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**Exact instrumentation – VW2****Variable:** KPX\_2280**Waves:** 1-7      **Topic:** Socio-demography      **Item:** Sex**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

Please specify your gender.

- 1      Male
- 2      Female

**Coding:**

- (1) Male
- (2) Female
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_2290**Waves:** 1-7      **Topic:** Socio-demography      **Item:** Date of birth**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** Input field with 2 digits**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?

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

**Filter redirection:****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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_160	<b>Topic:</b> General attitudes to politics	<b>Item:</b> Confidence in institutions
<b>Waves:</b> 2,6		
<b>Origin:</b> DFG94-02		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b> Split to two displays, no numerical description		
<b>Question:</b>		
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?	
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(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		

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_010	<b>Topic:</b> General attitudes to politics	<b>Item:</b> Interest in politics, in general
<b>Waves:</b> 2,4,6,7		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
In general terms: How interested in politics are you?		
- Extremely interested		
- Very interested		
- Moderately interested		
- Slightly interested		
- Not interested at all		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) Extremely interested		
(2) Very interested		
(3) Moderately interested		
(4) Slightly interested		
(5) Not interested at all		
(99) No answer		

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_170	<b>Topic:</b> Voting decision	<b>Item:</b> Intention to vote
<b>Waves:</b> 1-6		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
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 27 <sup>th</sup> .		

- 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")
- 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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_190		
<b>Waves:</b> 1-6	<b>Topic:</b> Voting decision	<b>Item:</b> Voting intention

**Origin: Tracking, Q09****Presentation:**

Display ballot with first and second vote

"Don't know"-category;

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

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

Filter of KPX\_170 ("Intention to vote")

**Question:**

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

**(A) First vote:**

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely \_\_\_\_\_
- Do not know yet

**(B) Second vote**

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

- Do not know yet

**Filter redirection:**

If a party was stated for second vote

- CDU/CSU >>continue with KPX\_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- SPD >> continue with KPX\_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- FDP >> continue with KPX\_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- GRUENE >> continue with KPX\_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- DIE LINKE >>continue with KPX\_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")
- Other party, namely \_\_\_\_ >> continue with KPX\_260 ("Reasons for voting decision, open")

If "do not know yet" was selected for first and second vote >> continue with KPX\_670

No answer >> continue with KPX\_670

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_250

**Waves:** 2-7      **Topic:** Voting decision  
based

**Item:** Reasons for decision not to vote,

**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
- 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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_";

**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

- Other party, namely \_\_\_\_\_

- Don't know

**Filter redirection:**

- CDU/CSU &gt;&gt; continue with KPX\_670 ("Preferred chancellor")

- SPD &gt;&gt; continue with KPX\_670 ("Preferred chancellor")

- FDP &gt;&gt; continue with KPX\_670 ("Preferred chancellor")

- GRUENE &gt;&gt; continue with KPX\_670 ("Preferred chancellor")

- DIE LINKE &gt;&gt; continue with KPX\_670 ("Preferred chancellor")

- Other party, namely \_\_\_\_\_ &gt;&gt; continue with KPX\_670 ("Preferred chancellor")

- Don't know &gt;&gt; continue with KPX\_670 ("Preferred chancellor")

- No answer &gt;&gt; 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

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**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) if party was stated;

**Presentation:**

Description field, open question

**Question pre-election:**

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

**Filter redirection:****Coding:**

Coding by institute

(99) No answer



<b>Variable:</b> KPX_270	<b>Topic:</b> Voting decision	<b>Item:</b> Certainty of voting decision
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**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:****Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_670	<b>Topic:</b> Front runners	<b>Item:</b> Preferred chancellor
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**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?

- Angela Merkel
- Frank-Walter Steinmeier

**Filter redirection:****Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_780	<b>Topic:</b> Issues of valence	<b>Item:</b> Own economic situation, current
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**Origin: Tracking, Q09****Split:****Filter:**

**Presentation:** “your own” in italics

**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\_830

**Waves:** 2,4,6,7

**Topic:** Issues of valence

**Item:** General economic situation, prospective

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:** “general economic situation in Germany” in italics

**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\_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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_960a-f	<b>Waves:</b> 1-4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting	<b>Item:</b> Expected coalition
<b>Origin:</b> new			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
<b>Presentation:</b>			
Multiple entries possible, description field for “Other party, namely...”			
Plausibility check for “other party”			
<b>Question:</b>			
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]			
<b>Filter redirection:</b>			
<b>Coding:</b>			
(0) Not mentioned			
(1) Mentioned			
(99) No answer			

