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**Exact instrumentation – VW4****Variable:** KPX\_2280**Waves:** 1-7**Topic:** Socio-demography**Item:** Sex**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

Please specify your gender.

1 Male

2 Female

Coding:

(1) Male

(2) Female

(99) No answer

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

Please enter your date of birth.

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**Coding:**

By institute

(9999) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_2320**Waves:** 1-7**Topic:** Socio-demography**Item:** School leaving certificate**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:****Question:**

What general school leaving certificate do you have?

1 Finished school without school leaving certificate

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

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

4 Certificate fulfilling entrance requirements to study at a polytechnical college/university of applied sciences

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

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

6 I am still a school student

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

(1) Finished school without school leaving certificate

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

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

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

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

(6) I am still a school student

(99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_800		
<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> General economic situation, retrospective
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
How has the general economic situation in Germany developed in the last one to two years? The general economic situation has.....?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improved a lot</li> <li>- Improved a bit</li> <li>- Stayed the same</li> <li>- Got a bit worse</li> <li>- Got a lot worse</li> </ul>		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improved a lot &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")</li> <li>- Improved a bit &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")</li> <li>- Stayed the same &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")</li> <li>- Got a bit worse &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")</li> <li>- Got a lot worse &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_810 ("Responsibility for general economic situation")</li> <li>- No answer &gt;&gt; continue with KPX_830</li> </ul>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Improved a lot</li> <li>(2) Improved a bit</li> <li>(3) Stayed the same</li> <li>(4) Got a bit worse</li> <li>(5) Got a lot worse</li> <li>(99) No answer</li> </ul>		
<b>Variable:</b> KPX_810		
<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> Responsibility for general economic situation
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
Filter of KPX_800 ("General economic situation, retrospective")		
<b>Presentation:</b> Figure 1		
<b>Question:</b>		
In your opinion: How strongly have the policies of the federal government affected the way the general economic situation has changed?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very strongly</li> <li>- Fairly strong</li> <li>- Moderately</li> <li>- Not very strongly</li> <li>- Not at all</li> </ul>		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Very strongly</li> <li>(2) Fairly strong</li> <li>(3) Moderately</li> <li>(4) Not very strongly</li> <li>(5) Not at all</li> <li>(99) No answer</li> </ul>		
<b>Variable:</b> KPX_830		
<b>Waves:</b> 2,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> General economic situation, prospective
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
What do you think the general economic situation in Germany will be like in a year's time?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Much better</li> </ul>		

- 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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_110
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<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> General attitudes to politics	<b>Item:</b> Political knowledge: First/second vote
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**Origin:** Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:** Figure 1**Question:**

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

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

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

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_010
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<b>Waves:</b> 2,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> General attitudes to politics	<b>Item:</b> Interest in politics, in general
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**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****Question:**

In general terms: How interested in politics are you?

- Extremely interested
- Very interested
- Moderately interested
- Slightly interested
- Not interested at all

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

- (1) Extremely interested
- (2) Very interested
- (3) Moderately interested
- (4) Slightly interested
- (5) Not interested at all
- (99) No answer

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

- I will certainly vote
- I will probably vote
- I will maybe vote
- I will probably not vote
- I will certainly not vote
  
- I have already cast my postal vote
  
- Don't know

**Filter redirection:**

- Certainly vote >> continue with KPX\_190 ("Voting intention")
- Probably vote >> continue with KPX\_190 ("Voting intention")
- Maybe vote >> continue with KPX\_190 ("Voting intention")
- Probably not vote >> continue with KPX\_250 ("Reasons for decision not to vote")
- Certainly not vote >> continue with KPX\_250 ("Reasons for decision not to vote")
- 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

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

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

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

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

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

**Question:**

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

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

**Items post-election:**

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

Filter of KPX\_190 (second vote) and of KPX\_191 (second vote), if party was stated;

**Presentation:**

Description field, open question

**Question pre-election (if KPX\_190):**

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

**Question postal voting (if KPX\_191):**

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

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

- Coding by institute
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_670**Waves:** 1-7      **Topic:** Front-runners**Item:** Preferred chancellor**Note:** Experiment!**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 1;

**Question pre-election:**

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

VW2 – NW7:

- Angela Merkel
- Frank-Walter Steinmeier

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

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

**Variable:** KPX\_760**Waves:** 1,4,6,7      **Topic:** Valence issues**Item:** Own economic situation, retrospective**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 1;

**Question:**

Let's turn to another topic.

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

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

- Got a lot worse

**Filter redirection:**

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

- No answer >> continue with KPX\_780

**Coding:**

- (1) Improved a lot
- (2) Improved a bit
- (3) Stayed the same
- (4) Got a bit worse
- (5) Got a lot worse
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_770

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

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

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

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_780

**Waves:** 2,4,6,7      **Topic:** Valence issues      **Item:** Own economic situation, current

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Question:**

How do you currently rate your own economic situation?

