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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 18. 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 Please do not cite before the data are released in the data catalogue of GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences.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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Number of variables	285

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 18	A	2021-08-11 – 2021-08-24

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.

Version history

Changes between v1.0.0 and v2.0.0	Coding errors in version 1.0.0 were corrected in version 2.0.0. This concerns the variables kp18_1971aa-ca, kp18_1937, and kp18_1933.

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: kp18_2291; kp18_2290; kp18_2293s
Waves: 1-18,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 kp18_2291:
In what month were you born?

- 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 kp18_2290:
Please enter the year you were born in.

Instructions:
Use four digits, e.g. 1978.

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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 kp18_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: kp18_2291_c2; kp18_2290_c2; kp18_2293s_c2
Waves: 1-18,a2 **Topic:** Verification **Items:** Month of birth; Year of birth; Location of birth
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter:
Sample A1/A2:
kp1_2291!=kp18_2291 | kp1_2290!=kp18_2290 | kp1_2293s!= kp18_2293s
Sample A3:
kpa1_2291!=kp18_2291 | kpa1_2290!=kp18_2290 | kpa1_2293s!= kp18_2293s
Sample A4:
kpa2_2291!=kp18_2291 | kpa2_2290!=kp18_2290 | kpa2_2293s!= kp18_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 kp18_2291_c2:
What month were you born in?

Instructions:
- 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 kp18_2290_c2:
Please enter the year you were born in.

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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 kp18_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: kp18_4280
Waves: 1-18 **Topic:** Verification **Item:** Reason for false verification code
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter:
Sample A1/A2:
(kp18_2293s_c2!=-97) & (kp1_2291!=kp18_2291_c2 | (kp1_2290!=kp18_2290_c2) | (kp1_2293s!=kp18_2293s_c2)
Sample A3:
(kp18_2293s_c2!=-97) & (kpa1_2291!=kp18_2291_c2 | (kpa1_2290!=kp18_2290_c2) | (kpa1_2293s!=kp18_2293s_c2)
Sample A4:
(kp18_2293s_c2!=-97) & (kpa2_2291!=kp18_2291_c2 | (kpa2_2290!=kp18_2290_c2) | (kpa2_2293s!=kp18_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: kp18_010
Waves: 1-18,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: kp18_170
Waves: 1-7,9-18,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

Wave 5-8,18: - I have already cast a postal vote

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

Wave 5-8,18: (6) have already cast a postal vote

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

Variable: kp18_190a, b		
Waves: 1-7,9-18,a1,a2	**Topic:** Vote decision	**Item:** Vote intention: first/second vote
Mode: CAWI	**Samples:** A	

Filter: kp18_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 kp18_192a,b were recoded into the variables kp18_190aa/kp18_190ab and kp18_190ba/kp18_190bb in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).

Variable: kp18_192a
Waves: 1-7,9-18,a1,a2 **Topic:** Voting decision **Item:** Vote intention: first vote, other party
Mode: CAWI **Samples:** A

Filter: kp18_190a=801
Presentation:
Single response list (vertical)

Question:
And who will you vote for with your FIRST vote?

Candidate of…

- BP (Bayernpartei)
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- dieBasis (Basisdemokratische Partei Deutschland)
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- FREIE WÄHLER
- LKR (Liberal-Konservative Reformer)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ÖDP (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- Team Todenhöfer (Team Todenhöfer – Die Gerechtigkeitspartei)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- Volt (Volt Deutschland)
- WiR2020
- other party

Coding:
(126) BP
(349) DiB
(151) Die PARTEI
(372) dieBasis
(171) FAMILIE
(180) FREIE WAEHLER
(331) LKR
(206) NPD
(209) ödp
(215) PIRATEN
(373) Team Todenhöfer
(237) Tierschutzpartei
(364) Volt
(371) WiR2020
(801) other party

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

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp18_190a were recoded into the variables kp18_190aa and kp18_190ab in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_192b
Waves: 1-7,9-18,a1,a2 **Topic:** Voting decision **Item:** Vote intention: second vote, other party
Mode: CAWI **Samples:** A

Filter: kp18_190b=801
Presentation:
Single response list (vertical)

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

- BP (Bayernpartei)
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- dieBasis (Basisdemokratische Partei Deutschland)
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- FREIE WÄHLER
- LKR (Liberal-Konservative Reformer)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ÖDP (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- Team Todenhöfer (Team Todenhöfer – Die Gerechtigkeitspartei)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- Volt (Volt Deutschland)
- WiR2020
- other party

Coding:
(126) BP
(349) DiB
(151) Die PARTEI
(372) dieBasis
(171) FAMILIE
(180) FREIE WAEHLER
(331) LKR
(206) NPD
(209) ödp
(215) PIRATEN
(373) Team Todenhöfer
(237) Tierschutzpartei
(364) Volt
(371) WiR2020
(801) other party

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

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp18_190b were recoded into the variables kp18_190ba and kp18_190bb in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_191a,b		
Waves: 5-9,18	**Topic:** Voting decision	**Item:** Vote postal voter
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A	

Filter: kp18_170=6

Presentation:

Display sample ballot paper with first and second vote

Question:

You had two votes in the absentee ballot. The first vote was for a candidate in your local constituency, the second vote was for a party.
How did 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

(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

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

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

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp18_193a,b were recoded into the variables kp18_191aa/kp18_191ab and kp18_191ba/kp18_191bb in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_193a		
Waves: 5-9,18	**Topic:** Voting decision	**Item:** Vote postal voter: first vote, other party
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A	

Filter: kp18_191a=801

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

And which candidate did you vote for with your FIRST vote?

