Making Electoral Democracy Work

Codebook – Aggregated Dataset

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List of Elections and Fieldwork Dates

Election ID in the dataset	Country	Region	Election Type	Fieldwork	
				Pre-Election Questionnaire	Post-Election Questionnaire
1	Switzerland	Lucerne	Federal	13/10–22/10/2011	25/10–06/11/2011
2	Switzerland	Lucerne	Cantonal	31/03-09/04/2011	12/04-19/04/2011
3	Switzerland	Zürich	Federal	13/10–22/10/2011	25/10–06/11/2011
4	Switzerland	Zürich	Cantonal	24/03-02/04/2011	04/04-09/04/2011
5	France	Ile de France	National[1]	31/05-09/06/2012	18/06-03/07/2012
6	France	Provence	National[1]	31/05-09/06/2012	18/06-03/07/2012
7	Spain	Catalonia	National	10/11-19/11/2011	21/11-04/12/2011
8	Spain	Catalonia	Regional	16/11-23/11/2012	26/11-10/12/2012
9	Spain	Madrid	National	10/11-19/11/2011	21/11-04/12/2011
10	Germany	Lower Saxony	Federal	12/09-19/09/2013	23/09-30/09/2013
11	Germany	Lower Saxony	State	11/01-19/01/2013	21/01-04/02/2013
12	Germany	Bavaria[2]	Federal	16/09-21/09/2013	23/09-28/09/2013
13	Germany	Bavaria[2]	State	30/08-14/09/2013	16/09-21/09/2013
14	Canada	Ontario	Provincial	25/09-05/10/2011	07/10-20/10/2011
15	Canada	Quebec	Provincial	23/08-03/09/2012	05/09-25/09/2012
16	France	Provence	European	12/05-21/05/2014	26/05-09/06/2014
17	France	Ile de France	European	12/05-20/05/2014	26/05-09/06/2014
18	Germany	Lower Saxony	European	12/05-21/05/2014	26/05-09/06/2014
19	Germany	Bavaria[2]	European[2]	12/05-20/05/2014	26/05-02/06/2014
20	Spain	Catalonia	European	12/05-20/05/2014	26/05-10/06/2014
21	Spain	Madrid	European	12/05-20/05/2014	26/05-09/06/2014
22	France	Paris	Municipal	13/03-22/03/2014	31/03-14/04/2014
23	France	Marseille	Municipal	13/03-22/03/2014	31/03-14/04/2014
24	Spain	Madrid	Regional	14/05-20/05/2015	25/05-08/06/2015
25	Canada	Ontaria	Federal	09/10-18/10/2015	20/10-06/11/2015
26	Canada	British Columbia	Federal	09/10-18/10/2015	20/10-05/11/2015
27	Canada	Quebec	Federal	09/10-18/10/2015	20/10-06/11/2015

[1] Legislative Elections to the National Assembly. [2] The Bavarian Panel Study.

Symbols and Notes

Letters A, B, C and D in the variable names correspond to the national, regional, European and municipal levels of government respectively.[1] Please note that a number of questions are available only for some levels of government and for some elections[2]. For more information, see single-election codebooks available on http://electoraldemocracy.com/voter-behaviour.

* See the party legend at the end of this codebook. In some elections included in the MEDW project (especially in the French European and municipal elections), political parties formed pre-election coalitions. In such cases, the MEDW single-election datasets usually contain two lists of parties: one based on the pre-election coalitions and the other on individual parties. Subsequently, some party-related variables refer to the former, coalition-based, lists while other party-related variables refer to the latter, individual-party-based, lists. In the aggregated dataset, all the party-related variables were recoded in order that there be a single "master" list of parties by election (ELECID). In elections in which pre-election coalitions were formed, these coalitions constitute the master list and those variables that use lists consisting of individual parties were recoded.[3] When individual parties were attributed scores (e.g. variables Q17_party* and Q30_party*), the newly recoded variables sometimes contain fractions (the average value for all the parties participating in the given coalition).

** In Canada and France, the variable in question refers to the party of the candidate for which the respondent voted (in the first round in France). In Spain and Germany, it refers to the party-list for which the respondent voted (in the party-list ballot in Germany). In Switzerland, when the respondent did not use a party ballot or did not put a party name on the ballot, the variable refers to the party of the candidates for which the respondent cast the greatest number of preferential votes.

