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Exact instrumentation – VW6**Variable:** KPX_2280**Waves:** 1-7 **Topic:** Socio-demography **Item:** Sex**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

Please specify your gender.

- Male
- 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_830 		
Coding:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 have the policies of the federal government affected the way the general economic situation has changed?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very strongly - Fairly strong - Moderately - Not very strongly - Not at all 		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Very strongly (2) Fairly strong (3) Moderately (4) Not very strongly (5) Not at all (99) No answer 		
Variable: KPX_830		
Waves: 2,4,6,7	Topic: Valence issues	Item: General economic situation, prospective
Origin: Tracking, Q09		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation:		
Question:		
What do you think the general economic situation in Germany will be like in a year's time?		

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) Much better
- (2) Somewhat better
- (3) Unchanged
- (4) Somewhat worse
- (5) Much worse
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_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_010

Waves: 2,4,6,7	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Interest in politics, in general
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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_170

Waves: 1-6	Topic: Voting decision	Item: Intention to vote
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:**Filter:****Question:**

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

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

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

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

- I have already cast my postal vote

- Don't know

Filter redirection:

- Certainly vote >> continue with KPX_190 ("Voting intention")
- Probably vote >> continue with KPX_190 ("Voting intention")
- Maybe vote >> continue with KPX_190 ("Voting intention")
- Probably not vote >> continue with KPX_250 ("Reasons for decision not to vote")
- Certainly not vote >> continue with KPX_250 ("Reasons for decision not to vote")
- I have already cast my postal vote >> continue with KPX_191 ("Vote postal voter")
- Don't know >> continue with KPX_210 ("Vote (hypothetical)")
- No answer >> continue with KPX_210 ("Vote (hypothetical)")

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_190

Waves: 1-6

Topic: Voting decision

Item: Voting intention

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Presentation:

Display ballot with first and second vote

"Don't know"-category;

Description field for "other party, namely ____" --> if this was selected then the description field must be filled in (plausibility check)

Split:**Filter:**

Filter of KPX_170 ("Intention to vote")

Question:

You have two votes in the federal election. The first vote is for a candidate from your constituency and the second is for a party. Please tell me where you will place your crosses on the ballot.

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

- Do not know yet

(B) Second vote

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

- Do not know yet

Filter redirection:

If a party was stated for second vote

- CDU/CSU >>continue with KPX_270
- SPD >> continue with KPX_270
- FDP >> continue with KPX_270
- GRUENE Gruenen >> continue with KPX_270
- DIE LINKE >>continue with KPX_270
- Other party, namely ____ >> continue with KPX_270

If "do not know yet" was selected for first and second vote >> continue with KPX_670

No answer >> continue with KPX_670

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_191

Waves: 3-6 **Topic:** Voting decision

Item: Vote postal voter

Origin: RCS

Presentation:

Display ballot with first and second vote.

"Don't know"-category;

Description field for "other party, namely ____" --> if this was selected then the description field must be filled in (plausibility check)

Split:

Filter:

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

Question:

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

(A) First vote:

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

- Don't know

(B) Second vote

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP

- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- Don't know

Filter redirection:

If party was stated for second vote

- CDU/CSU >>continue with KPX_260
- SPD >> continue with KPX_260
- FDP >> continue with KPX_260
- GRUENE >> continue with KPX_260
- DIE LINKE >>continue with KPX_260
- Other party, namely ____ >> continue with KPX_260

If "Don't know" was selected for first and second vote >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")

No answer >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_250

Waves: 2-7

Topic: Voting decision

Item: Reasons for decision not to vote,

closed

Origin: Q09

Split:

Filter: of KPX_170, if "likely not to vote" or "certain not to vote" was selected".

Presentation: Two screens, one displaying the most important reason, the other the second most important reason. Input field for "other reason, namely ____", with plausibility check for "other reason"

Question pre-election:

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

- No time/too busy
- Absent/too far from polling station
- For health reasons
- Not interested in politics
- Don't know who I should vote for
- 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_210		
Waves: 1-6	Topic: Voting decision	Item: Vote (hypothetical)

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 1;
 No ballot paper, just ask for the second vote
 "Don't know"-category
 Description field for "other party, namely _____";
 Plausibility check if "other party, namely" was selected

Split:**Filter:**

Filter of KPX_170 ("Intention to vote") and of KPX_250 ("Reasons for decision not to vote")

Question:

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

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE e
- Other party, namely _____
- Don't know

Filter redirection:

- CDU/CSU >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- SPD >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- FDP >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- GRUENE >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- DIE LINKE >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- Other party, namely _____ >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- Don't know >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")
- No answer >> continue with KPX_670 ("Preferred chancellor")

Coding:

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

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

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 1;

Split:**Filter:**

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

Question:

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

- Absolutely certain
- Fairly certain
- Fairly uncertain
- Absolutely uncertain

Filter redirection: >> KPX_260

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_260**Waves:** 1-7**Topic:** Voting decision**Item:** Reasons for voting decision, open**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:**

Filter of KPX_190 (second vote) and of KPX_191 (second vote), if party was stated;

Presentation:

Description field, open question

Question pre-election (if KPX_190):

Why would you vote for this party/these parties? Please state your most important reasons.

