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German Longitudinal  
Election Study



## **GLES 2013**

### Short-term Campaign Panel

### Control Group I (to Panel Wave 3)

ZA5753, Version 3.0.0

*Documentation of Questionnaire*

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

GLES 2013 was directed by five principal investigators: Prof. Dr. Hans Rattinger (University of Mannheim), Prof. Dr. Sigrid Roßteutscher (University of Frankfurt), Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck (University of Mannheim) Prof. Dr. Bernhard Weßels (Social Science Research Center Berlin) and Prof. Dr. Christof Wolf (GESIS – Leibniz-Institute for the Social Science) in close cooperation with the German Society for Electoral Studies (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wahlforschung).

The following documentation refers to the Short-term Campaign Panel Control Group I (ZA5753) of GLES and will give you some general information about the dataset.

#### Bibliographic description of the dataset

Study No.	ZA5753
Title	Short-term Campaign Panel Control Group I (GLES 2013)
Current Version	3.0.0, 01/26/2015
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#### Basic information

Funding Agency	German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft)
Data Collector	Bamberg Center for Empirical Studies (BACES), Bamberg
Date of collection	Short-term Campaign Panel 06/20 – 10/04/2013 Control Group I 08/01-08/11/2013
Content	In addition to the panelists of the Short-term Campaign Panel 2013, three independent samples are drawn which are then interviewed with the same questionnaire and at the same time as the panel waves three, five, and seven. By comparing the panel and cross-section respondents, it is possible to analyse if and to what extent the repeated interview of the same respondent influences the measurement of political attitudes and political behaviour.

#### Methodology

Geographic Coverage	Germany (DE)
Universe	The target population of the Campaign Panel comprises all German citizens who were eligible to vote in the election to the German Bundestag on September 22, 2013. Due to the decision to collect the data of the Campaign Panel online the frame population is restricted to members of the nonprobability online panel of the Respondi AG who were eligible to vote in the 2013 election to the German Bundestag. The online panel comprised about 96.445 active panelists in Germany in 2013. The members of the Access-Panel are mainly recruited online. A smaller proportion is recruited by telephone.
Selection Method	Quota sampling of the frame population of the Online-Access-Panel by age, sex and education
Mode of Data Collection	Online Panel Survey with standardized questionnaire
Weights	This study comprises two weights which adjust socio-demographical characteristics of all participants in wave one to two different known distributions. First to the

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microcensus 2012 which is representative for the german electorate and second to the (N)Onliner-Atlas 2012 for the german online population.

#### Data access

Usage regulations            Data and documents are released for academic research and teaching: access category A.

Anonymized data            According to German privacy, only anonymized data can be made accessible for public download. Based on this, some variables had to be deleted from the publicly available dataset. As a matter of course no information is lost: All variables can be used by interested researchers in a Secure Data Center (SDC) at GESIS (Cologne, Mannheim). Some variables are also available by signing a user contract. If you are interested in those variables please send an E-Mail to [gles@gesis.org](mailto:gles@gesis.org). An overview of those variables can be found on our homepage ([www.gesis.org/gles](http://www.gesis.org/gles)).

#### Errata

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

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_screen1	<b>Item:</b> Right to Vote
<b>Topic:</b> Screening	
<b>Filter:</b>	
<b>Presentation:</b>	
Single response list (vertical); <b>must answer.</b> Plausibility check: If no answer was given, then the following text will be displayed: „Answering this question is important for the rest of the survey. Please state whether you are eligible to vote.“	
<b>Question:</b>	
Are you eligible to vote on the Federal election on September 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2013?	
- Yes	
- No	
- Don't know	
<b>Transfer from filter:</b> kp3_screen1= 2 >> survey finished.	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) yes	
(2) no	
(-98) don't know	

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_screen2	<b>Item:</b> Right to Vote, inquiry
<b>Topic:</b> Screening	
<b>Filter:</b> kp3_screen1 = -98	
<b>Presentation:</b>	
Single response list (vertical); <b>must answer.</b> Plausibility check: If no answer was given, then the following text will be displayed: „Answering this question is important for the rest of the survey. Please state whether you are eligible to vote.“	
<b>Question:</b>	
You are eligible to vote in the federal election, if you are at least 18 years old, German citizen and if you have had your permanent residence in Germany for at least three months. Do all of these criteria apply to you?	
- Yes	
- No	
<b>Transfer from filter:</b> kp3_screen2= 2 >> survey finished.	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) yes	
(2) no	

<b>Variables:</b> kp3_2280; kp3_2291; kp3_2290	<b>Items:</b> Gender; Month of Birth, Year of Birth
<b>Topic:</b> Sociodemography	
<b>Presentation:</b>	
<b>must answer;</b> the following four questions are displayed on one screen; plausibility check: If no/or invalid answers were made, the following request follows: „One or more answers are invalid. Please answer all questions.“ ;	
<b>Filter:</b>	
<b>Presentation:</b>	
Single response list (vertical)	
<b>Question kp3_2280:</b>	
Please state your gender	
- male	
- female	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) male	
(2) female	
<b>Filter:</b>	
<b>Presentation:</b>	
Closed response list	

**Question kp3\_2291:**

In what month were you born?

- Please select
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

**Coding:**

- (0) please select
- (1) January
- (2) February
- (3) March
- (4) April
- (5) May
- (6) June
- (7) July
- (8) August
- (9) September
- (10) October
- (11) November
- (12) December

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Text field (single row) with two numerical digits; plausibility check: Only numerical values between 01 and 95 are possible! If respondent  $\geq 96$  he/she does not belong to the target group and will be removed after one general plausibility check (see above).

**Question kp3\_2290:**

Please enter the year you were born in.

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**Coding:**

01-95

**Variable:** kp3\_2320

**Topic:** Sociodemography

**Item:** School leaving certificate

**Filter:**

**Presentation: must answer;** single response list (vertical); plausibility check: Please note that an answer to this question is mandatory for continuing the survey. If you have acquired your school leaving certificate outside of Germany, please state the respective German certificate.

**Question:**

What general school leaving certificate do you have?

- Finished school without school leaving certificate
- Lowest formal qualification of Germany's tripartite secondary school system, after 8 or 9 years of schooling ("Hauptschulabschluss, Volksschulabschluss")
- Intermediary secondary qualification, after 10 years of schooling ("Mittlere Reife, Realschulabschluss, or Polytechnische Oberschule mit Abschluss 10. Klasse")
- Certificate fulfilling entrance requirements to study at a polytechnical college ("Fachhochschulreife (Abschluss einer Fachoberschule etc.)")
- Higher qualification, entitling holders to study at a university ("Abitur or Erweiterte Oberschule mit Abschluss 12. Klasse (Hochschulreife)")
- I am still in high school

**Coding:**

- (1) Finished school without school leaving certificate
  - (2) Lowest formal qualification of 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 or Polytechnische Oberschule mit Abschluss 10. Klasse")
  - (4) Certificate fulfilling entrance requirements to study at a polytechnical college/university of applied sciences ("Fachhochschulreife (Abschluss einer Fachoberschule etc.)")
  - (5) Higher qualification, entitling holders to study at a university ("Abitur or Erweiterte Oberschule mit Abschluss 12. Klasse (Hochschulreife)")
- (9) I am still a high school student

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_2601
<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography
<b>Item:</b> Federal state
<b>Filter:</b>
<b>Presentation:</b>
<b>must answer;</b> single response list (vertical); plausibility check: If no answer was given then the following text will be shown: "Answering this question is very important for the rest of the survey. Please state the federal state you live in."
<b>Question:</b>
And in which federal state do you live?
- Baden-Wuerttemberg
- Bavaria
- Berlin
- Brandenburg
- Bremen
- Hamburg
- Hesse
- Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
- Lower Saxony
- North Rhine Westphalia
- Rhineland Palatinate
- Saarland
- Saxony
- Saxony Anhalt
- Schleswig-Holstein
- Thuringia
<b>Coding:</b>
(8) Baden-Wuerttemberg
(9) Bavaria
(11) Berlin
(12) Brandenburg
(4) Bremen
(2) Hamburg
(6) Hesse
(13) Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
(3) Lower Saxony
(5) North Rhine Westphalia
(7) Rhineland Palatinate
(10) Saarland
(14) Saxony
(15) Saxony Anhalt
(1) Schleswig-Holstein
(16) Thuringia

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- Hesse
- Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
- Lower Saxony
- North Rhine Westphalia
- Rhineland Palatinate
- Saarland
- Saxony
- Saxony Anhalt
- Schleswig-Holstein
- Thuringia

**Coding:**

- (8) Baden-Wuerttemberg
- (9) Bavaria
- (11) Berlin
- (12) Brandenburg
- (4) Bremen
- (2) Hamburg
- (6) Hesse
- (13) Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
- (3) Lower Saxony
- (5) North Rhine Westphalia
- (7) Rhineland Palatinate
- (10) Saarland
- (14) Saxony
- (15) Saxony Anhalt
- (1) Schleswig-Holstein
- (16) Thuringia

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**Variable:** kp3\_4200**Topic:** Quality of Data**Item:** Current Well-Being**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list with images; The value labels corresponding to the codings are displayed below the respective images. The smilies from left to right correspond to the value labels from very good to very bad.

**Question:**

Please state, how you are doing at the moment. Use the graphics: Which image fits you the best?

**Coding:**

- (1) very good
- (2) good
- (3) neither good nor bad
- (4) bad
- (5) very bad

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_010**Topic:** General attitudes towards politics**Item:** Interest in politics, in general**Filter:****Presentation:** Single response list (vertical)**Question:**

In general terms: How interested in politics are you?

- very interested
- interested
- moderately interested
- slightly interested
- not interested at all

**Coding:**

- (1) very interested
- (2) interested
- (3) moderately interested
- (4) slightly interested
- (5) not interested at all

(-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_170	<b>Item:</b> Intention to vote
<b>Topic:</b> Voting decision	
<b>Filter:</b>	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (vertical)	
<b>Intro:</b> Now, let's turn to the next federal election.	
<b>Question:</b> When elections occur, many people cast their votes. Others do not make it to the polls or do not take part in the election for other reasons. How likely is it that you will participate in the federal election on September 22 <sup>nd</sup> ?	
Will you ...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- certainly vote</li> <li>- probably vote</li> <li>- maybe vote</li> <li>- probably not vote</li> <li>- certainly not vote</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I have already cast my postal vote</li> </ul>	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) will certainly vote	
(2) will probably vote	
(3) will maybe vote	
(4) will probably not vote	
(5) will certainly not vote	
(6) Already cast my postal vote	
(-99) no answer	

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_190a,b	<b>Item:</b> Voting intention
<b>Topic:</b> Voting decision	
<b>Filter:</b>	
<b>Presentation:</b> Display ballot with first and second vote; down below "Don't know"-category for first and second vote	
<b>Intro:</b> You have two votes in the federal election. The first vote is for a candidate from your constituency and the second is for a party.	
<b>Question:</b> Please tell me where you will place your checkmarks on the ballot.	
(A) First vote:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CDU/CSU</li> <li>- SPD</li> <li>- FDP</li> <li>- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen</li> <li>- Die Linke</li> <li>- Other party</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not know yet</li> </ul>	
(B) Second vote	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CDU/CSU</li> <li>- SPD</li> <li>- FDP</li> <li>- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen</li> <li>- Die Linke</li> <li>- Other party</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not know yet</li> </ul>	



**Coding:**

(1) CDU/CSU  
 (4) SPD  
 (5) FDP  
 (6) GRUENE  
 (7) DIE LINKE  
 (801) Other party

(-97) not applicable  
 (-98) don't know  
 (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_192b were recoded into the variables kp3\_190aa/kp3\_190ab and kp3\_190ba/kp3\_190bb in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

**Variable:** kp3\_192a

**Topic:** Voting decision      **Item:** Voting intention: First vote, other party

**Filter:** kp3\_190a=801

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which one of these parties will you give your first vote to at the federal election?