*** Randomized survey questions. Q1A, Q1B, Q1C, and Q1D were randomly asked at the beginning or at the end of the pre-election questionnaire (same for PQ1A, PQ1B, PQ1C, and PQ1D for the post-election questionnaire). Respondents were randomly asked PQ5_01 or PQ5_02. The statement "Given the outcome of the election" was randomly added at the beginning of PQ5_2, PQ5_5, and PQ6_4. The variables SELPQ5_2, SELPQ5_5, and SELPQ6_4 respectively discriminate this randomization.

[1] Exceptions are socio-demographic variables SD2A to SD6E.

[2] In the case of the Bavarian data, which is a panel, some variables (Q5 Q11A Q11B Q13B Q15A Q15B Q15B_1B, Q32A, Q32B, Q36, Q34D, Q42A, Q42B, Q42C, Q42D, Q43A, Q43B, Q43C, Q43D, Q44A, Q44B, Q44C, Q44D, Q45A, Q45B, Q45C, Q46D, Q50A, Q50B, Q50C, Q50D) in the national-election wave (ELECID 12) come from the regional-election wave (ELECID 13) and vice versa (Q13A Q15A_1A). These variables record demographics and long-term stable attitudes. Note that the two waves were separated by a single week.

[3] In the case of the Paris municipal election of 2014 (ELECID 22) and variable Q47_1, "Front de Gauche" is recoded as "Party de Gauche" (Party 1 on the master list). Note that this is not a perfect solution since the PCF, another constituent part of the "Front de Gauche", was running in a coalition with the Socialist Party (Party 2 on the master list).

Pre-Election Questionnaire

Question	Variable Name	Response Categories
Respondent ID that uniquely identifies all respondents in the aggregated dataset.[4]	ID_UNIQUE	[10001 to 271849]
Respondent ID	RESPID	[1 to ...]
Election ID	ELECID	1=Lucerne national 2=Lucerne regional 3=Zurich national 4=Zurich regional 5=IDF national 6=Provence national 7=Catalonia national 8=Catalonia regional 9=Madrid national 10=Lower Saxony national 11=Lower Saxony regional 12=Bavaria national 13=Bavaria regional 14=Ontario regional 15=Quebec regional 16=Provence Europe 17=IDF Europe 18=Lower Saxony Europe 19=Bavaria Europe 20=Catalonia Europe 21=Madrid Europe 22=Paris municipal 23=Marseille municipal 24=Madrid regional 25=Ontario national 26=British Columbia national 27=Quebec national
Country	COUNTRY	1=Switzerland 2=France 3=Spain 4=Germany 5=Canada
Region	REGION	Switzerland: 1=Lucerne 2=Zurich France: 1=IDF 2=Provence

[4] It corresponds to ELECID * 10 000 + RESPID-based rank within each ELECID.

		Spain: 1=Catalonia 2=Madrid Germany: 1=Lower Saxony 2=Bavaria Canada: 1=Ontario 2=Quebec 3=British Columbia
Recode of REGION. It uniquely identifies all regions in the aggregated dataset.	REGIONID	101=Lucerne 102=Zürich 201=Ile de France 202=Provence 301=Catalonia 302=Madrid 401=Lower Saxony 402=Bavaria 501=Ontario 502=Québec 503=British Columbia
Election year	ELYEAR	2011=Lucerne national, Lucerne regional, Zurich national, Zurich regional, Catalonia national, Madrid national, Ontario regional 2012=IDF national, Provence national, Catalonia regional, Quebec regional 2013=Lower Saxony national, Lower Saxony regional, Bavaria national, Bavaria regional 2014= Provence Europe, IDF Europe, Lower Saxony Europe, Bavaria Europe, Catalonia Europe, Madrid Europe, Paris municipal, Marseille municipal 2015=Madrid regional, Ontario national, British Columbia national, Quebec national
Current election level	LEVEL	1=National 2=Regional 3=Europe 4=Municipal
Gender	GEND	1=Male 2=Female 9=Don't know
Year of birth	YOB	[1900-…]

