Comparative Study of Electoral Systems

Description of Sample and Data Collection

I. Country: Poland

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

III. Date of Election: 21 September 1997

IV. Organization that Conducted the Survey Field Work: CBOS (Centrum Badania Opinii Społecznej)

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: 29 September 1997
Date Post-Election Interviewing Ended: 6 October 1997

(IF Panel Study)
Date Pre-Election Interviewing Began: N/A
Date Pre-Election Interviewing Ended: N/A
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 √ 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: homeless (50,000-200,000)

      g) Estimated total (a+b+c+d+e+f) percentage of the eligible
         population excluded from the sample frame: 0 %

3.1 Sampling Method (if Face-to-Face)
   a) Describe how the primary sampling units were selected:
      Statistical districts (as defined by the Main Statistical Office) selected by Probability
      Proportional to Size method in regions.
      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:
      Random selection of addresses in statistical districts.
      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: 3
Maximum number of days over which a household was contacted: 9
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: ___
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: 2,800
b) Total number of completed interviews: 2,003
c) Number of refusals: 232
d) Number never contacted (no-contact): 260
e) Other non-response: 11
f) Number of lines of non-sample: 160
g) Response Rate: (b/(a-f))*100: 75.7%  

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):

Mean age 41 years; 51% mean, 45% women (6% N/A); education: 2% less then secondary, 21% secondary, 17% some college, 48% college (14% N/A); mean No. of years of experience 4.

Description of interviewer training:

Two stage training: (1) Local coordinators trained at the CBOS headquarters in Warsaw. Extensive training, with special attention devoted to atypical and unusual formats (including CSES module), responses to trainees questions given by investigators. (2) Interviewers trained by coordinators in their localities.
XIV. Comparison of Sample to Population

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XV. Languages used in the interviews. List: Polish