- BP (Bayernpartei)
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- dieBasis (Basisdemokratische Partei Deutschland)
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- FREIE WÄHLER
- LKR (Liberal-Konservative Reformer)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ÖDP (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- Team Todenhöfer (Team Todenhöfer – Die Gerechtigkeitspartei)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- Volt (Volt Deutschland)
- WiR2020
- other party

Coding:

(126) BP
(349) DiB
(151) Die PARTEI
(372) dieBasis
(171) FAMILIE
(180) FREIE WAEHLER
(331) LKR
(206) NPD
(209) ödp
(215) PIRATEN
(373) Team Todenhöfer
(237) Tierschutzpartei
(364) Volt
(371) WiR2020
(801) other party

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

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp18_191a were recoded into the variables kp18_191aa and kp18_191ab in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation). In wave 5, the same parties were presented in the question "Vote postal voter" as in the question "Vote intention". However, not all of these parties took part in the 2017 federal election, and hence not all could be voted for by postal voters. Therefore, from wave 6 onwards, the list was reduced to those parties actually running for election. Please note that some parties presented candidates only for one of the two votes, i.e. the first vote or the second vote.]

Variable: kp18_193b		
Waves: 5-9,18	**Topic:** Voting decision	**Item:** Vote postal voter: second, other party
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A	

Filter: kp18_191b=801

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

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

- BP (Bayernpartei)
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- dieBasis (Basisdemokratische Partei Deutschland)
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- FREIE WÄHLER
- LKR (Liberal-Konservative Reformer)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ÖDP (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- Team Todenhöfer (Team Todenhöfer – Die Gerechtigkeitspartei)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- Volt (Volt Deutschland)
- WiR2020
- other party

Coding:

(126) BP
(349) DiB
(151) Die PARTEI
(372) dieBasis
(171) FAMILIE
(180) FREIE WAEHLER
(331) LKR
(206) NPD
(209) ödp
(215) PIRATEN
(373) Team Todenhöfer
(237) Tierschutzpartei
(364) Volt
(371) WiR2020
(801) other party

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

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp18_191b were recoded into the variables kp18_191ba and kp18_191bb in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation). In wave 5, the same parties were presented in the question "Vote postal voter" as in the question "Vote intention". However, not all of these parties took part in the 2017 federal election, and hence not all could be voted for by postal voters. Therefore, from wave 6 onwards, the list was reduced to those parties actually running for election. Please note that some parties presented candidates only for one of the two votes, i.e. the first vote or the second vote.]

Variable: kp18_260s
Waves: [5],[6],[7],8,9,18 **Topic**: Voting decision **Item:** Reasons for voting decision, open
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_170=6 & kp18_191b!=-99 & kp18_193b!=-99

Presentation:

Text field four rows with visually 50 characters per line; no maximum character limit; italicize "most important"

Question:

Why did you give your second vote to this party?

Instructions:

Please state the *most important* reason.

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Coding:

[Open answers have been coded by the coding pattern "Gründe für Wahlentscheidung"]

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

Variable: kp18_221a,c-g,i
Waves: 1 ,3-9,14,16-18,a2 **Topic:** Voting decision **Item:** Consideration Set
Mode: CAWI **Samples:** A/B

Filter: (kp18_190b=1-322) | (kp18_192b=120-351) >> Receive intro and question
kp18_190b=801 & (kp18_192b= -99 | kp18_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 kp18_190b or kp18_192b, must not appear in the answering options.

Intro:

You said that you want to cast your second vote for (insert party).

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: kp18_211a,c-g,i
Waves: 1,3-9,14,16-18,a2 **Topic:** Voting decision **Item:** Consideration Set, hypothetical
Mode: CAWI **Samples:** A

Filter: kp18_170=4-5,-99 >> Question 1
(kp18_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: kp18_2751a,c-g,i
Waves: 5-8,18 **Topic**: Voting decision **Item:** Consideration Set on the day of the postal vote
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_170=6 & ((kp18_191b=1-322) | (kp18_193b=120-351)) >> Receive intro and question 1
kp18_170=6 & kp18_191b=801 & (kp18_193b=-99 | kp18_193b=801) >> Do not receive intro but ONLY question 1
kp18_170=6 & kp18_191b= -99 >> Do not receive intro but ONLY question 2

Presentation:
Standard matrix; Column labels like coding labels.
The party that was chosen for the second vote in kp18_191b or kp18_193b must not appear in the answering options.

Intro:
You said you cast your second vote for (insert party).

Question 1:
Did you consider any other parties for your second vote on the day of your postal vote?

Question 2:
Which parties did you consider for your second vote on the day of your postal 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) considered
(2) rather considered
(3) rather not considered
(4) not considered

(-93) not asked, terminated
(-95) not participated
(-97) not applicable [either because the respondent was previously filtered out or he/she already selected the party under second vote]
(-99) no answer

Variable: kp18_330		
Waves: [5],[6],[7],8,18	**Topic**: Voting decision	**Item:** Difficulty of voting decision
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A	

Filter: kp18_170=6
Presentation:
Single response list (vertical)
Question:
How difficult was it for you to decide how to vote in this federal election?

- very difficult
- fairly difficult
- moderately
- not very difficult
- not difficult at all

Coding:
(1) very difficult
(2) fairly difficult
(3) moderately
(4) not very difficult
(5) not difficult at all

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

Variable: kp18_222
Waves: 18 **Topic:** Voting decision **Item:** Voting decision: postal vote, frequency
Modes: CAWI **Samples:** A

Filter: kp18_170==6
Presentation:
Single selection among each other
Text Intro:
Some eligible voters are casting their ballots by postal vote for the first time in the federal election because of the Corona pandemic, while others have already used this option more frequently.
Question text:
How often in the past have you cast your vote by postal ballot in federal, state and local elections?