Satisfaction with the way democracy*** works at: National level	Q1A_BEGINNING Q1A_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied 99=Don't know
Satisfaction with the way democracy*** works at: Regional Level	Q1B_BEGINNING Q1B_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied 99=Don't know
Satisfaction with the way democracy*** works at: European Level	Q1C_BEGINNING Q1C_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied 99=Don't know
Satisfaction with the way democracy*** works at: Municipal level	Q1D_BEGINNING Q1D_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied 99=Don't know
How interested are you in the upcoming election?	Q4	0=No interest at all 10=A great deal of interest 99=Don't know
How interested are you in politics in general?	Q5	0=No interest at all 10=A great deal of interest 99=Don't know
Have you already voted?[5]	Q6	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
If you already voted, which party/party's candidate did you vote for?**	Q6_1	1=Party 1 …… X=Party X* 88=Other party 99=Don't know
How likely are you to vote in this election?	Q7	1=Certain to vote 2=Very likely to vote 3=Somewhat likely to vote 4=Somewhat unlikely to vote 5=Very unlikely to vote 6=Certain not to vote 9=Don't know
If you intend voting, which party/party's candidate will you vote for?**	Q8_1	1=Party 1 …… 13=Party 13* 88=Other party 99=Don't know
If you're not sure about voting, which party/party's candidate are you most likely to vote for?**	Q8_2	1=Party 1 …… 13=Party 13* 88=Other party 99=Don't know

[5] Please note that this is not a full-fledged measure of early voting. Respondents may still have voted early between the pre-election survey and the election day. More informative variables are available in some of the single-election datasets (the post-election data).

Matched leader pictures with correct party	Q10	0=No leaders correctly matched 1=All leaders correctly matched
Does it make a difference which party is in power at the national level?[6]	Q11A	0=It does not make any difference 10=It makes a big difference 99=Don't know
Does it make a difference which party is in power at the regional level?[7]	Q11B	0=It does not make any difference 10=It makes a big difference 99=Don't know
Does it make a difference which party is in power at the municipal level?	Q11D	0=It does not make any difference 10=It makes a big difference 99=Don't know
How satisfied are you with the performance of national government over the past 12 months?	Q13A	1=Not satisfied at all 2=Not very satisfied 3=Fairly satisfied 4=Very satisfied 9=Don't know
How satisfied are you with the regional government over the past 12 months?	Q13B	1=Not satisfied at all 2=Not very satisfied 3=Fairly satisfied 4=Very satisfied 9=Don't know
How satisfied are you with the municipal government over the past 12 months?	Q13D	1=Not satisfied at all 2=Not very satisfied 3=Fairly satisfied 4=Very satisfied 9=Don't know
Over the past 12 months has the national economy improved, weakened or stayed the same?	Q15A	1=Gotten worse 2=Stayed the same 3=Gotten better 9=Don't know
Over the past 12 months, have the policies of the national government made the economy better, worse or about the same?	Q15A_1A	1=Worse 2=Not much difference 3=Better 9=Don't know
Over the past 12 months, have the policies of the European Union made the economy better, worse or about the same?	Q15A_1C	1=Worse 2=Not much difference 3=Better 9=Don't know
Over the past 12 months has the regional economy improved, weakened or stayed the same?	Q15B	1=Gotten worse 2=Stayed the same 3=Gotten better 9=Don't know

[6] In the case of the 2014 European election in Bavaria (ELECID 18), the answers come from the first wave of the Bavarian Panel that preceded the 2013 regional election.
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Over the past 12 months have the policies of the national government made the regional economy better, worse or about the same?	Q15B_1A	1=Worse 2=Not much difference 3=Better 9=Don't know
Over the past 12 months have the policies of the regional government made the regional economy better, worse or about the same?	Q15B_1B	1=Worse 2=Not much difference 3=Better 9=Don't know
Over the past 12 months has the municipal economy improved, weakened or stayed the same?	Q15D	1=Gotten worse 2=Stayed the same 3=Gotten better 9=Don't know
Over the past 12 months have the policies of the national government made the municipal economy better, worse or about the same?	Q15D_1A	1=Worse 2=Not much difference 3=Better 9=Don't know
Rate the following [election-level] political[8] parties	Q17_party*	0=Really dislike party 10=Really like party 99=Don't know
If you rate several parties similarly,[9] which of the following [election-level] party do you like the most?	Q18	1=Party 1 …… 13=Party 13* 88=Other party 99=Don't know
Likelihood of the following parties of winning a seat in the election	Q24_party*	0=Very unlikely 10=Very likely 99=Don't know
How much do you care who wins in your local district?	Q26	0=Don't care at all 10=Care a lot 99=Don't know
Rate the chance of each of the following party or party's candidate in your local district[10]	Q28_party*	0=No chance at all 10=Certain to win 99=Don't know
How close do you expect the outcome to be in your local district?	Q29	1=Not close at all 2=Not very close 3=Somewhat close 4=Very close 9=Don't know
Where would you place yourself on a scale from left to right?	Q30_1	0=Far left 10=Far right 99=Don't know

