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*Documentation of Questionnaire (wave 1)*

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**Exact instrumentation – VW1****Variables:** 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

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

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 ("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:** If 1-5 >> KPX\_2330

If 6 &gt;&gt; KPX\_2090

**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_820	<b>Waves:</b> 1,3,5,7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> General economic situation, current
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
<b>Presentation:</b> Figure 1			
<b>Question:</b>			
How would you generally rate the current economic situation in Germany?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very good</li> <li>- Good</li> <li>- Partly good, partly bad</li> <li>- Bad</li> <li>- Very bad</li> </ul>			
<b>Filter redirection:</b>			
<b>Coding:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Very good</li> <li>(2) Good</li> <li>(3) Partly good, partly bad</li> <li>(4) Bad</li> <li>(5) Very bad</li> <li>(99) No answer</li> </ul>			

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_800	<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> General economic situation, retrospective
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
<b>Presentation:</b> Figure 1			
<b>Question:</b>			
How has the general economic situation in Germany developed in the last one to two years? The general economic situation has.....?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improved a lot</li> <li>- Improved a bit</li> <li>- Stayed the same</li> <li>- Got a bit worse</li> <li>- Got a lot worse</li> </ul>			
<b>Filter redirection:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improved a lot &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")</li> <li>- Improved a bit &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")</li> <li>- Stayed the same &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")</li> <li>- Got a bit worse &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")</li> <li>- Got a lot worse &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")</li> <li>- No answer &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_110 ("Political knowledge: First/second vote")</li> </ul>			
<b>Coding:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Improved a lot</li> <li>(2) Improved a bit</li> <li>(3) Stayed the same</li> <li>(4) Got a bit worse</li> <li>(5) Got a lot worse</li> <li>(99) No answer</li> </ul>			

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_810	<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> Responsibility for general economic situation
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
Filter of KPX_800 ("General economic situation, retrospective")			
<b>Presentation:</b> Figure 1			
<b>Question:</b>			

In your opinion: How strongly have the policies of the federal government affected the way the general economic situation has changed?

- Very strongly
- Fairly strong
- Moderately
- Not very strongly
- Not at all

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_110

**Waves:** 1,4,6,7

**Topic:** General attitudes to politics

**Item:** Political knowledge: First/second

vote

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:** Figure 1

**Question:**

You have two votes in the federal election, a first vote and a second vote. Which one is more important, thus determining how strongly the party is represented in the Bundestag?

- The first vote
- The second vote
- Both votes are equally important
- Don't know

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) The first vote
- (2) The second vote
- (3) Both votes are equally important
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_020

**Waves:** 1,3,5,7

**Topic:** General attitudes to politics

**Item:** Satisfaction with democracy

**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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_170	<b>Waves:</b> 1-6	<b>Topic:</b> Voting decision	<b>Item:</b> Intention to vote
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
<b>Presentation:</b> Figure 1			
<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> .			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I will certainly vote</li> <li>- I will probably vote</li> <li>- I will maybe vote</li> <li>- I will probably not vote</li> <li>- I will certainly not vote</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Don't know</li> </ul>			
<b>Filter redirection:</b>			
- 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_240 ("Reasons for decision not to vote")			
- Certainly not vote >> continue with KPX_240 ("Reasons for decision not to vote")			
- Don't know >> continue with KPX_210 ("Vote (hypothetical)")			
- No answer >> continue with KPX_210 ("Vote (hypothetical)")			
<b>Coding:</b>			
(1) Will certainly vote			
(2) Will probably vote			
(3) Will maybe vote			
(4) Will probably not vote			
(5) Will certainly not 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
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09			
<b>Presentation:</b>			
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)			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
Filter of KPX_170 ("Intention to vote")			
<b>Question:</b>			
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 yet know

(B) Second vote:

- CDU/CSU

- SPD

- FDP

- GRUENE

- DIE LINKE

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

- Do not yet know

**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 yet know" was selected for the first and the 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\_240

**Waves:** 1

**Topic:** Voting decision

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

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:** Of KPX\_170, if "likely not to vote" or "certain not to vote" was selected.

**Presentation:** Description field

**Question:**

Why would you probably not take part in the election? Please state the most important reasons.

**Filter redirection:**

>> continue with KPX\_210 "Vote (hypothetical)"

**Coding:**

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\_240 ("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\_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:**

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

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**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- Coding by institute
- (99) 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\_670

**Waves:** 1-7

**Topic:** Front runners

**Item:** Preferred chancellor

**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
- Neither of them

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) Angela Merkel
- (2) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- (3) Neither of them
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_760

**Waves:** 1,4,6,7

**Topic:** Valence issues

**Item:** Own economic situation, retrospective

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 1;

**Question:**

Let's turn to another topic.