- Alternative für Deutschland
- Die Grauen – Generationspartei
- DVU
- FW Freie Wähler
- NPD
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- Piratenpartei
- Die Republikaner (REP)
- Other party

**Coding:**

(322) AfD  
 (149) DIE GRAUEN  
 (168) DVU  
 (180) FREIE WAEHLER  
 (206) NPD  
 (209) oedp  
 (215) PIRATEN  
 (225) REP  
 (801) Other party

(-97) not applicable  
 (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_190a were recoded into the variables kp3\_190aa and kp3\_190ab in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

**Variable:** kp3\_192b  
**Topic:** Voting decision      **Item:** Voting intention second vote, other party

**Filter:** kp3\_191a=801

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which one of these parties will you give your second vote to at the federal election?

- Alternative für Deutschland
- Die Grauen – Generationspartei
- DVU
- FW Freie Wähler
- NPD
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- Piratenpartei
- Die Republikaner (REP)
- Other party

**Coding:**

- (322) AfD
- (149) DIE GRAUEN
- (168) DVU
- (180) FREIE WAEHLER
- (206) NPD
- (209) oedp
- (215) PIRATEN
- (225) REP
- (801) Other party

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_190a were recoded into the variables kp3\_190aa and kp3\_190ab in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

**Variable:** kp3\_270  
**Topic:** Voting decision      **Item:** Certainty of voting decision

**Filter:** (kp3\_190a=1-7 | kp3\_192a=149-801) | (kp3\_190b=1-7 | kp3\_192b=149-801)

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How certain are you about the voting decision at the federal election on September 22<sup>nd</sup>?

- Absolutely certain
- fairly certain
- moderately
- fairly uncertain
- Absolutely uncertain

**Coding:**

- (1) Absolutely certain
- (2) fairly certain
- (3) moderately
- (4) fairly uncertain
- (5) Absolutely uncertain

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_252	<b>Item:</b> Reasons for decision not to vote, closed
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**Topic:** Voting decision

**Filter:** kp3\_170=4-5

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical); italicize “most important”

**Question:**

Please state the most important reason for why you will not vote.

- No time
- Absent on election day
- For health reasons
- Not interested in politics
- Don't know who I should vote for
- Voting does not change anything
- Dissatisfaction with politics and/or politicians
- One single vote has too little influence
- Other reason

**Coding:**

- (1) No time
- (2) Absent on election day
- (3) For health reasons
- (4) Not interested in politics
- (5) Don't/Didn't know who I should vote for
- (6) Voting does not change anything
- (7) Dissatisfaction with politics/politicians
- (8) Single vote has too little influence
- (9) Other reason

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_260s	<b>Item:</b> Reasons for voting decision, open
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**Topic:** Voting decision

**Filter:** kp3\_190b=1-7 | kp3\_192b=149-801

**Presentation:**

Text field four rows with visually 50 characters per line; no maximum character limit; italicize “most important”

**Question:**

Why will you give your second vote to this party? Please state your most important reasons.

**Instructions:**

Please state the most important reason.

**Coding:**

[Open answers have been coded by coding pattern “Gründe für Wahlentscheidung”]

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_221a,c-i	<b>Item:</b> Consideration Set
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**Topic:** Voting Decision

**Filter:** (kp3\_190b=1-7) | (kp3\_192b=149-322) >> Receive intro and question

kp3\_190b=801 & (kp3\_192b= -99 | kp3\_192b=801) >> Receive no intro but ONLY

question

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix, Column labels as coding labels

The party that was chosen for the second vote in kp3\_190b or kp3\_192b, must not appear in the answering options

**Intro:**

You said that you want to cast your second vote for (insert party).

**Question:**

Are there any other parties you would consider for your second vote?

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labeled in dataset as „GRUENE“]
- (F) Die Linke [labeled in dataset as „DIE LINKE“]
- (H) Piratenpartei [labeled in dataset as „PIRATEN“]
- (I) Alternative für Deutschland [labeled in dataset as „AfD“]
- (G) Other party

**Coding:**

- (1) would consider
- (2) would rather consider
- (3) would rather not consider
- (4) would not consider

(-97) not applicable [includes persons who fulfilled filter conditions as well as that party chosen for the second vote.]

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: The filter for what has to be displayed did not work in the beginning so that 46 respondents could answer with the party that they had already stated in kp3\_190b. The answers have been overwritten with -92.]

**Variable:** kp3\_211a,c-i

**Topic:** Voting Decision

**Item:** Consideration Set, hypothetical

**Filter:** kp3\_170=4-5,-99 >> Receive Question 1

(kp3\_190b= -98 | -99) >> Receive Question 2

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Question 1:**

Let's assume you would take part in the election. Which party would you consider for your second vote?

**Question 2:**

Which parties would you consider for your second vote?

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labeled in dataset as „GRUENE“]
- (F) Die Linke [labeled in dataset as „DIE LINKE“]
- (H) Piratenpartei [labeled in dataset as „PIRATEN“]
- (I) Alternative für Deutschland [labeled in dataset as „AfD“]
- (G) Other party

**Coding:**

- (1) would consider
- (2) would probably consider
- (3) would probably not consider
- (4) would not consider

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_191a,b	<b>Item:</b> Vote postal voter, first/second vote
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**Topic:** Voting decision

**Filter:** kp3\_170=6

**Presentation:**

Display ballot with first and second vote; down below "Don't know"-category for first and second vote

**Question:**

When you cast your postal vote for the federal election you had two votes. The first vote was for a candidate from your constituency and the second for a party. Where did you place your checkmarks on the ballot paper?

(A) First vote:

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- Die Linke
- Other party
  
- Don't know

(B) Second vote

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- Die Linke
- Other party
  
- Don't know

**Coding:**

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party

- (-97) not applicable
- (-98) don't know
- (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_193a,b were recoded into the variables kp3\_191aa/kp3\_191ab and kp3\_191ba/kp3\_191bb (see documentation) in order to create the party versions A and B.]

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_193a	<b>Item:</b> Postal voter voting intention first vote, other party
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**Topic:** Voting decision

**Filter:** kp3\_191a=801

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which one of these parties did you give your first vote to?

- Alternative für Deutschland
- Die Grauen – Generationenpartei
- DVU
- FW Freie Wähler
- NPD
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- Piratenpartei
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**Coding:**

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(206) NPD  
(209) oedp  
(215) PIRATEN  
(225) REP  
(801) Other party

(-97) not applicable  
(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_191a were recoded into the variables kp3\_191aa and kp3\_191ab in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

**Variable:** kp3\_193b

**Topic:** Voting decision      **Item:** Postal voter voting intention second vote, other party

**Filter:** kp3\_191b=801

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which one of these parties did you give your second vote to?

- Alternative für Deutschland
- Die Grauen – Generationspartei
- DVU
- FW Freie Wähler
- NPD
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- Piratenpartei
- Die Republikaner (REP)
- Other party

**Coding:**

(322) AfD  
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(206) NPD  
(209) oedp  
(215) PIRATEN  
(225) REP  
(801) Other party

(-97) not applicable  
(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_191b were recoded into the variables kp3\_191ba and kp3\_191bb in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

**Variable:** kp3\_261a-j

**Topic:** Voting decision    **Item:** Reasons for voting decision, battery

**Filter:** kp3\_170=6 & ((kp3\_191b=1-7) | (kp3\_193b=149-801))

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix on two screens

**Intro:**

There are different reasons for voters to choose a certain party.

**Question on screen 1:**

To what extent do you agree with the following statements concerning your voting decision?

I have voted for this party with my second vote because...

- (A) I feel attached to this party.
- (D2) this party represents the right positions in important political questions.
- (E2) this party has the best politicians.
- (B) I always vote for this party.
- (H) I wanted to allow for a certain coalition to form
- (L) I wanted to influence who becomes chancellor

**Question on screen 2:**

And to what extent did the following reasons influence your decision to give your second vote to this party?

- (C) I decided for this party spontaneously
- (G2) Surveys influenced my vote decision.
- (K2) I wanted to teach the established parties a lesson.
- (I2) Statements by politicians during the campaign influenced my decision.
- (J) Personal conversations influenced my decision.

**Coding:**

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) rather disagree
- (3) neither/nor
- (4) rather agree
- (5) strongly agree

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2751a,c-i

**Topic:** Voting decision    **Item:** Consideration Set on the day of the postal vote

**Filter:**

kp3\_170=6 & ((kp3\_191b=1-7) | (kp3\_193b=149-322)) >> Receive intro and question 1

kp3\_170=6 & kp3\_191b=801 & (kp3\_193b=-99 | kp3\_193b=801) >> Receive no intro but ONLY question 1

kp3\_170=6 & kp3\_191b=-99 >> Receive no intro but ONLY question 2

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Column labels like coding labels

The party that was chosen for the second vote in kp3\_191b or kp3\_193b, must not appear in the answering options.

**Intro:**

You said you cast your second vote to (insert party).

**Question 1:**

Did you consider any other parties for your second vote on the day of your postal vote?

**Question 2:**

Which parties did you consider for your second vote on the day of you postal vote?

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- (F) Die Linke
- (H) Piratenpartei
- (I) Alternative für Deutschland (AfD)
- (G) other party

**Coding:**

- (1) considered
- (2) rather considered
- (3) rather not considered
- (4) not considered

(-97) not applicable [includes persons who fulfilled filter conditions as well as that party chosen for the second vote.]  
(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2760

**Topic:** Voting decision **Item:** Reason for postal vote, closed

**Filter:** kp3\_170=6

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And why did you cast a postal vote? Please state the most important reason.

- I don't have time to vote on the election day.
- I won't be at home on the election day.
- I cannot take part in the election because of health reasons.
- I don't want to wait until the day of the election.
- Other reason

**Coding:**

- (1) don't have time to vote on election day
- (2) won't home on election day
- (3) health reasons
- (4) don't want to wait
- (5) other reason

(-97) not applicable  
(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_330

**Topic:** Voting decision

**Item:** Difficulty of voting decision

**Filter:** kp3\_170=6

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How difficult was it for you to decide how to vote in this federal election?

- very difficult
- fairly difficult
- moderately
- not very difficult
- not difficult at all

**Coding:**

- (1) very difficult
- (2) fairly difficult
- (3) moderately
- (4) not very difficult
- (5) not difficult at all

(-97) not applicable  
(-99) no answer



<b>Variable:</b> kp3_331	<b>Item:</b> Difficulty of turnout
<b>Topic:</b> Voting decision	
<b>Filter:</b> kp3_170=6	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (vertical)	
<b>Question:</b> How difficult was it for you to decide whether you should vote or not in this federal election?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- very difficult</li> <li>- fairly difficult</li> <li>- moderately</li> <li>- not very difficult</li> <li>- not difficult at all</li> </ul>	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) very difficult	
(2) fairly difficult	
(3) moderately	
(4) not very difficult	
(5) not difficult at all	
(-97) not applicable	
(-99) no answer	

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_395	<b>Item:</b> Helpfulness of election campaign
<b>Topic:</b> Involvement in election campaign	
<b>Filter:</b> kp3_170=6	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (vertical)	
<b>Question:</b> To what extent did the election campaign help you to make up your mind about your voting decision?	
Was the election campaign...?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- very helpful</li> <li>- fairly helpful</li> <li>- moderately</li> <li>- Less helpful</li> <li>- not helpful at all</li> </ul>	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) very helpful	
(2) Helpful	
(3) moderately	
(4) Less helpful	
(5) not helpful at all	
(-97) not applicable	
(-99) no answer	

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_030	<b>Item:</b> notion of democracy
<b>Topic:</b> General attitudes towards politics	
<b>Filter:</b>	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (horizontal) without numerical marking; Labelling of endpoints only	
<b>Question:</b> How do you rate the idea of democracy compared to other state ideas?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Democracy is the worst conceivable state idea</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>- Democracy is the best conceivable state idea</li> </ul>	

**Coding:**

- (1) 1 Democracy is the worst conceivable state idea
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6 Democracy is the best conceivable state idea

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_050c,g,j

**Topic:** General attitudes towards politics      **Item:** Attitudes to politics and society in general

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**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Intro:**

Here are some common statements on politics and society.

