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Documentation of Questionnaire (wave 3b)

Notes on this questionnaire:

As we had to recruit additional respondents in the second wave of the panel, two different questionnaires had to be designed for the third wave, thus enabling us to ask the new respondents questions concerning social structures that have already been asked in wave 1 (questions 83-98). For this group of respondents questions on the second discussion partner have been removed (black marking, questions 74-80), whereas questions on the party identification have been moved to the end of the set of questions on the social structure (questions 90/99-93/102). This is why variants a and b show different numberings. The number before the dash corresponds with the position in variant a, the number after the dash with variant b. Attention: This is the questionnaire for respondents who only started with the second wave (variant b)!

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Exact instrumentation – VW3b**Variable:** KPX_2280**Waves:** 1-7**Topic:** Socio-demography**Item:** Sex**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

Please specify your gender.

1 Male

2 Female

Coding:

(1) Male

(2) Female

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2290**Waves:** 1-7**Topic:** Socio-demography**Item:** Date of birth**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** Input field with 2 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/university of applied sciences

("Fachhochschulreife (Abschluss einer Fachoberschule etc.)")

5 Higher qualification, entitling holders to study at a university ("Abitur or Erweiterte Oberschule mit Abschluss 12. Klasse (Hochschulreife)")

6 I am still a school student

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

(1) Finished school without school leaving certificate

(2) Lowest formal qualification of Germany's tripartite secondary school system, after 8 or 9 years of schooling ("Hauptschulabschluss, Volksschulabschluss")

(3) Intermediary secondary qualification, after 10 years of schooling ("Mittlere Reife, Realschulabschluss or Polytechnische Oberschule mit Abschluss 10. Klasse")

(4) Certificate fulfilling entrance requirements to study at a polytechnical college/university of applied sciences ("Fachhochschulreife (Abschluss einer Fachoberschule etc.)")

(5) Higher qualification, entitling holders to study at a university ("Abitur or Erweiterte Oberschule mit Abschluss 12. Klasse (Hochschulreife)")

(6) I am still a school student

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_020**Waves:** 1,3,5,7 **Topic:** General attitudes to politics **Item:** Satisfaction with democracy**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****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_820**Waves:** 1,3,5,7 **Topic:** Issues of valence **Item:** General economic situation, current**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** “generally” and “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**Waves:** 1,3,5,7 **Topic:** Issues of valence **Item:** Own economic situation, prospective**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	Waves: 1-6	Topic: Voting decision	Item: Intention to vote
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

Note: As of 3rd wave additional response category "I have already sent off my postal vote"

Split:

Filter:

Question:

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

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

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

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

- I have already cast my postal vote

- Don't know

Filter redirection:

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

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_190	Waves: 1-6	Topic: Voting decision	Item: Voting intention
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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 ("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_191

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

Item: Vote postal voter

Origin: RCS**Presentation:**

Display ballot with first and second vote.

"Don't know"-category;

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

Split:**Filter:**

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

Question:

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

(A) First vote:

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP

- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely _____

- Don't know

(B) Second vote

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

- Don't know

Filter redirection:

If party was stated for second vote

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

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

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

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_250

Waves: 2-7

Topic: Voting decision

Item: Reasons for decision not to vote,

based

Origin: Q09

Split:

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

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

Question Pre-election:

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

- No time/too busy
- Absent/too far from polling station
- For health reasons
- Not interested in politics
- Don't know who I should vote
- Voting does not change anything
- Disappointment /dissatisfaction with politics/politicians
- My vote does not count/too less influence
- I rarely/never vote
- Other reason, namely _____

Filter redirection: >>KPX_210 (Vote (hypothetical))

Coding:

- (1) No time/too busy
- (2) Absent/too far from polling station

- (3) For health reasons
- (4) Not interested in politics
- (5) Don't know who I should vote for
- (6) Voting does not change anything
- (7) Disappointment/dissatisfaction with politics/politicians
- (8) My vote does not count/too less influence
- (9) I rarely/never vote
- (XX) Other reason, namely [coding by institute]
- (99) No answer

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: >> KPX_260

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_260

Waves: 1-7

Topic: Voting decision

Item: Reasons for voting decision, open

Attention: Two different questions: one for respondents of the question “voting intention“ (KPX_190) the other for respondents of the question “postal voter” (KPX_191)!