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_970	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting	<b>Item:</b> Coalition signals CDU/CSU
<b>Waves:</b> 4		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking 4		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b> Matrix, only permitting one marking per line.		
<b>Question:</b>		
If you think of the statements of CDU/CSU made so far in the election campaign, what do you think how likely or not are CDU and CSU to form a coalition with the following parties?		
CDU and CSU and ....		
(A) SPD		
(B) FDP		
(C) GRUENE		
(D) The party DIE LINKE		
- would never form a coalition		
- are unlikely to form a coalition		
- are likely to form a coalition		
- are very likely to form a coalition		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) Never form a coalition		
(2) Unlikely to form a coalition		
(3) Likely to form a coalition		
(4) Very likely to form a coalition		
(99) No answer		

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_980	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting	<b>Item:</b> Coalition signals SPD
<b>Waves:</b> 4		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking 4		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b> Matrix, only permitting one marking per line.		
<b>Question:</b>		
And what about the SPD? How likely or not is the SPD to form a coalition with the following parties?		
SPD and ...		
(A) CDU/CSU		
(B) FDP		
(C) GRUENE		
(D) The party DIE LINKE		
- would never form a coalition		
- are unlikely to form a coalition		
- are likely to form a coalition		
- are very likely to form a coalition		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) Never form a coalition		
(2) Unlikely to form a coalition		
(3) Likely to form a coalition		
(4) Very likely to form a coalition		
(99) No answer		

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_990	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting	<b>Item:</b> Coalition signals FDP
<b>Waves:</b> 4		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking 4		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b> Matrix, only permitting one marking per line.		
<b>Question:</b>		
And what about the FDP? How likely or not is the FDP to form a coalition with the following parties?		

FDP and ...

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (B) SPD
- (C) GRUENE
- (D) The party DIE LINKE

- would never form a coalition
- are unlikely to form a coalition
- are likely to form a coalition
- are very likely to form a coalition

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) Never form a coalition
- (2) Unlikely to form a coalition
- (3) Likely to form a coalition
- (4) Very likely to form a coalition
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1000

**Waves:** 4

**Topic:** Strategic voting

**Item:** Coalition signals GRUENE

**Origin:** Tracking 4

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:** Matrix, only permitting one marking per line.

**Question:**

And what about GRUENE? How likely or not is GRUENE to form a coalition with the following parties?

GRUENE and ...

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (B) SPD
- (C) FDP
- (D) The party DIE LINKE

- would never form a coalition
- are unlikely to form a coalition
- are likely to form a coalition
- are very likely to form a coalition

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) Never form a coalition
- (2) Unlikely to form a coalition
- (3) Likely to form a coalition
- (4) Very likely to form a coalition
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1010

**Waves:** 4

**Topic:** Strategic voting

**Item:** Coalition signals DIE LINKE

**Origin:** Tracking 4

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:** Matrix, only permitting one marking per line.

**Question:**

And what about the party DIE LINKE? How likely or not is the party DIE LINKE to form a coalition with the following parties?

The party DIE LINKE and ...

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

- would never form a coalition

- are unlikely to form a coalition
- are likely to form a coalition
- are very likely to form a coalition

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

- (1) Never form a coalition
- (2) Unlikely to form a coalition
- (3) Likely to form a coalition
- (4) Very likely to form a coalition
- (99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_840**Waves:** 1-7**Topic:** Valence issues**Item:** Most important issue**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:****Filter:****Presentation:**

Description field

**Question:**

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

**Filter redirection:**

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

If no answer is provided >> continue with KPX\_1020

**Coding:**

Coding by institute

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_850**Waves:** 1-7**Topic:** Valence issues**Item:** Ability to solve the most important issue**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 1;

Description field for "other party, namely \_\_\_\_";

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

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

Filter of "Most important issue" (KPX\_840)

**Question:**

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

- CDU/CSU
- SPD
- FDP
- GRUENE
- DIE LINKE
- Other party, namely \_\_\_\_\_
- All parties are equally good
- No party

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

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRUENE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (801) Other party, namely \_\_\_\_ [coding by institute]

(808) No party  
 (809) All parties are equally good  
 (999) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_860	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> Second most important issue
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
Filter of KPX_840 ("Most important issue"), if a response was given to this question			
<b>Presentation:</b>			
Description field			
<b>Question:</b>			
In your opinion what is the second most important political issue Germany is facing at the moment?			
<b>Filter redirection:</b>			
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_1020			
<b>Coding:</b>			
Coding by institute			
(99) No answer			