[8] French municipal elections (ELECID 22 & 23): Evaluation of national parties (not municipal parties).
[9] In most surveys, this question was asked only if the respondent's preferred party could not be learned from questions Q_17_party*.
[10] French municipal elections (ELECID 22 & 23): « the chance to qualify for the second round ».

Where would you place each of the following parties on the same scale?	Q30_party*	0=Far left 10=Far right 99=Don't know
Where would you place yourself on a scale from reducing taxes to improving services?	Q30_2	0=Favour reducing taxes 10=Favour improving public services 99=Don't know
Where would you place yourself on a scale from favouring redistribution to opposing redistribution?	Q30_3	0=Favour redistribution 10=Oppose redistribution 99=Don't know
Where would you place yourself on a scale from tougher sentences to rehabilitation programs?	Q30_4	0=Favour tough sentences 10=Favour rehabilition programs 99=Don't know
Where would you place yourself on a scale from more immigrants to fewer immigrants?	Q30_5	0=Favour more immigrants 10=Favour fewer immigrants 99=Don't know
If you didn't vote in the election, how guilty would you feel?	Q31	1=Not guilty at all 2=Not very guilty 3=Somewhat guilty 4=Very guilty 9=Don't know
How much do you think the following care about what people like you think: National Government?	Q32A	1=None 2=A little 3=Some 4=A lot 9=Don't know
How much do you think the following care about what people like you thing: Regional Government?	Q32B	1=None 2=A little 3=Some 4=A lot 9=Don't know
Rate the importance of elections at the: National level of government	Q34A	0=Not important at all 10=Extremely important 99=Don't know
Rate the importance of elections at the: Regional level of government	Q34B	0=Not important at all 10=Extremely important 99=Don't know
Rate the importance of elections at the: European level of government	Q34C	0=Not important at all 10=Extremely important 99=Don't know
Rate the importance of elections at the: Municipal level of government	Q34D	0=Not important at all 10=Extremely important 99=Don't know

Agree or Disagree: One should always find ways to help others less fortunate than oneself[11]	Q35_1	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Agree or Disagree: Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on.	Q35_2	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Politicians make campaign promises they have no intention of keeping?	Q35_3	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Agree or Disagree: There is no point of voting for a party that has no chance of being in government	Q35_4	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Agree or Disagree: People pay too much attention to the well-being of others. [12]	Q35_5	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Are you financially better or worse off than a year ago?	Q36	1=Worse off 2=About the same 3=Better off 9=Don't know
During the past year have policies of the national government made you better or worse off?	Q36_1A	1=Made me worse off 2=Made no difference 3=Made me better off 9=Don't know
During the past year have policies of the regional government made you better or worse off?	Q36_1B	1=Made me worse off 2=Made no difference 3=Made me better off 9=Don't know
During the past year have policies of the European Union made you better or worse off?	Q36_1C	1=Made me worse off 2=Made no difference 3=Made me better off 9=Don't know
How much do you think the current economic crisis has affected you?	Q38	1= Not at all 2=A little 3=Some 4=A lot 9=Don't know
For you personally, what is the degree of responsibility of the different levels of government in the current economic crisis: national government?	Q38_1A	1=Low 2=Not very high 3=Somewhat high 4=Very high 9=Don't know

[11] In several Spanish elections (ELECID 7, 8, 9), this question was asked in the post-election survey.
[12] In several Spanish elections (ELECID 7, 8, 9), this question was asked in the post-election survey.