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

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

Presentation:

Description field, open question

Question pre-election (if KPX_190):

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

Question postal voting (if KPX_191):

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

Filter redirection: >> KPX_670

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?

- Angela Merkel
- Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) Angela Merkel
- (2) Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- (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_960a-f

Waves: 1-4,6,7

Topic: Strategic voting

Item: Expected coalition

Origin: new

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

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

Plausibility check for "other party"

Question:

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

a) CDU/CSU

b) SPD

c) FDP

d) GRUENE

e) DIE LINKE

f) Other party, namely ____ [coding by institute]

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

(0) Not mentioned

(1) Mentioned

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_920a-f	Waves: 1-4,6,7	Topic: Strategic voting	Item: 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

Variable: KPX_140	Waves: 3,6	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Political knowledge: The Federal Council
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Origin: Tracking 2

Presentation:

Figure 1;

Split:

Filter:

Question:

Do you happen to know who currently holds the majority in the Federal Council (Bundesrat)?

- The states (Bundesländer) led by SPD
- The states (Bundesländer) led by CDU/CSU
- None of the parties holds the majority in the Federal Council.
- Don't know

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) The states (Bundesländer) led by SPD
- (2) The states (Bundesländer) led by CDU/CSU
- (3) None of the parties holds the majority in the Federal Council
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_840	Waves: 1-7	Topic: Issues of valence	Item: Most important issue
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Description field

Question:

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

Filter redirection:

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

If no answer is provided >> continue with KPX_060

Coding:

Coding by institute

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_850

Waves: 1-7

Topic: Issues of valence

Item: Ability to solve the most important issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09

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: >> KPX_860

Coding:

(1) CDU/CSU

(4) SPD

(5) FDP

(6) GRUENE (7) DIE LINKE

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

(808) No party

(809) All parties are equally good

(999) No answer

Variable: KPX_860

Waves: 1-7

Topic: Issues of valence

Item: Second most important issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

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

Presentation:

Description field

Question:

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

Filter redirection:

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

If no answer is provided >> continue with KPX_060

Coding:

Coding by institute

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_870

Waves: 1-7

Topic: Issues of valence

Item: Ability to solve the second most important political issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 1;

Description field for "Other party, namely ____"

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

Split:

Filter:

Filter of KPX_860 ("Second most important issue"), if a response was given to this question

Question:

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

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

- All parties are equally good
- No party

Filter redirection: >> KPX_880

Coding:

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party, namely ____ [coding by institute]
- (808) No party
- (809) All parties are equally good
- (999) No answer

Variable: KPX_880

Waves: 1-7 **Topic:** Issues of valence **Item:** Third most important political issue

Origin: Q09

Split:

Filter:

Filter of KPX_860 ("Second most important issue"), if a response was given to this question

Presentation:

Description field

Question:

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

Filter redirection:

If answer is provided >> continue with KPX_890 ("Ability to solve the third most important issue")

If no answer is provided >> continue with KPX_060

Coding:

- Coding by institute
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_890

Waves: 1-7 **Topic:** Issues of valence **Item:** Ability to solve the third most important political issue

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Filter of KPX_880 ("Third most important issue")

Presentation:

Cf. Figure 1;

Description field for "Other party, namely ____"

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

Question:

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

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

- All parties are equally good
- No party

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party, namely ____ [coding by institute]
- (808) No party
- (809) All parties are equally good
- (999) No answer

Variable: KPX_060**Waves:** 3 **Topic:** General attitudes to politics **Item:** Battery of extremism 1**Origin:** DFG94-02**Presentation:** Figure 2, five-point-scale without numerical marking.**Split:****Filter:****Question:**

Here you can find several statements to which some people agree and some don't. Please tell me your view on these issues.

- A I am proud to be German.
- B The main business enterprises must be nationalized.
- C We should finally dare to have strong national feelings for our country.
- D The general welfare ranks much higher than the interest of groups and associations.
- E Under certain circumstances a dictatorship is the better form of government.
- F The GDR had more good than bad aspects.
- G Socialism is a good idea which has just been poorly implemented in the past.

