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: **Intituuut voor Politiek-Opinieonderzoek (ISPO), Leuven & Point d'appui Interuniversitaire sur l'Opinion Publique et la Politique (PIOP, Louvain La Neuve)**

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VI. Study Design (check one)

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

IX. Sample Design and Sampling Procedures

1. Eligibility Requirements
   a) age: 18 at election day
   b) citizenship: Yes _x_ No ___
   c) other:

2. Persons Excluded From the Sample Frame
   a) Were any regions of the country excluded from the sample frame?
      Yes ___ No _x_ If yes, explain:
   b) Were institutionalized persons excluded from the sample?
      Yes___ No _x_
   c) Were military personnel excluded from the sample?
      Yes ___ No _x_
   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) in 1991. 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 _x_ No ___
   b) Was there a second stage selection? Yes _x_ 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 _x_ No ___
d) Was a selection table used to select the respondent within the household? Yes ___ No _x_ If no, describe: persons

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 ineligibles
   ___ 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 ineligibles
___ 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 _x_ No ___
      payment sent to respondent? Yes ___ No _x_
      a token gift sent to respondent? Yes ___ No _x_
      any other incentives used? Yes ___ No _x_
      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 _x_
   c) Refusal Conversion
      Was an effort made to persuade respondents who were
      reluctant
      to be interviewed? Yes ___ No _x_ 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: \( \frac{b}{(a-f)} \times 100 \): ________  

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: \( \frac{(a-b)}{a} \times 100 \): _____  
d) Panel attrition by age: _____  

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XII. Sample Weight

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

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XV. Languages used in the interviews. List:

Dutch