For you personally, what is the degree of responsibility of the different levels of government in the current economic crisis: regional government?	Q38_1B	1=Low 2=Not very high 3=Somewhat high 4=Very high 9=Don't know
For you personally, what is the degree of responsibility of the different levels of government in the current economic crisis: European Union?	Q38_1C	1=Low 2=Not very high 3=Somewhat high 4=Very high 9=Don't know
For you personally, what is the degree of responsibility of the different levels of government in the current economic crisis: municipal government?	Q38_1D	1=Low 2=Not very high 3=Somewhat high 4=Very high 9=Don't know
How much influence do policies of the following level of government have on the well being of you and your family: National government	Q42A	0=Very small impact 10=Very big impact 99=Don't know
How much influence do the policies of the following level of government have on the well being of you and your family: Regional government	Q42B	0=Very small impact 10=Very big impact 99=Don't know
How much influence do the policies of the following level of government have on the well being of you and your family: European Union	Q42C	0=Very small impact 10=Very big impact 99=Don't know
How much influence do the policies of the following level of government have on the well being of you and your family: Municipal government	Q42D	0=Very small impact 10=Very big impact 99=Don't know
How attached are you to the: National level of government?	Q43A	0=Not attached at all 10=Very strongly attached 99=Don't know
How attached are you to the: Regional level of government?	Q43B	0=Not attached at all 10=Very strongly attached 99=Don't know
How attached are you to the: European level of government?	Q43C	0=Not attached at all 10=Very strongly attached 99=Don't know
How attached are you to the: Municipal level of government	Q43D	0=Not attached at all 10=Very strongly attached 99=Don't know
Is voting a duty or a choice at the National level of government	Q44A	1=Duty 2=Choice 9=Don't know

Is voting a duty or a choice at the Regional level of government	Q44B	1=Duty 2=Choice 9=Don’t know
Is voting a duty or a choice at the European level of government	Q44C	1=Duty 2=Choice 9=Don’t know
Is voting a duty or a choice at the Municipal level of government	Q44D	1=Duty 2=Choice 9=Don’t know
How strongly do you feel that voting is a duty at the: National level of government	Q45A	1=Not very strongly 2=Somewhat strongly 3=Very strongly 9=Don’t know
How strongly do you feel that voting is a duty at the: Regional level of government	Q45B	1=Not very strongly 2=Somewhat strongly 3=Very strongly 9=Don’t know
How strongly do you feel that voting is a duty at the: European level of government	Q45C	1=Not very strongly 2=Somewhat strongly 3=Very strongly 9=Don’t know
How strongly do you feel that voting is a duty at the: Municipal level of government	Q45D	1=Not very strongly 2=Somewhat strongly 3=Very strongly 9=Don’t know
Do you usually think yourself as close to any particular national party? Note: This variable contains answers from other elections rather than national elections. For answers given in national elections, see Q47.	Q46A	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
Do you usually think yourself as close to any particular regional party? Note: This variable contains answers from other other elections rather than regional elections. For answers given in regional elections, see Q47.	Q46B	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
How close are you to this party? Note: This variable relates either to Q46_nat or to Q46_reg.	Q46_2	1=Not very close 2=Somewhat close 3=Very close 9=Don’t know

Do you usually think yourself as close to any particular [election-level] party?[13]	Q47	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
If you are close to a party, which party?	Q47_1	1=Party 1 …… X=Party X* 88=Other party 99=Don't know
How close are you to this party?	Q47_2	1=Not very close 2=Somewhat close 3=Very close 9=Don't know
Is it convenient or difficult to vote?	Q48	1=Very difficult 2=Somewhat difficult 3=Somewhat easy 4=Very easy 9=Don't know
How well do you think your views are reflected in the [election-level] legislature?	Q49	0=Not at all 10=Totally 99=Don't know
How well do you think your views are reflected in the legislature? (upper chamber - Switzerland only)	Q49_1	0=Not at all 10=Totally 99=Don't know
How much corruption exists at the: National level of government?	Q50A	1=Hardly any corruption 2=A little corruption 3=Some corruption 4=A lot of corruption
How much corruption exists at the: Regional level of government?	Q50B	1=Hardly any corruption 2=A little corruption 3=Some corruption 4=A lot of corruption
How much corruption exists at the: European level of government?	Q50C	1=Hardly any corruption 2=A little corruption 3=Some corruption 4=A lot of corruption
How much corruption exists at the: Municipal level of government?	Q50D	1=Hardly any corruption 2=A little corruption 3=Some corruption 4=A lot of corruption
How often do you attend religious services?	SD3B	1=Never 2=Less often 3=Only on special holy days 4=At least once a month 5=Once a week 6=More than once a week 7=Every day 9=Prefer not to say

[13] Please note that in the French municipal elections (ELECID 22 & 23), the question is asked in general and does not refer to the municipal level.

