European Values Study

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- The EVS project
- The achievements and activities
- The Atlas of European Values
- Europeans’ moralities
The EVS project

- Survey research program focusing on a broad range of values: family, work, religion, politics, society, wellbeing
- Increasing international and regional coverage
- High(est) methodological standards
- Data freely accessible for research
Research questions:

• What kind of value pattern exists in Europe?
• Is Europe a cultural unity?
• Do Christian values continue to permeate European life and culture?
• Is a coherent alternative meaning system replacing that of Christianity?
• What are the implications for European unity?
## Data and documentation

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* Can be merged with World Values Survey 5 wave aggregate 1981-2008 (SPSS file downloadable on EVS website)
Data and documentation

www.europeanvaluesstudy.eu

- Study descriptions (incl. errata)
- Method reports (info on sampling etc.)
- Field questionnaires (all countries/languages)
- Variable reports

Also available in two online interactive overviews:
- Online study description
- Online variable description
EVS Repository
for enhanced publications
click on publications and see clip

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**Repository**
- Search engine
- Bibliographic information
- Check for availability of full texts
- Export of citations

**Enhanced publications**
- Operationalisations: variables and syntax codes of concepts used
- Waves and countries: which (part of the) dataset(s) is used
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Dissemination

www.brill.com/publications/european-values-studies
Visitor’s centre European Parliament in Brussels (Parlementarium)
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United in Diversity
European Values Education (EVE)

- Cooperation with teachers college at Fontys University of Applied Sciences in Tilburg
- Comenius project: NL, UK, DE, TR, SK
- Teaching materials for secondary education in 7 languages
- Interactive website: making maps (and graphs) and assignments

www.atlasofeuropeanvalues.eu/new
Welcome to the educational website of the Atlas of European Values!

The European Values Study explores Europeans’ attitudes about religion, politics, work, society, family and Europe. The results are represented in maps that clearly show patterns and trends across Europe. This website offers several tools to compare maps or create new ones.

These maps can be used in education and in this website we offer a variety of examples of how that could be done. In addition there is a range of videos of young Europeans discussing their perspectives on some of the questions of the European Values Study. The maps, the videos and the strategies, lesson plans and assignments can be used to make engaging lessons that explore what we understand by Europe.
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European maps

View country maps
› 1981 › 1990 › 1999 › 2008

You can view maps with the average results of the European Values Study by country. Choose the year, then a theme and then the map.

View regional maps
› 2008

You can view maps with the average results of the European Values Study 2008 by region. Choose a theme and then the map.

Compare country maps
› Equal intervals
› Adjusted equal intervals
› Fixed intervals

You can compare maps with results from the European Values Study in different ways: between themes, between years, and between different respondent groups. In the mode 'Equal intervals' you can also compare maps with contextual information by country, like GDP. Choose the maps you want to compare in the menu.

Create maps
› 2008

You can create your own map by combining results from the European Values Study 2008.
EVE assignments

Society

- Why do people develop certain views on immigrants?
- What aspects make a country less tolerant?
- How tolerant are Europeans towards immigrant/foreign workers?
- Is Europe a place where people are tolerant of the differences of their neighbors?
- Why do people develop certain views on immigrants? 2
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- What do Europeans think are important components of democracy?
- What is Fathy’s problem?
- Is Europe a place where people believe that the scientific advances will harm in the long term?
- Is Europe a place where people prefer having neighbours who are like themselves in terms of behaviours, living styles, ethnic background, religion etc.?
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Atlas of European Values: Trends and Traditions at the turn of the Century
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Why an Atlas?

• Making survey data accessible to non-specialists
• Unlocking the results of our survey research project for the general public
• Presenting the results in a visual attractive and comprehensible way (e.g., graphs, charts, maps)
• Revealing the unity and diversity in values, norms, beliefs, attitudes and opinions in Europe at the turn of the millennium
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European citizenship

Feeling European
The percentage of people who choose Europe as the first or second geographical group they belong to. People have a choice of the options: town, region, country, Europe, and the world.

Each pie chart displays the geographical group people identify themselves with first of all.

World, Town, Europe, Region, Country
The permissiveness of homosexuality in Europe on a scale of 1 (never justified) to 10 (always justified)
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Work ethos

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

a) to fully develop your talents, you need to have a job
b) it is humiliating to receive money without having to work for it
c) people who don’t work turn lazy
d) work is a duty towards society
e) work should always come first, even if it means less spare time
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Work ethos
Exploring moralities

Please tell me for each of the following whether you think it can always be justified, never be justified, or something in between….

- claiming state benefits illegally
- cheating on tax
- joyriding
- sof drugs
- lying in own interest
- adultery
- accepting a bribe
- homosexuality
- abortion
- divorce

- euthanasia
- suicide
- paying cash to avoid tax
- having casual sex
- avoiding a fare
- prostitution
- scientific experiments on human embryos
- genetic manipulation of food stuffs
- artificial insemination or IVF
- death penalty
Sexual-ethical Permissiveness

Acceptance of:

- homosexuality
- abortion
- divorce
- euthanasia

1 = never; 10 = always
Civic permissiveness

Acceptance of:

- claiming state benefits illegally
- cheating on tax
- paying cash to avoid taxes
- accepting a bribe
- avoiding a fare

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Average score of public good (civic permissiveness) morality items (1=high; 10=low)

- Claiming state benefits which your are not entitled to
- Cheating on taks if you have the chance
- Paying cash to avoid taxes
- Avoiding a fare on public transport

Legend:
- Former Soviet States
- Central Eastern Europe
- Western Europe
In *Value Contrasts and Consensus in Present-Day Europe*, we (Wil Arts and I) have collected a considerable number of contributions that paint the moral landscape of Europe by empirically-theoretically analyzing value
Thank you!

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