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Documentation of Questionnaire (all waves)

General attitudes to politics

Variable: KPX_010

Waves: 2,4,6,7   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Interest in politics, in general

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Question:

In general terms: How interested in politics are you?

- Extremely interested
- Very interested
- Moderately interested
- Slightly interested
- Not interested at all

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) Extremely interested
(2) Very interested
(3) Moderately interested
(4) Slightly interested
(5) Not interested at all
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_020

Waves: 1,3,5,7   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Satisfaction with democracy

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: Figure 1

Question:

On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with democracy in Germany? Are you ... ?

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither/nor
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) Very satisfied
(2) Fairly satisfied
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly dissatisfied
(5) Very dissatisfied
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_030

Waves: 5,7   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Notion of democracy

Origin: Tracking 3

Presentation:

Figure 2, scale ranging from 1 to 6 without numerical marking

Marking of endpoints: '1' "Democracy is the worst conceivable state idea", '6' "Democracy is the best conceivable state idea"

Filter:

Question:

How do you rate the idea of democracy compared to other state ideas?

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

Variable: KPX_040
Waves: 2,5   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Attitudes to parties in general

Origin: DFG94-02
Presentation: Split items to 2 screens, scale from 0 to 5 without numerical marking
Split:
Filter:
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.
B	The parties consider the state to be a self-service store.
C	Most politicians are trustworthy and honest people.
D	Citizens cannot influence politics without having good relationships to parties.
E	Even ordinary party members are able to exert influence on their parties.
F	The parties' only concern is their power.
G	The parties differ considerably when it comes to their goals, thus providing the citizens with clear alternatives.
H	The parties take too much influence in the society.
J	Our country would be governed worse with parties having no professional politicians.
K	Most parties and politicians are corrupt.

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_050
Waves: 1,4,6,7   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Attitudes to politics and society in general

Origin: DFG94-02
Presentation: Figure 2, if needed split to 2 screens! Five-point-scale without numerical marking
Split:
Filter:
Question:
Here are some common statements on politics and society. Please tell me, whether you agree or disagree.

A	Politicians care about what people like me think.
B	People like me have no influence on the government.
C	Principally, each democratic party should have the chance to assume government responsiblities.
D	Politics is such a complex issue that people like me cannot understand what is going on.
E	The members of the Bundestag try to get in close contact with the population.
F	Citizens can hardly influence politics.
G	Everybody should have the right to defend his own view even if the majority dissents on that aspect.
H	I feel I could play an active role in a group dealing with political issues.
J	A democracy will not work without a political opposition.
K	I am perfectly able to unterstand and assess important political questions.
L	In a democracy it is the duty of all citizens to vote regularly in elections.

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_060

Waves: 3   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Battery of extremism 1

Origin: DFG94-02

Presentation: Figure 2, five-point-scale without numerical marking.

Split:

Filter:

Question:

Here you can find several statements to which some people agree and some don't. Please tell me your view on these issues.

A   I am proud to be German.
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.
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.

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_070

Waves: 3,7   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Other forms of participation, retrospective

Origin: Q09 modified

Presentation: Figure 2

Split:

Filter:

Question:

If you think back over the last twelve months, did you do any of the following things to exercise political influence and to assert your point of view?

A   I contributed to a citizens' initiative.
B   I participated in a legal demonstration.
C   I participated in a violent demonstration.
D   I blocked the traffic.
E   I tried to get support from a party/a politician.
F   I signed a petition.
G   I participated in an election campaign of a party/politician.

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_080

Waves: 2   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Other forms of participation, prospective

Origin: DFG94-02

Presentation: Figure 2, five-point-scale without numerical marking.

Split:

Filter:

Question:

If you aimed to exercise political influence in an issue of importance to you and express your point of view, which of the following things would you do?

A   Contribute to a citizens' initative.
B   Participate in a legal demonstration.
C   Participate in a demonstration even if it might be violent.
D   Block the traffic.
E   Try to get support from a party/politician.
F   Sign a petition.
G   Participate in an election campaign of a party/a politician.

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) I would definitely not do
(2) I would likely not do
(3) I would possibly do
(4) I would likely do
(5) I would definitely do
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_090
Waves: 2,4,6,7   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Political knowledge: 5%-threshold, difficult

Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Text field permitting several lines to be written in.
With "Don't know"-category
Question:
How many percent of the votes must a party gain to be definitely represented in the Bundestag?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
[Coding by institute]
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_100
Waves: 3   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Political knowledge: Secrecy of the ballot

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
What does the term "secrecy of the ballot" mean?
- The secrecy of the ballot does not exist.
- You are not to talk about your vote.
- You don't know which person you voted for because you can only vote for a party.
- Nobody can figure out who you voted for unless you tell it.
- Don't know

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) The secrecy of the ballot does not exist.
(2) You are not to talk about your vote.
(3) You don't know which person you voted for because you may only vote for a party.
(4) Nobody can figure out who you voted for unless you tell it.
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_110
Waves: 1,4,6,7   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Political knowledge: First/second vote

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 1
Question:
You have two votes in the federal election, a first vote and a second vote. Which one is more important, thus determining how strongly the party is represented in the Bundestag?

- The first vote
- The second vote
- Both votes are equally important
- Don't know

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) The first vote
(2) The second vote
(3) Both votes are equally important
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_120
Waves: 2   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Political knowledge: Number of federal states

Origin: DFG94-02
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Text field only permitting figures
Question:
Do you know how many federal states in total the Federal Republic of Germany consists of today if you add up the old and the new federal states?
XX   Federal states in total
98   Don't know
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(XX) Coding by institute.
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_130
Waves: 3,6   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Political knowledge: Electoral law Germany

Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
Split:
Filter:
Question:
Who elects the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany?

- The Federal Council (Bundesrat)
- The Federal Assembly (Bundesversammlung)
- The Federal Parliament (Bundestag)
- The people
- Don't know

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) The Federal Council (Bundesrat)
(2) The Federal Assembly (Bundesversammlung)
(3) The Federal Parliament (Bundestag)
(4) The people
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_140
Waves: 3,6   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Political knowledge: The Federal Council
Origin: Tracking 2
Presentation:
Figure 1;
Split:
Filter:
Question:
Do you happen to know who currently holds the majority in the Federal Council (Bundesrat)?

- The states (Bundesländer) led by SPD
- The states (Bundesländer) led by CDU/CSU
- None of the parties holds the majority in the Federal Council.
- Don't know

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) The states (Bundesländer) led by SPD
(2) The states (Bundesländer) led by CDU/CSU
(3) None of the parties holds the majority in the Federal Council
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_141
Waves: 6,7   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Political knowledge: Overhang seats, filter

Origin: new
Presentation:
Figure 1;
Split:
Filter:
Question:
Have you ever heard of overhang seats?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection: If 1 -> KPX_142
If 2 or no answer is given -> KPX_2640 (wave 6); End of interview (wave 7)
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_142
Waves: 6,7   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Overhang seats, evaluation

Origin: new
Presentation:
Figure 1;
Split:
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141
Question:
The electoral system for the federal election is to be altered over the next years. Should overhang seats in your opinion then still exist or not?

- Yes
- No
- I don't care.

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) I don't care
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_143
Waves: 6,7   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Overhang seats, statements

Origin: new
Presentation:
Figure 2; pre-election A-C, post-election: only A and C!
Split:
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141
Question:
To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

(A) Especially the "big" parties benefit from overhang seats.
(B) Overhang seats will be the decisive factor for the formation of government at the upcoming federal election.
(C) Overhang seats distort the electoral will.

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_144
Waves: 6,7	**Topic**: General attitudes to politics	**Item:** Overhang seats, importance

Origin: new
Presentation:
Figure 1;
Split:
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141
Question:
Have overhang seats ever been the decisive factor for the formation of government after federal elections?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_145
Waves: 6,7	**Topic**: General attitudes to politics	**Item:** Political knowledge: Overhang seats

Origin: new
Presentation:
Figure 1;
Split:
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141
Question:
What does the term "overhang seats" mean? Overhang mandates …
- are the seats in the Bundestag the party was able to gain compared to the previous election.
- are the seats the government does not really need to hold the majority in the Bundestag.
- result by the fact that not all the seats in the Bundestag can be allocated due to a low turnout of voters.
- result by the fact that a party receives more constituency seats in a Bundesland than it would get according to the second votes.
- Don't know

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Overhang seats are the seats in the Bundestag the party was able to gain compared to the previous election.
(2) Overhang seats are the seats the government does not necessarily need to hold the majority in the Bundestag.
(3) Overhang seats result by the fact that not all seats in the Bundestag can be allocated due to a low turnout of voters.
(4) Overhang seats result by the fact that a party receives more constituency seats in a Bundesland than it would get according to the second votes.
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_146a-f
Waves: 6	**Topic**: General attitudes to politics	**Item:** Overhang seats, retrospective

Origin: new
Presentation:
Figure 1; Multiple answers are possible
Split:
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141
Question:

Which party / which parties gained overhang seats at previous elections?

a) CDU/CSU
b) SPD
c) FDP
d) GRUENE
e) DIE LINKE
f) No party

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_147a-f
Waves: 6,7   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Overhang seats, federal election 2009
Origin: new
Presentation:
Figure 1; Multiple answers are possible
Split:
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141
Question pre-election:
Which party / which parties will gain overhang seats at the federal election on September 27th?

Question post-election:
Which party / which parties gained overhang seats at the last federal election on September 27th?

a) CDU/CSU
b) SPD
c) FDP
d) GRUENE
e) DIE LINKE
f) No party

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_148
Waves: 6   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Overhang seats, collective rationality
Origin: new
Presentation:
Figure 1;
Split:
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141
Question:
Do you think that it is possible for voters to vote in a way that more overhang seats will result at federal elections?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection: If 1 -> KPX_149
If 2 or no answer is given -> KPX_2640
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_149
Waves: 6   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Overhang seats, behavior in general
Origin: new

Presentation:
Figure 1;
Split:
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141
Question:
Do you think that some voters could do so, i.e. vote in such a way that more overhang seats will result at federal elections?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_150	
Waves: 5,7 **Topic**: General attitudes to politics **Item:** Satisfaction with range of political offers and methods of resolution	

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question pre-election:
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the range of political offers and methods of resolution the parties are presenting during the electoral campaign?
Question post-election:
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the range of political offers and methods of resolution the parties presented during the electoral campaign?

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very satisfied
(2) Fairly satisfied
(3) Fairly dissatisfied
(4)Very dissatisfied
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_151	
Waves: 6 **Topic**: General attitudes to politics **Item:** Overhang seats, behavior ego	

Origin: new
Presentation:
Figure 1;
Split:
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141
Question:
Would you vote in such a way that more overhang seats could result at federal elections?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_160

Waves: 2,6   **Topic**: General attitudes to politics   **Item:** Confidence in institutions

Origin: DFG94-02

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: Split to two displays, no numerical description

Question:

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

A   How about the Bundestag?
B   ...the Federal Constitutional Court?
C   ...federal government?
D   ...the courts?
E   ...the police?
F   ...the administration?
G   ...the churches?
H   ...the parties?
J   ...the German armed forces?
K   ...the trade unions?
L   ...the trade and employers' associations?
M   ...the environmental groups?
N   ...the members of the German parliament?

Filter redirection:

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

Voting decision

Variable: KPX_170

Waves: 1-6   **Topic**: Voting decision   **Item:** Intention to vote

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: Figure 1

Question:

And now let's turn a bit more precisely to the next federal election.

When elections occur, many people participate. Others don't make it to the polls or don't take part in the election for other reasons.

Looking at this list please say how likely it is that you will vote in the federal election on September 27th.

- I will certainly vote
- I will probably vote
- I will maybe vote
- I will probably not vote
- I will certainly not vote

- I have already cast my postal vote

- Don't know

Filter redirection:

- Certainly vote >> continue with KPX_190 ("Voting intention")
- Probably vote >> continue with KPX_190 ("Voting intention")
- Maybe vote >> continue with KPX_190 ("Voting intention")
- Probably not vote >> continue with KPX_240/250("Reasons for decision not to vote")
- Certainly not vote >> continue with KPX_240/250 ("Reasons for decision not to vote")
- I have already cast my postal vote >> continue with KPX_191 ("Vote postal voter")
- Don't know >> continue with KPX_210 ("Vote (hypothetical)")
- No answer >> continue with KPX_210 ("Vote (hypothetical")

Coding:
(1) Will certainly vote
(2) Will probably vote
(3) Will maybe vote
(4) Will probably not vote
(5) Will certainly not vote
(6) Have already cast my postal vote
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_171
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Voting decision   **Item:** Change of intention to vote after 30 August
Origin: new
Split:
Filter: Filter of KPX_394, if there 3 or 4 was answered and of KPX_170, if the answer was not 6 (postal vote).
Question:
Has your likelihood to take part in the federal election changed due to the results of the state elections in Saarland, Thuringia, and Saxony on August 30th ? My likelihood to participate has…

- Strongly increased
- Rather increased
- Not changed
- Rather decreased
- Strongly decreased

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Strongly increased
(2) Rather increased
(3) Not changed
(4) Rather decreased
(5) Strongly decreased
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_172
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Voting decision   **Item:** Change of intention to vote after televised debate
Origin: new
Split:
Filter: If the answer at KPX_1800 was 1 or 2 and of KPX_170, if the answer was not 6 (postal vote).
Question:
Has your likelihood to take part in the federal election changed due to the televised debate between Angela Merkel and Frank-Walter Steinmeier on September 13th ? My likelihood to participate has…

- Strongly increased
- Rather increased
- Not changed
- Rather decreased
- Strongly decreased

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Strongly increased
(2) Rather increased
(3) Not changed
(4) Rather decreased
(5) Strongly decreased
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_180

Waves: 7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Voter turnout

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Question:
Many people didn't make it to the polls at the federal election on September 27th or didn't vote due to other reasons. How about you? Did you vote or not?
- Yes, I voted
- No, I did not vote

Filter redirection:
If 1 or 99 -> KPX_200; if 2 -> KPX_250
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_190

Waves: 1-6	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Voting intention

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Presentation:
Display ballot with first and second vote
"Don't know"-category;
Description field for "other party, namely _____" --> if this was selected then the description field must be filled in (plausibility check)

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_170 ("Intention to vote")

Question:
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. Please tell me where you will place your crosses on the ballot.

(A) First vote:
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- Do not know yet

(B) Second vote
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- Do not know yet

Filter redirection:
If a party was stated for second vote
- CDU/CSU >>continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- SPD >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- FDP >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- GRUENE >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- DIE LINKE >>continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- Other party, namely ___ >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")

If "do not know yet" was selected for first and second vote >> continue with KPX_670
No answer >> continue with KPX_670

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ___ [coding by institute]
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_191		
Waves: 3-6	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Vote postal voter

Origin: RCS
Presentation:
Display ballot with first and second vote.
"Don't know"-category;
Description field for "other party, namely ____" --> if this was selected then the description field must be filled in (plausibility check)

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_170 ("Intention to vote"), if "6" (I have already cast my postal vote) was selected there.

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 crosses on the ballot paper?

(A) First vote:
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- Don't know

(B) Second vote
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- Don't know

Filter redirection:
If party was stated for second vote
- CDU/CSU >>continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- SPD >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- FDP >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- GRUENE >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- DIE LINKE >>continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- Other party, namely ___ >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")

If "Don't know" was selected for first and second vote >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
No answer >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD

(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ___ [coding by institute]
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_200		
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Federal election first/second vote

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_180 ("Turnout")
Presentation:
Display ballot with first and second vote (for parties and candidates please refer to "coding");
Description field for "other party, namely ____" --> if this was selected then the description field has to be filled in (plausibility check)

Question:
You had two votes in the federal election. The first vote was for a candidate from your constituency and the second for a party. Where did you place your crosses on the ballot?

 (A) First vote:
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

(B) Second vote
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

Filter redirection:
If party was stated for "second vote"
- CDU >>continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- CSU >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- SPD >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- FDP >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- GRUENE >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- DIE LINKE >>continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- Other party, namely ___ >> continue with KPX_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- No answer >> continue with KPX_670

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ___ [coding by institute]
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_210		
Waves: 1-6	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Vote (hypothetical)

Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
No ballot paper, just ask for the second vote

"Don't know"-category
Description field for "other party, namely _____";
Plausibility check if "other party, namely" was selected

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_170 ("Intention to vote") and of KPX_240/250 ("Reasons for decision not to vote")

Question:
And which political party would you vote for, assuming you voted at all?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- Don't know

Filter redirection:
- CDU/CSU >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- SPD >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- FDP >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- GRUENE >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- DIE LINKE >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- Other party, namely____ >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- Don't know >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- No answer >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ___ [coding by institute]
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_220		
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Alternatively eligible party

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If a party was stated (second vote) at KPX_200
Presentation:
Question:
Did you perhaps consider voting for a political party other than [party from KPX_200, second vote]
during the election campaign?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection: If yes -> KPX_230
If no -> KPX_320
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_230		
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Which party was alternatively eligible?

Origin: Q09
Split:

Filter: If yes at KPX_220
Presentation: Plausibility check for other party.
Question:
Which party was that?
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ___ [coding by institute]
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_240		
Waves: 1	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Reasons for decision not to vote, open

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_170, if "likely not to vote" or "certain not to vote" was selected.
Presentation: Description field
Question:
Why would you probably not take part in the election? Please state the most important reasons.
Filter redirection:
>> continue with KPX_210 "Vote (hypothetical)"
Coding:
Coding by institute
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_250		
Waves: 2-7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Reasons for decision not to vote, closed

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: of KPX_170, if "likely not to vote" or "certain not to vote" was selected".
Presentation: Two screens, one displaying the most important reason, the other the second most important reason. Input field for "other reason, namely ___", with plausibility check for "other reason"

Question Pre-election:
1. Screen: Please state the most important reason for you probably not to vote.
2. Screen: Please state the second most important reason for you probably not to vote.

Question Post-election:
1. Screen: Please state the most important reason for not taking part in the election.
2. Screen: Please state the second most important reason for not taking part in the election.

Items pre-election:

- No time/too busy
- Absent/too far from polling station
- For health reasons
- Not interested in politics
- Don't know who I should vote
- Voting does not change anything
- Disappointment /dissatisfaction with politics/politicians
- My vote does not count/too less influence
- I rarely/never vote
- Other reason, namely_____

Items post-election:

- No time/too busy
- Absent/too far from polling station
- For health reasons
- Not interested in politics
- Don't know who I should vote
- Voting does not change anything
- Disappointment /dissatisfaction with politics/politicians
- My vote does not count/too less influence
- I rarely/never vote
- Other reason, namely____

Filter redirection: >>KPX_210 (Vote (hypothetical))
Coding:
(1) No time/too busy
(2) Absent/too far from polling station
(3) For health reasons
(4) Not interested in politics
(5) Don't know who I should vote for
(6) Voting does not change anything
(7) Disappointment/dissatisfaction with politics/politicians
(8) My vote does not count/too less influence
(9) I rarely/never vote
(XX) Other reason, namely [coding by institute]
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_251
Waves: 7   **Topic**: Voting decision   **Item:** Reasons for decision not to vote, battery
Origin: T7
Presentation: Cf. Figure 2, without numerical marking
Filter: Filter of KPX_180, if there abstention was stated
Question:
There are several reasons for citizens not to vote. To what extent do you personally agree with the following statements?

(A) My vote wouldn't have changed the result at all.
(B) I simply didn't know who to vote for.
(C) Politicians are all the same.
(D) I did not vote because my favorite party had no chance to win the election at all.
(E) I did not find the time for voting.
(F) I am not interested in politics andelections.
(G) I never participate in elections.

Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_260
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Voting decision   **Item:** Reasons for voting decision, open
Attention: Two different questions: one for respondents of the question "voting intention" (KPX_190) the other for respondents of the question "postal voter" (KPX_191)!
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_190 (second vote) and of KPX_191 (second vote), if party was stated;
Presentation:
Description field, open question

Question pre-election (if KPX_190):
Why would you vote for this party/these parties? Please state your most important reasons.
_____

Question postal voting (if KPX_191):
Why did you vote for this party/these parties? Please state your most important reasons.
_____

Question POST-ELECTION:
Why did you vote for this party/these parties? Please state your most important reasons.

Filter redirection:
Coding:
Coding by institute
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_261		
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Reasons for voting decision, battery

Origin: T7
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2; without numerical marking
Filter: Filter of KPX_180, if the respondent voted.
Question:
There are many reasons for voters to make their vote decision. To what extent do you agree with the following statements concerning the federal election?

[Screen 1]
(A) I feel attached to the party I voted for.
(B) I voted for the party I have always voted for.
(C) I made my vote decision on instinct.
(D) The parties' positions on important topics were the decisive factor for me.
(E) The top candidates were the decisive factor for me.

[Screen 2]
(F) The televised debate influenced my vote decision.
(G) Surveys influenced my vote decision.
(H) I intended to allow for a particular coalition with my vote decision.
(I) The campaign of the party I voted for convinced me.
(J) Personal conversations influenced my vote decision.
(K) I wanted to teach the established parties a lesson.

Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_270		
Waves: 1-6	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Certainty of voting decision

Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_190 (second vote), if a party was stated there; not hypotetical!

Question:
How certain are you about the voting decision you just told me?

- Absolutely certain
- Fairly certain

- Fairly uncertain
- Absolutely uncertain

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Absolutely certain
(2) Fairly certain
(3) Fairly uncertain
(4) Absolutely uncertain
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_271		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Change of certainty of voting decision after 30 August

Origin: new
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
Split:
Filter: Filter of KPX_394, if there 3 or 4 was answered and of KPX_170, if there not 6 (postal vote) was answered.
Question:
Has the certainty of your voting decision for the federal election changed due to the results of the state elections in Saarland, Thuringia, and Saxony on August 30th? The certainty of my voting decision has…

- Strongly increased
- Rather increased
- Not changed
- Rather decreased
- Strongly decreased

Filter redirection: If 4 or 5 –> KPX_272
If 1,2,3 or 99 -> KPX_1930

Coding:
(1) Strongly increased
(2) Rather increased
(3) Not changed
(4) Rather decreased
(5) Strongly decreased
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_272		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Change of voting decision after 30 August

Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_271, if there 4 or 5 was answered.

Question:
Has your voting decision for the federal election changed due to the results of the state elections in Saarland, Thuringia, and Saxony on August 30th?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_273
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Voting decision   **Item:** Change of certainty of voting decision after televised debate
Origin: new
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
Split:
Filter: If the answer at KPX_1800 was 1 or 2 and of KPX_170, if there not 6 (postal vote) was selected
Question:
Has the certainty of your voting decision for the federal election changed due to the televised debate between Angela Merkel and Frank-Walter Steinmeier on September 13th? The certainty of my voting decision has…

- Strongly increased
- Rather increased
- Not changed
- Rather decreased
- Strongly decreased

Filter redirection: If 4 or 5 –> KPX_274
If 1, 2, 3 or 99 -> KPX_380

Coding:
(1) Strongly increased
(2) Rather increased
(3) Not changed
(4) Rather decreased
(5) Strongly decreased
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_274
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Voting decision   **Item:** Change of voting decision after televised debate
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_273, if there 4 or 5 was answered.

Question:
Has your voting decision for the federal election changed due to the televised debate between Angela Merkel and Frank-Walter Steinmeier on September 13th?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_280
Waves: 7   **Topic**: Voting decision   **Item:** Voting decision (hypothetical)
Origin: DFG9402
Split:
Filter: all
Question:
If next Sunday was the day of the federal election, would you take the same voting decision as last time or not?
- Take the same decision
- Take a different decision

Filter redirection: If 1 -> KPX_670
If 2 or 99 -> KPX_290
Coding:
(1)   Take the same decision
(2)   Take a different decision
(99)   No answer

Variable: KPX_290		
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Voting decision (hypothetical), party

Origin: DFG9402
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_280
Presentation: ballot, plausibility check for other party
Question:
You have two votes in the federal election. The first vote is for a candidate from your constituency and the second for a party. If next Sunday was the day of the federal election, where would you place your crosses on the ballot?

(A) First vote:
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

(B) Second vote
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- I would not vote

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ___ [coding by institute]
(995) I would not vote
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_300		
Waves: 3,6	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Ineligible parties

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Question:
Is there a party/are there several parties you would never vote for?

- Yes
- No
Filter redirection:
- Yes >> continue with KPX_310
- No or no anwer >> continue with KPX_2660 (wave 3); KPX_141 (wave 6)
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_310a-g			
Waves: 3,6	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Which party is ineligible	

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Of KPX_300 ("Ineligible parties"), if the answer was (1)
Presentation:
Always place the last category "other parties, namely" at the end and integrate a description field for the answers;
Plausibility check for "other parties"!
Multiple answers are possible

Question:
Which party is that/which parties are that?

A) CDU
B) CSU
C) SPD
D) FDP
E) GRUENE
F) DIE LINKE

G) Other party/other parties, namely _____

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_320			
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Time of voting decision	

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If a party is stated (first or second vote) at KPX_200
Presentation:
Question:
When did you decide how you were going to vote in the federal election?

- A long time before the election
- A few months before the election
- In the last few weeks before the election
- In the last few days before the election
- Not until election day

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) A long time before the election
(2) A few months before the election.
(3) In the last few weeks before the election
(4) In the last few days before the election
(5) Not until election day
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_321			
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Time of decision not to vote	

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If 2 at KPX_180
Presentation:
Question:
When did you decide not to vote in the federal election?
- A long time before the election.
- A few months before the election.

- In the last few weeks before the election.
- In the last few days before the election.
- Not until election day.
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) A long time before the election.
(2) A few months before the election.
(3) In the last few weeks before the election.
(4) In the last few days before the election.
(5) Not until election day.
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_330		
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Difficulty of voting decision

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If 1 at KPX_180
Presentation: Figure 1
Question:
How difficult was it for you to decide how to vote in this federal election?
- Very easy
- Fairly easy
- Fairly difficult
- Very difficult
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very easy
(2) Fairly easy
(3) Fairly difficult
(4) Very difficult
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_331		
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Difficulty of turnout

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_180, if abstention was stated there
Presentation: Figure 1
Question:
How difficult was it for you to decide whether you should vote or not in this federal election?
- Very easy
- Fairly easy
- Fairly difficult
- Very difficult
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very easy
(2) Fairly easy
(3) Fairly difficult
(4) Very difficult
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_340		
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Satisfaction with election result

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 1
Question:
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the result of the federal election?
- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither/nor
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very satisfied
(2) Fairly satisfied
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly dissatisfied
(5) Very dissatisfied
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_341
Waves: 7   **Topic**: Voting decision   **Item:** Election result: Winner and loser

Origin: T7
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Cf. Figure 2, without numerical marking, left endpoint: clearly to the losers, right endpoint: clearly to the winners
Question:
If you think about the result of the federal election, which parties do belong to the winners and which to the losers?

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE

Coding:
(1) Clearly to the losers
(2)
(3)
(4)
(5) Clearly to the winners
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_350
Waves: 1,4,7   **Topic**: Voting decision   **Item:** Recall previous federal election (first/second vote)

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
Portray a ballot with first- and second vote;
Only one common field for first and second vote for the response categories "I wasn't entitled to vote" and "I didn't vote" placement in the center;
If one of these answers ("I wasn't entitled to vote" and "I didn't vote") was provided, then no answer may be provided for the first and second vote;
with "Don't know"-category;
If the answer "other party, namely" was given then a text has to be entered (plausibility check)

Filter:

Question pre-election:
Let us now turn to the last federal election.
Please think back to the last federal election in September 2005: Who did you vote for then?

Question post-election:
Let us now turn to the federal election 2005.
Please think back to the second last federal election in September 2005: Who did you vote for then?

(A) First vote:
- CDU/CSU
- SPD

- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE. PDS
- Other party, namely _____

- Don't know
- I didn't cast my first vote for anyone

(B) Second vote:
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE. PDS
- Other party, namely _____

- Don't know
- I didn't cast my second vote for anyone

At first and second vote:
- I wasn't entitled to vote
- I didn't vote

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE. PDS
(801) Other party, namely [coding by institute]
(994) I didn't cast a first or second vote
(995) I didn't vote
(996) I wasn't entitled to vote
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Note: Due to a programming error of the field institute, the answer category for second vote does not mention "Other party" in wave 4. Furthermore they failed to program the answer option "I didn't cast a first or second vote" in wave 4 and 7.

Variable: KPX_360		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Recall European elections

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
With "Don't know"-category; no ballot
Question:
Let us now turn to the elections to the European Parliament on 7 June 2009. Which party did you vote for then?
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE. PDS
- Other party, namely _____

- Don't know

- I wasn't entitled to vote
- I did not vote

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE. PDS
(801) Other party, namely [coding by institute]
(995) I didn't vote
(996) I wasn't entitled to vote
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_370
Waves: 3   **Topic:** Voting decision   **Item:** Recall election to the Landtag
(state election)

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If no state was entered at question KPX_2601, please enter "the state where you live in"
Presentation:
with "Don't know"-category; description field at "other party, namely ___ ", plausibility check!
Question:
Now let's turn to the last election to the Landtag in [enter respondent's state]. Which party did you vote for at the last election to the Landtag?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE or DIE LINKE. PDS
- Other party, namely _____

- I don't know

- I wasn't entitled to vote
- I didn't vote

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE. PDS
(801) Other party, namely [coding by institute]
(995) I didn't vote
(996) I wasn't entitled to vote
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Election campaign

Variable: KPX_380
Waves: 2-6   **Topic:** Election campaign   **Item:** Interest in the outcome of the election
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Question:

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

- Very important
- Important

- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Completely unimportant
(2) Fairly unimportant
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Important
(5) Very important
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_390
Waves: 2-6   **Topic**: Election campaign   **Item:** Interest, election campaign

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Question:

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

- Very strongly
- Strongly
- Fairly strong
- Less strongly
- not at all

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Not at all
(2) Less strongly
(3) Fairly strong
(4) Strongly
(5) Very strongly
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_391
Waves: 7   **Topic**: Election campaign   **Item:** Interesting election campaign

Origin: Q09, RCS
Split:
Filter:
Question:

How interesting or uninteresting was the election campaign for the federal election on 27 September?

- Very interesting
- Fairly interesting
- Fairly uninteresting
- Very uninteresting

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very uninteresting
(2) Fairly uninteresting
(3) Fairly interesting
(4) Very interesting
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_392
Waves: 7   **Topic**: Election campaign   **Item:** Attention to election campaign

Origin: Q09, RCS
Split:
Filter:
Question:

How closely did you follow the election campaign for the federal election?

- Very closely
- Fairly close
- Not very closely
- I didn't follow the election campaign at all

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) I didn't follow the election campaign at all
(2) Not very closely
(3) Fairly close
(4) Very closely
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_393
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Election campaign   **Item:** Opinions on the election campaign
Origin: T6
Split:
Filter:

Presentatione:
Figure 2; five-point-scale without numerical marking
Filter:
Question:
To what extent do you agree to the following statements?

(A) The election campaign is an event purely for show.
(B) The parties use the election campaign to debate seriously about future politics.
(C) The parties' election campaign is too negative.
(D) The election campaign focuses too much on people.
(E) The election campaign deals insufficiently with political issues.
(F) The election campaign helps me to make up my mind about my voting decision.
(G) Telecasts on parties and the election campaign mostly make me switch the channel.

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_394
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Election campaign   **Item:** Attention to the elections to the Landtag on 30 August
Origin: new
Split:
Filter:
Question:
How closely did you follow the Landtag elections in Saarland, Thuringia, and Saxony on 30 August?

- Very closely
- Fairly closely
- Not very closely
- I did not follow the elections to the Landtag at all

Filter redirection: If 3 or 4 -> KPX_171
If 1, 2 or no answer was given -> KPX_1930
Coding:
(1) I did not follow the elections to the Landtag at all
(2) Not very closely
(3) Fairly closely
(4) Very closely

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_395
Waves: 7   **Topic**: Election campaign   **Item:** Helpfulness of election campaign
Origin: RCS
Split:
Filter:
Question:
To what extent did the election campaign help you to make up your mind about your voting decision?
Was the election campaign ...?

- Very helpful
- Fairly helpful
- Less helpful
- Not helpful at all

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Not helpful at all
(2) Less helpful
(3) Fairly helpful
(4) Very helpful
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_396
Waves: 7   **Topic**: Election campaign   **Item:** Media reliance
Origin: RCS
Presentation: Figure 1, leave one line empty before the last three items
Split:
Filter:
Question:
During the election campaign there are different ways of catching up on political parties and their
policies. What would you say: which of the following sources of information did you find really helpful
in making up your mind about how to vote?

- The parties' campaign advertising
- News programmes on television
- Articles in newspapers or magazines
- Information provided on the Internet
- Statements issued by groups and associations
- Discussions with relatives, friends, and acquaintances

- Several or all similarly helpful
- Another information source not mentioned here was most helpful
- None of the information sources was helpful

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1)   The parties' campaign advertising
(2)   News programmes on television
(3)   Articles in newspapers or magazines
(4)   Information provided on the Internet
(5)   Statements issued by groups and associations
(6)   Discussions with relatives, friends and acquaintances
(7)   Several or all similarly helpful
(8)   Another information source not mentioned here was most helpful
(9)   None of the information sources was helpful
(99)   No answer

Variable: KPX_400
Waves: 2-6   **Topic**: Election campaign   **Item:** Contact with political parties

Origin: Tracking modified
Presentation:
Figure 1;

Split:

Filter:

Question:
Did you get any information from the parties on the forthcoming federal election last week, or did you look for information on the federal election on your own?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:
- Yes >> continue with KPX_410
- No or no answer >> continue with KPX_360 (wave 2); KPX_2090 (wave 3a); KPX_2440 (wave 3b); KPX_2640 (wave 4); KPX_150 (wave 5); KPX_300 (wave 6)

Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_401
Waves: 7   **Topic**: Election campaign   **Item:** Contact with political parties, election campaign

Origin: Tracking modified
Presentation:
Figure 1;

Split:

Filter:

Question:
Did you get any information from the parties on the forthcoming federal election during the election campaign, or did you look for information on the federal election on your own?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:
- Yes >> continue with KPX_410
- No >> continue with KPX_2090

Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_410
Waves: 2-7   **Topic**: Election campaign   **Item:** Contact with political parties, way

Origin: Tracking
Presentation:
Figure 2;
Klickbox;
Write everything in bold {xxx}

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_400 ("Election campaign – contact with political parties") --> (if the answer at "Election campaign, contact with political parties" was "yes").

Question:
Where and in which form did you get the information/did you look for information?

(A) I attended {election meetings or rallies}.
(B) I received {emails or text messages} from the parties or the candidates.
(C) I received {campaign flyers, handbills, leaflets or posted material} from the parties or the candidates.
(D) I saw party or candidate broadcasts on {television}.
(E) I listened to canvassing of parties or candidates on the {radio}.
(F) I saw {campaign adverts} of parties or candidates in newspapers or magazines.
(G) I saw {campaign posters} from the parties or the candidates.
(H) I visited the {election campaign stand} of parties or candidates.
(I) I got {home visits from campaigners} of the parties or the candidates.
(J) I got {phone calls} from parties or candidates.
(K) I visited a party's or a candidate's {website}.

Filter redirection:
If affirmed >> continue with KPX_420 "Contact with political parties, way, party"

Coding:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_420	
Waves: 2-7 **Topic**: Election campaign **Item:** Contact with political parties, way, party	

Origin: Tracking
Presentation: input field for "other party, namely___", with plausibility check
Figure 1;
Enter:
(A) I attended {election meetings or rallies}.
(B) I received {emails or text messages}.
(C) I received {campaign flyers, handbills, leaflets or posted material}.
(D) I saw party or candidate broadcasts on {television}.
(E) I listened to canvassing on the {radio}.
(F) I saw {campaign adverts} in newspapers or magazines.
(G) I saw {campaign posters}.
(H) I visited the {election campaign stand}.
(I) I received {home visits from campaigners}.
(J) I got {phone calls}.
(K) I visited a {website}.

--> Write {} everything bold and in italics

Split:

Filter:
If the answer at KPX_410 "Election campaign, contact with political parties, way" was "yes".

Question:
Which political party was that [insert A, B, C, ...] ?

1) CDU/CSU
2) SPD
3) FDP
4) GRUENE
5) DIE LINKE
6) Other party

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Party ratings in general

Variable: KPX_430

Waves: 1-7	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** Scalometer parties

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2;
Scale ranging from -5 to +5, with zero point;
Marking: -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? Please use a scale ranging from -5 to +5.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE
Filter redirection:
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

Variable: KPX_440

Waves: 5	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** Representation of interests

Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Five-point-scale without numerical marking. Please place the parties on the second screen!
Question 1 screen:
Please have a look at the following list of groups and organizations which many people feel represented by. Now, please tell me for each of these groups or organizations - regardless of whether you are a member or not - whether you think they represent or oppose your interests.

Question 2 screen:
Do the following parties or organizations represent your interests or are they opposed to your interests?

A   Trade unions
B   Industry/Employers' confederation or association
C   Farmers' and agricultural associations
D   The Roman Catholic Church
E   Protestant Church(es)
F   Environmental groups
G   Groups critical of globalisation (e.g., ATTAC)
H   CDU/CSU
I   SPD
J   FDP
K   GRUENE
L   DIE LINKE

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Is/are completely opposed to my interests
(2) Is/are partly opposed to my interests
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Partly represents/represent my interests
(5) Completely represents/represent my interests
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_450			
Waves: 2,4,6,7	**Topic**: Party ratings in general		**Item:** Government, differences

Origin: Tracking modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Figure 2; one line only;
Scale: Five-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: left "no difference at all", right "very big difference"
Question:
Does it make a big difference to you who governs in Berlin or doesn't it make any difference at all?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 No difference at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5 Very big difference
(99) No answer

Note: A great deal of the answers given at KP4_450 "Government, differences" were mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer", an error which could not be fixed.

Variable: KPX_460			
Waves: 2,4,6,7	**Topic**: Party ratings in general		**Item:** Parties, differences

Origin: Tracking modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Figure 2; one line only;
Scale: Five-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: left "no difference at all", right "very big difference"
Question Pre-election:
How about the current election campaign to the federal election? Are there very big differences between the parties or are there no differences at all?
Question Post-election:
How about the election campaign to the last federal election? Were there very big differences between the parties or were there no differences at all?

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 No difference at all
(2) 2

(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5 Very big difference
(99) No answer

Note: A great deal of the answers given at KP4_460 "Parties, differences" were mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer", an error which could not be fixed.