Question postal voting (if KPX_191):

Why did you vote for this party/these parties? Please state your most important reasons.

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- Coding by institute
- (99) 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 pre-election:

Angela Merkel and Frank-Walter Steinmeier are the candidates of the two major parties for the position of chancellor. Who would you prefer to see as chancellor?

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- Angela Merkel
- Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Variable: KPX_2180**Waves:** 1,6**Topic:** Predispositions**Item:** Personality battery**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** Figure 2, no numerical marking.

Split to two screens, first screen: A-E, second screen: F-J

Question:

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the following statements accurately describe you.

- A I tend to be somewhat shy and reserved.
- B I easily trust other people and see the good in others.
- C I perform tasks very thoroughly.
- D I am relaxed and remain unruffled even in times of stress.
- E I have an active imagination and am inventive.

- F I am a convivial person and can let myself go.
 G I tend to criticize other people.
 H I am an idle person and tend to be lazy.
 I I easily get nervous and uneasy.
 J I have only little interest in creative things.

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_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 after the federal election?

- 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**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 after the federal election?

- 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_760		
Waves: 1,4,6,7	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Own economic situation, retrospective
Origin: Tracking, Q09		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation:		
Cf. Figure 1;		
Question:		
Let's turn to another topic.		
How has your own economic situation developed in the last one to two years? My economic situation has...		
<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:		
- 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 have the policies of the federal government affected the way your economic situation has 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_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_160

Waves: 2,6	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Confidence in institutions
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Origin: DFG94-02

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: Split to two displays, no numerical description
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Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) I do not trust at all
- (2) I rather do not trust
- (3) Neither trust nor distrust
- (4) I rather trust
- (5) I fully trust
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1020

Waves: 4,6	Topic: Strategic voting	Item: Percentage of votes federal election 2009, estimated
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Origin: Tracking 4

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: Input fields for each party, add up automatically for checking purposes
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Question:

What percentage of the second votes do you think will the parties gain at the federal election on 27 September 2009?

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

Coding by institute
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1030	Topic: Strategic voting	Item: Percentage of votes federal election 2009, wished
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Origin: Derived from tracking 4

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: Input fields for each party, add up automatically for checking purposes

Question:

If you could wish for a result of the federal election on 27 September 2009, what percentage of the second votes would you wish for each party?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

Coding by institute
(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_840	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Most important issue
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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	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Ability to solve the most important issue
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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!)

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 XKPX_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! No 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_1310

Waves: 3,6 **Topic:** Political positions **Item:** Generational fairness, parties

Origin: Tracking modified

Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "more taxes and lower standard of living in old age for the labor force, but a fair standard of living for elderly people", "less taxes and a higher standard of living in old age for the labor force, but lower standard of living for elderly people"
with "Don't know"-category

Question W6:

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

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

Filter redirection:

Coding split 1:

- (1) 1 More taxes and lower standard of living in old age for the labor force, but a fair standard of living for elderly people
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6

- (7) 7 Less taxes and a higher standard of living in old age for the labor force, but lower standard of living for elderly people
 (98) Don't know
 (99) No answer

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_1390

Waves: 3,6	Topic: Political positions	Item: Criminality, parties
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Origin: Tracking modified**Split:** Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale**Filter:****Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "in favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime", "against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime";
 with "Don't know"-category

Question:

Some people think that the state should interfere in the privacy of the citizens without restrictions in order to combat crime. Others express the opinion that the privacy of the citizens should always be protected even if this might have a negative impact on the combat of crime.

What do you think are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use the following scale.

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

Filter redirection:**Coding split 1:**

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

Coding split 2:

- (1) 1 In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
 (2) 2
 (3) 3
 (4) 4
 (5) 5
 (6) 6
 (7) 7
 (8) 8

- (9) 9
 (10) 10
 (11) 11 Against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
 (98) Don't know
 (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1430

Waves: 6
Topic: Political positions
 policy, parties

Item: Role of the state – economic

Origin: Tracking modified

Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "the state should largely stay out of the economy", "the state should strongly interfere in the economy";
 with "Don't know"-category

Question:

Currently people are discussing a lot about the role the state is playing in the economy. Some think the state should strongly interfere in the economy in future, while others say the state should completely stay out of the economy.

What are the parties' positions on this issue in your opinion? Please use again the following scale.

