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GLES German Longitudinal Election Study

# GLES 2017
# Rolling Cross-Section
# Campaign Survey with
# Post-election Panel Wave

ZA6803, Version 4.0.1

*Documentation of Questionnaire*

The German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES) is the largest and most ambitious national election study held so far in Germany. GLES started with the 2009 federal election as a long-term project funded by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) and was continued with the 2013 and 2017 federal elections. Since 2018, the GLES is held by GESIS as institutionalized election study in close cooperation with the German Society for Electoral Studies (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wahlforschung).

Five principal investigators directed GLES 2017: Prof. Dr. Sigrid Roßteutscher (University of Frankfurt), Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck (University of Mannheim), Prof. Dr. Harald Schoen (University of Mannheim), Prof. Dr. Bernhard Weßels (Social Science Research Center Berlin), and Prof. Dr. Christof Wolf  (GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences), in close cooperation with the German Society for Electoral Studies (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wahlforschung).

The following documentation refers to the Rolling Cross-Section Campaign Survey with Post-election Panel Wave of the GLES 2017 and will give you some general information about the dataset.

Bibliographic description of the dataset

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| Study No. | ZA6803 |
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Basic information

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| Funding Agency | German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) |
| Data Collector | Ipsos |
| Date of Collection | 07/24/2017 – 09/23/2017 (pre-election) |
| | 09/25/2017 – 11/12/2017 (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. |

Methodology

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| 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 2017 as well as living in private households with access to a landline or mobile phone. |
| Selection Method | Multistage random sampling based on the ADM-design using a dual-frame design (Gabler-Haeder-model for telephone samples). The pre-election wave is a Rolling Cross-Section (RCS) survey with the aim to realize 120 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. Due to the complicated sampling design of RCS surveys interviews collected on the first days do not yet constitute proper random samples. Besides, the sample is stratified by region. Regarding the landline phone sample, the target person in the household was determined by last-birthday- |

method. In the mobile phone sample, the interview was conducted with the person who was reached.

Mode of Data Collection   Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI), with an average duration of approximately 31 minutes (pre-election) and 23 minutes (post-election).

Field Work   For the pre-election study, it was planned to conduct about 120 interviews on each day of the period of observation. The field time was set 62 days before the federal election. The post-election panel wave started directly after the federal election and ended on 1st November 2017.

Response Rate   7.650 people were surveyed in the pre-election wave. The response rate concerning the pre-election wave is 9.6 percent. 4,244 or 55.47 percent of these respondents 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 (pre-election wave), weekly and daily weights. In addition, the dataset contains weights controlling for the not completely random selection of respondents in the post-election wave. Transformation weights control for the different probabilities of individuals in the universe of respondents to become part of the gross sample. Transformation weights consider the different probabilities resulting from the number of eligible voters in the household, the number of landline and mobile phone numbers as well as the simultaneous use of landline and mobile phones. In order to keep the number of observations constant, the calculated weighting factors were standardized to 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 education weights are constructed on the basis of two education groups (high and low), the sociodemographic weights consider gender, age (below/over 60 years), education (high/not high) and the sociodemographic and regional weights were calculated on the bases of gender, age (18 to 29, 30 to 44, 45 to 59, 60 years and older), education (low, middle, high), BIK-regions (three groups) and region (West and East German federal states, incl. Berlin). 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. Attrition was estimated using a logistic regression model considering variables in these categories: (1) time availability (2) interest in politics (3) trust in surveys (4) strength of preferences (5) burden of the first interview. Based on the results of the regression, individual participation probabilities were predicted. These were inverted and standardized to a mean of 1. Panel weights were calculated with and without transformation weights.

<u>Data access</u>

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. Thus, some variables had to be deleted from

the publicly available dataset, or answers were summarized in larger categories.

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.

Further remarks

A Rolling Cross-Section Campaign Survey with Post-election Panel Wave was also conducted in 2005 (ZA4991) and within the GLES in 2009 (ZA5303) and 2013 (ZA5703).

You can find more information about GLES at www.gesis.org/gles and http://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 (biographic description, study no. of the dataset). Publications using GLES-data are listed in the official bibliography of the GLES project. 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

(07/24/2017 – 09/23/2017)

### Overview of variables

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| pre001 | Interest in politics |
| pre002 | Interest, election campaign |
| pre003 | Vote intention |
| pre004a | Vote intention, first vote (Version A) |
| pre004b | Vote intention, first vote (Version B) |
| pre005a | Vote intention, second vote (Version A) |
| pre005b | Vote intention, second vote (Version B) |
| pre006a | First vote, absentee ballot (Version A) |
| pre006b | First vote, absentee ballot (Version B) |
| pre007a | Second vote, absentee ballot (Version A) |
| pre007b | Second vote, absentee ballot (Version B) |
| pre008 | Certainty of vote intention |
| pre009 | Interest in the outcome of the election |
| pre010a | Probability of smaller parties entering parliament: LINKE |
| pre010b | Probability of smaller parties entering parliament: GRUENE |
| pre010c | Probability of smaller parties entering parliament: FDP |
| pre010d | Probability of smaller parties entering parliament: AfD |
| pre011a | Scalometer, coalitions: CDU/CSU-SPD |
| pre011b | Scalometer, coalitions: CDU/CSU-FDP |
| pre011c | Scalometer, coalitions: CDU/CSU-GRUENE |
| pre011d | Scalometer, coalitions: CDU/CSU-FDP-GRUENE |
| pre011e | Scalometer, coalitions: SPD-FDP-GRUENE |
| pre011f | Scalometer, coalitions: SPD-GRUENE-LINKE |
| pre011g | Scalometer, coalitions: AfD |
| pre012_1 | Expected government: CDU/CSU |
| pre012_2 | Expected government: SPD |
| pre012_3 | Expected government: FDP |
| pre012_4 | Expected government: LINKE |
| pre012_5 | Expected government: GRUENE |
| pre012_6 | Expected government: AfD |
| pre012_7 | Expected government: other political party |
| pre012_8 | Expected government: don't know |
| pre012_9 | Expected government: no answer |
| pre013 | Most important problem |
| pre013c1 | Most important problem (coded) - 1. mention |
| pre013c2 | Most important problem (coded) - 2. mention |
| pre013c3 | Most important problem (coded) - 3. mention |
| pre013c4 | Most important problem (coded) - 4. mention |
| pre013c5 | Most important problem (coded) - 5. mention |
| pre014a | Ability to solve the most important problem (Version A) |
| pre014b | Ability to solve the most important problem (Version B) |
| pre015 | Second most important problem |
| pre015c1 | Second most important problem (coded) - 1. mention |
| pre015c2 | Second most important problem (coded) - 2. mention |
| pre015c3 | Second most important problem (coded) - 3. mention |
| pre015c4 | Second most important problem (coded) - 4. mention |
| pre015c5 | Second most important problem (coded) - 5. mention |
| pre016a | Ability to solve the second most important problem (Version A) |
| pre016b | Ability to solve the second most important problem (Version B) |
| pre017 | Left-right self-assessment |
| pre018a | Party positions, libertarian-authoritarian dimension: CDU |
| pre018b | Party positions, libertarian-authoritarian dimension: CSU |
| pre018c | Party positions, libertarian-authoritarian dimension: SPD |
| pre018d | Party positions, libertarian-authoritarian dimension: LINKE |
| pre018e | Party positions, libertarian-authoritarian dimension: GRUENE |
| pre018f | Party positions, libertarian-authoritarian dimension: FDP |
| pre018g | Party positions, libertarian-authoritarian dimension: AfD |
| pre019 | Own position, libertarian-authoritarian dimension |
| pre020a | Issue battery: The government should take action to reduce differences in salary. |
| pre020b | Issue battery: Germany should provide financial support for EU member states experiencing financial and economic difficulties. |
| pre020c | Issue battery: It makes a big difference who is in power in Berlin. |
| pre020d | Issue battery: During the election campaign, all parties have a fair chance to present their position to the voter. |
| pre020e | Issue battery: Politicians talk too much and take too little action. |
| pre021 | Performance of the federal government |
| pre022a | Performance of the governing parties: CDU |
| pre022b | Performance of the governing parties: CSU |

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| pre022c | Performance of the governing parties: SPD |
| pre023 | Personal economic situation, current |
| pre024 | General economic situation, current |
| pre025 | General economic situation, retrospective |
| pre027 | General economic situation, future |
| pre028a | Scalometer, political parties: CDU |
| pre028b | Scalometer, political parties: CSU |
| pre028c | Scalometer, political parties: SPD |
| pre028d | Scalometer, political parties: LINKE |
| pre028e | Scalometer, political parties: GRUENE |
| pre028f | Scalometer, political parties: FDP |
| pre028g | Scalometer, political parties: AfD |
| pre029a | Scalometer, political parties: Merkel |
| pre029b | Scalometer, political parties: Schulz |
| pre029c | Scalometer, political parties: Wagenknecht |
| pre029d | Scalometer, political parties: Oezdemir |
| pre029e | Scalometer, political parties: Lindner |
| pre029f | Scalometer, political parties: Petry |
| pre030 | Preferred chancellor |
| pre031 | Use of BILD |
| pre032 | Reception BILD: offline - online |
| pre033 | BILD use, previous day |
| pre034_1 | Party political bias, BILD: CDU/CSU |
| pre034_2 | Party political bias, BILD: CDU |
| pre034_3 | Party political bias, BILD: CSU |
| pre034_4 | Party political bias, BILD: SPD |
| pre034_5 | Party political bias, BILD: FDP |
| pre034_6 | Party political bias, BILD: LINKE |
| pre034_7 | Party political bias, BILD: GRUENE |
| pre034_8 | Party political bias, BILD: PIRATEN |
| pre034_9 | Party political bias, BILD: AfD |
| pre034_10 | Party political bias, BILD: other political party |
| pre034_11 | Party political bias, BILD: none of the parties |
| pre034_12 | Party political bias, BILD: don't know |
| pre034_13 | Party political bias, BILD: no answer |
| pre034_n1 | Party political bias, BILD: 1. entry |
| pre034_n2 | Party political bias, BILD: 2. entry |
| pre034_n3 | Party political bias, BILD: 3. entry |
| pre035 | Use of daily newspapers |
| pre036 | Use of political reports in daily newspapers |
| pre037 | Reception newspaper: offline - online |
| pre038 | Use of daily newspaper, day before |
| pre039_1 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: CDU/CSU |
| pre039_2 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: CDU |
| pre039_3 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: CSU |
| pre039_4 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: SPD |
| pre039_5 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: FDP |
| pre039_6 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: LINKE |
| pre039_7 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: GRUENE |
| pre039_8 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: PIRATEN |
| pre039_9 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: AfD |
| pre039_10 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: other political party |
| pre039_11 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: none of the parties |
| pre039_12 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: don't know |
| pre039_13 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: no answer |
| pre039_n1 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: 1. entry |
| pre039_n2 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: 2. entry |
| pre039_n3 | Party political bias of daily newspaper: 3. entry |
| pre040 | Use of other daily newspapers |
| pre041 | Use of political reports in other daily newspapers |
| pre042 | Reception other daily newspaper: offline - online |
| pre043 | Use of daily newspaper, day before |
| pre044_1 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: CDU/CSU |
| pre044_2 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: CDU |
| pre044_3 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: CSU |
| pre044_4 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: SPD |
| pre044_5 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: FDP |
| pre044_6 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: LINKE |
| pre044_7 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: GRUENE |
| pre044_8 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: PIRATEN |

