

# The Norwegian National Election Studies (NNES) 1957-2013

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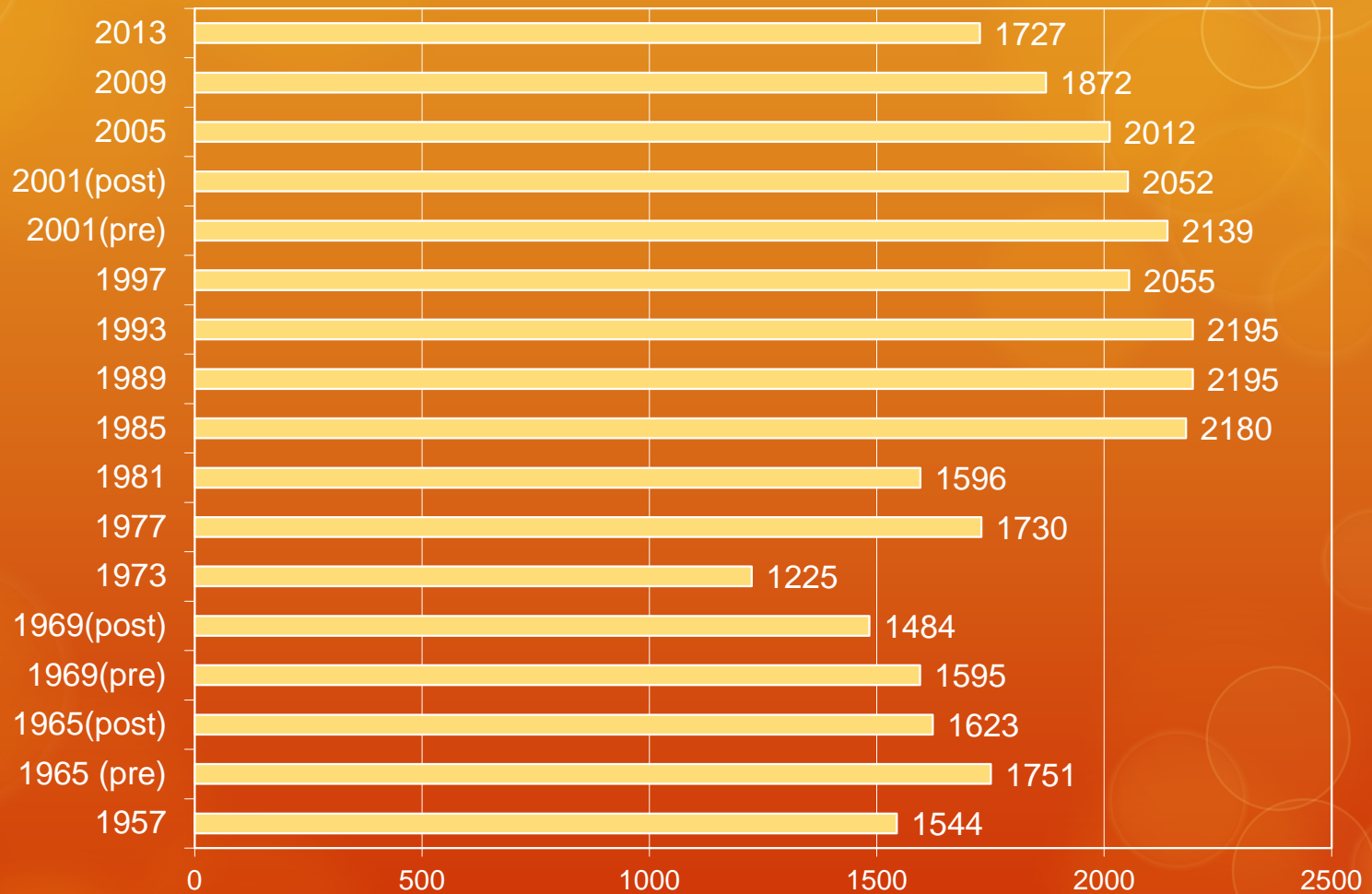
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- 1957-2013: 14 elections, 17 surveys: available at the Norwegian Social Science Data Services ([www.nsd.no](http://www.nsd.no))
- Probability samples, drawn from the official register, face-to-face interviews (supplemented with telephone interviews),
- Turnout of respondents checked with election registers
- Some early surveys both pre- and post-election
- 2001: Campaign study, both pre- and post election
- Since 1977: post-election, rolling panels (half of previous sample)
- CSES modules included in all studies since 1997 (5 elections)

