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Variable distributions presented in this codebook have been generated from the SPSS files. Distribution tables present variable values, frequencies (n), frequency percentages (%), and valid percentages (v. %) which take into account missing data. All distributions are unweighted. If the data contain weight variables, these will be found at the end of the variables list. In some cases frequency distributions have been substituted by descriptive statistics. Categorised responses to open-ended questions are not always included in the codebook. Distributions may contain missing data. The note "System missing (SYSMIS)" refers to missing observations (e.g. a respondent has not answered all questions) whereas "Missing (User missing)" refers to data the user has defined as missing. For example, the user may decide to code answer alternatives 'don't want to say' or 'can't say' as missing data.

The codebook may contain attached files, the most common one being the questionnaire.



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# Chapter 1

## Study description

### 1.1 Titles

**Titles and data version:** Cross-national Survey on the Future of the Welfare State 2015

**Titles and data version in Finnish:** Hyvinvointivaltion tulevaisuus Euroopassa 2015

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### 1.2 Subject description

#### Authoring entity

Vision Europe Summit 2015, c/o Bertelsmann Stiftung

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Hellström, Eeva (Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra)

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#### Copyright statement for the data

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#### Depositor

Thode, Eric (Bertelsmann Stiftung, International Forums and Trends)

Schwenk, Uwe (Bertelsmann Stiftung, Program Improving Healthcare - Informing Patients)

#### Date of deposit

24.11.2015

### **Keywords**

European Union; social welfare; taxation; welfare economics; welfare policy

### **Topic Classification**

**Fields of Science Classification:** Social sciences

**CESSDA Classification:** Social welfare systems/structures; Specific social services: use and availability

### **Series description**

The data belong to the series:

Individual datasets

Individual datasets that do not belong to any series.

### **Abstract**

The cross-national survey studied public confidence in the future of the welfare state, individual readiness to contribute, the aims of the welfare state, and the role the EU should play with regard to national welfare systems. The survey was fielded in eight European states: Finland, Belgium, France, Italy, Poland, Portugal and the UK. It was commissioned by the Vision Europe Summit, a consortium of European foundations and think tanks, including Bertelsmann Stiftung (Gütersloh), Bruegel (Brussels), Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (Lisbon), Chatham House (London), Compagnia di San Paolo (Turin), Jacques Delors Institute (Paris) and the Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra (Helsinki).

First, the respondents were asked whether they thought that in the year 2050, the welfare system in their country would cover the needs of citizens in health care, pensions, support for the unemployed, child care, care for the elderly, and education and training. They were asked whether in the case that taxes and social security contributions were not sufficient to maintain the current level of public welfare, they would prefer to increase taxes and contributions to maintain the level, or to keep the taxes and contributions at the current level and reduce the level of public welfare. Opinions were charted on the importance of different fields of the welfare system, for example, guaranteeing health care for all citizens or guaranteeing income and appropriate living standards. One theme pertained to how welfare services and benefits were governed. Finally, views were probed on what kind of role the EU should play, for instance, should the EU set minimum standards for social protections in all EU member states.

Background variables included the respondent's gender, age, self-placement on the left-right scale, and net monthly income of the household.



## 1.3 Structure and collection of the data

**Country:** Finland, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom

**Geographic coverage:** Finland, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom

**Analysis or observation unit type:** Individual

**Universe:** People aged 18 and over living in Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal and United Kingdom

**Collection date:** 13.7.2015 – 21.8.2015

**Data collector(s):** TNS Emnid, Bielefeld

**Mode of data collection:** Telephone interview: Computer-assisted (CATI)

**Type of research instrument:** Structured questionnaire

**Time period covered:** 2015

**Time method of the data collection:** Cross-section

**Number of variables and cases:** The data contain 37 variables and 8007 cases.

**Sampling procedure:** Probability: Simple random

The samples were drawn from among inhabitants aged 18 or over who had either a fixed line phone number or a mobile phone number.

## 1.4 Use of data

### Related publications

Heikkinen, Joonas (2016). Pessimismi eurooppalaisen integraation esteenä? Kvantitatiivinen tutkimus eurooppalaisten tulonjakoasenteista. Helsinki. Helsingin yliopisto. Poliittikan ja talouden tutkimuksen laitos. Yleinen valtio-oppi. Hallinnon ja organisaatioiden tutkimuksen linja. Kandidaatintutkielma.