Were you born in <Country>?	SD6	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
For how many years have you lived in <country>?	SD6D	0 to 82; Don’t know=999
For how many years have you lived in [survey region]?	SD6E	0 to 82; Don’t know=999
How urban or rural is your place of residence?	SD7	1=A big city 2=A suburb or outskirt of a big city 3=A town or a small city 4=A village 5=The countryside 9=Don’t know
What is the highest level of education that you have completed?	SD2A	[See individual survey questionnaires]
Recode of SD2A. All respondents who have attended post-secondary education are coded as 1, those who have not as 0.	POSTSECONDARY	0=No 1=Yes

Post-Election Questionnaire

Question	Variable Name	Response Categories
Satisfaction with the way democracy works at: National level***	PQ1A_BEGINNING PQ1A_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied

Satisfaction with the way democracy works at: Regional level***	PQ1B_BEGINNING PQ1B_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied
Satisfaction with the way democracy works at: European level***	PQ1C_BEGINNING PQ1C_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied
Satisfaction with the way democracy works at: Municipal level***	PQ1D_BEGINNING PQ1D_END	0=Not satisfied at all 10=Very satisfied
Which statement represents your voting behaviour in this election?***	PQ5_01[14]	1=I did not vote in the election 2=I thought about voting this time but didn't 3=I usually vote but didn't this time 4=I am sure I voted in the election 9=Don't know
Were you personally able to vote in this election?***	PQ5_02	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know/prefer not to answer
When did you decide you would NOT vote?	PQ5_1	1=Months before election day 2=A few weeks before election day 3=A few days before election day 4=On election day
Split Sample for PQ5B	SELPQ5_2	
[Given the outcome of the current election] Do you think the decision to NOT vote was a good or bad decision?***	PQ5_2	1=A very bad decision 2=A fairly bad decision 3=A fairly good decision 4=A very good decision 9=Don't know
When did you decide you would vote?	PQ5_4	1=Months before election day 2=A few weeks before election day 3=A few days before election day 4=On election day
Split sample for PQ5E	SELPQ5_5	
[Given the outcome of the current election] Do you think the decision to vote was a good or bad decision?***	PQ5_5	1=A very bad decision 2=A fairly bad decision 3=A fairly good decision 4=A very good decision 9=Don't know

[14] In the national elections in Lower Saxony (ELECID 10), and in the national and regional elections Bavaria (ELECID 12 and 13), PQ5_01 was not asked.

Did you consider the possibility of not voting?	PQ5_6	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
Which party/party's candidate did you vote for?**	PQ6	1=Party 1 …… X=Party X* 88=Other party 99=Don't know
Did you consider the possibility of voting for another party/candidate?	PQ6_1	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
If yes to PQ6a, which other party's candidate?**	PQ6_2	1=Party 1 …… X=Party X* 88=Other party 99=Don't know
When did you decide to vote for party/party's candidate?	PQ6_3	1=Months before election day 2=A few weeks before election day 3=A few days before election day 4=On election day 9=Don't know
Split Sample for PQ6D	SELPQ6_4	
[Given the outcome of the current election] Do you thing the decision to vote the way you did was a good or bad decision?***	PQ6D_4	1=A very bad decision 2=A fairly bad decision 3=A fairly good decision 4=A very good decision 9=Don't know
Would you say the party you voted for won or lost the election?	PQ8	1=Won the election 2=Lost the election 9=Don't know
How much attention did you pay to the election from: Television?	PQ9_1	0=No attention at all 10=A lot of attention 99=Don't know
How much attention did you pay to the election from: Newspaper	PQ9_2	0=No attention at all 10=A lot of attention 99=Don't know
How much attention did you pay to the election from: Radio	PQ9_3	0=No attention at all 10=A lot of attention 99=Don't know
How much attention did you pay to the election from: Internet	PQ9_4	0=No attention at all 10=A lot of attention 99=Don't know