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_1230**Waves:** 3 **Topic:** Political positions **Item:** Europe, 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: "Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon", "European unification already goes much too far"
with "Don't know"-category

Question:

Let's turn to the issue of European unification. Should the European unification be further promoted in order to establish a joint government soon or does European unification already go much too far?

What are the positions of the political parties on this issue in your view? Please use the following scale.

- (A) CDU
- (B) CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen
- (F) Die Linke

Filter redirection:**Coding split 1:**

- (1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 European unification already goes much too far
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Coding split 2:

- (1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 European unification already goes much too far
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1310**Waves:** 3,6**Topic:** Political positions**Item:** Generational fairness, parties**Origin:** Tracking modified**Split:** Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale**Filter:****Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "More taxes and lower standard of living in old age for the labor force, but a fair standard of living for elderly people", "less taxes and a higher standard of living in old age for the labor force, but lower standard of living for elderly people"

with "Don't know"-category

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:**Coding split 1:**

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

- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Less taxes and a higher standard of living in old age for the labor force, but lower standard of living for elderly people
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_1390**Waves:** 3,6**Topic:** Political positions**Item:** Criminality, parties**Origin:** Tracking modified**Split:** Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale**Filter:****Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime", "against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime";

with "Don't know"-category

Question:

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

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

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

Filter redirection:**Coding split 1:**

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

Coding split 2:

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

- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 Against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1240

Waves: 3

Topic: Political positions

Item: Europe chancellor candidates

Origin: RCS modified

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

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: "Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon", "European unification already goes much too far"
with "Don't know"-category

Question:

What is the chancellor candidate's position on European unification?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding split 1:

- (1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 European unification already goes much too far
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Coding split 2:

- (1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 European unification already goes much too far
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1320

Waves: 3

Topic: Political positions

Item: Generational fairness, chancellor candidates

Origin: RCS modified

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

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

Question:

What is the chancellor candidate's position pensions and old-age provisions?

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

Filter redirection:**Coding split 1:**

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

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_1400

Waves: 3	Topic: Political positions	Item: Criminality, chancellor candidates
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Origin: RCS modified

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

Filter:

Presentation:

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

Question:

What is the chancellor candidate's position to governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime?

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

Filter redirection:**Coding split 1:**

- (1) 1 In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
- (2) 2

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

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_1250**Waves:** 3**Topic:** Political positions**Item:** Europe, 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: "Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon", "European unification already goes much too far"

with "Don't know"-category

Question:

And what is your personal opinion on European unification?

Filter redirection:**Coding split 1:**

- (1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 European unification already goes much too far
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Coding split 2:

- (1) 1 Promote European unification in order to establish a joint government soon
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 European unification already goes much too far
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1330	Waves: 3,6	Topic: Political positions	Item: Generational fairness, ego
Origin: Tracking modified			
Split: Split half: seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale			
Filter:			
Presentation:			
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking			
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking			
Marking: "More taxes and a lower living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a fair living standard for elderly people", "less taxes and a higher living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a lower living standard for elderly people"			
with "Don't know"-category			
Question:			
And what is your personal opinion to pensions and old-age provisions?			
Filter redirection:			
Coding split 1:			
(1) 1 More taxes and a lower living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a fair living standard for elderly people			
(2) 2			
(3) 3			
(4) 4			
(5) 5			
(6) 6			
(7) 7 Less taxes and a higher living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a lower living standard for elderly people			
(98) Don't know			
(99) No answer			
Coding split 2:			
(1) 1 More taxes and a lower living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a fair living standard for elderly people			
(2) 2			
(3) 3			
(4) 4			
(5) 5			
(6) 6			
(7) 7			
(8) 8			
(9) 9			
(10) 10			
(11) 11 Less taxes and a higher living standard in old age for the gainfully employed, but a lower living standard for elderly people			
(98) Don't know			
(99) No answer			

Variable: KPX_1410	Waves: 3,6	Topic: Political positions	Item: Criminality, ego
Origin: Tracking modified			
Split: Split half: Seven-point-scale/eleven-point-scale			
Filter:			
Presentation:			
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking			
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking			
Marking: "In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime", "against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime";			
with "Don't know"-category			
Question:			
What is your position to governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime?			
Filter redirection:			
Coding split 1:			
(1) 1 In favor of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime			
(2) 2			
(3) 3			
(4) 4			

- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 Against governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Coding split 2:

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

Variable: KPX_1260

Waves: 3	Topic: Political positions	Item: Europe, importance
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Origin: Tracking**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 1;

Question:

And how important is the issue of European unification 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_1340

Waves: 3,6	Topic: Political positions	Item: Generational fairness, importance
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Origin: Tracking modified**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

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

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

(5) Completely unimportant

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1420		
Waves: 3,6	Topic: Political positions	Item: Criminality, importance
Origin: Tracking		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation:		
Question:		
How important is the issue of governmental interference in privacy in the combat against crime to you personally?		
- Very important		
- Fairly important		
- Neither/nor		
- Fairly unimportant		
- Completely unimportant		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(1) Very important		
(2) Fairly important		
(3) Neither/nor		
(4) Fairly unimportant		
(5) Completely unimportant		
(99) No answer		

Variable: KPX_070		
Waves: 3,7	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Other forms of participation, retrospective
Origin: Q09 modified		
Presentation: Figure 2		
Split:		
Filter:		
Question:		
If you think back over the last twelve months, did you do any of the following things to exercise political influence and to assert your point of view?		
A	I contributed to a citizens' initiative.	
B	I participated in a legal demonstration.	
C	I participated in a violent demonstration.	
D	I blocked the traffic.	
E	I tried to get support from a party/a politician.	
F	I signed a petition.	
G	I participated in an election campaign of a party/politician.	
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(1) Yes		
(2) No		
(99) No answer		

Variable: KPX_430		
Waves: 1-7	Topic: Party ratings in general	Item: Scalometer parties
Origin: Tracking, Q09		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation:		
Cf. Figure 2;		
Scale ranging from -5 to +5, with zero point;		
Marking: -5 "I have a very negative view of this party" and +5 "I have a very positive view of this party";		
Question:		
How do you feel about the political parties in general? Please use a scale ranging from -5 to +5.		
(A) CDU		
(B) CSU		
(C) SPD		

(D) FDP

(E) GRUENE

(F) DIE LINKE

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

(1) -5 I have a very negative view of this party

(2) -4

(3) -3

(4) -2

(5) -1

(6) 0

(7) +1

(8) +2

(9) +3

(10) +4

(11) +5 I have a very positive view of this party

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2190**Waves:** 3**Topic:** Predispositions**Item:** ASKO**Origin:** DFG94-02**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** Fields to be clicked on next to the terms**Question:**

Now we would like to know how you perceive yourself and the world around you in general. Please look at the following terms and state which one you like best at first sight – please note that these terms do not necessarily contradict each other.

A	Constant change	or	Orderly conditions
B	New ideas	or	Longstanding views
C	Surprising situations	or	Clear conditions
D	Tranquility and order	or	Flow and innovation
E	Integration and submission	or	Rebellion
F	Receptiveness to change	or	Ties to traditions
G	Strict rules	or	Improvisation
H	New, unknown things	or	Well-known things
I	Preservation of traditions	or	Reforms

Coding:

(1) [first term]

(2) [second term]

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2630**Waves:** 3**Topic:** Economic situation**Item:** Priority government spending**Origin:** Tracking, Allbus/ISSP**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

Marking: Five-point-scale, without numerical marking

Including category "can't tell"

Filter:**Question:**

Please state if you think the government should spend more or less money for the following policies. However, please take into consideration that higher spending may entail higher taxes.

(A) Environmental protection

(B) Health care

(C) Police and law enforcement

(D) Education

(E) Defense

(F) Retirement payments and pensions

(G) Unemployment benefits

(H) Culture and Arts

(I) Economy

Coding:

- (1) Spend much less
- (2) Spend less
- (3) Maintain expenses
- (4) Spend a bit more
- (5) Spend a lot more

(98) Can't tell

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1490

Waves: 1-7

Topic: Political positions

Item: Left-right assessment, parties

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;

Marking: "left" and "right";

with "Don't know"-category

Question:

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

(A) CDU

(B) CSU

(C) SPD

(D) FDP

(E) GRUENE

(F) DIE LINKE

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) 1 Left

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7

(8) 8

(9) 9

(10) 10

(11) 11 Right

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1500

Waves: 1-7

Topic: Political positions

Item: Left-right self- assessment

Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;

Marking: "left" and "right";

with "Don't know"-category

Question:

And how about you? How would you describe yourself?