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_920a-f	<b>Waves:</b> 1-4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting	<b>Item:</b> Desirable coalition
<b>Origin:</b> new			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
<b>Presentation:</b>			
Multiple entries possible, description field for “other party, namely...”			
Plausibility check for “other party”			
<b>Question Pre-election:</b>			
Regardless of the outcome of the federal election, which parties would you personally prefer to govern Germany after the federal election?			
<b>Question Post-election:</b>			
Regardless of the outcome of the federal election, which parties would you personally prefer to govern Germany over the next four years?			
a) CDU/CSU			
b) SPD			
c) FDP			
d) GRUENE			
e) DIE LINKE			
f) Other party, namely ____ [coding by institute]			
<b>Filter redirection:</b>			
<b>Coding:</b>			
(0) Not mentioned			
(1) Mentioned			
(99) No answer			

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_840	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Issues of valence	<b>Item:</b> Most important issue
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09			
<b>Split:</b>			

**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\_040

**Coding:**

Coding by institute

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_850**Waves:** 1-7**Topic:** Issues of valence**Item:** Ability to solve the most important issue**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

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:** Issues of valence**Item:** Second most important issue**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:**

Filter of KPX\_840 ("Most important issue"), if a response was given to this question

**Presentation:**

Description field

**Question:**

In your opinion what is the second most important political issue Germany is facing at the moment?

**Filter redirection:**

If answer is provided >> continue with KPX\_870 ("Ability to solve the second most important political issue")

If no answer is provided >> continue with KPX\_040

**Coding:**

Coding by institute

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_870

**Waves:** 1-7

**Topic:** Issues of valence

**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:** Issues of valence

**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\_040

**Coding:**

Coding by institute

(99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_890	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Issues of valence	<b>Item:</b> Ability to solve the third most important political issue
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
Filter of KPX_880 ("Third most important issue")			
<b>Presentation:</b>			
<b>Question:</b>			
And which political party do you think is best able to solve this problem?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CDU/CSU</li> <li>- SPD</li> <li>- FDP</li> <li>- GRUENE</li> <li>- DIE LINKE</li> <li>- Other party, namely _____</li> <li>- All parties are equally good</li> <li>- No party</li> </ul>			
<b>Filter redirection:</b>			
<b>Coding:</b>			
(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			

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_040	<b>Waves:</b> 2,5	<b>Topic:</b> General attitudes to politics	<b>Item:</b> Attitudes to parties in general
<b>Origin:</b> DFG94-02			
<b>Presentation:</b> Split items to 2 screens, scale from 0 to 5 without numerical marking			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
<b>Question:</b>			
Here you can find some statements on parties in Germany. Please state whether you agree or disagree.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A The parties are only interested in people's votes, not in what voters think.</li> <li>B The parties consider the state to be a self-service store.</li> <li>C Most politicians are trustworthy and honest people.</li> <li>D Citizens cannot influence politics without having good relationships to parties.</li> <li>E Even ordinary party members are able to exert influence on their parties.</li> <li>F The parties' only concern is their power.</li> <li>G The parties differ considerably when it comes to their goals, thus providing the citizens with clear alternatives.</li> <li>H The parties take too much influence in the society.</li> <li>J Our country would be governed worse with parties having no professional politicians.</li> <li>K Most parties and politicians are corrupt.</li> </ul>			
<b>Filter redirection:</b>			
<b>Coding:</b>			
(1) Strongly disagree			
(2) Rather disagree			
(3) Neither agree nor disagree			
(4) Rather agree			
(5) Strongly agree			
(99) No answer			

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1150	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Economic policy, 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: "Government investment in companies", "no government investment in companies";  
with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

Some people express the view that the government should make investments in companies in times of economic crisis, others refuse this even in times of crisis. In your view, what are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use again the following scale.

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

- (1) 1 Government investment in companies
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 No government investment in companies
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1190	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Integration, 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: "Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture", "Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture"  
with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

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

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

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

**Filter redirection:****Coding split 1:**

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

**Coding split 2:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1270**Waves:** 2,5**Topic:** Political positions**Item:** Climate protection, parties**Origin:** Tracking modified**Split:** Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale**Filter:****Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Combating climate change even if this damages the economy", "no combat of climate change if this damages the economy"

with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

Some people think that combating climate change should be a priority, even if this damages the economy. Others say that combating climate change should be renounced if this damages the economy.

In your view, what are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use again the following scale,

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

**Filter redirection:****Coding split 1:**

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



**Coding split 2:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1160
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<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Economic policy, chancellor candidates
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**Origin:** RCS modified**Split:** Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale**Filter:****Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Government investment in companies", "no government investment in companies";  
with "Don't know"-category**Question:**

What is the chancellor candidate's position to government investments in companies in times of economic crisis?

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

**Filter redirection:****Coding split 1:**

- (1) 1 Government investment in companies
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 No government investment in companies
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1200
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<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Integration, chancellor candidates
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**Origin:** RCS modified

**Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale****Filter:****Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture", "Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture"

with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

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

(A) Angela Merkel

(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier

**Filter redirection:****Coding split 1:**

(1) 1 Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7 Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

(1) 1 Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7

(8) 8

(9) 9

(10) 10

(11) 11 Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1280

**Waves:** 2

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Climate protection, chancellor candidates

**Origin:** RCS modified

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

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

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Combating climate change even if this damages the economy", "no combat of climate change if this damages the economy"

with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

What is the chancellor candidate's position to the combat of climate change?

