

French Election Studies

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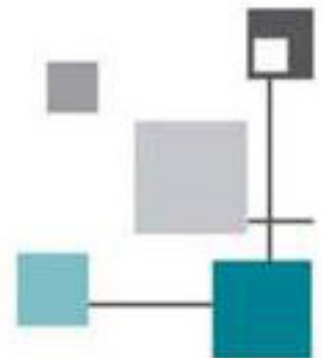
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Context and focus

- **Context:** semi-presidential system since 1958/1962
 - 9 presidential elections since 1965 (5 years term since 2002)
 - Legislative elections now a few weeks after the presidential elections (since 2002); no connection before. 14 elections since 1958.
 - Both elections held with a run-off system (majority or majority/plurality)
- **Presidential elections dominate**, and hence are now attracting most of the academic attention.
- Other elections (Senate, local,...) never thoroughly studied, except for some referendums.

Election studies in France

- **Main studies:**

- Presidential elections: all elections since 1988 (1988, 1995, 2002, 2007, 2012).
- Legislative elections: 1958, 1962, 1967, (1968), 1978, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012.

- **CSES included in** from 2002 (module 2 onwards)

- Most studies are single cross-sectional surveys.
Panel data in the 1960s and since 2002.

Core topics

- Long-lasting interest in socio-demographic determinants
- Attitudes and values (economic vs. cultural dimension) have come to the fore since the 1990s.
- Since the 1980s, explaining emergence and success of the extreme National Front have been key.

What's new

- France has tried to catch up with developments in electoral studies:
 - Long term online panel (dynamob)
 - Pre-election barometers and campaign panels
 - VAA (La boussole électorale)
 - Inclusion of random sampling in post-election surveys

Organization and data access

- Studies conducted by various teams, mainly located in Sciences Po, Paris (CEVIPOF).
- Since the 2000s, efforts to build a larger network to create a stable national election study. Yet, no long term and infrastructure funding available.
- Progress in data archiving, through the CDSP (cdsp.sciences-po.fr). Access through Nesstar server and possible access to original data.

Data access


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- The CDSP
- French surveys
- International surveys
- Qualitative Data Bank
- Online access
- Elections in France
- VizLab
- Elections in the EU of 27
- Data depository
- Work in progress
- DIME-SHS Equipment

French surveys

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Surveys :

- Panel Électoral Français 2007
- The Baromètre Politique Français (BPF - French Political Barometer) 2006-2007
- Panel Électoral Français 2002
- Pre- and post-election surveys 1958-1997
- Democracy 2000 Survey
- Interregional Surveys (OIP 1985-2004)
- Exit polls, 1995 Presidential Election
- Surveys on cadres of political parties
- Surveys of Elected Officials
- Surveys on younger and older generations
- Surveys on environment (IFEN)
- L'ouvrier français en 1970
- Barometer on Citizenship
- Science Surveys
- Enquêtes "Presse Gaie"
- La socialisation professionnelle des gardiens de la paix 1992-2002
- Archives of the *Atlas de la pratique religieuse des catholiques en France*

CDSP News

Accès aux données Eurostat pour les chercheurs de Sciences Po
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Concours ITRF 2014
Le CDSP ouvre au concours un poste d'ingénieur d'études en traitement et analyse de données (BAP (...))

A new application to apply for datasets !
On March 4th 2014, the Réseau Quetelet launched a new application to apply for datasets.

What's new with the (...)

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Latest results...

- **Are not available at CDSP yet.**
- **But information can be found at:**
 - <http://www.cevipof.com/fr/2012/recherche/>
 - <https://sites.google.com/a/iepg.fr/trielec/resultats-analyses/enquetes-pre-electorales>
 - <http://www.cee.sciences-po.fr/fr/recherche/les-analyses-electorales/lenquete-electorale-francaise-2012.html>
- And more details in N. Mayer & N. Sauger, 2011, "Comportement électoral et grandes enquêtes", in A. Chenu & L. Lesnard (dir.), La France dans les comparaisons internationales, Paris, Presses de Sciences Po, pp. 31-48.