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

Filter redirection:

Coding split 1:

- (1) 1 The state should largely stay out of the economy
 (2) 2
 (3) 3
 (4) 4
 (5) 5
 (6) 6
 (7) 7 The state should strongly interfere in the economy
 (98) Don't know
 (99) No answer

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_1481

Waves: 6
Topic: Political positions

Item: Foreign policy, parties

Origin: Wehrpolitische Lage on behalf of the BMVg 2006 modified

Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Germany should take part in the resolution of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world",
 "Germany should stay out of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world";
 with "Don't know"-category

Question:

There is much talk about Germany's worldwide responsibility which has increased after reunification. Some people view that Germany should pursue an active policy, taking part in the resolution of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world. Others say that Germany should mainly concentrate on resolving its own problems and stay out of problems, crises, and conflicts all over the world.

What do you think are the parties' positions on this issue? Please use again the following scale.

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

Coding split 1:

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

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_1330

Waves: 3,6

Topic: Political positions

Item: Generational fairness, ego

Origin: Tracking modified

Split: Split half: seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "more taxes and a lower living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a fair living standard for elderly people", "less taxes and a higher living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a lower living standard for elderly people"

with "Don't know"-category

And what is your personal opinion to pensions and old-age provisions?

Filter redirection:

Coding split 1:

- (1) 1 More taxes and a lower living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a fair living standard for elderly people
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5

- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Less taxes and a higher living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a lower living standard for elderly people
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_1410**Waves:** 3,6 **Topic:** Political positions **Item:** Criminality, ego**Origin:** Tracking modified**Split:** Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale**Filter:****Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "in favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime", "against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime";
with "Don't know"-category**Question:**

What is your position to governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime?

Filter redirection:**Coding split 1:**

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

Coding split 2:

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

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

Origin: Tracking modified

Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "the state should largely stay out of the economy", "the state should strongly interfere in the economy"; with "Don't know"-category

Question:

What is your opinion on the role of the state in the economy?

Filter redirection:

Coding split 1:

- (1) 1 The state should largely stay out of the economy
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 The state should strongly interfere in the economy
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Coding split 2:

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

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

Origin: Tracking

Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Germany should take part in the resolution of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world", "Germany should stay out of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world"; with "Don't know"-category

Question:

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

Filter redirection:

Coding split 1:

- (1) 1 Germany should take part in the resolution of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Germany should stay out of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world
- (98) Don't know

(99) No answer

Coding split 2:

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

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7

(8) 8

(9) 9

(10) 10

(11) 11 Germany should stay out of problems, crises and conflicts all over the world

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1340

Waves: 3,6

Topic: Political positions

Item: Generational fairness, importance

Origin: Tracking modified

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Question:

How important is the issue of pensions and old-age provisions to you personally?

- Very important

- Fairly important

- Neither/nor

- Fairly unimportant

- Completely unimportant

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) Very important

(2) Fairly important

(3) Neither/nor

(4) Fairly unimportant

(5) Completely unimportant

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1420

Waves: 3,6

Topic: Political positions

Item: Criminality, importance

Origin: Tracking

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Question:

How important is the issue of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime to you personally?

- Very important

- Fairly important

- Neither/nor

- Fairly unimportant

- Completely unimportant

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) Very important

(2) Fairly important

(3) Neither/nor

(4) Fairly unimportant

(5) Completely unimportant

(99) No answer

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

Origin: Tracking

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Question:

How important to you personally is the role of the state in the economy?

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

Coding:

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

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

Origin: Tracking

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Question:

How important to you personally is Germany's role in the field of foreign policy?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

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

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

only

Filter:

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 2;

Scale: Five-point-scale, without numerical marking;

Marking: See below

Question:

Now let's briefly talk about you. Here you can see some statements that describe yourself as a person. Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree.

- (A) I make up my mind about everything.
- (B) I don't find it satisfying to think deeply about things for hours.
- (C) I usually make important decisions quickly and confidently.

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_450	Waves: 2,4,6,7	Topic: Party ratings in general	Item: Government, differences
Origin: Tracking modified			
Split:			
Filter:			
Presentation:			
Figure 2; one line only;			
Scale: Five-point-scale without numerical marking			
Marking: left "no difference at all", right "very big difference"			
Question:			
Does it make a big difference to you who governs in Berlin or doesn't it make any difference at all?			
Filter redirection:			
Coding:			
(1) 1 No difference at all			
(2) 2			
(3) 3			
(4) 4			
(5) 5 Very big difference			
(99) No answer			

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

Variable: KPX_460	Waves: 2,4,6,7	Topic: Party ratings in general	Item: Parties, differences
Origin: Tracking modified			
Split:			
Filter:			
Presentation:			
Figure 2; one line only;			
Scale: Five-point-scale without numerical marking			
Marking: left "no difference at all", right "very big difference"			
Question pre-election:			
How about the current election campaign to the federal election? Are there very big differences between the parties or are there no differences at all?			
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_430	Waves: 1-7	Topic: Party ratings in general	Item: Scalometer parties
Origin: Tracking, Q09			
Split:			
Filter:			
Presentation:			
Cf. Figure 2;			
Scale ranging from -5 to +5, with zero point;			
Marking: -5 "I have a very negative view of this party" and +5 "I have a very positive view of this party";			
Question:			

How do you feel about the political parties in general? Please use a scale ranging from -5 to +5.