(A) Angela Merkel

(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier

**Filter redirection:****Coding split 1:**

(1) 1 Combating climate change even if this damages the economy

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

**Coding split 2:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1170
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<b>Waves:</b> 2,5	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Economic policy, ego
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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: "Government investment in companies", "no government investment in companies";  
with "Don't know"-category**Question:**

What is your personal opinion to government investments in times of economic crisis?

**Filter redirection:****Coding split 1:**

- (1) 1 Government investment in companies
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 No government investment in companies
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1210

**Waves:** 2,5

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Integration, ego

**Origin:** Tracking modified

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

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture", "Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture"

with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

What is your personal opinion on the integration of foreigners?

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

(1) 1 Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7 Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

(1) 1 Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7

(8) 8

(9) 9

(10) 10

(11) 11 Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1290

**Waves:** 2,5

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Climate protection, ego

**Origin:** Tracking modified

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

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Combating climate change even if this damages the economy", "no combat of climate change if this damages the economy"

with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

What is your personal opinion to the combat of climate change?

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

(1) 1 Combating climate change even if this damages the economy

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7 No combat of climate change if this damages the economy

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1180

**Waves:** 2,5      **Topic:** Political positions      **Item:** Economic policy, importance

**Origin:** Tracking

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

And how important is the issue of government investments in companies in times of crisis to you?

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1220

**Waves:** 2,5      **Topic:** Political positions      **Item:** Integration, importance

**Origin:** Tracking

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

And how important is the issue of integration of foreigners to you?

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1300

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

**Origin:** Tracking

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

How important is the combat of climate change to you personally?

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

**Filter redirection:****Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2070
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<b>Waves:</b> 2,5,7	<b>Topic:</b> Predispositions
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<b>Item:</b> Battery of values
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<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09
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**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:**

Scale: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: left "I would definitely not like living in that kind of society", right "I would definitely like living in that kind of society"

**Question:**

Here are a few descriptions of different types of societies. Please tell me if you would like living in such a society.

A society that attaches importance to the fact that people, ...

- (A) may live in self-fulfilment.
- (B) are hard working and productive.
- (C) accept responsibility for each other.
- (D) stick to the rules.
- (E) are confident and critical.
- (F) are free to act or not act as they want.
- (G) live in economic security and prosperity.
- (H) are politically active.

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**Filter redirection:****Coding:**

- (1) 1 I would definitely not like living in that kind of society
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 I would definitely like living in that kind of society
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_430
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<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Party ratings in general
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<b>Item:</b> Scalometer parties
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<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09
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**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\_1520**Waves:** 2,5,7      **Topic:** Psychological concepts  
Merkel**Item:** Emotions: Anger, intensity,**Origin:** Tracking**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:**

Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking

Marking: Left "not angry at all", right "very angry";

**Question:**

If you think of Angela Merkel or what she did, how angry does this make you?

**Filter redirection:****Coding:**

- (1) 1 Not angry at all  
(2) 2  
(3) 3  
(4) 4  
(5) 5  
(6) 6  
(7) 7 Very angry  
(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1530**Waves:** 2,5,7      **Topic:** Psychological concepts  
Merkel**Item:** Emotions: Enthusiasm, intensity,**Origin:** Tracking**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:**

Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking

Marking: Left "not enthusiastic at all", right "very enthusiastic";

**Question:**

If you think of Angela Merkel or what she did, how enthusiastic does this make you?

**Filter redirection:****Coding:**

- (1) 1 Not enthusiastic at all  
(2) 2  
(3) 3  
(4) 4  
(5) 5  
(6) 6  
(7) 7 Very enthusiastic  
(99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1540 <b>Waves:</b> 2,5,7 <b>Topic:</b> Psychological concepts <b>Item:</b> Emotions: Anger, intensity, Steinmeier		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking <b>Split:</b> <b>Filter:</b> <b>Presentation:</b> Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking Marking: Left "not angry at all", right "very angry"; <b>Question:</b> If you think of Frank-Walter Steinmeier or what he did, how angry does this make you? <b>Filter redirection:</b> <b>Coding:</b> (1) 1 Not angry at all (2) 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 Very angry (99) No answer		
<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1550 <b>Waves:</b> 2,5,7 <b>Topic:</b> Psychological concepts <b>Item:</b> Emotions: Enthusiasm, intensity, Steinmeier		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking <b>Split:</b> <b>Filter:</b> <b>Presentation:</b> Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking Marking: Left "not enthusiastic at all", right "very enthusiastic"; <b>Question:</b> If you think of Frank-Walter Steinmeier or what he did, how enthusiastic does this make you? <b>Filter redirection:</b> <b>Coding:</b> (1) 1 Not enthusiastic at all (2) 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 Very enthusiastic (99) No answer		
<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1560 <b>Waves:</b> 2,5,7 <b>Topic:</b> Psychological concepts <b>Item:</b> Emotions: Worries, intensity, battery		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, new <b>Split:</b> <b>Filter:</b> <b>Presentation:</b> Figure 2 Scale: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking Marking: Left "not worried at all", right "worry a lot"; <b>Question:</b> How worried are you about the...  (A) current economic crisis? (B) current swine flu? (C) use of nuclear energy? (D) global warming? (E) international terrorism?  <b>Filter redirection:</b> <b>Coding:</b> (1) 1 Not worried at all		



- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Worry a lot
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1490

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

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Randomize sequence.

Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;

Marking: "left" and "right";

with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_080
<b>Waves:</b> 2 <b>Topic:</b> General attitudes to politics <b>Item:</b> Other forms of participation, prospective

**Origin:** DFG94-02

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

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) I would definitely not do
- (2) I would likely not do
- (3) I would possibly do
- (4) I would likely do
- (5) I would definitely do
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_650
<b>Waves:</b> 1-7 <b>Topic:</b> Front runners <b>Item:</b> Scalometer politicians

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Scale: -5 to +5

Marking: -5 "I have a very negative view of this politician", +5 "I have a very positive view of this politician"; "Don't know"- category;

**Question:**

Now, please tell me what you think about these leading politicians. Please use again the scale from - 5 to + 5.

- (A) Angela Merkel
- (B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- (C) Horst Seehofer
- (G) Renate Künast
- (J) Gregor Gysi
- (L) Ursula von der Leyen

**Filter redirection:** If Merkel and Steinmeier are both "unknown" >> KPX\_1580. 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 candidates

**Item:** Characteristics of chancellor

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:** Of KPX\_650: Only if Merkel and/or Steinmeier were assessed.

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2;

Scale ranging from -2 to +2 with numerical marking

Marking: -2 "not true at all", +2 "definitely true";

**Question:**

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

- (A) Angela Merkel is an assertive person and a strong leader.  
 (B) Angela Merkel is trustworthy.  
 (C) Angela Merkel is a likable person.  
 (D) Angela Merkel has sensible ideas about how to boost the economy.  
 (E) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is an assertive person and a strong leader.  
 (F) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is trustworthy.  
 (G) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is a likable person.  
 (H) Frank-Walter Steinmeier has sensible ideas about how to boost the economy.

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1580

**Waves:** 2,4  
**Topic:** Media reliance source, current

**Item:** Most important information

**Origin:** Tracking modified, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:** "In the last week" in italics

**Question Tracking:**

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

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

- I did not catch up on politics.

**Filter redirection:** If 1-6 >> KPX\_1590

If 7 or no answer >> KPX\_1040

**Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1590	<b>Waves:</b> 2-7	<b>Topic:</b> Media reliance	<b>Item:</b> General Internet use, current
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**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:** if 1-6 at KPX\_1580

**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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1600	<b>Waves:</b> 2-7	<b>Topic:</b> Media reliance	<b>Item:</b> Internet use, politically current
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**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Note:** Plausibility check with KPX\_1590, the value of KPX\_1600 may not be higher than the KPX\_1590 value.

**Split:**

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

**Presentation:** “In the last week“ in italics

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

- on at least one day >> continue with KPX\_1610 (Internet use, frequently visited pages, based)
- not at all or no answer >> continue with KPX\_1660

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1610**Waves:** 2-7      **Topic:** Media reliance  
pages, based**Item:** Internet use, frequently visited**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](http://www.spiegel.de/Spiegel-online)
- [www.focus.de/Focus-online](http://www.focus.de/Focus-online)
- [www.stern.de](http://www.stern.de)
- [www.tagesschau.de/www.ard.de](http://www.tagesschau.de/www.ard.de)
- [www.heute.de/www.zdf.de](http://www.heute.de/www.zdf.de)
- web page of another TV-station
- [www.bild.de](http://www.bild.de)
- web page of another daily newspaper
- [www.t-online.de](http://www.t-online.de)
- [www.google.de](http://www.google.de)
- [www.web.de](http://www.web.de)
- [www.gmx.de](http://www.gmx.de)
- [www.yahoo.de](http://www.yahoo.de)
- web page of another e-mail-provider
- Other web page

**Filter redirection:****Coding first screen:**

- (1) [www.spiegel.de/Spiegel-online](http://www.spiegel.de/Spiegel-online)
- (2) [www.focus.de/Focus-online](http://www.focus.de/Focus-online)
- (3) [www.stern.de](http://www.stern.de)
- (4) [www.tagesschau.de/www.ard.de](http://www.tagesschau.de/www.ard.de)
- (5) [www.heute.de/www.zdf.de](http://www.heute.de/www.zdf.de)
- (6) Web page of another TV-station
- (7) [www.bild.de](http://www.bild.de)
- (8) Web page of another daily newspaper
- (9) [www.t-online.de](http://www.t-online.de)
- (10) [www.google.de](http://www.google.de)
- (11) [www.web.de](http://www.web.de)
- (12) [www.gmx.de](http://www.gmx.de)
- (13) [www.yahoo.de](http://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:** Of KPX\_1580 1-6.**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 &gt;&gt; if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")