- always
- often
- sometimes
- rarely

- I am casting my vote by absentee ballot for the first time in this election.

Coding:
(1) always
(2) often
(3) sometimes
(4) rarely
(5) I am casting my vote by absentee ballot for the first time in this election.

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

Variable: kp18_223, kp18_223s
Waves: 18 **Topic:** Voting decision **Item:** Voting decision: postal vote, habitual, reason
Modes: CAWI **Samples:** A

Filter: kp18_222 ==1 | kp18_222 ==2
Representation:
Single selection among them; show answer from kp18_222 ("frequently" or "always").
Question text:
Why do you [always / often] cast your vote by postal ballot?
Note text:
Please state the *most important* reason.

- Absentee voting is the most convenient for me.
- With absentee voting, I have more time to fill out my ballot.
- I am unable to cast my vote at the polling place on election day due to health reasons.
- Another reason, and that is: [TEXTFIELD]

Coding:
(1) Absentee voting is the most convenient for me.
(2) Absentee voting gives me more time to fill out my ballot.
(3) I am unable to cast my vote at the polling place on election day due to health reasons.
(5) Another reason

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

[Note: Open-ended mentions are available in variable kp18_223s].

Variable: kp18_224, kp18_224s
Waves: 18 **Topic:** Voting decision **Item:** Voting decision: postal vote, situational, reason
Modes: CAWI **Samples:** A

Filter: kp18_222 == 3 | kp18_222 == 4 | kp18_222 == 5
Representation:
Single selection among each other
Question text:
Why did you decide to cast your vote by postal ballot this time?
Note text:
Please state the *most important* reason.

- Absentee voting is the most convenient for me.
- With absentee voting, I have more time to fill out my ballot.
- I am unable to cast my vote at the polling place on election day due to health reasons.
- I was worried about contracting the corona virus while voting at the polling place.
- Another reason, and that is: [TEXTFIELD]

Coding:
(1) Absentee voting is the most convenient for me.
(2) Absentee voting gives me more time to fill out my ballot.
(3) I am unable to cast my vote at the polling place on election day due to health reasons.
(4) I was concerned about contracting the corona virus while voting at the polling place.
(5) Another reason

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

[Note: Open-ended mentions are available in variable kp18_224s].

Variable: kp18_380
Waves: 3-7,16-18 **Topic:** Involvement in election campaign **Item:** Interest in the outcome of the Election
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

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: kp18_390
Waves: 4-7,17,18 **Topic:** Involvement in election campaign **Item:** Interest in election campaign
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: kp18_421ka-ei,y
Waves: 4-8,17,18 **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. Kp18_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: kp18_421ka-ei_c2,p1
Waves: 4-8,17,18 **Topic:** Involvement in Election Campaign **Item:** Contact with parties I, follow-up question
Modi: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_421ka-kf,ki=0 & kp18_421ga-gf,gi=0 & kp18_421aa-af,ai=0 & kp18_421da-df,di=0 & kp18_421ea-ef,ei=0 & kp18_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 aplies" 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 kp18_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 kp18_421aa-kf,y. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp18_421flag1.]

Variable: kp18_421ca-ii,z
Waves: 4-8,17,18 **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. Kp18_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: kp18_421ha-ii_c2,p2
Waves: 4-8,17,18 **Topic:** Involvement in election campaign **Item:** Contact with parties II, follow-up question
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_421ha-hf,hi=0 & kp18_421ca-cf,ci=0 & kp18_421la-lf,li=0 & kp18_421fa-ff,fi=0 & kp18_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 kp18_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 kp18_421ha-ii, z. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp18_421flag2.]

Variable: kp18_730
Waves: 1-8,10-18,a1,a2 **Topic:** Party ratings in general **Item:** Scalometer government
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: kp18_731a-c
Waves: 1-8,10-18,a1,a2 **Topic:** Party ratings in general **Item:** Scalometer governing parties
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:
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

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

Variable: kp18_780
Waves: 1,3,5,6,8,10-18,a2 **Topic:** Valence issues **Item:** Personal economic situation, current
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

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: kp18_770
Waves: 5,6,8,10-18,a2 **Topic:** Valence issues **Item:** Responsibility for personal economic Situation
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_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: kp18_790
Waves: a2,14-18 **Topic:** Valence issues **Item:** Personal economic situation, future
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: kp18_820
Waves: 1,3,5,6,8,10-18,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: kp18_810
Waves: 5,6,8,10-18,a2 **Topic:** Valence issues **Item:** Responsibility for general economic situation
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_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: kp18_830
Waves: 14-18,a2 **Topic:** Valence issues **Item:** General economic situation, future
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: kp18_910a-c, e-i
Waves: 3,5-10,16-18 **Topic**: Strategic Voting **Item:** Scalometer coalitions
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
(I) Coalition of CDU/CSU, SPD and FDP

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: kp18_962a-c,e-i
Waves: 3,5-7,16-18 **Topic:** Strategic Voting **Item:** Expected coalition
Mode: CAWI **Samples**: A

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 2021 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
(I) Coalition of CDU/CSU, SPD and FDP

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: kp18_911
Waves: 6-8,12,13,17,18 **Topic:** Strategic voting **Item:** Participation of AfD in a coalition
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A/B

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: kp18_020
Waves: 1,5,8-10,12,14-18,a2 **Topic:** General attitudes towards politics **Item:** Satisfaction with Democracy
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