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) -5 I have a very negative view of this party
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 I have a very positive view of this party
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1590	Topic: Media reliance	Item: General Internet use, current
Waves: 2-7		

Origin: Q09

Split:

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

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Note: Plausibility check with KPX_1590, the value of KPX_1600 may not be higher than the KPX_1590 value.

Split:

Filter: If “General Internet use“ > 1 and <=8]

Presentation: “In the last week“ in italics

Question:

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

- not at all

- on one day
- on 2 days
- on 3 days
- on 4 days
- on 5 days
- on 6 days
- on 7 days

Filter redirection:

- on at least one day >> continue with KPX_1610 (Internet use, frequently visited pages, based)
- not at all or no answer >> continue with KPX_1660

Coding:

- (1) Not at all
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1610**Waves:** 2-7 **Topic:** Media reliance**Item:** Internet use, frequently visited pages, based**Origin:** new**Presentation:** “In the last week“ in italics

Two screens, one with the web page visited most frequently, the other with further pages. In case of other important pages please filter out the page visited most frequently!

On the second screen, multiple responses are possible.

Split:**Filter:**

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

Question:

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

- 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	Topic: Media reliance	Item: Use of print media – politically current

Origin: Tracking

Presentation: “last week“ in italics

Cf. Figure 2;

Rows: Newspapers (Bild, Welt, ...);

Columns: Response options "Not at all", "1 day", "2 days", "3 days", "4 days", "5 days", "6 days", "7 days"

Split:**Filter:****Question:**

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

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

Filter redirection:

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

Coding:

- (1) Not at all
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1670	Topic: Media reliance	Item: Use of print media – bias, current
Waves: 2-7		

Origin: Tracking

Presentation: “last week“ in italics

Figure 1;

Newspapers to be inserted in [...]:

A): "Bild"

B): "Frankfurter Rundschau"

C): "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung"

D): "Sueddeutsche Zeitung (SZ)"

E): "tageszeitung (taz)"

F): "Die Welt"

[other online-newspapers or daily newspapers will not be asked for]

--> Always write the newspapers in italics -->

Write parties and "no party" in bold

Plausibility check for “not in favour“.

Split:

Filter:

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

Question:

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

1) Yes, for CDU/CSU

2) Yes, for SPD

3) Yes, for FDP

4) Yes, for GRUENE

5) Yes, for DIE LINKE

6) Yes, more favourable for another party

7) No, the reports were not in favour of a certain party

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(0) Not mentioned

(1) Mentioned

(99) No answer

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

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_680

Waves: 3,6 **Topic:** Front-runners
 candidates

Item: Left-right assessment top

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;

Marking: "left" and "right";

with "Don't know"- category

Question:

And how would you assess the chancellor candidates?

A Angela Merkel

B Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) 1 Left

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7

(8) 8

(9) 9

(10) 10

(11) 11 Right

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1510

Waves: 4,6 **Topic:** Political positions **Item:** Left-right assessment coalitions

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;

Marking: "left" and "right";

with "Don't know"-category

Question:

And where would you place the following coalitions using the same scale?

(A) Grand coalition (CDU/CSU and SPD)

(B) Black-yellow coalition (CDU/CSU and FDP)

(C) Red-green coalition (SPD and GRUENE)

(D) Traffic-light- coalition (SPD, FDP and GRUENE)

(E) Jamaica- coalition (CDU/CSU, FDP and GRUENE)

(F) Red-red-green coalition (SPD, DIE LINKE and GRUENE)

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) 1 Left

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7

(8) 8

(9) 9

(10) 10

(11) 11 Right

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

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

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

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Question:

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

- (1) Candidate of the CDU/CSU
- (2) Candidate of the SPD
- (3) Candidate of the FDP
- (4) Candidate of the GRUENE
- (5) Candidate of DIE LINKE

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) Candidate of the CDU/CSU
- (2) Candidate of the SPD
- (3) Candidate of the FDP
- (4) Candidate of the GRUENE
- (5) Candidate of DIE LINKE
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1060	Waves: 2,6	Topic: Strategic voting	Item: Strongest party federal election
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Origin: DFG94-02

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Question:

Which party will gain most of the votes on the next federal election?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (2) SPD
- (99) No answer

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

Cf. Figure 1;

Split:

Filter:

Question:

Who elects the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) The Federal Council (Bundesrat)