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_870	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> Ability to solve the second most important political issue
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09			
<b>Presentation:</b>			
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!)			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
Filter of KPX_860 ("Second most important issue"), if a response was given to this question			
<b>Question:</b>			
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			
<b>Filter redirection:</b>			
<b>Coding:</b>			
(1) CDU/CSU			
(4) SPD			
(5) FDP			
(6) GRUENE			
(7) DIE LINKE			
(801) Other party, namely ____ [coding by institute]			
(808) No party			
(809) All parties are equally good			
(999) No answer			

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_880	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Valence issues	<b>Item:</b> Third most important political issue
<b>Origin:</b> 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\_1020

**Coding:**

Coding by institute

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_890

**Waves:** 1-7

**Topic:** Valence issues

**Item:** Ability to solve the third most important political issue

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

Filter of KPX\_880 ("Third most important issue")

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 1;

Description field for "Other party, namely \_\_\_\_"

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

**Question:**

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

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

- All parties are equally good
- No party

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

(1) CDU/CSU

(4) SPD

(5) FDP

(6) GRUENE

(7) DIE LINKE

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

(808) No party

(809) All parties are equally good

(999) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1020

**Waves:** 4,6

**Topic:** Strategic voting

**Item:** Percentage of votes federal

election 2009, estimated

**Origin: Tracking 4****Split:****Filter:**

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

**Question:**

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

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

- (C) FDP
- (D) GRUENE
- (E) DIE LINKE
- (F) Other parties

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Split:**

**Filter:**

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

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1050	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting	<b>Item:</b> Perception opinion polls
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**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

Did you read or see any current opinion polls on the expected result of the federal election during the last few days?

- Yes
- No

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1051	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting	<b>Item:</b> Credibility opinion polls
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**Origin:** new

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

If you now think of the results of opinion polls considering the expected result of the federal election, how credible do you think these polls are?

- Very credible
- Fairly credible
- Partly credible/partly noncredible
- Fairly noncredible
- Very noncredible

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1070

**Waves:** 1,4,7      **Topic:** Political positions      **Item:** Socio-economic dimension, parties

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

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

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Second half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

with "Don't know"- category

**Question:**

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

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

**Coding split 1:**

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

**Coding split 2:**

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

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1110

**Waves:** 1,4,7      **Topic:** Political positions      **Item:** Left-right- authoritarian, parties

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

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

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

**Question:**

Let's turn to the issue of immigration. Should laws on immigration of foreigners be relaxed or made tougher?  
What do you think are the positions of the political parties on this issue? Please use again the following scale.

(A) CDU

(B) CSU

(C) SPD

(D) FDP

(E) GRUENE

(F) DIE LINKE

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

(1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7 Make immigration restrictions tougher

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

(1) 1 Relax immigration restrictions

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7

(8) 8

(9) 9

(10) 10

(11) 11 Make immigration restrictions tougher

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1350

**Waves:** 1,4,7

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Nuclear power, parties

**Origin:** Tracking modified

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

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

**Question:**

Let us now turn to the issue of nuclear power.

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

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

(A) CDU

(B) CSU

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

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

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

**Coding split 2:**

- (1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7
- (8) 8
- (9) 9
- (10) 10
- (11) 11 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants
- (98) Don't know
- (99) No answer

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1080

**Waves:** 4

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Socio-economic dimension, chancellor candidates

**Origin:** RCS modified

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

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

with "Don't know"- category

**Question:**

How is the position of the two chancellor candidates concerning taxes and spending on welfare state benefits?

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

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

**Coding split 2:**

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

Note: Too many respondents refused to answer question KP4\_1080a\_7 Political positions (7): Socio-economic dimension, Angela Merkel (99 "No answer"). This error could not be fixed.

**Variable:** KPX\_1120

**Waves:** 4

**Topic:** Political positions

**Item:** Left-right- authoritarian chancellor candidates

**Origin:** RCS modified

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

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

**Question:**

What is the chancellor candidate's position to immigration of foreigners?

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

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

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

**Coding split 2:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1360	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Nuclear power, chancellor candidates
<b>Waves:</b> 4		

**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 nuclear power plants should be built", "immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants";

**Question:**

What is the chancellor candidate's position on nuclear power?

(A) Angela Merkel

(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

(1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

**Coding split 2:**

(1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7

(8) 8

(9) 9

(10) 10

(11) 11 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants

(98) Don't know

(99) No answer

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

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

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

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

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

with "Don't know"- category

**Question:**

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

(1) 1 Lower taxes and less government spending on welfare state benefits

(2) 2

(3) 3

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

**Coding split 2:**

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

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

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

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

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

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2

One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking

Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking

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

**Question:**

And what is your personal opinion on immigration of foreigners?