Variable: KPX_470

Waves: 4   **Topic**: Party ratings in general   **Item:** Grand coalition, problem solving

Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Figure 2; one line only;
Scale: 1-5
Marking: 1 "no important contribution", 5 "important contribution"
Question:
Did the grand coalition considerably contribute to the solution of the problems in Germany?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 No important contribution
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5 Important contribution
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_480

Waves: 4   **Topic**: Party ratings in general   **Item:** Grand coalition, influence of political parties

Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Whose influence in the grand coalition was bigger in your opinion?
(1) CDU/CSU
(2) SPD
(3) Both parties were equal
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(2) SPD
(3) Both parties were equal
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_490

Waves: 4   **Topic**: Party ratings in general   **Item:** Grand coalition, obstruction

Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Figure 2; one line only;
Scale: Five-point-scale without numerical marking
Question:
The governing parties CDU/CSU and SPD are blamed for not having been able to agree on important political issues and of having blocked each other. Do you agree or disagree?
Filter redirection: if 1 or 2 >> KPX_2720
If 3-5 >> KPX_500
Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree

(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_500
Waves: 4   **Topic**: Party ratings in general   **Item:** Grand coalition, obstruction, who is to blame?
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_490
Presentation:
Question:
And who is to blame for it mainly?
- CDU
-CSU
- SPD
- All parties similarly
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) CDU
(2) CSU
(3) SPD
(4) All parties similarly
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_501
Waves: 7   **Topic**: Party ratings in general   **Item:** CDU/CSU-FDP-coalition, ability to solve problems
Origin: new
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 2, without numerical marking
Question:
Will the new government consisting of CDU/CSU and FDP solve the following political problems better or worse than the last federal government consisting of CDU/CSU and SPD?
- Much worse
- Rather worse
- Neither/nor
- Rather better
- Much better

A) Abandoning nuclear energy
B) Cutting Taxes
C) Combat against the economic crisis
D) Withdrawal of the German Armed Forces from Afghanistan
E) Preservation of jobs
F) Integration of foreigners
G) Reduction of the national debt
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Much worse
(2) Rather worse
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Rather better
(5) Much better
(99) No answer

Note: It was originally planned to ask for the good and bad aspects of all parties as depicted below. Due to bad experiences in the long-term-online-tracking (dramatic increase in breakup of interviews) we decided to not ask these questions and to include the good and bad aspects of the chancellor candidates of CDU/CSU and SPD only (KPX_690-KPX_720).

Variable: KPX_510
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Party ratings in general   **Item:** Grand coalition, good aspects
Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!

Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field
Question:
The following questions deal with the aspects you like about parties and politicians: What do you like about the grand coalition?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_520		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** Grand coalition, bad aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field
Question:
What do you dislike about the grand coalition?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_530		
Waves: 3	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** CDU, good aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you like about the CDU?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_540		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** CDU, bad aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you dislike about the CDU?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_550		
Waves: 3	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** CSU, good aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you like about the CSU?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_560		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** CSU, bad aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:

Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you dislike about the CSU?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_570		
Waves: 3	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** SPD, good aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you like about the SPD?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_580		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** SPD, bad aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you dislike about the SPD?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_590		
Waves: 3	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** FDP, good aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you like about the FDP?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_600		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** FDP, bad aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you dislike about the FDP?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_610		
Waves: 3	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** Grüne, good aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you like about GRUENE?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_620

Waves: 5	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** Grüne, bad aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you dislike about GRUENE?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_630

Waves: 3	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** Linke, good aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you like about the party DIE LINKE?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_640

Waves: 5	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** Linke, bad aspects

Note: Was removed from the questionnaire on 4 August!
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, randomize sequence of the parties!
Question:
What do you dislike about the party DIE LINKE?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_641

Waves: 6	**Topic**: Party ratings in general	**Item:** Party images, disunity

Origin: Tracking 6
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 2; columns: "very disunited", "fairly disunited", "fairly united", "very united"; "I cannot make an assessment"-category

Filter:

Question:
What do you think, how united or disunited are the following parties concerning important political issues?

(A) CDU/CSU
(B) SPD
(C) FDP
(D) GRUENE
(E) DIE LINKE

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Very disunited
(2) Fairly disunited
(3) Fairly united
(4) Very united
(98) I cannot make an assessment
(99) No answer

Front-runners

Variable: KPX_650
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Front-runners   **Item:** Scalometer politicians
Note: Always ask for chancellor candidates and alternately select 4 other politicians from the list. If necessary, add currently important politicians.
Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: -5 to +5
Marking: -5 "I have a very negative view of this politician", +5 "I have a very positive view of this politician"; "Don't know"- category;
Question:
Now, please tell me what you think about these leading politicians. Please use again the scale from - 5 to + 5.

(A) Angela Merkel
(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
(C) Horst Seehofer
(D) Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg
(E) Franz Müntefering
(F) Guido Westerwelle
(G) Renate Künast
(H) Jürgen Trittin
(I) Oskar Lafontaine
(J) Gregor Gysi
(K) Peer Steinbrück
(L) Ursula von der Leyen
(M) Wolfgang Schäuble
(N) Cem Özdemir
(O) Rainer Brüderle
(P) Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger

Filter redirection: If Merkel and Steinmeier are both "unknown" >> KPX_1620. If only one person is unknown, then do not ask for the characteristics of this person at KPX_660!
Otherwise >> KPX_660
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
(98) Don't know (politician)
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_660
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Front-runners   **Item**: Characteristics of chancellor candidates
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_650: Only if Merkel and/or Steinmeier were assessed.
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2;
Scale ranging from -2 to +2 with numerical marking
Marking: -2 "not true at all", +2 "definitely true";
Question:

Let's turn to some more precise questions about the candidates for the position of chancellor for the 2009 federal election. Please state to what extent the following characteristics in your opinion are true or not for Angela Merkel or Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

Only ask for items I-L and M-P in wave 4!

(A) Angela Merkel is an assertive person and a strong leader.
(B) Angela Merkel is trustworthy.
(C) Angela Merkel is a likable person.
(D) Angela Merkel has sensible ideas about how to boost the economy.
(I) Angela Merkel is able to work in a team.
(J) Angela Merkel is doing well in representing Germany's interests abroad.
(K) Angela Merkel is unanimously supported by her party.
(L) Angela Merkel is in touch with the people.
(Q) Angela Merkel has sensible ideas about how to manage the economic crisis.

(E) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is an assertive person and a strong leader.
(F) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is trustworthy.
(G) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is a likable person.
(H) Frank-Walter Steinmeier has sensible ideas about how to boost the economy.
(M) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is able to work in a team.
(N) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is doing well in representing Germany's interests abroad.
(O) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is unanimously supported by his party.
(P) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is in touch with the people.
(R) Frank-Walter Steinmeier has sensible ideas about how to manage the economic crisis.

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) -2 Not true at all
(2) -1
(3) 0
(4) +1
(5) +2 Definitely true
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Note: Due to a series of programming errors respondents were shown the response option "I can't evaluate this statement" in wave 1, whereas respondents in wave 2, 3, and 5 received a "don't know" response option. In the waves 4, 6, and 7 there was no such response option at all.

Variable: KPX_670		
Waves: 1-7	**Topic**: Front-runners	**Item:** Preferred chancellor

Note: Experiment!
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
Question pre-election:
Angela Merkel and Frank-Walter Steinmeier are the candidates of the two major parties for the position of chancellor. Who would you prefer to see as chancellor?
Question post-election:
Angela Merkel and Frank-Walter Steinmeier were the candidates of the two major parties for the position of chancellor. Who would you prefer to see as chancellor?

VW1:
- Angela Merkel
- Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- Neither of them

VW2-NW7:
- Angela Merkel
- Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Angela Merkel
(2) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
(3) Neither of them
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_680
Waves: 3,6   **Topic**: Front-runners   **Item:** Left-right assessment top candidates
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;
Marking: "left" and "right";
with "Don't know"- category
Question:
And how would you assess the chancellor candidates?
A   Angela Merkel
B   Frank-Walter Steinmeier
Filter redirection:
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

Variable: KPX_690
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Front-runners   **Item:** Merkel, good aspects
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_650, only if Merkel was assessed there!
Presentation: Description field
Question:
The following question is about aspects you like about the chancellor candidates. What do you like about Angela Merkel?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_700
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Front-runners   **Item:** Merkel, bad aspects
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_650, only if Merkel was assessed there!
Presentation: Description field
Question:
The following question is about aspects you dislike about the chancellor candidates. What do you dislike about Angela Merkel?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_710
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Front-runners   **Item:** Steinmeier, good aspects
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:

Filter: Of KPX_650, only if Steinmeier was assessed there!
Presentation: Description field
Question:
What do you like about Frank-Walter Steinmeier?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_720		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Front-runners	**Item:** Steinmeier, bad aspects

Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_650, only if Steinmeier was assessed there!
Presentation: Description field
Question:
What do you dislike about Frank-Walter Steinmeier?
Filter redirection:
Coding: By institute

Performance rating

Variable: KPX_730		
Waves: 2,4,6	**Topic**: Performance rating	**Item:** Scalometer government

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2 (with one line);
Scale: -5 to +5, with zero point;
Marking: -5 "completely dissatisfied", +5 "completely satisfied";
Question:
On the whole, are you rather satisfied or rather dissatisfied with the way the CDU/CSU and SPD federal government in Berlin is running the country? Are you fairly satisfied or fairly dissatisfied? Please describe how you feel using a scale from - 5 to + 5.

Filter redirection:
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

Note: A great deal of the answers given at KP4_730 "Scalometer government" were mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer", an error which could not be fixed.

Variable: KPX_740		
Waves: 2,4,6	**Topic**: Performance rating	**Item:** Performance of government parties

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2;
Scale: -5 to +5; with zero point;
Marking: -5 "completely dissatisfied", +5 "completely satisfied";
Question:
And how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of each of the political parties in the federal government?

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
Filter redirection:

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

Note: A great deal of the answers given at KP4_740a-c "Performance of government parties" were mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer", an error which could not be fixed.

Variable: KPX_750
Waves: 2,4,6   **Topic**: Assessment of performance   **Item:** Performance of opposition parties
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2;
Scale: -5 to +5;
Marking: -5 "completely dissatisfied", +5 "completely satisfied";
Question:
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the opposition parties in the Bundestag?

(A) FDP
(B) GRUENE
(C) DIE LINKE
Filter redirection:
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

Note: A great deal of the answers given at KP4_750 a-c "Performance of opposition parties" were mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer", an error which could not be fixed.

Valence issues

Variable: KPX_760
Waves: 1,4,6,7   **Topic**: Valence issues   **Item:** Own economic situation, retrospective
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;

Question:
Let's turn to another topic.
How has your own economic situation developed in the last one to two years? My economic situation has...

- Improved a lot
- Improved a bit
- Stayed the same
- Got a bit worse
- Got a lot worse

Filter redirection:
- Improved a lot >> continue with KPX_770 ("Responsibility for own economic situation")
- Improved a bit >> continue with KPX_770 ("Responsibility for own economic situation")
- Stayed the same >> continue with KPX_770 ("Responsibility for own economic situation")
- Got a bit worse >> continue with KPX_770 ("Responsibility for own economic situation")
- Got a lot worse >> continue with KPX_770 ("Responsibility for own economic situation")

- No answer >> continue with KPX_790 (wave 1); KPX_780 (wave 4, 6, 7)
Coding:
(1) Improved a lot
(2) Improved a bit
(3) Stayed the same
(4) Got a bit worse
(5) Got a lot worse
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_770		
Waves: 1,4,6,7	**Topic**: Valence issues	**Item:** Responsibility for own economic situation

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
if KPX_760 ("Own economic situation, retrospective") was answered with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Question Pre-election:
In your opinion: How strongly have the policies of the federal government affected the way your economic situation has changed?

Question Post-election:
In your opinion: How strongly did the policies of the last federal government affect the way your economic situation has changed?

- Very strongly
- Fairly strong
- Moderately
- Not very strongly
- Not at all
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very strongly
(2) Fairly strong
(3) Moderately
(4) Not very strongly
(5) Not at all
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_780		
Waves: 2,4,6,7	**Topic**: Valence issues	**Item:** Own economic situation, current

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Question:
How do you currently rate your own economic situation?

- Very good
- Good

- Partly good, partly bad
- Bad
- Very bad

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very good
(2) Good
(3) Partly good, partly bad
(4) Bad
(5) Very bad
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_790
Waves: 1,3,5,7   **Topic**: Valence issues   **Item:** Own economic situation, prospective
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
What do you think? How will your own economic situation be like in a year's time?

- Much better
- Somewhat better
- Unchanged
- Somewhat worse
- Much worse

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Much better
(2) Somewhat better
(3) Unchanged
(4) Somewhat worse
(5) Much worse
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_800
Waves: 1,4,6,7   **Topic**: Valence issues   **Item:** General economic situation, retrospective
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
How has the general economic situation in Germany developed in the last one to two years? The general economic situation has......?

- Improved a lot
- Improved a bit
- Stayed the same
- Got a bit worse
- Got a lot worse

Filter redirection:
- Improved a lot >> continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")
- Improved a bit >> continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")
- Stayed the same >> continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")
- Got a bit worse >> continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")
- Got a lot worse >> continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")
- No answer >> continue with KPX_110 (wave 1); KPX_210 (wave 4); KPX_830 (wave 6); KPX_820 (wave 7)

Coding:
(1) Improved a lot
(2) Improved a bit
(3) Stayed the same
(4) Got a bit worse
(5) Got a lot worse

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_810

Waves: 1,4,6,7	**Topic**: Valence issues	**Item:** Responsibility for general economic situation

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_800 ("General economic situation, retrospective")
Presentation: Figure 1
Question Pre-election:
In your opinion: How strongly have the policies of the federal government affected the way the general economic situation has changed?

Question Post-election:
In your opinion: How strongly did the policies of the last federal government affect the way the general economic situation changed?

- Very strongly
- Fairly strong
- Moderately
- Not very strongly
- Not at all
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very strongly
(2) Fairly strong
(3) Moderately
(4) Not very strongly
(5) Not at all
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_820

Waves: 1,3,5,7	**Topic**: Valence issues	**Item:** General economic situation, current

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 1
Question:
How would you generally rate the current economic situation in Germany?

- Very good
- Good
- Partly good, partly bad
- Bad
- Very bad
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very good
(2) Good
(3) Partly good, partly bad
(4) Bad
(5) Very bad
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_830

Waves: 2,4,6,7	**Topic**: Valence issues	**Item:** General economic situation, prospective

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
What do you think the general economic situation in Germany will be like in a year's time?

- Much better
- Somewhat better

- Unchanged
- Somewhat worse
- Much worse

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Much better
(2) Somewhat better
(3) Unchanged
(4) Somewhat worse
(5) Much worse
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_840
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Valence issues   **Item:** Most important issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Description field
Question:
If you now consider the current political situation – in your opinion, what is the most important political issue Germany is facing?
_____

Filter redirection:
If answer is provided >> continue with KPX_850 ("Ability to solve the most important issue")
If no answer is provided >> continue with KPX_050 (wave 1, 6, 7); KPX_040 (wave 2, 5); KPX_060 (wave 3); KPX_1020 (wave 4)
Coding:
Coding by institute
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_850
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Valence issues   **Item:** Ability to solve the most important issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
Description field for "other party, namely ____" ;
If "Other party, namely" was selected, then the description field has to be filled in (plausibility check!)

Split:

Filter:
Filter of "Most important issue" (KPX_840)

Question:
And which political party do you think is best able to solve this problem?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- All parties are equally good
- No party

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE

(801) Other party, namely ____[coding by institute]
(808) No party
(809) All parties are equally good
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_860

Waves: 1-7	**Topic**: Valence issues	**Item:** Second most important issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_840 ("Most important issue"), if a response was given to this question
Presentation:
Description field
Question:
In your opinion what is the second most important political issue Germany is facing at the moment?
_____

Filter redirection:
If answer is provided >> continue with KPX_870 ("Ability to solve the second most important political issue")
If no answer is provided >> continue with KPX_050 (wave 1); KPX_040 (wave 2, 5); KPX_060 (wave 3); KPX_1020 (wave 4)
Coding:
Coding by institute
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_870

Waves: 1-7	**Topic**: Valence issues	**Item:** Ability to solve the second most important political issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
Description field for "Other party, namely___"
If "Other party, namely" was selected, then the description field has to be filled in (plausibility check!)

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_860 ("Second most important issue"), if a response was given to this question

Question:
And which political party do you think is best able to solve this problem?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- All parties are equally good
- No party

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ____[coding by institute]
(808) No party
(809) All parties are equally good
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_880
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Valence issues   **Item:** Third most important political issue

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_860 ("Second most important issue"), if a response was given to this question
Presentation:
Description field
Question:
In your opinion what is the third most important political issue Germany is facing at the moment?
_____

Filter redirection:
If answer is provided >> continue with KPX_890 ("Ability to solve the third most important issue")
If no answer is provided >> continue with continue with KPX_050 (wave 1); KPX_040 (wave 2, 5); KPX_060 (wave 3); KPX_1020 (wave 4)
Coding:
Coding by institute
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_890
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Valence issues   **Item:** Ability to solve the third most important political issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_880 ("Third most important issue")
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
Description field for "Other party, namely___"
If "Other party, namely" was selected, then the description field has to be filled in (plausibility check!)
Question:
And which political party do you think is best able to solve this problem?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- All parties are equally good
- No party

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ____[coding by institute]
(808) No party
(809) All parties are equally good
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_900
Waves: 7   **Topic**: Valence issues   **Item:** East-West

Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:

How do you rate the efforts undertaken to bring the standards of living in eastern and western Germany closer

together? I think that...

- not enough has been done yet.
- enough has been done yet.
- too much has been done.

Coding:
(1) Not enough has been done yet to bring the standards closer together.
(2) Enough has been done yet to bring the standards closer together.
(3) Too much has been done to bring the standards closer together.
(99) No answer

Strategic voting

Variable: KPX_910
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Strategic voting   **Item:** Scalometer coalitions
Note: Will be replaced by "Desirable coalition" in VW1-4 and VW6!
Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2; spilt to 2 screens
Scale: -5 to +5 with numerical marking; with zero point;
Marking: -5 "not desirable at all", +5 "absolutely desirable";

Question screen 1:
And now some questions about possible coalition options for the federal government. Regardless of how likely or not you think such a coalition might be, how desirable would you find the following coalition options? Please use a scale ranging from -5 to +5 for this purpose.

Question screen 2:
How desirable would you find the following governments or coalitions?

(A) Grand coaltion (CDU/CSU and SPD)
(B) Black-yellow coalition (CDU/CSU and FDP)
(C) Red-green coalition (SPD and GRUENE)
(D) Social-liberal coalition (SPD and FDP)
(E) Black-green coalition (CDU/CSU and GRUENE)
(F) Traffic-light-coalition (SPD, FDP and GRUENE)
(G) Jamaica-coalition (CDU/CSU, FDP and GRUENE)
(H) Red-red-green coalition (SPD, DIE LINKE and GRUENE)
(I) One party-CDU/CSU government
(J) One party-SPD government
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) -5 Not desirable at all
(2) -4
(3) -3
(4) -2
(5) -1
(6) 0
(7) +1
(8) +2
(9) +3
(10) +4
(11) +5 Absolutely desirable
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_920a-f
Waves: 1-4,6,7   **Topic**: Strategic voting   **Item:** Desirable coalition
Origin: new
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:

Multiple entries possible, description field for "other party, namely…"
Plausibility check for "other party"

Question Pre-election:
Regardless of the outcome of the federal election, which parties would you personally prefer to govern
Germany after the federal election?
Question Post-election:

Regardless of the outcome of the federal election, which parties would you personally prefer to govern
Germany over the next four years?

a) CDU/CSU
b) SPD
c) FDP
d) GRUENE
e) DIE LINKE
f) Other party, namely _____[coding by institute]

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_930		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Strategic voting	**Item:** Perception of coalition signals

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 2
Question:
Regardless of the real majorities after the election, how likely do you think is it that the following
political parties would be willing to enter into a coalition with each other?