- (2) The Federal Assembly (Bundesversammlung)
 (3) The Federal Parliament (Bundestag)
 (4) The people
 (98) Don't know
 (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_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_140	Waves: 3,6	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Political knowledge: The Federal Council
Origin: Tracking 2			
Presentation:			
Figure 1;			
Split:			
Filter:			
Question:			
Do you happen to know who currently holds the majority in the Federal Council (Bundesrat)?			
- The states (Bundesländer) led by SPD			
- The states (Bundesländer) led by CDU/CSU			
- None of the parties holds the majority in the Federal Council.			
- Don't know			
Filter redirection:			
Coding:			
(1) The states (Bundesländer) led by SPD			
(2) The states (Bundesländer) led by CDU/CSU			
(3) None of the parties holds the majority in the Federal Council			
(98) Don't know			
(99) No answer			

Variable: KPX_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			
(D) Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg			
(F) Guido Westerwelle			
(K) Peer Steinbrück			
(M) Wolfgang Schäuble			

Filter redirection: If Merkel and Steinmeier are both "unknown" >> KPX_2080. 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.
- (Q) Angela Merkel has sensible ideas about how to manage the economic crisis.
- (E) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is an assertive person and a strong leader.
- (F) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is trustworthy.
- (G) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is a likable person.
- (R) Frank-Walter Steinmeier has sensible ideas about how to manage the economic crisis.

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

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

Variable: KPX_2080

Waves: 6

Topic: Predispositions

Item: Inglehart-Items

Origin: DFG94-02

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: Figure 2; Put targets in rows and "most important", "second most important", "third most important" in columns. Only one marking is possible per column and per objective.

Question:

Even in politics it is impossible to pursue all goals at the same time. Here you can find some goals politicians may pursue. If you had to choose between these objectives, which one would you consider to be the most important, which one the second most important and which one the third most important?

- A Maintaining law and order in this country
- B Increasing the citizens' influence on government decisions
- C Fight against rising prices
- D Protecting the right to freedom of expression

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) Most important
- (2) Second most important
- (3) Third most important
- (4) Most unimportant
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1930

Waves: 1-7	Topic: Networks
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Item: Discussions about politics

Origin: Tracking, Q09

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

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

- Not at all
- On 1 day
- On 2 days
- On 3 days
- On 4 days
- On 5 days
- On 6 days
- On 7 days

Filter redirection:

- On at least one day>> continue with KPX_1940 ("First discussion partner, relationship")

- Not at all or no answer >> continue with KPX_641

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
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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
knowledge of politics**Item:** First discussion partner,**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
difference of opinion**Item:** First discussion partner,**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 will probably vote for in the federal election on 27 September, or do you think he/she will not vote at all?

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

- Not yet decided
- Will not vote
- Is not eligible to vote

- Don't know

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party, namely (coding by institute)
- (991) Not yet decided
- (995) Will not vote/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_641

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_641

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_641	Topic: Party ratings in general	Item: Party images, disunity
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Origin: Tracking 6

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: Figure 2; columns: "very disunited", "fairly disunited", "fairly united", "very united"; "I cannot make an assessment"-category

Filter:

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_1571	Topic: Psychological concepts	Item: Willingness to take risks
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

only

Filter:

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 2;

Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;

Marking of the endpoints: Left "seek to avoid risks", right: "prepared to take risks"

Question:

How would you assess yourself: Are you a person prepared to take risks or do you seek to avoid risks?

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) Seek to avoid risks
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)
- (6)
- (7)
- (8)
- (9)
- (10)
- (11) Prepared to take risks
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1572	Topic: Psychological concepts	Item: Collective efficacy/conflict avoidance/locus of control
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

only

Filter:

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 2;

Scale: Five-point-scale without numerical marking;

Question:

Please state if you agree with the following statements on certain topics or not.

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

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_1800**Waves:** 6**Topic:** Televised debate**Item:** Televised debate: Reception**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

Did you watch the televised debate between Angela Merkel and Frank-Walter Steinmeier on 13 September?

- Yes, I watched it completely.
- Yes, I watched it partly.
- No, I didn't watch the debate.

Filter redirection: If 1 or 2 -> KPX_1810

If 3 or no answer -> KPX_1870

Coding:

- (1) Yes, I watched debate completely
- (2) Yes, I watched debate partly
- (3) No
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1810**Waves:** 6**Topic:** Televised debate**Item:** Televised debate: Perception of Merkel's

performance

Origin: Q09**Split:****Filter:** [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:**Presentation:****Question:**

How well do you think Angela Merkel came out of the debate?

Coding:

- (1) Very well
- (2) Well
- (3) Neither well nor poorly
- (4) Poorly
- (5) Very poorly
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1820**Waves:** 6**Topic:** Televised debate**Item:** Televised debate: Perception of Steinmeier's

performance

Origin: Q09**Split:****Filter:** [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:**Presentation:****Question:**

How well do you think Frank-Walter Steinmeier came out of the debate?