Filter redirection:

Coding:

(1) 1 Left

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

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

Variable: KPX_680	Topic: Front runners	Item: Left-right assessment top candidates
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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 would you assess the chancellor candidates?

A Angela Merkel

B Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_1590	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
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

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

Split:

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

Presentation: "In the last week" in italics

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:

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

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_1610	Waves: 2-7	Topic: Media reliance	Item: Internet use, frequently visited pages, based
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Origin: new

Presentation: "In the last week" in italics

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

On the second screen, multiple responses are possible.

Split:**Filter:**

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

Question:

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

- www.spiegel.de/Spiegel-online
- www.focus.de/Focus-online
- www.stern.de
- www.tagesschau.de/www.ard.de
- www.heute.de/www.zdf.de
- web page of another TV-station
- www.bild.de
- web page of another daily newspaper

- www.t-online.de
- www.google.de
- www.web.de
- www.gmx.de
- www.yahoo.de
- web page of another e-mail-provider
- Other web page

Filter redirection:**Coding first screen:**

- (1) www.spiegel.de/Spiegel-online
- (2) www.focus.de/Focus-online
- (3) www.stern.de
- (4) www.tagesschau.de/www.ard.de
- (5) www.heute.de/www.zdf.de
- (6) Web page of another TV-station
- (7) www.bild.de
- (8) Web page of another daily newspaper
- (9) www.t-online.de
- (10) www.google.de
- (11) www.web.de
- (12) www.gmx.de
- (13) www.yahoo.de
- (14) Web page of another e-mail-provider
- (15) Other web page
- (99) No answer

Coding second screen:

- (0) Not mentioned
- (1) Mentioned

Variable: KPX_1660**Waves:** 2-7**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): "Sueddeutsche Zeitung (SZ)"

E): "tageszeitung (taz)"

F): "Die Welt"

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

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

Write parties and "no party" in bold

Plausibility check for "not in favour".

Split:**Filter:**

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

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

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

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

Cf. Figure 2;

Rows: Newscasts (Tagesschau, ..);

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

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

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

(A) Tagesschau or Tagesthemen

(B) Heute or Heute Journal

(C) RTL Aktuell

(D) Sat.1 Nachrichten

(E) Pro 7 Newstime

Filter redirection:

- Tagesschau >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)

- Heute >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)

- RTL Aktuell >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)

- Sat.1 Nachrichten >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)

- Pro 7 Newstime >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX_1690 (Use of TV, bias)

Coding:

(1) Not at all

(2) 1 day

(3) 2 days

(4) 3 days

(5) 4 days

(6) 5 days

(7) 6 days

(8) 7 days

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1690		
Waves: 2-7	Topic: Media reliance	Item: Use of TV, bias, current

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

Figure 1;

Put newscasts to be requested in [...]

A) "Tagesschau or "Tagesthemen"

B) "Heute or "Heute-Journal"

C) "RTL Aktuell"

D) "Sat.1 Nachrichten"

E) "Pro 7 Newstime"

-> Always write newscasts in italics

Write parties and "no party" in bold

Plausibility check for "not in favour".

Split:**Filter:**

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

Question:

If you particularly think about the reports of [newscasts of KPX_1680] on political parties in the last week, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favorable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_1700	Waves: 2-7	Topic: Media reliance	Item: News magazines, current
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Origin: RCS modified

Split:

Filter:

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_650

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_1710	Waves: 2-7	Topic: Media reliance	Item: News magazines – bias, current
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Origin: Tracking

Presentation: "last week" in italics

Figure 1;

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

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

--> Always write names in italics

Write parties and "no party" in bold

Plausibility check for "not in favour".

Split:**Filter:**

Filter of KPX_1700 (if the respondent answered that he read political articles in the requested news magazines)

Question:

If you particularly think about the reports of [news magazines of KPX_1700] on parties in the last week, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favorable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

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

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

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

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
(E) Franz Müntefering
(F) Guido Westerwelle
(K) Peer Steinbrück
(M) Wolfgang Schäuble

Filter redirection: If Merkel and Steinmeier are both "unknown" >> KPX_100. 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
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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 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.

Only ask for items I-L and M-P in wave 4!