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding split 1:**

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

**Coding split 2:**

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



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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1370	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Nuclear power, ego
<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,7		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking modified		
<b>Split:</b> Attention: Split half, half the respondents get a seven-point-scale, the others an eleven-point-scale. The eleven-point-scale is only marked at the endpoints!		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
Cf. Figure 2		
One half: Seven-point-scale without numerical marking		
Other half: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking		
Marking: "More nuclear power plants should be built", "immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants";		
<b>Question:</b>		
How would you describe your own view on nuclear power?		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding split 1:</b>		
(1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built		
(2) 2		
(3) 3		
(4) 4		
(5) 5		
(6) 6		
(7) 7 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants		
(98) Don't know		
(99) No answer		
<b>Coding split 2:</b>		
(1) 1 More nuclear power plants should be built		
(2) 2		
(3) 3		
(4) 4		
(5) 5		
(6) 6		
(7) 7		
(8) 8		
(9) 9		
(10) 10		
(11) 11 Immediate shutdown of all nuclear power plants		
(98) Don't know		
(99) No answer		

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1100	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Socio-economic dimension, importance
<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,7		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
How important is the issue government spending on welfare state benefits and taxes to you?		
- Very important		
- Fairly important		
- Neither/nor		
- Fairly unimportant		
- Completely unimportant		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) Very important		
(2) Fairly important		

- (3) Neither/nor
- (4) Fairly unimportant
- (5) Completely unimportant
- (99) No answer

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

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

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1380		
<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,7	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Nuclear power, importance
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
How important is the issue of nuclear power to you personally?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very important</li> <li>- Fairly important</li> <li>- Neither/nor</li> <li>- Fairly unimportant</li> <li>- Completely unimportant</li> </ul>		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Very important</li> <li>(2) Fairly important</li> <li>(3) Neither/nor</li> <li>(4) Fairly unimportant</li> <li>(5) Completely unimportant</li> <li>(99) No answer</li> </ul>		

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_050		
<b>Waves:</b> 1,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> General attitudes to politics	<b>Item:</b> Attitudes to politics and society in general
<b>Origin:</b> DFG94-02		
<b>Presentation:</b> Figure 2, if needed split to 2 screens! Five-point-scale without numerical marking		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Question:</b>		
Here are some common statements on politics and society. Please tell me, whether you agree or disagree.		

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

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

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

**Variable:** KPX\_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\_1570**Waves:** 4,6 **Topic:** Psychological concepts**Item:** Need ...**Origin:** Tracking, Q09**Split:**

only

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

Cf. Figure 2;

randomized;

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

Marking: See below

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1490	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Left-right assessment, parties
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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:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1500	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Political positions	<b>Item:</b> Left-right self- assessment
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**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;

Marking: "left" and "right";

with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

And how about you? How would you describe yourself?

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) 1 Left
- (2) 2

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1510

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

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Randomize sequence;

Scale: Eleven-point-scale without numerical marking;

Marking: "left" and "right";

with "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

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

- (A) Grand coalition (CDU/CSU and SPD)
- (B) Black-yellow coalition (CDU/CSU and FDP )
- (C) Red-green coalition (SPD and GRUENE)
- (D) Traffic-light- coalition (SPD, FDP and GRUENE)
- (E) Jamaica- coalition (CDU/CSU, FDP and GRUENE)
- (F) Red-red-green coalition (SPD, DIE LINKE and GRUENE )

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Note:** Many respondents refused to answer question KP4\_1510a-f Left-right-assessment: coalitions, a fact which cannot be explained and could not be corrected.

**Variable:** KPX\_1580

**Waves:** 2,4      **Topic:** Media reliance      **Item:** Most important information source, current

**Origin:** Tracking modified, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

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

**Question Tracking:**

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

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

- I did not catch up on politics.

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

If 7 or no answer >> KPX\_650

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1590

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

**Item:** General Internet use, current

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

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

**Presentation:**

“In the last week“ in italics

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

- on at least one day >> continue with KPX\_1600 (Internet use, politically current)

- not at all or no answer >> continue with KPX\_1660

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1600

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

**Item:** Internet use, politically current

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

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

**Split:**

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

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

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

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

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1610**Waves:** 2-7      **Topic:** Media reliance**Item:** Internet use, frequently visited pages, based**Origin:** new**Presentation:** “In the last week“ in italics

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

On the second screen, multiple responses are possible.

