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Exact instrumentation – VW5**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_020**Waves:** 1,3,5,7 **Topic:** General attitudes to politics **Item:** Satisfaction with democracy**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** Figure 1**Question:**

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

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Variable: KPX_2610**Waves:** 5 **Topic:** Economic situation **Item:** Satisfaction social market economy**Origin:** Tracking 3**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

On the whole, how satisfied or not are you with the social market economy in Germany? Are you.... ?

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Variable: KPX_820**Waves:** 1,3,5,7 **Topic:** Valence issues **Item:** General economic situation, current**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** “generally”, “economic situation in Germany” in italics**Question:**

How would you generally rate the current economic situation in Germany?

- Very good
- Good
- Partly good, partly bad
- Bad
- Very bad

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Variable: KPX_790	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Own economic situation, prospective
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: “your own” in italics

Question:

What do you think? How will your own economic situation be like in a year's time?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_170	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	Topic: Voting decision	Item: Voting intention
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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 >> 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	Topic: Voting decision	Item: Vote postal voter
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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
closed

Topic: Voting decision

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:

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

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
- 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:

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 (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:

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?

VW2-NW7:

- Angela Merkel
- Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_440	Topic: Party ratings in general	Item: Representation of interests
Waves: 5		

Origin: Q09 modified

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: Five-point-scale without numerical marking. Please place the parties on the second screen!

Question 1 screen:

Please have a look at the following list of groups and organizations which many people feel represented by. Now, please tell me for each of these groups or organizations - regardless of whether you are a member or not - whether you think they represent or oppose your interests.

Question 2 screen:

Do the following parties or organizations represent your interests or are they opposed to your interests?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_910	Topic: Strategic voting	Item: Scalometer coalitions
Waves: 5		

Note: Will be replaced by "Desirable coalition" in VW1-4 and VW6!

Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 2; split to 2 screens

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

Marking: -5 "not desirable at all", +5 "absolutely desirable";

Question screen 1:

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

Question screen 2:

How desirable would you find the following governments or coalitions?

- (A) Grand coalition (CDU/CSU and SPD)
- (B) Black-yellow coalition (CDU/CSU and FDP)
- (C) Red-green coalition (SPD and GRUENE)
- (D) Social-liberal coalition (SPD and FDP)
- (E) Black-green coalition (CDU/CSU and GRUENE)
- (F) Traffic-light-coalition (SPD, FDP and GRUENE)
- (G) Jamaica-coalition (CDU/CSU, FDP and GRUENE)
- (H) Red-red-green coalition (SPD, DIE LINKE and GRUENE)
- (I) One party-CDU/CSU government
- (J) One party-SPD government

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) -5 Not desirable at all
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 Absolutely desirable
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_930

Waves: 5

Topic: Strategic voting

Item: Perception of coalition signals
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

Filter:

Presentation: Figure 2

Question:

Regardless of the real majorities after the election, how likely do you think is it that the following political parties would be willing to enter into a coalition with each other?

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

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) Very unlikely
- (2) Rather unlikely
- (3) Rather likely
- (4) Very likely
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_840

Waves: 1-7

Topic: Valence issues

Item: Most important issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Description field

Question:

If you now consider the current political situation – in your opinion, what is the most important political issue Germany is facing?

Filter redirection:

If answer is provided >> continue with KPX_850 ("Ability to solve the most important issue")

If no answer is provided >> continue with KPX_040

Coding:

Coding by institute

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_850

Waves: 1-7

Topic: Valence issues

Item: Ability to solve the most important issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 1;

Description field for "other party, namely ____" ;

If "Other party, namely" was selected, then the description field has to be filled in (plausibility check!)

Split:

Filter:

Filter of "Most important issue" (KPX_840)

Question:

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

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

- All parties are equally good
- No party

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) CDU/CSU

(4) SPD

(5) FDP

(6) GRUENE

(7) DIE LINKE

(801) Other party, namely ____ [coding by institute]

(808) No party

(809) All parties are equally good

(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_860

Waves: 1-7

Topic: Valence issues

Item: Second most important issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Filter of KPX_840 ("Most important issue"), if a response was given to this question

Presentation:

Description field

Question:

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

Filter redirection:

If answer is provided >> continue with KPX_870 ("Ability to solve the second most important political issue")

If no answer is provided >> continue with KPX_040

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
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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 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
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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

Variable: KPX_890	Waves: 1-7	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Ability to solve the third most important political issue
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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_040

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

Origin: DFG94-02

Presentation: Split items to 2 screens, scale from 0 to 5 without numerical marking

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

Here you can find some statements on parties in Germany. Please state whether you agree or disagree.