How much attention did you pay to the election from: Twitter	PQ9_5	0=No attention at all 10=A lot of attention 99=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: Party or candidate website	PQ10_1	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: Other website with political content	PQ10_2	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: Twitter or Facebook	PQ10_3	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: YouTube	PQ10_4	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: Blogs	PQ10_5	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
To find out about the election did you use: Online media outlets	PQ10_6	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
Political information: Match the slogans with the correct parties	PQ14	0=No correct matches 1=All correct matches
During the election, did you support any particular party/candidate by_____? _1 = talking to others _2 = attending meetings _3 = putting up lawn signs _4 = making a positive comment on social media? _5 = any other way	PQ15_1- PQ15_5	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
Did ___ encourage you to vote for a particular party? _1 = friends _2 = acquaintances _3 = spouse _4 = family	PQ16_1- PQ16_4	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
Did a party contact you during the campaign ____? _1 = by phone	PQ17_1- PQ17_6	0=No 1=Yes 9=Don't know

_2 = in person _3 = by mail _4 = by leaflet[15] _5 = by email _6 = by other means[16]		
During the last 12 months have you: Contacted a government official?	PQ18_1	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
During the last 12 months have you: bought or boycotted certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons	PQ18_2	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
During the last 12 months have you: taken part in a public demonstration?	PQ18_3	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
During the last 12 months have you: signed a petition?	PQ18_4	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know
Rate how fairly the election was conducted?	PQ19	0=Very unfairly 10=Very fairly 99=Don't know
How accurately do you think the outcome of the election reflects voters' views?	PQ20	0=Not at all accurately 10=Very accurately 99=Don't know
Was the election mostly about what should be done on the most important issue of the day?	PQ24	1=Issues of the day 2=Best people to govern 9=Don't know
Politicians make campaign promises they have no intention of keeping.	PQ26_3	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
There is no point voting for a party that has no chance of being in government	PQ26_4	1=Strongly disagree 2=Somewhat disagree 3=Somewhat agree 4=Strongly agree 9=Don't know
Does anyone in your household belong to a union?	PSD1	1=Yes 2=No 9=Don't know

[15] Not available for French elections.
[16] Available only for German elections.

How many people living in your household are under the age of 18	PSD2	0 to 5; 999=Don't know
Which of these descriptions best describes the work you do?	PSD3	[See individual questionnaires]
Weights for pre-election survey sample	PRE_WEIGHT…	[see individual technical reports]
Weights for pre-election survey sample	POST_WEIGHT…	[see individual technical reports]
The official voter turnout rate recorded in each election (entered as a proportion).	OFFICIAL_TURNOUT	[0.352 to 0.746]

Legend of Parties by Election Level

Dataset	Name of Parties
Lucerne national (ELECID 1)	1. CVP 2. FDP 3. SVP 4. SP 5. Greens 6. BDP 7. Green-Liberals 8. Tierpartei 9. EVP 10. Schweizer Demokraten
Lucerne regional (ELECID 2)	1. CVP 2. FDP 3. SVP 4. SP 5. Greens 6. BDP 7. Green-Liberals
Zurich national (ELECID 3)	1. SVP 2. SP 3. FDP 4. GreensQ 5. CVP 6. Green-Liberals 7. EVP 8. BDP 9. EDU
Zurich regional (ELECID 4)	1. SVP 2. SP 3. FDP 4. Greens 5. CVP 6. EVP 7. Green-Liberals 8. EDU 9. Alternative List 10. Schweizer Demokraten 11. Pirate Party 12. European Reform Party 13. BDP
IDF national (ELECID 5)	1. Parti Socialiste 2. UMP 3. Front National (Rassemblement Bleu Marine) 4. Front de Gauche 5. MODEM 6. Europe-Écologie Les Verts 7. Nouveau Parti Anticapitaliste 8. Lutte Ouvrière 9. Nouveau Centre
Provence national (ELECID 6)	1. Parti Socialiste 2. UMP