How has your own economic situation developed in the last one to two years? My economic situation has...

- Improved a lot
- Improved a bit
- Stayed the same
- Got a bit worse
- Got a lot worse

**Filter redirection:**

- Improved a lot >> continue with KPX\_770 ("Responsibility for own economic situation")
- Improved a bit >> continue with KPX\_770 ("Responsibility for own economic situation")
- Stayed the same >> continue with KPX\_770 ("Responsibility for own economic situation")
- Got a bit worse >> continue with KPX\_770 ("Responsibility for own economic situation")
- Got a lot worse >> continue with KPX\_770 ("Responsibility for own economic situation")

- No answer >> continue with KPX\_790

**Coding:**

- (1) Improved a lot
- (2) Improved a bit
- (3) Stayed the same
- (4) Got a bit worse

(5) Got a lot worse

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_770

**Waves:** 1,4,6,7      **Topic:** Valence issues      **Item:** Responsibility for own economic situation

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

if KPX\_760 ("Responsibility for own economic situation, retrospective") was answered with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**Question:**

In your opinion: How strongly have the policies of the federal government affected the way your economic situation has changed?

- Very strongly
- Fairly strong
- Moderately
- Not very strongly
- Not at all

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_790

**Waves:** 1,3,5,7      **Topic:** Valence issues      **Item:** Own economic situation, prospective

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1051	<b>Waves:</b> 1-6	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting	<b>Item:</b> Credibility opinion polls
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**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_2200	<b>Waves:</b> 1,5	<b>Topic:</b> Predispositions	<b>Item:</b> Attachment battery
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**Origin:** Tracking

**Presentation:**

Figure 2, randomization

**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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_840	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> Most important issue
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**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Description field

**Question:**

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

**Filter redirection:**

If answer is provided >> continue with KPX\_850 ("Ability to solve the most important issue")

If no answer is provided >> continue with KPX\_050

**Coding:**

Coding by institute

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_850**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 given >> continue with KPX\_870 ("Ability to solve the second most important political issue")  
 If no answer is given >> continue with KPX\_050

**Coding:**

Coding by institute  
 (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_870	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> 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:**

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_880	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> 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 given >> continue with KPX\_890 ("Ability to solve the third most important issue")  
 If no answer is given >> continue with KPX\_050

**Coding:**

Coding by institute  
 (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_890	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> 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:****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:**

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_050	<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> General attitudes to politics	<b>Item:</b> Attitudes to politics and society in general
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**Origin:** DFG94-02

**Presentation:** Figure 2, if needed split to 2 screens!

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Question:**

Here are some common statements on politics and society. Please tell me, whether you agree or disagree.

- A Politicians care about what people like me think.
- B People like me have no influence on the government.
- C Principally, each democratic party should have the chance to assume government responsibilities.
- D Politics is such a complex issue that people like me cannot understand what is going on.
- E The members of the Bundestag try to get in close contact with the population.
- F Citizens can hardly influence politics.
- G Everybody should have the right to defend his own view even if the majority dissents on that aspect.
- H I feel I could play an active role in a group dealing with political issues.
- J A democracy will not work without a political opposition.
- K I am perfectly able to understand and assess important political questions.
- L In a democracy it is the duty of all citizens to vote regularly in elections.

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1070	<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,7	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Socio-economic dimension, parties
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**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

**Split:** Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale.

**The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Second half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits", "higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits"

with "Don't know"- category

**Question:**

Some people would like to see lower taxes even if that would imply some reductions in welfare state benefits; others would like to see more government spending on welfare state benefits even if that would entail higher taxes. In your view, what are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use the depicted scale.

(A) CDU

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

**Coding split 1:**

- (1) 1 Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

- (1) 1 Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 Higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Note: The answers 1 "Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits" given at KP1\_1070a Political positions (11) Socio-economic dimension, parties, CDU were all mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer". This error could not be fixed.

**Variable:** KPX\_1110

**Waves:** 1,4,7

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Left-right- authoritarian, parties

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

**Split:** Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale.

The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Relax immigration restrictions", "make immigration restrictions tougher";  
with "Don't know"- category

**Question:**

Let's turn to the issue of immigration. Should laws on immigration of foreigners be relaxed or made tougher?

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

- (1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5



- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Make immigration restrictions tougher
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

- (1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 Make immigration restrictions tougher
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1350
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<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,7	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Nuclear power, parties
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<b>Origin:</b> Tracking modified
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<b>Attention:</b> Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale. The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!
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**Filter:****Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "More nuclear power plants should be built", "immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants"; with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

Let us now turn to the issue of nuclear power.

