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Exact instrumentation – NW7**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.

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Coding:

By institute

(9999) 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?

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

Filter redirection**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_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...			
...?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved a lot - Improved a bit - Stayed the same - Got a bit worse - Got a lot worse 			
Filter redirection:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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_820 			
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:			
In your opinion: How strongly did the policies of the last federal government affect the way the general economic situation changed?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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:			
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
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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_110

Waves: 1,4,6,7	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Political knowledge: First/second vote
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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_020

Waves: 1,3,5,7	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Satisfaction with democracy
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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_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_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_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 ____
- 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 >> 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")
- Don't know >> 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_250

Waves: 2-7

Topic: Voting decision

Item: Reasons for decision not to vote,

closed

Origin: Q09

Split:

Filter: of KPX_180, if "I did not vote".

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:

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.

- 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_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_200 (second vote) if party was stated;

Presentation:

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_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_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: -> KPX_280**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_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_670

Waves: 1-7

Topic: Front-runners

Item: Preferred chancellor

Note: Experiment!

Origin: Tracking, Q09

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

Cf. Figure 1;

Question:

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?

VW2-VW7:

- Angela Merkel
- Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) Angela Merkel
- (2) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_960

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:

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_920

Waves: 1-4,6,7

Topic: Strategic voting

Item: Desirable coalition

Comment: It is necessary to adapt to post-election

Origin: new

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

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

Question:

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_070

Waves: 3,7	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Other forms of participation, retrospective
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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_760

Waves: 1,4,6,7	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Own economic situation, retrospective
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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_780

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:

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_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 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_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_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

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			
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 KPX_050

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_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 responsibilities.
- 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 understand 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_1070

Waves: 1,4,7	Topic: Political positions	Item: Socio-economic dimension, parties
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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_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_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_1090	Waves: 1,4,7	Topic: Political position	Item: Socio-economic dimension, ego
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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_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_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_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_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?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very important - Fairly important - Neither/nor - Fairly unimportant - Completely unimportant 		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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_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?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very important - Fairly important - Neither/nor - Fairly unimportant - Completely unimportant 		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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_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_1553

Waves: 7 **Topic:** Psychological concepts
election result

Item: Emotions: Anger, intensity,

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
election result

Item: Emotions: Enthusiasm, intensity,

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
battery

Item: Emotions: Worries, intensity,

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

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_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_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_350**Waves:** 1,4,7 **Topic:** Voting decision
(first/second vote)**Item:** Recall previous federal election**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:**

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
- (98) Don't know
- (99) 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_430	Topic: Party ratings in general	Item: Scalometer parties
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Waves: 1-7

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_1590	Topic: Media reliance	Item: General Internet use, current
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Waves: 2-7

Origin: Q09

Split:

Filter:

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
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Item: Internet use, politically current
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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
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Item: Internet use, frequently visited pages, based
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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?

- www.spiegel.de/Spiegel-online
- www.focus.de/Focus-online
- www.stern.de
- www.tagesschau.de/www.ard.de
- www.heute.de/www.zdf.de
- web page of another TV-station
- www.bild.de
- web page of another daily newspaper
- www.t-online.de
- www.google.de
- www.web.de
- www.gmx.de
- www.yahoo.de
- web page of another e-mail-provider
- 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_1660**Waves:** 2-7
current**Topic:** Media reliance**Item:** Use of print media – politically**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): "Süddeutsche 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 GRÜNE
- 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 favorable 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 respondent 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 favorable 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_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_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 responsibility 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_650**Waves:** 1-7**Topic:** Front-runners**Item:** Scalometer 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
- (E) Franz Müntefering
- (F) Guido Westerwelle
- (G) Renate Künast
- (H) Jürgen Trittin
- (I) Oskar Lafontaine
- (N) Cem Özdemir
- (O) Rainer Brüderle
- (P) Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger

Filter redirection: If Merkel and Steinmeier are both "unknown" >> KPX_150. 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.

- (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.
- (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.

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_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 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_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_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_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_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 and elections.
 (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_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
and loser**Item:** Election result: Winner**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_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?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Much worse - Rather worse - Neither/nor - Rather better - Much better 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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		
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?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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_900		
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
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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:

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?

- 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
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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_900

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_900

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
identification, party

Item: First discussion partner, 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 _____
- 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_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

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_401

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

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?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDU - CSU - SPD - FDP - GRUENE - DIE LINKE - Other party - No party 		
Filter redirection:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Party stated >> continue with KPX_2100 ("Party identification, strength") - No party >> KPX_141 - No answer >> KPX_141 		
Coding:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very strongly - Fairly strongly - Moderately - Fairly weakly - Very weakly 		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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_141

Waves: 6,7	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Political knowledge: Overhang seats, filter
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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 -> End of interview

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_142

Waves: 6,7	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Overhang seats, evaluation
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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
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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_147a-f	Waves: 6,7	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Overhang seats, federal election 2009
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Origin: new

Presentation:

Figure 1; Multiple answers are possible

Split:

Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141

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

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