Hellström, Eeva & Kosonen, Mikko (2015). Governing the welfare state and beyond - Solutions for a complex world and uncertain future. In: Vision Europe Summit Consortium (eds.): Redesigning European welfare states - Ways forward, Gütersloh. <http://static1.squarespace.com/static/54c95cbee4+ways+forward.pdf> [cited 8.1.2016].

Updated list of publications in the study description at

[https://services.fsd.uta.fi/catalogue/FSD3077?lang=en&study\\_language=en](https://services.fsd.uta.fi/catalogue/FSD3077?lang=en&study_language=en)

### Location of the data collection

Finnish Social Science Data Archive

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### **Weighting**

The data contain a weight variable which weights to target population distribution by age and gender.

### **Restrictions**

The dataset is (A) openly available for all users without registration (CC BY 4.0).

# Chapter 2

## Variables

### [FSD\_NO] FSD study number

#### Question

*FSD study number*

#### Descriptive statistics

statistic	value
number of valid cases	8007
minimum	3077.00
maximum	3077.00
mean	3077.00
standard deviation	0.00

### [FSD\_VR] FSD edition number

#### Question

*FSD edition number*

#### Descriptive statistics

statistic	value
number of valid cases	8007
minimum	2.00
maximum	2.00
mean	2.00
standard deviation	0.00

**[FSD\_ID] FSD case id**

**Question**

*FSD case id*

**Descriptive statistics**

statistic	value
number of valid cases	8007
minimum	1.00
maximum	8007.00
mean	4004.00
standard deviation	2311.57

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**Question**

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**[V1\_1] In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Health care**

**Question**

*In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Health care*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Yes	1	3941	49.2	49.2
No	2	3624	45.3	45.3
Don't know, no answer	9	442	5.5	5.5
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V1\_2] In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Pensions**

**Question**

*In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Pensions*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Yes	1	2742	34.2	34.2
No	2	4809	60.1	60.1
Don't know, no answer	9	456	5.7	5.7
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V1\_3] In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Support for the unemployed**

**Question**

*In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Support for the unemployed*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Yes	1	3332	41.6	41.6
No	2	4152	51.9	51.9
Don't know, no answer	9	523	6.5	6.5
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V1\_4] In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Child care**

**Question**

*In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Child care*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Yes	1	4796	59.9	59.9
No	2	2677	33.4	33.4
Don't know, no answer	9	534	6.7	6.7
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V1\_5] In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Care for elderly people**

**Question**

*In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Care for elderly people*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Yes	1	3601	45.0	45.0
No	2	4073	50.9	50.9
Don't know, no answer	9	333	4.2	4.2
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V1\_6] In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Education and training**

**Question**

*In the year 2050, do you think that the public welfare system in [country] will cover the needs of citizens in the following fields: Education and training*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Yes	1	4936	61.6	61.6
No	2	2640	33.0	33.0
Don't know, no answer	9	431	5.4	5.4
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V2] If taxes and social security contributions were not sufficient to maintain the current level of public welfare benefits and services in [country], which of the following two options would you prefer:**

**Question**

*If taxes and social security contributions were not sufficient to maintain the current level of public welfare benefits and services in [country], which of the following two options would you prefer:*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Increase taxes and social security contributions to maintain the current level of public welfare benefits and services	1	3415	42.7	42.7
Maintain taxes and social sec. contributions at current levels and reduce current level of welfare benefits and services	2	3440	43.0	43.0
Reduce taxes and contributions and reduce the current level of public welfare benefits and services	3	214	2.7	2.7
Increase taxes and contributions and increase the current level of public welfare benefits and services	4	145	1.8	1.8
Don't know, no answer	9	793	9.9	9.9
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V3\_1] Thinking about the future public welfare system in [country], how important should the following aims be: Guaranteeing health care for all citizens**

**Question**

*Thinking about the future public welfare system in [country], how important should the following aims be: Guaranteeing health care for all citizens*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Extremely important	1	3675	45.9	45.9
Very important	2	2772	34.6	34.6
Somewhat important	3	1028	12.8	12.8
Somewhat unimportant	4	274	3.4	3.4
Unimportant	5	156	1.9	1.9
Don't know, no answer	9	102	1.3	1.3
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V3\_2] Thinking about the future public welfare system in [country], how important should the following aims be: Guaranteeing income and appropriate living standards for all citizens throughout life**