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| pre044_9 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: AfD |
| pre044_10 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: other political party |
| pre044_11 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: none of the parties |
| pre044_12 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: don't know |
| pre044_13 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: no answer |
| pre044_n1 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: 1. entry |
| pre044_n2 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: 2. entry |
| pre044_n3 | Party political bias of other daily newspapers: 3. entry |
| pre045 | Attention to reports on the parties |
| pre047 | Use of TV news programmes, ARD |
| pre048_1 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: CDU/CSU |
| pre048_2 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: CDU |
| pre048_3 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: CSU |
| pre048_4 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: SPD |
| pre048_5 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: FDP |
| pre048_6 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: LINKE |
| pre048_7 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: GRUENE |
| pre048_8 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: PIRATEN |
| pre048_9 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: AfD |
| pre048_10 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: other political party |
| pre048_11 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: none of the parties |
| pre048_12 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: don't know |
| pre048_13 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: no answer |
| pre048_n1 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: 1. entry |
| pre048_n2 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: 2. entry |
| pre048_n3 | Party political bias, TV news on ARD: 3. entry |
| pre049 | Use of TV news programmes, ZDF |
| pre050_1 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: CDU/CSU |
| pre050_2 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: CDU |
| pre050_3 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: CSU |
| pre050_4 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: SPD |
| pre050_5 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: FDP |
| pre050_6 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: LINKE |
| pre050_7 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: GRUENE |
| pre050_8 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: PIRATEN |
| pre050_9 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: AfD |
| pre050_10 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: other political party |
| pre050_11 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: none of the parties |
| pre050_12 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: don't know |
| pre050_13 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: no answer |
| pre050_n1 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: 1. entry |
| pre050_n2 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: 2. entry |
| pre050_n3 | Party political bias, TV news on ZDF: 3. entry |
| pre051 | Use of TV news programmes, RTL news |
| pre052_1 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: CDU/CSU |
| pre052_2 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: CDU |
| pre052_3 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: CSU |
| pre052_4 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: SPD |
| pre052_5 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: FDP |
| pre052_6 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: LINKE |
| pre052_7 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: GRUENE |
| pre052_8 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: PIRATEN |
| pre052_9 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: AfD |
| pre052_10 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: other political party |
| pre052_11 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: none of the parties |
| pre052_12 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: don't know |
| pre052_13 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: no answer |
| pre052_n1 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: 1. entry |
| pre052_n2 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: 2. entry |
| pre052_n3 | Party political bias, TV news on RTL: 3. entry |
| pre053 | Use of TV news programmes, Sat.1 news |
| pre054_1 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: CDU/CSU |
| pre054_2 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: CDU |
| pre054_3 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: CSU |
| pre054_4 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: SPD |
| pre054_5 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: FDP |
| pre054_6 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: LINKE |
| pre054_7 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: GRUENE |
| pre054_8 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: PIRATEN |
| pre054_9 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: AfD |

| pre054_10 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: other political party |
| pre054_11 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: none of the parties |
| pre054_12 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: don't know |
| pre054_13 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: no answer |
| pre054_n1 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: 1. entry |
| pre054_n2 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: 2. entry |
| pre054_n3 | Party political bias, TV news on Sat.1: 3. entry |
| pre055 | Attention to TV news programmes |
| pre056_1 | TV news on the day before: ARD |
| pre056_2 | TV news on the day before: ZDF |
| pre056_3 | TV news on the day before: RTL |
| pre056_4 | TV news on the day before: SAT.1 |
| pre056_5 | TV news on the day before: other channel |
| pre056_7 | TV news on the day before: didn't watch |
| pre056_8 | TV news on the day before: don't know |
| pre056_9 | TV news on the day before: no answer |
| pre057 | Internet usage, news |
| pre058 | Internet usage, news: which service |
| pre059 | Internet usage, social networks |
| pre060 | Internet usage, social networks: which service |
| pre061_1 | Internet usage, party political bias: CDU/CSU |
| pre061_2 | Internet usage, party political bias: CDU |
| pre061_3 | Internet usage, party political bias: CSU |
| pre061_4 | Internet usage, party political bias: SPD |
| pre061_5 | Internet usage, party political bias: FDP |
| pre061_6 | Internet usage, party political bias: LINKE |
| pre061_7 | Internet usage, party political bias: GRUENE |
| pre061_8 | Internet usage, party political bias: PIRATEN |
| pre061_9 | Internet usage, party political bias: AfD |
| pre061_10 | Internet usage, party political bias: other political party |
| pre061_11 | Internet usage, party political bias: didn't use any websites of parties or candidates |
| pre061_12 | Internet usage, party political bias: don't know |
| pre061_13 | Internet usage, party political bias: no answer |
| pre061_n1 | Internet usage, party political bias: 1. entry |
| pre061_n2 | Internet usage, party political bias: 2. entry |
| pre061_n3 | Internet usage, party political bias: 3. entry |
| pre062_1 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: CDU/CSU |
| pre062_2 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: CDU |
| pre062_3 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: CSU |
| pre062_4 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: SPD |
| pre062_5 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: FDP |
| pre062_6 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: LINKE |
| pre062_7 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: GRUENE |
| pre062_8 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: PIRATEN |
| pre062_9 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: AfD |
| pre062_10 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: NPD/DVU |
| pre062_11 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: other political party |
| pre062_12 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: didn't use any websites of parties or candidates |
| pre062_13 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: don't know |
| pre062_14 | Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates: no answer |
| pre063 | Internet usage, special information offerings |
| pre064 | Perception, opinion polls |
| pre065 | Discussions about politics |
| pre066 | Network size |
| pre067 | First discussion partner: relationship |
| pre068 | First discussion partner: frequency of discussions |
| pre069 | First discussion partner: knowledge of politics |
| pre070 | First discussion partner: differences of opinion |
| pre071 | First discussion partner: voting decision |
| pre072_1 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: CDU/CSU |
| pre072_2 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: SPD |
| pre072_3 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: FDP |
| pre072_4 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: LINKE |
| pre072_5 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: GRUENE |
| pre072_6 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: PIRATEN |
| pre072_7 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: AfD |
| pre072_8 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: NPD/DVU |
| pre072_9 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: other political party |
| pre072_10 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: no party |

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| pre072_11 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: don't know |
| pre072_12 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: no answer |
| pre072_n1 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: 1. entry |
| pre072_n2 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: 2. entry |
| pre072_n3 | First discussion partner: would never vote for this party: 3. entry |
| pre073 | Second discussion partner: relationship |
| pre074 | Second discussion partner: frequency of discussions |
| pre075 | Second discussion partner: knowledge of politics |
| pre076 | Second discussion partner: differences of opinion |
| pre077 | Second discussion partner: voting decision |
| pre078_1 | Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: CDU/CSU |
| pre078_2 | Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: SPD |
| pre078_3 | Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: FDP |
| pre078_4 | Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: LINKE |
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| pre078_10 | Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: no party |
| pre078_11 | Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: don't know |
| pre078_12 | Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: no answer |
| pre078_n1 | Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: 1. entry |
| pre078_n2 | Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: 2. entry |
| pre078_n3 | Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: 3. entry |
| pre079 | Televised debate: reception |
| pre080 | Televised debate: perceptions of Merkel's performance |
| pre081 | Televised debate: perceptions of Schulz's performance |
| pre082_1 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CDU/CSU |
| pre082_2 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CDU |
| pre082_3 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CSU |
| pre082_4 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: SPD |
| pre082_5 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: FDP |
| pre082_6 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: LINKE |
| pre082_7 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: GRUENE |
| pre082_8 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: PIRATEN |
| pre082_9 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: AfD |
| pre082_10 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: NPD/DVU |
| pre082_11 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: other political party |
| pre082_12 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: no party advertisements |
| pre082_13 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: don't know |
| pre082_14 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: no answer |
| pre083_1 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CDU/CSU |
| pre083_2 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CDU |
| pre083_3 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CSU |
| pre083_4 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: SPD |
| pre083_5 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: FDP |
| pre083_6 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: LINKE |
| pre083_7 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: GRUENE |
| pre083_8 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: PIRATEN |
| pre083_9 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: AfD |
| pre083_10 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: NPD/DVU |
| pre083_11 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: other political party |
| pre083_12 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: didn't talk to anyone from a political party |
| pre083_13 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: don't know |
| pre083_14 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: no answer |
| pre084 | Recall BTW 2013 |
| pre085a | Recall BTW 2013: voting decision (Version A) |
| pre085b | Recall BTW 2013: voting decision (Version B) |
| pre086 | Satisfaction with democracy |
| pre101 | Year of birth |
| pre101_alter | Age |
| pre102 | Gender |
| pre103 | School leaving certificate |
| pre104 | Gainful employment |
| pre105 | Profession |
| pre106 | Professional group in detail, manual worker |
| pre107 | Professional group in detail, service/white-collar worker |
| pre108 | Professional group in detail, civil servant |
| pre109 | Reason for lack of gainful employment |

