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Wave 17 (July 2021)

ZA6838

*Documentation of Questionnaire
(Preliminary Version)*

The German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES) is the central scientific survey programme in Germany for the continuous collection and provision of high-quality data for national and international election research. The methodologically diverse surveys of GLES make it possible to investigate the political attitudes and behaviors of voters and candidates. GLES has been carried out in close cooperation between the German Society for Electoral Studies (DGfW) and GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences. More information are available here: www.gles.eu.

The GLES Panel allows users to study intra-individual change in political attitudes and behaviors during the election campaign, as well as investigates long-term change between federal elections. It is a longitudinal survey of the same individuals of currently two different samples. Sample A, “2017 Election Campaign”, consists of respondents from the Short-term Campaign Panel of the GLES 2017, whereas Sample B, “2017 Pre- and Post-Election Cross-Section”, includes those respondents from the 2017 Pre- and Post-Election Cross-Section of GLES (ZA6802) who agreed to be re-interviewed in the GLES Panel. While respondents from Sample A have been interviewed up to fourteen times since the beginning of the data collection in autumn 2016, Wave 10 of the GLES Panel has been the first re-interview for respondents from Sample B. In addition, individuals recruited in profile wave a2 2020 were re-surveyed for the first time in wave 15 (sample A4). In the following, you will find some general information about the data sets and the documentation of the questionnaire of wave 17. From wave 13 onwards, both samples are surveyed solely in CAWI mode.

Please note:

This documentation of the questionnaire is a preliminary version and published before data release on the website of the German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES). Therefore, it might contain errors and adjustments might be necessary due to the data collection and processing. Preliminary English translations might change due in later revisions. Please do not cite before the data are released in the [data catalogue](#) of GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences. Information on data releases can be found on the [GLES website](#) or by signing up for the [GLES newsletter](#).

As a public service to the international academic community, we provide English translations of GLES datasets, questionnaires, and related important documents. Due to specifics of the original documents in German and the fact that translations were not done by political scientists, the wording of established social and political science questions and constructs in these translations may occasionally deviate somewhat from the Standard English versions. If you have any questions concerning the translations, do not hesitate to contact the GLES staff via gles@gesis.org.

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Basic Information

Funding Agency	GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
Data Collector	GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences

Date of Collection	Wave	Sample	Date of Collection
	Wave 17	A	2021-07-07 – 2021-07-20

Content Intention to vote und vote choice, political involvement, political attitudes, perceptions of problems, evaluations of political actors, sociodemographics, personality, corona crisis

Methodology

Geographic Coverage Germany (DE)

Universe [Sample A1-A3]

German population with Internet access eligible to vote in the 2017 federal elections.

[Sample A4]

German population with Internet access eligible to vote in the 2021 federal elections.

Selection [Sample A]

Quota sampling of the frame population of the Online-Access-Panel by age, gender and education.

Mode of Data Collection [Sample A]

Computer-assisted web-based interviews (CAWI)

Data access

Terms of access Data and documents are released for academic research and teaching: Category A.

Due to data protection regulations, some variables can also only be made available after signing an off-site data use agreement or can only be used on-site at the Secure Data Center (SDC) at GESIS (Cologne, Mannheim). If you are interested, please contact us at gles@gesis.org.

Notification of publications

To get an overview of the use of our data, we kindly request users of GLES-data to inform us about publications that utilize those data (biographic description, study no. of the dataset). Publications using GLES-data are listed in the official bibliography of the GLES project. In case of limited access to your publication (e.g. conference papers), we would highly appreciate if you could send us an electronic (PDF file, gles@gesis.org) or a print copy of your publication.

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Verification**Variables:** kp17_2291; kp17_2290; kp17_2293s**Waves:** 1-17,a1, a2**Topic:** Verification**Items:** Month of birth; Year of birth; Location of birth**Mode:** CAWI**Sample:** A**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

must answer: the following three questions are displayed on one screen; plausibility check: If no or invalid answers were given for month of birth, year of birth and/or location of birth, the following request follows: "One or more answers are invalid. Please answer all questions".

Question kp17_2291:

In what month were you born?

- Please select
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

Coding:

- (0) Please select
- (1) January
- (2) February
- (3) March
- (4) April
- (5) May
- (6) June
- (7) July
- (8) August
- (9) September
- (10) October
- (11) November
- (12) December

 (-95) not participated

Presentation:

Text field (single row) with four numerical digits; Plausibility check: Only exactly four numerical values are possible, no letters or special characters! Only entries between 1906 and 2003 are allowed. Text for plausibility check: "Please enter your year of birth in four digits".

Question kp17_2290:

Please enter the year you were born in.

Instructions:

Use four digits, e.g. 1978.

Coding:

(-95) not participated

Presentation:

Text field (single row); Field for answer with one character; Plausibility check: Only one letter (allow umlauts) and no number or punctuation is possible; Text for plausibility check: "Please enter the first letter of your location of birth."

Question kp17_2293s:

Please enter the first letter of your location of birth.

Instructions:

If you are not sure, enter the location of birth just as it is written on the front page of your ID card.

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Coding:

(-95) not participated

Variables: kp17_2291_c2; kp17_2290_c2; kp17_2293s_c2

Waves: 1-17,a2

Topic: Verification

Items: Month of birth; Year of birth; Location of birth

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter:

Sample A1/A2:

kp1_2291!=kp17_2291 | kp1_2290!=kp17_2290 | kp1_2293s!= kp17_2293s

Sample A3:

kpa1_2291!=kp17_2291 | kpa1_2290!=kp17_2290 | kpa1_2293s!= kp17_2293s

Sample A4:

Kpa2_2291!=kp17_2291 | kpa2_2290!=kp17_2290 | kpa2_2293s!= kp17_2293s

must answer: the following three questions are displayed on one screen.

Plausibility check: If no invalid answers were given for gender, month of birth, year of birth and/or location of birth, the following request follows: "One or more answers are missing. Please answer all questions." Display instruction text in red.

Instructions (left-justified and bold letters):

"Your answers do not match your answers from the first survey of the GLES-study. Please note that you can only participate in this survey if you identify yourself correctly just as you did the first time."

Presentation:

Single, closed response list

Question kp17_2291_c2:

What month were you born in?

Instructions:

Please select

- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

Coding:

- (0) Please select
- (1) January
- (2) February
- (3) March
- (4) April
- (5) May
- (6) June
- (7) July
- (8) August
- (9) September
- (10) October
- (11) November
- (12) December

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable

Presentation:

Text field (single row) with two numerical digits

Question kp17_2290_c2:

Please enter the year you were born in.

19__

Coding:

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable

Presentation:

Text field (single row); Field for answer with one character; plausibility check: Only one letter and no numbers are possible; Text for plausibility check: "Please enter the first letter of your location of birth."

Question kp17_2293s_c2:

Please enter the first letter of your location of birth.

Instructions:

If you are not sure, enter the location of birth just as it is written on the front page of your ID card.

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Coding:

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable

[NOTE: Because the content of the verification variables has to be identical with the answer from the first wave of the respondent, the displayed variables are not included in the dataset but may be acquired on request.]

Variable: kp17_4280**Waves:** 1-17**Topic:** Verification**Item:** Reason for false verification code**Mode:** CAWI**Sample:** A**Filter:***Sample A1/A2:* $(kp17_2293s_c2!=-97) \& (kp1_2291!=kp17_2291_c2 | (kp1_2290!=kp17_2290_c2) | (kp1_2293s!=kp17_2293s_c2))$ *Sample A3:* $(kp17_2293s_c2!=-97) \& (kpa1_2291!=kp17_2291_c2 | (kpa1_2290!=kp17_2290_c2) | (kpa1_2293s!=kp17_2293s_c2))$ *Sample A4:* $(kp17_2293s_c2!=-97) \& (kpa2_2291!=kp17_2291_c2 | (kpa2_2290!=kp17_2290_c2) | (kpa2_2293s!=kp17_2293s_c2))$ **Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

The answers concerning your person do not match the answers from the first survey of the GLES-study. There are several possible reasons. Please select the reason that you think is most likely.

- I did not participate in the first part of the GLES-study.
- I may have made a typing error.
- I am sure that I gave the same answers as I did in the first part of the GLES-study.

Forwarding: Closing screen >> survey completed**Coding:**

- (1) not participated
- (2) typing error
- (3) same answer

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-97) not applicable

[NOTE: These verification variables are not included in the dataset but may be acquired on request.]

General attitudes towards politics**Variable:** kp17_010**Waves:** 1-17,a1,a2**Topic:** General attitudes towards politics**Item:** Interest in politics, in general**Mode:** CAWI**Samples:** A**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

Quite generally, how interested are you in politics?

