

Description of Sample and Data Collection

I. Country: **BELGIUM,**
FLANDERS

II. Type of Election (e.g. presidential; parliamentary; legislative):
PARLIAMENTARY

III. Date of Election: **13 June,**
1999

IV. Organization that Conducted the Survey Field Work: **Intituut voor
Politiek-Opinieonderzoek (ISPO), Leuven & Point d'appui
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VI. Study Design (check one)

___ Post-Election Study

___ Pre-/Post-Election Panel Study

VII. Dates of Interviewing

Date Post-Election Interviewing Began: **September 1999**

Date Post-Election Interviewing Ended: **January 2000**

(If Panel Study)

Date Pre-Election Interviewing Began:

Date Pre-Election Interviewing Ended:

VIII. Mode of interview (check one)

- ___ In person, face-to-face
___ Telephone
 ___ Mail or self-completion supplement

IX. Sample Design and Sampling Procedures

1. Eligibility Requirements

- a) age: **18 at election day**
b) citizenship: Yes No ___
c) other:

2. Persons Excluded From the Sample Frame

a) Were any regions of the country excluded from the sample frame?

Yes ___ No If yes,

explain:

b) Were institutionalized persons excluded from the sample? Yes ___ No

c) Were military personnel excluded from the sample? Yes ___ No

d) (If telephone interview) Estimated percentage of households

without a phone: ___%

e) (If telephone interview) Were unlisted telephone numbers included in the population sampled? Yes ___ No ___

f) Other persons excluded from the sample frame: **citizens**

living abroad

g) Estimated total (a+b+c+d+e+f) percentage of the eligible population excluded from the sample frame: **<1_ %**

3.1 Sampling Method (if Face-to-Face)

a) Describe how the primary sampling units were selected:

For Flanders:

Part of the respondents were panel respondents (1460) who cooperated

in 1991 and (or) 1995 and the other part was a cross-

section (718)

For the cross section (and for the first use of the panel

in 1991) a

two stage sampling procedure was used. Primary units were municipalities, selected according to their population

size.

Were the primary sampling units randomly selected?

Yes No ___

b) Was there a second stage selection? Yes No ___

c) Describe the method by which the second stage sampling

units

were selected: **Secondary units were selected at random**

within the

primary units, from the electoral registers. (see also

documentation

from codebook)

Were the secondary sampling units randomly selected?

Yes No ___

d) Was a selection table used to select the respondent within the household? Yes ___ No x If no, describe: **persons**
sample

e) Under what circumstances was a sample line designated non-sample? (Check all that apply)
___ All members of household are ineligible
___ Housing unit is vacant
___ No answer at housing unit
___ Other,

explain:

f) Were non-sample replacement methods used? Yes x No ___
If yes describe: **Replacement was taken from the same municipality as the original respondent.**

3.2 Sampling Method (if telephone)

a) Describe how the sample was drawn

b) Was the sample a random digit dial sample? Yes ___ No ___
listed sample? Yes ___ No ___
dual frame? Yes ___ No ___;
(if dual frame) % list frame: ___; % random-digit

dial: ___

c) Was a selection table used to select the respondent within the household? Yes ___ No ___ If no, describe:

d) Criteria for designating a sample line non-sample. (Check all that apply)
___ All members of household ineligible
___ Non-residential phone
___ No answer (if so), after how many calls to number? ___
___ Non-working number
___ Other,

explain:

e) Were non-sample replacement methods used? Yes ___ No ___
If yes describe:

3.3 Sampling Method (if mail / self completion)

a) Describe how the sample was drawn

b) Was the sample a listed sample? Yes ___ No ___
c) Was a selection table used to select the respondent within the household? Yes ___ No ___ If no, describe:

d) Criteria for designating a sample line non-sample. (Check all that apply)

- All members of household ineligible
- Housing unit is vacant
- Other,

explain:

- e) Were non-sample replacement methods used? Yes No
- If yes

describe:

4. Compliance

- a) Pre-Study Strategies: Prior to the study was
 - a letter sent to respondent? Yes No
 - payment sent to respondent? Yes No
 - a token gift sent to respondent? Yes No
 - any other incentives used? Yes No
- If yes,

describe:

- b) During the Field Period
 - Maximum number of contacts with the household before

declaring

it non-sample: no max (min. 3)

Maximum number of contacts with the household before

declaring

it non-interview: no max

Maximum number of days over which a household was

contacted: no max

Did interviewers vary the time of day at which they

recontacted

the household? Yes No

- c) Refusal Conversion

Was an effort made to persuade respondents who were

reluctant

to be interviewed? Yes No If No (go to

Section X)

Were respondents who were reluctant to be interviewed sent

a

letter persuading them to take part? Yes No

Was payment offered to respondents who were reluctant to

take

part? Yes No

Were respondents who were reluctant to take part turned

over to

a more experienced interviewer? Yes No

Maximum number of recontacts used to persuade respondent

to be

interviewed: _____

Other methods used to persuade respondents reluctant to be interviewed to take part:

X. Response Rate (to first wave if a panel study)

See section 3 of codebook: 1999 General Election Study Flanders, Belgium

- a) Total number of sample lines issued: _____
- b) Total number of completed interviews: _____
- c) Number of refusals: _____
- d) Number never contacted (no-contact): _____

- e) Other non-response: _____
- f) Number of lines of non-sample: _____
- g) Response Rate: $(b/(a-f))*100$: _____

XI. Panel Attrition (Complete only if CSES questionnaire is administered as part of a 2-wave panel study)

- a) Total number of respondents in wave I of the study: _____
- b) Number of wave I respondents re-interviewed in wave containing CSES

Module: _____

- c) Percent panel attrition $((a-b)/a)*100$: _____
- d) Panel attrition by age: _____

Age % Reinterviewed	
18-25	_____ %
26-40	_____ %
41-65	_____ %
65 & over	_____ %

- e) Panel attrition by education:

Education	% Reinterviewed
None	_____ %
Incomplete primary	_____ %
Primary completed	_____ %
Incomplete secondary	_____ %
Secondary completed	_____ %
University incomplete	_____ %
University degree	_____ %

XII. Sample Weight

- a) Are the data weighted? Yes No _____ If yes:
- b) Are the data weighted to compensate for disproportionate probability of selection at the person or household level? Yes _____ No
- c) Are the data weighted to match known demographic characteristics of the population? Yes No _____
- d) Are the data weighted to correct for non-response? Yes No _____

XIII. Description of interviewers (age, level of education, and years of experience):

all ages, lower and higher educated, from 0 to several years of experience

Description of interviewer training:
extensive

XIV. Comparison of Sample to Population

**See section 4 of codebook: 1999 General Election Study Flanders,
Belgium**

Characteristic Weighted	Population Estimates	Sample Estimates Unweighted	
Age			
18-25	_____%	_____%	_____%
26-40	_____%	_____%	_____%
41-66	_____%	_____%	_____%
65 and over	_____%	_____%	_____%
Education			
None	_____%	_____%	_____%
Incomplete primary	_____%	_____%	_____%
Primary completed	_____%	_____%	_____%
Incomplete secondary	_____%	_____%	_____%
Secondary completed	_____%	_____%	_____%
Post-secondary trade / vocational school	_____%	_____%	_____%
Incomplete university	_____%	_____%	_____%
University degree	_____%	_____%	_____%
Gender			
Male	_____%	_____%	_____%
Female	_____%	_____%	_____%

XV. Languages used in the interviews. List:

Dutch