| pre110 | Previous gainful employment |
|--------|------------------------------|
| pre111 | Former profession |
| pre112 | Professional group in detail, manual worker |
| pre113 | Previous professional group in detail, service/white-collar worker |
| pre114 | Previous professional group in detail, civil servant |
| pre115 | Household size |
| pre116 | People aged 18+ who are eligible to vote |
| pre117 | Partner |
| pre118 | Partner's gainful employment |
| pre119 | Reason for partner's lack of gainful employment |
| pre120 | Religious denomination |
| pre121 | Church attendance |
| pre122 | Trade union membership |
| pre123a | Party identification (Version A) |
| pre123b | Party identification (Version B) |
| pre124 | Strength of party identification |
| pre125 | Telephone identifier |
| pre128 | Number of landline phone numbers |
| pre129 | Number of landline phone numbers, mobile respondents |
| pre130 | Number of mobile phone numbers |
| pre131 | Use of mobile phone |
| pre132 | Number of users of the same mobile phone |
| pre133 | Telephone use: Landline - Mobile |
| pre134 | Willingness to take part again |

| pre001 | **Topic/Construct:** General attitudes towards politics |
|---|---|
| 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 | **Topic/Construct:** Election campaign |
|---|---|
| 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 | **Topic/Construct:** Voting decision |
|---|---|
| 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 24th 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 | **Topic/Construct:** Voting decision |
|---|---|
| Vote intention, first vote | |

[FILTER: If pre003 (vote intention) is at least "might vote" (1-3):]

You have two votes in the federal election on 24th 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
(7)     DIE LINKE
(6)     DIE GRÜNEN
(5)     FDP
(322)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(206)   NPD [also DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(209)   ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(225)   REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126)   BP (Bayernpartei)
(224)   RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(214)   PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(134)   BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(226)   RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(171)   FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(801)   Other political party, namely _____

(-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

| pre005 | **Topic/Construct:** Voting decision |
|---|---|

Vote intention, second vote

[FILTER: If pre003 (vote intention) is at least "might vote" (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!]
[INT: If respondent is undecided and has no preference, please note Don't know (-98). If the respondent names several parties but has a preference, please note this party.]

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

(-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

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| **pre006** | **Topic/Construct:** Voting decision |
|---|---|
| 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
(7)　　　　DIE LINKE
(6)　　　　DIE GRÜNEN
(5)　　　　FDP
(322)　　　AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(215)　　　PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(206)　　　NPD [also DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(237)　　　Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(209)　　　ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(225)　　　REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126)　　　BP (Bayernpartei)
(224)　　　RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(214)　　　PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(134)　　　BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(226)　　　RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(152)　　　DIE VIOLETTEN
(171)　　　FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(801)　　　Other political party, namely _____

(-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

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| **pre007** | **Topic/Construct:** Voting decision |
|---|---|
| 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
(7)　　　　DIE LINKE
(6)　　　　DIE GRÜNEN
(5)　　　　FDP
(322)　　　AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(215)　　　PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(206)　　　NPD [also DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])

(237) Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(209) ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(225) REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
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(226) RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(152) DIE VIOLETTEN
(171) FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(801) Other political party, namely _____

(-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 | **Topic/Construct:** Voting decision |
|---|---|
| Certainty of vote intention | |

[FILTER: If pre003 (vote intention) is at least "might vote" (1-3) AND in pre005 (vote intention, second vote) a party was named (1-801):]

How certain are you about the voting decision you just told me: absolutely certain, fairly certain, fairly uncertain or absolutely uncertain?

(1) Absolutely certain
(2) Fairly certain
(3) Fairly uncertain
(4) Absolutely uncertain

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

| pre009 | **Topic/Construct:** Election campaign |
|---|---|
| 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

| pre010a-d | **Topic/Construct:** Strategic Voting |
|---|---|
| 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 Die Linke will be part of the Bundestag?
B    And what about Die Grünen?

C        And what about the FDP?
D        And what about the AfD?

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

| pre011 | Topic/Construct: Strategic Voting |
|---|---|
| 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 grand coalition of the CDU/CSU and the SPD
B        And what about s black-yellow coalition of the CDU/CSU and FDP?
C        And a black-green coalition of CDU/CSU and Die Grünen?
D        And a "jamaica" coalition of CDU/CSU, FDP and Die Grünen?
E        And a "traffic light" coalition of SPD, FDP and Die Grünen?
F        And a red-red-green coalition of the SPD, Die Grünen and Die Linke?

G        And how desirable would you find it for the AfD to participate in the government?

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 | Topic/Construct: Strategic voting |
|---|---|
| Expected government | |

Coalition formation depends on the election outcome as well as on the willingness of the parties to form a government.
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
-    "Bürgerliche Koalition"              = CDU/CSU, FDP
-    "Bürgerliche Regierung"                 [INT: Ask, if a)  CDU/CSU government or b) CDU/CSU,
                                             FDP are meant]
-    "Schwarz-grün"                       = CDU/CSU, Grüne
-    "Jamaika"                            = CDU/CSU, FDP, Grüne
-    "Schwampel"                          = CDU/CSU, FDP, Grüne
-    "Schwarze Ampel"                     = CDU/CSU, FDP, Grüne
-    "Rot-grün"                           = SPD, Grüne
-    "Sozial-liberale Koalition"          = SPD, FDP
-    "Rot-gelb"                           = SPD, FDP
-    "Ampel"                              = SPD, FDP, Grüne
-    "Rot-rot-grün"                       = SPD, Grüne, Die Linke
-    "Linksbündnis/Linkskoalition"           [INT: Ask if a) SPD, Grüne, Die Linke or b) SPD-Die Linke
                                             or c) SPD-Grüne are meant]
-    "Rot-rot"                            = SPD, Die Linke
-    "Schwarz-Blau"                       = CDU/CSU, AfD

| **pre013** | **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues |
|---|---|
| Most important problem | |

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

[Open answer]

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

| **pre014** | **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues |
|---|---|
| Ability to solve the most important problem | |

[FILTER: Only ask the question if problem referred to in pre013 (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

| | |
|---|---|
| (7) | DIE LINKE |
| (6) | DIE GRÜNEN |
| (5) | FDP |
| (322) | AfD (Alternative für Deutschland) |
| (215) | PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland) |
| (206) | NPD  [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion]) |
| (237) | Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ) |
| (209) | ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei) |
| (225) | REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER) |
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| (224) | RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland) |
| (214) | PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen) |
| (134) | BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität) |
| (226) | RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei) |
| (152) | DIE VIOLETTEN |
| (171) | FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands) |
| (801) | Other political party, namely _____ |
| | |
| (808) | No party |
| (809) | All parties equally good |
| | |
| (-97) | Not applicable |
| (-98) | Don't know |
| (-99) | No answer |

| **pre015** | **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues |
|---|---|
| Second most important problem | |

[FILTER: Only ask the question if problem referred to in pre013 (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

| **pre016** | **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues |
|---|---|
| Ability to solve the second most important problem | |

[FILTER: Only ask the question if problem referred to in pre015 (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 |
| (7) | DIE LINKE |
| (6) | DIE GRÜNEN |
| (5) | FDP |
| (322) | AfD (Alternative für Deutschland) |
| (215) | PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland) |
| (206) | NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion]) |
| (237) | Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ) |
| (209) | ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei) |
| (225) | REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER) |
| (126) | BP (Bayernpartei) |
| (224) | RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland) |

(214) PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(134) BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(226) RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(152) DIE VIOLETTEN
(171) FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(801) Other political party, namely _____

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

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

| pre017 | Topic/Construct: Political positions |
|---|---|
| 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

| pre018 | Topic/Construct: Political positions |
|---|---|
| Party positions, libertarian-authoritarian dimension | |

Now, let us shift attention to a political issue.
Some people think it should be easier for foreigners to immigrate, others think it should be more difficult for foreigners to immigrate. 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 thinks it should be easier for foreigners to immigrate, and 11 means that the party thinks it should be more difficult. 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 Die Linke?
E     And Die Grünen?
F     And the FDP?
G     And the AfD?

Scale:

(1) 1 Immigration for foreigner should be easier
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6

(7)        7
(8)        8
(9)        9
(10)     10
(11)     11 Immigration for foreigners should be more difficult

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

| pre019 | Topic/Construct: Political positions |
|---|---|
| Own position, libertarian-authoritarian dimension | |

And what position do you take on this issue?

(1)        1 Immigration rules should be relaxed
(2)        2
(3)        3
(4)        4
(5)        5
(6)        6
(7)        7
(8)        8
(9)        9
(10)     10
(11)     11 Immigration rules should be tightened

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

| pre020 | Topic/Construct: Political positions |
|---|---|
| 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 within A-B as well as C-E]

A        The government should take measures to reduce the discrepancies in income.
B        Germany should provide financial support for EU member states experiencing financial and economic difficulties.
C        It makes a big difference who is in power in Berlin.
D        During the election campaign, all parties have a fair chance to present their views to the voter.
E        Politicians talk too much and take too little action.

Scale:

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

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

| pre021 | Topic/Construct: Performance ratings |
|---|---|
| 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 SPD 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

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**pre022**                          **Topic/Construct:** Performance ratings
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 SPD?

Scale:

(-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

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**pre023**                          **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues
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)     Neither good nor bad
(4)     Bad
(5)     Very bad

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

**pre024**                      **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues
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

**pre025**                      **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues
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

**pre027**                      **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues
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

**pre028**                      **Topic/Construct:** Party ratings in general
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 Die Linken?
E        And Die Grünen?
F        And the FDP?
G        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

| **pre029** | **Topic/Construct:** Candidates |
|---|---|
| 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 Martin Schulz?
C       And of Sarah Wagenknecht?
D       And of Cem Özdemir?
E       And of Christian Lindner?
F       And of Frauke Petry?