- very interested
- somewhat interested
- in between
- not very interested
- not interested at all

Coding:

- (1) very interested
- (2) somewhat interested
- (3) in between
- (4) not very interested
- (5) not at all interested

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Coding:

- (1) very interested
- (2) somewhat interested
- (3) in between
- (4) not very interested
- (5) not at all interested

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_170**Waves:** 1-7,9-17,a1,a2**Topic:** Voting decision**Item:** Intention to vote**Mode:** CAWI**Samples:** A**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

Intro:

When elections are held a lot of people vote, others do not manage to vote or do not participate in elections for other reasons.

Question:

How likely is it that you will vote in the federal election on 26 September 2021?

Are you...

- certain to vote
- likely to vote
- might vote
- not likely to vote
- certain not to vote

Coding:

- (1) certain to vote
- (2) likely to vote
- (3) might vote
- (4) not likely to vote
- (5) certain not to vote

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- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_190a, b

Waves: 1-7,9-17,a1,a2

Mode: CAWI

Topic: Vote decision

Samples: A

Item: Vote intention: first/second vote

Filter: kp17_170=1-3

Presentation:

Display sample ballot paper with first and second vote; down below "don't know"-category for first and second vote

Intro:

You have two votes in the federal election. The first vote is for a candidate in your local constituency, the second vote is for a party.

Question How will you mark your ballot?

(A) First vote:

- Candidate of the CDU/CSU (Christlich Demokratische Union/Christlich-Soziale Union)
- Candidate of the SPD(Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- Candidate of the AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
- Candidate of the FDP (Freie Demokratische Partei)
- Candidate of the Die Linke
- Candidate of the Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- Candidate of the Other party

- Don't know yet

(B) Second vote:

- CDU/CSU (Christlich Demokratische Union/Christlich-Soziale Union)
- SPD(Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
- FDP (Freie Demokratische Partei)
- Die Linke
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- Other party

- Don't know yet

Coding:

(1) CDU/CSU
(4) SPD
(322) AfD
(5) FDP
(7) DIE LINKE
(6) GRÜNE
(801) other party

(-98) don't know

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

[NOTE I: This variable and the variables kp17_192a,b were recoded into the variables kp17_190aa/kp17_190ab and kp17_190ba/kp17_190bb in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).

Variable: kp17_192a

Waves: 1-7,9-17,a1,a2

Topic: Voting decision

Item: Vote intention: first vote, other party

Mode: CAWI

Samples: A

Filter: kp17_190a=801

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

And who will you vote for with your FIRST vote?

Candidate of...

- BIG (Partei Bündnis für Innovation & Gerechtigkeit)
- Bündnis C – Christen für Deutschland
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- DIE RECHTE – Partei für Volksabstimmung, Souveränität und Heimatschutz
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- Freie Wähler (FW)
- LKR – Bernd Lucke und die Liberal-Konservativen Reformer
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- other party

Coding:

(120) BIG
(351) Bündnis C
(349) DiB
(151) Die PARTEI
(323) DIE RECHTE
(171) FAMILIE
(180) FREIE WAEHLER
(331) LKR
(206) NPD
(209) ödp
(215) PIRATEN
(225) REP
(237) Tierschutzpartei
(801) other party

(-93) not asked, terminated
(-95) not participated
(-97) not applicable
(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp17_190a were recoded into the variables kp17_190aa and kp17_190ab in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp17_192b	Topic: Voting decision	Item: Vote intention: second vote, other party
Waves: 1-7,9-17,a1,a2	Samples: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter: kp17_190b=801

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

And which party will you vote for with your SECOND vote?

- BIG (Partei Bündnis für Innovation & Gerechtigkeit)
- Bündnis C – Christen für Deutschland
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- DIE RECHTE – Partei für Volksabstimmung, Souveränität und Heimatschutz
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- Freie Wähler (FW)
- LKR – Bernd Lucke und die Liberal-Konservativen Reformer
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- other party

Coding:

- (120) BIG
- (351) Bündnis C
- (349) DiB
- (151) Die PARTEI
- (323) DIE RECHTE
- (171) FAMILIE
- (180) FREIE WAEHLER
- (331) LKR
- (206) NPD
- (209) ödp
- (215) PIRATEN
- (225) REP
- (237) Tierschutzpartei
- (801) other party

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- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp17_190b were recoded into the variables kp17_190ba and kp17_190bb in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp17_221a,c-g,i	Topic: Voting decision	Item: Consideration Set
Waves: 1,3-9,14,16,17,a2	Mode: CAWI	Samples: A/B
Filter: (kp17_190b=1-322) (kp17_192b=120-351) >> Receive into and question kp17_190b=801 & (kp17_192b=-99 kp17_192b=801) >> Do not receive any intro but ONLY the question		
Presentation: Standard matrix, Column labels as coding labels The party that was chosen for the second vote in kp17_190b or kp17_192b, must not appear in the answering options.		
Intro: You said that you want to cast your second vote for (<u>insert party</u>).		
Question: Are there any other parties you would consider for your second vote?		
(A) CDU/CSU (Christlich Demokratische Union/Christlich-Soziale Union)		
(C) SPD (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)		
(I) AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)		
(D) FDP (Freie Demokratische Partei)		
(F) Die Linke [labelled in dataset as "DIE LINKE"]		
(E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labelled in dataset as "GRÜNE"]		
(G) other party		
Coding: (1) would consider (2) would rather consider (3) would rather not consider (4) would not consider		

(-93) not asked, terminated		
(-95) not participated		
(-97) not applicable		
(-99) no answer		

Variable: kp17_211a,c-g,i	Topic: Voting decision	Item: Consideration Set, hypothetical
Waves: 1,3-9,14,16,17,a2	Mode: CAWI	Samples: A
Filter: kp17_170=4-5,-99 >> Question 1 (kp17_190b=-98 -99) >> Question 2		
Presentation: Standard matrix		
Question 1: Let's assume you would take part in the election. Which party would you consider for your second vote?		
Question 2: Which parties would you consider for your second vote?		
(A) CDU/CSU (Christlich Demokratische Union/Christlich-Soziale Union)		
(C) SPD (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)		
(I) AfD (Alternative für Deutschland) (D) FDP (Freie Demokratische Partei)		
(F) Die Linke [labelled in dataset as "DIE LINKE"]		
(E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labelled in dataset as "GRÜNE"]		
(G) other party		
Coding: (1) would consider (2) would probably consider (3) would probably not consider (4) would not consider		

(-93) not asked, terminated		
(-95) not participated		
(-97) not applicable		
(-99) no answer		

Variable: kp17_380	Topic: Involvement in election campaign	Item: Interest in the outcome of the Election
Waves: 3-7,16,17		Sample: A
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

How important is the outcome of the upcoming federal election to you personally?

- very important
- somewhat important
- in between
- not very important
- not important at all

Coding:

- (1) very important
- (2) somewhat important
- (3) in between
- (4) not very important
- (5) not important at all

(-93) not asked, terminated
(-95) not participated
(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_390	Topic: Involvement in election campaign	Item: Interest in election campaign
Waves: 4-7,17		
Mode: CAWI	Sample: A	

Filter:

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

How interested are you in particular in this federal election campaign?

- very interested
- somewhat interested
- in between
- not very interested
- not at all interested

Coding:

- (1) very interested
- (2) somewhat interested
- (3) in between
- (4) not very interested
- (5) not at all interested

(-93) not asked, terminated
(-95) not participated
(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_421ka-ei,y

Waves: 4-8,17

Topic: Involvement in election campaign

Item: Contact with parties I

Mod: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter:

Presentation:

Checkbox matrix; possibilities of contact in rows; parties in columns. The variable names should follow the following schemata. kpX_421[Item-Code][Party-Code]; Below the matrix, there is a checkbox "None of the above applies."; Please program so that the respondent cannot make inconsistent answers (such as marking a party and the checkbox "None of the above applies."); italicize "past week"/" week before the election" text for plausibility check if no answer was given: "Please note, that an answers is necessary for continuing the survey.";

Intro:

During the election campaign, there are different ways of acquiring information about politics in Germany.

Question:

From which parties did you receive information during the *past week*?

Instructions:

Please checkmark all the parties to which the following statements apply.

I...

- (K) visited websites of a party or a candidate
- (G) saw campaign posters
- (A) attended election meetings or rallies
- (D) saw party political broadcasts on TV
- (E) listened to party political broadcasts on the radio

(Y) none of the above applies

Coding Parties:

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (I) AfD
- (D) FDP
- (F) DIE LINKE
- (E) GRÜNE

Coding checkboxes wave:

- (0) not mentioned
- (1) mentioned

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_421ka-ei_c2,p1

Waves: 4-8,17
follow-up question

Topic: Involvement in Election Campaign

Item: Contact with parties I,

Modi: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter: kp17_421ka-kf,ki=0 & kp17_421ga-gf,gi=0 & kp17_421aa-af,ai=0 & kp17_421da-df,di=0 & kp17_421ea-ef,ei=0 & kp17_421y=0

Presentation:

must answer; text for plausibility check if no answer was given: "Please note, that an answers is necessary for continuing the survey."; Above the checkbox matrix, there are two radio buttons with the answer options "None of the above applies" and "I didn't want to answer this question."; Please program so that the respondent cannot make inconsistent answers (such as marking a party and one of the radio buttons."); text for plausibility check: "The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your answers."