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

Filter of KPX\_1600 (Internet use, politically current), if the Internet was used on at least one day

**Question:**

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

- www.spiegel.de/Spiegel-online
- www.focus.de/Focus-online
- www.stern.de
- www.tagesschau.de/www.ard.de
- www.heute.de/www.zdf.de
- web page of another TV-station
- www.bild.de
- web page of another daily newspaper
- www.t-online.de
- www.google.de
- www.web.de
- www.gmx.de
- www.yahoo.de
- web page of another e-mail-provider
- Other web page

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

- (1) www.spiegel.de/Spiegel-online
- (2) www.focus.de/Focus-online
- (3) www.stern.de
- (4) www.tagesschau.de/www.ard.de
- (5) www.heute.de/www.zdf.de
- (6) Web page of another TV-station
- (7) www.bild.de
- (8) Web page of another daily newspaper
- (9) www.t-online.de
- (10) www.google.de
- (11) www.web.de
- (12) www.gmx.de
- (13) www.yahoo.de
- (14) Web page of another e-mail-provider
- (15) Other web page

(99) No answer

**Coding second screen:**

(0) Not mentioned

(1) Mentioned

**Variable:** KPX\_1660

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

**Item:** Use of print media – politically current

**Origin:** Tracking

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

Cf. Figure 2;

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

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

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Question:**

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

(A) Bild

(B) Frankfurter Rundschau (FR)

(C) Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ)

(D) Süddeutsche Zeitung (SZ)

(E) die tageszeitung (taz)

(F) Die Welt

(G) Other daily newspaper (local newspaper or regional newspaper, Handelsblatt, Financial Times, ...)

(H) Online-newspaper (e.g. Spiegel-online, Focus-online, Netzeitung, ...)

**Filter redirection:**

- Bild >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")

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

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

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

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

- Die Welt >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1670 ("Use of print media - bias")

- Other daily newspaper (local newspaper or regional newspaper, Handelsblatt, Financial Times, ...) >> if the answer was at least "on 1 day" continue with KPX\_1680

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

**Coding:**

(1) Not at all

(2) 1 day

(3) 2 days

(4) 3 days

(5) 4 days

(6) 5 days

(7) 6 days

(8) 7 days

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1670

**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

**Note:** Due to a programming error of the field institute, this group of questions was not asked for.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1680		
<b>Waves:</b> 2-7	<b>Topic:</b> Media reliance	<b>Item:</b> 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"

-&gt; Always write newscasts in italics

Write parties and "no party" in bold

Plausibility check for "not in favour".

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

Filter of KPX\_1680 (if the respondent answered at KPX\_1680 that he watched the requested news on at least "1 day")

**Question:**

If you particularly think about the reports of [newscasts of KPX\_1680] on political parties in the last week, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favorable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

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

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

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

**Note:** Due to a programming error of the field institute, this group of questions was not asked for.

**Variable:** KPX\_1700**Waves:** 2-7**Topic:** Media reliance**Item:** News magazines, current**Origin:** RCS modified

**Split:****Filter:** Of KPX\_1620 1-6.**Presentation:** "last week" in italics

Cf. Figure 2;

Rows: News magazines and weekly newspapers.

Columns: Response options "yes", "no".

**Question:**

How about the following news magazines and weekly newspapers? Please state if you read articles on politics and parties in these papers in the last week.

(A) Der Spiegel

(B) Focus

(C) Die Zeit

(D) Stern

**Filter redirection:**

- Der Spiegel &gt;&gt; if "yes" continue with KPX\_1710

- Focus &gt;&gt; if "yes" continue with KPX\_1710

- Die Zeit &gt;&gt; if "yes" continue with KPX\_1710

- Stern &gt;&gt; if "yes" continue with KPX\_1710

- if all answers are "no" or "no answer" is given continue with KPX\_1490

**Coding:**

(1) Yes

(2) No

(99) No answer

**Variable:** KPX\_1710**Waves:** 2-7      **Topic:** Media reliance**Item:** News magazines – bias, current**Origin: Tracking****Presentation:** "last week" in italics

Figure 1;

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

A) "Spiegel"

B) "Focus"

C) "Die Zeit"

D) "Stern"

--&gt; Always write names in italics

Write parties and "no party" in bold

Plausibility check for "not in favour".

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

Filter of KPX\_1700 (if the respondent answered that he read political articles in the requested news magazines)

**Question:**

If you particularly think about the reports of [news magazines of KPX\_1700] on parties in the last week, what impression did you have? Were these reports more favorable for some parties than for others? If yes, for which political party?

1) Yes, for CDU/CSU

2) Yes, for SPD

3) Yes, for FDP

4) Yes, for GRUENE

5) Yes, for DIE LINKE

6) Yes, more favourable for another party

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

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

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_650	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Front-runners	<b>Item:</b> Scalometer politicians
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09 modified			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b>			
<b>Presentation:</b>			
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;			
<b>Question:</b>			
Now, please tell me what you think about these leading politicians. Please use again the scale from - 5 to + 5.			
(A) Angela Merkel			
(B) Frank-Walter Steinmeier			
(D) Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg			
(H) Jürgen Trittin			
(I) Oskar Lafontaine			
(L) Ursula von der Leyen			
(N) Cem Özdemir			