- A The parties are only interested in people's votes, not in what voters think.
- B The parties consider the state to be a self-service store.
- C Most politicians are trustworthy and honest people.
- D Citizens cannot influence politics without having good relationships to parties.
- E Even ordinary party members are able to exert influence on their parties.
- F The parties' only concern is their power.
- G The parties differ considerably when it comes to their goals, thus providing the citizens with clear alternatives.
- H The parties take too much influence in the society.
- J Our country would be governed worse with parties having no professional politicians.
- K Most parties and politicians are corrupt.

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Variable: KPX_1150

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

Origin: Tracking modified

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

Filter:**Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:**Coding split 1:**

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

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_1190

Waves: 2,5

Topic: Political positions

Item: Integration, parties

Origin: Tracking modified

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

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Foreigners should completely assimilate to the German culture", "Foreigners should be able to live according to their own culture"
with "Don't know"-category

Question:

There are different views on how much foreigners should 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

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

Origin: Tracking modified

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

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "State should contract more debts", "state should contract less debts";
with "Don't know"-category

Question:

Some people say that the state should contract more debts in order to boost the economy even if this will burden future generations. Others say that the state should contract less debts, because more debts will burden future generations and thus weaken the economy in the long run. What do you think are the parties' positions on this issue? Please use again the following scale.

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

Coding split 1:

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

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_1170		
Waves: 2,5	Topic: Political positions	Item: Economic policy, ego

Origin: Tracking modified

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

Filter:**Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

Question:

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

Filter redirection:**Coding split 1:**

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

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_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_1470

Waves: 5

Topic: Political positions

Item: Contraction of debts, ego

Origin: Tracking

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

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "State should contract more debts", "state should contract less debts";
with "Don't know"-category

Question:

What is your personal opinion on the contraction of debts?

Filter redirection:

Coding split 1:

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

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_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

Variable: KPX_1480**Waves:** 5**Topic:** Political positions**Item:** Contraction of debts, importance**Origin:** Tracking**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

How important to you personally is the issue of contraction of debts?

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Variable: KPX_2160**Waves:** 5**Topic:** Predispositions**Item:** General trust**Origin:** Q09 modified**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking. Marking of left endpoint “you can’t be too careful” right “most people are trustworthy”**Question:**

Generally speaking, do you think that most people are trustworthy or, on the contrary, that you can’t be too careful in dealings with other people? Please tell me what you think using the following scale.

Coding:

- (1) 1 You can't be too careful
 (2) 2
 (3) 3
 (4) 4
 (5) 5
 (6) 6
 (7) 7
 (8) 8
 (9) 9
 (10) 10
 (11) 11 Most people are trustworthy
 (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2170	Waves: 5	Topic: Predispositions	Item: General well-being
Origin: Q09 modified			
Split:			
Filter:			
Presentation: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking. Marking of left endpoint "completely dissatisfied" and right "completely satisfied"			
Question: All in all, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you currently with your life? Please tell me what you think using the following scale.			
Coding:			
(1) 1 Completely dissatisfied			
(2) 2			
(3) 3			
(4) 4			
(5) 5			
(6) 6			
(7) 7			
(8) 8			
(9) 9			
(10) 10			
(11) 11 Completely satisfied			
(99) No answer			

Variable: KPX_2200	Waves: 1,5	Topic: Predispositions	Item: Attachment battery
Origin: Tracking			
Presentation: Figure 2			
Split:			
Filter:			
Question: People feel attached to Germany, Europe, their state and their community to a different degree. How about you? How strongly do you feel attached to...			
A) The community you live in?			
B) The state you live in?			
C) Germany?			
D) The European Union?			
E) Europe?			
- not attached at all			
- less attached			
- fairly attached			
- very attached			
Filter redirection:			
Coding:			
(1) Not attached at all			
(2) Less attached			