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

| **pre030** | **Topic/Construct:** Candidates |
|---|---|
| Preferred chancellor | |

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

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

(-98)   Don't know

(-99)     No answer

| pre031 | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| 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, either the printed edition or on the Internet/online?

[INT: If so:] On how many days did you read political reports in the "BILD newspaper" last week?
[INT: ] This means the printed edition as well as all digital versions, either online via the website, via app or as ePaper.]

(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 [INT: Only if mentioned spontaneously]

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

| pre032 | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| Reception BILD: offline - online | |

[FILTER: If BILD is read on at least one day (pre031 = 1-7):]

Did you read these political reports exclusively, mainly or occasionally on the Internet or online?

(1)       Exclusively
(2)       Mainly
(3)       Occasionally
(4)       Not on the Internet/online

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

| pre033 | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| BILD use, previous day | |

[FILTER: If pre031 (Use of BILD) = 1-7:]

[PROG: If field day = Tuesday-Sunday]

[If BILD was read on up to 5 days in the previous week, pre031 = 1-5:]
And what about yesterday? Did you read the "BILD newspaper"?

[If the newspaper was read on 6 or 7 days, then pre031 = 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 pre031 = 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 pre031 = 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

| **pre034** | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| Party political bias, BILD | |

[FILTER: If BILD is read on at least one day (pre031 = 1-7):]

When you think in particular about the reports in "BILD newspaper" 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

| **pre035** | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| Use of daily newspapers | |

[FILTER: If respondent does not read BILD, doesn't know or no answer, pre031 = 10, -98, -99:]
Do you occasionally or regularly read another daily newspaper, either the printed edition or on the Internet/online?

[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 pre031 = 1-9:]
Do you occasionally or regularly read another daily newspaper, either the printed edition or on the Internet/online?

[INT: If so:] Which one?
[INT:] This means the printed edition as well as all digital versions, either online via the website, via app or as ePaper.]
[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

| pre036 | Topic/Construct: Media usage |
|---|---|
| Use of political reports in daily newspapers | |

[FILTER: If a daily newspaper is mentioned (pre035 = 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

| pre037 | Topic/Construct: Media usage |
|---|---|
| Reception newspaper: offline - online | |

[FILTER: If daily newspaper is read on at least one day (pre036 = 1-7):]

Did you read these political reports exclusively, mainly or occasionally on the Internet or online?

(1)    Exclusively
(2)    Mainly
(3)    Occasionally
(4)    Not on the Internet/online

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

| pre038 | Topic/Construct: Media usage |
|---|---|
| Use of daily newspaper, day before | |

[FILTER: If use of daily newspaper (pre036) = 1-7 AND daily newspaper mentioned (pre035) = 1-5:]

[PROG: If field day = Tuesday-Sunday]
[If the daily newspaper was read on up to 5 days in the previous week, thus pre036 = 1-5:]
And what about yesterday? Did you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of daily newspaper (pre035)]?

[If the newspaper was read on 6 or 7 days, thus pre036 = 6-7:]
Does that mean that you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of daily newspaper (pre035)] yesterday as well?

[PROG: If field day = Monday]
[If the daily newspaper was read on up to 5 days in the previous week, pre036 = 1-5:]
Did you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of daily newspaper (pre035)] yesterday or the day before yesterday?

[If the newspaper was read on 6 or 7 days, thus pre036 = 6-7:]
Does that mean that you read [enter codes 1-5 from use of daily newspaper (pre035)] yesterday or the day before yesterday as well?

(1)    Yes
(2)    No

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

| **pre039** | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
| --- | --- |

Party political bias of daily newspaper

[FILTER: If reports on political issues were read in a daily newspaper on at least one day (pre036=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

| **pre040** | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
| --- | --- |

Use of other daily newspapers

[FILTER: Referred to as a daily newspaper (pre035 = 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

| pre041 | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| Use of political reports in other daily newspapers | |

[FILTER: If other daily newspaper is mentioned (pre040 = 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

| pre042 | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| Reception other daily newspaper: offline - online | |

[FILTER: If other daily newspaper is read on at least one day (pre041 = 1-7):]

Did you read these political reports exclusively, mainly or occasionally on the Internet or online?

(1)      Exclusively
(2)      Mainly
(3)      Occasionally
(4)      Not on the Internet/online

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

| pre043 | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| Use of daily newspaper, day before | |

[FILTER: If use of other daily newspaper (pre041) = 1-7 AND other daily newspaper referred to (pre040) = 1-5):]

[PROG: If field day = Tuesday-Sunday]
[If other daily newspaper was read on up to 5 days in the previous week, thus pre041 = 1-5:]
And what about yesterday? Did you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of other daily newspaper (pre040)]?

[If other daily newspaper was read on 6 or 7 days, thus pre041 = 6-7:]
Does that mean that you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of other daily newspaper (pre040)] yesterday as well?

[PROG: If field day = Monday]
[If other daily newspaper was read on up to 5 days in the previous week, thus pre041 = 1-5:]
Did you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of other daily newspaper (pre040)] yesterday or the day before yesterday?

[If other daily newspaper was read on 6 or 7 days, thus pre041 = 6-7:]
Does that mean that you read [enter codes 1-5 for use of other daily newspaper (pre040)] yesterday or the day before yesterday as well?

(1)      Yes
(2)      No

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

**pre044**                          **Topic/Construct:** Media usage
Party political bias of other daily newspapers

[FILTER: If reports on political issues were read in another daily newspaper on at least one day (pre041 = 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, but do not ask about any more parties if one is 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


**pre045**                          **Topic/Construct:** Media usage
Attention to  reports on the parties

[FILTER: If person read political reports at least one day, thus at least one in pre031 OR pre036 OR pre41 = 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


**pre047**                          **Topic/Construct:** Media usage
Use of TV news programmes, ARD

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", either on television or on the Internet/online?

[INT: Including on other channels (such as on regional public-service stations or on the public-service station Phoenix), "on the Internet/online" includes watching "Tagesschau/Tagesthemen" on the website, via app or in the media library.]

(1-7)     On __ days
(8)     Not at all 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 | Topic/Construct: Media usage |
|---|---|
| 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, but do not ask about any more parties if one is 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 | Topic/Construct: Media usage |
|---|---|
| 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", either on television or on the Internet/online?

[INT: Including on other channels (such as on 3sat or on the public-service station Phoenix), "on the Internet/online" includes watching "Heute/Heute Journal" on the website, via app or in the media library.]

(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**                       **Topic/Construct:** Media usage
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, but do not ask about any more parties if one is 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


**pre051**                       **Topic/Construct:** Media usage
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, either on television or on the Internet/online?

[INT: "on the Internet/online" includes watching "RTL aktuell" on the website, via app or in the media library.]

(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


**pre052**                       **Topic/Construct:** Media usage
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, but do not ask about any more parties if one is 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

| pre053 | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| 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, either on television or on the Internet/online?

[INT: "on the Internet/online" includes watching "Sat. 1 Nachrichten" on the website, via app or in the media library.]

(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

| pre054 | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| 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, but do not ask about any more parties if one is 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** | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|

Attention to TV news programmes

[FILTER: If television news was watched on at least one day, i.e. 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?

[INT: Includes TV news programmes on television as well as on the Internet/online, that means
on the website, via app or in the media library]

(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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| **pre056** | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|

TV news on the day before

[FILTER: If TV news watched on 1-7 days in the last week, i.e. 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: Includes TV news programmes on television as well as on the Internet/online, that means
on the website, via app or in the media library]
[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

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| **pre057** | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
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Internet usage, news

On how many days in the last week did you use political news services on the Internet or online?

[INT: Including all forms of online news services, such as web content of a traditional medium, e.g. bild.de, faz.net, spiegel.de or tagesschau.de, web content of regional newspapers or pure online services, e.g. t-online.de or web.de. Political news services of newspapers and magazines include ePapers regardless of the type of device used, i.e. PC, laptop/notebook, tablet or smartphone as well as in a browser or by an app.
NOT included are online services which DO NOT provide political news, e.g. websites of political parties, candidates, institutions or associations, special election campaign websites to support certain political parties or candidates or special information offerings such as Wahl-O-Mat etc.]

(1-7)     On __ days
(8)       Not in the last week [INT: Only if mentioned spontaneously.]
(9)       I never use the Internet to obtain information about politics

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

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| **pre058** | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
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Internet usage, news: which service

[FILTER: If pre057 (Internet usage, news) = 1-7:]

Which political news service on the Internet or online did you use the most?

[INT/PROG: Open answer with pre-codes; only make a note of the open answer if news service does not fall into the pre-coded categories.]

(1)       Online service of a regional or local newspaper
(2)       Online service of Bild: bild.de
(3)       Online service of other national newspaper/premium newspaper (e.g. taz.de, welt.de, faz.net, fr-online.de, handelsblatt.com, sueddeutsche.de, etc.)
(4)       Online service of Spiegel: spiegel.de
(5)       Online service of other national weekly newspapers/magazines (e.g. focus.de, zeit.de, cicero.de, stern.de)
(6)       Online service of a public service broadcaster (e.g.tagesschau.de, heute.de, phoenix.de, euronews.de, br.de, hr.de, swr.de, rbb.de, etc.)
(7)       Online service of a private broadcaster (e.g.rtl.de, sat1.de, n-tv.de, n24.de)
(8)       Web portal (e.g.web.de, t-online.de, huffingtonpost.de)
(9)       Facebook
(10)      WhatsApp
(11)      Youtube
(12)      Twitter
(13)      Other, namely: _____ [INT: If news service does not fall into the pre-coded categories, please enter here.]

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

| pre059 | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| Internet usage, social media | |

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

What about social media platforms, 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 social media [INT: Only if mentioned spontaneously.]