Intro:

You did not answer the last question.

Question:

Does this mean that none of the above applies or did you not want to answer this question?

Instructions:

If you want to answer the question, you can checkmark the statements that apply.

- None of the above applies.
- I didn't want to answer this question.

I ...

- (K) visited websites of a party or a candidate
- (G) saw campaign posters
- (A) attended election meetings or rallies
- (D) saw party political broadcasts on TV
- (E) listened to party political broadcasts on the radio

Coding parties:

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (D) FDP
- (E) GRÜNE
- (F) DIE LINKE
- (I) AfD

Coding checkboxes:

- (0) not mentioned
- (1) mentioned

(-93) not asked, terminated

Coding kpX_421_p1:

- (1) none of the above applies
- (2) didn't want to answer this question
- (3) not mentioned

(-93) not asked, terminated
(-97) not applicable

[NOTE I: The answers that were given upon inquiry were integrated into the variables kp17_421aa-kf,y. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp17_421flag1.]

Variable: kp17_421ca-ii,z**Waves:** 4-8,17**Topic:** Involvement in election campaign**Item:** Contact with parties, II**Mode:** CAWI**Sample:** A**Filter:****Presentation:**

Checkbox matrix; possibilities of contact in rows; parties in columns. The variable names should follow the following schemata. Kp17_421 [Item-Code][Party-Code]; Below the matrix, there is a checkbox "None of the above applies."; Please program so that the respondent cannot make inconsistent answers (such as marking a party and the checkbox "None of the above applies."); Text for plausibility check: "The combination of your answers is not possible. Please check your answers"; italicize "past week"/"week before the election" text for plausibility check if no answer was given: "Please note, that an answers is necessary for continuing the survey.";

Question:

And which of the following information did you receive during the *past week*?

Instructions:

Please checkmark all the parties to which the following statements apply

I...

(H) had conversations at an election campaign booth

(C) received e-mails or text messages from parties.

(F) received information material from parties, such as flyers, leaflets, pamphlets or mailings.

(I) received information material via a social network like for example Facebook or others.

(Z) none of the above applies

Coding parties:

(A) CDU/CSU

(C) SPD

(I) AfD

(D) FDP

(F) DIE LINKE

(E) GRÜNE

Coding checkboxes:

(0) not mentioned

(1) mentioned

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_421ha-ii_c2,p2	Topic: Involvement in election campaign	Item: Contact with parties II, follow-up question
Waves: 4-8,17		
Mode: CAWI	Sample: A	

Filter: kp17_421ha-hf,hi=0 & kp17_421ca-cf,ci=0 & kp17_421la-lf,li=0 & kp17_421fa-ff,fi=0 & kp17_421z=0

Presentation:

must answer; text for plausibility check if no answer was given: "Please note, that an answers is necessary for continuing the survey."; Above the checkbox matrix, there are two radio buttons with the answer options "None of the above applies" and "I didn't want to answer this question."; Please program so that the respondent cannot make inconsistent answers (such as marking a party and one of the radio buttons."); text for plausibility check: "The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your answers."

Intro:

You did not answer the last question.

Question:

Does this mean that none of the above applies or did you not want to answer this question?

Instructions:

If you want to answer the question, you can checkmark the statements that apply.

- None of the above applies.
- I didn't want to answer this question.

I ...

- (H) had conversations at an election campaign booth
- (C) received e-mails or text messages from parties.
- (F) received information material from parties, such as flyers, leaflets, pamphlets or mailings.
- (I) received information material via a social network like for example Facebook or others.

Coding parties:

- (A) CDU/CSU
- (C) SPD
- (I) AfD
- (D) FDP
- (F) DIE LINKE
- (E) GRÜNE

Coding checkboxes:

- (0) not mentioned
- (1) mentioned

 (-93) not asked, terminated

Coding kp17_421p2:

- (1) None of the above applies
- (2) Didn't want to answer this question
- (3) Not mentioned

 (-93) not asked, terminated
 (-97) not applicable

[NOTE: The answers that were given upon inquiry were integrated into the variables kp17_421ha-ii, z. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp17_421flag2.]

Variable: kp17_110	Topic: Political Knowledge	Item: Political knowledge: First/second vote
Waves: 1,a1,6,11,17		
Mode: CAWI/PAPI	Sample: A/B	

Filter:**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

What do you think: Which vote decides how many seats each party will have in parliament?

- the first vote
- the second vote
- both are equally important

- don't know

Coding:

- (1) the first vote
- (2) the second vote
- (3) both are equally important

(-98) don't know

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: The correct answer (2 – the second vote) has been marked with an asterisk (*).]

Variable: kp17_730	Topic: Party ratings in general	Item: Scalometer government
Waves: 1-8,10-17,a1,a2		
Mode: CAWI	Sample: A	

Filter:**Presentation:**

Standard matrix; scale: -5 to +5 including zero with numerical label; label of endpoints: -5 "not at all satisfied" and +5 "completely satisfied"

Question:

Are you more satisfied or less satisfied with the performance of the government of CDU/CSU and SPD?

Coding:

- (1) -5 not at all satisfied
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 completely satisfied

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_731a-c	Topic: Party ratings in general	Item: Scalometer governing parties
Waves: 1-8,10-17,a1,a2	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix; scale: -5 to +5 including zero with numerical label; label of endpoints: -5 "not at all satisfied" and +5 "completely satisfied"

Question:

And considering each of the governing parties separately, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with their performance? How satisfied are you with the performance of the...?

- (A) CDU (Christlich Demokratische Union)
- (B) CSU (Christlich Soziale Union)
- (C) SPD (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)

Coding:

- (1) -5 not at all satisfied
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 completely satisfied

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- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_780	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Personal economic situation, current
Waves: 1,3,5,6,8,10-17,a2	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical), italicize "own".

Intro:

Now, let us shift attention to your economic situation.

Question:

How would you evaluate your *own* current economic situation?

- very good
- good
- neither good nor bad
- bad
- very bad

Coding:

- (1) very good
- (2) good
- (3) neither good nor bad
- (4) bad
- (5) very bad

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_770	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Responsibility for personal economic Situation
Waves: 5,6,8,10-17,a2		
Mode: CAWI	Sample: A	

Filter: kp17_780=1-5**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

To what extent do you think that the federal government's policies are responsible for your economic situation?

- a great deal
- a fair amount
- moderately
- not very much
- not at all

- don't know

Coding:

- (1) a great deal
- (2) a fair amount
- (3) moderately
- (4) not very much
- (5) not at all

(-98) don't know

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_790	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Personal economic situation, future
Waves: a2,14-17		
Mode: CAWI	Sample: A	

Filter:**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical), italicize "own".

Question:

What do you think your own economic situation will be a year from now?

- Improved considerably
- Improved somewhat
- Remained the same
- Deteriorated somewhat
- Deteriorated considerably

Coding:

- (1) Improved considerably
- (2) Improved somewhat
- (3) Remained the same
- (4) Deteriorated somewhat
- (5) Deteriorated considerably

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_820
Waves: 1,3,5,6,8,10-17,a2 **Topic:** Valence issues **Item:** General economic situation, current
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter:

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

How would you evaluate the current general economic situation in Germany?

- very good
- good
- neither good nor bad
- bad
- very bad

Coding:

- (1) very good
- (2) good
- (3) neither good nor bad
- (4) bad
- (5) very bad

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_810
Waves: 5,6,8,10-17,a2 **Topic:** Valence issues **Item:** Responsibility for general economic situation
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp17_820=1-5

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

To what extent do you think that the government's policies are responsible for the general economic situation in Germany?

- a great deal
- a fair amount
- moderately
- not very much
- not at all
- don't know

Coding:

- (1) a great deal
- (2) a fair amount
- (3) moderately
- (4) not very much
- (5) not at all

-
- (-98) don't know

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_830	Topic: Valence issues	Item: General economic situation, future
Waves: 14-17,a2		
Mode: CAWI	Sample: A	

Filter:**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

What do you think the general economic situation in Germany will be a year from now?

- Improved considerably
- Improved somewhat
- Remained the same
- Deteriorated somewhat
- Deteriorated considerably

Coding:

- (1) Improved considerably
- (2) Improved somewhat
- (3) Remained the same
- (4) Deteriorated somewhat
- (5) Deteriorated considerably

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-99) no answer

Strategic Voting

Variable: kp17_910a-c, e-h	Topic: Strategic Voting	Item: Scalometer coalitions
Waves: 3,5-10,16,17		
Mode: CAWI	Samples: A	

Filter:**Presentation:**

Standard matrix; Scale: -5 to +5 with numerical label; with zero point; Label: -5 "not desirable at all", +5 "very desirable"

Intro:

Now we would like to ask a question about the possible composition of the federal government after the next federal election.