(A) CDU/CSU and SPD (grand coalition)
(B) CDU/CSU and FDP (black-yellow coalition)
(C) SPD and GRUENE (red-green coalition)
(D) SPD, FDP and GRUENE (traffic-light-coalition)
(E) CDU/CSU, FDP and GRUENE (Jamaica-coalition)
(F) SPD, DIE LINKE and GRUENE (red-red-green coalition)

- Very unlikely
- Rather unlikely
- Rather likely
- Very likely

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very unlikely
(2) Rather unlikely
(3) Rather likely
(4) Very likely
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_940		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Strategic voting	**Item:** Anticipated majorities

Note: Will be replaced in VW1-4 and VW6 by KPX _960 "Anticipated coalition"!
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Question TRACKING:
What do you think the results of the federal election will be?

- Majority of seats for black-yellow (CDU/CSU and FDP)
- Majority of seats for red-green (SPD and GRUENE)
- Neither of these coalitions will win a majority of seats

Filter redirection:
In case of 1 or 2 >> continue with KPX_380
In case of 3, "neither of these coalitions will win a majority of seats" >> continue with KPX_950 ("Expected government")
Coding:
(1) Majority of seats for CDU/CSU-FDP
(2) Majority of seats for SPD-GRUENE
(3) Neither of these coalitions will win a majority of seats.
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_950		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Strategic voting	**Item:** Expected government

Note: Will be replaced by "Expected coalition" in VW1-4 and VW6"!
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
if KPX_940 ("Anticipated majorities") was answered with (3)
Presentation:
Description field after "other coalition, namely", with plausibility check
Question:

Which parties do you think will actually form a government after the federal election?

- CDU/CSU and SPD (grand coalition)
- SPD, FDP and GRUENE (traffic-light-coalition)
- CDU/CSU, FDP and GRUENE (Jamaica-coalition)
- SPD, DIE LINKE and GRUENE (red-red-green coalition)
- Other coalition, namely _____
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Grand coalition consisting of SPD and CDU/CDU
(2) SPD-FDP-GRUENE
(3) CDU/CSU-FDP-GRUENE
(4) SPD-GRUENE-DIE LINKE
(5) Other coalition, namely _____ [coding by institute]
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_960a-f		
Waves: 1-4,6,7	**Topic**: Strategic voting	**Item:** Expected coalition

Origin: new
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Multiple entries possible, description field for "Other party, namely…"
Plausibility check for "other party"

Question Pre-election:

Which party or parties do you think will actually form a government after the federal election?

Question Post-election:

Which party or parties do you think will actually form a government?

a) CDU/CSU
b) SPD
c) FDP
d) GRUENE
e) DIE LINKE
f) Other party, namely ____[coding by institute]

Filter redirection:
Coding:

(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_970
Waves: 4   **Topic**: Strategic voting   **Item**: Coalition signals CDU/CSU
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Matrix, only permitting one marking per line.
Question:
If you think of the statements of CDU/CSU made so far in the election campaign, what do you think how likely or not are CDU and CSU to form a coalition with the following parties?

CDU and CSU and ….
(A) SPD
(B) FDP
(C) GRUENE
(D) The party DIE LINKE

- would never form a coalition
- are unlikely to form a coalition
- are likely to form a coalition
- are very likely to form a coalition

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Never form a coalition
(2) Unlikely to form a coalition
(3) Likely to form a coalition
(4) Very likely to form a coalition
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_980
Waves: 4   **Topic**: Strategic voting   **Item:** Coalition signals SPD
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Matrix, only permitting one marking per line.
Question:
And what about the SPD? How likely or not is the SPD to form a coalition with the following parties?

SPD and …
(A) CDU/CSU
(B) FDP
(C) GRUENE
(D) The party DIE LINKE

- would never form a coalition
- are unlikely to form a coalition
- are likely to form a coalition
- are very likely to form a coalition

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Never form a coalition
(2) Unlikely to form a coalition
(3) Likely to form a coalition
(4) Very likely to form a coalition
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_990
Waves: 4   **Topic**: Strategic voting   **Item:** Coalition signals FDP
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:

Filter:
Presentation: Matrix, only permitting one marking per line.
Question:
And what about the FDP? How likely or not is the FDP to form a coalition with the following parties?

FDP and …
(A) CDU/CSU
(B) SPD
(C) GRUENE
(D) The party DIE LINKE

- would never form a coalition
- are unlikely to form a coalition
- are likely to form a coalition
- are very likely to form a coalition

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Never form a coalition
(2) Unlikely to form a coalition
(3) Likely to form a coalition
(4) Very likely to form a coalition
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1000
Waves: 4   **Topic**: Strategic voting   **Item:** Coalition signals GRUENE
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Matrix, only permitting one marking per line.
Question:
And what about GRUENE? How likely or not is GRUENE to form a coalition with the following parties?

GRUENE and …
(A) CDU/CSU
(B) SPD
(C) FDP
(D) The party DIE LINKE

- would never form a coalition
- are unlikely to form a coalition
- are likely to form a coalition
- are very likely to form a coalition

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Never form a coalition
(2) Unlikely to form a coalition
(3) Likely to form a coalition
(4) Very likely to form a coalition
 (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1010
Waves: 4   **Topic**: Strategic voting   **Item:** Coalition signals DIE LINKE
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Matrix, only permitting one marking per line.
Question:
And what about the party Die Linke? How likely or not is the party Die Linke to form a coalition with the following parties?

The party DIE LINKE and …
(A) CDU/CSU

(B) SPD
(C) FDP
(D) GRUENE

- would never form a coalition
- are unlikely to form a coalition
- are likely to form a coalition
- are very likely to form a coalition

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Never form a coalition
(2) Unlikely to form a coalition
(3) Likely to form a coalition
(4) Very likely to form a coalition
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1020
Waves: 4,6   **Topic**: Strategic voting   **Item:** Percentage of votes federal election 2009, estimated
Origin: Tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Input fields for each party, add up automatically for checking purposes
Question:
What percentage of the second votes do you think will the parties gain at the federal election on 27 September 2009?

(A) CDU/CSU
(B) SPD
(C) FDP
(D) GRUENE
(E) DIE LINKE
(F) Other parties

Filter redirection:
Coding:

Variable: KPX_1030
Waves: 4,6   **Topic**: Strategic voting   **Item:** Percentage of votes federal election 2009, wished
Origin: Derived from tracking 4
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Input fields for each party, add up automatically for checking purposes
Question:
If you could wish for a result of the federal election on 27 September 2009, what percentage of the second votes would you wish for each party?

(A) CDU/CSU
(B) SPD
(C) FDP
(D) GRUENE
(E) DIE LINKE
(F) Other parties

Filter redirection:
Coding:

Variable: KPX_1040
Waves: 2,6   **Topic**: Strategic voting   **Item:** Constituency winner
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:

Presentation:
Question:
What do you think, which candidate of which party will win your constituency?

Candidate of the CDU or CSU
Candidate of the SPD
Candidate of the FDP
Candidate of the GRUENE
Candidate of DIE LINKE

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Candidate of the CDU or CSU
(2) Candidate of the SPD
(3) Candidate of the FDP
(4) Candidate of the GRUENE
(5) Candidate of DIE LINKE
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1050		
Waves: 1-6 **Topic**: Strategic voting		**Item:** Perception opinion polls

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Did you read or see any current opinion polls on the expected result of the federal election during the last few days?
- Yes
- No
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1051		
Waves: 1-6 **Topic**: Strategic voting		**Item:** Credibility opinion polls

Origin: new
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
If you now think of the results of opinion polls considering the expected result of the federal election, how credible do you think these polls are?

- Very credible
- Fairly credible
- Partly credible/partly noncredible
- Fairly noncredible
- Very noncredible

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Very credible
(2) Fairly credible
(3) Partly credible/partly noncredible
(4) Fairly noncredible
(5) Very noncredible
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1060
Waves: 2,6   **Topic**: Strategic voting   **Item:** Strongest party federal election
Origin: DFG94-02
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Which party will gain most of the votes on the next federal election?
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(2) SPD
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1061
Waves: 5   **Topic:** Strategic voting   **Item:** Coalition vignettes
Origin: T4 modified
Split:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1; 6 screens;

Filter: In each case the filters refer to the second vote:
If KPX_190 = 2, the ask question A) and C)
If KPX_190=4, the ask question B) and D)
If KPX_190=1, then ask question E)
If KPX_190=3, then ask question F)

Question for voters of SPD (KPX_190=2) and Die Gruenen (KPX_190=4):
Here are some examples of possible coalitions that parties could form.

Question for voters of CDU (KPX_190=1) and FDP (KPX_190=3):
Here is an example of a possible coalition that parties could form.

Which party would you vote for at the federal election if…
(A)   SPD would form a coalition with the party DIE LINKE in Thuringia?
(B)   Buendnis 90/ Die Gruenen would form a coalition with CDU and FDP in Saarland?
(C)   SPD would form a coalition with the party DIE LINKE and GRUENE in Saarland?
(D)   GRUENE would form a coalition with SPD and the party DIE LINKE in Saarland?
(E)   CDU would form a coalition with FDP and GRUENE in Saarland?
(F)   FDP would form a coalition with CDU and GRUENE in Saarland?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____
- Would not vote

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) Buendnis90/Die Gruenen
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ___
(995) Would not vote
(999) No answer

Political positions

Variable: KPX_1070	
Waves: 1,4,7 **Topic**: Political positions **Item:** Socio-economic dimension, parties	

Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split: Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale. The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Second half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits", "higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits"
with "Don't know"- category

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. In your view, what are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use the depicted scale.
(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE

Coding split 1:
(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
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Note: The answers 1 "Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits" given at KP1_1070a Political positions (11) Socio-economic dimension, parties, CDU were all mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer". This error could not be fixed.

Variable: KPX_1080	
Waves: 4 **Topic**: Political positions **Item:** Socio-economic dimension, chancellor candidates	

Origin: RCS modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits", "higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits"
with "Don't know"- category

Question:
How is the position of the two chancellor candidates concerning taxes and spending on welfare state benefits?

(A) Angela Merkel
(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(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
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits

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

Note: Too many respondents refused to answer question KP4_1080a_7 Political positions (7): Socio-economic dimension, Angela Merkel (99 "No answer"). This error could not be fixed.

Variable: KPX_1090	
Waves: 1,4,7 **Topic**: Political position	**Item:** Socio-economic dimension, ego

Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split: Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale. The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits", "higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits"
with "Don't know"- category
Question:
And how about you? What is your position on taxes and on government spending on welfare state benefits?

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(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
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Note: Far too many respondents refused to answer question KP4_1090 Political positions: Socio-economic dimension, ego (99 "No answer"). This error could not be fixed.

Variable: KPX_1100		
Waves: 1,4,7	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** Socio-economic dimension, importance

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
How important is the issue government spending on welfare state benefits and taxes to you?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant
(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Note: Instead of "Neither/nor" the answer category in wave 1 was "Partly important/partly unimportant".

Variable: KPX_1110		
Waves: 1,4,7	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** Left-right-authoritarian, parties

Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split: Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale. The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Relax immigration restrictions", "make immigration restrictions tougher";
with "Don't know"- category
Question:
Let's turn to the issue of immigration. Should laws on immigration of foreigners be relaxed or made tougher?
What do you think are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use again the following scale.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU

(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Make immigration restrictions tougher
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Make immigration restrictions tougher
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1120		
Waves: 4	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** Left-right-authoritarian chancellor candidates

Origin: RCS modified
Split: Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale.
The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Relax immigration restrictions", "make immigration restrictions tougher";
with "Don't know"- category

Question:
What is the chancellor candidate's position to immigration of foreigners?

(A)   Angela Merkel
(B)   Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Make immigration restrictions tougher
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions
(2) 2

(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Make immigration restrictions tougher
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1130
Waves: 1,4,7   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Left-right-authoritarian, ego
Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split: Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale. The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Relax immigration restrictions", "make immigration restrictions tougher";
with "Don't know"- category

Question:
And what is your personal opinion on immigration of foreigners?
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Make immigration restrictions tougher
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Make immigration restrictions tougher
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Note: Far too many respondents refused to answer question KP4_1130 Political positions: Left-right authoritarian, ego (99 "No answer").This error could not be fixed.

Variable: KPX_1140
Waves: 1,4,7   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Left-right-authoritarian, importance
Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
And how important is the issue of immigration of foreigners to you?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant
(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Note: Instead of "Neither/nor" the answer category in wave 1 was "Partly important/partly unimportant".

Variable: KPX_1150
Waves: 2,5   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Economic policy, parties
Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Government investment in companies", "no government investment in companies";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
Some people express the view that the government should make investments in companies in times of economic crisis, others refuse this even in times of crisis. In your view, what are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use again the following scale.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Government investment in companies
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 No government investment in companies
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Government investment in companies
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 No government investment in companies
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1160
Waves: 2   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Economic policy, chancellor candidates

Origin: RCS modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Government investment in companies", "no government investment in companies";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
What is the chancellor candidate's position to government investments in companies in times of economic crisis?

(A)   Angela Merkel
(B)   Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Government investment in companies
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 No government investment in companies
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Government investment in companies
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 No government investment in companies
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1170
Waves: 2,5   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item**: Economic policy, ego
Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Government investment in companies", "no government investment in companies";
with "Don't know"-category

Question:
What is your personal opinion to government investments in times of economic crisis?
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Government investment in companies
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5

(6) 6
(7) 7 No government investment in companies
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Government investment in companies
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 No government investment in companies
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1180
Waves: 2,5   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Economic policy, importance
Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
And how important is the issue of government investments in companies in times of crisis to you?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant
(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1190
Waves: 2,5   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Integration, parties
Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture", "Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture"
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
There are different views on how much foreigners should assmiliate 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 do you think are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use the following scale.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP

(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1200		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** Integration, chancellor candidates

Origin: RCS modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture", "Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture"
with "Don't know"-category

Question:
What is the chancellor candidate's position on integration of foreigners?

(A) Angela Merkel
(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture
(2) 2
(3) 3

(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1210
Waves: 2,5   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Integration, ego
Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture", "Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture"
with "Don't know"-category

Question:
What is your personal opinion on the integration of foreigners?
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1220
Waves: 2,5   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Integration, importance
Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
And how important is the issue of integration of foreigners to you?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant

- Completely unimportant
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant
(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1230
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Europe, parties

Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon", "European unification already goes much too far"
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
Let's turn to the issue of European unification. 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 are the positions of the political parties on this issue in your view? Please use the following scale.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 European unification already goes much too far
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 European unification already goes much too far
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1240
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Europe chancellor candidates

Origin: RCS modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale

Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon", "European unification already goes much too far"
with "Don't know"-category

Question:
What is the chancellor candidate's position on European unification?

(A) Angela Merkel
(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 European unification already goes much too far
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 European unification already goes much too far
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1250		
Waves: 3	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** Europe, ego

Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon", "European unification already goes much too far"
with "Don't know"-category

Question:
And what is your personal opinion on European unification?
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 European unification already goes much too far
(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 European unification already goes much too far
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1260
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Europe, importance
Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
Question:
And how important is the issue of European unification to you personally?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant
(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1270
Waves: 2,5   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Climate protection, parties
Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Combating climate change even if this damages the economy", "no combat of climate change if this damages the economy"
with "Don't know"-category
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.
In your view, what are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use again the following scale,

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:

(1) 1 Combating climate change even if this damages the economy
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 No combat of climate change if this damages the economy
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Combating climate change even if this damages the economy
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 No combat of climate change if this damages the economy
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1280	
Waves: 2 **Topic**: Political positions **Item:** Climate protection, chancellor candidates	

Origin: RCS modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Combating climate change even if this damages the economy", "no combat of climate change if this damages the economy"
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
What is the chancellor candidate's position to the combat of climate change?

(A) Angela Merkel
(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Combating climate change even if this damages the economy
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 No combat of climate change if this damages the economy
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Combating climate change even if this damages the economy
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9

(10) 10
(11) 11 No combat of climate change if this damages the economy
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1290

Waves: 2,5   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Climate protection, ego

Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Combating climate change even if this damages the economy", "no combat of climate change if this damages the economy"
with "Don't know"-category

Question:
What is your personal opinion to the combat of climate change?
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Combating climate change even if this damages the economy
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 No combat of climate change if this damages the economy
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Combating climate change even if this damages the economy
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 No combat of climate change if this damages the economy
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1300

Waves: 2,5   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Climate protection, importance

Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
How important is the combat of climate change to you personally?
- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant

(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1310
Waves: 3,6   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Generational fairness, parties
Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "More taxes and lower standard of living in old age for the labor force, but a fair standard of living for elderly people", "less taxes and a higher standard of living in old age for the labor force, but lower standard of living for elderly people"
with "Don't know"-category
Question W3:
Currently people are discussing pensions and old-age provisions a lot. Some people think that it is the gainfully employed's duty to ensure a fair living standard for elderly people by increased taxes and dues, even if these people must expect a lower living standard once they are old. Others think that the gainfully employed's taxes and dues should decrease in order to enable people to make their own provisions, even if that implies elderly people having a lower living standard. In your view, what are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use again the following scale.

Question W6:
Currently people are discussing pensions and old-age provisions a lot. Some people think that it is the gainfully employed's duty to ensure a fair living standard for elderly people by increased taxes and dues, even if these people must expect a lower living standard once they are old. Others think that the gainfully employed's taxes and dues should decrease in order to enable people to make their own provisions, even if that implies elderly people having a lower living standard. In your view, what are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use again the following scale.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 More taxes and lower standard of living in old age for the labor force, but a fair standard of living for elderly people
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Less taxes and a higher standard of living in old age for the labor force, but lower standard of living for elderly people
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 More taxes and lower standard of living in old age for the labor force, but a fair standard of living for elderly people
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Less taxes and a higher standard of living in old age for the labor force, but lower standard of living for elderly people

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

Variable: KPX_1320			
Waves: 3	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** Generational fairness, chancellor candidates	

Origin: RCS modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "More taxes and a lower living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a fair living standard for elderly people", "less taxes and a higher living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a lower living standard for elderly people"
with "Don't know"-category

Question:
What is the chancellor candidate's position pensions and old-age provisions?

(A) Angela Merkel
(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 More taxes and a lower living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a fair living standard for elderly people
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Less taxes and a higher living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a lower living standard for elderly people
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 More taxes and a lower living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a fair living standard for elderly people
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Less taxes and a higher living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a lower living standard for elderly people
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1330			
Waves: 3,6	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** Generational fairness, ego	

Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "More taxes and a lower living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a fair living standard for elderly people", "less taxes and a higher living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a lower living standard for elderly people"

with "Don't know"-category

And what is your personal opinion to pensions and old-age provisions?
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 More taxes and a lower living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a fair living standard for elderly people
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Less taxes and a higher living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a lower living standard for elderly people
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 More taxes and a lower living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a fair living standard for elderly people
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Less taxes and a higher living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a lower living standard for elderly people
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1340
Waves: 3,6   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Generational fairness, importance
Origin: Tracking modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
How important is the issue of pensions and old-age provisions to you personally?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant
(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1350
Waves: 1,4,7   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Nuclear power, parties
Origin: Tracking modified
Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale. The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!

Filter:
Presentation:

Cf. Figure 2
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "More nuclear power plants should be built", "immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
Let us now turn to the issue of nuclear power.
Should more nuclear power plants be built or should all nuclear power plants be closed down immediately?
What do you think are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use again the following scale.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Note: Too many respondents refused to answer KP4_1350a Political positions: Nuclear power, parties: CDU (99 "No answer").This error could not be fixed.

Variable: KPX_1360	
Waves: 4 **Topic**: Political positions **Item:** Nuclear power, chancellor candidates	

Origin: RCS modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "More nuclear power plants should be built", "immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants";
Question:
What is the chancellor candidate's position on nuclear power?