**Question:**

Please tell me, whether you agree or disagree.

- (C) In general, each democratic party should have the chance to assume government responsibilities.
- (G) Everybody should have the right to defend his own view even if the majority dissents on that aspect.
- (J) A democracy will not work without a political opposition.

**Coding:**

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) rather disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) rather agree
- (5) strongly agree

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_380

**Topic:** Involvement in election campaign      **Item:** Interest in the outcome of the election

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**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How important are the results of the forthcoming federal election to you personally?

- very important
- important
- neither/nor
- fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant

**Coding:**

- (1) very important
- (2) important
- (3) neither/nor
- (4) fairly unimportant
- (5) completely unimportant

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_430a-f,i,h

**Topic:** Party ratings in general    **Item:** Scalometer parties

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Scale ranging from -5 to +5, with zero point;

Label: -5 "I have a very negative view of this party" and +5 "I have a very positive view of this party";

**Question:**

How do you feel about the political parties in general?

**Instructions:**

Please use a scale ranging from -5 to +5.

- (A) CDU
- (B) CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labeled in dataset as „GRUENE“]
- (F) Die Linke [labeled in dataset as „DIE LINKE“]
- (H) Piratenpartei [labeled in dataset as „PIRATEN“]
- (I) Alternative für Deutschland [labeled in dataset as „AfD“]

**Coding:**

- (1) -5 I have a very negative view of this party
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 I have a very positive view of this party

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_2200a-e

**Topic:** Predispositions

**Item:** Attachment battery

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Question:**

People feel attached to Germany, Europe, their state and their community to a different degree. How about you? How strongly do you feel attached to...?

- (A) The community you live in?
- (B) The state you live in?
- (C) Germany?
- (D) The European Union?
- (E) Europe?

**Coding:**

- (1) not attached at all
- (2) less attached
- (3) moderately
- (4) rather attached
- (5) strongly attached

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_2170**Topic:** Predispositions**Item:** General well-being**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix; with numerical marking ranging from -5 to +5 including zero; additionally marking of endpoints: -5 "completely unsatisfied" and +5 "completely satisfied"

**Question:**

All in all, how satisfied or unsatisfied are you currently with your life?

--5 completely unsatisfied

--4

--3

--2

--1

- 0

- +1

- +2

- +3

- +4

+5 completely satisfied

**Coding:**

(1) -5 completely unsatisfied

(2) -4

(3) -3

(4) -2

(5) -1

(6) 0

(7) +1

(8) +2

(9) +3

(10) +4

(11) +5 completely satisfied

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_730**Topic:** Party ratings in general**Item:** Scalometer government**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix; scale: -5 to +5 including zero with numerical label; label of endpoints -5 "completely dissatisfied" and +5 "completely satisfied".

**Question:**

Are you rather satisfied or rather dissatisfied with the performance of the federal government made up of CDU/CSU and FDP?

--5 completely dissatisfied

--4

--3

--2

--1

- 0

- +1

- +2

- +3

- +4

+5 completely satisfied

**Coding:**

- (1) -5 completely dissatisfied
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 completely satisfied

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_160a-c,j,k,o

**Topic:** General attitudes towards politics    **Item:** Confidence in institutions

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Question:**

Let's talk about the following public institutions. Please state if you trust these institutions or not.

How about the...

- (A) the Bundestag?
- (B) the Federal Constitutional Court?
- (C) the Federal government?
- (J) the German armed forces?
- (K) the trade unions?
- (O) the banks?

**Coding:**

- (1) I do not trust at all
- (2) I rather do not trust
- (3) neither trust nor distrust
- (4) I rather trust
- (5) I fully trust

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_650a-j

**Topic:** Candidates    **Item:** Scalometer politicians

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix; scale: -5 to +5 including zero; label of endpoints -5 "I have a very negative view of this politician", +5 "I have a very positive view of this politician"; "Don't know"- category is settled out a bit

**Question:**

Now, please state what you think about some leading politicians.

- (A) Angela Merkel
- (K) Peer Steinbrück
- (C) Horst Seehofer
- (O) Rainer Brüderle
- (H) Jürgen Trittin
- (J) Gregor Gysi

**Coding:**

- (1) -5 I have a very negative view of this politician
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 I have a very positive view of this politician

- (-71) Haven't heard of
- (-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_840s	<b>Item:</b> Most important issue
<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Text field (two rows) with optical 50 characters per row, no maximum limited number of characters; italicize "only one"

**Question:**

In in your opinion, what is the most important political issue Germany is facing?

**Instructions:**

Please mention only one issue.

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**Coding:**

[Open aswers have been coded by coding pattern "Agendafragen"]

- (-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_850	<b>Item:</b> Ability to solve the most important issue
<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	

**Filter:** kp3\_840s!=-99

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which political party do you think is qualified the best to solve this problem?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- Die Linke
- Other party
  
- All parties are equally good
- No party

**Coding:**

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party
- (809) All parties are equally good
- (808) No party

- (-97) not applicable
- (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_851 were recoded into the variables kp3\_850a and kp3\_850b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

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**Variable:** kp3\_851

**Topic:** Valence issues      **Item:** Ability to solve the most important issue, other party

**Filter:** kp3\_850=801

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which of these political parties is qualified the best to solve this problem?

- Alternative für Deutschland
- Die Grauen – Generationspartei
- DVU
- FW Freie Wähler
- NP
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- Piratenpartei
- Die Republikaner (REP)
- Other party

**Coding:**

(322) AfD

(149) DIE GRAUEN

(168) DVU

(180) FREIE WAEHLER

(206) NPD

(209) oedp

(215) PIRATEN

(225) REP

(801) Other party

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_850 were recoded into the variables kp3\_850a and kp3\_850b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

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**Variable:** kp3\_860s

**Topic:** Valence issues      **Item:** Second most important issue

**Filter:** kp3\_840s != -99

**Presentation:**

Text field (two rows) with optical 50 characters per row, no maximum limited number of characters; italicize "only one"

**Question:**

In in your opinion, what is the second most important political issue Germany is facing?

**Instructions:**

Please mention only one issue.

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**Coding:**

[Open answers have been coded by coding pattern "Agendafragen"]

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_870**Topic:** Valence issues**Item:** Ability to solve the second most important issue**Filter:** kp3\_860s != -97 | kp3\_860s != -99**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which political party do you think is qualified the best to solve this problem?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- Die Linke
- Other party
  
- All parties are equally good
- No party

**Coding:**

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party
- (809) All parties are equally good
- (808) No party

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_871 were recoded into the variables kp3\_870a and kp3\_870b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

**Variable:** kp3\_871**Topic:** Valence issues**Item:** Ability to solve the second most important issue, other party**Filter:** kp3\_870=801**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which of these political parties is qualified the best to solve this problem?

- Alternative für Deutschland
- Die Grauen – Generationspartei
- DVU
- FW Freie Wähler
- NP
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- Piratenpartei
- Die Republikaner (REP)
- Other party



**Coding:**

(322) AfD  
 (149) DIE GRAUEN  
 (168) DVU  
 (180) FREIE WAEHLER  
 (206) NPD  
 (209) oedp  
 (215) PIRATEN  
 (225) REP  
 (801) Other party

(-97) not applicable  
 (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_870 were recoded into the variables kp3\_870a and kp3\_870b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

**Variable:** kp3\_671

**Topic:** Candidates

**Item:** Preferred chancellor

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Intro:**

Angela Merkel and Peer Steinbrück are the candidates of the two major parties for the position of chancellor.

**Question:**

Who would you prefer to see as chancellor after the federal election?

- Angela Merkel
- Peer Steinbrück
  
- Neither of them

**Coding:**

(1) Angela Merkel  
 (2) Peer Steinbrück  
 (3) Neither of them

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_1090

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Socio-economic dimension, ego

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix

Seven-point-scale without numerical label

Label of endpoints: “lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits“ and “higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits”

**Question:**

Some people would like to see lower taxes even if that would imply some reductions in welfare state benefits; others would like to see more government spending on welfare state benefits even if that would entail higher taxes.

What is your opinion on this topic?

- lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits
- 
- 
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- higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits

**Coding:**

- (1) 1 lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits
  - (2) 2
  - (3) 3
  - (4) 4
  - (5) 5
  - (6) 6
  - (7) 7 higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits
- (-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_1130
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<b>Topic:</b> Political positions
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<b>Item:</b> Left-right-authoritarian, ego
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**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Seven-point-scale without numerical label; only label at the endpoints: "relax immigration restrictions" and "make immigration restrictions tougher"

**Question:**

Let's turn to the issue of immigration. Should laws on immigration of foreigners be relaxed or made tougher?

- Relax immigration restrictions
- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- Make immigration restrictions tougher

**Coding:**

- (1) 1 relax immigration restrictions
  - (2) 2
  - (3) 3
  - (4) 4
  - (5) 5
  - (6) 6
  - (7) 7 make immigration restrictions tougher
- (-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_1290
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<b>Topic:</b> Political positions
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<b>Item:</b> Climate protection, ego
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**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Seven-point-scale without numerical label; Label of endpoints: "Priority for combating climate change even if this damages the economy", "Priority for economic growth even if this toughens the combat of climate change"

**Question:**

Some people think that combating climate change should be a priority, even if this damages the economy. Others say that combating climate change should be renounced if this damages the economy. What is your personal opinion on the combat of climate change and economic growth?

- Priority for combating climate change even if this damages the economy
- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- Priority for economic growth even if this toughens the combat of climate change

**Coding:**

- (1) 1 Priority for combating climate change
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Priority for economic growth

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_1210

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Integration, ego

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**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Seven-point-scale without numerical label; Label: "Foreigners should adapt completely to the German culture", "Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture"

**Question:**

There are different views on how much foreigners should assimilate in Germany. Some people express the view that foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture, while others think that foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture.

What is your opinion on this issue?

- Foreigners should adapt completely to the German culture
- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture

**Coding:**

- (1) Foreigners should adapt completely to the German culture
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)
- (6)
- (7) Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_1482

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Foreign policy, ego

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**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Seven-point-scale without numerical label; Label of endpoints: "For a more active role of Germany in the field of foreign policy", "Germany should stay out of the field of foreign policy"

**Question:**

What is your position on Germany's role in the field of foreign policy?

- For a more active role of Germany in the field of foreign policy
- 
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- 
- 
- Germany should stay out of the field of foreign policy

**Coding:**

- (1) For a more active role of Germany in the field of foreign policy
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)
- (6)
- (7) Germany should stay out of the field of foreign policy

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2800a,c-f

**Topic:** Party ratings in general

**Item:** ambivalence parties, negative feelings

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix; italicize „negative“

**Intro:**

Some people have exclusively positive or exclusively negative feelings towards a certain party. Others have positive as well as negative feelings.

**Question:**

How about you? How strong are your negative feelings towards..?