**Filter redirection:** If Merkel and Steinmeier are both "unknown" >> KPX\_1780. 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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_660	<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Front-runners	<b>Item:</b> Characteristics of chancellor candidates
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09			
<b>Split:</b>			
<b>Filter:</b> Of KPX_650: Only if Merkel and/or Steinmeier were assessed.			
<b>Presentation:</b>			
Cf. Figure 2;			
Scale ranging from -2 to +2 with numerical marking			
Marking: -2 "not true at all", +2 "definitely true";			
<b>Question:</b>			

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

- (A) Angela Merkel is an assertive person and a strong leader.
- (B) Angela Merkel is trustworthy.
- (C) Angela Merkel is a likable person.
- (D) Angela Merkel has sensible ideas about how to boost the economy.
- (I) Angela Merkel is able to work in a team.
- (J) Angela Merkel is doing well in representing Germany's interests abroad.
- (K) Angela Merkel is unanimously supported by her party.

- (L) Angela Merkel is in touch with the people.
- (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.
- (M) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is able to work in a team.
- (N) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is doing well in representing Germany's interests abroad.
- (O) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is unanimously supported by his party.
- (P) Frank-Walter Steinmeier is in touch with the people.

**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 programming error of the field institute, KP4\_660l was not asked for. 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.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1780		
<b>Waves:</b> 4,5	<b>Topic:</b> Televised debate	<b>Item:</b> Televised debate: Probability of reception
<b>Origin:</b> Televised debate		
<b>Presentation:</b> with "don't know"		
<b>Split:</b> Split half, half the respondents is asked question KPX_1780 and KPX_1790, the others will not be asked.		
<b>Question:</b>		
On 13 September, there will be a televised debate between Chancellor Angela Merkel and the chancellor candidate of SPD, Frank-Walter Steinmeier. Will you watch this debate?		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) Certainly		
(2) Probably		
(3) Perhaps		
(4) Probably not		
(5) Certainly not		
(98) Don't know		
(99) No answer		

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1790		
<b>Waves:</b> 4,5	<b>Topic:</b> Televised debate	<b>Item:</b> Televised debate: Expected result Ausgang
<b>Origin:</b> Televised debate		
<b>Presentation:</b> with "don't know"		
<b>Split:</b> Half the respondents will be asked KPX_1780 and KPX_1790, the other half will not be asked!		
<b>Question:</b>		
What do you think, who will perform better in this debate?		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) Angela Merkel		
(2) Frank-Walter Steinmeier		
(3) Both equally well		
(99) No answer		

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_960a-f		
<b>Waves:</b> 1-4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> Strategic voting	<b>Item:</b> Expected coalition
<b>Origin:</b> new		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
Multiple entries possible, description field for "Other party, namely..."		
Plausibility check for "other party"		

**Question:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

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

Plausibility check for "other party"

**Question:**

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

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

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

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_090
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<b>Waves:</b> 2,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> General attitudes to politics
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<b>Item:</b> Political knowledge: 5%-threshold, difficult
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**Origin:** Tracking

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Text field permitting several lines to be written in.

With "Don't know"-category

**Question:**

How many percent of the votes must a party gain to be definitely represented in the Bundestag?

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

- Coding by institute
- (998) Don't know
- (999) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_450
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<b>Waves:</b> 2,4,6,7	<b>Topic:</b> Party ratings in general
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<b>Item:</b> Government, differences
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**Origin:** Tracking modified

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Figure 2; one line only;

Scale: Five-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: left "no difference at all", right "very big difference"

**Question:**

Does it make a big difference to you who governs in Berlin or doesn't it make any difference at all?

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) 1 No difference at all
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5 Very big difference
- (99) No answer

**Note:** A great deal of the answers given at KP4\_450 "Government, differences" were mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer", an error which could not be fixed.

**Variable:** KPX\_460

**Waves:** 2,4,6,7      **Topic:** Party ratings in general

**Item:** Parties, differences

**Origin:** Tracking modified

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Figure 2; one line only;

Scale: Five-point-scale without numerical marking

Marking: left "no difference at all", right "very big difference"

**Question Pre-election:**

How about the current election campaign to the federal election? Are there very big differences between the parties or are there no differences at all?

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

- (1) 1 No difference at all
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5 Very big difference
- (99) No answer

**Note:** A great deal of the answers given at KP4\_460 "Parties, differences" were mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer", an error which could not be fixed.

**Variable:** KPX\_380

**Waves:** 2-6

**Topic:** Election campaign

**Item:** Interest in the outcome of the election

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_390

**Waves:** 2-6

**Topic:** Election campaign

**Item:** Interest, election campaign

**Origin:** Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_350

**Waves:** 1,4,7

**Topic:** Voting decision

**Item:** Recall previous federal election

(first/second vote)

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 1;

Portray a ballot with first- and second vote;

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

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

with "Don't know"-category;

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

**Filter:**

**Question:**

Let us now turn to the last federal election.

