Description of Sample and Data Collection

I. Country: Germany

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

III. Date of Election: Sept. 28, 1998


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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: Sept. 28, 1998
   Date Post-Election Interviewing Ended: Oct. 17, 1998
   (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
   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 _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: ___ca.96%___

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

f) Other persons excluded from the sample frame:

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

3.1 Sampling Method (if Face-to-Face)

a) Describe how the primary sampling units were selected:

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:

Were the secondary sampling units randomly selected?  
Yes ___  No ___

d) Was a selection table used to select the respondent within the household?  Yes ___  No ___  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 _x_  No ___
listed sample?  Yes ___ No _x_
dual frame?  Yes ___ No _x_;  
(if dual frame) % list frame: ___; % random-digit dial: ___

c) Was a selection table used to select the respondent within the household?  Yes _x_  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?  12_
___ Non-working number
___ Other, explain:

e) Were non-sample replacement methods used?  Yes ___ No _x_
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 ___ 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: 12
   Maximum number of days over which a household was contacted: whole field

work period

   Did interviewers vary the time of day at which they recontacted the household? Yes _x_ No ___ 

c) Refusal Conversion 

   Was an effort made to persuade respondents who were reluctant to be interviewed? Yes _x__ 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: 1

   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: _6000___
   b) Total number of completed interviews: _2019___
   c) Number of refusals: _1386___
   d) Number never contacted (no-contact): 169___
   e) Other non-response: _360___
   f) Number of lines of non-sample: _2066___
   g) Response Rate: (b/(a-f))*100: 51.32%

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:

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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 ___ No _x__

XIII. Description of interviewers (age, level of education, and years of experience):
Experienced telephone interviewers, age 18-70.

Description of interviewer training:

XIV. Comparison of Sample to Population

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XV. Languages used in the interviews. List: German

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