Should more nuclear power plants be built or should all nuclear power plants be closed down immediately?

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

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

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

- (1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

- (1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7

- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Note: Too many respondents refused to answer KP4\_1350a Political positions: Nuclear power, parties: CDU (99 "No answer"). This error could not be fixed.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1090	<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,7	<b>Topic:</b> Political position	<b>Item:</b> Socio-economic dimension, ego
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**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

**Split:** Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale. The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits", "higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits" with "Don't know"- category

**Question:**

And how about you? What is your position on taxes and on government spending on welfare state benefits?

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

- (1) 1 Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

- (1) 1 Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 Higher taxes and more government spending on welfare state benefits
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Note: Far too many respondents refused to answer question KP4\_1090 Political positions: Socio-economic dimension, ego (99 "No answer"). This error could not be fixed.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1130	<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,7	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Left-right- authoritarian, ego
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**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

**Split:** Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale. The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Relax immigration restrictions", "make immigration restrictions tougher";  
with "Don't know"- category

**Question:**

And what is your personal opinion on immigration of foreigners?

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

- (1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Make immigration restrictions tougher
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

- (1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 Make immigration restrictions tougher
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Note: Far too many respondents refused to answer question KP4\_1130 Political positions: Left-right authoritarian, ego (99 "No answer"). This error could not be fixed.

**Variable:** KPX\_1370

**Waves:** 1,4,7      **Topic:** Political positions      **Item:** Nuclear power, ego

**Origin:** Tracking modified

**Split:** Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale.  
**The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints, too!**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "More nuclear power plants should be built", "immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants";

**Question:**

How would you describe your own view on nuclear power?

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

- (1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

- (1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built
- (2) 2

- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Note: Far too many respondents refused to answer question KP4\_1370 Political positions: Nuclear power, ego (99 "No answer"). This error could not be fixed.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1100		
<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,7	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Socio-economic dimension, importance
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
How important are issues like government spending on health, education, social benefits and taxes to you?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very important</li> <li>- Fairly important</li> <li>- Partly important/partly unimportant</li> <li>- Fairly unimportant</li> <li>- Completely unimportant</li> </ul>		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Very important</li> <li>(2) Fairly important</li> <li>(3) Neither/nor</li> <li>(4) Fairly unimportant</li> <li>(5) Completely unimportant</li> <li>(99) No answer</li> </ul>		

Note: Instead of "Neither/nor" the answer category in wave 1 was "Partly important/partly unimportant".

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1140		
<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,7	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Left-right- authoritarian, importance
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
And how important is the issue of immigration of foreigners to you?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very important</li> <li>- Fairly important</li> <li>- Neither/nor</li> <li>- Fairly unimportant</li> <li>- Completely unimportant</li> </ul>		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Very important</li> <li>(2) Fairly important</li> <li>(3) Neither/nor</li> <li>(4) Fairly unimportant</li> <li>(5) Completely unimportant</li> <li>(99) No answer</li> </ul>		

Note: Instead of "Neither/nor" the answer category in wave 1 was "Partly important/partly unimportant".

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1380
<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,7 <b>Topic:</b> Political positions <b>Item:</b> Nuclear power, importance
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking
<b>Split:</b>
<b>Filter:</b>
<b>Presentation:</b>
<b>Question:</b> How important is the issue of nuclear power to you personally?
- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither/nor
- Fairly unimportant
- Completely unimportant
<b>Filter redirection:</b>
<b>Coding:</b> (1) Very important (2) Fairly important (3) Neither/nor (4) Fairly unimportant (5) Completely unimportant (99) No answer

Note: Instead of "Neither/nor" the answer category in wave 1 was "Partly important/partly unimportant".

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2180
<b>Waves:</b> 1,6 <b>Topic:</b> Predispositions <b>Item:</b> Personality battery
<b>Origin:</b> Q09
<b>Split:</b>
<b>Filter:</b>
<b>Presentation:</b> Figure 2, no numerical marking. Split to two screens, first screen: A-E, second screen: F-J
<b>Question:</b>  Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the following statements accurately describe you.
A      I tend to be somewhat shy and reserved.
B      I easily trust other people and see the good in others.
C      I perform tasks very thoroughly.
D      I am relaxed and remain unruffled even in times of stress.
E      I have an active imagination and am inventive.
F      I am a convivial person and can let myself go.
G      I tend to criticize other people.
H      I am an idle person and tend to be lazy.
I      I easily get nervous and uneasy.
J      I have only little interest in creative things.
<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_430
<b>Waves:</b> 1-7 <b>Topic:</b> Party ratings in general <b>Item:</b> Scalometer parties
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09
<b>Split:</b>
<b>Filter:</b>
<b>Presentation:</b> 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";
<b>Question:</b> 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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_650	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Front runners	<b>Item:</b> Scalometer politicians
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**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Scale: -5 to +5