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labeled in dataset as „GRUENE“]
- (F) die Linken [labeled in dataset as „DIE LINKE“]

**Coding:**

- (1) no negative feelings at all
- (2) less strong
- (3) moderately
- (4) strong
- (5) very strong

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2801a-f

**Topic:** Party ratings in general

**Item:** Ambivalence parties, positive feelings

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix; italicize „positive“

**Question:**

And how strong are your positive feelings towards...?

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labeled in dataset as „GRUENE“]
- (F) die Linken [labeled in dataset as „DIE LINKE“]

**Coding:**

- (1) no positive feelings at all
- (2) less strong
- (3) moderately
- (4) strong
- (5) very strong

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3370a-d**Topic:** Predispositions**Item:** Fairness, income**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Intro:**

Now some statements about income in Germany.

**Question:**

Please state whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

- (A) The fairest way to distribute income would be to give everyone the same amount.
- (B) It is fair that people, who perform better, earn more than others.
- (C) Disparities in income between different professions are fair.
- (D) There is no fair distribution of income.

**Coding:**

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) rather disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) rather agree
- (5) strongly agree

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3380**Topic:** Predispositions**Item:** Importance fairness of income**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How important is it to you personally that politics provide a fair distribution of income between people?

- very important
- important
- moderately
- not so important
- not important at all

**Coding:**

- (1) very important
- (2) important
- (3) moderately
- (4) not so important
- (5) not important at all

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3390a,c-f**Topic:** Predispositions**Item:** fairness of income, parties**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Label of columns from left „very little“ to right „very much“.

**Question:**

In your opinion, how much are the parties doing for a fair distribution of income?

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- (F) Die Linke

**Coding:**

- (1) very much
- (2) much
- (3) moderately
- (4) little
- (5) very little

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2700c,d,g

**Topic:** Political Positions

**Item:** Old vs. young, statements

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Question:**

Here are some statements concerning the relations between old and young people. Please state whether you agree with each statement or not.

(D) Gainfully employed persons are obliged to pay their contributions and taxes, thus enabling elderly people to maintain their standard of living.

(C) Everybody should make provisions for his own retirement so that he won't be a burden to anyone in the future.

(G) Pensions are too low and should be increased even if this may entail an increase of duties or taxes.

**Coding:**

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) rather disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) rather agree
- (5) strongly agree

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_1490a-f,h,i

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Left-right assessment, parties

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix with numerical label from 1 to 11; label of endpoints from "1 left" to "11 right"

**Question:**

In politics people often talk about "left" and "right". How would you rate the following parties?

- (A) CDU
- (B) CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labeled in dataset as „GRUENE“]
- (F) Die Linke [labeled in dataset as „DIE LINKE“]
- (H) Piratenpartei [labeled in dataset as PIRATEN“]
- (I) Alternative fuer Deutschland [labeled in dataset as „AfD“]

**Coding:**

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

(-98) don't know

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_1500

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Left-right self assessment

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix with numerical label from 1 to 11; label of endpoints from “1 left” to “11 right”

**Intro:**

In politics people often talk about "left" and "right".

**Question:**

Where would you rate yourself?

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

- Don't know

**Coding:**

(1) 1 left

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7

(8) 8

(9) 9

(10) 10

(11) 11 right

(-98) don't know

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_2870a-d

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Ego-Positions III; Current Topics

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Intro:**

Here you can find several statements with which some people agree and while others do not.

**Question:**

How about you? Please state your view on these issues.

(A) The state should take actions in order to reduce income inequalities.

(B) The unemployed should do public services in order to keep receiving social aid.

(C) A minimum wage should be introduced in Germany.

(D) The “Betreuungsgeld“ introduced by the federal government and becoming effective on August 1<sup>st</sup> does not tackle the needs of most infants' parents.

**Coding**

(1) strongly disagree

(2) rather disagree

(3) neither agree nor disagree

(4) rather agree

(5) strongly agree

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_040a-c,e,j,l

**Topic:** General attitudes towards politics      **Item:** Attitudes to parties in general

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Question:**

Here you can find some statements on parties in Germany. Please state whether you agree or disagree.

- (A) The parties are only interested in people's votes, not in what voters think.
- (C) Most politicians are trustworthy and honest people.
- (E) Even ordinary party members are able to exert influence on their parties.
- (J) Our country would be governed worse with parties having no professional politicians.
- (L) Citizens barely have any possibilities to influence politics.

**Coding**

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) rather disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) rather agree
- (5) strongly agree

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2920a-c

**Topic:** Current topics

**Item:** Opinions about the drone project

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Question:**

Minister of Defense Thomas de Maizière stopped the acquisition of the recon drone „Euro-Hawk“ a few weeks ago.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- (A) Thomas de Maizière did not tell the truth about the drone project in the federal parliament.
- (B) Chancellor Angela Merkel reacted appropriately to the failure of the drone project.
- (C) Thomas de Maizière should resign as the Minister of Defense because of the drone project failure.

**Coding:**

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) rather disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) rather agree
- (5) strongly agree

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_390

**Topic:** Involvement in election campaign

**Item:** Interest election campaign

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How interested are you particularly in the current campaign for the forthcoming federal election?

- very strongly
- strongly
- moderately
- fairly strong
- Less strongly
- not at all



**Coding:**

- (1) very strongly
- (2) strongly
- (3) moderately
- (4) Less strongly
- (5) not at all

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_392

**Topic:** Involvement in election campaign

**Item:** Attention to election campaign

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical); italicize “this past week”/“the week before the federal election”

**Question:**

How closely did you follow the election campaign for the federal election this past week?

- very closely
- fairly close
- moderately
- not very closely
- I didn't follow the election campaign at all

**Coding:**

- (1) very closely
- (2) fairly closely
- (3) moderately
- (4) not very closely
- (5) I didn't follow the election campaign at all

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_421aa-kf, y

**Topic:** Involvement in election campaign

**Item:** Contact with parties I

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Checkbox matrix; possibilities of contact in rows; parties in columns. The variable names should follow the following schemata. kp2\_421[Item-Code][Party-Code]; Below the matrix there is a checkbox “None of the above applies.”; Please program so that the respondent cannot make inconsistent answers (such as marking a party and the checkbox “None of the above applies.”); italicize “this past week”/“the week before the election”

**Question:**

During the election campaign there are different ways of acquiring information about politics in Germany. From which parties did you receive information during this past week?

Please checkmark all the parties to which the following statements apply.

I ...

- (K) visited websites of a party or a candidate
- (G) saw election posters
- (A) visited hustings or rallies
- (D) saw commercials on TV
- (E) listened to commercials on the radio

(Y) None of the above applies

**Coding parties:**

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labeled in dataset as „GRUENE“]
- (F) Die Linke [labeled in datasets as „DIE LINKE“]

**Coding checkboxes:**

- (0) mentioned
- (1) not mentioned

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_421_aa-kf_c2, p1	<b>Item:</b> Contact with parties I, inquiry
<b>Topic:</b> Involvement in Election Campaign	

**Filter:** kp3\_421aa-af=0 & kp3\_421da-df=0 & kp3\_421ea-ef=0 & kp3\_421ga-gf=0 & kp3\_421ka-kf=0 & kp3\_421y=0

**Presentation:**

**must answer;** text for plausibility check if no answer was given: „Please note, that an answers is necessary for continuing the survey.“; Above the checkbox matrix there are two radio buttons with the answer options “None of the above applies” and “I didn’t want to answer this question.”; Please program so that the respondent cannot make inconsistent answers (such as marking a party and one of the radio buttons.”); text for plausibility check: “The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your answers.”

**Intro:**

You did not answer the last question.

**Question:**

Does this mean that none of the above applies or did you not want to answer this question?

**Instructions:**

If you want to answer the question, you can checkmark the statements that apply.

- None of the above applies.
- I didn’t want to answer this question.

I ...

- (K) visited websites of a party or a candidate
- (G) saw election posters
- (A) visited hustings or rallies
- (D) saw commercials on TV
- (E) listened to commercials on the radio

**Coding parties:**

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labeled in dataset as „GRUENE“]
- (F) Die Linke [labeled in datasets as „DIE LINKE“]

**Coding checkboxes:**

- (0) mentioned
- (1) not mentioned

**Coding kp3\_421p1:**

- (1) none of the above applies
- (2) didn’t want to answer this question
- (3) not mentioned

(-97) not applicable

[NOTE: The answers that were given upon inquiry were integrated into the variables kp3\_421aa-kf,y The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp3\_421flag1.]

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_421ba-lf, z	<b>Item:</b> Contact with parties II
<b>Topic:</b> Involvement in election campaign	

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Checkbox matrix; possibilities of contact in rows; parties in columns. The variable names should follow the following schemata. kp2\_421[Item-Code][Party-Code]; Below the matrix there is a checkbox “None of the above applies.”; Please program so that the respondent cannot make inconsistent answers (such as marking a party and the checkbox “None of the above applies.”); Text for plausibility check: “The combination of your answers is not possible. Please check your answers”; italicize “this past week”/“the week before the election”

**Question:**

And which of the following information did you receive this past week?

**Instructions:**

Please tick the boxes of all the parties to which the following statements apply.

I...

- (H) had conversations at a election campaign booth.
- (B) received pamphlets, e-mails, texts
- (L) donated money for a candidate or a party
- (I) received information material via a social network like for example Facebook or others.
- (Z) None of the above applies.

**Coding parties:**

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labeled in dataset as „GRUENE“]
- (F) Die Linke [labeled in datasets as „DIE LINKE“]

**Coding checkboxes:**

- (0) mentioned
- (1) not mentioned

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_421ba-lf_c2, p2
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<b>Topic:</b> Involment in election campaign
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<b>Item:</b> Contact with parties II, inquiry
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<b>Filter:</b> kp3_421ba-bf=0 & kp3_4211a-lf=0 & kp3_4211a-hf=0 & kp3_4211a-if=0 & kp3_421z=0
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**Presentation:**

**must answer;** text for plausibility check if no answer was given: „Please note, that an answers is necessary for continuing the survey.“; Above the checkbox matrix there are two radio buttons with the answer options “None of the above applies” and “I didn’t want to answer this question.”; Please program so that the respondent cannot make inconsistent answers (such as marking a party and one of the radio buttons.); text for plausibility check: “The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your answers.”

**Intro:**

You did not answer the last question.

**Question:**

Does this mean that none of the above applies or did you not want to answer this question?

**Instructions:**

If you want to answer the question, you can checkmark the statements that apply.

- None of the above applies.
- I didn’t want to answer this question.

I ...

- (H) had conversations at a election campaign booth.
- (B) received pamphlets, e-mails, texts
- (L) donated money for a candidate or a party
- (I) received information material via a social network like for example Facebook or others.

**Coding parties:**

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labeled in dataset as „GRUENE“]
- (F) Die Linke [labeled in datasets as „DIE LINKE“]

**Coding checkboxes:**

- (0) mentioned
- (1) not mentioned

**Coding kp3\_421p2:**

- (1) None of the above applies
- (2) didn't want to answer this question
- (3) not mentioned

(-97) not applicable

[NOTE: The answers that were given upon inquiry were integrated into the variables kp3\_421ba-lf,z The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp3\_421flag2.]

**Variable:** kp3\_1250

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** European integration, ego

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Seven-point-scale without numerical label; Label: "Promote European unification", "European unification already goes much too far"

**Intro:**

Let's turn to the issue of European unification

**Question:**

Should the European unification be further promoted in order to establish a joint government soon or does European unification already go much too far?

What is your personal opinion on European unification?