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

(A) First vote:

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

- Don't know

- I didn't cast my first vote for anyone

(B) Second vote:

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

- Don't know



- I didn't cast my second vote for anyone

At first and second vote:

- I wasn't entitled to vote

- I didn't vote

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

(1) CDU/CSU

(4) SPD

(5) FDP

(6) GRUENE

(7) DIE LINKE. PDS

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

(994) I didn't cast a first or second vote

(995) I didn't vote

(996) I wasn't entitled to vote

(998) Don't know

(999) No answer

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

**Variable:** KPX\_730

**Waves:** 2,4,6

**Topic:** Performance rating

**Item:** Scalometer government

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2 (with one line);

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

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

**Question:**

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

(1) -5 Completely dissatisfied

(2) -4

(3) -3

(4) -2

(5) -1

(6) 0

(7) +1

(8) +2

(9) +3

(10) +4

(11) +5 Completely satisfied

(99) No answer

**Note:** A great deal of the answers given at KP4\_730 "Scalometer government" were mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer", an error which could not be fixed.

**Variable:** KPX\_740

**Waves:** 2,4,6

**Topic:** Performance rating

**Item:** Performance of government parties

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2;

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

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

**Question:**

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

(A) CDU

(B) CSU

(C) SPD

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

(1) -5 Completely dissatisfied

(2) -4

(3) -3

(4) -2

(5) -1

(6) 0

(7) +1

(8) +2

(9) +3

(10) +4

(11) +5 Completely satisfied

(99) No answer

**Note:** A great deal of the answers given at KP4\_740a-c "Performance of government parties" were mistakenly saved as 99 "no answer", an error which could not be fixed.

**Variable:** KPX\_750

**Waves:** 2,4,6

**Topic:** Assessment of performance

**Item:** Performance of opposition parties

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

**Filter:**

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 2;

Scale: -5 to +5;

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

**Question:**

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

(A) FDP

(B) GRUENE

(C) DIE LINKE

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

(1) -5 Completely dissatisfied

(2) -4

(3) -3

(4) -2

(5) -1

(6) 0

(7) +1

(8) +2

(9) +3

(10) +4

(11) +5 Completely satisfied

(99) No answer

**Note:** A great deal of the answers given at KP4\_750 a-c "Performance of opposition parties" were mistakenly saved as 99 "no answer", an error which could not be fixed.

**Variable:** KPX\_1930

**Waves:** 1-7

**Topic:** Networks

**Item:** Discussions about politics

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Split:**

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

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

- On at least one day>> continue with KPX\_1940 ("First discussion partner, relationship")
- Not at all or no answer >> continue with KPX\_470

**Coding:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1950
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<b>Waves:</b> 1-7	<b>Topic:</b> Networks
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<b>Item:</b> First discussion partner, knowledge of politics
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<b>Origin:</b> Tracking, Q09 modified
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**Split:****Filter:**

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

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1960

**Waves:** 1-7      **Topic:** Networks  
difference of opinion

**Item:** First discussion partner,

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09 modified

**Split:**

**Filter:**

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

**Presentation:**

**Question:**

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

- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1970

**Waves:** 1-7      **Topic:** Networks  
decision

**Item:** First discussion partner, voting

**Origin:** Tracking, Q09

**Presentation:**

Cf. Figure 1;

Description field for "Other party, namely \_\_\_\_"

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

**Filter:**

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

**Question:**

Which party do you think this person will probably vote for in the federal election on 27 September, or do you think he/she will not vote at all?

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

- Not yet decided
- Will not vote
- Is not eligible to vote
- Don't know

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

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

**Variable:** KPX\_1980**Waves:** 1-7      **Topic:** Networks**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\_470

If 2 &gt;&gt; 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\_470

If 2 &gt;&gt; KPX\_1990

**Coding:**

- (2) Discussion partner is inclined to support a particular party permanently
- (3) Discussion partner is not inclined to support a particular party permanently
- (99) No answer

Note: Actually the filter redirection for “No answer” at KPX\_1970 was only in effect in waves 1 and 2. Respondents providing “No answer” at KPX\_1970 were filtered out in waves 3 to 7 and, consequently, show “Not applicable” at KPX\_1980b in the data set.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_1990	<b>Topic:</b> Networks	<b>Item:</b> First discussion partner, party identification, party
<b>Waves:</b> 1-7		
<b>Origin:</b> new		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b> [If the answer at “first discussion partner, party identification” KPX_1980 was “2“, valid for both variants of KPX_1980!]. Filter out party mentioned at KPX_1970!		
<b>Presentation:</b> Plausibility check for other party		
<b>Question:</b>		
Which party is that?		
- CDU		
- CSU		
- SPD		
- FDP		
- GRUENE		
- DIE LINKE		
- Other party, namely _____		
- Don't know		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) CDU/CSU		
(4) SPD		
(5) FDP		
(6) GRUENE		
(7) DIE LINKE		
(801) Other party, namely (coding by institute)		
(808) No party		
(998) Don't know		
(999) No answer		

Notes: The field institute wrongly put CDU and CSU in just one answer category, thus resulting in the inconsistency between question and coding. Waves 1 to 4 wrongly showed the answer category “No party”; this was replaced by “Don't know” as of wave 5!

