Comparative Study of Electoral Systems

Description of Sample and Data Collection

I. Country: Israel

II. Type of Election: PM + parliamentary

III. Date of Election: 29/5/96

IV. Organization that conducted the Survey fieldwork: Machshov

V. Investigators Responsible for Data Collection

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VI. Study Design (check one)

✓ Post-Election Study

VII. Dates of Interviewing

Date Post-Election Interviewing Began: 13/07/96
Date Post-Election Interviewing Ended: 07/08/96

VIII. Mode of interview (check one)

✓ Telephone

IX. Sample Design and Sampling Procedures

1. Eligibility Requirements
   a) Age: 18
   b) Citizenship: No
   c) other: Citizenship not probed

2. Persons Excluded From the Sample Frame
   a) Were any regions of the country excluded from the sample frame? No
   b) Were institutionalized persons excluded from the sample? Yes
   c) Were military personnel excluded from the sample? No, but soldiers on active duty are under-represented
   d) (If telephone interview) Estimated percentage of households without a phone: Jews 3% Arabs 18%
   e) (If telephone interview) Were unlisted telephone numbers included in the population sampled? 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: 15%
3.2 Sampling Method (if telephone)

a) Describe how the sample was drawn based on telephone listings, 2 samples were drawn – a general sample and an Arabic sample, 3 separate alternative lists were prepared for each sample (with 1200 potential interviewees on each general list and 220 on the Arab list). First, only people from the first list were interviewed (3 tries), when the first list was “used”, the second list was interviewed by the same procedure, when it was “finished”, the third list was interviewed. In the Arab sample the response rates were better then in the Jewish and Russian sub-samples. List 3 was not used on the Arab sample.

b) Was the sample
A random digit dial sample? No
Listed sample? Yes
Dual frame? No
c) Was a selection table used to select the respondent within the household? No if no, describe:
d) Criteria for designating a sample line non-sample. (Check all that applies)
✓ All members of household ineligibles - Yes
✓ Non-residential phone - Yes
✓ No answer (if so), after how many calls to number? 3
✓ Non-working number - Yes

e) Were non-sample replacement methods used? No

4. Compliance

a) Pre-Study Strategies: Prior to the study was
A letter sent to respondent? No
Payment sent to respondent? No
A token gift sent to respondent? No
Any other incentives used? No

b) During the Field Period
Maximum number of contacts with the household before declaring it non-sample: 3
Maximum number of contacts with the household before declaring it non-interview: 3
Maximum number of days over which a household was contacted: 3
Did interviewers vary the time of day at which they recontacted the household? Yes

c) Refusal Conversion
Was an effort made to persuade respondents who were reluctant to be interviewed? Yes
Were respondents who were reluctant to be interviewed sent a letter persuading them to take part? No
Was payment offered to respondents who were reluctant to take part? No
Were respondents who were reluctant to take part turned over to a more experienced interviewer? No
Maximum number of recontacts used to persuade respondent to be interviewed: 1
X. Response Rate (to first wave if a panel study)

a) Total number of sample lines issued: 3895
b) Total number of completed interviews: 1091
c) Number of refusals: 1900
d) Number never contacted (no-contact): 904
e) Other non-response: information not available
f) Number of lines of non-sample: information not available
g) Response Rate: \( \frac{b}{(a-f)} \times 100 \): 28%

XII. Sample Weight

a) Are the data weighted? No

XIII. Description of interviewers (age, level of education, and years of experience): the interviews were conducted in three languages-Hebrew, Arabic and Russian, by a total of 20 interviewers.

The Hebrew speaking interviewers: were 50% undergraduate students, 25% high-school graduates and 25% housewives or teachers; 90% experienced interviewers and 10% inexperienced (first time employed as interviewers).

The Arabic speaking interviewers (two): both were undergraduate students and experienced interviewers.

The Russian speaking interviewers (four): all were undergraduate students and experienced interviewers.

Description of interviewer training: information not available
XIV. Comparison of Sample to Population

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XV. Languages used in the interviews. List: Hebrew, Arabic, Russian

\(^1\)Government of Israel, National statistical agency, 1997 *yearbook*, no. 48. (data estimation of the end of 1996)