- Frankfurter Rundschau &gt;&gt; if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")

- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung &gt;&gt; if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")

- Süddeutsche Zeitung &gt;&gt; if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")

- taz (tageszeitung) &gt;&gt; if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")

- Die Welt &gt;&gt; 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, ...) &gt;&gt; if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1680

- Online newspaper (e.g. Spiegel-online, Focus-online, Netzeitung, ...) &gt;&gt; if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1680

**Coding:**

(1) Not at all

(2) 1 day

(3) 2 days

(4) 3 days

(5) 4 days

(6) 5 days

(7) 6 days

(8) 7 days

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1670**Waves:** 2-7**Topic:** Media reliance**Item:** Use of print media – bias, current**Origin:** Tracking**Presentation:** “last week“ in italics

Figure 1;

Newspapers to be inserted in [...]:

A): "Bild"  
 B): "Frankfurter Rundschau"  
 C): "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung"  
 D): "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".

**Split:**

**Filter:**

Filter of KPX\_1660 (if the respondent answered that he read political reports in the requested newspapers)

**Question:**

If you particularly think about reports on the political parties in [newspaper of KPX\_1660] in the last week, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favourable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1680

**Waves:** 2-7      **Topic:** Media reliance

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

**Origin:** Tracking

**Presentation:** "last week" in italics

Cf. Figure 2;

Rows: Newscasts (Tagesschau, ..);

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

**Split:**

**Filter:** If KPX\_1580 1-6.

**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"

-&gt; 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.

- Yes
- No

- (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\_1040

**Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1710
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<b>Waves:</b> 2-7	<b>Topic:</b> Media reliance
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<b>Item:</b> News magazines – bias, current
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**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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1040		
<b>Waves:</b> 2,6	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting	<b>Item:</b> Constituency winner
<b>Origin:</b> Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
What do you think, which candidate of which party will win your constituency?		
(1) Candidate of the CDU or CSU		
(2) Candidate of the SPD		
(3) Candidate of the FDP		
(4) Candidate of the GRUENE		
(5) Candidate of DIE LINKE		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) Candidate of the CDU or CSU		
(2) Candidate of the SPD		
(3) Candidate of the FDP		
(4) Candidate of the GRUENE		
(5) Candidate of DIE LINKE		
(99) No answer		
<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1060		
<b>Waves:</b> 2,6	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting	<b>Item:</b> Strongest party federal election
<b>Origin:</b> DFG94-02		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
Which party will gain most of the votes on the next federal election?		
- CDU/CSU		
- SPD		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) CDU/CSU		
(2) SPD		
(99) No answer		
<b>Variable:</b> KPX_120		
<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> General attitudes to politics	<b>Item:</b> Political knowledge: Number of federal states
<b>Origin:</b> DFG94-02		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b> Text field only permitting figures		
<b>Question:</b>		
Do you know how many federal states in total the Federal Republic of Germany consists of today if you add up the old and the new federal states?		
XX Federal states in total		
98 Don't know		
99 No answer		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(XX) Coding by institute.		
(998) Don't know		
(999) No answer		
<b>Variable:</b> KPX_090		
<b>Waves:</b> 2,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> General attitudes to politics	<b>Item:</b> Political knowledge: 5%-threshold, difficult
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
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\_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:**

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\_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\_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: Due to a programming error this item was not asked for in wave 2 and is therefore missing! 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.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_740	<b>Topic:</b> Performance rating	<b>Item:</b> Performance of government parties
<b>Waves:</b> 2,4,6		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
Cf. Figure 2;		
Scale: -5 to +5; with zero point;		
Marking: -5 "completely dissatisfied", +5 "completely satisfied";		
<b>Question:</b>		
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		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		

- 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.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_750	<b>Topic:</b> Assessment of performance	<b>Item:</b> Performance of opposition parties
<b>Waves:</b> 2,4,6		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
Cf. Figure 2;		
Scale: -5 to +5;		
Marking: -5 "completely dissatisfied", +5 "completely satisfied";		
<b>Question:</b>		
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the opposition parties in the Bundestag?		
(A) FDP		
(B) GRUENE		
(C) DIE LINKE		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(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.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1930		
<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Networks	<b>Item:</b> Discussions about politics
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
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		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
- On at least one day>> continue with KPX_1940 ("First discussion partner, relationship")		
- Not at all or no answer >> continue with KPX_400		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(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		

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1940		
<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Networks	<b>Item:</b> First discussion partner, relationship
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09 modified		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
Filter of KPX_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the answer was ( $\geq 1$ and $\leq 7$ )		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
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		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		

- (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  
decision

**Item:** First discussion partner, voting

**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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1980		
<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Networks	<b>Item:</b> First discussion partner, party identification

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Note:** Attention, please program two versions, depending on the filter transmitting the respondent to the question. See below!