- (3) Fairly attached
 (4) Very attached
 (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_430	Topic: Party ratings in general	Item: Scalometer parties
Waves: 1-7		
Origin: Tracking, Q09		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation:		
Cf. Figure 2;		
Scale ranging from -5 to +5, with zero point;		
Marking: -5 "I have a very negative view of this party" and +5 "I have a very positive view of this party";		
Question:		
How do you feel about the political parties in general? Please use a scale ranging from -5 to +5.		
(A) CDU		
(B) CSU		
(C) SPD		
(D) FDP		
(E) GRUENE		
(F) DIE LINKE		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(1) -5 I have a very negative view of this party		
(2) -4		
(3) -3		
(4) -2		
(5) -1		
(6) 0		
(7) +1		
(8) +2		
(9) +3		
(10) +4		
(11) +5 I have a very positive view of this party		
(99) No answer		

Variable: KPX_030	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Notion of democracy
Waves: 5,7		
Origin: Tracking 3		
Presentation:		
Figure 2, scale ranging from 1 to 6 without numerical marking		
Marking of endpoints: ‘1’ “Democracy is the worst conceivable state idea“, ‘6’ “Democracy is the best conceivable state idea“		
Filter:		
Question:		
How do you rate the idea of democracy compared to other state ideas?		
Coding:		
(1) 1 Democracy is the worst conceivable state idea		
(2) 2		
(3) 3		
(4) 4		
(5) 5		
(6) 6 Democracy is the best conceivable state idea		
(99) No answer		

Variable: KPX_2620		
Waves: 5	Topic: Economic situation	Item: Notion of social market economy
Origin: Tracking 3		
Presentation:		
Figure 2, scale ranging from 1 to 6 without numerical marking		

Marking: '1' "Social market economy is the worst conceivable economic system"; '6' "social market economy is the best conceivable economic system"

Filter:

Question:

How do you rate the social market economy compared to other economic systems?

Coding:

- (1) 1 Social market economy is the worst conceivable economic system
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6 Social market economy is the best conceivable economic system
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1520

Waves: 2,5,7 **Topic:** Psychological concepts

Item: Emotions: Anger, intensity,

Merkel

Origin: Tracking

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking

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

Question:

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_1530

Waves: 2,5,7 **Topic:** Psychological concepts

Item: Emotions: Enthusiasm, intensity,

Merkel

Origin: Tracking

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking

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

Question:

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_1540

Waves: 2,5,7 **Topic:** Psychological concepts

Item: Emotions: Anger, intensity,

Steinmeier

Origin: Tracking

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

Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking

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

Question:

If you think of Frank-Walter Steinmeier or what he did, how angry does this make you?

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

(1) 1 Not angry at all

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7 Very angry

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1550

Waves: 2,5,7

Topic: Psychological concepts

Item: Emotions: Enthusiasm, intensity,

Steinmeier

Origin: Tracking**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:**

Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking

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

Question:

If you think of Frank-Walter Steinmeier or what he did, how enthusiastic does this make you?

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

(1) 1 Not enthusiastic at all

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7 Very enthusiastic

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1551

Waves: 5

Topic: Psychological concepts

Item: Emotions: Anger, intensity,

federal election

Origin: new**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:**

Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking

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

Question:

If you think of the federal election. How angry does this make you?

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

(1) 1 Not angry at all

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7 Very angry

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1552	Topic: Psychological concepts	Item: Emotions: Enthusiasm, intensity,
Waves: 5 federal election		
Origin: new		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation:		
Scale: Seven-point-scale, without numerical marking		
Marking: Left "not enthusiastic at all", right "very enthusiastic";		
Question:		
If you think of the federal election. How enthusiastic does this make you?		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(1) 1 Not enthusiastic at all		
(2) 2		
(3) 3		
(4) 4		
(5) 5		
(6) 6		
(7) 7 Very enthusiastic		
(99) No answer		

Variable: KPX_1560	Topic: Psychological concepts	Item: Emotions: Worries, intensity,
Waves: 2,5,7 battery		
Origin: Tracking, new		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation: Figure 2		
Scale: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking		
Marking: Left "not worried at all", right "worry a lot";		
Question:		
How worried are you about the...		
(A) current economic crisis?		
(B) current swine flu?		
(C) use of nuclear energy?		
(D) global warming?		
(E) international terrorism?		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(1) 1 Not worried at all		
(2) 2		
(3) 3		
(4) 4		
(5) 5		
(6) 6		
(7) 7 Worry a lot		
(99) No answer		