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: kp18_5021
Waves: 1,5,7-10,12,14-18, ,a2 **Topic:** General attitudes towards politics **Item:** Difference parties
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

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: kp18_5020
Waves: 1,5,7-10,12,14-18,a2 **Topic:** General attitudes towards politics **Item:** Difference government
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

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: kp18_430a-f,i
Waves: 1-18, 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: kp18_650a,b1,f2,o1,h2,s,i2,e2,g2
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
(H2) Alice Weidel

Screen 2:
(S) Christian Lindner
(i2) Tino Chrupalla
(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: kp18_661a1-d1,t1
Waves: 3,5,16,17,18 **Topic:** Candidates **Item:** Attributes of chancellor candidates, Laschet
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_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: kp18_661e1-h1,u1
Waves: 3,5,16,17,18 **Topic:** Candidates **Item:** Attributes of chancellor candidates, Scholz
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_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: kp18_661i1-l1, v1
Waves: 3,5,16,17,18 **Topic:** Candidates **Item:** Attributes of chancellor candidates, Baerbock
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_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: kp18_671
Waves: 2-8,16,17,18 **Topic:** Candidates **Item:** Preferred chancellor
Mode: CAWI **Samples:** A

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: kp18_840s
Waves: 1-18,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.

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Coding:

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

Variable: kp18_850
Waves: 1-18,a1,a2 **Topic:** Valence issues **Item:** Ability to solve the most important problem
Mode: CAWI **Samples:** A

Filter: kp18_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
- other party

- 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 kp18_851 were recoded into the variables kp18_850a and kp18_850b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_851		
Waves: 1-18,a1,a2	**Topic:** Valence issues	**Item:** Ability to solve the most important problem, other party
Mode: CAWI	**Samples:** A	

Filter: kp18_850=801
Presentation:
Single response list (vertical)

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

- BP (Bayernpartei)
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- dieBasis (Basisdemokratische Partei Deutschland)
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- FREIE WÄHLER
- LKR (Liberal-Konservative Reformer)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ÖDP (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- Team Todenhöfer (Team Todenhöfer – Die Gerechtigkeitspartei)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- Volt (Volt Deutschland)
- WiR2020
- other party

Coding:
(126) BP
(349) DiB
(151) Die PARTEI
(372) dieBasis
(171) FAMILIE
(180) FREIE WAEHLER
(331) LKR
(206) NPD
(209) ödp
(215) PIRATEN
(373) Team Todenhöfer
(237) Tierschutzpartei
(364) Volt
(371) WiR2020
(801) other party

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

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp18_850 were recoded into the variables kp18_850a and kp18_850b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_860s
Waves: 1-18,a1,a2 **Topic:** Valence issues **Item:** Second most important problem
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_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.

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Coding:

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

Variable: kp18_870
Waves: 1-18,a1,a2 **Topic:** Valence issues **Item:** Ability to solve the second most important problem
Mode: CAWI **Samples**: A

Filter: kp18_860s != -97 | kp18_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
- other party

- 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 kp18_871 were recoded into the variables kp18_870a and kp18_870b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_871		
Waves: 1-18,a1,a2	**Topic:** Valence issues	**Item:** Ability to solve the second most important problem, other party
Mode: CAWI	**Samples**: A	

Filter: kp18_870=801

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Question:

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

- BP (Bayernpartei)
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- dieBasis (Basisdemokratische Partei Deutschland)
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- FREIE WÄHLER
- LKR (Liberal-Konservative Reformer)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ÖDP (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- Team Todenhöfer (Team Todenhöfer – Die Gerechtigkeitspartei)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- Volt (Volt Deutschland)
- WiR2020
- other party

Coding:

(126) BP
(349) DiB
(151) Die PARTEI
(372) dieBasis
(171) FAMILIE
(180) FREIE WAEHLER
(331) LKR
(206) NPD
(209) ödp
(215) PIRATEN
(373) Team Todenhöfer
(237) Tierschutzpartei
(364) Volt
(371) WiR2020
(801) other party

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

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp18_870 were recoded into the variables kp18_870a and kp18_870b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_050c,g,j,
Waves: 2,a1,9,10,12,14,15,18 **Topic**: General attitudes towards politics **Item:** Principles of democracy & Extremism
Mode: CAWI/PAPI **Sample:** A/B

Filter:
Presentation:
Standard matrix
Intro:
Here are some common statements on politics and society.
Question:
Please state to what extent you agree or disagree with each statement.

(C) In general, each democratic party should have the chance to assume government responsibilities.
(G) Everybody should have the right to defend his own view even if the majority dissents on that aspect.
(J) A democracy will not work without a political opposition.

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: kp18_4046
Waves: 15-18 **Topic:** Corona Crisis **Item:** Corona: Government
Mode: CAWI **Samples:** 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"
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: kp18_4045a-e
Waves: 13-18,a2 **Topic**: Corona Crisis **Item:** Corona measures
Mode: CAWI **Samples:** A

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:kp18_4043a-d
Waves: 13-18 **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: kp18_4044
Waves: 13-18 **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: kp18_4047
Waves: 18 **Topic:** Corona Crisis **Item:** Corona: Vaccination Status
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter:

Representation:
Single selection among each other

Question:
Have you had yourself vaccinated against COVID-19 or not?

Note text:
By this we mean that you have been vaccinated with at least one dose of one of the vaccines approved in Germany.

- Yes, I got vaccinated.
- No, I didn't get vaccinated.

Coding:
(1) Yes, I did get vaccinated.
(2) No, I did not get vaccinated.

