

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
- IV. Organization that Conducted the Survey Field Work: forsa. Gesellschaft für Sozialforschung und statistische Analysen mbH, Dortmund/Berlin.
- 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: 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 ineligible
 - ___ 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 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 x
 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: ___
 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 x
 Was payment offered to respondents who were reluctant to take part? Yes ___ No x
 Were respondents who were reluctant to take part turned over to a more experienced interviewer? Yes ___ No x
 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:

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):

Experienced telephone interviewers, age 18-70.

Description of interviewer training:

XIV. Comparison of Sample to Population

	Population Estimate		Sample Estimates	
	West	%	unweighted %	weighted (WT2) %
Age				
18-25	4970.3	9.3	9.3	10.7
26-40	16521	30.7	40.3	32.9
41-66	22245.5	41.4	38.4	41.8
67+	9994.8	18.6	12.0	14.6
	53731.6	100.0		
Gender				
Male	25850.6	46.8	46.9	48.1
Female	29421.1	53.2	53.1	51.9
	55271.7	100.0		
	East			
Age				
18-25	1256.9	10.1	11.5	11.3
26-40	3569.8	28.7	32.7	30.0
41-66	5408.2	43.5	44.2	44.5
67+	2193.9	17.7	11.6	14.2
	12428.8	100.0		
Gender				
Male	5987	48.2	48.8	48.1
Female	6442	51.8	51.2	51.9
	12429	100.0		

Education: population estimates are not necessarily reliable. Combination from OECD-statistics and National Statistical Office; available only for unified Germany 1995

	Popul.Estim. %	Sample Estimate %
None/incomplete primary/primary completed/incomplete secondary	16.0	25.0
Secondary completed/post-secondary trade	71.0	60.0
Incomplete university/university degree	13.0	14.0
missing		1.0

XV. Languages used in the interviews. List: German

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