Question:

Regardless of which coalition governs and how likely the following coalitions are at the moment, how desirable are these coalition governments at federal level for you personally?

- (A) Coalition of CDU/CSU and SPD
- (E) Coalition of CDU/CSU and Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- (F) Coalition of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, SPD and FDP
- (G) Coalition of CDU/CSU, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen and FDP
- (H) Coalition of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, SPD and Die Linke

Coding:

- (1) -5 not desirable at all
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 very desirable

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- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_962a-c,e-h	Topic: Strategic Voting	Item: Expected coalition
Waves: 3,5-7,16,17	Samples: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix; "don't know"- category is settled out a bit

Question:

Imagine that the following parties had a majority in the Bundestag after the 2017 federal election. Do you think that these parties would then be willing to enter into a coalition with each other?

- (A) Coalition of CDU/CSU and SPD
- (E) Coalition of CDU/CSU and Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- (F) Coalition of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, SPD and FDP
- (G) Coalition of CDU/CSU, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen and FDP
- (H) Coalition of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, SPD and Die Linke

Coding:

- (1) definitely not
- (2) probably not
- (3) maybe
- (4) probably
- (5) definitely

- (-98) don't know

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_911	Topic: Strategic voting	Item: Participation of AfD in a coalition
Waves: 6-8,12,13,17	Sample: A/B	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix; Scale: -5 to +5 with numerical label; with zero point; Label: -5 "not desirable at all", +5 "very desirable"

Question:

Regardless of how likely a coalition with the AfD is, how desirable would you find AfD's participation in the federal government?

Coding:

- (1) -5 not desirable at all
- (2) -4
- (3) -3

- (4) -2
 (5) -1
 (6) 0
 (7) +1
 (8) +2
 (9) +3
 (10) +4
 (11) +5 very desirable

 (-93) not asked, terminated
 (-95) not participated
 (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_924	Topic: Strategic voting	Item: Likelihood of AfD participation in the government
Waves: 13,17	Samples: A/B	
Mode: CAWI		

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Intro:

Now, a question about the possible composition of the federal government after the next federal election.

Question:

How likely do you think it is that the AfD will be part of the federal government?

Coding:

- (1) definitely not
 (2) probably not
 (3) maybe
 (4) probably
 (5) definitely

 (-93) not asked, terminated
 (-95) not participated
 (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_020	Topic: General attitudes towards politics	Item: Satisfaction with Democracy
Waves: 1,5,8-10,12,14-17,a2	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Germany?

- very satisfied
 - fairly satisfied
 - neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 - not very satisfied
 - not at all satisfied

Coding:

- (1) very satisfied
 (2) fairly satisfied
 (3) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 (4) not very satisfied
 (5) not at all satisfied

 (-93) not asked, terminated
 (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_5021	Topic: General attitudes towards politics	Item: Difference parties
Waves: 1,5,7-10,12,14-17, ,a2	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix

Question:

Thinking about the current political discussions, how large would you say the differences between the parties are?

Coding:

- (1) 1 no differences at all
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5 major differences

(-93) not asked, terminated
(-95) not participated
(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_5020	Topic: General attitudes towards politics	Item: Difference govern- ment
Waves: 1,5,7-10,12,14-17,a2	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix

Question:

Some people say that it makes a big difference who is in power in Berlin. Others say that it doesn't make any difference who is in power. How about you?

Coding:

- (1) 1 It doesn't make any difference who is in power.
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5 It makes a big difference who is in power.

(-93) not asked, terminated
(-95) not participated
(-99) no answer

Party ratings in general

Variable: kp17_430a-f,i

Waves: 1-17, a2

Topic: Party ratings in general

Item: Scalometer parties

Mode: CAWI

Samples: A

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix; scale: -5 to +5 including zero with numerical label; label of endpoints: -5 "I do not think much of the party at all" and +5 "I think a great deal of the party". "haven't heard of" settled out a bit

Question:

What do you think of the different parties in general?

Instructions:

Please use a scale from -5 to +5.

- (A) CDU (Christlich Demokratische Union)
- (B) CSU (Christlich-Soziale Union)
- (C) SPD (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- (I) AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
- (D) FDP (Freie Demokratische Partei)
- (F) Die Linke [labelled in dataset as "DIE LINKE"]
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen [labelled in dataset as "GRÜNE"]

Coding:

- (1) -5 I do not think much of the party at all
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 I think a great deal of the party

(-71) haven't heard of [labelled in dataset as "subject unknown"]

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_650 a, s, b1, j1, o1, e2, f2 g2	Topic: Candidates	Item: Scalometer politicians
Waves: 1-17,a1,a2	Topic: Candidates	Item: Scalometer politicians
Mode: CAWI	Samples: A	

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix; scale: -5 to +5 including zero with numerical label; label of endpoints: -5 "I do not think much of the person at all", +5 "I think a great deal of the person"; "haven't heard of"- category is settled out a bit

Question:

Screen 1: Please state what you think of some leading politicians.

Screen 2: And what do you think of the following politicians?

Screen 1:

- (A) Angela Merkel
- (B1) Armin Laschet
- (F2) Annalena Baerbock
- (O1) Olaf Scholz

Screen 2:

- (S) Christian Lindner
- (J1) Alexander Gauland
- (E2) Saskia Esken
- (G2) Dietmar Bartsch

Coding:

- (1) -5 I do not think much of the person at all
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 I think a great deal of the person

(-71) haven't heard of [labelled in dataset as "subject unknown"]

 (-93) not asked, terminated
 (-95) not participated
 (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_661a1-d1,t1	Topic: Candidates	Item: Attributes of chancellor candidates, Laschet
Waves: 3,5,16,17	Topic: Candidates	Item: Attributes of chancellor candidates, Laschet
Mode: CAWI	Sample: A	

Filter: kp17_650b1!=-71

Presentation:

Standard matrix

Question:

To what extent do the following statements apply or not apply to Armin Laschet?

- (A1) He is assertive.
- (B1) He is trustworthy.
- (C1) He is a likeable person.
- (D1) He has reasonable ideas about how to boost the economy.
- (T1) He represents the values and political views of the CDU/CSU.

Coding:

- (1) does not apply at all
- (2) rather does not apply
- (3) neither applies nor does not apply
- (4) rather applies
- (5) applies completely

(-98) don't know

- (-93) not asked, terminated
- (-95) not participated
- (-97) not applicable
- (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_661e1-h1,u1	Topic: Candidates	Item: Attributes of chancellor candidates, Scholz
Waves: 3,5,16,17	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter: kp17_650o1!=-71

Presentation:

Standard matrix

Question:

To what extent do the following statements apply or not apply to Olaf Scholz?

- (E1) He is assertive.
- (F1) He is trustworthy.
- (G1) He is a likeable person.
- (H1) He has reasonable ideas about how to boost the economy.
- (U1) He represents the values and political views of the SPD.

Coding:

- (1) does not apply at all
- (2) rather does not apply
- (3) neither applies nor does not apply
- (4) rather applies
- (5) applies completely

(-98) don't know

- (-93) not asked, terminated
- (-95) not participated
- (-97) not applicable
- (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_661i1-l1, v1	Topic: Candidates	Item: Attributes of chancellor candidates, Baerbock
Waves: 3,5,16,17	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter: kp17_650f2!=-71

Presentation:

Standard matrix

Question:

To what extent do the following statements apply or not apply to Annalena Baerbock?

- (I1) She is assertive.
- (J1) She is trustworthy.
- (K1) She is a likeable person.
- (L1) She has reasonable ideas about how to boost the economy.
- (V1) She represents the values and political views of the CDU/CSU.

Coding:

- (1) does not apply at all
- (2) rather does not apply
- (3) neither applies nor does not apply
- (4) rather applies
- (5) applies completely

(-98) don't know

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_671	Topic: Candidates	Item: Preferred chancellor
Waves: 2-8,16,17	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

Who would you prefer to see as chancellor?

- Armin Laschet
- Olaf Scholz
- Annalena Baerbock

- none of them

Coding:

- (1) Armin Laschet
- (2) Olaf Scholz
- (3) Annalena Baerbock
- (3) none of them

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

Valence issues**Variable:** kp17_840s**Waves:** 1-17,a1,a2**Topic:** Valence issues**Item:** Most important problem**Mode:** CAWI**Samples:** A**Filter:****Presentation:**

Text field (two rows) with optical 50 characters per row, no maximum limited number of characters; italicize "only one"

Intro:

You will now be asked about the two most important problems.

Question:

In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing Germany today?