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_470	<b>Topic:</b> Party ratings in general	<b>Item:</b> Grand coalition, problem solving
<b>Waves:</b> 4		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking 4		
<b>Split:</b>		
<b>Filter:</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b>		
Figure 2; one line only;		
Scale: 1-5		
Marking: 1 "no important contribution", 5 "important contribution"		
<b>Question:</b>		
Did the grand coalition considerably contribute to the solution of the problems in Germany?		
<b>Filter redirection:</b>		
<b>Coding:</b>		
(1) 1 No important contribution		
(2) 2		
(3) 3		
(4) 4		
(5) 5 Important contribution		
(99) No answer		

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_480	<b>Topic:</b> Party ratings in general	<b>Item:</b> Grand coalition, influence of political parties
<b>Waves:</b> 4		
<b>Origin:</b> Tracking 4		

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

Whose influence in the grand coalition was bigger in your opinion?

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (2) SPD
- (3) Both parties were equal

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

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (2) SPD
- (3) Both parties were equal
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_490
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<b>Waves:</b> 4	<b>Topic:</b> Party ratings in general
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<b>Item:</b> Grand coalition, obstruction
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**Origin:** Tracking 4

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

Figure 2; one line only;

Scale: Five-point-scale without numerical marking

**Question:**

The governing parties CDU/CSU and SPD are blamed for not having been able to agree on important political issues and of having blocked each other. Do you agree or disagree?

**Filter redirection:** if 1 or 2 >> KPX\_2720

If 3-5 >> KPX\_500

**Coding:**

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_500
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<b>Waves:</b> 4	<b>Topic:</b> Party ratings in general
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<b>Item:</b> Grand coalition, obstruction, who is to blame?
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**Origin:** Tracking 4

**Split:**

**Filter:** Of KPX\_490

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

And who is to blame for it mainly?

- CDU
- CSU
- SPD
- All parties similarly

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

- (1) CDU
- (2) CSU
- (3) SPD
- (4) All parties similarly
- (99) No answer

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2720
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<b>Waves:</b> 4	<b>Topic:</b> Current topics federal government
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<b>Item:</b> Economic crisis, satisfaction
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**Origin:** Tracking 3

**Presentation:**

Scale ranging from -5 to +5, with zero point; endpoints: “completely dissatisfied“, “completely satisfied“

**Filter:**

**Question:**

How satisfied are you with the way the federal government combats the financial and economic crisis?  
Please describe it using a scale from -5 to +5.

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

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

**Note:** A great deal of the answers given at KP4\_2720 "Economic crisis, satisfaction federal government" were mistakenly saved as 99 "No answer", an error which could not be fixed.

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_2730		
<b>Waves:</b> 4	<b>Topic:</b> Current topics	<b>Item:</b> Economic crisis, statements

**Origin: Tracking 3, Deutschland-Trend**

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

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

Here are some statements on the financial and economic crisis. Please state whether you agree with each statement or not.

- (A) The combat against the economic crisis is a matter of experts, not of politicians.
- (B) The savings in Germany are safe.
- (C) The worst part of the crisis is still to come.
- (D) It is the state's duty to prevent the banks from going bankrupt.
- (E) It is the state's duty to prevent enterprises providing a lot of jobs from going bankrupt.
- (F) The state should purchase company shares of the major and most important enterprises in times of crisis in order to take influence on the economy.
- (G) The combat against the financial and economic crisis is a top priority.
- (H) The costs resulting from the financial and economic crisis will be charged to the taxpayer.
- (I) Germany is the victim of mistakes made in the U.S.
- (J) The opposition should not criticize the government in the combat against the financial and economic crisis but support it.
- (K) It is unfair to save only the big enterprises from going bankrupt.

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

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

<b>Variable:</b> KPX_400		
<b>Waves:</b> 2-6	<b>Topic:</b> Election campaign	<b>Item:</b> 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\_2640

**Coding:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

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

**Coding:**

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

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

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

Figure 1;  
Enter:

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

--> Write { } everything bold and in italics

**Split:**

**Filter:**

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

**Question:**

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

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

**Filter redirection:**

**Coding:**

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

**Variable:** KPX\_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:**

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**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