Variable: KPX_1490	Topic: Political positions	Item: Left-right assessment, parties
Waves: 1-7		
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
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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_1590

Waves: 2-7	Topic: Media reliance	Item: General Internet use, current
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Origin: Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

“In the last week“ in italics

Question:

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

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

- on 7 days

Filter redirection:

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

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_1600

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

Item: Internet use, politically current

Origin: Tracking, Q09

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

Split:

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

Presentation: "In the last week" in italics

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:

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

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

Figure 1;

Newspapers to be inserted in [...]:

- A): "Bild"
- B): "Frankfurter Rundschau"
- C): "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung"
- D): "Süddeutsche Zeitung (SZ)"
- E): "tageszeitung (taz)"
- F): "Die Welt"

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

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

Write parties and "no party" in bold

Plausibility check for "not in favour".

Split:**Filter:**

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

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Variable: KPX_1680**Waves:** 2-7**Topic:** Media reliance**Item:** Use of TV, news, current**Origin:** Tracking**Presentation:** "last week" in italics

Cf. Figure 2;

Rows: Newscasts (Tagesschau, ..);

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

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

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

- (A) Tagesschau or Tagesthemen
- (B) Heute or Heute Journal
- (C) RTL Aktuell
- (D) Sat.1 Nachrichten
- (E) Pro 7 Newstime

Filter redirection:

- Tagesschau >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)
- Heute >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)
- RTL Aktuell >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)
- Sat.1 Nachrichten >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)
- Pro 7 Newstime >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_1690**Waves:** 2-7**Topic:** Media reliance**Item:** Use of TV, bias, current**Origin:** Tracking**Presentation:** "last week" in italics

Figure 1;

Put newscasts to be requested in [...]

- A) "Tagesschau or "Tagesthemen"
- B) "Heute or "Heute-Journal"
- C) "RTL Aktuell"
- D) "Sat.1 Nachrichten"
- E) "Pro 7 Newstime"

-> Always write newscasts in italics

Write parties and "no party" in bold

Plausibility check for "not in favour".

Split:**Filter:**

Filter of KPX_1680 (if the respondent answered at KPX_1680 that he watched the requested news on at least "1 day")

Question:

If you particularly think about the reports of [newscasts of KPX_1680] on political parties in the last week, what impression did you have? Were these reports more 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
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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
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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_650		
Waves: 1-7	Topic: Front-runners	Item: Scalometer politicians

Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Scale: -5 to +5

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

Question:

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

- (A) Angela Merkel
- (B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- (C) Horst Seehofer
- (D) Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg
- (E) Franz Müntefering
- (F) Guido Westerwelle
- (G) Renate Künast
- (J) Gregor Gysi

Filter redirection: If Merkel and Steinmeier are both "unknown" >> KPX_1620. If only one person is unknown, then do not ask for the characteristics of this person at KPX_660!
 Otherwise >> KPX_660

Coding:

- (1) -5 I have a very negative view of this politician
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2

- (9) +3
 (10) +4
 (11) +5 I have a very positive view of this politician
 (98) Don't know (politician)
 (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_660	Topic: Front-runners	Item: Characteristics of chancellor candidates
Waves: 1-7		
Origin: Tracking, Q09		
Split:		
Filter:		
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_700	Topic: Front-runners	Item: Merkel, bad aspects
Waves: 5		
Origin: Tracking 4		
Split:		
Filter: Of KPX_650, only if Merkel was assessed there!		
Presentation: Description field		
Question:		
The following question is about aspects you dislike about the chancellor candidates. What do you dislike about Angela Merkel?		
Filter redirection:		
Coding: By institute		

Variable: KPX_720	Topic: Front-runners	Item: Steinmeier, bad aspects
Waves: 5		
Origin: Tracking 4		
Split:		
Filter: Of KPX_650, only if Steinmeier was assessed there!		
Presentation: Description field		

Question:

What do you dislike about Frank-Walter Steinmeier?