Instructions:Please mention *only one* problem.**Coding:**-----
(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_850**Waves:** 1-17,a1,a2**Topic:** Valence issues**Item:** Ability to solve the most important problem**Mode:** CAWI**Samples:** A**Filter:** kp17_840s!=-99**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

And which party is best able to handle this problem?

- CDU/CSU (Christlich Demokratische Union/Christlich-Soziale Union)

- SPD (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)

- AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)

- FDP (Freie Demokratische Partei)

- Die Linke

- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen

- all parties equally good

- no party

Coding:

(1) CDU/CSU

(4) SPD

(322) AfD

(5) FDP

(7) DIE LINKE

(6) GRÜNE

(801) other party

(809) all parties equally good

(808) no party

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp17_851 were recoded into the variables kp17_850a and kp17_850b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp17_851	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Ability to solve the most important problem, other party
Waves: 1-17,a1,a2		
Mode: CAWI	Samples: A	

Filter: kp17_850=801

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

And which of these parties is best able to handle this problem?

- BIG (Partei Bündnis für Innovation & Gerechtigkeit) –
- Bündnis C – Christen für Deutschland
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- DIE RECHTE – Partei für Volksabstimmung, Souveränität und Heimatschutz
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- Freie Wähler (FW)
- LKR – Bernd Lucke und die Liberal-Konservativen Reformer
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- other party

Coding:

- (120) BIG
- (351) Bündnis C
- (349) DiB
- (151) Die PARTEI
- (323) DIE RECHTE
- (171) FAMILIE
- (180) FREIE WAEHLER
- (331) LKR
- (206) NPD
- (209) ödp
- (215) PIRATEN
- (225) REP
- (237) Tierschutzpartei
- (801) other party

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp17_850 were recoded into the variables kp17_850a and kp17_850b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp17_860s	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Second most important problem
Waves: 1-17,a1,a2	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter: kp17_840s != -99

Presentation:

Text field (two rows) with optical 50 characters per row, no maximum limited number of characters; italicize "only one"

Question:

In your opinion, what is the second most important problem facing Germany today?

Instructions:

Please mention *only one* problem.

Coding:

 (-93) not asked, terminated
 (-95) not participated
 (-97) not applicable
 (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_870	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Ability to solve the second most important problem
Waves: 1-17,a1,a2	Samples: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter: kp17_860s != -97 | kp17_860s != -99

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

And which party is best able to handle this problem?

- CDU/CSU (Christlich Demokratische Union/Christlich-Soziale Union)
- SPD (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
- FDP (Freie Demokratische Partei)
- Die Linke
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- all parties equally good
- no party

Coding:

(1) CDU/CSU
 (4) SPD
 (322) AfD
 (5) FDP
 (7) DIE LINKE
 (6) GRÜNE
 (801) other party
 (809) all parties equally good
 (808) no party

 (-93) not asked, terminated
 (-95) not participated
 (-97) not applicable
 (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp17_871 were recoded into the variables kp17_870a and kp1_870b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp17_871	Topic: Valence issues	Item: Ability to solve the second most important problem, other party
Waves: 1-17,a1,a2		
Mode: CAWI	Samples: A	

Filter: kp17_870=801

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

And which of these parties is best able to handle this problem?

- BIG (Partei Bündnis für Innovation & Gerechtigkeit)
- Bündnis C – Christen für Deutschland
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- DIE RECHTE – Partei für Volksabstimmung, Souveränität und Heimatschutz
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- Freie Wähler (FW)
- LKR – Bernd Lucke und die Liberal-Konservativen Reformer
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- other party

Coding:

- (120) BIG
- (351) Bündnis C
- (349) DiB
- (151) Die PARTEI
- (323) DIE RECHTE
- (171) FAMILIE
- (180) FREIE WAEHLER
- (331) LKR
- (206) NPD
- (209) ödp
- (215) PIRATEN
- (225) REP
- (237) Tierschutzpartei
- (801) other party

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp17_870 were recoded into the variables kp17_870a and kp17_870b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp17_4046	Topic: Corona Crisis	Item: Corona: Government
Waves: 15-17	Samples: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:**Presentation:**

Standard matrix; scale: -5 to +5 including zero with numerical label; label of endpoints: -5 "not at all satisfied" and +5 "completely satisfied"

Intro:

And now a few questions about the corona crisis.

Question:

How satisfied are you with the work of the federal government in combatting the corona crisis?

Coding:

- (1) -5 not at all satisfied
- (2) -4
- (3) -3
- (4) -2
- (5) -1
- (6) 0
- (7) +1
- (8) +2
- (9) +3
- (10) +4
- (11) +5 completely satisfied

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

[NOTE: This question was taken from the GLES Tracking (T48)].

Variable: kp17_4045a-e	Topic: Corona Crisis	Item: Corona measures
Waves: 13-17,a2	Samples: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:**Presentation:**

Standard matrix

Question:

Do you think that in the following respects the federal government has taken too few or too many measures to combat the corona crisis?

- (A) Ensuring medical care
- (B) Restricting public life, e.g., closing shops and public facilities
- (C) Reducing economic damage
- (D) Communicating with the population
- (E) Vaccination of the population

Coding:

- (1) too few
- (2) rather too few
- (3) just right
- (4) rather too many
- (5) too many

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

[Note: The question is an adaptation from the GESIS Panel Special Survey on the Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 Outbreak in Germany from 17 to 29 March 2020.]

Variable: kp17_4043a-d**Waves:** 13-17**Topic:** Corona Crisis**Item:** Infection**Mode:** CAWI**Samples:** A**Filter:****Presentation:**

Multiple selection one below the other; Plausibility check cannot be ignored if "No" is selected with one of the other answer options: The answer "No" cannot be chosen together with other answer options. Please correct your answer."

Question:

Have you or people close to you become infected with coronavirus? Please click on all applicable answer options.

- (a) No.
- (b) Yes, I have become infected.
- (c) Yes, people in my immediate family have become infected.
- (d) Yes, people in my immediate circle of friends have become infected.

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_4044**Waves:** 13-17**Topic:** Corona Crisis**Item:** Financial losses**Mode:** CAWI**Samples:** A**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

Did you personally suffer financial losses in the Corona crisis?

- (1) No.
- (2) Yes, to a small degree.
- (3) Yes, to a substantial degree.
- (4) yes, to an extent threatening my existence

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_060b,d,e,i,j,l**Waves:** 2,9,13-15,17,a1**Topic:** General attitudes towards politics**Item:** Extremism/
Authoritarianism**Mode:** CAWI**Sample:** A**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix

Question on screen 1:

Here you can find several statements with which some people agree, while others do not. How about you?

- (E) Under certain circumstances, a dictatorship is the better form of government.
- (L) It would be better if decisions were taken by unelected, independent experts rather than by politicians or the citizens.
- (I) It should be made clear to troublemakers that they are not wanted in society.

Question on screen 2:

And how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- (J) We need strong leaders so we can live safely in society.
- (B) The main business enterprises must be nationalized.
- (D) The general welfare ranks much higher than the interest of groups and associations.

Coding:

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) agree
- (5) strongly agree

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- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

The item (L) was taken from the GESIS Panel.

Variable: kp17_050a,e,h,k,l

Waves: 1,5,8,9,14,16,17,a2

Topic: General attitudes towards politics

Item: Efficacy and duty to vote

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter:**Presentation:**

Standard matrix

Intro:

And how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Question:

Please state to what extent you agree or disagree with each statement.

- (A) Politicians care about what ordinary people think.
- (E) Politicians try to get in close contact with the population.
- (H) I have the confidence to take active part in a discussion about political issues.
- (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.

Coding:

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) agree
- (5) strongly agree

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- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_080a-e	Topic: General attitudes towards politics	Item: Left behind, subjective
Waves: 17	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix

Question:

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- (A) The economic situation of people like me receives too little attention in society.
- (B) People like me get too little recognition from society for the work that they do.
- (C) Society does not do enough to ensure that people like me get access to basic facilities and services (such as post offices, doctors, banks, public transport, schools, Internet).
- (D) Society pays too little attention to the values of people like me.
- (E) People like me are no longer allowed to express their opinions freely in public.

Coding:

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) agree
- (5) strongly agree

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_2880bb,bc,t,ba, bn, y,u,be,bm	Topic: Political positions	Item: Ego positions
Waves: 1,3,13-17,a2	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard-Matrix

Intro:

And how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Question on screen 1:

Please state to what extent you agree or disagree with each statement.

- (BB) In emergency situations, it is justified for the state to restrict civil liberties.
- (BC) Health protection must take priority over promoting economic growth.
- (T) The state should save companies with many jobs from insolvency.
- (BA) The state should take on more debt.
- (BN) During a pandemic, there should be a general obligation to vaccinate.

Question on screen 2:

And how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(Y) Germany's defence expenditure should be increased over the next few years.

(U) The power supply should be secured even by the use of nuclear power.