**Split:****Variant KPX\_1980a:**

**Filter:** [If the respondent stated a party at the question "voting decision of discussion partner" KPX\_1970:]

**Presentation:****Question:**

If you now think about this person, is he/she inclined...

- (1) to support this party permanently?
- (2) to actually support another party permanently?
- (3) not to support a particular party permanently?

**Filter redirection:** If 1 or 3 >> KPX\_400

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\_400

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.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1990	<b>Topic:</b> Networks	<b>Item:</b> First discussion partner, party identification, party
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**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!

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_400	<b>Topic:</b> Election campaign	<b>Item:</b> Contact with political parties
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**Origin:** Tracking modified

**Presentation:**

Figure 1;

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Question:**

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

- Yes
- No

**Filter redirection:**

- Yes >> continue with KPX\_410
- No or no answer >> continue with KPX\_360

**Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_410
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<b>Waves:</b> 2-7
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<b>Topic:</b> Election campaign
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<b>Item:</b> Contact with political parties, way
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**Origin: Tracking****Presentation:**

Figure 2;  
Klickbox;  
Write everything in bold {xxx}

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

Filter of KPX\_400 ("Election campaign – contact with political parties") --> (if the answer at "Election campaign, contact with political parties" was "yes").

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

If affirmed >> continue with KPX\_420 "Contact with political parties, way, party"

**Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_420
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<b>Waves:</b> 2-7
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<b>Topic:</b> Election campaign
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<b>Item:</b> Contact with political parties, way, party
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**Origin: Tracking**

**Presentation:** input field for "other party, namely\_\_\_\_", with plausibility check

Figure 1;

Enter:

- (A) I attended {election meetings or rallies}.
- (B) I received {emails or text messages}.

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

--> Write { } everything bold and in italics

**Split:**

**Filter:**

If the answer at KPX\_410 "Election campaign, contact with political parties, way" was "yes".

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_360

**Waves:** 2      **Topic:** Voting decision

**Item:** Recall European elections

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

With "Don't know"-category; no ballot

**Question:**

Let us now turn to the elections to the European Parliament on 7 June 2009. Which party did you vote for then?

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE. PDS
- Other party, namely \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know
- I wasn't entitled to vote
- I did not vote

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE. PDS
- (801) Other party, namely [coding by institute]
- (995) I didn't vote
- (996) I wasn't entitled to vote

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_2460

**Waves:** 2

**Topic:** Socio-demography

**Item:** Membership of organizations

**Origin:** Tracking modified, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Response options: Check-off boxes

Multiple answers are possible

**Question:**

Now, let's talk about memberships in organizations and associations. Are you a member of one of the following clubs, associations or organizations?

(A) Trade union

(B) Trade and employers' associations

(C) Professional associations

(D) Farmer's associations or agricultural associations

(E) Religious/church groups

(F) Sports club/hobby club

(G) Party

(H) Groups critical to globalization, e.g. ATTAC

(I) Women's organizations

(J) Environmental groups

**Filter redirection:** If (G) "party" was answered, then ask which party

**Coding:**

(0) Not mentioned

(1) Mentioned

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_2470

**Waves:** 2

**Topic:** Socio-demography

**Item:** Membership of trade unions,

household

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

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

1 Yes

2 No

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

(1) Yes

(2) No

(99) No answer

**Note:** The field institute failed to program the answer "Don't know" as originally designed.

**Variable:** KPX\_2480

**Waves:** 2

**Topic:** Socio-demography

**Item:** Religion

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Answer category "other" with description field

**Question:**

What is your religion?

- Roman Catholic

- Protestant

- Evangelical Free Church

- Other Christian denomination

- Jewish
- Islam
- Undenominational
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Filter redirection:**

- Roman Catholic >> continue with KPX\_2490 ("Church attendance, Christian")
- Protestant >> continue with KPX\_2490 ("Church attendance, Christian")
- Evangelical Free Church >> continue with KPX\_2490 ("Church attendance, Christian")
- Other Christian denomination >> continue with KPX\_2490 ("Church attendance, Christian")
- Jewish >> continue with KPX\_2500 ("Synagogue attendance, Jewish")
- Islam >> continue with KPX\_2510 ("Mosque attendance, Islamic")
- Other >> continue with KPX\_2310
- Undenominational >> continue with KPX\_2310
- No answer >> continue with KPX\_2310

**Coding:**

- (1) Roman Catholic
- (2) Protestant
- (3) Evangelical Free Church
- (4) Other Christian confession
- (5) Jewish
- (6) Islam
- (XX) Other, namely \_\_\_\_\_ (coding by institute)
- (11) Undenominational
- (99) No answer

**Note:** Due to considerations of data protection the answer options 'jewish', 'islam', and 'other' were collapsed into 'other confession'. All other answers were recoded according to the coding scheme 'religion'. The coding scheme can be downloaded at [www.gesis.org/gles](http://www.gesis.org/gles).