Filter redirection:

Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_1780

Waves: 4,5

Topic: Televised debate

Item: Televised debate: Probability of reception

Origin: Televised debate

Presentation: with "don't know"

Split: Split half, half the respondents is asked question KPX_1780 and KPX_1790, the others will not be asked.

Question:

On 13 September, there will be a televised debate between Chancellor Angela Merkel and the chancellor candidate of SPD, Frank-Walter Steinmeier. Will you watch this debate?

Coding:

- (1) Certainly
- (2) Probably
- (3) Perhaps
- (4) Probably not
- (5) Certainly not
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1790

Waves: 4,5

Topic: Televised debate

Item: Televised debate: Expected result Ausgang

Origin: Televised debate

Presentation: with "don't know"

Question:

What do you think, who will perform better in this debate?

Coding:

- (1) Angela Merkel
- (2) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- (3) Both equally well
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2070

Waves: 2,5,7

Topic: Predispositions

Item: Battery of values

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Scale: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

Question:

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

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

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

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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

Variable: KPX_940	Waves: 5	Topic: Strategic voting	Item: Anticipated majorities
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Question:

What do you think the results of the federal election will be?

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

Filter redirection:

In case of 1 or 2 >> continue with KPX_380

In case of 3, "neither of these coalitions will win a majority of seats" >> continue with KPX_950 ("Expected government")

Coding:

- (1) Majority of seats for CDU/CSU-FDP
- (2) Majority of seats for SPD- GRUENE
- (3) Neither of these coalitions will win a majority of seats.
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_950	Waves: 5	Topic: Strategic voting	Item: Expected government
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Note: Will be replaced by "Expected coalition" in VW1-4 and VW6"

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

if KPX_940 ("Anticipated majorities") was answered with (3)

Presentation:

Description field after "other coalition, namely", with plausibility check

Question:

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

- CDU/CSU and SPD (grand coalition)
- SPD, FDP and GRUENE (traffic-light-coalition)
- CDU/CSU, FDP and GRUENE (Jamaica-coalition)
- SPD, DIE LINKE and GRUENE (red-red-green coalition)
- Other coalition, namely _____

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) Grand coalition consisting of SPD and CDU/CDU
- (2) SPD-FDP- GRUENE
- (3) CDU/CSU-FDP- GRUENE
- (4) SPD- GRUENE - DIE LINKE
- (5) Other coalition, namely _____ [coding by institute]
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_380	Waves: 2-6	Topic: Election campaign	Item: Interest in the outcome of the election
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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_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_394**Waves:** 5**Topic:** Election campaign**Item:** Attention to the elections to the Landtag on 30

August

Origin: new**Split:****Filter:****Question:**

How closely did you follow the Landtag elections in Saarland, Thuringia, and Saxony on 30 August?

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

Filter redirection: If 3 or 4 -> KPX_171

If 1, 2 or no answer was given -> KPX_1930

Coding:

- (1) I did not follow the elections to the Landtag at all
- (2) Not very closely
- (3) Fairly closely
- (4) Very closely
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_171**Waves:** 5**Topic:** Voting decision**Item:** Change of intention to vote after

30 August

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

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

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

decision after 30 August

Origin: new**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 1;

Split:

Filter: Filter of KPX_394, if there 3 or 4 was answered and of KPX_170, if there not 6 (postal vote) was answered.

Question:

Has the certainty of your voting decision for the federal election changed due to the results of the state elections in Saarland, Thuringia, and Saxony on August 30th? The certainty of my voting decision has...

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

Filter redirection: If 4 or 5 -> KPX_272

If 1,2,3 or 99 -> KPX_1930

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_272

Waves: 5

Topic: Voting decision

Item: Change of voting decision after

30 August

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 1;

Split:**Filter:**

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

Question:

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

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Variable: KPX_1930

Waves: 1-7

Topic: Networks

Item: Discussions about politics

Origin: Tracking, Q09

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

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

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

Filter redirection:

- On at least one day>> continue with KPX_1940 ("First discussion partner, relationship")
- Not at all or no answer >> continue with KPX_2660

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_1940**Waves:** 1-7 **Topic:** Networks**Item:** First discussion partner,

relationship

Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified**Split:****Filter:**Filter of KPX_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the answer was (≥ 1 and ≤ 7)**Presentation:****Question:**

If you now think about the person who you talked about politics and political parties most frequently within the last week: What relationship do you have with this person?