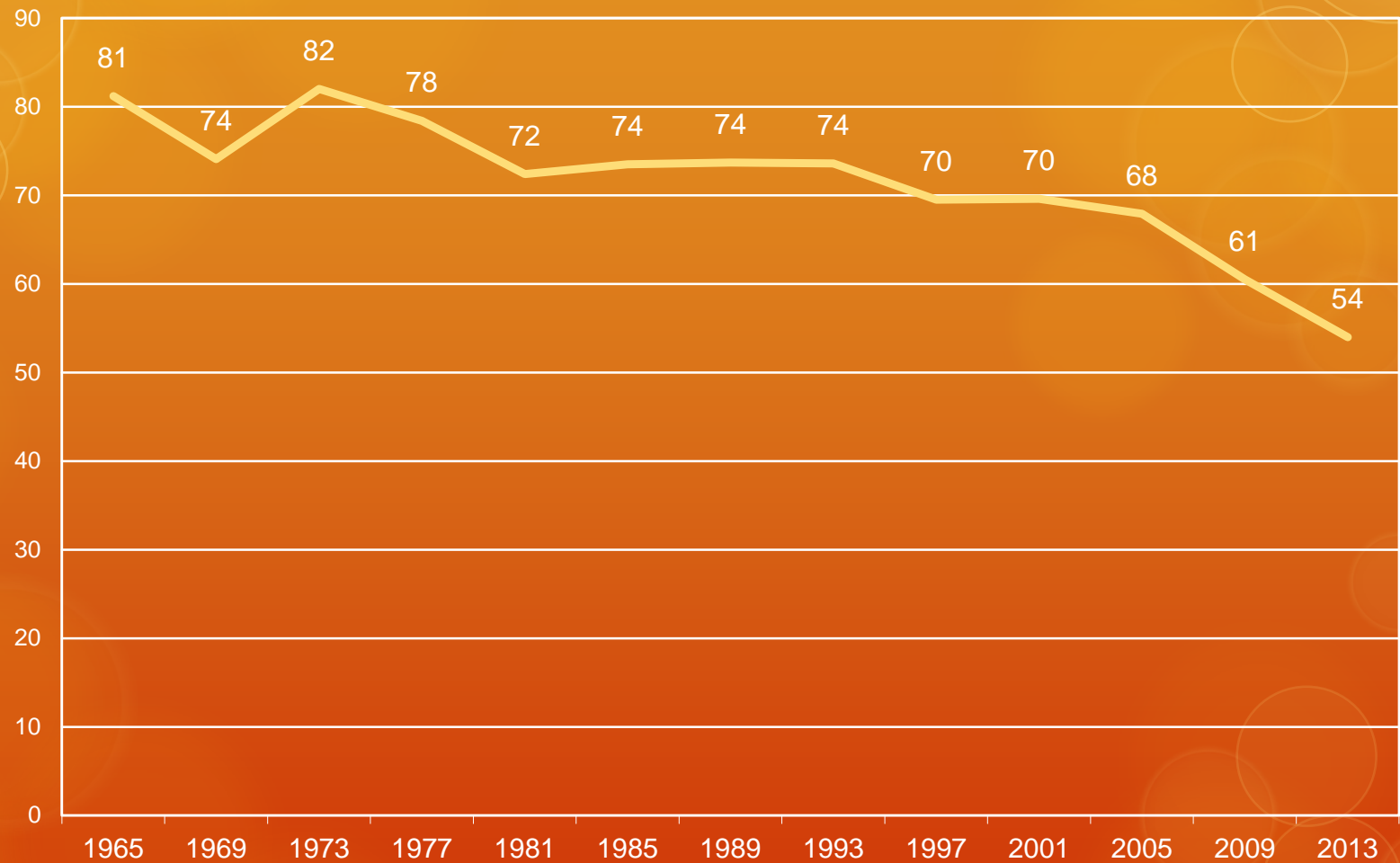
# Organization and financing

- Located at the Institute for Social Research (ISF), Oslo since 1957 (private foundation)
  - 1 senior researcher + research assistant (half time)
  - Collaborates with colleagues at the universities of Oslo and Trondheim
  - Statistics Norway: responsible for sampling and interviewing
- Financing
  - The Norwegian Research Council -> Basic grant to ISF
  - Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation: pays for field costs (sampling, interviewing)
  - 2013: Parliament decision: Establish a new program for electoral research

