

Comparative Study of Electoral Systems

Description of Sample and Data Collection

I. Country: NORWAY

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

III. Date of Election: 15.09.97

IV. Organization that Conducted the Survey Field Work: STATISTICS NORWAY

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: 16.09.97  
Date Post-Election Interviewing Ended: 30.11.97

(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: 18-79
- 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   
If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b) Were institutionalized persons excluded from the sample? Yes  No
- c) Were military personnel excluded from the sample? Yes  No
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 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: PSUs stratified in 109 strata. One PSU selected from each strata. PSU = municipality  
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: Persons selected from population register in selected PSU. Systematically random sampling  
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  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 ineligible
- 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 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

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:   4  

Maximum number of days over which a household was contacted:   4  

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:   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:   2958  

b) Total number of completed interviews:   2055  

c) Number of refusals:   650  

d) Number never contacted (no-contact):   109

- e) Other non-response:<sup>1</sup> 145
- f) Number of lines of non-sample:<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Response Rate:  $(b/(a-f))*100$ : \_\_\_\_\_

**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  $((a-b)/a)*100$ : \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Panel attrition by age: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Age</u>	<u>% Reinterviewed</u>
18-25	_____ %
26-40	_____ %
41-65	_____ %
65 & over	_____ %

e) Panel attrition by education:

<u>Education</u>	<u>% Reinterviewed</u>
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 \_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 : 28 - 67 years old  
 education : primary school - university  
 experience : 3 months - 25 years of experience  
 Description of interviewer training: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

XIV. Comparison of Sample to Population

Characteristic	Population Estimates <sup>3</sup>	Sample Estimates	
		Unweighted	Weighted
<b>Age</b>			
18-25	19.4%	12.2%	____%
26-40	30.4%	31.5%	____%
<del>41-50</del> 40-69	46.1%	47.5%	____%
<del>60</del> and over 70	11.0%	8.3%	____%
<b>Education</b>			
None	____%	____%	____%
Incomplete primary	____%	____%	____%
Primary completed	21.4%	18.4%	____%
Incomplete secondary	____%	____%	____%
Secondary completed	55.6%	57.1%	____%
Post-secondary trade / vocational school	____%	____%	____%
Incomplete university	____%	____%	____%
University degree	21.8%	23.6%	____%
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	49.9%	52.9%	____%
Female	50.1%	47.1%	____%

XV. Languages used in the interviews. List:

Norwegian \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> From national statistical agency. Provide source. *Statistics Norway*