Comparative Study of Electoral Systems

Description of Sample and Data Collection

I. Country: CZECH REPUBLIC

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

III. Date of Election: 31 May - 1 June 1996

IV. Organization that Conducted the Survey Field Work: STEM - Centre for Empirical Research Prague

V. Investigators Responsible for Data Collection

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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: 10 June 1996
   Date Post-Election Interviewing Ended: 18 June 1996

   (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
   ___ Mail or self-completion supplement

IX. Sample Design and Sampling Procedures

1. Eligibility Requirements
   a) age: 18+
   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 X No ___
   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: NONE

   g) Estimated total (a+b+c+d+e+f) percentage of the eligible population excluded from
      the sample frame: 1-2 %

3.1 Sampling Method (if Face-to-Face)
   a) Describe how the primary sampling units were selected: randomly
      stratified for regions and locality size
      sampling units = 300 localities
      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:
      quota - defined by age, sex, education
      Were the secondary sampling units randomly selected? Yes ___ No X - quota
   d) Was a selection table used to select the respondent within the household?
      Yes ___ No X
      If no, describe: ________________________________
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 ___ No ___
   If yes describe: ____________________________

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: ____________________________

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 ___ 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:
      Maximum number of contacts with the household before declaring it non-interview:
      Maximum number of days over which a household was contacted: ______
      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: ___3___
      Other methods used to persuade respondents reluctant to be interviewed to take part:

   __________________________

X. Response Rate (to first wave if a panel study)
   a) Total number of sample lines issued: 3038
   b) Total number of completed interviews: 1589
   c) Number of refusals: ______
   d) Number never contacted (no-contact): ______
e) Other non-response:  

f) Number of lines of non-sample: 2  

g) Response Rate: (b/(a-f))*100: 52.3

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: 1589

b) Number of wave I respondents re-interviewed in wave containing CSES Module: 1229

c) Percent panel attrition ((a-b)/a)*100: 22.7

d) Panel attrition by age:

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e) Panel attrition by education:

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XII. Sample Weight

a) Are the data weighted? Yes ___ No X

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 ___

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1 These include cases where there were language difficulties, a non-competent respondent, illness, or a respondent who was away from home for the entire field period.

2 Non-sample includes: vacant houses, houses where no resident was eligible (e.g. non-citizens or underage residents).
e) Describe the procedure used to construct the sample weight:


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

Age: 44% 45-49 / 56% more than 45 years

50% men / 50% women / 2 years 43%

more 57% / Secondary educ. 57% / Univ 33% / elemnt. 10%

Description of interviewer training:

Approx. 20 surveys in a year

Regular training session every year

XIV. Comparison of Sample to Population

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XV. Languages used in the interviews. List:

Czech

1 From national statistical agency. Provide source.