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2490	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Church attendance, Christian
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**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

Filter of KPX\_2480 ("Religion")

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

How often do you usually go to church?

- Never
- Once a year
- Several times a year
- Once a month
- Two to three times a month
- Once a week
- More than once a week

**Filter redirection:****Coding:**

- (1) Never
- (2) Once a year
- (3) Several times a year
- (4) Once a month
- (5) Two to three times a month
- (6) Once a week
- (7) More than once a week
- (99) No answer

**Note:** Due to considerations of data protection the answers to the questions KPX\_2490 'Church attendance, Christian', KPX\_2500 'Synagogue attendance, Jewish', and KPX\_2510 'Mosque attendance, Islamic' were merged in the variable kirchg 'Church/mosque/synagogue attendance'.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2500		
<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Synagogue attendance, Jewish

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

Filter of KPX\_2480 ("Religion")

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

How often do you usually go to the synagogue?

- Never
- Once a year
- Several times a year
- Once a month
- Two to three times a month
- Once a week
- More than once a week

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) Never
- (2) Once a year
- (3) Several times a year
- (4) Once a month
- (5) Two to three times a month
- (6) Once a week
- (7) More than once a week
- (99) No answer

Note: Due to considerations of data protection the answers to the questions KPX\_2490 'Church attendance, Christian', KPX\_2500 'Synagogue attendance, Jewish', and KPX\_2500 'Mosque attendance, Islamic' were merged in the variable kirchg 'Church/mosque/synagogue attendance'.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2510		
<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Mosque attendance, Islamic

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

Filter of KPX\_2480 ("Religion")

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

How often do you pray in the mosque apart from during Ramadan?

- Never
- Once a year
- Several times a year
- Once a month
- Two to three times a month
- Once a week
- More than once a week

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) Never
- (2) Once a year
- (3) Several times a year
- (4) Once a month
- (5) Two to three times a month
- (6) Once a week
- (7) More than once a week
- (99) No answer

Note: Due to considerations of data protection the answers to the questions KPX\_2490 'Church attendance, Christian', KPX\_2500 'Synagogue attendance, Jewish', and KPX\_2500 'Mosque attendance, Islamic' were merged in the variable kirchg 'Church/mosque/synagogue attendance'.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2310		
<b>Waves:</b> 1,2,(3)	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Respondent has a partner
<b>Origin:</b> Q09 modified		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
Do you live with a partner?		
- Yes		
- No		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) Yes		
(2) No		
(99) No answer		

  

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2520		
<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> German citizenship
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
Have you been a German citizen since birth?		
- Yes		
- No		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
- Yes >> continue with KPX_2540 ("Country of birth")		
- No >> continue with KPX_2530 ("German citizenship, since when")		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) Yes		
(2) No		
(99) No answer		

  

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2530		
<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> German citizenship, since when
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
Filter of KPX_2520 ("German citizenship")		
Plausibility check, only allow entries in the range between 1900-2009.		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
Input field with 4 digits, note for the respondent: "Please enter 4 digits!"		
<b>Question:</b>		
Since when do you have the German citizenship?		
<b>Filter redirection:</b> KPX_2540		
<b>Coding:</b>		
Coding by institute		
(99) No answer		

  

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2540		
<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Country of birth
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09 modified		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b> Description field for category "abroad, namely",		
Plausibility check, if this was selected, then respondent must enter an answer!		
<b>Question:</b>		
Where were you born?		
1) Old federal states, West Germany		
2) New federal states, East Germany or former German Democratic Republic		
3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe, e.g. East Prussia, Silesia, Pomerania		
XX) Abroad, namely _____		

**Filter redirection:****Coding:**

- (1) Old federal states
- (2) New federal states
- (3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe
- (XX) Abroad, namely
- (99) No answer

Note: The respondents' answers to the questions KPX\_2540 'Country of birth', KPX\_2560 'Country of birth, partner', KPX\_2570a 'Country of birth, mother', and KPX\_2570b 'Country of birth, father' were recoded according to the coding scheme 'states'. The coding scheme can be downloaded at [www.gesis.org/gles](http://www.gesis.org/gles).

