West European Voter

Codebook

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COUNTRY
Variable label: Country (Numeric ID)

1. Austria
2. Belgium
5. Denmark
7. Finland
8. France
9. Germany
10. Greece
13. Ireland
14. Italy
17. Netherlands
18. Norway
20. Portugal
24. Spain
25. Sweden
26. Switzerland
27. United Kingdom

CNAME
Variable label: Country (Acronym)

AT	Austria
BE	Belgium
CH	Switzerland
DE	Germany
DK	Denmark
EL	Greece
ES	Spain
FI	Finland
FR	France
IE	Ireland
IT	Italy
NL	Netherlands
NO	Norway
PT	Portugal
SE	Sweden
UK	United Kingdom

YEAR
Variable label: Year of the study

STUDYID
Variable label: Election ID

[COUNTRY*10000 + YEAR*10 + n]
with "n" being number of election study in the year (1 in most of the cases, can be 2 if there are two surveys for the same country/year)

PARLPRE
Variable label: Parliamentary or presidential election

Value labels:
1.   Parliamentary election
2.   Presidential election

SHARE_*
Variable label: Party vote share in that election (in %)

Value labels:
0.   No
1.   Yes

INDIVIDUAL-LEVEL VARIABLES

ID
Variable label: Respondent's ID (STUDYID*1000 + 1:n)

GENERAL BACKGROUND VARIABLES

GENDER
Variable label: Gender

Value labels:
0.   Male
1.   Female

AGE
Variable label: Age in years

EDUCATION

Variable label: Education (ISCED 1997 categories)

Value labels:
1. Lower education (lower secondary or less) includes ISCED level "0: Not completed primary education", "1: Primary or first stage of basic", and "2: Lower secondary or Second stage of basic education. Also short vocational programs (less than 3 years) taken after primary school (shorter 3C programs)

2. Medium education (higher secondary and post-secondary, non-tertiary) includes ISCED level "3: Upper secondary (A, B, C)" and "4: Post-secondary, non-tertiary".

3. Higher education (post-secondary) includes ISCED level 5 and higher levels, i.e. any stage of tertiary education (e.g. BA, BSc, MA, PhD), including vocational ISCED 5B programs which have different names in different countries.

RELIGION

Variable label: Church attendance [Religiousness]

Value labels:
1. Never [Not at all religious]
2. Less than once a month (i.e., 1 to 11 times a year) [Not very religious]
3. Once a month or more (i.e., 1 to 3 times a month) [Somewhat religious]
4. Once a week or more [Very religious]

UNION

Variable label: Member of a workers union

Value labels:
0. Not member
1. Member

MEASURES OF POLITICAL INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT

INTEREST

Variable label: Interest in politics

Value labels:
1. Not at all interested
2. Not very interested
2,5 Mid-point of the scale
3. Fairly interested
4. Very interested

INTEREST_3

Variable label: Interest in politics (recoded into three categories)

Value labels:
1. Low (Not at all interested)
2. Medium (Not very/fairly interested)
3. High (Very interested)

NEWSPAPERS

Variable label: How often uses newspapers for political information

Value labels:
1. (Almost) Always // 6-7 days a week
2. Often // 3-5 days a week
3. Rarely // 1-2 days a week
4. (Almost) Never // 0 days a week

TELEVISION

Variable label: How often uses TV for political information

Value labels:
1. (Almost) Always // 6-7 days a week
2. Often // 3-5 days a week
3. Rarely // 1-2 days a week
4. (Almost) Never // 0 days a week

INTERNET

Variable label: Uses internet for political information

Value labels:
0. No
1. Yes

VAA

Variable label: Used one (or more) Voting Advice Application during the campaign

Value labels:
0. No
1. Yes

FACEBOOK_USE

Variable label: Uses Facebook

Value labels:
0. No
1. Yes

FACEBOOK_POL

Variable label: Uses Facebook for political information

Value labels:

0.   No
1.   Yes

MEASURES OF PARTY ATTACHMENT

PID_DIR

Variable label: Party respondent feels close to

Value labels:

0.   Not close to any party
1.   Party 1
2.   Party 2
3.   Party 3
        …
23.   Party 23

98.   Other party

PID_STR

Variable label: Strength of party attachment

Value labels:

0.   Not close to any party
1.   Only a sympathizer
2.   Fairly Close
3.   Very Close

LEFT-RIGHT POSITIONS

LR_SELF

Variable label: Left-right self-placement

Value labels:

0.   Left
        …
5.   Center
        …
10.   Right

LR_PARTY_*

Variable label: Left-right perceived placement of party

Value labels:

0.   Left

              …

5.   Center

              …

10.   Right

LR_DIST_*

Variable label: Respondent/party distance on the left-right scale (11-point scale)

Value labels:

0.   Maximum proximity

              …

10.   Maximum distance

THERMOMETER SCORES

PARTY_*

Variable label: Party's thermometer evaluation (11-point scale)

Value labels:

0.   Worst evaluation

              …

10.   Best evaluation

LEADER_*

Variable label: Leader's thermometer evaluation (11-point scale)

Value labels:

0.   Worst evaluation

              …

10.   Best evaluation

HONESTY_*

Variable label: Party leader is honest

Value labels:
1. Not at all
2. Not very much
3. Neither little nor much
4. Fairly much
5. Very much

EMPATHY_*

Variable label: Party leader is empathic

Value labels:
1. Not at all
2. Not very much
3. Neither little nor much
4. Fairly much
5. Very much

LEADERSHIP_*

Variable label: Party leader is a strong leader

Value labels:
1. Not at all
2. Not very much
3. Neither little nor much
4. Fairly much
5. Very much

COMPETENCE_*

Variable label: Party leader is competent

Value labels:
1. Not at all
2. Not very much
3. Neither little nor much
4. Fairly much
5. Very much

ECONOMY
Variable label: Retrospective sociotropic economic evaluation

Value labels:
1. (Much) Worse
2. Stayed the same
3. (Much) Improved

TRUST
Variable label: Trust in political parties (10-point scale)

Value labels:
0. Lowest trust
   …
10. Highest trust

IMMIGRATION
Variable label: Considers immigration as the most salient issue in the country

Value labels:
0. No
1. Yes

VOTING BEHAVIOR

VOTE
Variable label: Vote choice in parliamentary election

Value labels:
0. Did not vote

1. Party 1
2. Party 2
3. Party 3
   …
23. Party 23

97. Blank/Invalid
98. Other party
99. DK/NA

VOTE_PRESI_1
Variable label: Vote choice in first round (France only)

Value labels:

0.   Did not vote

1.   Party 1
2.   Party 2
3.   Party 3
        …
23.   Party 23

97.   Blank/Invalid
98.   Other party
99.   DK/NA

VOTE_PRESI_2
Variable label: Vote choice in second round (France only)

Value labels:
As above

PTV_*
Variable label: Propensity to vote

Value labels:
0.   Very unlikely
        …
10.   Very likely

NEVER_*
Variable label: Respondent would never vote for the party

Value labels:
0.   Would vote for the party
1.   Would never vote for the party