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

**Question:**

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

- (A) Angela Merkel
- (B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- (D) Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg
- (F) Guido Westerwelle
- (H) Jürgen Trittin
- (I) Oskar Lafontaine

**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

**Note:** Due to a programming error no valid data for KP1\_650d, scalometer Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg were generated.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_660	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Front runners	<b>Item:</b> Characteristics of chancellor candidates
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**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

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\_1620**Waves:** 1 **Topic:** Media reliance  
source, in general**Item:** Most important information**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** "usually" in italics**Question:**

There are several ways to catch up on politics. Which are in general your main sources of information on politics and parties?

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

- I usually do not catch up on politics.

**Filter redirection:** If 1-6 >> KPX\_1630

If 7 or no answer &gt;&gt; KPX\_1490

**Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1630		
<b>Waves:</b> 1	<b>Topic:</b> Media reliance	<b>Item:</b> General Internet use, in general
<b>Origin:</b> Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b> Of KPX_1620 1-6.		
<b>Presentation:</b> "usually" in italics		
No input field!		
<b>Question:</b>		
On how many days of the week do you in general 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		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
- on at least one day >> continue with KPX_1640 (Internet use, political, in general)		
- not at all or no answer>> continue with KPX_1720		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(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_1640		
<b>Waves:</b> 1	<b>Topic:</b> Media reliance	<b>Item:</b> Internet use, political, in general
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b> [If "General Internet use, in general" KPX_1630 > 1 and <=8 ], Plausibility check: the value of KPX_1640 may not be higher than the KPX_1630 value.		
<b>Presentation:</b> "usually" in italics, no input field		
<b>Question:</b>		
On how many days of the week do you in general 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		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
- on at least one day >> continue with KPX_1650 (Internet use, pages in general, open)		
- not at all or no answer >> continue with KPX_1720		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(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_1650	<b>Topic:</b> Media reliance	<b>Item:</b> Internet use, pages, in general, open
<b>Waves:</b> 1		
<b>Origin:</b> new		
<b>Presentation:</b> "usually" in italics		
Description field for 5 answers		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
Filter of KPX_1640 (Internet use, political, in general), if the Internet is used on at least one day		
<b>Question:</b>		
Which web pages do you in general visit most frequently to catch up on politics and parties?		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(xx) Coding by institute		
(99) No answer		

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1720	<b>Topic:</b> Media reliance	<b>Item:</b> Use of print media – political, in general
<b>Waves:</b> 1		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking		
<b>Presentation:</b> "usually" 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"		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b> Of KPX_1620 1-6.		

**Question:**  
On how many days of the week do you in general 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, Netzzeitung, ...)

**Filter redirection:**

- Bild >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1730 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Frankfurter Rundschau >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1730 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1730 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Süddeutsche Zeitung >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1730 ("Use of print media - bias")
- taz (tageszeitung) >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1730 ("Use of print media - bias")
- Die Welt >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1730 ("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\_1740 ("Use of TV, news in general")
- Online-newspaper (e.g. Spiegel-online, Focus-online, Netzzeitung, ...) >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1740 ("Use of TV, news in general")
- if the answer was "not at all" for all choices continue with KPX\_1740 ("Television use, news in general").

**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\_1730

**Waves:** 1  
general

**Topic:** Media reliance

**Item:** Use of print media – bias, in

**Origin:** Tracking

**Presentation:** "usually" in italics

Figure 1;

Newspapers to be inserted in [...]:

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

[other online-newspapers or daily newspapers will not be requested]

--> Always write newspapers in italics

Write parties and "no party" in bold

Multiple responses possible. Please tell the respondents.

**Split:**

**Filter:**

Filter of KPX\_1720 (if respondent answered that he read political reports in the requested newspaper)

**Question:**

If you particularly think about the reports on parties in [newspaper of KPX\_1720], what is your impression? Are these reports usually 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\_1740

**Waves:** 1

**Topic:** Media reliance

**Item:** Television use, news in general

**Origin:** Tracking

**Presentation:** "usually" 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\_1620 1-6.

**Question:**

On how many days of the week do you usually 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\_1750 (television use, bias)
- Heute >> >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1750 (television use, bias)
- RTL Aktuell >> >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1750 (television use, bias)
- Sat.1 Nachrichten >> >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1750 (television use, bias)
- Pro 7 Newstime >> >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1750 (television use, bias)
- if the answer was "not at all" for all choices or no answer was given continue with KPX\_1760 (news magazines, in general)

**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_1750
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<b>Waves:</b> 1	<b>Topic:</b> Media reliance
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<b>Item:</b> Television use – bias, in general
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**Origin: Tracking**

**Presentation:** "usually" 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

Multiple answers are possible. Please tell the respondents.