(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_690	Topic: Front runners	Item: Merkel, good aspects
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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 like about the chancellor candidates. What do you like about Angela Merkel?

Filter redirection:

Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_710	Topic: Front runners	Item: Steinmeier, good aspects
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Origin: Tracking 4

Split:

Filter: Of KPX_650, only if Steinmeier was assessed there!

Presentation: Description field

Question:

What do you like about Frank-Walter Steinmeier?

Filter redirection:

Coding: By institute

Variable: KPX_100	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Political knowledge: Secrecy of the ballot
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Origin: Q09

Split:

Filter:

Presentation:

Question:

What does the term “secrecy of the ballot“ mean?

- The secrecy of the ballot does not exist.
- You are not to talk about your vote.
- You don't know which person you voted for because you can only vote for a party.
- Nobody can figure out who you voted for unless you tell it.
- Don't know

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) The secrecy of the ballot does not exist.
- (2) You are not to talk about your vote.
- (3) You don't know which person you voted for because you may only vote for a party.
- (4) Nobody can figure out who you voted for unless you tell it.
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_130	Topic: General attitudes to politics	Item: Political knowledge: Electoral law Germany
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Presentation:

Cf. Figure 1;

Split:

Filter:

Question:

Who elects the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany?

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_380	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_300**Waves:** 3,6 **Topic:** Voting decision **Item:** Ineligible parties**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****Question:**

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

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:

- Yes >> continue with KPX_310
- No or no answer >> continue with KPX_2660

Coding:

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

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

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

Presentation:

Always place the last category "other parties, namely" at the end and integrate a description field for the answers;
Plausibility check for "other parties"!
Multiple answers are possible

Question:

Which party is that/which parties are that?

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

G) Other party/other parties, namely _____

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (0) Not mentioned
- (1) Mentioned

Variable: KPX_2660		
Waves: 3,5-7	Topic: Current topics	Item: German Armed Forces, foreign assignments

Origin: Deutschland-Trend Juli 2009 modified

Presentation: Figure 2

Filter:

Question:

Let's talk about foreign policy now. Should the German Armed Forces continue to stay in the following regions or not?

- (A) Afghanistan
- (B) Kosovo
- (C) The Horn of Africa
- (D) Off the Lebanese coast
- (E) Bosnia-Herzegovina

- Yes
- No

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_2670		
Waves: 3,5-7	Topic: Current topics	Item: German Armed Forces, war in Afghanistan

Origin: Deutschland-Trend Juli 2009 modified

Presentation: Figure 1

Filter:

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) Completely inappropriate
- (2) Fairly inappropriate
- (3) Partly appropriate/partly inappropriate
- (4) Fairly appropriate

(5) Very appropriate

(99) No answer

Variable: KPX_1930	Waves: 1-7	Topic: Networks	Item: 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_370

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
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Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified

Split:

Filter:

Filter of KPX_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the answer was (≥ 1 and ≤ 7)

Presentation:

Question:

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

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_1950	Waves: 1-7	Topic: Networks	Item: First discussion partner, knowledge of politics
Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified			
Split:			
Filter:			
Filter of KPX_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the respondent talked about politics with another person on at least one day of the previous week.			
Presentation:			
Question:			
In your opinion, how much does this person know about politics?			
- A great deal			
- A fair amount			
- Not so much			
- Nothing at all			
Filter redirection:			
Coding:			
(1) Nothing at all			
(2) Not so much			
(3) A fair amount			
(4) A great deal			
(99) No answer			

Variable: KPX_1960	Waves: 1-7	Topic: Networks	Item: First discussion partner, difference of opinion
Origin: Tracking, Q09 modified			
Split:			
Filter:			
Filter of KPX_1930 ("Discussions about politics"), if the respondent talked about politics with another person on at least one day.			
Presentation:			
Question:			
When you talk about politics with this person, how often, would you say, do you have different opinions?			
- Often			
- Sometimes			
- Rarely			
- Never			
Filter redirection:			
Coding:			
(1) Never			
(2) Rarely			
(3) Sometimes			
(4) Often			
(99) No answer			

Variable: KPX_1970	Waves: 1-7	Topic: Networks	Item: First discussion partner, voting decision
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 _____

- Did not vote
- Was not eligible to vote

- Don't know

Filter redirection:**Coding:**

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party, namely (coding by institute)
- (991) Not yet decided
- (995) Will not vote/did not vote
- (996) Is not eligible to vote/wasn't eligible to vote (starting in W3)
- (998) Don't know
- (999) No answer

Variable: KPX_1980**Waves:** 1-7 **Topic:** Networks
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_370

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_370

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	Topic: Networks	Item: First discussion partner, party identification, party
Waves: 1-7		
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 _____		
- 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!