Coding:

- (1) Very well
- (2) Well
- (3) Neither well nor poorly
- (4) Poorly
- (5) Very poorly
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1830		
Waves: 6	Topic: Televised debate	Item: Televised debate: Positive aspects Merkel
Origin: Televised debate		
Split:		
Filter: [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:		
Presentation: open question, description field		
Question:		
Please now think of Angela Merkel. What did you like most about her performance in the televised debate?		
Coding:		
Coding by institute		
Variable: KPX_1840		
Waves: 6	Topic: Televised debate	Item: Televised debate: Negative aspects Merkel
Origin: Televised debate		
Split:		
Filter: [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:		
Presentation: open question, description field		
Question:		
And what didn't you like at all about her performance in the televised debate?		
Coding:		
Coding by institute		
Variable: KPX_1850		
Waves: 6	Topic: Televised debate	Item: Televised debate: Positive aspects Steinmeier
Origin: Televised debate		
Split:		
Filter: [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:		
Presentation: open question, description field		
Question:		
Please think of Frank-Walter Steinmeier now. What did you like most about his performance in the televised debate?		
Coding:		
Coding by institute		
Variable: KPX_1860		
Waves: 6	Topic: Televised debate	Item: Televised debate: Negative aspects Steinmeier
Origin: Televised debate		
Split:		
Filter: [If question KPX_1800 was answered with 1 or 2]:		
Presentation: Open question, description field		
Question:		
And what didn't you like at all about his performance in the televised debate?		
Coding:		
Coding by institute		
Variable: KPX_1870		
Waves: 6	Topic: Televised debate	Item: Televised debate: Reception of media response
Origin: Televised debate		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation:		
Question:		
Regardless of whether you watched the televised debate or not: Have you heard or read reports on the outcome of the televised debate in the media?		
- Yes		
- No		
Filter redirection: If yes -> KPX_1880		
If no or no answer is given -> KPX_1900		
Coding:		
(1) Yes		
(2) No		
(99) No answer		
Variable: KPX_1880		
Waves: 6	Topic: Televised debate	Item: Televised debate: Perceived media response, Merkel
Origin: Televised debate		
Split:		

Filter: If KPX_1870 was answered with "yes".

Presentation:

Question:

How well did the media think Angela Merkel came out of the debate?

Coding:

- (1) Very well
- (2) Well
- (3) Neither well nor poorly
- (4) Poorly
- (5) Very poorly
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1890

Waves: 6

Topic: Televised debate

Item: Televised debate: Perceived media

response, Steinmeier

Origin: Televised debate

Split:

Filter: If KPX_1870 was answered with "yes".

Presentation:

Question:

How well did the media think Frank-Walter Steinmeier came out of the debate?

Coding:

- (1) Very well
- (2) Well
- (3) Neither well nor poorly
- (4) Poorly
- (5) Very poorly
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1900

Waves: 6

Topic: Televised debate

Item: Televised debate: Reception of response of social

environment

Origin: Televised debate

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Question:

Did you discuss the outcome of the debate with other people, for example relatives, friends, or work colleagues?

Filter redirection: If yes (1 or 2) -> KPX_1910

If no or no answer is given -> KPX_380

Coding:

- (1) Yes, in depth
- (2) Yes, but just in passing
- (3) No
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1910

Waves: 6

Topic: Televised debate

Item: Televised debate: Reception of response of social

environment, Merkel

Origin: Televised debate

Split:

Filter: If KPX_1900 was answered with "yes".

Presentation:

Question:

How well did the people you talked to think Angela Merkel came out of the debate?

Coding:

- (1) Very well
- (2) Well
- (3) Neither well nor poorly
- (4) Poorly
- (5) Very poorly
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1920		
Waves: 6	Topic: Televised debate	Item: Televised debate: Reception of response of social environment, Steinmeier
Origin: Televised debate		
Split:		
Filter: If KPX_1900 was answered with "yes".		
Presentation:		
Question:		
And what about Frank-Walter Steinmeier? How well did the people you talked to think he came out of the debate?		
Coding:		
(1) Very well		
(2) Well		
(3) Neither well nor poorly		
(4) Poorly		
(5) Very poorly		
(99) No answer		

Variable: KPX_172		
Waves: 6	Topic: Voting decision	Item: Change of intention to vote after televised debate
Origin: new		
Split:		
Filter: If the answer at KPX_1800 was 1 or 2 and of KPX_170, if the answer was not 6 (postal vote).		
Question:		
Has your likelihood to take part in the federal election changed due to the televised debate between Angela Merkel and Frank-Walter Steinmeier on September 13 th ? My likelihood to participate has...		
- Strongly increased		
- Rather increased		
- Not changed		
- Rather decreased		
- Strongly decreased		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(1) Strongly increased		
(2) Rather increased		
(3) Not changed		
(4) Rather decreased		
(5) Strongly decreased		
(99) No answer		

Note: Due to a programming error of the field institute the filter redirection was not programmed as originally designed. Instead, it was made as follows: If KPX_1900 was answered with "Yes" and if KPX_170 was not answered with "Postal vote" (6).