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

Variable: kp18_4048
Waves: 18 **Topic:** Corona Crisis **Item:** Corona: vaccination status, demand
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_4047 = 1

Representation:
Single selection among each other

Question:
Have you already been fully vaccinated against COVID-19?

Note text:
By fully vaccinated, it is meant that you have received the prescribed number of vaccinations for a complete vaccination protection.

- Yes, I am already fully vaccinated.
- No, I haven't been fully vaccinated yet.

Coding:
(1) Yes, I am already fully vaccinated.
(2) No, I have not yet been fully vaccinated.

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

Variable: kp18_4049
Waves: 18 **Topic:** Corona Crisis **Item:** Corona: Vaccination readiness
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_4047 = 2

Representation:
Standard matrix; scale without numerical labelling; only labelling of the endpoints with: " I definitely do not want to be vaccinated ", " I definitely want to be vaccinated ".

Question:
In general, do you want to get vaccinated against COVID-19 or not?

-I definitely don't want to get vaccinated...
-
-
-
-
-
- I definitely want to get vaccinated

Coding:
(1) 1 I do not want to be vaccinated in any case
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4
(5) 5
(6) 6
(7) 7 I would definitely like to be vaccinated

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

Variable: kp18_342a,b
Wave: 8,16,18 **Topic**: Voting decision **Item:** Fair election
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter:
Intro:
Here are some statements on the election campaign and the 2021 federal election with which some people agree, while others do not.
Question:
Please state to what extent you agree or disagree with each statement.

(A) During the election campaign, all parties will have a fair chance to present their positions to the eligible voters.
(B) The federal election is conducted properly and fairly by the competent authorities.
(C) Voting by postal ballot is a secure procedure.

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: kp18_050a,e,h,k,l
Waves: 1,5,8,9,14,16-18,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

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

Variable: kp18_2880bb,bc,t,ba, bn, y,u,be,bm
Waves: 1,3,13-18,a2 **Topic**: Political positions **Item:** Ego positions
Mode: CAWI **Samples:** A

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.

(BC) Health protection must take priority over promoting economic growth.
(BE) To make sure that this survey is being filled out by a human, please click here on 'disagree'.
(BB) In emergency situations, it is justified for the state to restrict civil liberties.
(BA) The state should take on more debt.

Question on screen 2:
And how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(BN) During a pandemic, there should be a general obligation to vaccinate.
(G) The state should stay out of the economy.
(BO) Unvaccinated people should be subject to more restrictions (e.g. on attending events) than fully vaccinated people during this phase of the pandemic.
(BP) The state should spend more money on protection against natural disasters and their consequences, even if such disasters do not occur frequently.
(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: kp18_1600
Waves: 1,3-8,16-18,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: kp18_1615a,c-f,i,y		
Waves: 4,5,7,17,18	**Topic**: Media use	**Item:** use of social media, party-related
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A	

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 kp18_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 kp18_1615y:
(1) not mentioned
(2) mentioned

(-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 kp18_1615a, c-f,i."]

Variable: kp18_1610
Waves: 4,5,7,17,18 **Topic**: Media use **Item:** Use of social media, politically current
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_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: kp18_1616a-c,y
Waves: 4,5,7,17,18 **Topic**: Media use **Item:** Online participation, politically current
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_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 or 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 kp18_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 kp18_1616y:
(1) mentioned
(2) not mentioned

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

Variable: kp18_1616a-c_c2, p
Waves: 4,5,7,17,18 **Topic**: Media use **Item:** Online participation, politically current, follow-up question
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_1616a=-99 & kp18_1616b=-99 & kp18_1616c=-99 & kp18_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 or 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 kp18_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 kp18_1616p:
(1) I didn't comment on, share, or write any political content
(2) I didn't want to answer this question

(-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 kp18_1616a-c. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp18_16161flag.]

Variable: kp18_1681a-f		
Waves: 1,3-8,18	**Topic**: Media use	**Item:** Use of TV, news, current
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A	

Filter:

Presentation:
Horizontal sliders; the initial position of the pointer was "0 days"; Below the sliders: check box with label "I didn't watch any news programmes on TV or read political reports on their websites."; Italicize "past week"/"week before the federal election". 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 watch one of the following news programmes or read political reports on their websites?
[On how many days per week, on average, do you watch one of the following news programmes or read political reports on their websites?]

Instructions:
It is irrelevant whether you watched the news programmes on television or online or read political reports on the news programme's website.

(A) Tagesschau/Tagesthemen (ARD)
(B) Heute/Heute Journal (ZDF)
(C) RTL Aktuell
(D) Sat.1 Nachrichten
(E) news programme of other channel (e.g. n-tv, Pro7)

(F) I didn't watch any news programmes on TV or read any political reports on their websites.

Coding kp18_1681a-e:
(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 kp18_1681f:
(1) mentioned
(2) not mentioned

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

Variable: kp18_1681p, a-e_c2
Waves: 1,3-8,18 **Topic**: Media use **Item:** Use of TV, news, current, follow-up question
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_1681a=1 & kp18_1681b=1 & kp18_1681c=1 & kp18_1681d=1 & kp18_1681e=1 & kp18_1681f =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." Horizontal sliders; the initial position of the pointer was "0 days".
Above the sliders: 2 radio buttons with the labels "I didn't watch any news programmes on TV or read political reports on their websites" and "I didn't want to answer this question"; Italicize "past week"/"the week before the federal election".
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."
Intro:
You did not answer the last question.
Question:
Does this mean that you did not watch any news programmes in the *past week* or that you did not want to answer this 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 news programmes.

