

CSES Module 2:
Sample Design and Data Collection Report

Country (Date of Election): **BELGIUM, May 18th 2003**

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

Organization that Conducted the Survey Field Work: **Institute of Social and Political Opinion Research (ISPO), K.U.Leuven, Belgium & Point d'appui Interuniversitaire sur l'Opinion Publique et la Politique (PIOP), U.C.Louvain, Belgium**

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Languages used in Interviews: (Please provide copies of all survey instruments, and translation for those that were not conducted in English).

- **Dutch**

- **French**

A. Study Design

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

Date Post-Election Interviewing Began: **15/12/2003**
 Date Post-Election Interviewing Ended: **31/04/2004**

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

B. Sample Design and Sampling Procedures

1. Eligibility Requirements
- a) Age: Minimum...**18**..... Maximum...**85**.....
 - b) Citizenship: Yes No
 - c) Other requirements:

2. Sample Frame:
- a) Were any regions of the country excluded from the sample frame?
 No Yes :
The German speaking region was excluded. Population size: +/- 72.000

 - b) Were institutionalized persons excluded from the sample?
 No Yes :

 - c) Were military personnel excluded from the sample?
 No Yes :

 - d) If interviews were conducted by telephone:
 What is the estimated percentage of households without a phone: ___%

Were unlisted telephone numbers included in the population sampled?
Yes No

Were substitution methods used for unproductive sample points? No Yes :
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e) Were other persons excluded from the sample frame: No Yes :
Citizens living abroad: +/- 50.000
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f) Estimated total (a + b + c + d + e) percentage of the eligible population
excluded from the sample frame: +/- **1,25 %**

2. Sample Selection Procedures:

a) What were the primary sampling units? Were the primary sampling units
randomly selected? No Yes (Please Describe):

**A two stage sampling procedure was used. Primary units were, stratified by
province, municipalities, selected according to their population size.**

b) Were there further stages of selection? No Yes (Please Describe):

**Secondary (or elementary) units were selected at random within the primary
units.**

c) How were individual respondents identified?

**See b: individual respondents were selected at random from the national
registry.**

e) Under what circumstances was a sample line designated non- sample?
(Check all that apply)

- Non-residential sample point
- All members of household are ineligible
- Housing unit is vacant
- No answer at housing unit after callbacks
- Other, explain:
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f) Were non-sample replacement methods used? No Yes
(Please Describe):
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For surveys conducted by telephone:
Was the sample a random digit dial sample? Yes No
Was the sample a listed sample? Yes No
Was the sample a dual frame? No Yes with % list frame and % RDD

For surveys conducted by mail:
Was the sample a listed sample? Yes No (Please Describe):.....
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4. Compliance

a) Prior to the study was:

a letter sent to respondent? No Yes (Please Include with Deposit
payment sent to respondent? No Yes , in the amount of:.....
a token gift sent to respondent? No Yes (Please Describe):
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any other incentives used? No Yes (Please Describe):
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b) During the Field Period

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

How many contacts were made with the household before declaring it non-interview? **Minimum 4**

Maximum number of days over which a household was contacted: **No maximum**

Did interviewers vary the time of day at which they re-contacted the household? No Yes (Please Describe):

Interviewers had to make four attempts to contact each one of the respondents. At least one of these attempts had to take place after 6 P.M. and one had to take place during the weekend.

c) Refusal Conversion

Was an effort made to persuade respondents who were reluctant to be interviewed? No Yes (Please Describe):

Were respondents who were reluctant to be interviewed sent a letter persuading them to take part? No Yes (Please Describe/ Include with Deposit):
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Was payment offered to respondents who were reluctant to take part? No Yes , in the amount of:

Were respondents who were reluctant to take part turned over to a more experienced interviewer? No Yes

What was the maximum number of re-contacts used to persuade respondent to be interviewed?
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Were any other methods used to persuade respondents reluctant to be interviewed to take part? No Yes (Please Describe):
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5. Response Rate (to first wave if a panel study)

Total number of sample lines issued:	3510
Number of refusals:	659
Number never contacted (no-contact):	352
Other non-response:	274
Number of lines of non-sample:	
Total number of completed interviews:	2225
Response Rate:	63,4%

Panel Attrition (NOTE: Complete only 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:

Panel attrition by age and education: (% re-interviewed):

18-25%	None %
26-40%	Incomplete primary %
41-65%	Primary completed%
65 & over%	Incomplete secondary%
		Secondary completed%
		University incomplete%
		University degree%

6. Sample Weights

a) Are weights included in the data-file? No Yes (Please Describe their Construction):

AGE Belg: weighting coefficients for joint distribution of region, age, gender and education for the Belgian sample;

AGE VLA: weighting coefficients for joint distribution of age, gender and education for the Flemish sample;

AGE WAL: weighting coefficients for joint distribution of age, gender and education for the Walloon sample;

AGEV Belg: weighting coefficients for joint distribution of region, age, gender, education and voting behavior in the 2003 General Elections for the Belgian sample;

AGEV VLA: weighting coefficients for joint distribution of age, gender, education and voting behavior in the 2003 General Elections for the Flemish sample;

AGEV WAL: weighting coefficients for joint distribution of age, gender, education and voting behavior in the 2003 General Elections for the Walloon sample;

b) Are the weights designed to compensate for disproportionate probability of selection at the person or household level? No Yes (Please Describe):

c) Are the weights designed to match known demographic characteristics of the population? No Yes (Please Describe):

The weights are designed to match the known demographic distribution of the population by age, gender and education.

d) Are the data weighted to correct for non-response? No Yes (Please Describe):

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7. a) Please describe the interviewers (age, level of education, and years of experience):
All ages, lower and higher education. All of the interviewers had previous experience.

b) Description of interviewer training:
All interviewers received a four hour briefing in order to make the interviewers familiar with the questionnaire and the purpose of the survey. Next to that, interviewers were given instructions concerning the contact procedure and the introduction.

XIV. Comparison of Sample to Population

Characteristic	Population Estimates	Sample Estimates Unweighted	Weighted
Age			
18-24 y	11.06	12.40	10.87
25-34 y	17.18	15.46	17.07
35-44 y	19.74	19.24	19.83
45-54 y	17.72	18.02	17.80
55-64 y	13.75	15.06	13.64
65-85 y	20.73	19.82	20.79
Education			
Lower	23.23	15.15	22.96
Lower secondary	19.92	24.04	20.01
Higher secondary	32.43	31.96	32.58
Higher	16.41	19.37	16.44
University	8.01	9.48	8.02
Gender			
Man	48.85	49.30	48.83
Woman	51.15	50.70	51.17