(BE) To make sure that this survey is being filled out by a human, please click here on 'disagree'

(BM) Taxes on fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal should be increased.

Coding:

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) agree
- (5) strongly agree

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1600

Waves: 1,3-8,16,17,a2

Topic: Media use

Item: Internet use, politically current

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter:**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical), italicize "past week"

Question:

On how many days during the *past week* did you use the Internet to inform yourself about politics?

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

Coding:

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1615a,c-f,i,y	Topic: Media use	Item: use of social media, party-related
Waves: 4,5,7,17	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:

Presentation:

Plausibility check, (may be ignored; not a “must answer”): If no answer is given, please show the following text: "Your answer is very important to us. Please answer this question."
checkbox matrix; rows = parties, columns = follow/not follow. Please program kpX_1615y above the matrix and program in such a way that no inconsistent answers are possible. However, a person is allowed to choose "I don't use any social networks such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram" and to click "no" for every party. Text for plausibility check: "The combination of your answers is not possible; please check your response."

Question:

Do you follow political parties or certain politicians on a social network (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Telegram, Instagram), or have you subscribed to their channels?

(Y) I don't use any social networks such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Telegram or Instagram.

- (A) CDU/CSU (Christlich Demokratische Union/ Christlich-Soziale Union)
- (C) SPD (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- (I) AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
- (D) FDP (Freie Demokratische Partei)
- (F) Die Linke
- (E) Bündnis 90/Die Grünen

- yes, I follow the party
- yes, I follow a politician from this party
- no

Coding kp17_1615a, c-f,i:

- (1) yes, I follow the party
- (2) yes, I follow a politician from this party
- (3) yes, I follow the party and a politician from that party
- (4) no, I don't follow [party/politician]
- (5) no, I don't use any social networks

Coding kp17_1615y:

- (1) not mentioned
- (2) mentioned

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- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

[NOTE: The answers for each party were summarised in one variable with the values under "Coding kpX_1615a, c-f,i."]

Variable: kp17_1610**Waves:** 4,5,7,17**Topic:** Media use**Item:** Use of social media, politically current**Mode:** CAWI**Sample:** A**Filter:** kp17_1615y==1**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical), italicize "past week"

Question:On how many days during the *past week* did you see or read posts about politics on social networks such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Telegram or Instagram?

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

Coding:

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1616a-c.y**Waves:** 4,5,7,17**Topic:** Media use**Item:** Online participation, politically current**Mode:** CAWI**Sample:** A**Filter:** kp17_1615y==1**Presentation:**

Checkbox-matrix, Below the matrix: check box with label "I didn't comment on, share, or write any political content." Italicize "past week"; Please program, so that no inconsistent answers are possible (e.g. ticking a check box and changing the slider's position). Text for plausibility check: "The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your response."

Question:On how many days during the *past week* did you comment on, share, or write political content on a social network such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Telegram oder Instagram?

- (A) liked or commented on other users' political posts
- (B) forwarded or shared other users' political posts
- (C) wrote and posted political content on my own
- (Y) I didn't comment on, share or write any political content.

Coding kp17_1616a-c:

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

Coding kp17_1616y:

- (1) mentioned
- (2) not mentioned

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- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1616a-c_c2, p

Waves: 4,5,7,17

Topic: Media use

Item: Online participation, politically current, follow-up question

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter: kp17_1616a=-99 & kp17_1616b=-99 & kp17_1616c=-99 & kp17_1616y=2

Presentation:

must answer: Text for plausibility check if no answer was given: "Please note that a response to this question is required in order to continue the survey." Above the matrix: 2 radio buttons with the labels "I didn't comment on, share, or write any political content." and "I didn't want to answer this question"; Italicize "past week"; Please program, so that no inconsistent answers are possible. Text for plausibility check: "The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your response."

Intro:

You did not answer the last question.

Question:

Does this mean that you did not comment on, share, or write any political content on a social network such Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Telegram oder Instagram? in the *past week* or that you did not want to answer this question?

Instructions:

If you would like to provide information now, you can still also tick the applicable items.

- I didn't comment on, share, or write any political content.
- I didn't want to answer this question.

- (A) liked or commented on other users' political posts
- (B) forwarded or shared other users' political posts
- (C) wrote and posted political content on my own

Coding kpX_1616a-c_c2:

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

Coding plausibility check variable kpX_1616p:

- (1) I didn't comment on, share, or write any political content
- (2) I didn't want to answer this question

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- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

[NOTE I: The answers that were given upon inquiry were integrated into the variables kpX_1616a-c. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kpX_16161flag.

Variable: kp17_1661a-h	Topic: Media use	Item: Use of print media, politically current
Waves: 1,3-8,17	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:**Presentation:**

Standard matrix with responsive pagination; depending on screen width, as a matrix or as response options underneath each other. Lowest button with the statement "I have not read any political reports from these newspapers.". Highlight "on average" in italics in the question text.

Question text:

On how many days a week on average do you read political reports in the following newspapers or on their websites?

Instructions:

It is irrelevant whether you read the print or the online edition of the newspaper or read political reports on the newspaper's website.

- (A) Bild-Zeitung
- (B) Frankfurter Rundschau
- (C) Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
- (D) Süddeutsche Zeitung
- (E) Die tageszeitung (taz)
- (F) Die Welt
- (G) other daily newspaper (local newspaper or regional newspaper, Handelsblatt,...)

(H) I didn't read any articles on politics in the newspapers.

Coding kpX_1661a-g:

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

 (-93) not asked, terminated
 (-95) not participated
 (-99) no answer

Coding kpX_1661h:

- (1) mentioned
- (2) not mentioned

 (-93) not asked, terminated
 (-95) not participated
 (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1661a-g_c2, p

Waves: 1,3-8,17 **Topic:** Mediennutzung
follow-up question

Item: Use of print media, politically current,

Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp17_1661a=1 & kp17_1661b=1 & kp17_1661c=1 & kp17_1661d=1 & kp17_1661e=1 & kp17_1661f=1 & kp17_1661g=1 & kp17_1661h=2

Presentation

Must answer. Text for plausibility check if no answer was given: "Please note that an answer is necessary for the continuation of the survey". Above the checkbox matrix, [there are] two radio buttons with the response options: "I do not read any political reports from these newspapers." and "I did not want to give any information on this." Please program in such a way that respondents cannot give inconsistent information (by clicking on the checkbox of a newspaper and on the radio buttons [above the matrix]). Text for plausibility check: "The combination of your answers is not possible, please check your response."

Intro:

You did not answer the last question.

Question:

Does this mean that you read no political reports from these newspapers per week on average, or did you not want to answer the question?

Instructions:

If you want to respond to this question now, you can also move the sliders. Please move the slider even if you only read political reports on the websites of the newspapers.

- I didn't read any articles on politics in the newspapers
- I didn't want to answer this question

- (A) Bild-Zeitung
- (B) Frankfurter Rundschau
- (C) Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
- (D) Süddeutsche Zeitung
- (E) Die tageszeitung (taz)
- (F) Die Welt
- (G) other daily newspaper (local newspaper or regional newspaper, Handelsblatt,...)

Coding kpX_1661a-g_c2:

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

Coding plausibility check variable kpX_1661p:

- (1) didn't read any articles on politics in the newspapers
- (2) didn't want to answer this question
- (3) not mentioned

- (-93) not asked, terminated
- (-95) not participated
- (-97) not applicable
- (-99) no answer

[NOTE I: The answers that were given upon inquiry were integrated into the variables kpX_1661a-h. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kpX_1661flag.]

Variable: kp17_1290	Topic: Political positions	Item: Climate change, ego
Waves: 1-2,4,7,8,10-17,a1	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:**Presentation:**

Standard matrix; seven-point-scale without numerical label; label of endpoints: "fight against climate change should take precedence, even if it impairs economic", "economic growth should take precedence, even if it impairs the fight against climate change"

Question 1:

Some say that the fight against climate change should definitely take precedence, even if it impairs economic growth. Others say that the economic growth should definitely take precedence, even if it impairs the fight against climate change.

What is your personal view on this issue?

- fight against climate change should take precedence, even if it impairs economic growth
-
-
-
-
- economic growth should take precedence, even if it impairs the fight against climate change

Coding:

- (1) 1 fight against climate change should take precedence, even if it impairs economic growth
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 economic growth should take precedence, even if it impairs the fight against climate change

- (-93) not asked, terminated
- (-95) not participated
- (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_2880v,ag,ah,ai

Waves: 1,3,13-17,a2

Topic: Political positions

Item: Ego positions

Mode: CAWI

Samples: A

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard-Matrix

Intro:

Here you can find several statements with which some people agree, while others do not.

Question:

Please state to what extent you agree or disagree with each statement.

(V) All things considered, globalisation is a good thing

(AG) The global integration of markets should be pushed forward further.

(AH) Germany should restrict the import of goods from other countries.

(AI) Foreign companies should be allowed to invest in Germany.