(A) Angela Merkel
(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:

Coding split 1:
(1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1370
Waves: 1,4,7   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Nuclear power, ego

Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale.
The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints!
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "More nuclear power plants should be built", "immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants";
Question:
How would you describe your own view on nuclear power?

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants
(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

Note: Far too many respondents refused to answer question KP4_1370 Political positions: Nuclear power, ego (99 "No answer").This error could not be fixed.

Variable: KPX_1380

Waves: 1,4,7   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Nuclear power, importance

Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
How important is the issue of nuclear power to you personally?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant
(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Note: Instead of "Neither/nor" the answer category in wave 1 was "Partly important/partly unimportant".

Variable: KPX_1390

Waves: 3,6   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Criminality, parties

Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime", "against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
Some people think that the state should interfere in the privacy of the citizens without restrictions in order to combat crime. Others express the opinion that the privacy of the citizens should always be protected even if this might have a negative impact on the combat of crime.
What do you think are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use the following scale.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1400	
Waves: 3 **Topic**: Political positions **Item**: Criminality, chancellor candidates	

Origin: RCS modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime", "against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
What is the chancellor candidate's position to governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime?

(A) Angela Merkel
(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1410	
Waves: 3,6 **Topic**: Political positions **Item**: Criminality, ego	

Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:

Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime", "against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
What is your position to governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime?
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1420
Waves: 3,6   **Topic:** Political positions   **Item:** Criminality, importance
Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
How important is the issue of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime to you personally?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant
(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1430
Waves: 6   **Topic:** Political positions   **Item:** Role of the state – economic policy, parties

Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale

Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "The state should largely stay out of the economy", "the state should strongly interfere in the economy";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
Currently people are discussing a lot about the role the state is playing in the economy. Some think the state
should strongly interfere in the economy in future, while others say the state should completely stay out of the
economy.
What are the parties' positions on this issue in your opinion? Please use again the following scale.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 The state should largely stay out of the economy
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 The state should strongly interfere in the economy
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 The state should largely stay out of the economy
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 The state should strongly interfere in the economy
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1440		
Waves: 6	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** Role of the state – economic policy, ego

Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "The state should largely stay out of the economy", "the state should strongly interfere in the economy";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
What is your opinion on the role of the state in the economy?
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 The state should largely stay out of the economy
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5

(6) 6
(7) 7 The state should strongly interfere in the economy
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 The state should largely stay out of the economy
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 The state should strongly interfere in the economy
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1450
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Role of the state – economic policy, importance

Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
How important to you personally is the role of the state in the economy?
- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant
(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1460
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Contraction of debts, parties

Origin: Tracking modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "State should contract more debts", "state should contract less debts";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
Some people say that the state should contract more debts in order to boost the economy even if this will burden future generations. Others say that the state should contract less debts, because more debts will burden future generations and thus weaken the economy in the long run. What do you think are the parties' positions on this issue? Please use again the following scale.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD

(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE

Coding split 1:
(1) 1 State should contract more debts
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 State should contract less debts
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 State should contract more debts
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 State should contract less debts
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1470		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** Contraction of debts, ego

Origin: Tracking
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "State should contract more debts", "state should contract less debts";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
What is your personal opinion on the contraction of debts?
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 State should contract more debts
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 State should contract less debts
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 State should contract more debts
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10

(11) 11 State should contract less debts
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1480
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Contraction of debts, importance

Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
How important to you personally is the issue of contraction of debts?
- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant
(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1481
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Foreign policy, parties
Origin: Wehrpolitische Lage im Auftrag des BMVg 2006 modified
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Germany should take part in the resolution of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world",
"Germany should stay out of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
There is much talk about Germany's worldwide responsibility which has increased after reunification. Some people view that Germany should pursue an active policy, taking part in the resolution of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world. Others say that Germany should mainly concentrate on resolving its own problems and stay out of problems, crises, and conflicts all over the world.
What do you think are the parties' positions on this issue? Please use again the following scale.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE

Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Germany should take part in the resolution of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Germany should stay out of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Germany should take part in the resolution of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world

(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Germany should stay out of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1482
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Foreign policy, ego

Origin: Tracking
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale
Filter:
Presentation:
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: "Germany should take part in the resolution of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world",
"Germany should stay out of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
What is your position on Germany's role in the field of foreign policy?
Filter redirection:
Coding split 1:
(1) 1 Germany should take part in the resolution of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Germany should stay out of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Coding split 2:
(1) 1 Germany should take part in the resolution of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Germany should stay out of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1483
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Foreign policy, importance

Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
How important to you personally is Germany's role in the field of foreign policy?
- Very important
- Fairly important

- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very important
(2) Fairly important
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly unimportant
(5) Completely unimportant
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1490

Waves: 1-7	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** Left-right assessment, parties

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;
Marking: "left" and "right";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
In politics people often talk about "left" and "right". How would you describe the following parties? Please use again the following scale.

(A) CDU
(B) CSU
(C) SPD
(D) FDP
(E) GRUENE
(F) DIE LINKE
Filter redirection:
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

Variable: KPX_1500

Waves: 1-7	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** Left-right self-assessment

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;
Marking: "left" and "right";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
And how about you? How would you describe yourself?
Filter redirection:
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

Variable: KPX_1510
Waves: 4,6   **Topic**: Political positions   **Item:** Left-right assessment coalitions
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Randomize sequence;
Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;
Marking: "left" and "right";
with "Don't know"-category
Question:
And where would you place the following coalitions using the same scale?
    (A)   Grand coalition (CDU/CSU and SPD)
    (B)   Black-yellow coalition (CDU/CSU and FDP)
    (C)   Red-green coalition (SPD and GRUENE)
    (D)   Traffic-light- coalition (SPD, FDP and GRUENE)
    (E)   Jamaica- coalition (CDU/CSU, FDP and GRUENE)
    (F)   Red-red-green coalition (SPD, DIE LINKE and GRUENE)
Filter redirection:
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

Note: Many respondents refused to answer question KP4_1510a-f Left-right-assessment: coalitions, a fact which cannot be explained and could not be corrected.

Psychological concepts

Variable: KPX_1520
Waves: 2,5,7   **Topic**: Psychological concepts   **Item:** Emotions: Anger, intensity, Merkel
Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not angry at all", right "very angry";
Question:
If you think of Angela Merkel or what she did, how angry does this make you?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not angry at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4

(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Very angry
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1530
Waves: 2,5,7   **Topic**: Psychological concepts   **Item:** Emotions: Enthusiasm, intensity, Merkel
Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not enthusiastic at all", right "very enthusiastic";
Question:
If you think of Angela Merkel or what she did, how enthusiastic does this make you?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not enthusiastic at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Very enthusiastic
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1540
Waves: 2,5,7   **Topic**: Psychological concepts   **Item:** Emotions: Anger, intensity, Steinmeier
Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not angry at all", right "very angry";
Question:
If you think of Frank-Walter Steinmeier or what he did, how angry does this make you?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not angry at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Very angry
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1550
Waves: 2,5,7   **Topic**: Psychological concepts   **Item:** Emotions: Enthusiasm, intensity, Steinmeier
Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not enthusiastic at all", right "very enthusiastic";
Question:
If you think of Frank-Walter Steinmeier or what he did, how enthusiastic does this make you?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not enthusiastic at all
(2) 2
(3) 3

(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Very enthusiastic
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1551		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Psychological concepts	**Item:** Emotions: Anger, intensity, federal election

Origin: new
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not angry at all", right "very angry";
Question:
If you think of the federal election. How angry does this make you?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not angry at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Very angry
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1552		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Psychological concepts	**Item:** Emotions: Enthusiasm, intensity, federal election

Origin: new
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not enthusiastic at all", right "very enthusiastic";
Question:
If you think of the federal election. How enthusiastic does this make you?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not enthusiastic at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Very enthusiastic
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1553		
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Psychological concepts	**Item:** Emotions: Anger, intensity, election result

Origin: new
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not angry at all", right "very angry";
Question:
If you think of the result of the federal election, how angry does this make you?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not angry at all
(2) 2

(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Very angry
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1554		
Waves: 7	**Topic**: Psychological concepts	**Item:** Emotions: Enthusiasm, intensity, election result

Origin: new
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not enthusiastic at all", right "very enthusiastic";
Question:
If you think of the result of the federal election, how enthusiastic does this make you?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not enthusiastic at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Very enthusiastic
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1560		
Waves: 2,5,7	**Topic**: Psychological concepts	**Item:** Emotions: Worries, intensity, battery

Origin: Tracking, new
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 2
Scale: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not worried at all", right "worry a lot";
Question:
How worried are you about the…

(A) current economic crisis?
(B) current swine flu?
(C) use of nuclear energy?
(D) global warming?
(E) international terrorism?

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not worried at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Worry a lot
(99) No answer

Note: Originally the questions on emotions were designed as single items with individual item numbers. For the sake of completeness, these individual items are included in the questionnaire once again.

Variable: KPX_1560		
Waves: 2,5,7	**Topic**: Psychological concepts	**Item:** Emotions: Worries, intensity, economic crisis

Origin: Tracking

Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not worried at all", right "worry a lot";
Question:
How worried are you about the current economic crisis?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not worried at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Worry a lot
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1561
Waves: 2,5,7　　　　　**Topic**: Psychological concepts　　　　　**Item:** Emotions: Worries, intensity, swine flu
Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not worried at all", right "worry a lot";
Question:
How worried are you about the current swine flu?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not worried at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Worry a lot
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1562
Waves: 2,5,7　　　　　**Topic**: Psychological concepts　　　　　**Item:** Emotions: Worries, intensity, nuclear energy
Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not worried at all", right "worry a lot";
Question:
How worried are you about the use of the nuclear energy?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not worried at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Worry a lot
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1563
Waves: 2,5,7   **Topic**: Psychological concepts   **Item:** Emotions: Worries, intensity, climate change

Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not worried at all", right "worry a lot";
Question:
How worried are you about global warming?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not worried at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Worry a lot
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1564
Waves: 2,5,7   **Topic**: Psychological concepts   **Item:** Emotions: Worries, intensitiy, terrorism

Origin: Tracking
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: Left "not worried at all", right "worry a lot";
Question:
How worried are you about international terrorism?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 Not worried at all
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 Worry a lot
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1570
Waves: 4,6   **Topic**: Psychological concepts   **Item:** Need …

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
nur
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2;
randomized;
Scale: Five-point-scale, without numerical marking;
Marking: See below
Question:
Now let's briefly talk about you. Here you can see some statements that describe yourself as a person. Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree.

(A) I make up my mind about everything.
(B) I don't find it satisfying to think deeply about things for hours.
(C) I usually make important decisions quickly and confidently.
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree

(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1571
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Psychological concepts   **Item:** Willingness to take risks

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
only
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2;
Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;
Marking of the endpoints: Left "seek to avoid risks", right: "prepared to take risks"
Question:
How would you assess yourself: Are you a person prepared to take risks or do you seek to avoid risks?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Seek to avoid risks
(2)
(3)
(4)
(5)
(6)
(7)
(8)
(9)
(10)
(11) Prepared to take risks
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1572
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Psychological concepts   **Item:** Collective efficacy/conflict
avoidance/locus of control

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
only
Filter:
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2;
Scale: Five-point-scale without numerical marking;
Question:
Please state if you agree with the following statements on certain topics or not.

(A) If enough people are committed to parties or other organizations we will, all together, be able to overcome obstacles and achieve political aims.
(B) If people join together and are actively commited to organizations, politicians will come to react to political demands.
(C) I don't feel comfortable about getting involved in arguments about politics.
(D) I often keep my views to myself because I fear the negative consequences of saying what I think.
(E) When I have plans I am sure that they will become true.
(F) Life and everyday situations are often directed by other persons.

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Media use

Variable: KPX_1580

Waves: 2,4 **Topic**: Media reliance **Item:** Most important information source, current

Origin: Tracking modified, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: "In the last week" in italics

Question Tracking:

There are several ways to catch up on politics. Which were your main sources of information on politics and parties during the last week?

- TV
- Newspaper
- Radio
- Internet
- Personal discussions
- Other sources

- I did not catch up on politics.

Filter redirection: If 1-6 >> KPX_1590

If 7 or no answer >> KPX_1040 (wave 2); KPX_650 (wave 4)

Coding:

(1) TV
(2) Newspaper
(3) Radio
(4) Internet
(5) Personal discussions
(6) Other sources
(7) I did not catch up on politics.
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1590

Waves: 2-7 **Topic**: Media reliance **Item:** General Internet use, current

Origin: Q09

Split:

Filter: if 1-6 at KPX_1580 (only in wave 2 and wave 4)

Presentation:

"In the last week" in italics

Question:

On how many days of the last week did you use the Internet for personal reasons, that is not for professional purposes?

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

Filter redirection:

- on at least one day >> continue with KPX_1600 (Internet use, politically current)
- not at all or no answer>> continue with KPX_1660

Coding:

(1) Not at all
(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: KPX_1600
Waves: 2-7   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** Internet use, politically current

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Note: Plausibility check with KPX_1590, the value of KPX_1600 may not be higher than the KPX_1590 value.
Split:
Filter: If "General Internet use" > 1 and <=8]
Presentation: "In the last week" in italics
Question:
On how many days of 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

Filter redirection:
- on at least one day >> continue with KPX_1610 (Internet use, frequently visited pages, based)
- not at all or no answer >> continue with KPX_1660
Coding:
(1) Not at all
(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: KPX_1610
Waves: 2-7   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** Internet use, frequently visited
pages, based

Origin: new
Presentation: "In the last week" in italics
Two screens, one with the web page visited most frequently, the other with further pages. In case of other important pages please filter out the page visited most frequently!
On the second screen, multiple responses are possible.

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_1600 (Internet use, politically current), if the Internet was used on at least one day

Question:
1. screen: Which page did you visit most frequently to catch up on politics and parties last week?
2. screen: Which other pages did you visit last week to catch up on politics and parties?

(A) www.spiegel.de/Spiegel-online
(B) www.focus.de/Focus-online
(C) www.stern.de
(D) www.tagesschau.de/www.ard.de
(E) www.heute.de/www.zdf.de
(F) Web page of another TV-station
(G) www.bild.de
(H) web page of another daily newspaper
(I) www.t-online.de
(J) www.google.de
(K) www.web.de
(L) www.gmx.de
(M) www.yahoo.de
(N) web page of another e-mail-provider

(O) Other web page
Filter redirection:

Coding first screen:
(1) www.spiegel.de/Spiegel-online
(2) www.focus.de/Focus-online
(3) www.stern.de
(4) www.tagesschau.de/www.ard.de
(5) www.heute.de/www.zdf.de
(6) Web page of another TV-station
(7) www.bild.de
(8) Web page of another daily newspaper
(9) www.t-online.de
(10) www.google.de
(11) www.web.de
(12) www.gmx.de
(13) www.yahoo.de
(14) Web page of another e-mail-provider
(15) Other web page
(99) No answer

Coding second screen:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned

Variable: KPX_1620

Waves: 1	**Topic**: Media reliance	**Item:** Most important information

source, in general
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: "usually" in italics
Question:
There are several ways to catch up on politics. Which are in general your main sources of information on politics and parties?
- TV
- Newspaper
- Radio
- Internet
- Personal discussions
- Other sources

- I usually do not catch up on politics.

Filter redirection: If 1-6 >> KPX_1630
If 7 or no answer >> KPX_1490
Coding:
(1) TV
(2) Newspaper
(3) Radio
(4) Internet
(5) Personal discussions
(6) Other sources
(7) I usually do not catch up on politics.
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1630

Waves: 1	**Topic**: Media reliance	**Item:** General Internet use in general

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_1620 1-6.
Presentation: "usually" in italics
No input field!
Question:

On how many days of the week do you in general use the Internet for personal reasons, that is not for professional purposes?
- not at all
- on one day
- on 2 days
- on 3 days
- on 4 days
- on 5 days
- on 6 days
- on 7 days

Filter redirection:
- on at least one day >> continue with KPX_1640 (Internet use, political, in general)
- not at all or no answer>> continue with KPX_1720
Coding:
(1) Not at all
(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: KPX_1640		
Waves: 1	**Topic**: Media reliance	**Item:** Internet use, political, in general

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter: [If "General Internet use, in general" KPX_1630 > 1 and <=8], Plausibility check: the value of KPX_1640 may not be higher than the KPX_1630 value.
Presentation: "usually" in italics**,** no input field
Question:
On how many days of the week do you in general 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

Filter redirection:
- on at least one day >> continue with KPX_1650 (Internet use, pages in general, open)
- not at all or no answer >> continue with KPX_1720

Coding:
(1) Not at all
(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: KPX_1650		
Waves: 1	**Topic**: Media reliance	**Item:** Internet use, pages in general, open

Origin: new
Presentation: "usually" in italics

Description field for 5 answers

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_1640 (Internet use, political, in general), if the Internet is used on at least one day

Question:
Which web pages do you in general visit most frequently to catch up on politics and parties?

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(xx) Coding by institute
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1660
Waves: 2-7   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** Use of print media – politically current

Origin: Tracking
Presentation: "last week" in italics
Cf. Figure 2;
Rows: Newspapers (Bild, Welt, ..);
Columns: Response options "Not at all", "1 day", "2 days", "3 days", "4 days", "5 days", "6 days", "7 days"

Split:

Filter:

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

(A) Bild
(B) Frankfurter Rundschau (FR)
(C) Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ)
(D) Süddeutsche Zeitung (SZ)
(E) die tageszeitung (taz)
(F) Die Welt
(G) Other daily newspaper (local newspaper or regional newspaper, Handelsblatt, Financial Times, ...)
(H) Online-newspaper (e.g. Spiegel-online, Focus-online, Netzeitung, ...)

Filter redirection:
- Bild >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Frankfurter Rundschau >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Süddeutsche Zeitung >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")
- taz (tageszeitung) >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Die Welt >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Other daily newspaper (local newspaper or regional newspaper, Handelsblatt, Financial Times, ...) >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1680
- Online newspaper (e.g. Spiegel-online, Focus-online, Netzeitung, ...) >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1680

Coding:
(1) Not at all
(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: KPX_1670
Waves: 2-7   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** Use of print media – bias, current

Origin: Tracking
Presentation: "last week" in italics
Figure 1;
Newspapers to be inserted in [...]:
A): "Bild"
B): "Frankfurter Rundschau"
C): "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung"
D): "Suedeutsche Zeitung (SZ)"
E): "tageszeitung (taz)
F): "Die Welt"
[other online-newspapers or daily newspapers will not be asked for]

--> Always write the newspapers in italics -->
Write parties and "no party" in bold
Plausibility check for "not in favour".

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_1660 (if the respondent answered that he read political reports in the requested newspapers)

Question:
If you particularly think about reports on the political parties in [newspaper of KPX_1660] in the last week, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favourable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

1) Yes, for CDU/CSU
2) Yes, for SPD
3) Yes, for FDP
4) Yes, for GRUENE
5) Yes, for DIE LINKE
6) Yes, more favourable for another party
7) No, the reports were not in favour of a certain party

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1680
Waves: 2-7   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** Use of TV, news, current

Origin: Tracking
Presentation: "last week" in italics
Cf. Figure 2;
Rows: Newscasts (Tagesschau, ..);
Columns: Response options "Not at all", "1 day", "2 days", "3 days", "4 days", "5 days", "6 days", "7 days"

Split:

Filter:

Question:
On how many days of the last week did you watch one of the following newscasts?