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

| pre060 | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| Internet usage, social media: which service | |

[FILTER: If pre059 (Internet usage, social media) = 1-7:]

Which social media platform did you use the most?

[INT/PROG: Open answer with pre-codes; only make a note of the open answer if social media platform does not fall into the pre-coded categories.]

(1)      Facebook
(2)      Twitter
(3)      Blogger
(4)      Youtube
(5)      WhatsApp
(6)      Stay Friends
(7)      Pinterest
(8)      XING
(9)      Google+
(10)     Tumblr
(11)     Instagram
(12)     LinkedIn
(13)     Other, namely: _____ [INT: If social network does not fall into the pre-coded
         categories, please enter here.]

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

| pre061 | **Topic/Construct:** Media usage |
|---|---|
| Internet usage, party political bias | |

[FILTER: If pre057 (Internet usage, news) OR pre059 (Internet usage, social networks) = 1-7]

When you think in particular about the reports on the political parties or the election campaign you read on the Internet, 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: Don't read out 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 Internet: CDU/CSU
2       Party political bias Internet: CDU
3       Party political bias Internet: CSU
4       Party political bias Internet: SPD

5          Party political bias Internet: FDP
6          Party political bias Internet: DIE LINKE
7          Party political bias Internet: DIE GRÜNEN
8          Party political bias Internet: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
9          Party political bias Internet: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
10         Party political bias Internet: other political party

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

(0)        Not mentioned
(1)        Mentioned

(-97)      Not applicable

| pre062 | Topic/Construct: Media usage |
|---|---|
| Internet usage, websites of parties and candidates | |

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

| pre063 | Topic/Construct: Media usage |
|---|---|
| Internet usage, special information offerings | |

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

**pre064**                    **Topic/Construct:** Strategic voting
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

**pre065**                    **Topic/Construct:** Networks
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

**pre066**                    **Topic/Construct:** Networks
Network size

[FILTER: pre065 (Discussions about politics) = 1-7 days]

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

[INT: Please ask for a specific number, even if it is an approximate estimation.]

(1-20)     _____people
(21)      More than 20 people

(-71)     Several people, but exact number unknown

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

**pre067**                    **Topic/Construct:** Networks
First discussion partner: relationship

[FILTER: If pre066 (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 pre066 (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

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**pre068**                          **Topic/Construct:** Networks
First discussion partner: frequency of discussions

[FILTER: If pre066 (network size)>= 1 or -71, -98, -99:]

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

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**pre069**                          **Topic/Construct:** Networks
First discussion partner: knowledge of politics

[FILTER: If pre066 (network size)>= 1 or =-71, -98, -99:]

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

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**pre070**                          **Topic/Construct:** Networks
First discussion partner: differences of opinion

[FILTER: If pre066 (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

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**pre071**                          **Topic/Construct:** Networks
First discussion partner: voting decision

[FILTER: If pre066 (network size) >= 1 or = -71, -98, -99:]

Which party do you think this person will probably vote for in the federal election on 24th September, or do you think she/he will not go to vote at all?

[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
(10)    Not eligible to vote

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

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

| **pre072** | **Topic/Construct:** Networks |
|---|---|

First discussion partner: would never vote for this party

[FILTER: If pre066 (network size) >= 1 or = -71, -98, -99:]

Do you think there is one or more parties this person would never vote for?

[INT: Multiple response]

[INT: If respondent gives a clear answer (including "Don't know"), please note this as first mentioned. If respondent mentions more than one party, 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 party
(10)    No party

(-86)   Not eligible to vote

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

| **pre073** | **Topic/Construct:** Networks |
|---|---|

Second discussion partner: relationship

[FILTER: If pre066 (network size)  >1 or = -71, -98, -99:]

[FILTER: If pre066 (network size) = 2 AND pre067 (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 pre066 (network size) >2 or = -71 AND pre067 (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 pre066 (network size) = 2 AND pre067 (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 pre066 (network size) >2 or = -71, -98, -99 AND pre067 (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


[*NOTE:* Due to an error in the programmed questionnaire, an additional category was offered in question pre073 which was unrelated to the question. Respective mentions were recoded into -92 "Error in data". This problem affects six observations in the dataset.]


| **pre074** | **Topic/Construct:** Networks |
|---|---|
Second discussion partner: frequency of discussions

[FILTER: If pre066 (network size)> 1 or -71, -98, -99:]

On how many days of the previous week did you talk with this 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


[*NOTE:* Due to an error in the programmed questionnaire, an additional category was offered in question pre074 which was unrelated to the question. Respective mentions were recoded into -92 "Error in data". This problem affects six observations in the dataset.]


| **pre075** | **Topic/Construct:** Networks |
|---|---|
Second discussion partner: knowledge of politics

[FILTER: If pre066 (network size) > 1 or = -71, -98, -99:]

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

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**pre076**                    **Topic/Construct:** Networks
Second discussion partner: differences of opinion

[FILTER: If pre066 (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

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**pre077**                    **Topic/Construct:** Networks
Second discussion partner: voting decision

[FILTER: if pre066 (network size) > 1 or = -71, -98, -99:]

Which party do you think this person will probably vote for in the federal election on 24th September, or do you think she/he will not go to vote at all?

[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 party
(10)    Not eligible to vote

(-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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**pre078**                    **Topic/Construct:** Networks
Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party

[FILTER: If pre066 (network size) > 1 or = -71, -98, -99:]

Do you think there is one or more parties this person would never vote for?

[INT: Multiple response]

[INT: If respondent gives a clear answer (including "Don't know"), please note this as first mentioned. If respondent mentions more than one party, 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 party
(10)     No party

(-86)    Not eligible to vote

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

| pre079 | Topic/Construct: Televised debate |
|---|---|
| Televised debate: reception | |

[PROG: Active from 4th September 2017 onwards]

Did you watch the TV debate of Angela Merkel and Martin Schulz on 3rd September?

(1)      Yes
(2)      No

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

| pre080 | Topic/Construct: Televised debate |
|---|---|
| Televised debate: perceptions of Merkel's performance | |

[PROG: active from 4th September 2017 onwards]

[FILTER: If pre079 (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 pre079 (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

**pre081**                 **Topic/Construct:** Televised debate
Televised debate: perceptions of Schulz's performance

[PROG: active from 4th September 2017 onwards]

[FILTER: If pre079 (Televised debate: reception)= 1]
How well do you think Martin Schulz did in this debate - very well, well, neither well nor badly, badly or very badly?

[FILTER: If pre079 (Televised debate: reception)= 2, -98, -99]
And did you perhaps read or hear about how well Martin Schulz 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

**pre082**                 **Topic/Construct:** Election campaign contacts
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 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: 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

(-97)      Not applicable

**pre083**                 **Topic/Construct:** Election campaign contacts
Election campaign contacts: direct election campaign contact

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

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**pre084**                **Topic/Construct:** Voting decision
Recall BTW 2013

In the last federal election on 22th September 2013 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

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**pre085**                **Topic/Construct:** Voting decision
Recall BTW 2013: voting decision

[FILTER: If pre084 (Recall BTW 2013) = 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
(7)     DIE LINKE
(6)     DIE GRÜNEN
(5)     FDP
(322)    AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)

(215) PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(206) NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(237) Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(209) ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(225) REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126) BP (Bayernpartei)
(224) RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(214) PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(134) BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(226) RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(152) DIE VIOLETTEN
(171) FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(801) Other political party, namely: _____

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

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| **pre086** | **Topic/Construct:** Satisfaction with democracy |
|---|---|
| Satisfaction with democracy | |

On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Germany? Are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

(1) Very satisfied
(2) Fairly satisfied
(3) Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
(4) Not very satisfied
(5) Not at all satisfied

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

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| **pre101** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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 | Topic/Construct: Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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 | Topic/Construct: Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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 | Topic/Construct: Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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

| **pre107** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
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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

| **pre108** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
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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

| **pre109** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
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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

| **pre110** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
| --- | --- |

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** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
| --- | --- |
| Former profession | |

[FILTER: If pre110 (previous gainful employment) = Yes (1):]

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** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
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| 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** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
| --- | --- |
| Previous professional group in detail, service/white-collar worker | |

[FILTER: If pre111 (former profession) = Service/white-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** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
| --- | --- |
| 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** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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** | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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 | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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 | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| Religious denomination | |

What is your religious denomination?

(1)     Roman Catholic
(2)     Protestant
(4)     Muslim community/Islam
(5)     Other
(8)     None

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

| pre121 | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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 | **Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography |
|---|---|
| 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

| pre123 | Topic/Construct: Predispositions |
|---|---|
| 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
(7)     DIE LINKE
(6)     DIE GRÜNEN
(5)     FDP
(322)   AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(215)   PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(206)   NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(237)   Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(209)   ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(225)   REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126)   BP (Bayernpartei)
(224)   RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(214)   PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(134)   BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(226)   RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(152)   DIE VIOLETTEN
(171)   FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(801)   Other political party, namely _____

(808)   No, do not lean toward any party

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

| pre124 | Topic/Construct: Predispositions |
|---|---|
| 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

| pre125 | Topic/Construct: Dual Frame weighting questions |
|---|---|
| Telephone identifier | |

(1)     Landline phone
(2)     Mobile phone

| pre126 | Topic/Construct: Dual Frame weighting questions |
|---|---|
| Postal code | |

Please tell me the postal code of your place of residence.

[INT: If respondent asks for more details: We need the place of residence for a later regional assignment of the interviews.]

[open]

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

| pre127 | Topic/Construct: Dual Frame weighting questions |
|---|---|
| Place of residence | |

We are calling telephone numbers which have been picked randomly by computer. So could you please tell me where you live?

[INT: If respondent asks for more details: We need the place of residence for a later regional assignment of the interviews. The named cities and communities are derived from the postal codes.]

[open]

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

| pre128 | Topic/Construct: Dual Frame weighting questions |
|---|---|
| Number of landline phone numbers | |

[FILTER: If respondent was called via landline (pre125 = 1)]

We are talking via landline phone at the moment. How man landline phone numbers do you or your household have?

