Icelandic National Election Study (ICENES) for thirty years

1983–2013

http://fel.hi.is/icelandicational_election_study_icenes
ICENES

- Celebrated its 30 years anniversary in 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
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
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 – FEEL FREE TO USE THE DATA!

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- Challenges ICENES / CSES
  - Funding
  - Response rate

- CSES
  - Big data challenge
Thank you for your attention