(A) Tagesschau or Tagesthemen
(B) Heute or Heute Journal
(C) RTL Aktuell
(D) Sat.1 Nachrichten
(E) Pro 7 Newstime

Filter redirection:
- Tagesschau >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)
- Heute >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)
- RTL Aktuell >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)
- Sat.1 Nachrichten >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)
- Pro 7 Newstime >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)

Coding:
(1) Not at all
(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: KPX_1690		
Waves: 2-7	**Topic**: Media reliance	**Item:** Use of TV, bias, current

Origin: Tracking
Presentation: "last week" in italics
Figure 1;
Put newscasts to be requested in [...]
A) "Tagesschau or "Tagesthemen"
B) "Heute or "Heute-Journal"
C) "RTL Aktuell"
D) "Sat.1 Nachrichten"
E) "Pro 7 Newstime"

-> Always write newscasts in italics
Write parties and "no party" in bold
Plausibility check for "not in favour".

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_1680 (if the respondent answered at KPX_1680 that he watched the requested news on at least "1 day")

Question:
If you particularly think about the reports of [newscasts of KPX_1680] on political parties in the last week, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favourable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

1) Yes, for CDU/CSU
2) Yes, for SPD
3) Yes, for FDP
4) Yes, for GRUENE
5) Yes, for DIE LINKE
6) Yes, more favourable for another party
7) No, the reports were not in favour of a certain party

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(0) Not mentioned

(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1700
Waves: 2-7   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** News magazines, current

Origin: RCS modified
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_1620 1-6.
Presentation: "last week" in italics
Cf. Figure 2;
Rows: News magazines and weekly newspapers.
Columns: Response options "yes","no".
Question:
How about the following news magazines and weekly newspapers? Please state if you read articles on politics and parties in these papers in the last week.

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

Filter redirection:
- Der Spiegel >> if "yes" continue with KPX_1710
- Focus >> if "yes" continue with KPX_1710
- Die Zeit >> if "yes" continue with KPX_1710
- Stern >> if "yes" continue with KPX_1710
- if all answers are "no" or "no answer" is given continue with KPX_1490
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1710
Waves: 2-7   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** News magazines – bias, current

Origin: Tracking
Presentation: "last week" in italics
Figure 1;
News magazines/weekly newspapers to be inserted in [...]:
A) "Spiegel"
B) "Focus"
C) "Die Zeit"
D) "Stern"

--> Always write names in italics
Write parties and "no party" in bold
Plausibility check for "not in favour".

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_1700 (if the respondend answered that he read political articles in the requested news magazines)

Question:
If you particularly think about the reports of [news magazines of KPX_1700] on parties in the last week, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favourable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

1) Yes, for CDU/CSU
2) Yes, for SPD
3) Yes, for FDP
4) Yes, for GRUENE
5) Yes, for DIE LINKE
6) Yes, more favourable for another party

7) No, the reports were not in favour of a certain party

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1720
Waves: 1   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** Use of print media – political, in general

Origin: Tracking
Presentation: "usually" in italics
Cf. Figure 2;
Rows: Newspapers (Bild, Welt, ..);
Columns: Response options "Not at all", "1 day", "2 days", "3 days", "4 days", "5 days", "6 days", "7 days"

Split:

Filter: Of KPX_1620 1-6.

Question:
On how many days of the week do you in general read articles on politics in the following newspapers?

(A) Bild
(B) Frankfurter Rundschau (FR)
(C) Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ)
(D) Süddeutsche Zeitung (SZ)
(E) Die tageszeitung (taz)
(F) Die Welt
(G) Other daily newspaper (local newspaper or regional newspaper, Handelsblatt, Financial Times, ...)
(H) Online-newspaper (e.g. Spiegel-online, Focus-online, Netzzeitung, ...)

Filter redirection:
- Bild >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1730 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Frankfurter Rundschau >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1730 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1730 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Süddeutsche Zeitung >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1730 ("Use of print media - bias")
- taz (tageszeitung) >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1730 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Die Welt >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1730 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Other daily newspaper (local newspaper or regional newspaper, Handelsblatt, Financial Times, ...) >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1740 ("Use of TV, news in general")
- Online-newspaper (e.g. Spiegel-online, Focus-online, Netzzeitung, ...) >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1740 ("Use of TV, news in general")
- if the answer was "not at all" for all choices continue with KPX_1740 ("Television use, news in general").

Coding:
(1) Not at all
(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: KPX_1730
Waves: 1   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** Use of print media – bias, in general

Origin: Tracking
Presentation: "usually" in italics
Figure 1;
Newspapers to be inserted in [...]:
A) "Bild"
B) "Frankfurter Rundschau"
C) "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung"
D) "Süddeutsche Zeitung"
E) "tageszeitung (taz)
F) "Die Welt"
[other online-newspapers or daily newspapers will not be requested]

--> Always write newspapers in italics
Write parties and "no party" in bold
Multiple responses possible. Please tell the respondents.

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_1720 (if respondent answered that he read political reports in the requested newspaper)

Question:
If you particularly think about the reports on parties in [newspaper of KPX_1720], what is your impression? Are these reports usually more favourable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

1) Yes, for CDU/CSU
2) Yes, for SPD
3) Yes, for FDP
4) Yes, for GRUENE
5) Yes, for DIE LINKE
6) Yes, more favourable for another party
7) No, the reports were not in favour of a certain party

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1740
Waves: 1   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** Television use, news in general

Origin: Tracking
Presentation: "usually" in italics
Cf. Figure 2;
Rows: Newscasts (Tagesschau, ..);
Columns: Response options "Not at all", "1 day", "2 days", "3 days", "4 days", "5 days", "6 days", "7 days"

Split:

Filter: If KPX_1620 1-6.

Question:
On how many days of the week do you usually watch one of the following newscasts?

(A) Tagesschau or Tagesthemen
(B) Heute or Heute Journal

(C) RTL Aktuell
(D) Sat.1 Nachrichten
(E) Pro 7 Newstime

Filter redirection:
- Tagesschau >> >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1750 (television use, bias)
- Heute >> >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1750 (television use, bias)
- RTL Aktuell >> >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1750 (television use, bias)
- Sat.1 Nachrichten >> >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1750 (television use, bias)
- Pro 7 Newstime >> >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1750 (television use, bias)
- - if the answer was "not at all" for all choices or no answer was given continue with KPX_1760 (news magazines, in general)

Coding:
(1) Not at all
(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: KPX_1750
Waves: 1   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** Television use – bias, in general

Origin: Tracking
Presentation: "usually" in italics
Figure 1;
Put newscasts to be requested in [...]
(A) "Tagesschau or "Tagesthemen"
(B) "Heute or "Heute-Journal"
(C) "RTL Aktuell"
(D) "Sat.1 Nachrichten"
(E) "Pro 7 Newstime"

-> Always write newscasts in italics

Write parties and "no party" in bold
Multiple answers are possible

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_1740 (if the respondend answered at KPX_1740 that he watched the requested newscasts on at least "1 day")

Question:
If you particularly think about the reports on parties of [newscasts of KPX_1740], what is your impression? Are these reports usually more favourable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

1) Yes, for CDU/CSU
2) Yes, for SPD
3) Yes, for FDP
4) Yes, for GRUENE
5) Yes, for DIE LINKE
6) Yes, more favourable for another party
7) No, the reports were not in favour of a certain party

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(0) Not mentioned

(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1760
Waves: 1   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** News magazines, in general

Origin: RCS modified
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_1620 1-6.
Presentation: "usually" in italics
Cf. Figure 2;
Rows: News magazines and weekly newspapers.
Columns: Response options "yes","no".
Question:
How about the following news magazines and weekly newspapers? Please state if you usually read articles on politics and parties in these papers.

- Yes
- No

(A) "Spiegel"
(B) "Focus"
(C) "Die Zeit"
(D) "Stern"

Filterweiterletung:
- Spiegel >> if "yes" continue with KPX_1770
- Focus >> if "yes" continue with KPX_1770
- Die Zeit >> if "yes" continue with KPX_1770
- Stern >> if "yes" continue with KPX_1770
- if all answers are "no" or "no answer" is given continue with KPX_1490
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1770
Waves: 1   **Topic**: Media reliance   **Item:** News magazines – bias, in general

Origin: Tracking
Presentation: "usually" in italics
Figure 1;
News magazines/weekly newspapers, to be inserted in [...]:
A) "Spiegel"
B) "Focus"
C) "Die Zeit"
D) "Stern"

--> Always write titles in italics

Write parties and "no parties" in bold
Please tell the respondents that multiple answers are possible.

Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_1760 (if the respondent answered that he read political reports in the requested news magazines)

Question:
If you particularly think about the reports on parties of [news magazine of KPX_1760], what is your impression? Are these reports usually more favourable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

1) Yes, for CDU/CSU
2) Yes, for SPD

3) Yes, for FDP
4) Yes, for GRUENE
5) Yes, for DIE LINKE
6) Yes, more favourable for another party
7) No, the reports were not in favour of a certain party

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Televised debate

Variable: KPX_1780
Waves: 4,5   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Probability of reception
Origin: Televised debate
Presentation: with "don't know"
Split: Split half, half the respondents is asked question KPX_1780 and KPX_1790, the others will not be asked.
Question:
On 13 September, there will be a televised debate between Chancellor Angela Merkel and the chancellor candidate of SPD, Frank-Walter Steinmeier. Will you watch this debate?
Coding:
(1) Certainly
(2) Probably
(3) Perhaps
(4) Probably not
(5) Certainly not
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1790
Waves: 4,5   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Expected result Ausgang
Origin: Televised debate
Presentation: with "don't know"
Question:
What do you think, who will perform better in this debate?
Coding:
(1) Angela Merkel
(2) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
(3) Both equally well
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1800
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Reception
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Did you watch the televised debate between Angela Merkel and Frank-Walter Steinmeier on 13 September?
- Yes, I watched it completely.
- Yes, I watched it partly.
- No, I didn't watch the debate.

Filter redirection: If 1 or 2 -> KPX_1810
If 3 or no answer –> KPX_1870
Coding:
(1) Yes, I watched debate completely
(2) Yes, I watched debate partly
(3) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1810
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Perception of Merkel's performance
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:
Presentation:
Question:
How well do you think Angela Merkel came out of the debate?
Coding:
(1) Very well
(2) Well
(3) Neither well nor poorly
(4) Poorly
(5) Very poorly
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1820
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Perception of Steinmeier's performance
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:
Presentation:
Question:
How well do you think Frank-Walter Steinmeier came out of the debate?
Coding:
(1) Very well
(2) Well
(3) Neither well nor poorly
(4) Poorly
(5) Very poorly
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1830
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Positive aspects Merkel
Origin: Televised debate
Split:
Filter: [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:
Presentation: open question, description field
Question:
Please now think of Angela Merkel. What did you like most about her performance in the televised debate?
Coding:
Coding by institute.

Variable: KPX_1840
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Negative aspects Merkel
Origin: Televised debate
Split:
Filter: [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:
Presentation: open question, description field
Question:
And what didn't you like at all about her performance in the televised debate?
Coding:
Coding by institute.

Variable: KPX_1850
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Positive aspects Steinmeier
Origin: Televised debate
Split:
Filter: [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:
Presentation: open question, description field
Question:

Please think of Frank-Walter Steinmeier now. What did you like most about his performance in the televised debate?
Coding:
Coding by institute.

Variable: KPX_1860
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Negative aspects Steinmeier
Origin: Televised debate
Split:
Filter: [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:
Presentation: Open question, description field
Question:
And what didn't you like at all about his performance in the televised debate?
Coding:
Coding by institute.

Variable: KPX_1870
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Reception of media response
Origin: Televised debate
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Regardless of whether you watched the televised debate or not: Have you heard or read reports on the outcome of the televised debate in the media?
- Yes
- No
Filter redirection: If yes -> KPX_1880
If no or no answer is given -> KPX_1900
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1880
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Perceived media response, Merkel
Origin: Televised debate
Split:
Filter: If KPX_1870 was answered with "yes".
Presentation:
Question:
How well did the media think Angela Merkel came out of the debate?
Coding:
(1) Very well
(2) Well
(3) Neither well nor poorly
(4) Poorly
(5) Very poorly
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1890
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Perceived media response,Steinmeier
Origin: Televised debate
Split:
Filter: If KPX_1870 was answered with "yes".
Presentation:
Question:
How well did the media think Frank-Walter Steinmeier came out of the debate?
Coding:
(1) Very well
(2) Well
(3) Neither well nor poorly

(4) Poorly
(5) Very poorly
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1900
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Reception of response of social environment
Origin: Televised debate
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Did you discuss the outcome of the debate with other people, for example relatives, friends, or work colleagues?
Filter redirection: If yes (1 or 2) -> KPX_1910
If no or no answer is given -> KPX_380
Coding:
(1) Yes, in depth
(2) Yes, but just in passing
(3) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1910
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Reception of response of social environment, Merkel
Origin: Televised debate
Split:
Filter: If KPX_1900 was answered with "yes".
Presentation:
Question:
How well did the people you talked to think Angela Merkel came out of the debate?
Coding:
(1) Very well
(2) Well
(3) Neither well nor poorly
(4) Poorly
(5) Very poorly
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1920
Waves: 6   **Topic**: Televised debate   **Item:** Televised debate: Reception of response of social environment, Steinmeier
Origin: Televised debate
Split:
Filter: If KPX_1900 was answered with "yes".
Presentation:
Question:
And what about Frank-Walter Steinmeier? How well did the people you talked to think he came out of the debate?
Coding:
(1) Very well
(2) Well
(3) Neither well nor poorly
(4) Poorly
(5) Very poorly
(99) No answer

Networks

Variable: KPX_1930
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** Discussions about politics
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:

Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
On how many days of the last week did you talk about politics and political parties with other people?
- Not at all
- On 1 day
- On 2 days
- On 3 days
- On 4 days
- On 5 days
- On 6 days
- On 7 days

Filter redirection:
- On at least one day>> continue with KPX_1940 ("First discussion partner, relationship")
- Not at all or no answer >> continue with KPX_960 (wave 1); KPX_400 (wave 2); KPX_370 (wave 3); KPX_470 (wave 4); KPX_2660 (wave 5); KPX_641 (wave 6); KPX_900 (wave 7)
Coding:
(0) Not at all
(1) 1 day
(2) 2 days
(3) 3 days
(4) 4 days
(5) 5 days
(6) 6 days
(7) 7 days
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1940
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** First discussion partner, relationship
Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the answer was (>=1 and <=7)
Presentation:
Question:
If you now think about the person who you talked about politics and political parties most frequently within the last week: What relationship do you have with this person?

- Spouse/Partner
- Parents
- Child
- Other relative
- Friend
- Work colleague or fellow student
- Neighbour
- Other person
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Spouse/Partner
(2) Parents
(3) Child
(4) Other relative
(5) Friend
(6) Work colleague or fellow student
(7) Neighbour
(8) Other person
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1950
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** First discussion partner, knowledge of politics
Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split:

Filter:
Filter of KPX_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the respondent talked about politics with another person on at least one day of the previous week.
Presentation:
Question:
In your opinion, how much does this person know about politics?
- A great deal
- A fair amount
- Not so much
- Nothing at all
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Nothing at all
(2) Not so much
(3) A fair amount
(4) A great deal
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1960
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** First discussion partner, difference of opinion
Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the respondent talked about politics with another person on at least one day.

Presentation:
Question:
When you talk about politics with this person, how often, would you say, do you have different opinions?
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Never
(2) Rarely
(3) Sometimes
(4) Often
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1970
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** First discussion partner, voting decision
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
Description field for "Other party, namely ____"
If "Other party, namely" was selected, then the description field has to be filled in (plausibility check!)

Filter:
Filter of KPX_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the respondent talked about politics with another person on at least one day.

Question pre-election:
Which party do you think this person will probably vote for in the federal election on 27 September, or do you think he/she will not vote at all?

Question post-election:
Which party do you think this person voted for in the federal election on 27 September, or do you think he/she didn't vote at all?

Pre-election:
- CDU/CSU

- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely ____

- Not yet decided
- Will not vote
- Is not eligible to vote

- Don't know

Post-election:

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely ____

- Did not vote
- Was not eligible to vote

- Don't know
Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely (coding by institute)
(991) Not yet decided
(995) Will not vote/did not vote
(996) Is not eligible to vote/wasn't eligible to vote (starting in W3)
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_1980
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** First discussion partner, party identification
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Note: Attention, please program two versions, depending on the filter transmitting the respondent to the question. See below!
Split:
Variant KPX_1980a:
Filter: [If the respondent stated a party at the question "voting decision of discussion partner" KPX_1970:]
Presentation:
Question:
If you now think about this person, is he/she inclined...
(1) to support this party permanently?
(2) to actually support another party permanently?
(3) not to support a particular party permanently?

Filter redirection: If 1 or 3 >> KPX_960 (wave 1); KPX_400 (wave 2); KPX_370 (wave 3); KPX_470 (wave 4); KPX_2660 (wave 5); KPX_641 (wave 6); KPX_900 (wave 7)
If 2 >> KPX_1990

Coding:
(1) Discussion partner is inclined to support this party permanently
(2) Discussion partner is actually inclined to support another party permanently
(3) Discussion partner is inclined not to support a particular party permanently
(99) No answer

Variant KPX_1980b:
Filter: [If no party was stated at question "voting decision of discussion partner" (abstention, not yet decided, don't know or no answer:]
Presentation:
Question:
What do you think, is this person...
(2) inclined to support a particular party permanently, or
(3) not inclined to support a particular party permanently?

Filter redirection: If 3 >> KPX_960 (wave 1); KPX_400 (wave 2); KPX_370 (wave 3); KPX_470 (wave 4); KPX_2660 (wave 5); KPX_641 (wave 6); KPX_900 (wave 7)
If 2 >> KPX_1990

Coding:
(2) Discussion partner is inclined to support a particular party permanently
(3) Discussion partner is not inclined to support a particular party permanently
(99) No answer

Note: Actually the filter redirection for "no answer" at KPX_1970 was only in effect in waves 1 and 2. Respondents providing "No answer" at KPX_1970 were filtered out in waves 3 to 7 and, consequently, show "Not applicable" at KPX_1980b in the data set.

Variable: KPX_1990
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** First discussion partner, party identification, party
Origin: new
Split:
Filter: [If the answer at "first discussion partner, party identification" KPX_1980 was "2", valid for both variants of KPX_1980!]. Filter out party mentioned at KPX_1970!
Presentation: Plausibility check for other party
Question:
Which party is that?
- CDU
- CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely ____

- No party
- Don't know

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely (coding by institute)
(808) No party
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Notes: The field institute wrongly put CDU and CSU in just one answer category, thus resulting in the inconsistency between question and coding. Waves 1 to 4 wrongly showed the answer category "No party"; this was replaced by "Don't know" as of wave 5!

Variable: KPX_2000
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** Further discussion partners
Note: If there are a lot of answers in VW3, then integration into further VW-waves.
Origin: Q09

Split:
Filter: If the value stated at KPX_1930 was >= 1.
Presentation:
Question
Is there another person or are there even several persons you talked to about parties and the federal election during the last week?
1   Yes, one person
2   Yes, several persons
3   No, nobody

Filter redirection:
- 1 or 2>> continue with KPX_2010 ("Second discussion partner, relationship")
- 3, 99 >> continue with KPX_370
Coding:
(1) Yes, one person
(2) Yes, several persons
(3) No, nobody
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2010
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** Second discussion partner, relationship
Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split:
Filter 1: [If 1 at KPX_2000, thus one person:]
Filter 2: [If 2 at KPX_2000, thus several persons:]
Presentation:
Question 1:
What is your relation to this person?
Question 2:
Please think of the person you talked to most often about parties and the federal election, what is your relation to this person?