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

Filter of KPX\_1740 (if the respondent answered at KPX\_1740 that he watched the requested newscasts on at least "1 day")

**Question:**

If you particularly think about the reports on parties of [newscasts of KPX\_1740], what is your impression? Are these reports usually 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_1760	<b>Waves:</b> 1	<b>Topic:</b> Media reliance	<b>Item:</b> News magazines, in general
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**Origin:** RCS modified**Split:****Filter:** Of KPX\_1620 1-6.**Presentation:** "usually" 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 usually read articles on politics and parties in these papers.

- Yes
- No

- (A) "Spiegel"
- (B) "Focus"
- (C) "Die Zeit"
- (D) "Stern"

**Filterweiterleitung:**

- Spiegel >> if "yes" continue with KPX\_1770
- Focus >> if "yes" continue with KPX\_1770
- Die Zeit >> if "yes" continue with KPX\_1770
- Stern >> if "yes" continue with KPX\_1770
- if all answers are "no" or "no answer" is given continue with KPX\_1490

**Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1770	<b>Waves:</b> 1	<b>Topic:</b> Media reliance	<b>Item:</b> News magazines – bias, in general
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**Origin:** Tracking**Presentation:** "usually" in italics

Figure 1;

News magazines/weekly newspapers, to be inserted in [...]:

- A) "Spiegel"
- B) "Focus"
- C) "Die Zeit"
- D) "Stern"

--&gt; Always write titles in italics

Write parties and "no parties" in bold

Please tell the respondents that multiple answers are possible.

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

Filter of KPX\_1760 (if the respondent answered that he read political reports in the requested news magazines)

**Question:**

If you particularly think about the reports on parties of [news magazine of KPX\_1760], what is your impression? Are these reports usually more favorable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

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

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

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1490**Waves:** 1-7      **Topic:** Political positions      **Item:** Left-right assessment, parties**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:**

Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;

Marking: "left" and "right";

with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

In politics people often talk about "left" and "right". How would you describe the following parties? Please use again the following scale.

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

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

- (1) 1 Left
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 Right
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1500**Waves:** 1-7      **Topic:** Political positions      **Item:** Left-right self- assessment**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:**

Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;

Marking: "left" and "right";

with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

And how about you? How would you describe yourself?

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

- (1) 1 Left
- (2) 2

- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 Right
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1930	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Networks	<b>Item:</b> Discussions about politics
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**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\_960 ("Desired coalition")

**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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1940	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Networks	<b>Item:</b> First discussion partner, relationship
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**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

**Split:**

**Filter:**

Filter of KPX\_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the answer was ( $\geq 1$  and  $\leq 7$ )

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

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

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

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

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1950**Waves:** 1-7      **Topic:** Networks  
knowledge of politics**Item:** First discussion partner,**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified**Split:****Filter:**

Filter of KPX\_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the respondent talked about politics with another person on at least one day of the previous week.

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

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

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

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

- (1) Nothing at all
- (2) Not so much
- (3) A fair amount
- (4) A great deal
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1960**Waves:** 1-7      **Topic:** Networks  
difference of opinion**Item:** First discussion partner,**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified**Split:****Filter:**

Filter of KPX\_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the respondent talked about politics with another person on at least one day.

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

When you talk about politics with this person, how often, would you say, do you have different opinions?

- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

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

- (1) Never
- (2) Rarely
- (3) Sometimes
- (4) Often
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1970**Waves:** 1-7      **Topic:** Networks  
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
- 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 KP1\_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\_960

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 KP1\_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\_960

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>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Networks	<b>Item:</b> First discussion partner, party identification, party
<b>Origin:</b> new		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b> [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!		
<b>Presentation:</b> Plausibility check for other party		

**Question:**

Which party is that?

- CDU
- CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely \_\_\_\_\_
- No party
- 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_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”		

**Question:**

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

- a) CDU/CSU
- b) SPD
- c) FDP
- d) GRUENE
- e) DIE LINKE
- f) Other party, namely \_\_\_\_ [coding by institute]

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

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_920a-f
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<b>Waves:</b> 1-4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting
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<b>Item:</b> Desirable coalition
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**Origin:** new

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

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

Plausibility check for "other party"

**Question:**

Regardless of the outcome of the federal election, which parties would you personally prefer to govern Germany after the federal election?

