answer

pos032
Election campaign contacts: information material

Did you read any information material produced by political parties, such as campaign flyers, handbills, leaflets or posted material?

[INT: If so:] From which political party?
[INT: Multiple response]

1 Election campaign: information material: CDU/CSU
2 Election campaign: information material: CDU
3 Election campaign: information material: CSU
4 Election campaign: information material: SPD
5 Election campaign: information material: FDP
6 Election campaign: information material: DIE LINKE

7   Election campaign: information material: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Election campaign: information material: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Election campaign: information material: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Election campaign: information material: NPD [DVU]
11   Election campaign: information material: other party/parties

12   Election campaign: information material: no information material read
13   Election campaign: information material: don't know
14   Election campaign: information material: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos033
Election campaign contacts: websites of parties and candidates

What about websites of political parties and candidates? Did you use these websites during the election campaign?

[INT: If so:] From which parties?
[INT: Multiple response; if respondent mentions candidate, note the party he/she belongs to, if necessary check with respondent]

1   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: CDU/CSU
2   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: CDU
3   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: CSU
4   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: SPD
5   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: FDP
6   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: DIE LINKE
7   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: DIE GRÜNEN
8   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: NPD [DVU]
11   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: other party/parties

12   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: didn't use any websites of political parties or candidates
13   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: don't know
14   Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: no answer

(0)   Not mentioned
(1)   Mentioned

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos034
Election campaign contacts: party support

Did you support any party personally?

[INT: If so:] Which party did you support?

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU

(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(322)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(206)   NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(225)   REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126)   BP (Bayernpartei)
(134)   BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(171)   FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(209)   ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(214)   PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(224)   RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(226)   RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   Other political party _____

(808)   None of the parties

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos035
Televised debate: reception

Did you watch the TV debate of Angela Merkel and Peer Steinbrück on 1st September?

(1)   Yes
(2)   No

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos036
Televised debate: attention

[FILTER: If pos035 (reception) = 1:]

How much attention did you pay to the debate? A great deal, quite a bit, a little, or none?

(1)   A great deal
(2)   Quite a bit
(3)   A little
(4)   None

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos037
Televised debate: perceptions of Merkel's performance

[FILTER: If pos035 (Televised debate: reception) = 1:]
How well do you think Angela Merkel did in this debate - very well, well, neither well nor badly, badly or very badly?

[FILTER: If pos035 (Televised debate: reception) = 2, -98, -99]

Did you perhaps read or hear about how Angela Merkel came out of the debate - very well, well, neither well nor badly, badly or very badly?

(1)   Very well
(2)   Well
(3)   Neither well nor badly
(4)   Badly
(5)   Very badly

(-71)   I haven't heard
(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos038
Televised debate: perception of Steinbrück's performance

[FILTER: If pos035 (Televised debate: reception) = 1:]
How well do you think Peer Steinbrück did in this debate - very well, well, neither well nor badly, badly or very badly?

[FILTER: If pos035 (Televised debate: reception) = 2, -98, -99]
And did you perhaps read or hear about how Peer Steinbrück came out of the debate - very well, well, neither well nor badly, badly or very badly?

(1)   Very well
(2)   Well
(3)   Neither well nor badly
(4)   Badly
(5)   Very badly

(-71)   I haven't heard
(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos039
Discussions about politics

On how many days during the last week did you talk with other people, such as members of your family, friends or acquaintances, about political parties or the federal election?

(0)   Not at all
(1-7)   On ___ days

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos040
First discussion partner: relationship

If you now think of the person you talked most about political parties and the federal election with during the election campaign for the federal election on 22nd September, what is your relationship to this person - is he/she your spouse/partner, a relative, a friend, a work colleague or a neighbour?

[INT: In case of duplicate responses, friend has priority ahead of work colleague and neighbours]

(1)   Spouse/partner
(2)   A relative

(3)   A friend   [INT: In case of duplicate responses, friend has higher priority than work colleagues and neighbours]

(4)   A work colleague
(5)   A neighbour
(6)   Other contact

(7)   I didn't talk with anyone

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pos041
First discussion partner: knowledge of politics

[FILTER: If pos040 (First discussion partner: relationship) =1-6:]

How much do you think this person knows about politics? A great deal, a fair amount, not so much, or nothing at all?

