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

August 23, 2004

Country: ROMANIA

Date of Election:

First round November 28, 2004,

Second round December 12, 2004

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

Organization that conducted the survey field work: THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRACY, BABEŞ-BOLYAI UNIVERSITY

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A. Study Design

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

Date Post-Election Interviewing Began: DECEMBER 14, 2004

Date Post-Election Interviewing Ended: JANUARY 7, 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):

ROMANIAN

B. Sample Design and Sampling Procedures

1. Eligibility Requirements

a) Age: Minimum ___18___ Maximum ___ - ___

b) Citizenship: Yes _____

c) Other requirements: NO

2. Sample Frame:

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

No

If yes, please explain:

b) Were institutionalized persons excluded from the sample?

Yes _____

Please explain:

The sample frame did not include people in prisons, military bases and hospitals.

c) Were military personnel excluded from the sample?

Yes, those living in military bases.

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

e) Were other persons excluded from the sample frame?

No

f) Estimated total (a + b + c + d + e) percentage of the eligible population excluded from the sample frame: ___ < 3 ___ %

3. Sample Selection Procedures:

a) What were the primary sampling units?

Localities.

b) Were the primary sampling units randomly selected?

Yes

Please explain: the localities were randomly selected from each strata of the population (defined by the region and size of locality).

c) Were there further stages of selection?

Yes _____

Please explain: In each selected locality, two starting addresses were drawn at random by the principal investigators. Further addresses were selected by a random route procedure – as every 5th address from the initial address.

d) How were individual respondents identified? In each household one respondent was chosen using “first birthday method”. In the case the selected respondent could not be interviewed at the moment, the interviewer tried three more contacts with him (her).

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 3 callbacks**
- Other (Please explain):

f) Were non-sample replacement methods used?

No

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

b) Was payment sent to respondent?

No

c) Was a token gift sent to respondent?

No

d) Were any other incentives used?

No

5. During the Field Period:

a) How many contacts were made with the household before declaring it **non-sample? 3**

b) How many contacts were made with the household before declaring it **non-interview? 3**

c) Maximum number of days over which a household was contacted? 14

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

Please describe: The interviewers were instructed that each contact of the household takes place at a different time of the day (at least two hours difference).

e) Refusal Conversion:

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

No

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

No

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

No

- 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? 1
- vi. Were any other methods used to persuade respondents reluctant to be interviewed to take part?
Yes _____

Please describe: The interviewer provided each respondent with a letter signed by the principal investigators.

6. Response Rate:

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

Total number of sample lines issued:	1910
Number of refusals:	240
Number never contacted (no-contact):	235
Other non-response:	98
Number of lines of non-sample:	0
Total number of completed interviews:	1913
Response Rate:	70.0%

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):

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

<u>Education</u>		%
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
- b) Are the weights designed to compensate for disproportionate probability of selection at the respondent/household level?
No
- c) Are the weights designed to match known demographic characteristics of the population?
No
- 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: 22-35 years

Level of education: secondary education completed for all, university degree for 10%

Experience: at least one year

b) Please provide a description of interviewer training:

each interviewer participated at at least three surveys and received specific instructions from the coordinators of this survey.

11. Comparison of Sample to Population

Characteristic	<u>Population</u> Estimates (%)	<u>Sample Estimates</u>	
		Unweighted	Weighted
<u>Age</u> 18-25	17	14	

26-40	29	25	
41-65	37	41	
66 and over	17	18	
<u>Education</u>			
None or Incomplete Primary	5	11	
Primary Completed or Incomplete Secondary	41	26	
Secondary Completed	25	39	
Post-Secondary Trade/ Vocational	21	8	
University Degree	9	14	
<u>Gender (adults)</u>			
Male	48	46	
Female	52	54	