- a) CDU/CSU
- b) SPD
- c) FDP
- d) GRUENE
- e) DIE LINKE
- f) Other party, namely \_\_\_\_ [coding by institute]

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

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_350
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<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,7 (first/second vote)	<b>Topic:</b> Voting decision
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<b>Item:</b> Recall previous federal election
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**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 1;

Portray a ballot with first- and second vote;

Only one common field for first and second vote for the response categories "I wasn't entitled to vote" and "I didn't vote", placement in the center;

If one of these answers ("I wasn't entitled to vote" and "I didn't vote") was provided, then no answer may be provided for the first and second vote;

with "Don't know"-category;

If the answer "other party, namely" was given then a text has to be entered (plausibility check)

**Filter:**

**Question:**

Let us now turn to the last federal election.

Please think back to the last federal election in September 2005: Who did you vote for then?

(A) First vote:

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

- Don't know
- I didn't cast my first vote for anyone

(B) Second vote:

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

- Don't know
- I didn't cast my second vote for anyone

At first and second vote:

- I wasn't entitled to vote
- I didn't vote

#### Filter redirection:

#### Coding:

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE. PDS
- (801) Other party, namely [coding by institute]
- (994) I didn't cast a first or second vote
- (995) I didn't vote
- (996) I wasn't entitled to vote
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Note: Due to a programming error of the field institute, the answer category for second vote does not mention "Other party" in wave 4. Furthermore they failed to program the answer option "I didn't cast a first or second vote" in wave 4 and 7.

**Variable:** KPX\_2440

**Waves:** 1,(3) **Topic:** Socio-demography

**Item:** Household size

**Origin:** Q09 modified

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

How many people do permanently live in the same household with you, including you and your children?

- 1 person
- 2 persons
- 3 persons
- 4 persons
- 5 persons and more

**Filter redirection:** If 1>> KPX\_2300

If 2 or more>> KPX\_2450

#### Coding:

- (1) 1 person
- (2) 2 persons

- (3) 3 persons
- (4) 4 persons
- (5) 5 persons and more
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2450	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Persons under 18
<b>Waves:</b> 1,(3)		
<b>Origin:</b> Q09 modified		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b> Of KPX_2440, if more than one person lives in the household		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
How many persons living in your household are younger than 18 years?		
- Nobody		
- 1 person		
- 2 persons		
- 3 persons		
- 4 persons		
- 5 persons and more		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(0) Nobody		
(1) 1 person		
(2) 2 persons		
(3) 3 persons		
(4) 4 persons		
(5) 5 persons and more		
(99) No answer		

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2310	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Respondent has a partner
<b>Waves:</b> 1,2,(3)		
<b>Origin:</b> Q09 modified		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b> Of KPX_2440, if the answer there was at least "2 persons".		
<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_2300	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Marital status
<b>Waves:</b> 1,(3)		
<b>Origin:</b> Q09 modified		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
Please state your marital status.		
1        single		
2        married		
3        married but living separated		
4        civil union		
5        divorced		
6        widowed		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) Single		
(2) Married		
(3) Married but living separated		

- (4) Civil union  
 (5) Divorced  
 (6) Widowed  
 (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_2330

**Waves:** 1,(3)      **Topic:** Socio-demography

**Item:** Vocational and professional training

**Origin:** Q09 modified

**Split:**

**Filter:** Of KPX\_2320, if the answer was 1 to 5

**Presentation:** Multiple answers are possible! Description field for “other vocational training certificate, namely“

**Question:**

What vocational or professional training do you have?

A) On-the-job vocational training with final certificate, but not within a traineeship or apprenticeship scheme (“Beruflich-betriebliche Anlernzeit mit Abschlusszeugnis, aber keine Lehre”)

B) Compact vocational training course (“Teilfacharbeiterabschluss”)

C) Completed trades/crafts or agricultural traineeship (“Abgeschlossene gewerbliche oder landwirtschaftliche Lehre”)

D) Completed commercial traineeship (“Abgeschlossene kaufmaennische Lehre”)

E) Work placement/internship (“Berufliches Praktikum, Volontariat”)

F) Specialized vocational college certificate (“Berufsfachschulabschluss”)

G) Technical or vocational college certificate (“Fachschulabschluss”)

H) Master (craftsman), technician or equivalent college certificate (“Meister, Technikerabschluss”)

I) Polytechnic/University of applied sciences degree (“Fachhochschulabschluss”)

J) University degree (“Hochschulabschluss”)

K) No completed vocational training

L) Other vocational training certificate, namely

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

(0) Not mentioned

(1) Mentioned

**Variable:** KPX\_2340

**Waves:** 1,(3)      **Topic:** Socio-demography

**Item:** Employment status

**Origin:** Q09 modified

**Split:**

**Filter:** Of KPX\_2320, if the answer was 1-5. Do not ask if answer was 6.

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

Are you currently in gainful employment? Which of the categories from this list applies to you best?