(1)   A great deal
(2)   A fair amount
(3)   Not so much
(4)   Nothing at all

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pos042
First discussion partner: differences of opinion

[FILTER: If pos040 (First discussion partner: relationship) =1-6:]

When you talked with this person about political questions during the election campaign, how often would you say you were of different opinion: often, sometimes, rarely or never?

(1)   Often
(2)   Sometimes
(3)   Rarely
(4)   Never

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pos043
First discussion partner: voting decision

[FILTER: If pos040 (First discussion partner) =1-6:]

Which party do you think this person voted for in the federal election on 22nd September? Or did he/she not vote at all?

[INT: If respondent gives clear answer (including "Don't know"), write down as first answer. If respondent gives ambiguous answer (e.g. mentions more than one party or mentions a party and the possibility of not voting), please write down answers in given order (max. three)]

[INT: Do not read out answers!]

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   SPD
(3)   FDP
(4)   DIE LINKE
(5)   DIE GRÜNEN
(6)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(7)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(8)   NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(9)   Other political party

(-85)   Did not vote

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos044
Media Reliance

Of all the ways that you can follow the parties and their policies during the election campaign, what would you say: which of the following sources of information did you find really helpful in making up your mind about how to vote - the campaign advertising of the political parties, news programs on television, articles in newspapers and magazines, information provided on the Internet, statements issued by groups and associations or conversations with relatives, friends and acquaintances?

[INT: Only ONE response allowed.]

(1)   The campaign advertising of the political parties
(2)   News programs on television
(3)   Articles in newspapers and magazines
(4)   Information provided on the Internet
(5)   Statements issued by groups and associations
(6)   Conversations with relatives, friends and acquaintances
(7)   Several or all the same helpful [INT: ONLY if respondent can't decide at all]
(8)   Other information source was most helpful [INT: ONLY if mentioned spontaneously]
(9)   No information source was helpful [INT: ONLY if mentioned spontaneously]

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

pos045
Need to Evaluate, Need for Cognition and Need for Cognitive Closure

Please tell me for each of the following statements to what extent they apply to you. 1 means that you strongly agree with the statement. 5 means that you strongly disagree with the statement. You can use the numbers in between to state your opinion more precisely. The first statement is:

[PROG: randomization]

A   "I make up my own mind about everything."
B   "I don't find it satisfying to think deeply about things for hours."
C   "I usually make important decisions quickly and confidently."
D   "I don't feel comfortable about getting involved in arguments about politics."
E   "I often keep my views to myself because I fear the negative consequences of saying what I think."

Scale:

(1)   1 Strongly agree
(2)   2

(3)   3
(4)   4
(5)   5 Strongly disagree

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pos046
Strategic and expressive motives

Different motives can underly voting decisions. What about you? Please tell me for each of the following statements to what extent they apply to you.

[PROG: randomization]

A   With my voting decision, I especially want to accomplish that a certain policy is made in specific problem areas.
B   I want to show my political point of view with my voting decision, regardless of who is governing after the election.
C   With my voting decision, I especially want to influence who is becoming chancellor.
D   I like it when people can tell what I'm standing for by my voting decision.
E   With my voting decision, I especially want to influence which coalitions can be formed after the election.

Scale:

(1)   Strongly agree
(2)   Agree
(3)   Neither agree nor disagree
(4)   Disagree
(5)   Strongly disagree

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pos047
Party identification

In Germany, many people lean toward a particular political party for a long time, although occasionally, they vote for another party. How about you, do you lean toward a particular political party? If yes, which party is that?

(1)   CDU/CSU
(2)   CDU
(3)   CSU
(4)   SPD
(5)   FDP
(7)   DIE LINKE
(6)   DIE GRÜNEN
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
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(214)   PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(224)   RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(226)   RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)

(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(801)   other political party _____

(808)   No, do not lean toward any party

(-95)   Not participated
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer

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pos048
Strength of party identification

[FILTER: If pos047 (party identification) = 1-801:]
All in all, how strongly or weakly do you lean toward this party: very strongly, fairly strongly, moderately, fairly weakly or very weakly?

(1)   Very strongly
(2)   Fairly strongly
(3)   Moderately
(4)   Fairly weakly
(5)   Very weakly

(-95)   Not participated
(-97)   Not applicable
(-98)   Don't know
(-99)   No answer