**Question**

*Thinking about the future public welfare system in [country], how important should the following aims be: Guaranteeing income and appropriate living standards for all citizens throughout life*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Extremely important	1	2689	33.6	33.6
Very important	2	2794	34.9	34.9
Somewhat important	3	1700	21.2	21.2
Somewhat unimportant	4	461	5.8	5.8
Unimportant	5	225	2.8	2.8
Don't know, no answer	9	138	1.7	1.7
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V3\_3] Thinking about the future public welfare system in [country], how important should the following aims be: Guaranteeing child care**

**Question**

*Thinking about the future public welfare system in [country], how important should the following aims be: Guaranteeing child care*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Extremely important	1	2617	32.7	32.7
Very important	2	3042	38.0	38.0
Somewhat important	3	1593	19.9	19.9
Somewhat unimportant	4	427	5.3	5.3
Unimportant	5	199	2.5	2.5
Don't know, no answer	9	129	1.6	1.6
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V3\_4] Thinking about the future public welfare system in [country], how important should the following aims be: Guaranteeing care for elderly people**

**Question**

*Thinking about the future public welfare system in [country], how important should the following aims be: Guaranteeing care for elderly people*

**Frequencies**



label	value	n	%	v. %
Extremely important	1	3218	40.2	40.2
Very important	2	2993	37.4	37.4
Somewhat important	3	1239	15.5	15.5
Somewhat unimportant	4	392	4.9	4.9
Unimportant	5	91	1.1	1.1
Don't know, no answer	9	74	0.9	0.9
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V3\_5] Thinking about the future public welfare system in [country], how important should the following aims be: Enabling all citizens to acquire education, knowledge and skills**

**Question**

*Thinking about the future public welfare system in [country], how important should the following aims be: Enabling all citizens to acquire education, knowledge and skills*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Extremely important	1	3780	47.2	47.2
Very important	2	2603	32.5	32.5
Somewhat important	3	1003	12.5	12.5
Somewhat unimportant	4	329	4.1	4.1
Unimportant	5	184	2.3	2.3
Don't know, no answer	9	108	1.3	1.3
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V4\_1] I know which public welfare services and benefits are available in [country] for me and my family**

**Question**

*I know which public welfare services and benefits are available in [country] for me and my family*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Applies completely	1	2038	25.5	25.5
Somewhat applies	2	2943	36.8	36.8

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label	value	n	%	v. %
Does rather not apply	3	1785	22.3	22.3
Does not apply at all	4	964	12.0	12.0
Don't know, no answer	9	277	3.5	3.5
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V4\_2] I can choose the way in which public welfare benefits and services, for example child care services and health care services, are provided to me and my family**

### Question

*I can choose the way in which public welfare benefits and services, for example child care services and health care services, are provided to me and my family*

### Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Applies completely	1	1441	18.0	18.0
Somewhat applies	2	2901	36.2	36.2
Does rather not apply	3	1871	23.4	23.4
Does not apply at all	4	1238	15.5	15.5
Don't know, no answer	9	556	6.9	6.9
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V4\_3] The public welfare benefits and services in [country] are flexible regarding changing needs in different life circumstances**

### Question

*The public welfare benefits and services in [country] are flexible regarding changing needs in different life circumstances*

### Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Applies completely	1	1135	14.2	14.2
Somewhat applies	2	2854	35.6	35.6
Does rather not apply	3	2294	28.6	28.6
Does not apply at all	4	1288	16.1	16.1

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label	value	n	%	v. %
Don't know, no answer	9	436	5.4	5.4
		8007	100.0	100.0

### **[V4\_4] The public welfare system in [country] encourages me to actively enhance my personal well-being**

#### **Question**

*The public welfare system in [country] encourages me to actively enhance my personal well-being*

#### **Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Applies completely	1	1312	16.4	16.4
Somewhat applies	2	2656	33.2	33.2
Does rather not apply	3	2014	25.2	25.2
Does not apply at all	4	1640	20.5	20.5
Don't know, no answer	9	385	4.8	4.8
		8007	100.0	100.0

### **[V5\_1] The EU shall ensure financial transfers from the rich to the poor member states**

#### **Question**

*The EU shall ensure financial transfers from the rich to the poor member states*

#### **Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Strongly agree	1	2110	26.4	26.4
Somewhat agree	2	2698	33.7	33.7
Somewhat disagree	3	1724	21.5	21.5
Strongly disagree	4	1185	14.8	14.8
Don't know, no answer	9	290	3.6	3.6
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V5\_2] The EU shall set minimum standards of social protection for all its member states**