[INT: If respondent asks for more details: landline means the normal phone which can be used after Telekom or another telephone company has installed a phone line. This also includes landline phone numbers for mobile phones, know as "home zones".]

[INT: If no answer is given, enter "1"]

(1-x)     Make a note:_____ landline numbers

| pre129 | Topic/Construct: Dual Frame weighting questions |
|---|---|
| Number of landline phone numbers, mobile respondents | |

[FILTER: If respondent was called via mobile phone (pre125 = 2)]

How many landline phone numbers (phone numbers with area codes) do you or your household have at the moment?

[INT: This does not include fax and modem connections.]

(0-x)     Make a note:_____ landline numbers

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

(-99)     No answer

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**pre130**                    **Topic/Construct:** Dual Frame weighting questions
Number of mobile phone numbers

[FILTER: If respondent was called via landline (pre125 = 1)]

Do you use a mobile phone privately?

(1)     Yes
(2)     No

(-97)     Not applicable
(-99)     No answer [INT: Do not read out]

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**pre131**                    **Topic/Construct:** Dual Frame weighting questions
Use of mobile phone

[FILTER: If pre125 = 2 OR pre130 = 1]

How many mobile phone numbers do you have at the moment?

(1-x)     Make a note:_____ mobile phone number

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**pre132**                    **Topic/Construct:** Dual Frame weighting questions
Number of users of the same mobile phone

[FILTER: If pre125 = 2 OR pre130 = 1]

Are you the only user of this mobile phone or do you share it with others?

[If so:] How many of these people are eligible to vote, i.e. have German nationality and are at least 18 years old?

(1)     I am the only user
(2)     I share it with :_____ people

(-98)     Don't know [INT: Do not read out, only if mentioned spontaneously]
(-99)     No answer [INT: Do not read out]

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**pre133**                    **Topic/Construct:** Dual Frame weighting questions
Telephone use: Landline - Mobile

[FILTER: If pre125 = 2 AND pre129 NOT 0, OR pre130 = 1]

When you think of an average week, by which phone connection can you usually be reached at? By landline phone only, mainly by landline phone, by landline just as much as by mobile phone, mainly by mobile phone or by mobile phone only?

(1)     Landline phone only
(2)     Mainly landline phone
(3)     By landline just as much as by mobile phone
(4)     Mainly mobile phone
(5)     Mobile phone only

(-98)     Don't know [INT: Do not read out, only if mentioned spontaneously]
(-99)     No answer [INT: Do not read out]

| pre134 | Topic/Construct: |
|---|---|
| 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 (pre134) = 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

(09/25/2017 – 11/01/2017)

**Overview of variables**

| | |
|---|---|
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| pos003a | Recall BTW 2017: first vote (Version A) |
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| pos004a | Recall BTW 2017: second vote (Version A) |
| pos004b | Recall BTW 2017: second vote (Version B) |
| pos005 | Recall BTW 2017: time of final voting decision (voter) |
| pos006 | Recall BTW 2017: difficulty of voting decision (voter) |
| pos007 | Recall BTW 2017: quality of voting decision |
| pos008 | Recall BTW 2017: protest voting decision |
| pos009 | Recall BTW 2017: time of decision not to vote (non-voter) |
| pos010 | Recall BTW 2017: difficulty of voting decision (non-voter) |
| pos011 | Recall BTW 2017: quality of decision not to vote |
| pos012 | Recall BTW 2017: protest voting decision (non-voter) |
| pos013a | Recall BTW 2017: possible other party (Version A) |
| pos013b | Recall BTW 2017: possible other party (Version B) |
| pos014_1 | Coalition preference (post election): CDU/CSU |
| pos014_2 | Coalition preference (post election): SPD |
| pos014_3 | Coalition preference (post election): FDP |
| pos014_4 | Coalition preference (post election): LINKE |
| pos014_5 | Coalition preference (post election): GRUENE |
| pos014_6 | Coalition preference (post election): PIRATEN |
| pos014_7 | Coalition preference (post election): AfD |
| pos014_8 | Coalition preference (post election): other political party |
| pos014_9 | Coalition preference (post election): don't know |
| pos014_10 | Coalition preference (post election): no answer |
| pos015 | Most important problem |
| pos015c1 | Most important problem (coded) - 1. mention |
| pos015c2 | Most important problem (coded) - 2. mention |
| pos015c3 | Most important problem (coded) - 3. mention |
| pos015c4 | Most important problem (coded) - 4. mention |
| pos015c5 | Most important problem (coded) - 5. mention |
| pos016a | Ability to solve the most important problem (Version A) |
| pos016b | Ability to solve the most important problem (Version B) |
| pos017 | Second most important problem |
| pos017c1 | Second most important problem (coded) - 1. mention |
| pos017c2 | Second most important problem (coded) - 2. mention |
| pos017c3 | Second most important problem (coded) - 3. mention |
| pos017c4 | Second most important problem (coded) - 4. mention |
| pos017c5 | Second most important problem (coded) - 5. mention |
| pos018a | Ability to solve second most important problem (Version A) |
| pos018b | Ability to solve second most important problem (Version B) |
| pos019 | Left-right self-assessment |
| pos020 | Satisfaction with democracy |
| pos021 | Own position, libertarian-authoritarian dimension |
| pos022a | Issue battery: Immigrants should be obliged to assimilate into the German culture. |
| pos022b | Issue battery: The government should take measures to reduce differences in income levels. |
| pos022c | Issue battery: Germany should provide financial support for EU member states experiencing financial and economic difficulties. |
| pos022d | Issue battery: Politicians talk too much and take too little action. |
| pos022e | Issue battery: It makes a big difference who is in power in Berlin. |
| pos022f | Issue battery: Most politicians are not interested in the opinion of the citizens. |
| pos022g | Issue battery: Regarding the national interest, under certain circumstances a dictatorship is the better form of government. |
| pos022h | Issue battery: The leadership of the government should be entrusted to someone who is above the party bickering. |
| pos023 | Personal economic situation, current |
| pos024 | Personal economic situation, future |
| pos025 | General economic situation, current |
| pos026 | General economic situation, retrospective |
| pos027 | Responsibility for general economic situation |
| pos028 | General economic situation, future |
| pos029a | Scalometer, political parties: CDU |
| pos029b | Scalometer, political parties: CSU |
| pos029c | Scalometer, political parties: SPD |
| pos029d | Scalometer, political parties: LINKE |
| pos029e | Scalometer, political parties: GRUENE |

| pos029f | Scalometer, political parties: FDP |
|---|---|
| pos029g | Scalometer, political parties: AfD |
| pos030a | Scalometer, political parties: Merkel |
| pos030b | Scalometer, political parties: Schulz |
| pos030c | Scalometer, political parties: Wagenknecht |
| pos030d | Scalometer, political parties: Oezdemir |
| pos030e | Scalometer, political parties: Lindner |
| pos030f | Scalometer, political parties: Petry |
| pos031 | Attention to election campaign |
| pos032_1 | Election campaign: political meetings: CDU/CSU |
| pos032_2 | Election campaign: political meetings: CDU |
| pos032_3 | Election campaign: political meetings: CSU |
| pos032_4 | Election campaign: political meetings: SPD |
| pos032_5 | Election campaign: political meetings: FDP |
| pos032_6 | Election campaign: political meetings: LINKE |
| pos032_7 | Election campaign: political meetings: GRUENE |
| pos032_8 | Election campaign: political meetings: PIRATEN |
| pos032_9 | Election campaign: political meetings: AfD |
| pos032_10 | Election campaign: political meetings: NPD/DVU |
| pos032_11 | Election campaign: political meetings: other political party |
| pos032_12 | Election campaign: political meetings: I didn't go to any political meetings |
| pos032_13 | Election campaign: political meetings: don't know |
| pos032_14 | Election campaign: political meetings: no answer |
| pos033_1 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CDU/CSU |
| pos033_2 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CDU |
| pos033_3 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: CSU |
| pos033_4 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: SPD |
| pos033_5 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: FDP |
| pos033_6 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: LINKE |
| pos033_7 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: GRUENE |
| pos033_8 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: PIRATEN |
| pos033_9 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: AfD |
| pos033_10 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: NPD/DVU |
| pos033_11 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: other political party |
| pos033_12 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: I didn't talk to anyone |
| pos033_13 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: don't know |
| pos033_14 | Election campaign: direct election campaign contact: no answer |
| pos034_1 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CDU/CSU |
| pos034_2 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CDU |
| pos034_3 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: CSU |
| pos034_4 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: SPD |
| pos034_5 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: FDP |
| pos034_6 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: LINKE |
| pos034_7 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: GRUENE |
| pos034_8 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: PIRATEN |
| pos034_9 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: AfD |
| pos034_10 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: NPD/DVU |
| pos034_11 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: other political party |
| pos034_12 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: no party advertisements |
| pos034_13 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: don't know |
| pos034_14 | Election campaign: party advertisements in newspapers, TV, radio: no answer |
| pos035_1 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: CDU/CSU |
| pos035_2 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: CDU |
| pos035_3 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: CSU |
| pos035_4 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: SPD |
| pos035_5 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: FDP |
| pos035_6 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: LINKE |
| pos035_7 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: GRUENE |
| pos035_8 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: PIRATEN |
| pos035_9 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: AfD |
| pos035_10 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: NPD/DVU |
| pos035_11 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: other political party |
| pos035_12 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: no party advertisements online |
| pos035_13 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: don't know |
| pos035_14 | Election campaign: party advertisements online: no answer |
| pos036_1 | Election campaign: information material: CDU/CSU |
| pos036_2 | Election campaign: information material: CDU |
| pos036_3 | Election campaign: information material: CSU |
| pos036_4 | Election campaign: information material: SPD |
| pos036_5 | Election campaign: information material: FDP |

