

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #1647

### Filter issues of "vote7"

02/01/2022 02:31 PM - Sebastian Jungkunz

<b>Status:</b>	Feedback	<b>Start date:</b>	02/01/2022
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>% Done:</b>	50%
<b>Assignee:</b>	Understanding Society User Support Team		
<b>Category:</b>	Questionnaire content		
<b>Description</b>			
Dear Support-Team,			
I am trying to make sense of the variable "vote7" which is called "voted in last general election". If I look at the distribution of the variable (e.g. in wave 11), about 53% of the respondents are coded as "-8 Inapplicable".			
At first, I thought that maybe only new respondents who entered the panel after the last election and were not yet asked this question were presented with the item. However, the filter for the variable includes the following: "if ff_snaelect = 1 (General election held prior to end of fixed-term parliament)".			
What does that indicate (the variable "ff_snaelect" cannot be searched)? Or more generally, what type of respondents are coded as "-8 Inapplicable"?			
Thank you very much.			
Best regards, Sebastian Jungkunz			

### History

#### #1 - 02/02/2022 11:26 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category changed from Data documentation to Questionnaire content
- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assignee changed from Alita Nandi to Understanding Society User Support Team
- % Done changed from 0 to 10

Many thanks for your enquiry. The Understanding Society team is looking into it and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We aim to respond to simple queries within 48 hours and more complex issues within 7 working days. While we will aim to keep to this response times due to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) related situation it may take us longer to respond.

Best wishes,  
Understanding Society User Support Team

#### #2 - 02/02/2022 11:26 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Private changed from Yes to No

#### #3 - 02/08/2022 02:48 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback
- % Done changed from 10 to 50

Dear Sebastian,

Vote7 was asked only of respondents who completed their interview after the 12th of December 2019, that is, the date of the snap general election (save for a few dozen respondents interviewed before that date who also got this question due to some fieldwork issues). Ff\_snaelect was a technical variable used by the fieldwork so it is not included in the public release of the data.

Regarding the routing/filtering in other waves, that is, who was inapplicable in each wave, it corresponds to the election calendar and differs from wave to wave. Please check the universe for vote7 in the questionnaires for waves you are interested in. You can download all questionnaires here: <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/questionnaires>

Best wishes,  
Understanding Society User Support Team