- In full-time employment
- In part-time employment
- In a traineeship or apprenticeship
- Working on a hourly basis
- Currently unemployed
- Currently on short-time work, zero work
- Currently on a retraining course, i.e. a course financed by the employment agency
- On maternity leave, parental leave
- Housewife/househusband (not in full or part-time employment)
- In early retirement, retirement, on a pension
- Doing military/alternative community service
- School student
- Studying at a polytechnic/university of applied sciences or university
- Incapacitated for work

**Filter redirection:** If 1 to 4 and 6>> KPX\_2360

If 5, 7 to 11, 13, 14>> KPX\_2350

If 12>> KPX\_2090

**Coding:**

(1) In full-time employment

- (2) In part-time employment
- (3) In a traineeship or apprenticeship
- (4) Working on a hourly basis
- (5) Currently unemployed
- (6) Currently on short-time work, zero work
- (7) Currently on a retraining course, i.e. a course financed by the employment agency
- (8) On maternity leave, parental leave
- (9) Housewife/househusband (not in full or part-time employment)
- (10) In early retirement, retirement, on a pension
- (11) Doing military/alternative community service
- (12) School student
- (13) Studying at a polytechnic/university of applied sciences or university
- (14) Incapacitated for work
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_2350

**Waves:** 1,(3)      **Topic:** Socio-demography      **Item:** Former gainful employment

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:** If 5, 7-11, 13, 14 at KPX\_2340

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

Have you ever been in full-time employment in the past?

- 1      Yes
- 2      No

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_2360

**Waves:** 1,(3)      **Topic:** Socio-demography      **Item:** Unemployment

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:** If 1-11, 13, 14 at KPX\_2340

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

Have you ever been unemployed during the last 10 years?

- 1      Yes
- 2      No

**Filter redirection:** If 1>> KPX\_2370

If 2>> KPX\_2380

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_2370

**Waves:** 1,(3)      **Topic:** Socio-demography      **Item:** Duration of unemployment

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:** If 1 at KPX\_2360 or 5 at KPX\_2340

**Presentation:** Description field, in which only figures may be entered

**Question:**

How long were you unemployed for altogether during the last 10 years?

.....months

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

Coding by institute

(99) No answer

**Note:** The field institute failed to program filter redirection to KPX\_2340.

**Variable:** KPX\_2380

**Waves:** 1,(3)      **Topic:** Socio-demography

**Item:** Profession

**Origin:** Q09 modified

**Split:**

**Filter:** If 1-4, 6 at KPX\_2340

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

Now let's talk about your profession. Which of the categories from this list applies best to you?

- Self-employed farmer
- Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
- Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.
- Civil servant/Judge/Professional solidier
- Employee
- Worker
- In vocational training
- Family member assisting in family business

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

(1) Self-employed farmer

(2) Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)

(3) Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.

(4) Civil servant/Judge/Professional solidier

(5) Employee

(6) Worker

(7) In vocational training

(8) Family member assisting in family business

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_2390

**Waves:** 1,(3)      **Topic:** Socio-demography

**Item:** Former profession

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:** If 1 at KPX\_2350

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

Let's talk about your former profession. Which of the categories from this list applies best to you?

- Self-employed farmer
- Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
- Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.
- Civil servant/Judge/Professional solidier
- Employee
- Worker
- In vocational training
- Family member assisting in family business

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

(1) Self-employed farmer

(2) Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)

(3) Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.

(4) Civil servant/Judge/Professional solidier

(5) Employee

- (6) Worker
- (7) In vocational training
- (8) Family member assisting in family business
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2391	<b>Waves:</b> 1,(3)	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> School leaving certificate partner
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**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:** If 1 at KPX\_2310 or 2-4 at KPX\_2300

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

What general school leaving certificate does your spouse/partner 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 Is still a school student

**Filter redirection:** If 1-5 >> KPX\_2400

If 6>> KPX\_2090

**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) Is still a school student
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2400	<b>Waves:</b> 1,(3)	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Gainful employment partner
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**Origin:** Q09 modified

**Split:**

**Filter:** If 1 at KPX\_2310 and KPX\_2391 ≠ 6.

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

Is your partner currently in gainful employment? If yes, which of the categories from this list applies to him/her?