	3. Front National (Rassemblement Bleu Marine) 4. Front de Gauche 5. MODEM 6. Europe-Écologie Les Verts 7. Nouveau Parti Anticapitaliste 8. Lutte Ouvrière 9. Nouveau Centre
Catalonia national (ELECID 7)	1. PSOE 2. PP 3. ICV/IU 4. CiU 5. ERC 6. EPyD 7. Plataforma per Catalunya
Catalonia regional (ELECID 8)	1. PSC 2. PP 3. ICV-EUiA 4. CiU 5. ERC 6. Ciutadans 7. Solidaritat per la Independencia 8. Plataforma per Catalunya 9. CUP
Madrid national (ELECID 9)	1. PSOE 2. PP 3. IU 4. UpyD
Lower-Saxony national (ELECID 10)	1. CDU 2. SPD 3. Greens 4. FDP 5. Left 6. Pirates 7. AfD 8. Free Voters
Lower-Saxony regional (ELECID 11)	1. CDU 2. SPD 3. Greens 4. FDP 5. Left 6. Pirates
Bavaria national (ELECID 12)	1. CSU 2. SPD 3. Greens 4. Free Voters 5. FDP 6. Left 7. Pirates 8. AfD
Bavaria regional (ELECID 13)	1. CSU 2. SPD 3. Greens 4. Free Voters 5. FDP 6. Left

	7. Pirates
Ontario regional (ELECID 14)	1. Ontario Liberal Party 2. Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario 3. New Democratic Party of Ontario 4. Green Party of Ontario
Quebec regional (ELECID 15)	1. Quebec Liberal Party 2. Parti québécois 3. Québec solidaire 4. Coalition avenir Québec - - L'équipe François Legault 5. Option nationale 6. Green Party of Québec
Provence Europe (ELECID 16)	1. Front de Gauche 2. Parti Socialiste, Parti Radical de Gauche 3. UMP 4. Front National 5. UDI-MODEM 6. Europe Écologie Les Verts 7. Lutte Ouvrière 8. Debout la République
IDF Europe (ELECID 17)	1. Front de Gauche 2. Parti Socialiste, Parti Radical de Gauche 3. UMP 4. Front National 5. UDI-MODEM 6. Europe Écologie Les Verts 7. Lutte Ouvrière 8. Nouveau Parti Anticapitaliste 9. Debout la République
Lower Saxony Europe (ELECID 18)	1. CDU 2. SPD 3. B90/Die Grünen 4. FDP 5. Die Linke 6. Piraten 7. AfD
Bavaria Europe (ELECID 19)	1. CSU 2. SPD 3. B90/Die Grünen 4. Freie Wähler 5. FDP 6. Die Linke 7. Piraten 8. AfD
Catalonia Europe (ELECID 20)	1. PSOE 2. PP 3. IU/ICV-EUiA 4. CiU 5. ERC 6. Movimiento Ciudadano 7. UPyD 8. Podemos
Madrid Europe (ELECID 21)	1. PSOE 2. PP 3. IU (La Izquierda Plural) 4. UPyD

	5. Movimiento Ciudadano 6. Podemos
Paris municipal (ELECID 22)	1. Parti de Gauche 2. Parti Socialiste, Parti Communiste et Parti Radical de Gauche 3. Europe Écologie/Les Verts 4. UMP, UDI et MODEM 5. Front National 6. Lutte Ouvrière 7. Paris Anticapitaliste 8. Paris Libéré
Marseille municipal (ELECID 23)	1. Front de Gauche 2. Parti Socialiste et Europe Écologie/Les verts 3. UMP et UDI 4. Front National 5. Parti Radical de Gauche 6. Lutte Ouvrière – Faire entendre le camp des travailleurs 7. Changer la donne
Madrid regional (ELECID 24)	1. PSOE 2. PP 3. IU 4. UPyD 5. Podemosl 6. Ciudadanos 7. VOX
Ontario national (ELECID 25)	1. Conservative Party of Canada 2. New Democratic Party of Canada 3. Liberal Party of Canada 5. Green Party of Canada
British Columbia national (ELECID 26)	1. Conservative Party of Canada 2. New Democratic Party of Canada 3. Liberal Party of Canada 5. Green Party of Canada
Quebec national (ELECID 27)	1. Conservative Party of Canada 2. New Democratic Party of Canada 3. Liberal Party of Canada 4. Bloc Québécois 5. Green Party of Canada