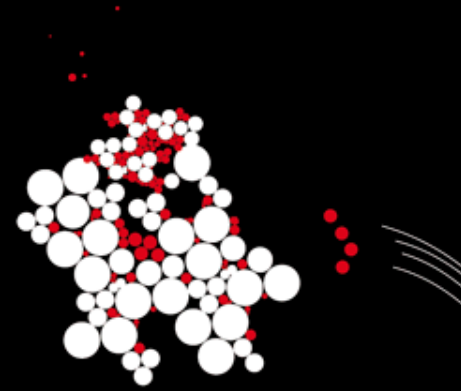


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Dutch Parliamentary Election Study

- Since 1971, around each parliamentary election
- Basis: probability sample; face-to-face interviews
- Short-term panel and some long-term panels
- Parallel studies: e.g. nonresponse, media use
- In 1989-94 and 2006-12 part of Statistics Netherlands social database
- Rotating leadership
 - 1998: University of Twente
 - 2002-3: Leiden University
 - 2006-10: University of Twente
 - 2012: University of Amsterdam/University of Twente

Challenges in the conduct of the study

- Declining response rates (measures taken)
- Cost of face-to-face interviewing, mixed mode designs, choice of mode (being discussed)
- Long term prospects for funding

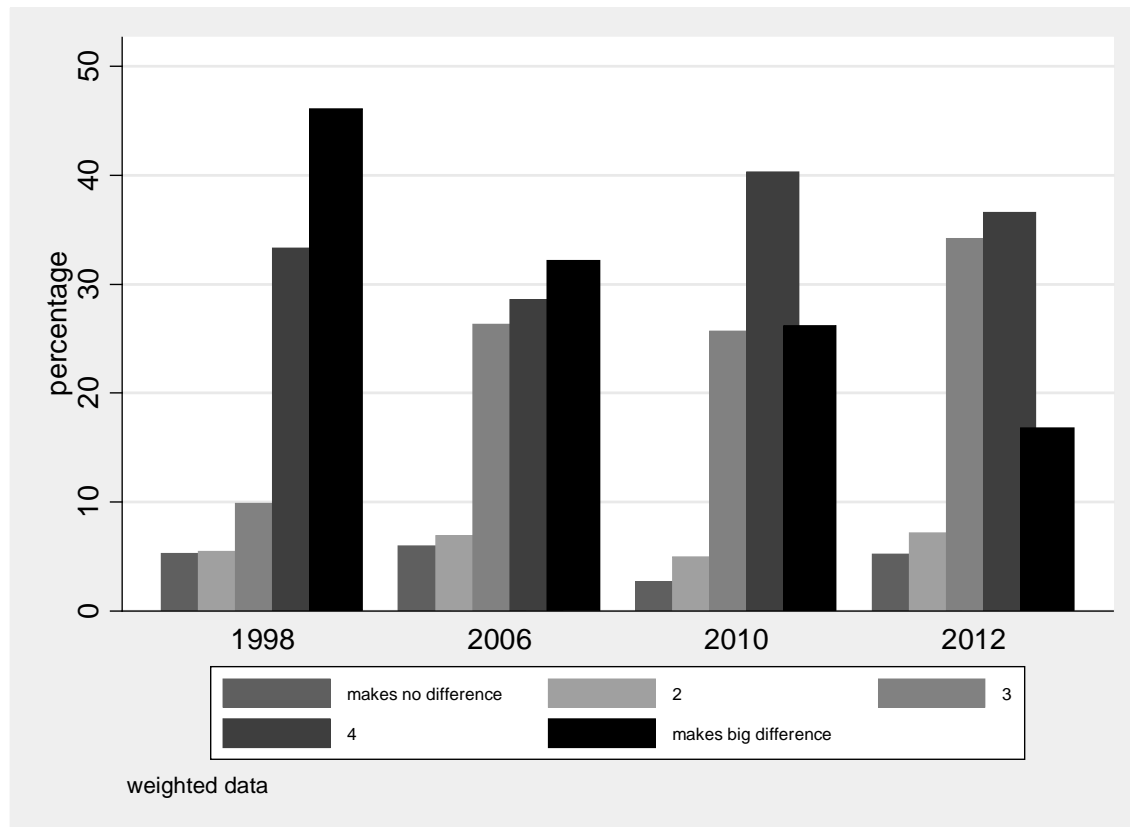
Intellectual directions

- *Time series*: addressing questions about medium- to long-term developments in electorate and its relationships with media, parties and institutions of government
- *Cross-national* comparisons: CSES, and Michigan heritage
- Impact of *changing circumstances and context* of elections and voting, e.g.
 - Polls
 - Conduct of elections (electronic voting)
 - Voting advice applications
 - Immigration, social integration, and political identity

Intellectual challenges

- National elections and multilevel governance: impact of Europeanization and decentralization on media, parties and electorate
- Impact of changes in political communication (e.g. social media)
- Party system stability, electoral volatility and their effects on legitimacy

Does it make a difference who is in power?



Election Studies and CSES Modules

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
1998	X			
2002		X		
2003				
2006			X	
2010			X	
2012				X

CSES in Dutch Parliamentary Election Study

- Priority component
- *Quality* of survey questions
 - Meaning of concepts and their operationalizations for respondents in different countries needs continuous attention
 - Single-item measurement
- *Length* of the survey questions