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2550	<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Age, immigration
<b>Origin:</b> Q09 modified			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b> If "abroad" was stated at KPX_2540			
<b>Presentation:</b> Input field with 2 digits			
<b>Question:</b>			
How old were you when you moved to Germany?			
At the age of ..... years			
<b>Filter redirection:</b>			
<b>Coding:</b>			
(999) No answer			
(1000) Not applicable			

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2560	<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Country of birth, partner
<b>Origin:</b> Q09			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b> If 1 at KPX_2310.			
<b>Presentation:</b> Description field for category "abroad, namely", Plausibility check, if this was selected, then respondent must enter an answer!			
<b>Question:</b>			
Where was your partner born?			
1) Old federal states, West Germany			
2) New federal states, East Germany or former German Democratic Republic			
3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe, e.g. East Prussia, Silesia, Pomerania			
XX) Abroad, namely _____			
<b>Filter redirection:</b>			
<b>Coding:</b>			
(1) Old federal states			
(2) New federal states			
(3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe			
(XX) Abroad, namely			
(99) No answer			

Note: The respondents' answers to the questions KPX\_2540 'Country of birth', KPX\_2560 'Country of birth, partner', KPX\_2570a 'Country of birth, mother', and KPX\_2570b 'Country of birth, father' were recoded according to the coding scheme 'states'. The coding scheme can be downloaded at [www.gesis.org/gles](http://www.gesis.org/gles).

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2570	<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Country of birth, parents
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking modified			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
<b>Presentation:</b> Description field for category "abroad, namely", Plausibility check, if this was selected, then respondent must enter an answer!			
<b>Question:</b>			
(A) What country was your mother born in?			
1) Old federal states, West Germany			
2) New federal states, East Germany or former German Democratic Republic			
3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe, e.g. East Prussia, Silesia, Pomerania			



XX) Abroad, namely \_\_\_\_\_

(B) What country was your father born in?

- 1) Old federal states, West Germany
- 2) New federal states, East Germany or former German Democratic Republic
- 3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe, e.g. East Prussia, Silesia, Pomerania

XX) Abroad, namely \_\_\_\_\_

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) Old federal states
- (2) New federal states
- (3) Former German territories in Eastern Europe
- (XX) Abroad, namely
- (99) No answer

Note: The respondents' answers to the questions KPX\_2540 'Country of birth', KPX\_2560 'Country of birth, partner', KPX\_2570a 'Country of birth, mother', and KPX\_2570b 'Country of birth, father' were recoded according to the coding scheme 'states'. The coding scheme can be downloaded at [www.gesis.org/gles](http://www.gesis.org/gles).

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2580		
<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Subjective perception of class

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

People talk a lot about social classes these days. To which social class do you think you belong to?

- Working class
- Lower middle class
- Middle class
- Upper middle class
- Upper class

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) Working class
- (2) Lower middle class
- (3) Middle class
- (4) Upper middle class
- (5) Upper class
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2590		
<b>Waves:</b> 2	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Net household income
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking modified, Q09		

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

How high is your household's total net monthly income i.e. the total amount remaining after tax and other deductions? Please be sure that your data will be evaluated without revealing your name and for statistical purposes only.

- up to 499 Euro
- 500 - 999 Euro
- 1000 - 1499 Euro
- 1500 - 1999 Euro
- 2000 - 2499 Euro
- 2500 - 2999 Euro
- 3000 - 3499 Euro
- 3500 - 3999 Euro
- 4000 - 4499 Euro
- 4500 - 4999 Euro
- 5000 Euro and more

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) Up to 499 Euro
- (2) 500 - 999 Euro
- (3) 1000 - 1499 Euro
- (4) 1500 - 1999 Euro
- (5) 2000 - 2499 Euro
- (6) 2500 - 2999 Euro
- (7) 3000 - 3499 Euro
- (8) 3500 - 3999 Euro
- (9) 4000 - 4499 Euro
- (10) 4500 - 4999 Euro
- (11) 5000 Euro and more
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_2600**Waves:** 2**Topic:** Socio-demography**Item:** Residence**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:****Coding:**

- (1) City
- (2) Small-town, medium-sized town in a metropolitan area
- (3) Small-town, medium-sized town in less densely populated areas
- (4) Rural area close to a medium-sized town or a large city
- (5) Rural area close to smaller towns
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_2640**Waves:** 1-6**Topic:** Panel participation**Item:** Participation next wave**Origin:** new**Presentation:****Filter:****Question:**

Thank you very much for your interest and your willingness to take part in this survey! As already announced in the invitation we would like to ask you again a number of questions about the federal election in the next few weeks. Your regular participation gives you the chance to win cash prizes. Of course, this does not affect your right not to take part in a survey due to vacation, business trips or due to other reasons.

We will contact you again within the next 2 weeks and ask you to take part in another survey. Will it be possible for you to participate again?

- Yes
- No

**Filter redirection:** If "no", then KPX\_2650; if "yes", then end of interview**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_2650**Waves:** 1-5**Topic:** Panel participation**Item:** Participation subsequent waves

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**Origin:** new

**Presentation:**

**Filter:** If “no” at KPX\_2640

**Question:**

Will it be possible for you to take part in the subsequent surveys?

- Yes

- No

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

(1) Yes

(2) No

(99) No answer