Coding:

(1) strongly disagree

(2) disagree

(3) neither agree nor disagree

(4) agree

(5) strongly agree

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1090

Waves: 1-4,a1,6-8,10-17,a2

Topic: Political positions

Item: Socio-economic dimension, ego

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix; seven-point-scale without numerical label; label of endpoints: "lower taxes, although this results in less social services" and "more social services, although this results in raising taxes";

Question1:

Some people prefer lower taxes, although this results in less social services. Others prefer more social services, although this results in raising taxes.

What is your opinion on this issue?

- lower taxes, although this results in less social services

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- more social services, although this results in raising taxes

Coding:

- (1) 1 lower taxes, although this results in less social services
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 more social services, although this results in raising taxes

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1130

Waves: 1-4,a1,6-8,10,14-17	Topic: Political positions
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Item: Libertarian-authoritarian dimension, ego

Modi: CAWI

Samples: A

Filter:**Presentation:**

Standard matrix; seven-point-scale without numerical label; label of endpoints: "immigration for foreigners should be easier", "immigration for foreigners should be more difficult"

Question:

Let's turn to the issue of immigration. Should it be easier or more difficult for foreigners to immigrate?

What is your opinion on this issue?

- immigration for foreigners should be easier

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- immigration for foreigners should be more difficult

Coding:

- (1) 1 immigration for foreigners should be easier
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4
- (5) 5
- (6) 6
- (7) 7 immigration for foreigners should be more difficult

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_3103a-h**Waves:** 5,8,9,13-15,17,a2**Mode:** CAWI**Topic:** General attitudes towards politics**Item:** Populism**Samples:** A**Filter:****Presentation:**

Standard matrix

Intro:

Here you can find some more statements on politics and society with which some people agree, while others do not.

Question:

Screen 1: Please state whether you agree or disagree with each statement.

Screen 2: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Screen 1:

- (A) Politicians talk too much and take too little action.
- (B) Ordinary people are of good and honest character.
- (C) The people should have the final say on the most important political issues by voting on them directly in referendums.
- (D) Ordinary people all pull together.

Screen 2:

- (E) Differences between the elite and the people are larger than the differences among the people.
- (F) The people, and not politicians, should make our most important policy decisions.
- (G) The politicians in Parliament need to follow the will of the people.
- (H) Ordinary people share the same values and interests.

Coding:

- (1) strongly disagree
- (2) disagree
- (3) neither agree nor disagree
- (4) agree
- (5) strongly agree

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1590

Waves: 15-17

Topic: Political positions

Item: Position issue: Gender equality, ego

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix; 7-point scale without numerical labelling

Labels at the endpoints: "state equality measures still do not go far enough", "state equality measures already go much too far"

Question:

Now we would like to know what you think about state measures for the equality of women in society. Some think that state equality measures by no means go far enough, others think that they already go much too far today.

What is your opinion on this issue?

- State equality measures by no means go far enough.

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- State equality measures already go much too far.

Coding:

(1) 1 State equality measures by no means go far enough.

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

(5) 5

(6) 6

(7) 7 State equality measures already go much too far.

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1260

Wave: 9,17

Topic: Political positions

Item: Globalisation, ego

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter:

Presentation:

Semantic differential; only labels at the endpoints: "loser", "winner".

Question:

Do you see yourself as a loser or a winner of globalisation?

- loser

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-

-

- winner

- don't know

Coding:

(1) loser

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

(6)

(7) winner

(-98) don't know

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Candidates

Variable: kp17_650l1,j2,k1,y1

Waves: 1-17,a1,a2

Topic: Candidates

Item: Scalometer politicians

Modi: CAWI

Samples: A

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix; scale: -5 to +5 including zero with numerical label; label of endpoints: -5 "I do not think much of the politician at all", +5 "I think a great deal of the politician"; "haven't heard of"- category is settled out a bit

Question:

Here, you see some leading politicians once again. Please state what you think of these politicians.

(L1) Robert Habeck

(j2) Janine Wissler

(K1) Markus Söder

(Y1) Jens Spahn

Coding:

(1) -5 I do not think much of the person at all

(2) -4

(3) -3

(4) -2

(5) -1

(6) 0

(7) +1

(8) +2

(9) +3

(10) +4

(11) +5 I think a great deal of the person

(-71) haven't heard of [labelled in dataset as "subject unknown"]

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Networks

Variable: kp17_1933

Waves: 1-8,17

Topic: Networks

Item: Conversations about politics, in general

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix with responsive pagination; depending on the width of the screen, as a matrix or as response options underneath each other; highlight "past week" in italics in the question text.

Question:

On how many days during the *past week* did you talk with other people about politics?

Coding:

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1933_c2,p

Waves: 1-8,17

Topic: Networks

Item: Conversations about politics, follow-up question

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter: kp17_1933=1

Presentation:

Must answer. Text for plausibility check if no answer was given: "Please note that an answer is necessary for the continuation of the survey." Above the checkbox matrix, there are two radio buttons with the response options: "I did not talk about politics." and "I did not want to give any information on this." Please program them in such a way that respondents cannot give inconsistent information (i.e., by clicking on checkbox and on the radio buttons [above the matrix]). Text for plausibility check: "The combination of your information is not possible, please check your entry." Highlight "past week" in italics [in the question text].

Intro:

You did not answer the last question.

Question wave 1-7:

Does this mean that you didn't talk about politics in the *past week* or that you did not want to answer this question?

Instruction:

If you would like to provide information now, please feel free to do so.

- I didn't talk about politics

- I didn't want to answer this question

Coding:

- (1) 0 days
- (2) 1 day
- (3) 2 days
- (4) 3 days
- (5) 4 days
- (6) 5 days
- (7) 6 days
- (8) 7 days

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- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

Coding plausibility check variable kpX_1933p:

- (1) I didn't talk about politics
- (2) I didn't want to answer this question
- (3) not mentioned

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- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

[NOTE I: The answers that were given upon inquiry were integrated into the variables kpX_1933. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kpX_1933flag.

Variable: kp17_1937a-c

Waves: 1-8,17

Topic: Networks

Item: Name generator

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter: kp17_1933=2-8 | kp17_1933_c2=2-8

Presentation:**Presentation:**

Three rows with two text fields each (bordered in blue and green, see published screenshots); plausibility check: allow only letters (also with umlauts), no numbers or special characters. Instruction text: "Please enter letters only." Program in such a way that only one letter can be entered in a box. Show no instruction text if no box is filled; treat as -99 = "no answer" (i.e. not a "must answer"!)." Instruction text if either only the blue or only the green box is filled in a row: "Please enter both the first letter of the first name and the first letter of the last name." Show this instruction text only once; even if respondent still refuses to give a complete answer, forward to kpX_1941a-c and display incomplete initials. Italicize "past week" ("week before the federal election").

Intro:

We would now like to ask you a few questions about the people with whom you talked about politics most frequently in the *past week*. These questions will be easier to answer if you think of specific people.

Question wave 1-7:

Please enter the initials of up to three people with whom you talked about politics most frequently in the *past week*.

Instructions:

Enter the first letter of the first name of your discussion partner in the blue box and the first letter of the last name in the green box.

 (-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1941a-c

Waves: 1-8,17

Topic: Networks

Item: Discussion partner, relationship

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter: kp17_1937a!=-99 | kp17_1937b!=-99 | kp17_1937c!=-99

Presentation:

Single-choice questions in columns next to each other, each with person [no.] and initials as heading; radio buttons; show as many columns as discussion partners named in kp17_1937

Question text in the case of only one discussion partner:

And what is your relationship to this person?

Question text in the case of several discussion partners:

And what is your relationship to these persons?

Instructions:

Please click on the option that best describes your relationship.

Coding:

(1) Spouse or partner

(2) Friend

(3) Relative

(4) Work colleague

(5) Acquaintance or neighbour

(6) Other contact

 (-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1945a-c	Topic: Networks	Item: Discussion partner, frequency
Waves: 1-8,17	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter: If more than one discussion partner, kp17_1937a!=-99 | kp17_1937b!=-99 | kp17_1937c!=-99

Presentation:

Standard matrix with responsive pagination; social relationship and initials of discussion partners in rows (see published screen views); depending on screen width, as a matrix or as response options underneath each other.

Plausibility check, (can be ignored; not a “must answer”): If nothing was stated for any discussion partners (kp17_1945a == -99 & kp17_1945b == -99 & kp17_1945c == -99), please show information text:

"Your response is very important to us. Please answer this question."

Question:

On how many days during the *past week* did you talk about politics with your individual discussion partners?