- Promote European unification
- 
- 
- 
- 
- European unification already goes much too far

**Coding:**

- (1) Promote European unification
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)
- (6)
- (7) European unification already goes much too far

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3110

**Topic:** Valence issues

**Item:** Economic situation Europe, current

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How do you currently rate the economic situation in Europe?

- very good
- good
- partly good, partly bad
- bad
- very bad

**Coding:**

- (1) very good
- (2) good
- (3) partly good, partly bad
- (4) bad
- (5) very bad

(-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_2810a,c-f
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<b>Topic:</b> Political positions
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<b>Item:</b> European aid, parties
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**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Seven-point-scale without numerical label; Label of endpoints: „for the involvement of Germany“; „against the involvement of Germany“; "Don't know"-category is settled out a bit

**Question:**

Some people are for the involvement of Germany when it comes to the financial aid for the indebted member states of the EU, others are against it.

In your opinion, what are the positions of the political parties on this issue?

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Buendnis90/Die Gruenen
- (F) Die Linke

**Coding:**

- (1) 1 for the involvement of Germany
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 against the involvement of Germany

(-98) don't know

(-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_2820a,b
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<b>Topic:</b> Political positions
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<b>Item:</b> European aid, chancellor candidates
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**Filter:** kp3\_650a!=-71 & kp3\_650k=-71 >> Receive question 1 and only item (A)

kp3\_650a=-71 & kp3\_650k!=-71 >> Receive question 2 and only item (B)

kp3\_650a!=-71 & kp3\_650k!=-71 >> Receive question 3 and both items

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Seven-point-scale without numerical label; Label of endpoints: „for the involvement of Germany“; „against the involvement of Germany“; "Don't know"- category is settled out a bit;

**Question 1:**

And what is the position of Angela Merkel to financial aid for EU member states?

**Question 2:**

And what is the position of Peer Steinbrück to financial aid for EU member states?

**Question 3:**

And what is the chancellor candidate's position financial aid for EU member states?

- (A) Angela Merkel
- (B) Peer Steinbrück

**Coding:**

- (1) 1 for the involvement of Germany
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 the involvement of Germany

(-98) don't know

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2830**Topic:** Political positions**Item:** European aid, ego**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Seven-point-scale without numerical label; Label of endpoints: „for the involvement of Germany“; „against the involvement of Germany“

**Question:**

And what is your personal opinion on the financial aid for EU member states?

- for the involvement of Germany
- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- against the involvement of Germany

**Coding:**

- (1) 1 for the involvement of Germany
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 against the involvement of Germany

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2840**Topic:** Political positions**Item:** European aid, importance**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And how important are the issue “German financial aid for indebted EU member states” to you personally?

- very important
- fairly important
- neither/nor
- fairly unimportant
- completely important

**Coding:**

- (1) very important
- (2) fairly important
- (3) neither/nor
- (4) fairly unimportant
- (5) completely unimportant

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3030**Topic:** European financial crisis**Item:** Fear, European financial crisis**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How afraid are you of the European financial crisis?

- very afraid
- rather afraid
- moderately
- rather not afraid
- not afraid at all

**Coding:**

- (1) very afraid
- (2) rather afraid
- (3) moderately
- (4) rather not afraid
- (5) not afraid at all

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3080

**Topic:** European financial crisis

**Item:** Main fault European financial crisis

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical), italicize „main fault“

**Question:**

What do you think? Whose main fault is the European financial crisis?

- the banks
- the speculators
- the managers/businessmen
- the economy
- the federal government
- German politics (politicians, parties)
- the USA
- heavily indebted countries (such as Greece and Ireland)
- European Union
- Euro
- someone else

- don't know

**Coding:**

- (1) the banks
- (2) the speculators
- (3) the managers/businessmen
- (4) the economy
- (5) the federal government
- (6) German politics (politicians, parties)
- (7) the USA
- (8) heavily indebted countries (such as Greece and Ireland)
- (9) European Union
- (10) Euro
- (11) someone else

(-98) don't know

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3050

**Topic:** European financial crisis

**Item:** Affected by European financial crisis, Germany

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

In your opinion, how strongly is Germany affected by the European financial crisis?

- very strongly
- strongly
- moderately
- not very strongly
- not strongly at all

- don't know

**Coding:**

- (1) very strongly
- (2) strongly
- (3) moderately
- (4) not very strongly
- (5) not strongly at all

(-98) don't know

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3060

**Topic:** European financial crisis

**Item:** Performance federal government, fighting European financial crisis

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And how satisfied are you with the performance of the federal government concerning the combat against the European financial crisis?

- very satisfied
- satisfied
- neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- dissatisfied
- very dissatisfied

**Coding:**

- (1) very satisfied
- (2) satisfied
- (3) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- (4) dissatisfied
- (5) very dissatisfied

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3070a,b

**Topic:** European financial crisis

**Item:** Performance Chancellor candidates, European financial crisis

**Filter:** kp3\_650a!=-71 & kp3\_650k=-71 >> Receive question and only item (A)  
 kp3\_650a=-71 & kp3\_650k!=-71 >> Receive question 2 and only item (B)  
 kp3\_650a!=-71 & kp3\_650k!=-71 >> Receive question 3 and both Items

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Labels reaching from „very dissatisfied“ to „very satisfied“

**Question1:**

And how satisfied are you with the performance of Angela Merkel concerning the combat against the European financial crisis?

**Question2:**

And how satisfied are you with the performance of Peer Steinbrück concerning the combat against the European financial crisis?

**Question3:**

And how satisfied are you with the performance of the two Chancellor candidates concerning the combat against the European financial crisis?

- (A) Angela Merkel
- (B) Peer Steinbrück

**Coding:**

- (1) very satisfied
- (2) satisfied
- (3) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- (4) dissatisfied
- (5) very dissatisfied

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: The word “you” was missing in the third question, so that the question was: “And how satisfied are with the performance of the two Chancellor candidates...”]



**Variable:** kp3\_3040**Topic:** European financial crisis**Item:** Affected by European financial crisis, ego**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How strongly do you feel affected by the European financial crisis?

- very strongly
- strongly
- moderately
- not very strongly
- not strongly at all

**Coding:**

- (1) very strongly
- (2) strongly
- (3) moderately
- (4) not very strongly
- (5) not strongly at all

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3090**Topic:** European financial crisis**Item:** Returning to "D-Mark"**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

Would you prefer keeping the Euro, or going back to having the „D-Mark“?

I...

- absolutely want to keep the Euro.
- would rather keep the Euro.
- am undecided.
- would rather want to go back to having the „D-Mark“.
- absolutely want to go back to having the „D-Mark“.

**Coding:**

- (1) I absolutely want to keep the Euro.
- (2) I would rather keep the Euro.
- (3) I am undecided
- (4) I would rather go back to having the „D-Mark“
- (5) I absolutely want to go back to having the „D-Mark“.

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_050a,e,h,k,l,q**Topic:** General attitudes towards politics**Item:** Efficacy and duty to vote**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Intro:**

Here are some common statements on politics and society.

**Question:**

Please state, whether you agree or disagree.

- (A) Politicians care about what ordinary people think.
- (E) Politicians try to get in close contact with the population
- (H) I am confident that I could actively participate in a conversation dealing with political issues.
- (K) I am perfectly able to understand and assess important political questions.
- (Q) Please choose „rather agree“ for testing the functioning of the questionnaire.
- (L) In a democracy it is the duty of all citizens to vote regularly in elections.

**Coding:**

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) rather disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) rather agree
- (5) strongly agree

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_1600

**Topic:** Media use

**Item:** Internet use, politically current

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical), italicize “during the last week“

**Question:**

On how many days during the last week did you use the Internet to catch up on politics and parties?

- not at all
- on one day
- on 2 days
- on 3 days
- on 4 days
- on 5 days
- on 6 days
- on 7 days

**Coding:**

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_1681a-f

**Topic:** Media use

**Item:** Use of TV, news, current

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Horizontal sliders; the initial position of the pointer was “0 days”; Below the sliders: check box with label “I didn’t watch any newscast on TV.”; Italicize “during the last week”/“during the week before the federal election”: Please program, so that no inconsistent answers are possible (e.g. ticking a check box and changing the slider’s position). Text for plausibility check: “The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your response.”

**Question:**

- (A) Tagesschau/Tagesthemen (ARD)
- (B) Heute/Heute Journal (ZDF)
- (C) RTL Aktuell
- (D) Sat.1 Nachrichten
- (E) Newscast of other channel (e.g. n-tv, Pro7)

(F) I didn’t watch any newscast on TV

**Coding kp3\_1681a-e:**

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

**Coding kp3\_1681f:**

- (1) mentioned
- (2) not mentioned

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_1681p, a-e_c2
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<b>Topic:</b> Media use	<b>Item:</b> Use of TV, news, current, inquiry
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**Filter:** kp3\_1681a=1 & kp3\_1681b=1 & kp3\_1681c=1 & kp3\_1681d=1 & kp3\_1681e=1 & kp3\_1681f=2

**Presentation: must answer;**

Text for plausibility check if no answer was given: "Please note that a response to this question is required in order to continue the survey."; Horizontal sliders; the initial position of the pointer was "0 days"

Above the sliders: 2 radio buttons with the labels „I didn't watch any newscasts on TV" and „I didn't want to answer this question"; Italicize "during the last week"/"during the week before the federal election"; Please program, so that no inconsistent answers are possible (e.g. ticking a check box and changing the slider's position). Text for plausibility check: "The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your response."

**Intro:**

You did not answer the last question

**Question:**

Does this mean that you did not watch any newscasts on TV during the last week or that you did not want to answer this question?

**Instruction:**

If you want to respond to this question now, you can change the positions of the sliders.

- I didn't watch any newscasts on TV
- I didn't want to answer this question

- (A) Tagesschau/Tagesthemen (ARD)
- (B) Heute/Heute Journal (ZDF)
- (C) RTL Aktuell
- (D) Sat.1 Nachrichten
- (E) Newscast of other channel (e.g. n-tv, Pro7)

**Coding kp3\_1681a-e\_c2:**

- 1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

(-97) not applicable

**Coding plausibility check variable kp3\_1681p:**

- (1) didn't watch any newscasts on TV
- (2) didn't want to answer this question
- (3) not mentioned

(-97) not applicable

[NOTE: The answers that were given upon inquiry were integrated into the variables kp3\_1681a-f. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp3\_1681flag.]

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_1661a-h
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<b>Topic:</b> Media use	<b>Item:</b> Use of print media, politically current
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**Filter:****Presentation:**

Horizontal sliders; the initial position of the pointer was "0 days"; Below the sliders: check box with label "I didn't read any articles on politics in the newspapers."; Italicize "during the last week"/"during the week before the federal election"; Please program, so that no inconsistent answers are possible (e.g. ticking a check box and changing the slider's position). Text for plausibility check: "The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your response."

**Question:**

On how many days during the last week did you read articles on politics in the following newspapers?

**Instruction:**

It is not our interest to know whether you visited the web page of the respective newspaper but only how often you have read the printed or digital issue (e-paper).

- (A) Bild-Zeitung
- (B) Frankfurter Rundschau
- (C) Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
- (D) Süddeutsche Zeitung
- (E) Die tageszeitung (taz)
- (F) Die Welt
- (G) Other daily newspaper (local newspaper or regional newspaper, Handelsblatt, ...)

(H) I didn't read any articles on politics in the newspapers.