| pos036_6 | Election campaign: information material: LINKE |
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| pos036_7 | Election campaign: information material: GRUENE |
| pos036_8 | Election campaign: information material: PIRATEN |
| pos036_9 | Election campaign: information material: AfD |
| pos036_10 | Election campaign: information material: NPD/DVU |
| pos036_11 | Election campaign: information material: other political party |
| pos036_12 | Election campaign: information material: no information material read |
| pos036_13 | Election campaign: information material: don't know |
| pos036_14 | Election campaign: information material: no answer |
| pos037_1 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: CDU/CSU |
| pos037_2 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: CDU |
| pos037_3 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: CSU |
| pos037_4 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: SPD |
| pos037_5 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: FDP |
| pos037_6 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: LINKE |
| pos037_7 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: GRUENE |
| pos037_8 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: PIRATEN |
| pos037_9 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: AfD |
| pos037_10 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: NPD/DVU |
| pos037_11 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: other political party |
| pos037_12 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: no websites of parties or candidates |
| pos037_13 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: don't know |
| pos037_14 | Election campaign: websites of parties and candidates: no answer |
| pos038 | Televised debate: Reception |
| pos039 | Televised debate: Attention |
| pos040 | Televised debate: Perceptions of Merkel's performance |
| pos041 | Televised debate: perception of Schulz's performance |
| pos042 | Discussions about politics (current) |
| pos043 | First discussion partner: relationship |
| pos044 | First discussion partner: knowledge of politics |
| pos045 | First discussion partner: differences of opinion |
| pos046 | First discussion partner: voting decision |
| pos047 | Second discussion partner: relationship |
| pos048 | Second discussion partner: knowledge of politics |
| pos049 | Second discussion partner: differences of opinion |
| pos050 | Second discussion partner: voting decision |
| pos051 | Media Reliance |
| pos052a | In general, political information in the newspaper and on television can be trusted. |
| pos052b | Issue battery: During the election campaign, all parties had a fair chance to present their position to the voter. |
| pos052c | Issue battery: The federal election was carried out correctly and fairly by the authorities. |
| pos052d | Issue battery: In comparison to how other people live here in Germany, I get a lot less than my fair share. |
| pos052e | Issue battery: The world has become so complicated that it's impossible to know how things will carry on. |
| pos052f | Issue battery: Whatever some people say: the situation of ordinary people doesn't improve but gets worse. |
| pos053a | Authoritarianism (ANES): Independence or respect for elders? |
| pos053b | Authoritarianism (ANES): Curiosity or good manners? |
| pos053c | Authoritarianism (ANES): Obedience or self-reliance? |
| pos053d | Authoritarianism (ANES): Being considerate or well behave? |
| pos054a | Need to Evaluate, for Cognition and for Cognitive Closure: I make up my own mind about everything. |
| pos054b | Need to Evaluate, for Cognition and for Cognitive Closure: I don't find it satisfying to think deeply about things for hours. |
| pos054c | Need to Evaluate, for Cognition and for Cognitive Closure: I usually make important decisions quickly and confidently. |
| pos055a | Strategic and expressive motives: With my voting decision, I especially want to accomplish that a certain policy is made in specific problem areas. |
| pos055b | Strategic and expressive motives: I want to show my political point of view with my voting decision, regardless of who is governing after the election. |
| pos055c | Strategic and expressive motives: With my voting decision, I especially want to influence who is becoming chancellor. |
| pos055d | Strategic and expressive motives: I like it when people can tell what I'm standing for by my voting decision. |
| pos055e | Strategic and expressive motives: With my voting decision, I especially want to influence which coalitions can be formed after the election. |
| pos055f | Strategic and expressive motives: With my voting decision, I express a part of my personality which gives me a good feeling. |
| pos055g | Strategic and expressive motives: With my voting decision, I want to send a signal of support of a certain world view. |

| pos056a | Party identification (Version A) |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| pos056b | Party identification (Version B) |
| pos057  | Strength of party identification |

**Contact/identification of respondent**
**Topic/Construct:**

Good day, my name is [PROG: Name of Interviewer] from Ipsos, one of the major polling organisations in Germany.
Some time ago, we 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 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 20 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**                      **Topic/Construct:**
Interesting election campaign

How interesting did you find the campaign for the federal election on 24th 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**                      **Topic/Construct:**
Recall BTW 2017: turnout

In the federal election on 24th 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

**pos002b**                     **Topic/Construct:**
Recall BTW 2017: postal vote

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

Did you cast your vote at a polling station or by postal vote?

(1)     Polling station
(2)     By postal vote

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

**pos003**                      **Topic/Construct:**
Recall BTW 2013: first vote

[FILTER: If turnout (pos002) = 1, -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.]

I voted for the candidate of the…

(1)     CDU/CSU
(2)     CDU
(3)     CSU
(4)     SPD
(7)     DIE LINKE
(6)     DIE GRÜNEN

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

(-83)    I cast an invalid first vote
(-84)    I didn't cast a first vote
(-85)    I didn't vote

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

| pos004 | Topic/Construct: |
|---|---|
| Recall BTW 2017: 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
(7)      DIE LINKE
(6)      DIE GRÜNEN
(5)      FDP
(322)    AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(215)    PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(206)    NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(237)    Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(209)    ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(225)    REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126)    BP (Bayernpartei)
(224)    RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(214)    PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(134)    BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(226)    RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(152)    DIE VIOLETTEN
(171)    FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(801)    Other political party, namely _____

(-83)    I cast an invalid second vote
(-84)    I didn't cast a second vote
(-85)    I didn't vote

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

**pos005**                          Topic/Construct:
Recall BTW 2017: time of final 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]

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**                          Topic/Construct:
Recall BTW 2017: 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

**pos007**                          Topic/Construct:
Recall BTW 2017: quality of voting decision

[FILTER: If respondent doesn't negate turnout, thus if turnout (pos002) = 1, -98, -99 AND pos004 dissimilar -83, -84, -85]

Do you think that your decision to vote for [IN POS004 NAMED PARTY] with you second vote was 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
(-97)     Not applicable
(-98)     Don't know
(-99)     No answer

| pos008 | Topic/Construct: |
|---|---|
| Recall BTW 2017: protest voting decision | |

[FILTER: If respondent doesn't negate turnout, thus if turnout (pos002) = 1, -98, -99 AND pos003 dissimilar -83, -84, -85 AND pos004 dissimilar-83, -84, -85]

How important was it to you to express protest with your voting decision? Was it very important, fairly important, less important or not important at all?

(1)     Very important
(2)     Fairly important
(3)     Less important
(4)     Not important at all

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

| pos009 | Topic/Construct: Voting decision |
|---|---|
| Recall BTW 2017: time of decision not to vote (non-voter) | |

[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

| pos010 | Topic/Construct: |
|---|---|
| Recall BTW 2017: 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

| pos011 | Topic/Construct: |
|---|---|
| Recall BTW 2017: quality of decision not to vote | |

[FILTER: If turnout (pos002) = 2 OR pos003 = -85 OR pos004 = -85]

Do you think your decision not to vote was 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
(-97)     Not applicable
(-98)     Don't know
(-99)     No answer

| **pos012** | **Topic/Construct:** |
|---|---|
| Recall BTW 2017: protest voting decision (non-voter) | |

[FILTER: If turnout (pos002) = 2 OR pos003 = -85 OR pos004 = -85]

How important was it to you to express protest with your decision? Was it very important, fairly important, less important or not important at all?

(1)     Very important
(2)     Fairly important
(3)     Less important
(4)     Not important at all

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

| **pos013** | **Topic/Construct:** |
|---|---|
| Recall BTW 2017: possible other party | |

[FILTER: If a party is mentioned in Recall BTW 2017: 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
(7)     DIE LINKE
(6)     DIE GRÜNEN
(5)     FDP
(322)     AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(215)     PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(206)     NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(237)     Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
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(225)     REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
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(214)     PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(134)     BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(226)     RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(152)     DIE VIOLETTEN
(171)     FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)

(801)    Other political party, namely _____

(-82)    No other party

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

| pos014 | Topic/Construct: |
|---|---|
| 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

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

- "Große Koalition"                = CDU/CSU, SPD
- "Schwarz-gelb"                   = CDU/CSU, FDP
- "Bürgerliche Koalition"          = CDU/CSU, FDP
- "Bürgerliche Regierung"            [INT: Ask, if a)  CDU/CSU government or b) CDU/CSU,
                                     FDP are meant]
- "Schwarz-grün"                   = CDU/CSU, Grüne
- "Jamaika"                        = CDU/CSU, FDP, Grüne
- "Schwampel"                      = CDU/CSU, FDP, Grüne
- "Schwarze Ampel"                 = CDU/CSU, FDP, Grüne
- "Rot-grün"                       = SPD, Grüne
- "Sozial-liberale Koalition"      = SPD, FDP
- "Rot-gelb"                       = SPD, FDP
- "Ampel"                          = SPD, FDP, Grüne
- "Rot-rot-grün"                   = SPD, Grüne, Die Linke
- "Linksbündnis/Linkskoalition"      [INT: Ask if a) SPD, Grüne, Die Linke or b) SPD-Die Linke
                                     or c) SPD-Grüne are meant]
- "Rot-rot"                        = SPD, Die Linke
- "Schwarz-Blau"                   = CDU/CSU, AfD

**pos015**          **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues
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

**pos016**          **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues
Ability to solve the most important problem

[FILTER: Only ask the question if problem referred to in pos015:]

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

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

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

**pos017**          **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues
Second most important problem

[FILTER: If problem mentioned in pos015 (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

**pos018**                    **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues
Ability to solve second most important problem

[FILTER: Only ask the question if problem referred to in pos017:]

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

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

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

**pos019**                    **Topic/Construct:** Political positions
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

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

**pos020**                          **Topic/Construct:** Satisfaction with democracy
Satisfaction with democracy

On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Germany? Are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

(1)     Very satisfied
(2)     Fairly satisfied
(3)     Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
(4)     Not very satisfied
(5)     Not at all satisfied

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

**pos021**                          **Topic/Construct:** Political positions
Own position, libertarian-authoritarian dimension

Now, let us shift attention to a political issue.
Some people think that restrictions on immigration should be relaxed, others think restrictions on immigration should be tighter. What position do you take on this issue? Please tell me by using a scale from 1 to 11. 1 means that restrictions on immigration should be relaxed, and 11 means that laws on immigration should be tighter. Use the values in between to express your opinion more precisely.