- I didn't watch any news programmes on TV or read any political reports on their websites.
- I didn't want to answer this question.

(A) Tagesschau/Tagesthemen (ARD)
(B) Heute/Heute Journal (ZDF)
(C) RTL Aktuell
(D) Sat.1 Nachrichten
(E) news programme of other channel (e.g. n-tv, Pro7)

Coding kp18_1681a-e_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 kp18_1681p:
(1) didn't watch any news programmes on TV/online
(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 kp18_1681a-f. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp18_1681flag.]
[NOTE II: Some respondents were not shown the follow-up question even though they had not moved the sliders. Their answers were recoded into -92 "error in data". This concerns 17 respondents in wave 1; six respondents in waves 3 and 4; five respondents in waves 5 and 6; three respondents in wave 8.]

Variable: kp18_2250
Waves: 2,a1,6,9,12,14,15,18 **Topic**: Predispositions **Item:** Fairness social order
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter:
Presentation:
Single response list (vertical)
Question:
Let's talk about the state of society in Germany as a whole. How just or unjust would you say things are generally going?

- very just
- just
- neither just nor unjust
- unjust
- very unjust

Coding:
(1) very just
(2) just
(3) neither just nor unjust
(4) unjust
(5) very unjust

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

Variable: kp18_2270
Waves: 2,a1,6,9,12,14,15,18 **Topic**: Predispositions **Item:** Fairness, ego
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter:
Presentation:
Single response list (vertical)
Question:
In comparison to how other people live here in Germany, do you think that you get a fair share or not?

- a lot less than the fair share
- a bit less than the fair share
- the fair share
- a bit more than the fair share
- a lot more than the fair share

Coding:
(1) a lot more than the fair share
(2) a bit more than the fair share
(3) the fair share
(4) a bit less than the fair share
(5) a lot less than the fair share

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

Candidates

Variable: kp18_650l1,j2,k1,y1
Waves: 1-18,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

Variable: kp18_1230a-f,i		
Wave: 6,10,11,18	**Topic**: Political positions	**Item:** European integration, parties
Mode: CAWI/PAPI	**Sample:** A/B	

Filter:
Presentation:
Standard matrix; scale without numerical labels; only labels at the endpoints: "European unification should be pushed further", "European unification has already gone too far"; "don't know"- category is settled out a bit
Intro:
Let's turn to the issue of European unification.
Question:
Should the European unification be pushed further in order to establish a joint government soon or has the European unification already gone too far?

What do you think are the positions of the political parties on this issue?

(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) Bündnis90/Die Grünen [labelled in dataset as "GRÜNE"]

- European unification should be pushed further
-
-
-
-
-
- European unification has already gone too far

- don't know

Coding:
(1) European unification should be pushed further
(2)
(3)
(4)
(5)
(6)
(7) European unification has already gone too far

(-98) don’t know

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

Variable: kp18_1250		
Waves: 1,a1,6-8,10,11,13-15,18,a2	**Topics:** Political positions	**Item:** European integration, ego
Mode: CAWI/PAPI	**Sample:** A/B	

Filter:
Presentation:
Standard matrix; scale without numerical labels; only labels at the endpoints: "European unification should be pushed further", "European unification has already gone too far"
Question :
And what is your opinion on European unification?

- European unification should be pushed further
-
-
-
-
-
- European unification has already gone too far

Coding:
(1) European unification should be pushed further
(2)
(3)
(4)
(5)
(6)
(7) European unification has already gone too far

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

Variable: kp18_1270a-f,i		
Waves: 2,4,7,10,11,13,14,15,18	**Topic:** Political positions	**Item:** Climate change, parties
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A/B	

Filter:

Presentation:

Standard matrix; seven-point-scale without numerical label; only labels at the endpoints: "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"; "don't know"- category is settled out a bit.

Question:

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 do you think are the positions of the political parties on this issue?

(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) Bündnis90/Die Grünen [labelled in dataset as "GRÜNE"]

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

(-98) don't know

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

Variable: kp18_1290		
Waves: 1-2,4,a1,7,8,10-18,a2	**Topic:** Political positions	**Item:** Climate change, ego
Mode: CAWI/PAPI	**Sample:** A/B	

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:

What is your personal view on climate change and economic growth?

- 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

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

Networks

Variable: kp18_1933
Waves: 1-8,17,18 **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: kp18_1933_c2,p
Waves: 1-8,17,18 **Topic**: Networks **Item:** Conversations about politics, follow-up question
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_1933=-99
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:
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

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

Coding plausibility check variable kp18_1933p:

(1) I didn't talk about politics
(2) I 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 kp18_1933. The point of time when the answer was given can be looked up by using the flag variable kp18_1933flag.

Variable: kp18_1937a-c		
Waves: 1-8,17,18	**Topic**: Networks	**Item:** Name generator
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A	

Filter: kp18_1933=2-8 | kp18_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:
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: kp18_1941a-c
Waves: 1-8,17,18 **Topic:** Networks **Item:** Discussion partner, relationship
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_1937a!=-99 | kp18_1937b!=-99 | kp18_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 kp18_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: kp18_1945a-c
Waves: 1-8,17,18 **Topic**: Networks **Item:** Discussion partner, frequency
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: If more than one discussion partner, kp18_1937a!=-99 | kp18_1937b!=-99 | kp18_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 (kp18_1945a == -99 & kp18_1945b == -99 & kp18_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:
Kp18_1945a – First discussion partner
Kp18_1945b – Second discussion partner
Kp18_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: kp18_1971a-c		
Waves: 1-7,17,18	**Topic**: Networks	**Item:** Discussion partner, vote intention
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A	

Filter: kp18_1937a!=-99 | kp18_1937b!=-99 | kp18_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
- i dont’t know

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 kp18_1972a-c were recoded into the variables kp18_1971aa/ kp18_1971ba/ kp18_1971ca and kp18_1971ab/ kp18_1971bb/ kp18_1971cb in order to create party versions A and B (see study description.]

