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Country: ITALY

Date of Election: April 10, 2006

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

Organization that conducted the survey field work: IPSOS

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A. Study Design

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

Date Post-Election Interviewing Began:

5/10/2006

Date Post-Election Interviewing Ended:

5/16/2006

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):

Italian

B. Sample Design and Sampling Procedures

1. Eligibility Requirements

- a) Age: Minimum 18 Maximum 99
- b) Citizenship: **Yes**
- c) Other requirements:

2. Sample Frame:

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

Yes

If yes, please explain:

Trentino Alto Adige (many people speak German)

- b) Were institutionalized persons excluded from the sample?

Yes

Please explain:

- c) Were military personnel excluded from the sample?

No

Please explain:

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?

Yes

Please explain:

Advertising

Marketing resource business

People surveyed in the last six months

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

5%

3. Sample Selection Procedures:

a) What were the primary sampling units?

Individuals

b) Were the primary sampling units randomly selected?

Yes

Please explain:

Door to door random walk

c) Were there further stages of selection?

No

Please explain:

d) How were individual respondents identified?

Every interviewer decided using a stratification about sex and age

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 _____ callbacks

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**?

1

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

1

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

1

d) Did interviewers vary the time of day at which they re-contacted the household? **No**

Please describe:

e) Refusal Conversion:

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

No

Please describe:

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

No

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? **No**

- 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:	
Number of refusals:	
Number never contacted (no-contact):	
Other non-response:	
Number of lines of non-sample:	
Total number of completed interviews:	
Response Rate:	

No record of response rate

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?

Yes

Please describe how the weights were constructed:

There is a demographical weight (based on population distribution), and a political weight (based on electoral results).

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

No

Please describe:

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

Yes

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):

The interviewer is generally a female, 40 years old, incomplete or completed secondary school, with many years of experience.

- b) Please provide a description of interviewer training:

The supervisor makes training to interviewer and makes the briefing. The new interviewer receives a manual and is monitored.

11. Comparison of Sample to Population

Characteristic	<u>Population Estimates</u>	<u>Sample Estimates</u>	
		Unweighted	Weighted
<u>Age</u>			
18-24	10,0	13,3	10,0
25-34	19,0	18,2	19,0
35-44	18,4	18,9	18,4
45-54	16,2	15,6	16,2
55-64	14,2	14,5	14,2
> 64	22,2	19,5	22,2
<u>Education</u>			
None	31,0	15,1	31,0
Incomplete Primary			
Primary Completed	32,3	31	32,3
Incomplete Secondary			
Secondary Completed	24,6	38,3	24,6
Post-Secondary Trade/ Vocational			
Incomplete University	4,8	7,3	4,8
University Degree	7,3	8,3	7,3
<u>Gender</u>			
Male	48,0	49,3	48,0
Female	52,0	50,7	52,0