- Spouse/Partner
- Parents
- Child
- Other relative
- Friend
- Work colleague or fellow student
- Neighbour
- Other person
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Spouse/Partner
(2) Parents
(3) Child
(4) Other relative
(5) Friend
(6) Work colleague or fellow student
(7) Neighbour
(8) Other person
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2020
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** Second discussion partner, knowledge of politics
Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_2000 ("Discussions about politics"), if (1 or 2) was answered
Presentation: Figure 1
Question:
In your opinion, how much does this person know about politics?
- A great deal
- A fair amount

- Not so much
- Nothing at all
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Nothing at all
(2) Not so much
(3) A fair amount
(4) A great deal
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2030
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** Second discussion partner, difference of opinion
Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_2000 ("Discussion about politics"), if the answer was (1 or 2)
Presentation: Figure 1
Question:
When you talk about politics with this person, how often would you say you have different opinions?
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Never
(2) Rarely
(3) Sometimes
(4) Often
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2040
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** Second discussion partner, voting decision
Origin: Tracking, Q09
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 1;
Description field for "other party, namely _____"
If "other party, namely" was selected, then the description field has to be filled in (plausibility check!)
Filter:
Filter of KPX_2000 ("Discussion about politics"), if the answer was (1 or 2)

Question:
Which party do you think this person will probably vote for in the federal election on 27 September, or do you think he/she will not vote at all?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- Not yet decided
- Will not vote
- Is not eligible to vote

- Don't know

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD

(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely (coding by institute)
(991) Not yet decided
(995) Will not vote
(996) Is not eligible to vote
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_2050
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** Second discussion partner, party identification

Note: Attention, please program two versions, depending on the filter transmitting the respondent to the question. See below!
Split:
Filter: [If the respondent stated a party at the question "voting decision of the dicussion partner" KPX_2040:]
Presentation:
Question:
What do you think, is this person inclined…
(1) to support this party permanently?
(2) to actually support another party permanently?
(3) not to support a particular party permanently?

Filter redirection: If 1 or 3 >> KPX_400
If 2 >> KPX_2060

Filter: [If no party was stated at question "voting decision of discussion partner" (abstention, not yet decided, don't know or no answer):]
Presentation:
Question:
What do you think, is this person...
(2) inclined to support a specific party permanently, or
(3) not inclined to support a specific party permanently?

Filter redirection: If 3 >> KPX_400
If 2 >> KPX_2060

Coding:
(1) Discussion partner is inclined to support this party permanently
(2) Discussion partner is inclined to support another party permanently
(3) Discussion partner is not inclined to support a particular party permanently
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2060
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Networks   **Item:** Second discussion partner, party identification, party
Origin: new
Split:
Filter: [If at question "second discussion partner, party identification" KPX_2050 "2" was stated, valid for both variants of KPX_2050!]
Presentation: Plausibility check for other party
Question:
Which party is that?
- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- No party
- Don't know

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely (coding by institute)
(808) No party
(998) Don't know
(999) No answer

Predispositions

Variable: KPX_2070
Waves: 2,5,7	**Topic**: Predispositions	**Item:** Battery of values

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Scale: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking
Marking: left "I would definitely not like living in that kind of society", right "I would definitely like living in that kind of society"
Question:
Here are a few descriptions of different types of societies. Please tell me if you would like living in such a society.
A society that attaches importance to the fact that people, ...
(A) may live in self-fulfilment.
(B) are hard working and productive.
(C) accept responsiblility for each other.
(D) stick to the rules.
(E) are confident and critical.
(F) are free to act or not act as they want.
(G) live in economic security and prosperity.
(H) are politically active.
.
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 1 I would definitely not like living in that kind of society
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 I would definitely like living in that kind of society
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2080
Waves: 6	**Topic**: Predispositions	**Item:** Inglehart-Items

Origin: DFG94-02
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 2; Put targets in rows and "most important", "second most important", "third most important" in columns. Only one marking is possible per column and per objective.
Question:
Even in politics it is impossible to pursue all goals at the same time. Here you can find some goals politicians may persue. If you had to choose between these objectives, which one would you consider to be the most important, which one the second most important and which one the third most important?

A   Maintaining law and order in this country
B   Increasing the citizens' influence on government decisions
C   Fight against rising prices
D   Protecting the right to freedom of expression
Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Most important
(2) Second most important
(3) Third most important
(4) Most unimportant
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2090
Waves: 1,3,5,7   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** Party identification

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: half-open, description field for "other party", plausibility check
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, are do you feel close to a particular political party? And if so, which one?

- CDU
- CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE

- Other party
- No party

Filter redirection:
- Party stated >> continue with KPX_2100 ("Party identification, strength")
- No party >> KPX_2601 (wave1); KPX_2602 (wave 3); KPX_2150 (wave 5); KPX_141 (wave 7)
- No answer >> KPX_2601 (wave 1); KPX_2602 (wave 3); KPX_2150 (wave 5); KPX_141 (wave 7)
Coding:
(2) CDU
(3) CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ___
(808) No party
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_2100
Waves: 1,3,5,7   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** Party identification, strength

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_2090 ("Party identification"), if the answer was 1-801.
Presentation:
Question:
All in all, how strongly or weakly attached are you to this party?

- Very strongly
- Fairly strongly
- Moderately
- Fairly weakly
- Very weakly
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very strongly
(2) Fairly strongly
(3) Moderately
(4) Fairly weakly
(5) Very weakly

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2110
Waves: 1,3,5,7   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** Party identification, persistence

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_2090 ("Party identification"), if the answer was 1-801.
Presentation:
Question:
How long have you been attached to this party?

- As long as I can remember
- For many years
- For a few years
- For a few months
- For a few weeks

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) As long as I can remember
(2) For many years
(3) For a few years
(4) For a few months
(5) For a few weeks
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2120
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** Party identification, inquiries

Origin: DFG9402
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_2090 ("Party identification"), if PID is available.
Presentation: Figure 2, five-point-scale without numerical marking
Question:
As part of our study we would like to find out what people mean when they say that they are attached to a particular political party or identify more closely with one party rather than with others. Would you please tell me how accurately the following views reflect yours?
A   This party is very important to me.What happens to this party is not a matter of indifference to me.

B   The party does not mean that much to me, but its politicians are currently better than those of other parties.
C   I don't feel particularly attached to this party, but in the past I did vote for it frequently.
D   The party is not all important to me, but it currently pursues better policies than other parties.

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2130
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** Party identification father

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Other party, namely, with input field, plausibility check!
Question:
If you now think about your father, is he or was he close to a particular political party? If so, which party?
- SPD
- CDU
- CSU

- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE

- Other party, namely ___
- No party
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(2) CDU
(3) CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ___
(808) No party
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_2140		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Predispositions	**Item:** Party identification mother

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Other party, namely, with input field, plausibility check!
Question:
If you now think about your mother, is she or was she close to a particular political party? If so, which party?
- SPD
- CDU
- CSU
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE

- Other party, namely ___
- No party
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(2) CDU
(3) CSU
(4) SPD
(5) FDP
(6) GRUENE
(7) DIE LINKE
(801) Other party, namely ___
(808) No party
(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_2150		
Waves: 5	**Topic**: Predispositions	**Item:** Fairness/egalitarianism

Origin: Q09, Tracking 3
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 2
Five-point-scale without numerical marking
Question:
Let's look at some statements about what might be considered just and fair in Germany. Please state whether you agree or not with these statements.

(A) People are only then willing to take on additional responsibility at work if they are being paid for it.
(B) The state should guarantee a minimum standard of living for all.
(C) It is fair that some people can afford to pay for a better education of their children.
(D) The state should introduce an upper income limit.
(E) It is fair that some professions are considered to be more prestigious than others.
(F) It is quite correct that employers make good profits because in the long run everybody will benefit.

- Strongly disagree
- Rather disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Rather agree
- Strongly agree

Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2160
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** General trust
Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking. Marking of left endpoint "you can't be too careful" right "most people are trustworthy"
Question:
Generally speaking, do you think that most people are trustworthy or, on the contrary, that you can't be too careful in dealings with other people? Please tell me what you think using the following scale.
Coding:
(1) 1 You can't be too careful
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Most people are trustworthy
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2170
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** General well-being
Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking. Marking of left endpoint "completely dissatisfied" and right "completely satisfied"
Question:
All in all, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you currently with your life? Please tell me what you think using the following scale.
Coding:
(1) 1 Completely dissatisfied
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7
(8) 8
(9) 9
(10) 10
(11) 11 Completely satisfied
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2180
Waves: 1,6   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** Personality battery
Origin: Q09

Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 2, no numerical marking.
Split to two screens, first screen: A-E, second screen: F-J
Question:

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the following statements accurately describe you.

A   I tend to be somewhat shy and reserved.
B   I easily trust other people and see the good in others.
C   I perform tasks very thoroughly.
D   I am relaxed and remain unruffled even in times of stress.
E   I have an active imagination and am inventive.
F   I am a convivial person and can let myself go.
G   I tend to criticize other people.
H   I am an idle person and tend to be lazy.
I   I easily get nervous and uneasy.
J   I have only little interest in creative things.

Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2190
Waves: 3   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** ASKO

Origin: DFG94-02
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Fields to be clicked on next to the terms
Question:
Now we would like to know how you perceive yourself and the world around you in general. Please look at the following terms and state which one you like best at first sight – please note that these terms do not necessarily contradict each other.

A   Constant change   or   Orderly conditions
B   New ideas   or   Longstanding views
C   Surprising situations   or   Clear conditions
D   Tranquility and order   or   Flow and innovation
E   Integration and submission   or   Rebellion
F   Receptiveness to change   or   Ties to traditions
G   Strict rules   or   Improvisation
H   New, unknown things   or   Well-known things
I   Preservation of traditions   or   Reforms

Coding:
(1) [first term]
(2) [second term]
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2200
Waves: 1,5   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** Attachment battery
Origin: Tracking
Presentation:
Figure 2

Split:
Filter:
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?

- not attached at all
- less attached
- fairly attached
- very attached

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Not attached at all
(2) Less attached
(3) Fairly attached
(4) Very attached
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2250
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** Fairness social order

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Please now think of the state of the society in Germany. How fair or unfair are the current conditions?

- Very fair
- Quite fair
- Neither fair nor unfair
- Quite unfair
- Very unfair

Coding:
(1) Very fair
(2) Quite fair
(3) Neither fair nor unfair
(4) Quite unfair
(5) Very unfair
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2260
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** Fairness population group

Origin: DFG94-02
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 1
Question:
Regardless of how fair a society is, as a matter of fact there are always some people or population groups who are privileged and some who are disadvantaged. In your opinion, do you belong to those in our society who are...

- ...rather disadvantaged.
- ...neither disadvantaged nor privileged.
- ...rather privileged.

Coding:
(1) ...rather disadvantaged.
(2) ...neither disadvantaged nor privileged.
(3) ...rather privileged.
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2270
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Predispositions   **Item:** Fairness ego

Origin: Allbus, Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Figure 1

Question:
Compared to the way other people live here in Germany: Do you think you receive your fair share or do you think you don't?

- Much less than the fair share
- slightly less
- the fair share
- slightly more
- Much more than the fair share
Coding:
(1) Much less than the fair share
(2) Slightly less
(3) The fair share
(4) Slightly more
(5) Much more than the fair share
(99) No answer

Socio-demography

Variable: KPX_2280
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Sex
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Please specify your gender.
1   Male
2   Female
Coding:
(1) Male
(2) Female
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2290
Waves: 1-7   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Date of birth
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Input field with 2 digits, plausibility check: Figures allowed only in the range between 1900 and 1991!
Question:
Please enter your date of birth.
          19__
Coding:
By institute
(9999) No answer

Variable: KPX_2300
Waves: 1,(3)   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Marital status
Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Please state your marital status.
1   single
2   married
3   married but living separated
4   civil union
5   divorced
6   widowed
Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Single
(2) Married
(3) Married but living separated
(4) Civil union
(5) Divorced
(6) Widowed
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2310

Waves: 1,2,(3)	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Respondent has a partner

Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_2440, if the answer there was at least "2 persons".
Presentation:
Question:
Do you live with a partner?
- Yes
- No
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2320

Waves: 1-7	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** School leaving certificate

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
What general school leaving certificate do you have?

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)")
6   I am still a school student

Filter redirection: If 1-5 >> KPX_2330
If 6 >> KPX_2090

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)")
(6) I am still a school student
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2330

Waves: 1,(3) **Topic**: Socio-demography **Item:** Vocational and professional training

Origin: Q09 modified

Split:

Filter: Of KPX_2320, if the answer was 1 to 5

Presentation: Multiple answers are possible! Description field for "other vocational training certificate, namely"

Question:

What vocational or professional training do you have?

A) On-the-job vocational training with final certificate, but not within a traineeship or apprenticeship scheme ("Beruflich-betriebliche Anlernzeit mit Abschlusszeugnis,

aber keine Lehre")

B) Compact vocational training course ("Teilfacharbeiterabschluss")

C) Completed trades/crafts or agricultural traineeship ("Abgeschlossene gewerbliche oder landwirtschaftliche Lehre")

D) Completed commercial traineeship ("Abgeschlossene kaufmaennische Lehre")

E) Work placement/internship ("Berufliches Praktikum, Volontariat")

F) Specialized vocational college certificate ("Berufsfachschulabschluss")

G) Technical or vocational college certificate ("Fachschulabschluss")

H) Master (craftsman), technician or equivalent college certificate ("Meister, Technikerabschluss")

I) Polytechnic/University of applied sciences degree ("Fachhochschulabschluss")

J University degree ("Hochschulabschluss")

K) No completed vocational training

L) Other vocational training certificate, namely

....

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(0) Not mentioned

(1) Mentioned

Variable: KPX_2340

Waves: 1,(3) **Topic**: Socio-demography **Item:** Employment status

Origin: Q09 modified

Split:

Filter: Of KPX_2320, if the answer was 1-5. Do not ask if answer was 6.

Presentation:

Question:

Are you currently in gainful employment? Which of the categories from this list applies to you best?

- In full-time employment
- In part-time employment
- In a traineeship or apprenticeship
- Working on a hourly basis
- Currently unemployed
- Currently on short-time work, zero work
- Currently on a retraining course, i.e. a course financed by the employment agency
- On maternity leave, parental leave
- Housewife/househusband (not in full or part-time employment)
- In early retirement, retirement, on a pension
- Doing military/alternative community service
- School student
- Studying at a polytechnic/university of applied sciences or university
- Incapacitated for work

Filter redirection: If 1 to 4 and 6>> KPX_2360

If 5, 7 to 11, 13, 14>> KPX_2350

If 12>> KPX_2090

Coding:

(1) In full-time employment

(2) In part-time employment

(3) In a traineeship or apprenticeship

(4) Working on a hourly basis

(5) Currently unemployed

(6) Currently on short-time work, zero work

(7) Currently on a retraining course, i.e. a course financed by the employment agency

(8) On maternity leave, parental leave
(9) Housewife/househusband (not in full or part-time employment)
(10) In early retirement, retirement, on a pension
(11) Doing military/alternative community service
(12) School student
(13) Studying at a polytechnic/university of applied sciences or university
(14) Incapacitated for work
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2350
Waves: 1,(3)   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Former gainful employment
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If 5, 7-11, 13, 14 at KPX_2340
Presentation:
Question:
Have you ever been in full-time employment in the past?
1   Yes
2   No
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2360
Waves: 1,(3)   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Unemployment
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If 1-11, 13, 14 at KPX_2340
Presentation:
Question:
Have you ever been unemployed during the last 10 years?
1   Yes   continue with KPX_2370
2   No
Filter redirection: If 1>> KPX_2370
If 2>> KPX_2380
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2370
Waves: 1,(3)   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Duration of unemployment
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If 1 at KPX_2360 or 5 at KPX_2340
Presentation: Description field, in which only figures may be entered
Question:
How long were you unemployed for altogether during the last 10 years?

        ....months
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(999) No answer

Note: The field institute failed to program filter redirection to KPX_2340.

Variable: KPX_2371
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Unemployment at the moment
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:

Are you or is anyone close to you unemployed at the moment?
- Yes, I am unemployed
- Yes, someone close to me is unemployed
- Yes, I am unemployed and someone close to me is also unemployed
- No, I am not unemployed nor is anyone close to me unemployed

Filter redirection: If 1 or 3-> KPX_2372, if 2 or 4-> KPX_2640
Coding:
(1) Yes, I am unemployed
(2) Yes, someone close to me is unemployed
(3) Yes, I am unemployed and some close to me is also unemployed
(4) No, I am not unemployed nor is anyone close to me unemployed
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2372
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Duration of unemployment at the moment
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If 1 or 3 at KPX_2371
Presentation: Pull-down menu for months and years
Question:
How long have you been unemployed?
Please state month and year.

Since [month] [year]
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2380
Waves: 1,(3)   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Profession
Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter: If 1-4, 6 at KPX_2340
Presentation:
Question:
Now let's talk about your profession. Which of the categories from this list 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 solider
- Employee
- Worker
- In vocational training
- Family member assisting in family business

Filter redirection:
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 solider
(5) Employee
(6) Worker
(7) In vocational training
(8) Family member assisting in family business
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2390
Waves: 1,(3)   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Former profession
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If 1 at KPX_2350
Presentation:
Question:
Let's talk about your former profession. Which of the categories from this list 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 solider
- Employee
- Worker
- In vocational training
- Family member assisting in family business

Filter redirection:
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 solider
(5) Employee
(6) Worker
(7) In vocational training
(8) Family member assisting in family business
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2391

Waves: 1,(3)	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** School leaving certificate partner

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If 1 at KPX_2310 or 2-4 at KPX_2300
Presentation:
Question:
What general school leaving certificate does your spouse/partner have?
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)")
6   Is still a school student

Filter redirection: If 1-5 >> KPX_2400
If 6>> KPX_2090
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)")
(6) Is still a school student
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2400

Waves: 1,(3)	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Gainful employment partner

Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter: If 1 at KPX_2310 and KPX_2391 ≠ 6.
Presentation:
Question:
Is your partner currently in gainful employment? If yes, which of the categories from this list applies to him/her?

- In full-time employment

- In part-time employment
- In a traineeship or apprenticeship
- Working on a hourly basis
- Currently unemployed
- Currently on short-time work, zero work
- Currently on a retraining course, i.e. a course financed by the employment agency
- On maternity leave, parental leave
- Housewife/househusband (not in full or part-time employment)
- In early retirement, retirement, on a pension
- Doing military/alternative community service
- School student
- Studying at a polytechnic/university of applied sciences or university
- Incapacitated for work

Filter redirection: If 1 to 4 or 6>> KPX_2420
If 5-11, 13, 14>> KPX_2410
If 12>> KPX_2090

Coding:
(1) In full-time employment
(2) In part-time employment
(3) In a traineeship or apprenticeship
(4) Working on a hourly basis
(5) Currently unemployed
(6) Currently on short-time work, zero work
(7) Currently on a retraining course, i.e. a course financed by the employment agency
(8) On maternity leave, parental leave
(9) Housewife/househusband (not in full or part-time employment)
(10) In early retirement, retirement, on a pension
(11) Doing military/alternative community service
(12) School student
(13) Studying at a polytechnic/university of applied sciences or university
(14) Incapacitated for work
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2410
Waves: 1,(3)   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Former employment partner
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If 5-11, 13, 14 at KPX_2400
Presentation:
Question:
Has your partner ever been in full-time employment in the past?
1   Yes
2   No
Filter redirection: If 1>> KPX_2430
If 2>> KPX_2090
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2420
Waves: 1,(3)   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Profession partner
Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter: If the answer was 1-4 at KPX_2400
Presentation:
Question:
Now we turn to your partner's profession. Which of the categories from the following list applies best to your partner?
A: Self-employed farmer
B: Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
C: Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.
D: Civil servant/Judge/Professional soldier

E: Employee
F: Worker
G: In vocational training
H: family member assisting in family business
Filter redirection:
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
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2430		
Waves: 1,(3)	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Former profession partner

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If 1 at KPX_2410
Presentation:
Question:
Now we turn to your partner's former profession. Which of the categories from the following list applies best to your partner?