**Coding kp3\_1661a-g**

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

**Coding kp3\_1661h:**

- (1) mentioned
- (2) not mentioned

**Variable:** kp3\_1661a-g\_c2, p

**Topic:** Media use      **Item:** Use of print media, politically current, inquiry

**Filter:** kp3\_1661a=1 & kp3\_1661b=1 & kp3\_1661c=1 & kp3\_1661d=1 & kp3\_1661e=1 & kp3\_1661f=1 & kp3\_1661g=1 & kp3\_1661=2

**Presentation:**

**must answer;** Text for plausibility check if no answer was given: "Please note that a response to this question is required in order to continue the survey."; Horizontal sliders; the initial position of the pointer was "0 days"; Above the sliders: 2 radio buttons with the labels "I didn't read any articles on politics in the newspapers." and „I didn't want to answer this question“

Italicize "during the last week"/"during the week before the federal election"; Please program, so that no inconsistent answers are possible

**Intro:**

You did not answer the last question

**Question:** Does this mean that you did not read any articles in the newspapers on politics during the last week or that you did not want to answer this question?

**Instruction:**

If you want to respond to this question now, you can change the positions of the sliders.

Here, it is not our interest to know whether you visited the web page of the respective newspaper but only how often you have read the printed or digital issue (e-paper).

- I didn't read any articles on politics in the newspapers
- I didn't want to answer this question

- (A) Bild-Zeitung
- (B) Frankfurter Rundschau
- (C) Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
- (D) Süddeutsche Zeitung
- (E) Die tageszeitung (taz)
- (F) Die Welt
- (G) Other daily newspaper (local newspaper or regional newspaper, Handelsblatt, ...)

**Coding kp3\_1661a-g\_c2:**

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

(-97) not applicable

**Coding plausibility check variable kp3\_1661p:**

- (1) didn't read any articles on politics in the newspapers
- (2) didn't want to answer this question
- (3) not mentioned

(-97) not applicable

[NOTE: The answers that were given upon inquiry were integrated into the variables kp3\_1661a-h. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp3\_1661flag.]

**Variable:** kp3\_1700aa-dc

**Topic:** Media use    **Item:** News magazines, current

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Checkbox matrix; italicize "during the last week"; Rows: News magazines and weekly newspapers; Columns: Response options (A) "Read the online issue", (B) "Read the printed issue", (C) "Didn't read".

Please program so that respondents cannot give any inconsistent answers, that is respondents cannot tick the boxes "Read the online issue" and "Didn't read" at the same time.

**Question:**

Did you read any articles on politicians or parties in the following news magazines or weekly newspapers during the last week?

**Instructions:**

If you have read the printed as well as the digital issue, please state both.

- (A) Der Spiegel
- (B) Focus
- (C) Die Zeit
- (D) Stern

**Coding:**

- (1) mentioned
- (2) not mentioned

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2930

**Topic:** Current topics

**Item:** Speculations about a red-red-green coalition

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

Peer Steinbrück said that after the federal election the SPD will under no circumstances form a coalition with the party "Die Linke". Do you believe this to be ...?

- very credible
- rather credible
- neither credible nor non-credible
- rather non-credible
- not credible at all

**Coding:**

- (1) very credible
- (2) rather credible
- (3) neither credible nor non-credible
- (4) rather non-credible
- (5) not credible at all

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_060a-g

**Topic:** General attitudes towards politics      **Item:** Battery of extremism 1

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Question on screen 1:**

Here you can find several statements with which some people agree and while others do not. Please state your view on these issues.

- (B) The main business enterprises must be nationalized.
- (C) We should finally dare to have strong national feelings for our country.
- (D) The general welfare ranks much higher than the interest of groups and associations.
- (A) I am proud to be German

**Question on screen 2:**

And how about the following statements?

- (E) Under certain circumstances a dictatorship is the better form of government.
- (F) The GDR had more good than bad aspects.
- (G) Socialism is a good idea which has just been poorly implemented in the past.

**Coding:**

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) rather disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) rather agree
- (5) strongly agree

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3430a-f

**Topic:** Political Knowledge      **Item:** Political Knowledge: Matching politicians/parties

**Filter:**

**Presentation:** user-defined matrix on two screens; In the rows the pictures of the different persons should be shown for answering the question. The names of the parties are in the columns.

**Question on screen 1:**

To which party does each of the following politicians belong?

**Instructions:**

If you are not sure, please guess.

- (D) Picture of Rainer Brüderle
- (F) Picture of Gregor Gysi
- (A) Picture of Angela Merkel

**Question on screen 2:**

And to which party do the following politicians belong?

**Instructions:**

If you are not sure, please guess.

- (E) Picture of Jürgen Trittin
- (C) Picture of Horst Seehofer
- (B) Picture of Peer Steinbrück

**Coding:**

- (2) CDU
- (3) CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labeled in data set as „GRUENE“]
- (7) Die Linke [labeled in data set as „DIE LINKE“]
- (215) Piratenpartei [labeled in data set as „PIRATEN“]
- (322) Alternative für Deutschland [labeled in data set as „AfD“]

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: The correct answers (D5, F7, A2, E6, C3, B4) have been marked with an asterisk. (\*)]

**Variable:** kp3\_1932a-f

**Topic:** Networks

**Item:** Conversations about politics, current

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Horizontal sliders; the initial position of the pointer was “0 days”

Below the sliders: check box with label “I didn’t talk about politics.”

Italicize “the last week”/“the week before the federal election”

Please program, so that no inconsistent answers are possible (e.g. ticking a check box and change the slider’s position). Text for plausibility check: “The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your response.”

**Intro:**

The following will be about political conversations.

**Question:**

On how many days during the last week did you talk about politics and political parties with other people?

- I didn’t talk about politics
- I didn’t want to answer this question

- (A) Friends
- (B) Partner/Spouse
- (C) Relatives
- (D) Colleagues/friends from college
- (E) Acquaintances, Neighbours

(F) I didn’t talk about politics

**Coding kp3\_1932a-e:**

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

**Coding kp3\_1932f:**

- (1) mentioned
- (2) not mentioned

**Variable:** kp3\_1932a-e\_c2, p

**Topic:** Networks

**Item:** Conversations about politics, current, inquiry

**Filter:** kp3\_1932a=1 & kp3\_1932b=1 & kp3\_1932c=1 & kp3\_1932d=1 & kp3\_1932e=1 & kp3\_1932f=2

**Presentation:**

**must answer;** Text for plausibility check if no answer was given: “Please note that a response to this question is required in order to continue the survey.”

Horizontal sliders; the initial position of the pointer was “0 days”

Above the sliders: 2 radio buttons with the labels „ I didn’t talk about politics “ and „ I didn’t want to answer this question“

Italicize “the last week”/“the week before the federal election”

Please program, so that no inconsistent answers are possible (e.g. ticking a check box and changing the slider’s position). Text for plausibility check: “The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your response.”

**Intro:**

You did not answer the last question

**Question:**

Does this mean that you didn’t talk about politics during the last week or that you did not want to answer this question?

**Instructions:**

If you want to respond to this question now, you can change the positions of the sliders.

- I didn’t talk about politics
- I didn’t want to answer this question

- (A) Friends
- (B) Partner/Spouse
- (C) Relatives
- (D) Colleagues/friends from college
- (E) Acquaintances, Neighbours

**Coding kp3\_1932a-e\_c2:**

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

(-97) not applicable

**Coding plausibility check variable kp3\_1932p:**

- (1) didn’t talk about politics
- (2) didn’t want to answer this question
- (3) not mentioned

(-97) not applicable

[NOTE: The answers that were given upon inquiry were integrated into the variables kp3\_1932a-f. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp3\_1932flag.



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**Variable:** kp3\_1970

**Topic:** Networks

**Item:** Discussion partner 1, voting decision

**Filter:** kp3\_1932a>1 | kp3\_1932b>1 | kp3\_1932c>1 | kp3\_1932d>1 | kp3\_1932e>1 | kp3\_1932a\_c2>1 | kp3\_1932b\_c2>1 | kp3\_1932c\_c2>1 | kp3\_1932d\_c2>1 | kp3\_1932e\_c2>1

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical); „Will not vote/Did not vote“ and „Don't know“-Category is settled out a bit.

**Question:**

When you think of the person you talked with about politics the most: Which party do you think this person will probably vote for in the federal election on September 22nd, or do you think he/she will not vote at all?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- Die Linke
- Other party
  
- Will not vote/Did not vote
- Don't know

**Coding:**

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- (7) Die Linke
- (801) Other party
  
- (-85) No vote
- (-97) not applicable
- (-98) don't know
- (-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_2900a-c,g

**Topic:** Current topics

**Item:** Opinions about the NSA scandal (phone-hacking-scandal)

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Intro:**

Lately, it has become public that American and British secret services are monitoring German telephone and internet connections.

**Question:**

Here you can find some statements about these actions of monitoring. Please state whether you agree or disagree.

- (A) Chancellor Merkel reacted appropriately to the monitoring.
- (B) The federal government was informed about the extent of surveillance of telephone and internet connections.
- (C) The parties in the opposition were informed about the extent of surveillance of telephone and internet connections.
- (G) When it comes to protecting citizens from terrorism, one has to accept the surveillance of telephone and internet connections.

**Coding:**

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) rather disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) rather agree
- (5) strongly agree
  
- (-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_2090	<b>Item:</b> Party identification
<b>Topic:</b> Predispositions	

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

Many people in Germany feel close to a particular political party for a longer period of time even if they occasionally vote for another party. What about you? In general terms, do you feel close to a particular political party? And if so, which one?

- CDU
- CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- Die Linke
- Other party

- No party

**Coding:**

- (2) CDU
- (3) CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party
- (808) No Party

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_2091 were recoded into the variables kp3\_2090a and kp3\_2090b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_2091	<b>Item:</b> Party identification, other party
<b>Topic:</b> Predispositions	

**Filter:** kp3\_2090=801

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which one of these parties do you feel close to?

- Alternative für Deutschland
- Die Grauen – Generationspartei
- DVU
- FW Freie Wähler
- NPD
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- Piratenpartei
- Die Republikaner (REP)
- Other party

**Coding:**

(322) AfD  
 (149) DIE GRAUEN  
 (168) DVU  
 (180) FREIE WAEHLER  
 (206) NPD  
 (209) oedp  
 (215) PIRATEN  
 (225) REP  
 (801) other party

(-97) not applicable  
 (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_2090 were recoded into the variables kp3\_2090a and kp3\_2090b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

**Variable:** kp3\_2100

**Topic:** Predispositions

**Item:** Party identification, strength

**Filter:** kp3\_2090=2-801

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

All in all, how strongly or weakly attached are you to this party?

- very strongly
- fairly strongly
- moderately
- fairly weakly
- very weakly

**Coding:**

(1) very strongly  
 (2) fairly strongly  
 (3) moderately  
 (4) fairly weakly  
 (5) very weakly

(-97) not applicable  
 (-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2441

**Topic:** Sociodemography

**Item:** Household size

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How many people do permanently live in the same household with you, including you and your children?

- one person
- two people
- three people
- four people
- five people
- six people
- seven people
- eight people and more

**Coding:**

- (1) one person
- (2) two people
- (3) three people
- (4) four people
- (5) five people
- (6) six people
- (7) seven people
- (8) eight people and more

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2450

**Topic:** Sociodemography

**Item:** Number members of the household under 18 years

**Filter:** kp3\_2441!=1

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical); Answer options are dependent on the question before. If n household members, the answer categories from “nobody” to “(n-1) persons” will be shown.

**Question:**

How many persons living in your household are younger than 18 years?

- Nobody
- 1 person
- 2 persons
- 3 persons
- 4 persons
- 5 persons
- 6 persons
- 7 persons and more

**Coding:**

- (1) nobody
- (2) 1 person
- (3) 2 persons
- (4) 3 persons
- (5) 4 persons
- (6) 5 persons
- (7) 6 persons
- (8) 7 persons and more

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2301

**Topic:** Sociodemography

**Item:** Marital status

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

What is your marital status?

