EES2019 Stacked Data

Codebook

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Overview of the data file

The stacked version of the 2019 voter study of the European Election Studies (EES) was realised within the ProConEU project¹.

The variables available in the dataset are grouped as it follows: ...

Identification Variables

respid

Unique identifier of individual respondents as it was assigned in the EES 2019 Italian voter study (respid; See the EES2019 Codebook).

party

Unique identifier of the relevant parties participating to the European Parliament (EP) elections of 2019. Only parties for which the EES 2019 voter study propensity to vote (PTV) variable is available have been selected. Values equate to those defined in the original EES 2019 vote choice variable referring to the 2019 EP elections (Q7; See the EES2019 Codebook).

stack

Unique identifier combining respondent (respid) and party (party) identifiers.

Generic Dichotomous Variables

Q2 gen

Dichotomous choice variable, measuring whether the respondent believes that the stack party (party) would be best at dealing with the problem specified in Q1.

Values:

- 0 Respondent does not consider the stack party the best at dealing with the most important issue
- 1 Respondent considers the stack party the best at dealing with the most important issue
- 96 Not applicable (Answer to EES2019 Q1 = Don't know)
- 98 Respondent does not know

¹ProConEU is a research project that aims to analyse the enlarging gaps between proponents and opponents of the European Integration in terms of party politics, citizen politics and social media communication. The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and it involves MZES Mannheim, LMU Munich, University of Thessaloniki, University of Newcastle.

Q7_gen

Dichotomous vote choice variable, measuring whether the respondent (recalls to have) voted for the stack party (party). Recoded from the EES 2019 original vote choice variable (votech).

Values:

- 0 Respondent did not vote for the stack party (Voted for another party, or did not vote, or voted blank or nil)
- 1 Respondent voted for the stack party
- 98 Respondent does not remember

Q9_rec_gen

Dichotomous vote choice variable, measuring which party the respondent (recalls to have) voted for at the last (national) general election. This variable was created from a recoded version of the original EES 2019 Q9 variable.

Values:

- 0 Respondent did not vote for the stack party (Voted for another party, or did not vote, or voted blank or nil)
- 1 Respondent voted for the stack party
- 98 Respondent does not remember

Q25 rec gen

Dichotomous choice variable, measuring which party the respondent feels close to (party identification). This variable was created from a recoded version of the original EES 2019 Q25 variable.

Values:

- 0 Respondent does not feel close to the stack party (Feels close to another party or does not feel close to any)
- 1 Respondent feels close to the stack party
- 98 Respondent does not know

Generic distance/proximity variables estimation

Q10_gen

Generic distance/proximity variable, measuring the respondent's propensity to vote for a specific party. This variable was created from a recoded version of the original EES 2019 Q10 variable.

Values:

0.0 - Respondent does not feel close to the stack party 1.0 - Respondent feels close to the stack party 98.0 - Respondent does not know

Q11_Q13_gen

Generic distance/proximity variable, measuring the distance of the respondents' self-placement on the left-right ideological axis, variable Q11, and the respondent's perception of a specific party position on the same left-right continuum, variable Q13. This variable was created from the EES2019 Q11 and Q13 variable.

Values:

98.000000000 - Respondent does not know

Q23_Q24_gen

Generic distance/proximity variable, measuring the distance of the respondents' self-placement on the position taken about EU integration, variable Q23, and the repondent's perception of a specific party position about the EU integration process, variable Q24. This variable was created from the EES2019 Q23 and Q24 variable.

Values:

98.000000000 - Respondent does not know

Synthetic variables estimation

socdem synt ptv

Synthetic variable, measuring the affinity between the respondents' socio-demographic characteristics and their propensity to vote. This was estimated using a linear prediction of an OLS model. The dependent Variable of this regression analysis was Q7_gen (see: Generic Dichotomous Variables) and the independent variables D3_rec, D5_rec, D8_rec, EDU_rec, D4_age and D10_rec (see below).

socdem_synt_vc

Synthetic variable, measuring the affinity between the respondents' socio-demographic characteristics and their vote choice. This was estimated using linear predictions of a set of logit model. The dependent Variable of these regression analyses was Q10_gen (see: Generic distance/proximity variables estimation) and the independent variables D3_rec, D5_rec, D8_rec, EDU_rec, D4_age and D10_rec (see below).

##Independent variables used in regression analysis for socdem_synt_ptv and socdem_synt_vc: {-}

###Categorical independent variables: {-} * D3_rec: Respondent's gender (0 = Male, 1 = Female), recoded from the original D3 EES2019 variable (categorical); * D5_rec: Whether the respondent is married/remarried/single living with a partner (1) or single/divorced/separated/widowed (0), recoded from the original D5 EES2019 variable (categorical); * D8_rec: Whether the respondent lives in a rural (0) or urban area (1), recoded from the original D8 variable (categorical); * EDU_rec: Respondent's years of formal education (1 = 15 years or less, 2 = 16-19 years, 3 = 20+);

###Continuous independent variables: {-} * D4_age: Respondent's age, recoded from the original D4_1 (year of birth) EES2019 variable (ordinal treated as continuous); * D10_rec: Respondent's religiosity, recoded from the original D10 EES2019 variable (ordinal treated as continuous). In particular, the values (min = 0, $\max = 6$) are inverted, so that higher values indicate stronger religiosity and lower values indicate low/none religiosity.