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GLES German Longitudinal Election Study

GLES 2017
Rolling Cross-Section
Campaign Survey with
Post-election Panel Wave
ZA6803, Version 4.1.0

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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Basic information

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

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.

Errata

The most recent errata list is provided by GESIS :

https://search.gesis.org/research_data/ZA6803?lang=en

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 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

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

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 other 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

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

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
pre078_5	Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: GRUENE
pre078_6	Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: PIRATEN
pre078_7	Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: AfD
pre078_8	Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: NPD/DVU
pre078_9	Second discussion partner: would never vote for this party: other political party
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
pre126	Postal code
pre127	Place of residence
pre128	Number of landline phone numbers
pre129	Number of landline phone numbers, mobile respondents
pre130	Use of mobile phone
pre131	Number of mobile phone numbers
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)
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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 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])
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(209)   ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(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 _____

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

(-97)   Not applicable

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

pre006	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)
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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 first vote
(-84)   I didn't cast my first vote for anyone

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

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)
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(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

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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

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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)
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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 _____

(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])
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(209)   ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(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 _____

(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

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

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

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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

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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

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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

pre057	**Topic/Construct:** Media usage
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

pre058	**Topic/Construct:** Media usage
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

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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

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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

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

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

pre102	**Topic/Construct:** Sociodemography
Gender	

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

(1)   Male
(2)   Female

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

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

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

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

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

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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

[Note: This variable was removed from the published dataset for data protection reasons but is available for analysis in the Secure Data Center at GESIS after signing of a data use contract.]

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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

[Note: This variable was removed from the published dataset for data protection reasons.]

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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

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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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pos002	Recall BTW 2017: turnout
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pos004a	Recall BTW 2017: second vote (Version A)
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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 leaders: Merkel
pos030b	Scalometer, political leaders: Schulz
pos030c	Scalometer, political leaders: Wagenknecht
pos030d	Scalometer, political leaders: Oezdemir
pos030e	Scalometer, political leaders: Lindner
pos030f	Scalometer, political leaders: 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
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)
(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 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])
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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 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)
(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 _____

(-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

[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)
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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 _____

(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

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

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