A: Self-employed farmer
B: Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
C: Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.
D: Civil servant/Judge/Professional soldier
E: Employee
F: Worker
G: In vocational training
H: family member assisting in family business
Filter redirection:
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
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2440		
Waves: 1,(3)	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Household size

Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
How many people do permanently live in the same household with you, including you and your children?
- 1 person
- 2 persons
- 3 persons
- 4 persons
- 5 persons and more
Filter redirection: If 1>> KPX_2300
If 2 or more>> KPX_2450
Coding:
(1) 1 person
(2) 2 persons
(3) 3 persons

(4) 4 persons
(5) 5 persons and more
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2450
Waves: 1,(3) **Topic**: Socio-demography **Item:** Persons under 18
Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter: Of KPX_2440, if more than one person lives in the household
Presentation:
Question:
How many persons living in your household are younger than 18 years?
- Nobody
- 1 person
- 2 persons
- 3 persons
- 4 persons
- 5 persons and more
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(0) Nobody
(1) 1 person
(2) 2 persons
(3) 3 persons
(4) 4 persons
(5) 5 persons and more
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2460
Waves: 2 **Topic**: Socio-demography **Item:** Membership of organizations
Origin: Tracking modified, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Response options: Check-off boxes
Multiple answers are possible
Question:
Now, let's talk about memberships in organizations and associations. Are you a member of one of the following clubs, associations or organizations?
(A) Trade union
(B) Trade and employers' associations
(C) Professional associations
(D) Farmer's associations or agricultural associations
(E) Religious/church groups
(F) Sports club/hobby club
(G) Party
(H) Groups critical to globalization, e.g. ATTAC
(I) Women's organizations
(J) Environmental groups

Filter redirection: If (G) "party" was answered, then ask which party
Coding:
(0) Not mentioned
(1) Mentioned
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2470
Waves: 2 **Topic**: Socio-demography **Item:** Membership of trade unions, household
Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?

1   Yes
2   No

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Note: The field institute failed to program the answer "Don't know" as originally designed.

Variable: KPX_2480		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Religion

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Answer category "other" with description field
Question:
What is your religion?

- Roman Catholic
- Protestant
- Evangelical Free Church
- Other Christian denomination
- Jewish
- Islam
- Undenominational
- Other _____

Filter redirection:
Transmission:
- Roman Catholic >> continue with KPX_2490 ("Church attendance, Christian")
- Protestant>> continue with KPX_2490 ("Church attendance, Christian")
- Evangelical Free Church >> continue with KPX_2490 ("Church attendance, Christian")
- Other Christian denomination >> continue with KPX_2490 ("Church attendance, Christian")
- Jewish >> continue with KPX_2500 ("Synagogue attendance, Jewish")
- Islam >> continue with KPX_2510 ("Mosque attendance, Islamic")
- Other >> continue with KPX_2310
- Undenominational >> continue with KPX_2310
- No answer >> continue with KPX_2310

Coding:
(1) Roman Catholic
(2) Protestant
(3) Evangelical Free Church
(4) Other Christian confession
(5) Jewish
(6) Islam
(XX) Other, namely _____ (coding by institute)
(11) Undenominational
(99) No answer

Note: Due to considerations of data protection the answer options 'jewish', 'islam', and 'other' were collapsed into 'other confession'. All other answers were recoded according to the coding scheme 'religion'. The coding scheme can be downloaded at www.gesis.org/gles.

Variable: KPX_2490		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Church attendance, Christian

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_2480 ("Religion")
Presentation:
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 than once a week

Filter redirection:
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 than once a week
(99) No answer

Note: Due to considerations of data protection the answers to the questions KPX_2490 'Church attendance, Christian', KPX_2500 'Synagogue attendance, Jewish', and KPX_2500 'Mosque attendance, Islamic' were merged in the variable kirchg 'Church/mosque/synagogue attendance'.

Variable: KPX_2500		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Synagogue attendance, Jewish

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_2480 ("Religion")
Presentation:
Question:
How often do you usually go to the synagogue?

- Never
- Once a year
- Several times a year
- Once a month
- Two to three times a month
- Once a week
- More than once a week

Filter redirection:
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 than once a week
(99) No answer

Note: Due to considerations of data protection the answers to the questions KPX_2490 'Church attendance, Christian', KPX_2500 'Synagogue attendance, Jewish', and KPX_2500 'Mosque attendance, Islamic' were merged in the variable kirchg 'Church/mosque/synagogue attendance'.

Variable: KPX_2510		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Mosque attendance, Islamic

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_2480 ("Religion")
Presentation:

Question:
How often do you pray in the mosque apart from during Ramadan?
- Never
- Once a year
- Several times a year
- Once a month
- Two to three times a month
- Once a week
- More than once a week

Filter redirection:
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 than once a week
(99) No answer

Note: Due to considerations of data protection the answers to the questions KPX_2490 'Church attendance, Christian', KPX_2500 'Synagogue attendance, Jewish', and KPX_2500 'Mosque attendance, Islamic' were merged in the variable kirchg 'Church/mosque/synagogue attendance'.

Variable: KPX_2520			
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography		**Item:** German citizenship

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Have you been a German citizen since birth?
- Yes
- No
Filter redirection:
Transmission:
- Yes >> continue with KPX_2540 ("Country of birth")
- No >> continue with KPX_2530 ("German citizenship, since when")
Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2530		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** German citizenship, since when

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Filter of KPX_2520 ("German citizenship")
Plausibility check, only allow entries in the range between 1900-2009.
Presentation:
Input field with 4 digits, note for the respondent: "Please enter 4 digits!"
Question:
Since when do you have the German citizenship?

_____
Filter redirection: KPX_2540
Coding:

Variable: KPX_2540		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Country of birth

Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field for category "abroad, namely",

Plausibility check, if this was selected, then respondent must enter an answer!
Question:
Where were you born?

1) Old federal states, West Germany
2) New federal states, East Germany or former German Democratic Republic
3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe, e.g. East Prussia, Silesia, Pomerania
XX) Abroad, namely _____
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Old federal states
(2) New federal states
(3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe
(XX) Abroad, namely
(99) No answer

Note: The respondents' answers to the questions KPX_2540 'Country of birth', KPX_2560 'Country of birth, partner', KPX_2570a 'Country of birth, mother', and KPX_2570b 'Country of birth, father' were recoded according to the coding scheme 'states'. The coding scheme can be downloaded at www.gesis.org/gles.

Variable: KPX_2550		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Age, immigration

Origin: Q09 modified
Split:
Filter: If "abroad" was stated at KPX_2540
Presentation: Input field with 2 digits
Question:
How old were you when you moved to Germany?
　　　　At the age of …..................... years
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(999) No answer
(1000) Not applicable

Variable: KPX_2560		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Country of birth, partner

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter: If 1 at KPX_2310.
Presentation: Description field for category "abroad, namely",
Plausibility check, if this was selected, then respondent must enter an answer!
Question:
Where was your partner born?

1) Old federal states, West Germany
2) New federal states, East Germany or former German Democratic Republic
3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe, e.g. East Prussia, Silesia, Pomerania
XX) Abroad, namely _____
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Old federal states
(2) New federal states
(3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe
(XX) Abroad, namely
(99) No answer

Note: The respondents' answers to the questions KPX_2540 'Country of birth', KPX_2560 'Country of birth, partner', KPX_2570a 'Country of birth, mother', and KPX_2570b 'Country of birth, father' were recoded according to the coding scheme 'states'. The coding scheme can be downloaded at www.gesis.org/gles.

Variable: KPX_2570		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Country of birth, parents

Origin: Tracking modified
Split:
Filter:

Presentation: Description field for category "abroad, namely",
Plausibility check, if this was selected, then respondent must enter an answer!
Question:
(A) What country was your mother born in?

1) Old federal states, West Germany
2) New federal states, East Germany or former German Democratic Republic
3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe, e.g. East Prussia, Silesia, Pomerania
XX) Abroad, namely _____

(B) What country was your father born in?

1) Old federal states, West Germany
2) New federal states, East Germany or former German Democratic Republic
3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe, e.g. East Prussia, Silesia, Pomerania
XX) Abroad, namely _____
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Old federal states
(2) New federal states
(3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe
(XX) Abroad, namely
(99) No answer

Note: The respondents' answers to the questions KPX_2540 'Country of birth', KPX_2560 'Country of birth, partner', KPX_2570a 'Country of birth, mother', and KPX_2570b 'Country of birth, father' were recoded according to the coding scheme 'states'. The coding scheme can be downloaded at www.gesis.org/gles.

Variable: KPX_2580		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Subjective perception of class

Origin: Tracking, Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
People talk a lot about social classes these days. To which social class do you think you belong to?
- Working class
- Lower middle class
- Middle class
- Upper middle class
- Upper class
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Working class
(2) Lower middle class
(3) Middle class
(4) Upper middle class
(5) Upper class
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2590		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Net household income
Origin: Tracking modified, Q09		

Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
How high is your household's total net monthly income i.e. the total amount remaining after tax and other deductions? Please be sure that your data will be evaluated without revealing your name and for statistical purposes only.
- up to 499 Euro
- 500 - 999 Euro
- 1000 - 1499 Euro
- 1500 - 1999 Euro

- 2000 - 2499 Euro
- 2500 - 2999 Euro
- 3000 - 3499 Euro
- 3500 - 3999 Euro
- 4000 - 4499 Euro
- 4500 - 4999 Euro
- 5000 Euro and more

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Up to 499 Euro
(2) 500 - 999 Euro
(3) 1000 - 1499 Euro
(4) 1500 - 1999 Euro
(5) 2000 - 2499 Euro
(6) 2500 - 2999 Euro
(7) 3000 - 3499 Euro
(8) 3500 - 3999 Euro
(9) 4000 - 4499 Euro
(10) 4500 - 4999 Euro
(11) 5000 Euro and more
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2600		
Waves: 2	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Residence

Origin: Q09
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Please characterize the place you live in. Do you live in a…?

1	Large city
2	Small-town or medium-sized town in a metropolitan area
3	Small-town or 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
98	Don't know
99	No answer

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) 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
(98) Don't know
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2601		
Waves: 1,(3)	**Topic**: Socio-demography	**Item:** Federal state
Origin: new		

Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
Please name the federal state you are currently living in.
- 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

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Schleswig-Holstein
(2) Hamburg
(3) Lower Saxony
(4) Bremen
(5) North Rhine Westphalia
(6) Hesse
(7) Rhineland Palatinate
(8) Baden-Wuerttemberg
(9) Bavaria
(10) Saarland
(11) Berlin
(12) Brandenburg
(13) Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
(14) Saxony
(15) Saxony Anhalt
(16) Thuringia
(99) No answer

Note: Information about the federal state was combined from waves 1 and 3 and compared with postal codes from waves 1 and 3 and data from the online-panel account of the respondents. The released dataset contains the verified variable *fedstate*. A detailed explanation of the verification procedure is provided in the study description.

Variable: KPX_2602
Waves: 1,(3)   **Topic**: Socio-demography   **Item:** Postal code
Origin: new
Split:
Filter:
Presentation: Description field, up to 5 figures may be entered.
Question:
Please state your postal code.

Filter redirection:
Coding:
(xx) Coding by institute
(99) No answer

Economic situation

Variable: KPX_2610
Waves: 5   **Topic**: Economic situation   **Item:** Satisfaction social market economy
Origin: Tracking 3
Split:
Filter:
Presentation:
Question:
On the whole, how satisfied or not are you with the social market economy in Germany? Are you.... ?
Filter redirection:
Coding:
(1) Very satisfied
(2) Fairly satisfied
(3) Neither/nor
(4) Fairly dissatisfied
(5) Very dissatisfied
(99) no answer

Variable: KPX_2620

Waves: 5	**Topic**: Economic situation	**Item:** Notion of social market economy

Origin: Tracking 3
Presentation:
Figure 2, scale ranging from 1 to 6 without numerical marking
Marking: '1' "Social market economy is the worst conceivable economic system"; '6' "social market economy is the best conceivable economic system"

Filter:

Question:
How do you rate the social market economy compared to other economic systems?

Coding:
(1) 1 Social market economy is the worst conceivable economic system
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6 Social market economy is the best conceivable economic system
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2630

Waves: 3	**Topic**: Economic situation	**Item:** Priority government spending

Origin: Tracking, Allbus/ISSP
Presentation:
Cf. Figure 2
Marking: Five-point-scale, without numerical marking
Including category "can't tell"

Filter:

Question:
Please state if you think the government should spent more or less money for the following policies. However, please take into consideration that higher spending may entail higher taxes.
(A) Environmental protection
(B) Health care
(C) Police and law enforcement
(D) Education
(E) Defense
(F) Retirement payments and pensions
(G) Unemployment benefits
(H) Culture and Arts
(I) Economy

Coding:
(1) Spend much less
(2) Spend less
(3) Maintain expenses
(4) Spend a bit more
(5) Spend a lot more
(98) Can't tell
(99) No answer

Panel participation

Variable: KPX_2640

Waves: 1-6	**Topic**: Panel participation	**Item:** Participation next wave

Origin: new
Presentation:

Filter:
Question waves 1-5:
Thank you very much for your interest and your willingness to take part in this survey! As already announced in the invitation we would like to ask you again a number of questions about the federal election in the next few weeks. Your regular participation gives you the chance to win cash prizes. Of course, this does not affect your right not to take part in a survey due to vacation, business trips or due to other reasons.
We will contact you again within the next 2 weeks and ask you to take part in another survey. Will it be possible for you to participate again?

Question wave 6:
Thank you very much for your interest and your willingness to take part in this survey! We will contact you again within the next 2 weeks for the very last time and ask you to take part in a survey. Will it be possible for you to participate again?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection: If "no", then KPX_2650; if "yes", then end of interview

Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2650
Waves: 1-5   **Topic**: Panel participation   **Item:** Participation subsequent waves

Origin: new
Presentation:
Filter: If "no" at KPX_2640
Question:
Will it be possible for you to take part in the subsequent surveys?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Current topics

Variable: KPX_2660
Waves: 3,5-7   **Topic**: Current topics   **Item:** German Armed Forces, foreign assignments

Origin: Deutschland-Trend Juli 2009 modified
Presentation: Figure 2
Filter:
Question:
Let's talk about foreign policy now. Should the German Armed Forces continue to stay in the following regions or not?

(A) Afghanistan
(B) Kosovo
(C) The Horn of Africa
(D) Off the Lebanese coast
(E) Bosnia-Herzegovina

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Yes
(2) No
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2670
Waves: 3,5-7   **Topic**: Current topics   **Item:** German Armed Forces, war in Afghanistan

Origin: Deutschland-Trend Juli 2009 modified
Presentation: Figure 1
Filter:
Question:
How appropriate is the term "war" for the Afghanistan-mission of the German Armed Forces?

- Very appropriate
- Fairly appropriate
- Partly appropriate/partly inappropriate
- Fairly inappropriate
- Completely inappropriate

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Completely inappropriate
(2) Fairly inappropriate
(3) Partly appropriate/partly inappropriate
(4) Fairly appropriate
(5) Very appropriate
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2680
Waves: 3,5   **Topic**: Current topics   **Item:** Nuclear power, options

Origin: Politbarometer 1993-2006 modified
Presentation: Figure 1
Filter:
Question:
Here you can find possible ways Germany could deal with nuclear power. Which statement is closest to your own opinion? Germany should…

- built more nuclear power plants.
- use all existing nuclear power plants without building new ones.
- shut down old nuclear power plants and only the new ones should be kept on running without limit.
- shut down all nuclear power plants immediately.

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) In Germany more nuclear power plants should be built.
(2) In Germany all existing nuclear power plants should be used without building new ones.
(3) In Germany the old nuclear power plants should be shut down and only the new ones should be kept on running without limit.
(4) In Germany all nuclear power plants should be shut down immediately.
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2690
Waves: 3,5   **Topic**: Current topics   **Item:** Nuclear power, statements

Origin: CfQ, proposal Thurner
Presentation: Figure 2, 5-point-scale without numerical marking
Filter:

Question:
Here are some statements concerning nuclear power. Please state whether you agree with each statement or not.

(A) We can't stop climate change without the use of nuclear power.
(B) Nuclear power is the only way to limit the price increase of electricity.
(C) Germany's nuclear power plants are safe.

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2700
Waves: 3,5   **Topic**: Current topics   **Item:** Old vs. young, statements

Origin: Old age survey modified, APuZ
Presentation: Figure 2, 5-point-scale without numerical marking, if necessary split to 2 screens
Filter:
Question:
Here are some statements concerning the relations between old and young people. Please state whether you agree with each statement or not.

(A) Elderly people care to less about the future of the younger.
(B) Elderly people built up all the things the younger now live off.
(C) Everybody should make provisions for his own retirement so that he won't be a burden to anyone in the future.
(D) Gainfully employed persons are obliged to pay their contributions and taxes, thus enabling elderly people to maintain their standard of living.
(E) Elderly people earn their pensions because they paid their duties earlier.
(F) The younger generation will not be able to bear the financial burdens of the older generation in future.
(G) Pensions are too low and should be increased even if this may entail an increase of duties or taxes.
(H) Our pensions will continue to be safe in the future.
(I) Our pension system is unfair to the younger generation.

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree
(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2710
Waves: 3,5   **Topic**: Current topics   **Item:** Old vs. young, linking of pensions to net salaries

Origin: Politbarometer 1985 modified
Presentation: Figure 1
Filter:
Question:
People talk a lot about the linking of pensions to net salaries and net wages these days. What do you think? In future, pensions should…

- increase more than net wages and net salaries.
- increase just like net wages and net salaries.
- increase less than net wages and net salaries.

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) In future pensions should increase more than net wages and net salaries
(2) In future pensions should increase just like net wages and net salaries
(3) In future pensions should increase less than net wages and net salaries
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2720		
Waves: 4	**Topic**: Current topics	**Item:** Economic crisis, satisfaction federal government

Origin: Tracking 3
Presentation:
Scale ranging from -5 to +5, with zero point; endpoints: "completely dissatisfied", "completely satisfied"
Filter:
Question:
How satisfied are you with the way the federal government combats the financial and economic crisis?
Please describe it using a scale from -5 to +5.

Filter redirection:

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

Note: A great deal of the answers given at KP4_2720 "Economic crisis, satisfaction federal government" were mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer", an error which could not be fixed.

Variable: KPX_2730		
Waves: 4	**Topic**: Current topics	**Item:** Economic crisis, statements

Origin: Tracking 3, Deutschland-Trend
Presentation: Figure 2, 5-point-scale without numerical marking, if necessary split to two screens
Filter:
Question:
Here are some statements on the financial and economic crisis. Please state whether you agree with each statement or not.

(A) The combat against the economic crisis is a matter of experts, not of politicians.
(B) The savings in Germany are safe.
(C) The worst part of the crisis is still to come.
(D) It is the state's duty to prevent the banks from going bankrupt.
(E) It is the state's duty to prevent enterprises providing a lot of jobs from going bankrupt.
(F) The state should purchase company shares of the major and most important enterprises in times of crisis in order to take influence on the economy.
(G) The combat against the financial and economic crisis is a top priority.
(H) The costs resulting from the financial and economic crisis will be charged to the taxpayer.
(I) Germany is the victim of mistakes made in the U.S.
(J) The opposition should not criticize the government in the combat against the financial and economic crisis but support it.
(K) It is unfair to save only the big enterprises from going bankrupt.

Filter redirection:

Coding:
(1) Strongly disagree

(2) Rather disagree
(3) Neither agree nor disagree
(4) Rather agree
(5) Strongly agree
(99) No answer