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

Filter redirection: If 4 or 5 → KPX_274
If 1, 2, 3 or 99 → KPX_380

Coding:

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

Note: Due to a programming error of the field institute the filter redirection was not programmed as originally designed: Instead, it was made as follows: If KPX_1900 was answered with "Yes" and if KPX_170 was not answered with "Postal vote" (6).

Variable: KPX_274

Waves: 6 **Topic:** Voting decision
televised debate

Item: Change of voting decision after

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 1;

Split:

Filter:

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

Question:

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

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Note: Due to a programming error of the field institute the filter redirection of the previous questions was not programmed as originally designed.

Variable: KPX_380

Waves: 2-6 **Topic:** Election campaign **Item:** Interest in the outcome of the election

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) Completely unimportant
- (2) Fairly unimportant
- (3) Neither/nor
- (4) Important
- (5) Very important

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_390

Waves: 2-6

Topic: Election campaign

Item: Interest, election campaign

Origin: Q09

Split:

Filter:

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) Not at all
- (2) Less strongly
- (3) Fairly strong
- (4) Strongly
- (5) Very strongly
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_393

Waves: 6

Topic: Election campaign

Item: Opinions on the election campaign

Origin: T6

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Figure 2; five-point-scale without numerical marking

Filter:

Question:

To what extent do you agree to the following statements?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_730

Waves: 2,4,6

Topic: Performance rating

Item: Scalometer government

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 2 (with one line);

Scale: -5 to +5, with zero point;

Marking: -5 "completely dissatisfied", +5 "completely satisfied";

Question:

On the whole, are you rather satisfied or rather dissatisfied with the way the CDU/CSU and SPD federal government in Berlin is running the country? Are you fairly satisfied or fairly dissatisfied? Please describe how you feel using a scale from - 5 to + 5.

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) -5 Completely dissatisfied
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 Completely satisfied
- (99) No answer

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

Variable: KPX_740

Waves: 2,4,6	Topic: Performance rating	Item: Performance of government parties
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 2;

Scale: -5 to +5; with zero point;

Marking: -5 "completely dissatisfied", +5 "completely satisfied";

Question:

And how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of each of the political parties in the federal government?

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) -5 Completely dissatisfied
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 Completely satisfied
- (99) No answer

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

Variable: KPX_750

Waves: 2,4,6	Topic: Assessment of performance	Item: Performance of opposition parties
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 2;

Scale: -5 to +5;

Marking: -5 "completely dissatisfied", +5 "completely satisfied";

Question:

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the opposition parties in the Bundestag?

(A) FDP

(B) GRUENE

(C) DIE LINKE

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) -5 Completely dissatisfied

(2) -4

(3) -3

(4) -2

(5) -1

(6) 0

(7) +1

(8) +2

(9) +3

(10) +4

(11) +5 Completely satisfied

(99) No answer

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

Variable: KPX_1050		
Waves: 1-6	Topic: Strategic voting	Item: Perception opinion polls
Origin: Q09		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation:		
Question:		
Did you read or see any current opinion polls on the expected result of the federal election during the last few days?		
- Yes		
- No		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(1) Yes		
(2) No		
(99) No answer		

Variable: KPX_1051		
Waves: 1-6	Topic: Strategic voting	Item: Credibility opinion polls
Origin: new		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation:		
Question:		
If you now think of the results of opinion polls considering the expected result of the federal election, how credible do you think these polls are?		
- Very credible		
- Fairly credible		
- Partly credible/partly noncredible		
- Fairly noncredible		
- Very noncredible		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(1) Very credible		
(2) Fairly credible		

- (3) Partly credible/partly noncredible
- (4) Fairly noncredible
- (5) Very noncredible
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_400

Waves: 2-6

Topic: Election campaign

Item: Contact with political parties

Origin: Tracking modified

Presentation:

Figure 1;

Split:

Filter:

Question:

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

- Yes

- No

Filter redirection:

- Yes >> continue with KPX_410

- No or no answer >> continue with KPX_300

Coding:

(1) Yes

(2) No

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_410

Waves: 2-7

Topic: Election campaign

Item: Contact with political parties, way

Origin: Tracking

Presentation:

Figure 2;

Klickbox;

Write everything in bold {xxx}

Split:

Filter:

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

Question:

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

(A) I attended {election meetings or rallies}.

(B) I received {emails or text messages} from the parties or the candidates.

(C) I received {campaign flyers, handbills, leaflets or posted material} from the parties or the candidates.

(D) I saw party or candidate broadcasts on {television}.

