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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF ELECTORAL SYSTEMS
Module 2: Sample Design and Data Collection Report
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Country: Albania

Date of Election: 3 July 2005

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

Parliamentary

Organization that conducted the survey field work:

Albanian Political Science Association and GLOBIC LLC

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A. Study Design

- Post-Election Study
- Pre-/Post-Election Panel Study

Date Post-Election Interviewing Began:

5 July 2005

Date Post-Election Interviewing Ended:

20 July 2005

If Panel Study:

Date Pre-Election Interviewing Began:

Date Pre-Election Interviewing Ended:

Mode of (post-election) interview:

- In person, face-to-face
- Telephone
- Mail or self-completion supplement

Language(s) used in questionnaire(s) (Please provide copies of questionnaires in all languages used, as well as a version translated in English, if applicable, as part of the Election Study Deposit):

ALBANIAN

B. Sample Design and Sampling Procedures

1. Eligibility Requirements

a) Age: Minimum__18____ Maximum__NONE____

b) Citizenship: Yes____

c) Other requirements:

2. Sample Frame:

a) Were any regions of the country excluded from the sample frame?

No, no region was excluded from the sample frame

If yes, please explain:

b) Were institutionalized persons excluded from the sample?

Yes____

Please explain:

Information about institutionalized people was not available.

c) Were military personnel excluded from the sample?

Yes____

Please explain:

Information about military personal was not available. However, we believe that a significant portion of this population segment was included in our sample frame as civilians.

d) If interviews were conducted by telephone:

i. What is the estimated percentage of households without a phone: _____%

ii. Were unlisted telephone numbers included in the population sampled?

No_____ Yes_____

Please explain:

iii. Were substitution methods used for unproductive sample points?

No_____ Yes_____

Please explain:

e) Were other persons excluded from the sample frame?

No_____

Please explain:

f) Estimated total (a + b + c + d + e) percentage of the eligible population excluded from the sample frame: **less than** 5 %

3. Sample Selection Procedures:

a) What were the primary sampling units?

2005 electoral precincts in combination with information about the size of the local government units

b) Were the primary sampling units randomly selected?

Yes _____

Please explain:

The 2005 Albanian post-election survey was administered through interviews with a representative sample of 1,500 households. We used a stratified sample selection model whereby the country was divided into two parts: *i*) the six main districts counting for 48 percent of the total population of Albania, and *ii*) the rest of the country. In the six main districts, we interviewed seven to ten households in each Primary Sample Unit (PSU) selected for every 9,200 households sorted geographically from North to South (7 or 10 interviews x 83 PSUs for every 9,200 households). In the rest of the country, we interviewed seven to ten households in each PSU (90) selected for every 7,520 households.

c) Were there further stages of selection?

No__

Please explain:

d) How were individual respondents identified?

The second household member over 18 years old to appear to the interviewer was selected as a respondent.

e) Under what circumstances was a sample line designated non- sample?

Please check all that apply:

- Non-residential sample point
- All members of household are ineligible
- Housing unit is vacant
- No answer at housing unit after three visits
- Other (Please explain):

f) Were non-sample replacement methods used?

No

Please describe:

g). For surveys conducted by telephone:

i. Was the sample a random digit dial (RDD) sample? Yes_____ No_____

ii. Was the sample a listed sample? Yes_____ No_____

iii. Was the sample a dual frame sample? No_____ Yes_____

If yes, what % list frame_____ and what % RDD_____

h) For surveys conducted by mail:

Was the sample a listed sample?

Yes_____ No_____

Please describe:

4. Compliance:

Prior to the study:

a) Was a letter sent to respondent?

No

(If yes, please include a copy of the letter in the Deposit)

b) Was payment sent to respondent?

No

If yes, please describe:

c) Was a token gift sent to respondent?

No

If yes, please describe:

d) Were any other incentives used?

No

If yes, please describe:

5. During the Field Period:

- a) How many contacts were made with the household before declaring it **non-sample**?

A household was declared non-sample after three contacts.

- b) How many contacts were made with the household before declaring it **non-interview**?

Three contacts

- c) Maximum number of days over which a household was contacted?

Two days

- d) Did interviewers vary the time of day at which they re-contacted the household? **Yes**_____

Please describe:

Visits were alternated in morning and afternoon.

- e) Refusal Conversion:

- i. Were efforts made to persuade respondents who were reluctant to be interviewed?

Yes_____

Please describe: Interviewers presented letters from the principle investigator explaining the purpose of the study and the confidentiality clause.

- ii. Were respondents who were reluctant to be interviewed sent a letter persuading them to take part?

See above.

If so, please describe (in addition, please include a copy of the letter in the deposit):

- iii. Was payment offered to respondents who were reluctant to take part?

No

If yes, how much?

- iv. Were respondents who were reluctant to take part turned over to a more experienced interviewer? **No**_____

- v. What was the maximum number of re-contacts used to persuade respondent to be interviewed?

Three re-contacts

- vi. Were any other methods used to persuade respondents reluctant to be interviewed to take part?
No

Please describe:

6. Response Rate:
(Note: if a panel study, please report response rate of the first wave)

Total number of sample lines issued:	1500
Number of refusals:	_____
Number never contacted (no-contact):	_____
Other non-response:	_____
Number of lines of non-sample:	_____
Total number of completed interviews:	1148
Response Rate:	76%

7. Panel Attrition:
(Note: This only applies if CSES questionnaire is administered as part of a 2-wave panel study):

Total number of respondents in Wave I of the study: _____

Number of Wave I respondents re-interviewed in wave containing CSES Module: _____

Percent total panel attrition: _____

8. Panel attrition by age and education (given as percentages; please indicate whether numbers provided are % re-interviewed or % attrition):

Age

18-25 _____ %
26-40 _____ %
41-65 _____ %
65 & over _____ %

Education

None _____ %
Incomplete primary _____ %
Primary completed _____ %
Incomplete secondary _____ %
Secondary completed _____ %
University incomplete _____ %
University degree _____ %

9. Sample Weights

a) Are weights included in the data file?

No

Please describe how the weights were constructed:

b) Are the weights designed to compensate for disproportionate probability of selection at the respondent/household level?

No_____ Yes_____

Please describe:

c) Are the weights designed to match known demographic characteristics of the population?

No_____ Yes_____

Please describe:

d) Are the data weighted to correct for non-response?

No

Please describe:

10. a) Please describe the interviewers (e.g., age, level of education, years of experience):

Age: 20 – 40 y/o

Education: university level

Previous experience as interviewers: About 50 percent of the interviewers had previous experience with face to face surveys

- b) Please provide a description of interviewer training:

Training followed the standard training workshop procedures of Globic LLC, including explanation of the survey instrument and study design, instruction on how to record the data, how to handle various situations during field work, and two training sessions for each interviewer in a real interview setting.

11. Comparison of Sample to Population

Characteristic	<u>Population Estimates</u>	<u>Sample Estimates</u>	
		Unweighted	Weighted
<u>Age</u>			
18-25		12%	
26-40		29	
41-66		49	
65 and over		10	
<u>Education</u>			
None		1%	
Incomplete Primary		2	
Primary Completed		6	
Incomplete Secondary		3	
Secondary Completed		21	
Post-Secondary Trade/ Vocational		44	
Incomplete University		7	
University Degree		15	
<u>Gender</u>			
Male	49.8%	52%	
Female	50.2	48	