Variable: kp18_1972a-c		
Waves: 1-7,17,18 other party	**Topic**: Networks	**Item:** Discussion partner, vote intention,
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A	

Filter: kp18_1971a=801 | kp18_1971b=801 | kp18_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?

- BP (Bayernpartei)
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- dieBasis (Basisdemokratische Partei Deutschland)
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- FREIE WÄHLER
- LKR (Liberal-Konservative Reformer)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ÖDP (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- Team Todenhöfer (Team Todenhöfer – Die Gerechtigkeitspartei)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- Volt (Volt Deutschland)
- WiR2020
- other party

Coding:
(126) BP
(349) DiB
(151) Die PARTEI
(372) dieBasis
(171) FAMILIE
(180) FREIE WAEHLER
(331) LKR
(206) NPD
(209) ödp
(215) PIRATEN
(373) Team Todenhöfer
(237) Tierschutzpartei
(364) Volt
(371) WiR2020
(801) other party

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp18_1971a-c were recoded into the variables kp18_1971aa/ kp18_1971ba/ kp18_1971ca and kp18_1971ab/ kp18_1971bb/ kp18_1971cb in order to create party versions A and B (see study description.]

Variable: kp18_2780
Waves: 1,8,14,18,a2 **Topic**: Voting Decision **Item:** Turnout federal election 2017
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_170==6

Presentation:

Single response list (vertical)

Intro:

In the last federal election on 24th September 2017 a lot of people did not get around to voting or did not participate in the election for other reasons.

Question:

How about you? Did you vote, did you not vote, or were you not eligible to vote at all?

- Yes, I voted.
- No, I didn’t vote.

- I wasn’t entitled to vote.
- I don’t know anymore.

Coding:

(1) yes, I voted
(2) no, I didn’t vote

(-86) not entitled to vote
(-98) don’t know

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

Variable: kp18_350ab
Waves: 1,8,14,18,a2 **Topic**: Voting Decision **Item:** Recall previous federal election
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kpX_2780==1 | -99

Presentation:

Display sample ballot paper with first/second vote; "don’t know"-category below

Question:

Which parties did you vote for at the last federal election in September 2017?

(A) First 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

- I didn’t cast a first vote
- Don’t know anymore

(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

- I didn't cast a second vote
- Don't know anymore

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

(-84) didn't cast a first/second vote
(-98) don't know

(-93) not asked, terminated
(-95) not participated
(-97) not applicable
(-99) no answer
[NOTE I: This variable and the variables kp18_351a,b were recoded into the variables kp18_350aa/kp18_350ab and kp18_350ba/kp18_350bb in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_353a
Waves: 1,8,14,18,a2 **Topic**: Voting Decision **Item:** Recall previous federal election first vote, other party
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_350a = 801
Presentation:
Single response list (vertical)
Question:
And which candidate did you vote for with your FIRST vote?

- BIG (Partei Bündnis für Innovation & Gerechtigkeit)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- DIE RECHTE (DIE RECHTE)
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- Freie Wähler (FW)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- pro Deutschland (Bürgerbewegung pro Deutschland)
- REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- other party

Coding:
(120) BIG (Partei Bündnis für Innovation & Gerechtigkeit)
(151) Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
(323) DIE RECHTE (DIE RECHTE)
(171) FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(180) Freie Wähler (FW)
(206) NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
(209) ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(214) PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(215) PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(218) pro Deutschland (Bürgerbewegung pro Deutschland)
(225) REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(237) Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ) (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 kp18_350a were recoded into the variables kp18_350aa and kp18_350ab in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_353b
Waves: 1,8,14,18,a2 **Topic**: Voting Decision **Item:** Recall previous federal election second vote, other party
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_350b=801

Presentation:
Single response list (vertical)

Question:
And which party did you vote for with your SECOND vote?

- BIG (Partei Bündnis für Innovation & Gerechtigkeit)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- DIE RECHTE (DIE RECHTE)
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- Freie Wähler (FW)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- pro Deutschland (Bürgerbewegung pro Deutschland)
- REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- other party

Coding:
(120) BIG (Partei Bündnis für Innovation & Gerechtigkeit)
(151) Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
(323) DIE RECHTE (DIE RECHTE)
(171) FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
(180) Freie Wähler (FW)
(206) NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
(209) ödp (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
(214) PBC (Partei Bibeltreuer Christen)
(215) PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
(218) pro Deutschland (Bürgerbewegung pro Deutschland)
(225) REP (DIE REPUBLIKANER)
(237) Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
(801) other party

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

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp18_350b were recoded into the variables kp18_350ba and kp18_350bb in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_355, kp18_355y
Wellen: 18 **Topic**: Voting decision **Item:** Electoral decision: Reasons, change of choice
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter: kp18_191b=1-801 & kp18_351b=1-801 & (kp18_191b!= kp18_351b |
(kp18_193b=1-801 & kp18_353b=1-801 & kp18_193b!= kp18_353b))

Representation:
Four-line text field with 50 optical characters per line. Plausibility check: Specification kp18_355y==1 cannot be made together with the specification of a reason (entry of at least one letter or number at kp18_355), with text "The combination of your entries is not possible, please check your entry".

Text Intro:
According to you, you voted differently in the 2021 general election than you did in the 2017 general election.