**Question**

*The EU shall set minimum standards of social protection for all its member states*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Strongly agree	1	3690	46.1	46.1
Somewhat agree	2	2392	29.9	29.9
Somewhat disagree	3	972	12.1	12.1
Strongly disagree	4	690	8.6	8.6
Don't know, no answer	9	263	3.3	3.3
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V5\_3] The EU shall enable and support more mobility of students and workers between the member states than existing today**

**Question**

*The EU shall enable and support more mobility of students and workers between the member states than existing today*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Strongly agree	1	3158	39.4	39.4
Somewhat agree	2	2642	33.0	33.0
Somewhat disagree	3	1177	14.7	14.7
Strongly disagree	4	760	9.5	9.5
Don't know, no answer	9	270	3.4	3.4
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[V5\_4] The EU shall put pressure on national states including [country] to implement reforms of the welfare system when they are necessary**

**Question**

*The EU shall put pressure on national states including [country] to implement reforms of the welfare system when they are necessary*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Strongly agree	1	2742	34.2	34.2
Somewhat agree	2	2895	36.2	36.2
Somewhat disagree	3	1187	14.8	14.8
Strongly disagree	4	913	11.4	11.4
Don't know, no answer	9	270	3.4	3.4
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[BV1] The respondent's sex****Question**

*The respondent's sex*

**Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Male	1	3803	47.5	47.5
Female	2	4204	52.5	52.5
		8007	100.0	100.0

**[BV2] The respondent's age****Question**

*The respondent's age*

**Descriptive statistics**

statistic	value
number of valid cases	8007
minimum	18.00
maximum	99.00
mean	49.75
standard deviation	18.06

**[BV3\_1] Net income of the household per month, Germany****Question**

*Net income of the household per month, Germany*

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### Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Under 500 euros	1	27	0.3	2.7
500 - 999 euros	2	61	0.8	6.1
1,000 - 1,499 euros	3	103	1.3	10.2
1,500 - 1,999 euros	4	141	1.8	14.0
2,000 - 2,499 euros	5	139	1.7	13.8
2,500 - 2,999 euros	6	99	1.2	9.8
3,000 - 3,499 euros	7	82	1.0	8.1
3,500 euros or more	8	239	3.0	23.7
No answer	9	116	1.4	11.5
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	7000	87.4	–
		8007	100.0	100.0

### [BV3\_2] Net income of the household per month, the United Kingdom

#### Question

*Net income of the household per month, the United Kingdom*

#### Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Under 500 pounds	1	29	0.4	2.9
500 - 999 pounds	2	73	0.9	7.3
1,000 - 1,499 pounds	3	153	1.9	15.3
1,500 - 1,999 pounds	4	163	2.0	16.3
2,000 - 2,499 pounds	5	129	1.6	12.9
2,500 - 2,999 pounds	6	56	0.7	5.6
3,000 - 3,499 pounds	7	28	0.3	2.8
3,500 pounds or more	8	153	1.9	15.3
No answer	9	216	2.7	21.6
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	7007	87.5	–
		8007	100.0	100.0

### [BV3\_3] Net income of the household per month, France

#### Question

*Net income of the household per month, France*

#### Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Under 500 euros	1	57	0.7	5.7
500 - 999 euros	2	101	1.3	10.1
1,000 - 1,499 euros	3	191	2.4	19.1
1,500 - 1,999 euros	4	138	1.7	13.8
2,000 - 2,499 euros	5	115	1.4	11.5
2,500 - 2,999 euros	6	75	0.9	7.5
3,000 - 3,499 euros	7	79	1.0	7.9
3,500 euros or more	8	167	2.1	16.7
No answer	9	77	1.0	7.7
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	7007	87.5	–
		8007	100.0	100.0

### [BV3\_4] Net income of the household per month, Italy

#### Question

*Net income of the household per month, Italy*

#### Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Under 1,000 euros	1	67	0.8	6.7
1,000 - 1,500 euros	2	178	2.2	17.8
1,500 - 2,000 euros	3	240	3.0	24.0
2,000 - 2,500 euros	4	136	1.7	13.6
2,500 - 3,000 euros	5	107	1.3	10.7
3,000 - 3,500 euros	6	30	0.4	3.0
3,500 euros or more	7	79	1.0	7.9
No answer	9	163	2.0	16.3
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	7007	87.5	–
		8007	100.0	100.0

