

# European Values Study



## The most comprehensive research project on human values in Europe

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The European Values Study (EVS) is a large-scale, cross-national, and longitudinal survey research program on basic human values. It provides insights into the ideas, beliefs, preferences, attitudes, values and opinions of citizens all over Europe. It is a unique research project on how Europeans think about life, family, work, religion, politics and society.

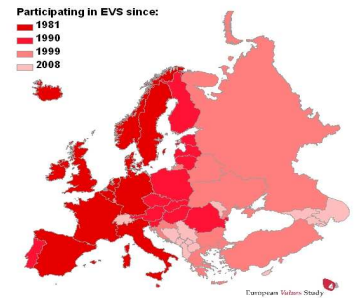
The European Values Study started in 1981, when a thousand citizens in the European Member States of that time were interviewed using standardized questionnaires. Every nine years, the survey is repeated in an increasing number of countries. The fourth wave in 2008 covers no less than 47 European countries/regions, from Iceland to Azerbaijan and from Portugal to Norway. In total, about 70,000 people in Europe are interviewed.

### The EVS project in short

- Survey program with focus on a broad range of values: family, work, religion, politics, society, wellbeing
- Longitudinal scope: data collections in 1981, 1990, 1999 and 2008
- Increasing international and regional coverage
- High methodological standards
- Data freely accessible for research

Participating in EVS since:

- 1981
- 1990
- 1999
- 2008



## Survey data

### The data waves of the European Values Study

- 1981 - 1st EVS wave (16 countries)
- 1990 - 2nd EVS wave (29 countries)
- 1999 - 3rd EVS wave (33 countries)
- 2008 - 4th EVS wave (47 countries/regions)
- 2017 - 5th EVS wave (in preparation)

The data cover a whole generation: almost 30 years. In total, 125 surveys are administered in 49 countries/regions; 166,502 Europeans answered questions in altogether 65 languages and language versions.

Languages fielded in EVS 2008

Language	Country	Language	Country	Language	Country	Language	Country
Albanian	Albania	Arabic	Arabic	Armenian	Armenia	Azerbaijani	Azerbaijan
Bosnian	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bulgarian	Bulgaria	Catalan	Catalonia	Czech	Czech Republic
Chinese	China	Dutch	Netherlands	Danish	Denmark	English	United Kingdom
German	Germany	French	France	Greek	Greece	Hebrew	Israel
Hebrew	Israel	Hungarian	Hungary	Indonesian	Indonesia	Italian	Italy
Japanese	Japan	Latvian	Latvia	Malay	Malaysia	Maltese	Malta
Polish	Poland	Portuguese	Portugal	Romanian	Romania	Russian	Russia
Slovak	Slovakia	Slovene	Slovenia	Spanish	Spain	Swedish	Sweden
Turkish	Turkey	Ukrainian	Ukraine	Uzbek	Uzbekistan	Yiddish	Yiddish

The blue boxes indicate countries sharing one or more languages. Blank languages are marked in red.

All data and documentation is downloadable free of charge. The EVS data files have been downloaded almost 18,000 times in the period 2006-2012 from GESIS Data Archive for the Social Sciences.



## Publications

More than 1,000 academic publications are realized based on EVS data. A large part of this literature is available through the **EVS Repository** which includes – next to biographical information – enhancements: information on which waves, countries and concepts (including variables and syntax codes) are used.

The **EVS book series** is published by Brill (Leiden) and includes academic monographs and edited volumes. At this moment, the EVS book series covers 15 titles. A special volume in this series is the **Atlas of European Values**, which graphically illustrates the rich diversity in values and beliefs of the more than 800 million Europeans living inside and outside the European Union today.

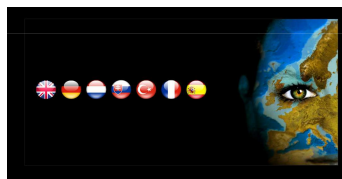
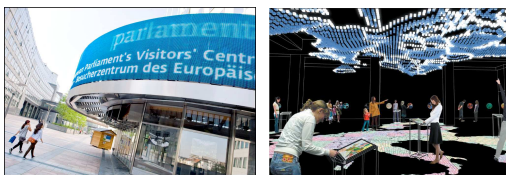


## Dissemination

### Beyond the academic world

The results of the European Values Study are disseminated in various ways to a broader audience than the academia.

For example, the EVS data are displayed in the United in Diversity exhibition in the **Parlementarium**, the visitor's centre of the European Parliament in Brussels.



In the EU funded project **European Values Education**, teaching materials for secondary education are developed in cooperation with Fontys University for Applied Sciences and other partners. The interactive website in seven languages [www.atlasofeuropeanvalues.eu](http://www.atlasofeuropeanvalues.eu) gives visitors the opportunity to create their own maps and graphs, to watch videos on youth in Europe, and to download teaching materials which can be used in the classroom.

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