- Spouse/Partner
- Parents
- Child
- Other relative
- Friend
- Work colleague or fellow student
- Neighbour
- Other person

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) Spouse/Partner
- (2) Parents
- (3) Child
- (4) Other relative
- (5) Friend
- (6) Work colleague or fellow student
- (7) Neighbour
- (8) Other person
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1950**Waves:** 1-7 **Topic:** Networks**Item:** First discussion partner,

knowledge of politics

Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified**Split:****Filter:**

Filter of KPX_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the respondent talked about politics with another person on at least one day of the previous week.

Presentation:**Question:**

In your opinion, how much does this person know about politics?

- A great deal
- A fair amount
- Not so much
- Nothing at all

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) Nothing at all

- (2) Not so much
- (3) A fair amount
- (4) A great deal
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1960	Topic: Networks	Item: First discussion partner, difference of opinion
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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	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
identification

Item: First discussion partner, party

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_2660

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_2660

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_1061

Waves: 5

Topic: Strategic voting

Item: Coalition vignettes

Origin: T4 modified

Split:

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 1; 6 screens;

Filter: In each case the filters refer to the second vote:

If KPX_190 = 2, the ask question A) and C)

If KPX_190=4, the ask question B) and D)

If KPX_190=1, then ask question E)

If KPX_190=3, then ask question F)

Question for voters of SPD (KPX_190=2) and Die Gruenen (KPX_190=4):

Here are some examples of possible coalitions that parties could form.

Question for voters of CDU (KPX_190=1) and FDP (KPX_190=3):

Here is an example of a possible coalition that parties could form.

Which party would you vote for at the federal election if...

- (A) SPD would form a coalition with the party DIE LINKE in Thuringia?
- (B) GRUENE would form a coalition with CDU and FDP in Saarland?
- (C) SPD would form a coalition with the party DIE LINKE and GRUENE in Saarland?
- (D) GRUENE would form a coalition with SPD and the party DIE LINKE in Saarland?
- (E) CDU would form a coalition with FDP and GRUENE in Saarland?
- (F) FDP would form a coalition with CDU and GRUENE in Saarland?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) CDU/CSU

- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party, namely ____
- (995) Would not vote
- (999) No answer

Variable: KPX_2660

Waves: 3,5-7 **Topic:** Current topics
assignments

Item: German Armed Forces, foreign

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
Afghanistan

Item: German Armed Forces, war in

Origin: Deutschland-Trend Juli 2009 modified

Presentation: Figure 1

Filter:

Question:

How appropriate is the term "war" for the Afghanistan-mission of the German Armed Forces?

- Very appropriate
- Fairly appropriate
- Partly appropriate/partly inappropriate
- Fairly inappropriate
- Completely inappropriate

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) Completely inappropriate
- (2) Fairly inappropriate
- (3) Partly appropriate/partly inappropriate
- (4) Fairly appropriate
- (5) Very appropriate
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2680

Waves: 3,5 **Topic:** Current topics

Item: Nuclear power, options

Origin: Politbarometer 1993-2006 modified

Presentation: Figure 1

Filter:

Question:

Here you can find possible ways Germany could deal with nuclear power. Which statement is closest to your own opinion? Germany should...

- built more nuclear power plants.
- use all existing nuclear power plants without building new ones.
- shut down old nuclear power plants and only the new ones should be kept on running without limit.
- shut down all nuclear power plants immediately.

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) In Germany more nuclear power plants should be built.
- (2) In Germany all existing nuclear power plants should be used without building new ones.
- (3) In Germany the old nuclear power plants should be shut down and only the new ones should be kept on running without limit.
- (4) In Germany all nuclear power plants should be shut down immediately.
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2690

Waves: 3,5

Topic: Current topics

Item: Nuclear power, statements

Origin: CfQ, proposal Thurner

Presentation: Figure 2, 5-point-scale without numerical marking

Filter:

Question:

Here are some statements concerning nuclear power. Please state whether you agree with each statement or not.

- (A) We can't stop climate change without the use of nuclear power.
- (B) Nuclear power is the only way to limit the price increase of electricity.
- (C) Germany's nuclear power plants are safe.