### [BV3\_5] Net income of the household per month, Poland

#### Question

*Net income of the household per month, Poland*

#### Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Under 1,500 zlotys	1	107	1.3	10.7

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label	value	n	%	v. %
1,500 - 2,000 zlotys	2	212	2.6	21.2
2,000 - 2,500 zlotys	3	117	1.5	11.7
2,500 - 3,000 zlotys	4	150	1.9	15.0
3,000 - 3,500 zlotys	5	107	1.3	10.7
3,500 - 4,000 zlotys	6	61	0.8	6.1
4,000 - 5,000 zlotys	7	54	0.7	5.4
5,000 zlotys or more	8	86	1.1	8.6
No answer	9	106	1.3	10.6
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	7007	87.5	–
		8007	100.0	100.0

### [BV3\_6] Net income of the household per month, Belgium

#### Question

*Net income of the household per month, Belgium*

#### Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Under 500 euros	1	25	0.3	2.5
500 - 999 euros	2	43	0.5	4.3
1,000 - 1,499 euros	3	142	1.8	14.2
1,500 - 1,999 euros	4	168	2.1	16.8
2,000 - 2,499 euros	5	169	2.1	16.9
2,500 - 2,999 euros	6	78	1.0	7.8
3,000 - 3,499 euros	7	82	1.0	8.2
3,500 euros or more	8	103	1.3	10.3
No answer	9	190	2.4	19.0
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	7007	87.5	–
		8007	100.0	100.0

### [BV3\_7] Net income of the household per month, Portugal

#### Question

*Net income of the household per month, Portugal*

#### Frequencies



label	value	n	%	v. %
Under 500 euros	1	102	1.3	10.2
500 - 750 euros	2	141	1.8	14.1
750 - 1,000 euros	3	161	2.0	16.1
1,000 - 1,250 euros	4	191	2.4	19.1
1,250 - 1,500 euros	5	82	1.0	8.2
1,500 - 1,750 euros	6	80	1.0	8.0
1,750 euros or more	7	98	1.2	9.8
No answer	9	145	1.8	14.5
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	7007	87.5	–
		8007	100.0	100.0

### [BV3\_8] Net income of the household per month, Finland

#### Question

*Net income of the household per month, Finland*

#### Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Under 1,000 euros	1	41	0.5	4.1
1,000 - 1,500 euros	2	77	1.0	7.7
1,500 - 2,000 euros	3	80	1.0	8.0
2,000 - 2,500 euros	4	97	1.2	9.7
2,500 - 3,000 euros	5	145	1.8	14.5
3,000 - 3,500 euros	6	131	1.6	13.1
3,500 - 4,000 euros	7	134	1.7	13.4
4,000 euros or more	8	183	2.3	18.3
No answer	9	112	1.4	11.2
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	7007	87.5	–
		8007	100.0	100.0

### [BV4] Some people talk about politics in terms of 'left' and 'right'. On a left-right scale from 1 to 7, with 1 indicating 'extreme left' and 7 indicating 'extreme right', where would you place yourself?

#### Question

*Some people talk about politics in terms of 'left' and 'right'. On a left-right scale from 1 to 7, with 1 indicating 'extreme left' and 7 indicating 'extreme right', where would you place yourself?*

#### Frequencies

## 2. Variables

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label	value	n	%	v. %
Extreme left	1	358	4.5	4.5
	2	440	5.5	5.5
	3	1357	16.9	16.9
	4	2612	32.6	32.6
	5	1031	12.9	12.9
	6	488	6.1	6.1
Extreme right	7	344	4.3	4.3
Don't know, no answer	9	1377	17.2	17.2
		8007	100.0	100.0

### [BV5] Country

#### Question

*Country*

#### Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Germany	0	1007	12.6	12.6
The United Kingdom	1	1000	12.5	12.5
France	2	1000	12.5	12.5
Italy	3	1000	12.5	12.5
Poland	4	1000	12.5	12.5
Belgium	5	1000	12.5	12.5
Portugal	6	1000	12.5	12.5
Finland	7	1000	12.5	12.5
		8007	100.0	100.0

### [BV6] Weight variable

#### Question

*Weight variable*

#### Descriptive statistics

statistic	value
number of valid cases	8007
minimum	–
maximum	–

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statistic	value
mean	–
standard deviation	–



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