Question text:
Why did you decide to vote differently in the 2021 federal election than you did in the 2017 federal election?
Clue text:
Please state the *most important* reason.

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- I didn't make a different decision in the 2021 federal election than I did in the 2017 federal election.

Coding kp18_355_y:
(0) not mentioned
(1) mentioned

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

Variable: kp18_1050
Waves: 5-7,18 **Topic:** Strategic voting **Item:** Perception opinion polls
Mode: CAWI **Sample:** A

Filter:

Presentation:
Single response list (vertical); italicize "past week"

Question:
Did you read or see any reports about opinion polls on the expected outcome of the federal election in the *past week*?

- yes
- no

Coding:
(1) yes
(2) no

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

Variable: kp18_1051		
Waves: 5-7,18	**Topic:** Strategic voting	**Item:** Credibility opinion polls
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A	

Filter:
Presentation:
Single response list (vertical)
Question:
How credible do you think are the results of opinion polls on the expected outcome of the federal election?

- very credible
- fairly credible
- partly credible/partly non-credible
- not so credible
- not credible at all

Coding:
(1) very credible
(2) fairly credible
(3) partly credible/partly non-credible
(4) not so credible
(5) not credible at all

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

Variable: kp18_3010f		
Waves: 5-7,18	**Topic:** Strategic voting	**Item:** Probability of smaller parties entering Parliament
Mode: CAWI	**Sample:** A	

Filter:
Presentation:
Standard matrix
Question:
How likely do you think it is for the party Die Linke to be represented in the Bundestag after the federal election?

(F) Die Linke [labelled in dataset as "DIE LINKE"]

Coding:
(1) definitely not
(2) probably not
(3) maybe
(4) probably
(5) definitely

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

Variable: kp18_2090		
Waves: 1-18,a1,a2	**Topic:** Predispositions	**Item:** Party identification
Mode: CAWI	**Samples:** A	

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 kp18_2091 were recoded into the variables kp18_2090a and kp18_2090b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_2091		
Waves: 1-18,a1,a2	**Topic:** Predispositions	**Item:** Party identification, other party
Mode: CAWI	**Samples:** A	

Filter: kp18_2090=801
Presentation:
Single response list (vertical)

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

- BP (Bayernpartei)
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- dieBasis (Basisdemokratische Partei Deutschland)
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- FREIE WÄHLER
- LKR (Liberal-Konservative Reformer)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ÖDP (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- Team Todenhöfer (Team Todenhöfer – Die Gerechtigkeitspartei)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- Volt (Volt Deutschland)
- WiR2020
- other party

Coding:
(126) BP
(349) DiB
(151) Die PARTEI
(372) dieBasis
(171) FAMILIE
(180) FREIE WAEHLER
(331) LKR
(206) NPD
(209) ödp
(215) PIRATEN
(373) Team Todenhöfer
(237) Tierschutzpartei
(364) Volt
(371) WiR2020
(801) other party

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

[NOTE: This variable and the variables kp18_2090 were recoded into the variables kp18_2090a and kp18_2090b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_2100
Waves: 1-18,a1,a2 **Topic:** Predisposition **Item:** Party identification, strength
Mode: CAWI **Samples:** A

Filter: kp18_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: kp18_2095		
Waves: 1-18,a1,a2	**Topic**: Predispositions	**Item:** Multiple party identification
Mode: CAWI	**Samples:** A	

Filter: kp18_2090=1-801; do not display party named at kp18_2090 anymore. If kp18_2090=1 (CDU/CSU), then show neither response option 2 (CDU) nor response option 3 (CSU). If kp18_2090=2 | 3, then do not display response option 1 at kp18_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 kp18_2096 were recoded into the variables kp18_2095a and kp18_2095b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_2096		
Waves: 1-18,a1,a2	**Topic:** Predispositions	**Item:** Multiple party identification, other party
Mode: CAWI	**Samples:** A	

Filter: kp18_2095=801
Presentation:
Single response list (vertical)

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

- BP (Bayernpartei)
- DiB (DEMOKRATIE IN BEWEGUNG)
- Die PARTEI (Partei für Arbeit, Rechtsstaat, Tierschutz, Elitenförderung und basisdemokratische Initiative)
- dieBasis (Basisdemokratische Partei Deutschland)
- FAMILIE (Familien-Partei Deutschlands)
- FREIE WÄHLER
- LKR (Liberal-Konservative Reformer)
- NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
- ÖDP (Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei)
- PIRATEN (Piratenpartei Deutschland)
- Team Todenhöfer (Team Todenhöfer – Die Gerechtigkeitspartei)
- Tierschutzpartei (PARTEI MENSCH UMWELT TIERSCHUTZ)
- Volt (Volt Deutschland)
- WiR2020
- other party

Coding:
(126) BP
(349) DiB
(151) Die PARTEI
(372) dieBasis
(171) FAMILIE
(180) FREIE WAEHLER
(331) LKR
(206) NPD
(209) ödp
(215) PIRATEN
(373) Team Todenhöfer
(237) Tierschutzpartei
(364) Volt
(371) WiR2020
(801) other party

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

[NOTE I: This variable and the variables kp18_2095 were recoded into the variables kp18_2095a and kp18_2095b in order to create the party versions A and B (see documentation).]

Variable: kp18_2101
Waves: 1-18,a1,a2 **Topic:** Predispositions **Item:** Multiple party identification, strength
Mode: CAWI **Samples:** A

Filter: kp18_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: kp18_4240
Waves: 1-18,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: kp18_4270s
Waves: 1-18,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?

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Coding:

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