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_2700

Waves: 3,5

Topic: Current topics

Item: Old vs. young, statements

Origin: Old age survey modified, APuZ

Presentation: Figure 2, 5-point-scale without numerical marking, if necessary split to 2 screens

Filter:

Question:

Here are some statements concerning the relations between old and young people. Please state whether you agree with each statement or not.

- (A) Elderly people care to less about the future of the younger.
- (B) Elderly people built up all the things the younger now live off.
- (C) Everybody should make provisions for his own retirement so that he won't be a burden to anyone in the future.
- (D) Gainfully employed persons are obliged to pay their contributions and taxes, thus enabling elderly people to maintain their standard of living.
- (E) Elderly people earn their pensions because they paid their duties earlier.
- (F) The younger generation will not be able to bear the financial burdens of the older generation in future.
- (G) Pensions are too low and should be increased even if this may entail an increase of duties or taxes.
- (H) Our pensions will continue to be safe in the future.
- (I) Our pension system is unfair to the younger generation.

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Variable: KPX_2710		
Waves: 3,5	Topic: Current topics	Item: Old vs. young, linking of pensions to net salaries

Origin: Politbarometer 1985 modified**Presentation:** Figure 1**Filter:****Question:**

People talk a lot about the linking of pensions to net salaries and net wages these days. What do you think? In future, pensions should...

- increase more than net wages and net salaries.
- increase just like net wages and net salaries.
- increase less than net wages and net salaries.

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) In future pensions should increase more than net wages and net salaries
- (2) In future pensions should increase just like net wages and net salaries
- (3) In future pensions should increase less than net wages and net salaries
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_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_150

Coding:

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

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

Origin: Tracking**Presentation:**

Figure 2;

Klickbox;

Write everything in bold {xxx}

Split:**Filter:**

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

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:

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

Coding:

(0) Not mentioned

(1) Mentioned

(99) No answer

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

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

Figure 1;

Enter:

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

--> Write {} everything bold and in italics

Split:**Filter:**

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

Question:

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

1) CDU/CSU

- 2) SPD
- 3) FDP
- 4) GRUENE
- 5) DIE LINKE
- 6) Other party

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

Variable: KPX_150**Waves:** 5,7**Topic:** General attitudes to politics**Item:** Satisfaction with range of political offers and methods of resolution**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the range of political offers and methods of resolution the parties are presenting during the electoral campaign?

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) Very satisfied
- (2) Fairly satisfied
- (3) Fairly dissatisfied
- (4) Very dissatisfied
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2250**Waves:** 5**Topic:** Predispositions**Item:** Fairness social order**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

Please now think of the state of the society in Germany. How fair or unfair are the current conditions?

- Very fair
- Quite fair
- Neither fair nor unfair
- Quite unfair
- Very unfair

Coding:

- (1) Very fair
- (2) Quite fair
- (3) Neither fair nor unfair
- (4) Quite unfair
- (5) Very unfair
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2260**Waves:** 5**Topic:** Predispositions**Item:** Fairness population group**Origin:** DFG94-02**Split:****Filter:**

Presentation: Figure 1

Question:

Regardless of how fair a society is, as a matter of fact there are always some people or population groups who are privileged and some who are disadvantaged. In your opinion, do you belong to those in our society who are...

- ...rather disadvantaged.
- ...neither disadvantaged nor privileged.
- ...rather privileged.

Coding:

- (1) ...rather disadvantaged.
- (2) ...neither disadvantaged nor privileged.
- (3) ...rather privileged.
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2270

Waves: 5

Topic: Predispositions

Item: Fairness ego

Origin: Allbus, Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: Figure 1

Question:

Compared to the way other people live here in Germany: Do you think you receive your fair share or do you think you don't?

- Much less than the fair share
- slightly less
- the fair share
- slightly more
- Much more than the fair share

Coding:

- (1) Much less than the fair share
- (2) Slightly less
- (3) The fair share
- (4) Slightly more
- (5) Much more than the fair share
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2090

Waves: 1,3,5,7

Topic: Predispositions

Item: Party identification

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation: half-open, description field for "other party", plausibility check

Question:

Many people in Germany feel close to a particular political party for a longer period of time even if they occasionally vote for another party. What about you? In general terms, are do you feel close to a particular political party? And if so, which one?