Variable: KPX_2601	Topic: Socio-demography	Item: Federal state
Waves: 1,(3)		
Origin: 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.

Variable: KPX_370

Waves: 3 **Topic:** Voting decision
(state election)

Item: Recall election to the Landtag

Origin: Q09

Split:

Filter: If no state was entered at question KPX_2601, please enter “the state where you live in“

Presentation:

with "Don't know"-category; description field at “other party, namely ____“, plausibility check!

Question:

Now let's turn to the last election to the Landtag in [enter respondent's state]. Which party did you vote for at the last election to the Landtag?

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

- I don't know

- 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]
- (995) I didn't vote
- (996) I wasn't entitled to vote
- (998) Don't know
- (999) 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_2440

Coding:

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

Variable: KPX_410

Waves: 2-7

Topic: Election campaign

Item: Contact with political parties, way
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Origin: Tracking**Presentation:**

Figure 2;

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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_2440

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

Variable: KPX_2450

Waves: 1,(3)	Topic: Socio-demography
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Item: Persons under 18

Origin: Q09 modified

Split:

Filter: Of KPX_2440, if more than one person lives in the household

Presentation:

Question:

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

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (0) Nobody
- (1) 1 person
- (2) 2 persons
- (3) 3 persons
- (4) 4 persons
- (5) 5 persons and more
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2310		
Waves: 1,2,(3)	Topic: Socio-demography	Item: Respondent has a partner
Origin: Q09 modified		
Split:		
Filter: Of KPX_2440, if the answer there was at least "2 persons".		
Presentation:		
Question:		
Do you live with a partner?		
- Yes		
- No		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(1) Yes		
(2) No		
(99) No answer		

Variable: KPX_2300		
Waves: 1,(3)	Topic: Socio-demography	Item: Marital status
Origin: Q09 modified		
Split:		
Filter:		
Presentation:		
Question:		
Please state your marital status.		
1 single		
2 married		
3 married but living separated		
4 civil union		
5 divorced		
6 widowed		
Filter redirection:		
Coding:		
(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: Gainful employment
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 continue with KPX_2370		
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:		
(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?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 soldier - 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 soldier		
(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 soldier
- 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 soldier
- (5) Employee
- (6) Worker
- (7) In vocational training
- (8) Family member assisting in family business
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2391

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

Item: School leaving certificate partner

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

Variable: KPX_2400

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

Item: Gainful employment partner

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

Variable: KPX_2430

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

Item: Former profession partner

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

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_2602
- No answer >> KPX_2602

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
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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
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Item: Party identification, persistence
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Origin: Tracking, Q09

Split:**Filter:**

Filter of KPX_2090 ("Party identification"), if the answer was 1-801.

Presentation:**Question:**

How long have you been attached to this party?

- As long as I can remember
- For many years
- For a few years
- For a few months
- For a few weeks

Filter redirection:

Coding:

- (1) As long as I can remember
- (2) For many years
- (3) For a few years
- (4) For a few months
- (5) For a few weeks
- (99) No answer

Variable: KPX_2120		
Waves: 3	Topic: Predispositions	Item: Party identification, inquiries

Origin: DFG9402**Split:****Filter:**

Filter of KPX_2090 ("Party identification"), if PID is available.

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

As part of our study we would like to find out what people mean when they say that they are attached to a particular political party or identify more closely with one party rather than with others. Would you please tell me how accurately the following views reflect yours?

- A This party is very important to me. What happens to this party is not a matter of indifference to me.
- B The party does not mean that much to me, but its politicians are currently better than those of other parties.
- C I don't feel particularly attached to this party, but in the past I did vote for it frequently.
- D The party is not all important to me, but it currently pursues better policies than other parties.

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_2602		
Waves: 1,(3)	Topic: Socio-demography	Item: Postal code

Origin: 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

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