

# Icelandic National Election Study (ICENES) for thirty years

1983–2013

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# ICENES

- ▶ Celebrated its 30 years anniversary in 2013
- ▶ Covers nine elections: 1983, 1987, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2009 and 2013
- ▶ Directed by Ólafur Þ. Harðarson since its start
- ▶ Part of CSES, TEV and NED
- ▶ Since 2009 including a candidate survey
- ▶ 2013 a panel was added



Ólafur Þ. Harðarson,  
director of ICENES

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- ▶ Post election study
- ▶ Simple random sample,  $n=2600$  since 1987
- ▶ Phone survey; about 30–50 minutes interview
- ▶ Response rate from 79% in 1983 to 60% in 2013 (lowest in 2009, 56%)
- ▶ Funded by the Icelandic Research Council and the University of Iceland



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- ▶ Major survey instruments 1983–2013:
  - Social and economic background
  - Party identification
  - Left–right placement of respondents and parties
  - Party / party leader sympathy
  - Government performance
  - Political interest and trust
  - Political issues
  - Election specific issues (e.g. campaign issues)
  - ...and more

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- Developments of „new“ survey instruments:
  - „New issues“, various since 1983
  - Party competence (since 2007)
  - Issue ownership (since 2007)
  - Party performance (since 2013)
- Blame for the financial crash – 2009 and 2013
- ...and more

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- ▶ Website, with data and all:  
[http://fel.hi.is/icelandic\\_national\\_election\\_study\\_icenes](http://fel.hi.is/icelandic_national_election_study_icenes) – FEEL FREE TO USE THE DATA!
- ▶ The team now:



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# ICENES / CSES

- ▶ Challenges ICENES / CSES
  - Funding
  - Response rate
  
- ▶ CSES
  - Big data challenge

▶ Thank you for your attention