- In full-time employment
- In part-time employment
- In a traineeship or apprenticeship
- Working on a hourly basis
- Currently unemployed
- Currently on short-time work, zero work
- Currently on a retraining course, i.e. a course financed by the employment agency
- On maternity leave, parental leave
- Housewife/househusband (not in full or part-time employment)
- In early retirement, retirement, on a pension
- Doing military/alternative community service
- School student
- Studying at a polytechnic/university of applied sciences or university
- Incapacitated for work



**Filter redirection:** If 1 to 4 or 6>> KPX\_2420

If 5-11, 13, 14>> KPX\_2410

If 12>> KPX\_2090

**Coding:**

- (1) In full-time employment
- (2) In part-time employment
- (3) In a traineeship or apprenticeship
- (4) Working on a hourly basis
- (5) Currently unemployed
- (6) Currently on short-time work, zero work
- (7) Currently on a retraining course, i.e. a course financed by the employment agency
- (8) On maternity leave, parental leave
- (9) Housewife/househusband (not in full or part-time employment)
- (10) In early retirement, retirement, on a pension
- (11) Doing military/alternative community service
- (12) School student
- (13) Studying at a polytechnic/university of applied sciences or university
- (14) Incapacitated for work
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_2410

**Waves:** 1,(3) **Topic:** Socio-demography

**Item:** Former employment partner

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:** If 5-11, 13, 14 at KPX\_2400

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

Has your partner ever been in full-time employment in the past?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

**Filter redirection:** If 1>> KPX\_2430

If 2>> KPX\_2090

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_2420

**Waves:** 1,(3) **Topic:** Socio-demography

**Item:** Profession partner

**Origin:** Q09 modified

**Split:**

**Filter:** If the answer was 1-4 at KPX\_2400

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

Now we turn to your partner's profession. Which of the categories from the following list applies best to your partner?

- A: Self-employed farmer
- B: Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
- C: Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.
- D: Civil servant/Judge/Professional soldier
- E: Employee
- F: Worker
- G: In vocational training
- H: family member assisting in family business

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) Self-employed farmer
- (2) Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
- (3) Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.

- (4) Civil servant/Judge/Professional soldier
- (5) Employee
- (6) Worker
- (7) In vocational training
- (8) Family member assisting in family business
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2430	<b>Waves:</b> 1,(3)	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Former profession partner
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**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:** If 1 at KPX\_2410

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

Now we turn to your partner's former profession. Which of the categories from the following list applies best to your partner?

- A: Self-employed farmer
- B: Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
- C: Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.
- D: Civil servant/Judge/Professional soldier
- E: Employee
- F: Worker
- G: In vocational training
- H: family member assisting in family business

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) Self-employed farmer
- (2) Self-employed professional (e.g. doctor in private practice, lawyer)
- (3) Self-employed in trade or craft, industry, service sector, etc.
- (4) Civil servant/Judge/Professional soldier
- (5) Employee
- (6) Worker
- (7) In vocational training
- (8) Family member assisting in family business
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2090	<b>Waves:</b> 1,3,5,7	<b>Topic:</b> Predispositions	<b>Item:</b> Party identification
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**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\_2601
- No answer >> KPX\_2601

**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?

- 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?

- 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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2601		
<b>Waves:</b> 1,(3)	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Federal state
<b>Origin:</b> new		

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

Please name the federal state you are currently living in.

- Baden-Wuerttemberg
- Bavaria
- Berlin
- Brandenburg
- Bremen
- Hamburg
- Hesse
- Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
- Lower Saxony
- North Rhine Westphalia
- Rhineland Palatinate
- Saarland
- Saxony
- Saxony Anhalt
- Schleswig-Holstein
- Thuringia

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) Schleswig-Holstein
- (2) Hamburg
- (3) Lower Saxony
- (4) Bremen
- (5) North Rhine Westphalia
- (6) Hesse
- (7) Rhineland Palatinate
- (8) Baden-Wuerttemberg
- (9) Bavaria
- (10) Saarland
- (11) Berlin
- (12) Brandenburg
- (13) Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
- (14) Saxony
- (15) Saxony Anhalt
- (16) Thuringia
- (99) No answer

**Note:** Information about the federal state was combined from waves 1 and 3 and compared with postal codes from waves 1 and 3 and data from the online-panel account of the respondents. The released dataset contains the verified variable *fedstate*. A detailed explanation of the verification procedure is provided in the study description.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2602		
<b>Waves:</b> 1,(3)	<b>Topic:</b> Socio-demography	<b>Item:</b> Postal code
<b>Origin:</b> new		

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:** Description field, up to 5 figures may be entered.

**Question:**

Please state your postal code.

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (xx) Coding by institute
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2640
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<b>Waves:</b> 1-6	<b>Topic:</b> Panel participation	<b>Item:</b> Participation next wave
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**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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2650
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<b>Waves:</b> 1-5	<b>Topic:</b> Panel participation	<b>Item:</b> 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