(1)     1 Restrictions on immigration should be relaxed
(2)     2
(3)     3
(4)     4
(5)     5
(6)     6
(7)     7
(8)     8
(9)     9
(10)    10
(11)    11 Restrictions on immigration should be tighter

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

**pos022**                          **Topic/Construct:** Political positions
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 within A-C as well as D-H]

A       Immigrants should be obliged to assimilate into the German culture.
B       The government should take measures to reduce differences in income levels.
C       Germany should provide financial support for EU member states experiencing financial and economic difficulties.

D       Politicians talk too much and take too little action.
E       It makes a big difference who is in power in Berlin.
F       Most politicians are not interested in the opinion of the citizens.
G       Regarding the national interest, under certain circumstances a dictatorship is the better form of government.

H　　　　The leadership of the government should be entrusted to someone who is above the party bickering.

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

| pos023 | Topic/Construct: Valence issues |
| --- | --- |
| 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)　　　Neither good nor bad
(4)　　　Bad
(5)　　　Very bad

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

| pos024 | Topic/Construct: Valence issues |
| --- | --- |
| Personal economic situation, future | |

What do you think your own economic situation will be a year from now? Do you expect your own economic situation 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

| pos025 | Topic/Construct: Valence issues |
| --- | --- |
| 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

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**pos026**                          **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues
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

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**pos027**                          **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues
Responsibility for general economic situation

[FILTER: If valid answer in pos026 (general economic situation, retrospective), thus pos026=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

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**pos028**                          **Topic/Construct:** Valence issues
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

**pos029**                              **Topic/Construct:** Party ratings in general
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 Die Linken?
E        And Die Grünen?
F        And the FDP?
G        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
(-95)    Not participated
(-98)    Don't know
(-99)    No answer

**pos030**                              **Topic/Construct:** Candidates
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 Martin Schulz?
C        And of Sahra Wagenknecht?
D        And of Cem Özdemir?
E        And of Christian Lindner?
F        And of Frauke Petry?

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

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**pos031**                    **Topic/Construct:** Election campaign
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

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**pos032**                    **Topic/Construct:**
Election campaign contacts: electoral events

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

[INT: If so:]  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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**pos033**                    **Topic/Construct:**
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: 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

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**pos034**                          **Topic/Construct:**
Election campaign contacts: party advertisements 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: CDU/CSU |
| 2 | Election campaign: party advertisements: CDU |
| 3 | Election campaign: party advertisements: CSU |
| 4 | Election campaign: party advertisements: SPD |
| 5 | Election campaign: party advertisements: FDP |
| 6 | Election campaign: party advertisements: DIE LINKE |
| 7 | Election campaign: party advertisements: DIE GRÜNEN |
| 8 | Election campaign: party advertisements: PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland) |
| 9 | Election campaign: party advertisements: AfD (Alternative für Deutschland) |
| 10 | Election campaign: party advertisements: NPD [DVU] |
| 11 | Election campaign: party advertisements: other party/parties |
| | |
| 12 | Election campaign: party advertisements: didn't see or hear any party advertisements |
| 13 | Election campaign: party advertisements: don't know |
| 14 | Election campaign: party advertisements: no answer |

(0)     Not mentioned
(1)     Mentioned

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

**pos35**                          **Topic/Construct:**
Election campaign: party advertisements online

Did you see party advertisements online, e.g. on Facebook or Youtube?

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

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

12      Election campaign: party advertisements online: didn't read any party advertisements
        online
13      Election campaign: party advertisements online: don't know
14      Election campaign: party advertisements online: no answer

(0)     Not mentioned
(1)     Mentioned

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


**pos036**                         **Topic/Construct:**
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

**pos037**                          **Topic/Construct:**
Election campaign contacts: websites of parties and candidates

What about websites of political parties and candidates? Did you actively 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 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


**pos038**                          **Topic/Construct:**
Televised debate: reception

Did you watch the TV debate of Angela Merkel and Martin Schulz on 3rd September?

(1)        Yes
(2)        No

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


**pos039**                          **Topic/Construct:**
Televised debate: attention

[FILTER: If pos038 (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

**pos040**          **Topic/Construct:**
Televised debate: perceptions of Merkel's performance

[FILTER: If pos038 (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 pos038 (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
(-95)     Not participated
(-98)     Don't know
(-99)     No answer

**pos041**          **Topic/Construct:**
Televised debate: perception of Schulz's performance

[FILTER: If pos038 (Televised debate: reception) = 1:]
How well do you think Martin Schulz did in this debate - very well, well, neither well nor badly, badly or very badly?

[FILTER: If pos038 (Televised debate: reception) = 2, -98, -99:]
And did you perhaps read or hear about how well Martin Schulz 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
(-95)     Not participated
(-98)     Don't know
(-99)     No answer

**pos042**          **Topic/Construct:** Networks
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

| **pos043** | **Topic/Construct:** Networks |
|---|---|

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 24th September, 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

(7)     I didn't talk with anyone

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


| **pos044** | **Topic/Construct:** Networks |
|---|---|

First discussion partner: knowledge of politics

[FILTER: If pos043 (First discussion partner: relationship) =1-6, -98, -99:]

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

[INT: If pos043 (First discussion partner: relationship) = -99 (no answer) and it becomes apparent that the respondent didn't talk to anyone, enter pos044 = -97]

(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


| **pos045** | **Topic/Construct:** Networks |
|---|---|

First discussion partner: differences of opinion

[FILTER: If pos043 (First discussion partner: relationship) =1-6, -98, -99 AND pos044 = NOT -97:]

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

**pos046**                    **Topic/Construct:** Networks
First discussion partner: voting decision

[FILTER: If pos043 (First discussion partner: relationship) =1-6, -98, -99 AND pos44 = NOT 97:]

Which party do you think this person voted for in the federal election on 24th September? Or did he/she not vote at all?

[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 party
(10)    Not eligible to vote
(-85)   Did not vote

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

**pos047**                    **Topic/Construct:** Networks
Second discussion partner: relationship

[FILTER: If pos043 (First discussion partner: relationship) =1-6, -98, -99 AND pos44 = NOT 97:]

[FILTER: If pos043 (First discussion partner: relationship) = spouse/partner:]
If you now think of the person amongst the 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?

[FILTER: If pos043 (First discussion partner: relationship) NOT = spouse/partner:]
If you now think of the person amongst the 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?

(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 to anyone

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

| pos048 | Topic/Construct: Networks |
|---|---|
| Second discussion partner: knowledge of politics | |

[FILTER: If pos047 = 1-6, -98, -99:]

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

[INT: If pos047 (Second discussion partner: relationship) = -99 (no answer) and it becomes apparent that the respondent didn't talk to anyone, enter pos048 = -97]

(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

| pos049 | Topic/Construct: Networks |
|---|---|
| Second discussion partner: differences of opinion | |

[FILTER: If pos047 = 1-6, -98, -99 AND pos048 = NOT -97:]

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

| pos050 | Topic/Construct: Networks |
|---|---|
| Second discussion partner: voting decision | |

[FILTER: If pos047 = 1-6, -98, -99 AND pos048 = NOT -97:]

Which party do you think this person voted for in the federal election on 24th September? Or did he/she not vote at all?

[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 [auch DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(9)      Other party
(10)      Not eligible to vote
(-85)      Did not vote

(-95)      Not participated
(-97)      Not applicable

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

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**pos051**                     **Topic/Construct:**
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 programmes 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

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**pos052**                     **Topic/Construct:** Right-wing populism/electoral integrity
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 within A-C as well as D-F]

A         In general, political information in the newspaper and on television can be trusted.
B         During the election campaign, all parties had a fair chance to present their position to the voter.
C         The federal election was carried out correctly and fairly by the authorities.
D         In comparison to how other people live here in Germany, I get a lot less than my fair share.
E         The world has become so complicated that it's impossible to know how things can carry on.
F         Whatever some people say: the situation of ordinary people doesn't improve but gets worse.

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

| pos053 | **Topic/Construct:** Psychological constructs |
|---|---|
| Authoritarianism (ANES) | |

Although there are a number of qualities that people feel that children should have, every person thinks that some are more important than others. We are going to show you pairs of desirable qualities. Please tell me which one you think is more important for a child to have.

[PROG: Randomization]

A          Independence or respect for elders?

(1)          Independence
(2)          Respect for elders

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

B          Curiosity or good manners?

(1)          Curiosity
(2)          Good manners

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

C          Obedience or self-reliance?

(1)          Obedience
(2)          Self-reliance

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

D          Being considerate or well behave?

(1)          Being considerate
(2)          Well behave

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

| pos054 | **Topic/Construct:** Psychological constructs |
|---|---|
| Need to Evaluate, for Cognition and 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.

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

| pos055 | **Topic/Construct:** Psychological constructs |
|---|---|

Strategic and expressive motives

Different motives can underlie 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.
F      With my voting decision, I express a part of my personality which gives me a good feeling.
G      With my voting decision, I want to send a signal of support for a certain view of the world.

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

| pos056 | **Topic/Construct:** Predispositions |
|---|---|

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
(7)      DIE LINKE
(6)      DIE GRÜNEN
(5)      FDP
(322)    AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
(215)    PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(206)    NPD [DVU] (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands [Deutsche Volksunion])
(237)    Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(209)    ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(225)    REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(126)    BP (Bayernpartei)
(224)    RENTNER (Rentner Partei Deutschland)
(214)    PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)

(134)    BüSo (Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität)
(226)    RRP (Rentnerinnen und Rentner Partei)
(152)    DIE VIOLETTEN
(171)    FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(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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**pos057**              **Topic/Construct:** Predispositions
Strength of party identification

[FILTER: If pos056 (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