- CDU
- CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE

- Other party
- No party

Filter redirection:

- Party stated >> continue with KPX_2100 ("Party identification, strength")
- No party >> KPX_2150
- No answer >> KPX_2150

Coding:

- (2) CDU
- (3) CSU

- (4) SPD
 (5) FDP
 (6) GRUENE
 (7) DIE LINKE
 (801) Other party, namely ____
 (808) No party
 (999) No answer

Variable: KPX_2100		
Waves: 1,3,5,7	Topic: Predispositions	Item: Party identification, strength
Origin: Tracking, Q09		
Split:		
Filter:		
Filter of KPX_2090 ("Party identification"), if the answer was 1-801.		
Presentation:		
Question:		
All in all, how strongly or weakly attached are you to this party?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very strongly - Fairly strongly - Moderately - Fairly weakly - Very weakly 		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(1) Very strongly (2) Fairly strongly (3) Moderately (4) Fairly weakly (5) Very weakly (99) No answer		

Variable: KPX_2110		
Waves: 1,3,5,7	Topic: Predispositions	Item: Party identification, persistence
Origin: Tracking, Q09		
Split:		
Filter:		
Filter of KPX_2090 ("Party identification"), if the answer was 1-801.		
Presentation:		
Question:		
How long have you been attached to this party?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as I can remember - For many years - For a few years - For a few months - For a few weeks 		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(1) As long as I can remember (2) For many years (3) For a few years (4) For a few months (5) For a few weeks (99) No answer		

Variable: KPX_2130		
Waves: 5	Topic: Predispositions	Item: Party identification father
Origin: Q09		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation: Other party, namely, with input field, plausibility check!		
Question:		
If you now think about your father, is he or was he close to a particular political party? If so, which party?		

- SPD
- CDU
- CSU
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE

- Other party, namely ____
- No party

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (2) CDU
- (3) CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party, namely ____
- (808) No party
- (999) No answer

Variable: KPX_2140**Waves:** 5**Topic:** Predispositions**Item:** Party identification mother**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** Other party, namely, with input field, plausibility check!**Question:**

If you now think about your mother, is she or was she close to a particular political party? If so, which party?

- SPD
- CDU
- CSU
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE

- Other party, namely ____
- No party

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (2) CDU
- (3) CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party, namely ____
- (808) No party
- (999) No answer

Variable: KPX_2150**Waves:** 5**Topic:** Predispositions**Item:** Fairness/egalitarianism**Origin:** Q09, Tracking 3**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** Figure 2

Five-point-scale without numerical marking

Question:

Let's look at some statements about what might be considered just and fair in Germany. Please state whether you agree or not with these statements.

- (A) People are only then willing to take on additional responsibility at work if they are being paid for it.
- (B) The state should guarantee a minimum standard of living for all.
- (C) It is fair that some people can afford to pay for a better education of their children.
- (D) The state should introduce an upper income limit.

(E) It is fair that some professions are considered to be more prestigious than others.

(F) It is quite correct that employers make good profits because in the long run everybody will benefit.

- Strongly disagree
- Rather disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Rather agree
- Strongly agree

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_2371		
Waves: 5	Topic: Socio-demography	Item: Unemployment at the moment

Origin: Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Question:

Are you or is anyone close to you unemployed at the moment?

- Yes, I am unemployed
- Yes, someone close to me is unemployed
- Yes, I am unemployed and someone close to me is also unemployed
- No, I am not unemployed nor is anyone close to me unemployed

Filter redirection: If 1 or 3-> KPX_2372, if 2 or 4-> KPX_2640

Coding:

- (1) Yes, I am unemployed
- (2) Yes, someone close to me is unemployed
- (3) Yes, I am unemployed and someone close to me is also unemployed
- (4) No, I am not unemployed nor is anyone close to me unemployed
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2372		
Waves: 5	Topic: Socio-demography	Item: Duration of unemployment at the moment

Origin: Q09

Split:

Filter: If 1 or 3 at KPX_2371

Presentation: Pull-down menu for months and years

Question:

How long have you been unemployed?

Please state month and year.

Since [month] [year]

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_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

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