Additional GERMANY weight variable for Eurobarometer

Starting with Eurobarometer 62 the special post-stratification (+ population size) weight variables by default exclude all other countries from calculation.

Starting with Eurobarometer 76 (finalized archive editions) new COUNTRY and POST-STRATIFICATION WEIGHT variables have been provided by the archive which keep all other countries for inclusion in your analysis. The following three cases have been considered:

- UNITED GERMANY (EAST+WEST)
- UNITED KINGDOM (GREAT BRITAIN + NORTHER IRELAND)
- UNITED GERMANY and UNITED KINDDOM

… plus all other countries.

Up to Eurobarometer 61 these versions of WEIGHT variables (and corresponding COUNTRY identification variables) are already available:

- WEIGHT SPECIAL UNITED KINGDOM
- WEIGHT SPECIAL GERMANY
- WEIGHT SPECIAL GERMANY & UNITED KINGDOM (This combined weight is available from Eurobarometer 47 to 61)

Starting with Eurobarometer 89.2 no separate sample is drawn for Northern Ireland, which is now covered by the sample for the United Kingdom. Therefore only the case

- UNITED GERMANY (EAST+WEST)

remains an issue.

The variable names in the examples below are based on survey 77.1 (ZA5597). For older Eurobarometer surveys the syntax must be adjusted to conform to the supplied V### variable names. The corresponding ARCHIVE EDITION variable names are:

w1	→	V8	"WEIGHT RESULT FROM TARGET"
w3	→	V12	"WEIGHT (SPECIAL) GERMANY"
w4	→	V10	"WEIGHT (SPECIAL) UNITED KINGDOM"
COUNTRY	→	V6	"NATION ALL SAMPLES"
cntry_de	→	V11	"NATION – UNITED GERMANY"
cntry_gb	→	V9	"NATION – UNITED KINGDOM"

You should always check the syntax for consistency with the dataset in use.