- married and living together
- civil union
- married but living separated
- single
- divorced
- widowed

**Coding:**

- (1) married
- (2) civil union
- (3) married but living separated
- (4) single
- (5) divorced
- (6) widowed

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_2311

**Topic:** Sociodemography      **Item:** Respondent has a partner

**Filter:** kp3\_2301=3-6 | -99

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

Do you have a partner?

- Yes

- No

**Coding:**

(1) Yes

(2) No

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_2312

**Topic:** Sociodemography      **Item:** Partner living in the same household

**Filter:** kp3\_2311=1 | kp3\_2301=2

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

Do you live with your partner together in one household?

- yes

- no

**Coding:**

(1) yes

(2) no

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_3890

**Topic:** Sociodemography      **Item:** Vote intention, partner

**Filter:** kp3\_2301=1 | kp3\_2312=1

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical); italicize „partner“

**Question:**

What do you think, which party will give your partner his/her second vote to?

- CDU/CSU

- SPD

- FDP

- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen

- Die Linke

- Other party

- partner will not vote

- don't know

**Coding:**

(1) CDU/CSU  
(4) SPD  
(5) FDP  
(6) GRUENE  
(7) DIE LINKE  
(801) other party

(-85) not vote  
(-97) not applicable  
(-98) don't know  
(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_3900 were recoded into the variables kp3\_3890a and kp3\_3890b in order to create the party versions A and B.]

**Variable:** kp3\_3900

**Topic:** Sociodemography    **Item:** Vote intention, partner, other party

**Filter:** kp3\_3890=801

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical); italicize „partner“

**Question:**

Which of these parties will give your partner his/her second vote to?

- Alternative für Deutschland
- Die Grauen – Generationspartei
- DVU
- FW Freie Wähler
- NPD
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- Piratenpartei
- Die Republikaner (REP)
- other party

**Coding:**

(322) AfD  
(149) DIE GRAUEN  
(168) DVU  
(180) FREIE WAHLER  
(206) NPD  
(209) oedp  
(215) PIRATEN  
(225) REP  
(801) other party

(-97) not applicable  
(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_3890 were recoded into the variables kp3\_3890a and kp3\_3890b in order to create the party versions A and B]

**Variable:** kp3\_2330

**Topic:** Sociodemography

**Item:** Vocational and professional training

**Filter:** kp3\_2320=1-5 | -99

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

What vocational or professional training do you have?

- On-the-job vocational training with final certificate, but not within a traineeship or apprenticeship scheme ("Beruflich-betriebliche Anlernzeit mit Abschlusszeugnis, aber keine Lehre")
- Compact vocational training course ("Teilfacharbeiterabschluss")
- Completed trades/crafts or agricultural traineeship ("Abgeschlossene gewerbliche oder landwirtschaftliche Lehre")
- Completed commercial traineeship ("Abgeschlossene kaufmännische Lehre")
- Work placement/internship ("Berufliches Praktikum, Volontariat")
- Specialized vocational college certificate ("Berufsfachschulabschluss")
- Technical or vocational college certificate ("Fachschulabschluss")
- Master (craftsman), technician or equivalent college certificate ("Meister, Technikerabschluss")
- Polytechnic/University of applied sciences degree ("Fachhochschulabschluss")
- University degree ("Hochschulabschluss")
- I have another vocational training certificate
- I am still in a vocational training
- I have no completed vocational training

**Coding:**

- (1) On-the-job vocational training with final certificate, but not within a traineeship or apprenticeship scheme ("Beruflich-betriebliche Anlernzeit mit Abschlusszeugnis, aber keine Lehre")
  - (2) Compact vocational training course ("Teilfacharbeiterabschluss")
  - (3) Completed trades/crafts or agricultural traineeship ("Abgeschlossene gewerbliche oder landwirtschaftliche Lehre")
  - (4) Completed commercial traineeship ("Abgeschlossene kaufmännische Lehre")
  - (5) Work placement/internship ("Berufliches Praktikum, Volontariat")
  - (6) Specialized vocational college certificate ("Berufsfachschulabschluss")
  - (7) Technical or vocational college certificate ("Fachschulabschluss")
  - (9) Master (craftsman), technician or equivalent college certificate ("Meister, Technikerabschluss")
  - (10) Polytechnic/University of applied sciences degree ("Fachhochschulabschluss")
  - (11) University degree ("Hochschulabschluss")
  - (12) other vocational training certificate
  - (13) in a vocational training
  - (14) I have no completed vocational training
- (-97) not applicable  
(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2340

**Topic:** Sociodemography **Item:** Employment status

**Filter:** kp3\_2320!=9

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Intro:**

Now let's turn to your mode of employment.

**Question:**

Which of the categories from this list applies to you?

- in full-time employment (more than 30 hours/week)
- in part-time employment (up to 30 hours/week)
- in a traineeship or apprenticeship
- high school student
- college student
- currently on a retraining course
- currently unemployed
- currently on short-time work
- alternative community service
- in early retirement, retirement, on a pension (formerly employed)
- on maternity leave, parental leave
- not in full or part-time employment (Housewife/househusband)

**Coding:**

- (1) In full-time employment
- (2) In part-time employment
- (3) In a traineeship or apprenticeship
- (4) High school student
- (5) College student
- (6) retraining course
- (7) unemployed
- (8) short-time work
- (9) alternative community service
- (10) in early retirement, retirement, on a pension
- (11) maternal/parental leave
- (12) no employment (housewife/househusband)

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2350

**Topic:** Sociodemography **Item:** Former employment

**Filter:** kp3\_2340=3-7 | 9-12 | -99

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

Have you ever been in full or part-time employment in the past?

- yes

- no

**Coding:**

(1) yes

(2) no

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer



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**Variable:** kp3\_2380

**Topic:** Sociodemography      **Item:** Profession

**Filter:** kp3\_2340=1-3, 8

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

Which of the professions from the following list describes your profession best?

- Self-employed farmer
- Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
- Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.
- Civil servant/Judge/Professional soldier
- Employee
- Worker
- In vocational training
- Family member assisting in family business

**Coding:**

- (1) Self-employed farmer
- (2) Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
- (3) Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.
- (4) Civil servant/Judge/Professional soldier
- (5) Employee
- (6) Worker
- (7) In vocational training
- (8) Family member assisting in family business

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_3610

**Topic:** Sociodemography      **Item:** Employee - differentiation

**Filter:** kp3\_2380=5

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which one of the following descriptions matches your profession best?

- employed foreman
- employee with simple tasks (e.g. salesperson, stenotypist)
- employee that fulfill difficult tasks after a general briefing independently (e.g. clerk, draftsman)
- employee that fulfill tasks independently and with own responsibility or have limited responsibility for tasks of others (e.g. - research assistant, company officer with statutory authority, head of the department)
- employee with extensive executive functions and decision-making power. (e.g. manager, director of company, executive board of larger businesses and organizations)

**Coding:**

- (1) foreman
- (2) simple tasks
- (3) difficult tasks after a general introduction
- (4) tasks with responsibility
- (5) extensive executive functions

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_3620	<b>Item:</b> Worker - differentiation
<b>Topic:</b> Sociodemography	
<b>Filter:</b> kp3_2380=6	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (vertical)	
<b>Question:</b> And which of the following descriptions matches your profession best?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- unskilled or semi-skilled worker</li> <li>- skilled worker or craftsman</li> <li>- supervisor, foreman</li> </ul>	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) unskilled or semi-skilled worker	
(2) skilled worker or craftsman	
(3) supervisor, foreman	
(-97) not applicable	
(-99) no answer	
<b>Variable:</b> kp3_3630	<b>Item:</b> Self-employed professional - differentiation
<b>Topic:</b> Sociodemography	
<b>Filter:</b> kp3_2380=2   3	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (vertical)	
<b>Question:</b> How many employees does your business have?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- no employees</li> <li>- 1-9 employees</li> <li>- 10 employees and more</li> </ul>	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) no employees	
(2) 1-9 employees	
(3) employees and more	
(-97) not applicable	
(-99) no answer	
<b>Variable:</b> kp3_3640	<b>Item:</b> Civil servant - differentiation
<b>Topic:</b> Sociodemography	
<b>Filter:</b> kp3_2380=4	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (vertical)	
<b>Question:</b> In what service class do you work?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lower grade of civil service (including head of department)</li> <li>- middle grade of civil service (from assistant up to and including chief secretary)</li> <li>- upper grade of civil service (vom inspector up to and including high level civil servant)</li> <li>- higher grade of civil service, judge (from senior civil servant onwards)</li> </ul>	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) lower grade	
(2) middle grade	
(3) upper grade	
(4) higher grade of civil service, judge	
(-97) not applicable	
(-99) no answer	

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**Variable:** kp3\_3650

**Topic:** Sociodemography

**Item:** Branch of employment

**Filter:** kp3\_2380 =5-7

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

In what kind of cooperation or business are you employed?

- public service
- for a cooperation owned by the state
- for a non-profit organization
- for a private enterprise company

**Coding:**

- (1) public service
- (2) cooperation owned by the state
- (3) non-profit organization
- (4) private enterprise company

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_3660

**Topic:** Sociodemography

**Item:** Branch of industry

**Filter:** kp3\_2340 =1-3,8

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How would you characterize the branch of industry you are working in?

- agriculture, forestry, fishery
- power/water supply, mining
- manufacturing industry
- construction and real estate
- trade
- hotel and catering industry
- traffic
- banks and insurances
- information technology, data processing
- other commercial services (e.g. legal or economic counselling, legal services)
- administration
- education, research and development
- social services (care, assistance, therapy)
- other services

**Coding:**

- (1) agriculture, forestry, fishery
- (2) power/water supply, mining
- (3) manufacturing industry
- (4) construction and real estate
- (5) trade
- (6) hotel and catering industry
- (7) traffic
- (8) banks and insurances
- (9) information technology, data processing
- (10) other commercial services (e.g. legal or economic counselling, legal services)
- (11) administration
- (12) education, research and development
- (13) social services (care, assistance, therapy)
- (14) other services

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2390**Topic:** Sociodemography**Item:** Former profession**Filter:** kp3\_2350=1**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

What was your last profession? Please select the category that applies best to you.

- Self-employed farmer
- Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
- Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.
- Civil servant/Judge/Professional soldier
- Employee
- Worker
- In vocational training
- Family member assisting in family business

**Coding:**

- (1) Self-employed farmer
- (2) Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
- (3) Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.
- (4) Civil servant/Judge/Professional soldier
- (5) Employee
- (6) Worker
- (7) In vocational training
- (8) Family member assisting in family business

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3710**Topic:** Sociodemography**Item:** Former profession employee - differentiation**Filter:** kp3\_2390=5**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which of the following descriptions matches your former profession best?

- employed foreman
- employee with simple tasks (e.g. salesperson, stenotypist)
- employee that fulfill difficult tasks after a general briefing independently (e.g. clerk, draftsman)
- employee that fulfill tasks independently and with own responsibility or have limited responsibility for tasks of others (e.g. - research assistant, company officer with statutory authority, head of the department)
- employee with extensive executive functions and decision-making power. (e.g. manager, director of company, executive board of larger businesses and organizations)

**Coding:**

- (1) foreman
- (2) simple tasks
- (3) difficult tasks after a general introduction
- (4) tasks with responsibility
- (5) extensive executive functions

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3720**Topic:** Sociodemography**Item:** Former profession worker - differentiation**Filter:** kp3\_2390=6**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which of the following descriptions matches your former profession the best?