(E) I listened to canvassing of parties or candidates on the {radio}.

(F) I saw {campaign adverts} of parties or candidates in newspapers or magazines.

(G) I saw {campaign posters} from the parties or the candidates.

(H) I visited the {election campaign stand} of parties or candidates.

(I) I got {home visits from campaigners} of the parties or the candidates.

(J) I got {phone calls} from parties or candidates.

(K) I visited a party's or a candidate's {website}.

Filter redirection:

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

Coding:

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

Note: Due to a programming error of the field institute item (J) was not mentioned.

Variable: KPX_420

Waves: 2-7

Topic: Election campaign

Item: Contact with political parties, way, party

Origin: Tracking

Presentation: input field for "other party, namely___", with plausibility check

Figure 1;

Enter:

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

--> Write { } everything bold and in italics

Split:**Filter:**

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

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Note: Due to a programming error of the field institute item (J) was not mentioned.

Variable: KPX_300

Waves: 3,6

Topic: Voting decision

Item: Ineligible parties

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:**Filter:****Question:**

Is there a party/are there several parties you would never vote for?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:

- Yes >> continue with KPX_310
- No or no answer >> continue with KPX_141

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_310a-g	Waves: 3,6	Topic: Voting decision	Item: Which party is ineligible
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Origin: Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:**

Of KPX_300 ("Ineligible parties"), if the answer was (1)

Presentation:

Always place the last category "other parties, namely" at the end and integrate a description field for the answers;

Plausibility check for "other parties"!

Multiple answers are possible

Question:

Which party is that/which parties are that?

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

G) Other party/other parties, namely _____

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Variable: KPX_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 -> KPX_2640

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

Origin: new

Presentation:

Figure 2; pre-election A-C, post-election: only A and C!

Split:

Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141

Question:

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_144

Waves: 6,7

Topic: General attitudes to politics

Item: Overhang seats, importance

Origin: new

Presentation:

Figure 1;

Split:

Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141

Question:

Have overhang seats ever been the decisive factor for the formation of government after federal elections?

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_145

Waves: 6,7

Topic: General attitudes to politics

Item: Political knowledge: Overhang seats

Origin: new

Presentation:

Figure 1;

Split:

Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141

Question:

What does the term “overhang seats” mean? Overhang mandates ...

- are the seats in the Bundestag the party was able to gain compared to the previous election.
- are the seats the government does not really need to hold the majority in the Bundestag.
- result by the fact that not all the seats in the Bundestag can be allocated due to a low turnout of voters.
- result by the fact that a party receives more constituency seats in a Bundesland than it would get according to the second votes.
- Don't know

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_146a-f

Waves: 6 **Topic:** General attitudes to politics **Item:** Overhang seats, retrospective

Origin: new

Presentation:

Figure 1; Multiple answers are possible. If “no party” was selected, please delete marking of other parties.

Split:

Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_147a-f

Waves: 6,7 **Topic:** General attitudes to politics **Item:** Overhang seats, federal election 2009

Origin: new

Presentation:

Figure 1; Multiple answers are possible

Split:

Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141

Question:

Which party / which parties will gain overhang seats at the federal election on September 27th?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (0) Not mentioned
- (1) Mentioned

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_148	Waves: 6	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Overhang seats, collective rationality
Origin: new			
Presentation: Figure 1; Multiple answers are possible. If “no party” was selected then delete marking of other parties.			
Split:			
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_141			
Question: Do you think that it is possible for voters to vote in a way that more overhang seats will result at federal elections?			
- Yes			
- No			
Filter redirection: If 1 -> KPX_149 If 2 or no answer is given -> KPX_2640			
Coding: (1) Yes (2) No (99) No answer			

Variable: KPX_149	Waves: 6	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Overhang seats, behavior in general
Origin: new			
Presentation: Figure 1;			
Split:			
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_148			
Question: Do you think that some voters could do so, i.e. vote in such a way that more overhang seats will result at federal elections?			
- Yes			
- No			
Filter redirection:			
Coding: (1) Yes (2) No (99) No answer			

Variable: KPX_151	Waves: 6	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Overhang seats, behavior ego
Origin: new			
Presentation: Figure 1;			
Split:			
Filter: Only if 1 at KPX_148			
Question: Would you vote in such a way that more overhang seats could result at federal elections?			
- Yes			
- No			
Filter redirection:			
Coding: (1) Yes (2) No (99) No answer			

Variable: KPX_2640	Waves: 1-6	Topic: Panel participation	Item: Participation next wave
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Origin: new

Presentation:

Filter:

Question wave 6:

Thank you very much for your interest and your willingness to take part in this survey! We will contact you again within the next 2 weeks for the very last time and ask you to take part in a survey. Will it be possible for you to participate again?

- Yes

- No

Filter redirection: end of interview

Coding:

(1) Yes

(2) No

(99) No answer