Coding:

Kp17_1945a – First discussion partner

Kp17_1945b – Second discussion partner

Kp17_1945c – Third discussion partner

(2) 1 day

(3) 2 days

(4) 3 days

(5) 4 days

(6) 5 days

(7) 6 days

(8) 7 days

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_1971a-c	Topic: Networks	Item: Discussion partner, vote intention
Waves: 1-7,17	Sample: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter: kp17_1937a!=-99 | kp17_1937b!=-99 | kp17_1937c!=-99

Presentation:

Matrix, rows=parties, columns = display initials of discussion partners and social relationship; show as many columns as discussion partners named (see published screenshots)

Question text in the case of only one discussion partner:

Which party do you think this person would vote for if there were a general election next Sunday?

Question text in the case of several discussion partners:

Which party do you think this person would vote for if there were a general election next Sunday?

- CDU/CSU (Christlich Demokratische Union/Christlich-Soziale Union)
- SPD (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- AfD (Alternative für Deutschland)
- FDP (Freie Demokratische Partei)
- Die Linke
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- other party
- wouldn't vote

Coding:

(1) CDU/CSU
 (4) SPD
 (5) FDP
 (6) GRÜNE
 (7) DIE LINKE
 (322) AfD
 (801) other party

(-85) wouldn't vote
 (-98) don't know

 (-93) not asked, terminated
 (-95) not participated
 (-97) not applicable
 (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kpX_1972a-c were recoded into the variables kpX_1971aa/ kpX_1971ba/ kpX_1971ca and kpX_1971ab/ kpX_1971bb/ kpX_1971cb in order to create party versions A and B (see study description.)]

Variable: kp17_1972a-c

Waves: 1-7,17

Topic: Networks

Item: Discussion partner, vote intention,

other party

Mode: CAWI

Sample: A

Filter: kp17_1971a=801 | kp17_1971b=801 | kp17_1971c=801

Presentation:

Matrix, rows = parties, columns = display initials of discussion partners and social relationship; show as many columns as discussion partners with the intention to vote for an "other party" named in kpX_1971a-c (see published screenshots).

Intro if several discussion partners intended to vote for an "other party":

You have just indicated that your discussion partners would vote for an "other party".

Intro if only one discussion partner intended to vote for an "other party":

You have just indicated that your discussion partner would vote for an "other party".

Question:

Which party is that?

- BIG (Partei Bündnis für Innovation & Gerechtigkeit)
- Bündnis C – Christen für Deutschland
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- DIE RECHTE – Partei für Volksabstimmung, Souveränität und Heimatschutz
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- Freie Wähler (FW)
- LKR – Bernd Lucke und die Liberal-Konservativen Reformer
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- other party

Coding:

- (120) BIG
- (351) Bündnis C
- (349) DiB
- (151) Die PARTEI
- (323) DIE RECHTE
- (171) FAMILIE
- (180) FREIE WAEHLER
- (331) LKR
- (206) NPD
- (209) ödp
- (215) PIRATEN
- (225) REP
- (237) Tierschutzpartei
- (801) other party

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp17_1971a-c were recoded into the variables kpX_1971aa/ kpX_1971ba/ kpX_1971ca and kpX_1971ab/ kpX_1971bb/ kpX_1971cb in order to create party versions A and B (see study description.)]

Variable: kp17_2090	Topic: Predispositions	Item: Party identification
Waves: 1-17,a1,a2	Samples: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter:**Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

Intro:

In Germany, many people lean towards a particular party for a long time, although they may occasionally vote for a different party.

Question:

How about you, do you in general lean towards a particular party? If so, which one?

- CDU/CSU
- CDU
- CSU
- SPD
- AfD
- FDP
- Die Linke
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- other party

- no party

Coding:

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (2) CDU
- (3) CSU
- (4) SPD
- (322) AfD
- (5) FDP
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (6) GRÜNE
- (801) other party

(808) no party

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp17_2091 were recoded into the variables kp17_2090a and kp17_2090b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp17_2091	Topic: Predispositions	Item: Party identification, other party
Waves: 1-17,a1,a2	Samples: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter: kp17_2090=801

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

And which one of these parties do you feel close to?

- BIG (Partei Bündnis für Innovation & Gerechtigkeit)
- Bündnis C – Christen für Deutschland
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- DIE RECHTE – Partei für Volksabstimmung, Souveränität und Heimatschutz
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- Freie Wähler (FW)
- LKR (Bernd Lucke und die Liberal-Konservativen Reformer)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- other party

Coding:

- (120) BIG
- (351) Bündnis C
- (349) DiB
- (151) Die PARTEI
- (323) DIE RECHTE – Partei für Volksabstimmung, Souveränität und Heimatschutz
- (171) FAMILIE
- (180) FREIE WAEHLER
- (331) Liberal-Konservative Reformer [im Datensatz gelabelt als „LKR“]
- (206) NPD
- (209) ödp
- (215) PIRATEN
- (225) REP
- (237) Tierschutzpartei
- (801) other party

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp17_2090 were recoded into the variables kp17_2090a and kp17_2090b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp17_2100	Topic: Predisposition	Item: Party identification, strength
Waves: 1-17,a1,a2	Samples: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter: kp17_2090>0 & <=801

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

All in all, how strongly or weakly do you lean towards this party?

- very strongly
- fairly strongly
- moderately
- fairly weakly
- very weakly

Coding:

- (1) very strongly
- (2) fairly strongly
- (3) moderately
- (4) fairly weakly
- (5) very weakly

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

Variable: kp17_2095	Topic: Predispositions	Item: Multiple party identification
Waves: 1-17,a1,a2	Samples: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter: kp17_2090=1-801; do not display party named at kp17_2090 anymore. If kp17_2090=1 (CDU/CSU), then show neither response option 2 (CDU) nor response option 3 (CSU). If kp17_2090=2 | 3, then do not display response option 1 at kp17_2150 anymore.

Presentation:

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

Some people lean towards more than one party, while others don't. How about you? Do you lean towards another political party?

- CDU/CSU
- CDU
- CSU
- SPD
- AfD
- FDP
- Die Linke
- Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
- other party

- no other party

Coding:

- (1) CDU/CSU
- (2) CDU
- (3) CSU
- (4) SPD
- (5) FDP
- (6) GRÜNE
- (7) DIE LINKE
- (322) AfD
- (801) other party

(808) no other party

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp17_2096 were recoded into the variables kp17_2095a and kp17_2095b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp17_2096	Topic: Predispositions	Item: Multiple party identification, other party
Waves: 1-17,a1,a2	Samples: A	
Mode: CAWI		

Filter: kp17_2095=801

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

And which one of these parties do you feel close to?

- BIG (Partei Bündnis für Innovation & Gerechtigkeit)
- Bündnis C – Christen für Deutschland
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- DIE RECHTE – Partei für Volksabstimmung, Souveränität und Heimatschutz
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- Freie Wähler (FW)
- LKR (Bernd Lucke und die Liberal-Konservativen Reformer)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- other party

Coding:

- (120) BIG
- (351) Bündnis C
- (349) DiB
- (151) Die PARTEI
- (323) DIE RECHTE
- (171) FAMILIE
- (180) FREIE WAEHLER
- (331) Liberal-Konservative Reformer [im Datensatz gelabelt als „LKR“]
- (206) NPD
- (209) ödp
- (215) PIRATEN
- (225) REP
- (237) Tierschutzpartei
- (801) other party

-
- (-93) not asked, terminated
 - (-95) not participated
 - (-97) not applicable
 - (-99) no answer

[NOTE I: This variable and the variables kp17_2095 were recoded into the variables kp17_2095a and kp17_2095b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp17_2101	Topic: Predispositions	Item: Multiple party identification, strength
Waves: 1-17,a1,a2		
Mode: CAWI	Samples: A	

Filter: kp17_2095=1-801

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

All in all, how strongly or weakly do you lean towards this party?

- very strongly
- fairly strongly
- moderately
- fairly weakly
- very weakly

Coding:

- (1) very strongly
- (2) fairly strongly
- (3) moderately
- (4) fairly weakly
- (5) very weakly

(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-97) not applicable

(-99) no answer

Quality of Data**Variable:** kp17_4240**Waves:** 1-17,a1,a2**Topic:** Quality of Data**Item:** Rating of survey**Mode:** CAWI**Samples:** A**Filter:****Presentation:**

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

How would you rate our survey overall?

- very good
- good
- neither good nor bad
- bad
- very bad

Coding:

- (1) very good
- (2) good
- (3) neither good nor bad
- (4) bad
- (5) very bad

(-93) Not asked, terminated

(-95) Not participated

(-99) No answer

Variable: kp17_4270s**Waves:** 1-17,a1,a2**Topic:** Quality of Data**Item:** Comment, open**Mode:** CAWI**Samples:** A**Filter:****Presentation:**

Text field (four rows) with optical 50 characters per row, no maximum limit of characters

Intro:

Finally, we would like to give you the possibility to comment on our today's survey.

Question:

Do you have comments or suggestions concerning the survey or particular questions?

Coding:-----
(-93) not asked, terminated

(-95) not participated

(-99) no answer