- unskilled or semi-skilled worker
- skilled worker or craftsman
- supervisor, foreman

**Coding:**

- (1) unskilled or semi-skilled worker
- (2) skilled worker or craftsman
- (3) supervisor, foreman

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3730**Topic:** Sociodemography**Item:** Former profession self-employed professional - differentiation**Filter:** kp3\_2390=2 | 3**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How many employees did the business have you worked in last?

- no employees
- 1-9 employees
- 10 employees and more

**Coding:**

- (1) no employees
- (2) 1-9 employees
- (3) employees and more

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_3740**Topic:** Sociodemography**Item:** Former profession Civil servant - differentiation**Filter:** kp3\_2390=4**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

In what service class did you work?

- lower grade of civil service (up to and including head of department)
- middle grade of civil service (from assistant up to and including chief secretary)
- upper grade of civil service (from inspector up to and including senior civil servant)
- higher grade of civil service, judge (from senior civil servant onwards)

**Coding:**

- (1) lower grade
- (2) middle grade
- (3) upper grade
- (4) higher grade of civil service, judge

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_3750	<b>Item:</b> Former profession branch of employment
<b>Topic:</b> Sociodemography	
<b>Filter:</b> kp3_2390=5-7	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (vertical)	
<b>Question:</b> In what kind of cooperation or business were you employed?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- public service</li> <li>- for a cooperation owned by the state</li> <li>- for a non-profit organization</li> <li>- for a private enterprise company</li> </ul>	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) public service	
(2) cooperation owned by the state	
(3) non-profit organization	
(4) private enterprise company	
(-97) not applicable	
(-99) no answer	

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_3760	<b>Item:</b> Former profession branch of industry
<b>Topic:</b> Sociodemography	
<b>Filter:</b> kp3_2350 =1	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (vertical)	
<b>Question:</b> How would you characterize the branch of industry you were working in?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- agriculture, forestry, fishery</li> <li>- power/water supply, mining</li> <li>- manufacturing industry</li> <li>- construction and real estate</li> <li>- trade</li> <li>- hotel and catering industry</li> <li>- traffic</li> <li>- banks and insurances</li> <li>- information technology, data processing</li> <li>- other commercial services (e.g. legal or economic counselling, legal services)</li> <li>- administration</li> <li>- education, research and development</li> <li>- social services (care, assistance, therapy)</li> <li>- other services</li> </ul>	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) agriculture, forestry, fishery	
(2) power/water supply, mining	
(3) manufacturing industry	
(4) construction and real estate	
(5) trade	
(6) hotel and catering industry	
(7) traffic	
(8) banks and insurances	
(9) information technology, data processing	
(10) other commercial services (e.g. legal or economic counselling, legal services)	
(11) administration	
(12) education, research and development	
(13) social services (care, assistance, therapy)	
(14) other services	
(-97) not applicable	
(-99) no answer	

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**Variable:** kp3\_2590

**Topic:** Sociodemography

**Item:** Net household income, with categories

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical); italicize “your household’s total”; plausibility check: If no answer was given show text: “We assure that your answers will be used anonymously and for scientific purposes only.”, within the plausibility check there are two buttons “correct” and “forward”.

**Question:**

How high is your household’s total net monthly income? Meant is the total amount remaining after taxes and other deductions.

- below 500 Euros
- 500 up to 750 Euros
- 750 up to 1000 Euros
- 1000 up to 1250 Euros
- 1250 up to 1500 Euros
- 1500 up to 2000 Euros
- 2000 up to 2500 Euros
- 2500 up to 3000 Euros
- 3000 up to 4000 Euros
- 4000 up to 5000 Euros
- 5000 up to 7500 Euros
- 7500 up to 10000 Euros
- 10000 Euros and more

**Coding:**

- (1) below 500 Euros
- (2) 500 up to 750 Euros
- (3) 750 up to 1000 Euros
- (4) 1000 up to 1250 Euros
- (5) 1250 up to 1500 Euros
- (6) 1500 up to 2000 Euros
- (7) 2000 up to 2500 Euros
- (8) 2500 up to 3000 Euros
- (9) 3000 up to 4000 Euros
- (10) 4000 up to 5000 Euros
- (11) 5000 up to 7500 Euros
- (12) 7500 up to 10000 Euros
- (13) 10000 Euros and more

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_2580

**Topic:** Sociodemography

**Item:** Social class affiliation, subjective

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Intro:**

People talk a lot about social classes these days.

**Question:**

To which social class do you think you belong to?

- lower class
- working class
- lower middle class
- middle class
- upper middle class
- upper class

**Coding:**

- (1) lower class
- (2) working class
- (3) lower middle class
- (4) middle class
- (5) upper middle class
- (6) Upper class

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2480

**Topic:** Sociodemography

**Item:** Religion

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list

**Question:**

What is your religion?

- Protestant
- Independent Protestant Church
- Roman Catholic
- Other Christian denomination
- Other non-Christian denomination
- Undenominational

**Coding:**

- (1) Protestant
- (2) Independen Protestant Church
- (3) Roman Catholic
- (4) Other Christian confession
- (5) Other non-Christian denomination
- (9) Undenominational

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2491

**Topic:** Sociodemography

**Item:** Church attendance

**Filter:** kp3\_2480=1-5

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

How often do you usually go to church?

- never
- once a year
- several times a year
- once a month
- two to three times a month
- once a week
- more often

**Coding:**

- (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

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer



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**Variable:** kp3\_3910**Topic:** Sociodemography**Item:** Religiosity**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

What would you say about yourself: How religious are you?

- very religious
- religious
- moderately
- not that religious
- not religious at all

**Coding:**

- (1) very religious
- (2) religious
- (3) moderately
- (4) not that religious
- (5) not religious at all

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_2460a-c,e-g,i**Topic:** Sociodemography**Item:** Membership of organizations**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix

**Question:**

Are you a member of one or more of the following organizations?

- (A) Trade union
- (B) Trade/employers' associations
- (C) Professional associations
- (E) Religious/church groups
- (F) Sports club/hobby club
- (G) Environmental groups
- (I) Party

**Coding:**

- (1) yes
- (2) no

(-99) no answer

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**Variable:** kp3\_4000**Topic:** Sociodemography**Item:** Membership party**Filter:** kp3\_2460i=1**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

Which party are you a member of?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- Die Linke
- Other party

**Coding:**

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) other party

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variable kp3\_4110 were recoded into the variables kp3\_4000a and kp3\_4000b in order to create the party versions A and B.]

**Variable:** kp3\_4110

**Topic:** Sociodemography      **Item:** Membership party, other party

**Filter:** kp3\_4000=801

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

And which of these parties are you a member of?

- Alternative für Deutschland
- Die Grauen – Generationspartei
- DVU
- FW Freie Wähler
- NPD
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- Piratenpartei
- Die Republikaner (REP)
- Other party

**Coding:**

- (322) AfD
- (149) DIE GRAUEN
- (168) DVU
- (180) FREIE WAEHLER
- (206) NPD
- (209) oedp
- (215) PIRATEN
- (225) REP
- (801) other party

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp3\_4000 were recoded into the variables kp3\_4000a and kp3\_4000b in order to create the party versions A and B.]

**Variable:** kp3\_2470

**Topic:** Socio-demography      **Item:** Membership of trade unions, household

**Filter:** kp3\_2441!=1 & kp3\_2460a=2

**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

Is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?

-yes

-no

**Coding:**

- (1) yes
- (2) no

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2600**Topic:** Sociodemography**Item:** Residence**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

Please characterize the place you live in. Do you live in a...?

- Large city
- Small-town or medium-sized town in a metropolitan area
- Small-town or medium-sized town in less densely populated areas
- Rural area close to a medium-sized town or a large city
- Rural area close to smaller towns

**Coding:**

- (1) Large City
- (2) Small-town, medium-sized town in a metropolitan area
- (3) Small-town, medium-sized town in less densely populated areas
- (4) Rural area close to a medium-sized town or a large city
- (5) Rural area close to smaller towns

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_2602**Topic:** Socio-demography**Item:** Postal code**Filter:****Presentation:**

Text field (single row); maximum number of digits = 5; plausibility check, whether 5 numbers and no letters were entered with the instruction "Please enter your postal code."; When no answer was given, show the following text: "We assure that we will treat your information confidentially. We need your complete postal code in order to identify the candidate in your constituency."; Within the plausibility check there are to buttons "correct" or "forward".

**Question:**

What is your postal code?

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**Coding:**

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_4210**Topic:** Quality of Data**Item:** Attention Survey Participation**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Intro:**

Finally, some questions concerning this survey.

**Question:**

How attentive were you while participating in the survey?

- very attentive
- attentive
- moderately attentive
- not very attentive
- not attentive at all

**Coding:**

- (1) very attentive
- (2) attentive
- (3) moderately attentive
- (4) not very attentive
- (5) not attentive at all

(-99) no answer

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_4220	<b>Item:</b> Accuracy Survey Participation
<b>Topic:</b> Quality of Data	
<b>Filter:</b>	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (vertical)	
<b>Question:</b> How much effort did you put into answering the questions accurately?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a lot of effort</li> <li>- quite an effort</li> <li>- some effort</li> <li>- not a lot of effort</li> <li>- no effort at all</li> </ul>	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) a lot of effort	
(2) quite an effort	
(3) some effort	
(4) not a lot of effort	
(5) no effort at all	
(-99) no answer	

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_4230, kp3_4230s	<b>Item:</b> Reason for Survey Participation
<b>Topic:</b> Quality of Data	
<b>Filter:</b>	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (vertical) with half open text field (one line with fifty 50 characters; no limit for characters)	
<b>Question:</b> Why did you participate in our survey? Please state the most important reason?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- interested in the topic</li> <li>- curiosity</li> <li>- Mingle-points</li> <li>- had nothing else to do</li> <li>- other reason, namely _____</li> </ul>	
<b>Coding:</b>	
(1) interest	
(2) curiosity	
(3) Mingle-points	
(4) nothing else to do	
(5) other reason	
(-99) no answer	

<b>Variable:</b> kp3_4240	<b>Item:</b> Rating of survey
<b>Topic:</b> Quality of Data	
<b>Filter:</b>	
<b>Presentation:</b> Single response list (vertical)	
<b>Question:</b> How would you rate our survey overall?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- very good</li> <li>- good</li> <li>- moderately</li> <li>- bad</li> <li>- very bad</li> </ul>	

**Coding:**

- (1) very good
- (2) good
- (3) moderately
- (4) bad
- (5) very bad

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_4250

**Topic:** Quality of Data

**Item:** Participation in surveys, number of online panels

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

On how many online survey websites – aside from mingle – are you a member?

- none
- one
- two
- three
- four
- five or more

**Coding:**

- (1) none
- (2) one
- (3) two
- (4) three
- (5) four
- (6) five or more

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_4260

**Topic:** Quality of Data

**Item:** Participation in surveys, number of surveys

**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

**Question:**

In how many online surveys did you take part during the last month?

- none
- 1 to 4 surveys
- 5 to 10 surveys
- 11 to 15 surveys
- 16 to 20 surveys
- more than 20 surveys

**Coding:**

- (1) none
- (2) 1 to 4 surveys
- (3) 5 to 10 surveys
- (4) 11 to 15 surveys
- (5) 16 to 20 surveys
- (6) more than 20 surveys

(-99) no answer

**Variable:** kp3\_4270s

**Topic:** Quality of Data

**Item:** comment, open

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Text field (four rows) with optical 50 characters per row, now maximum limit of characters

**Intro:**

Finally, we would like to give you the possibility to comment on our today's survey.

**Question:**

Do you have comments or suggestions concerning the survey or particular questions?

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**Coding:**

(-99) no answer