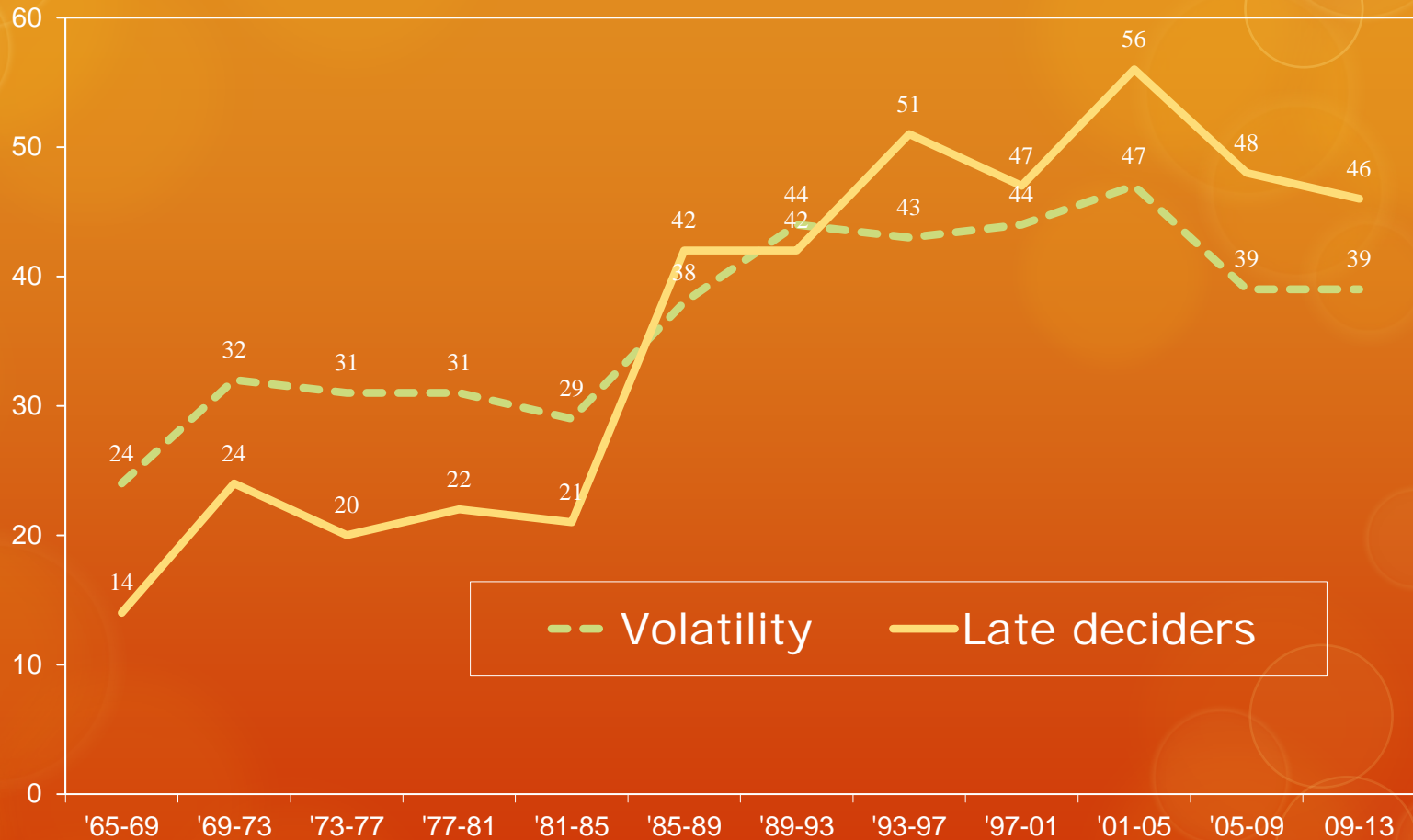
# Number of net respondents (N)



# Response rates



# Voter volatility and late deciders 1965-2013



# Values and party set

- Social structure less important, values more important
  - Values: reliable and stable indices (panel data)
- Political values important for choice of party
- However, values do not point to only one party
  - But: define a range of ideologically close parties (i.e. the voter's party set)
  - Are: linked to the voter's evaluation of issue ownership
  - And: may also affect the choice of party within the party set

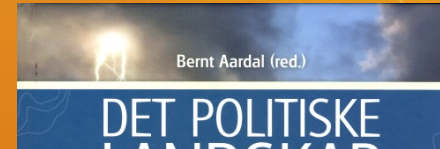


# Towards a More Dynamic Model of Voting

- Election campaigns have an influence on:
  - Perceptions of issue salience
  - Perceptions of issue ownership
    - ownership may not be a constant in multiparty and multidimensional systems
- Changing perceptions of ownership and salience bring in a more dynamic perspective on voting
- Ownership of more than one issue, linked to different cleavages important for choice of party ('cumulative issue ownership')



# Recent books in Norwegian



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