

Making Electoral Democracy Work (MEDW)

The entity that has organized the survey and is responsible for data collection - as well as key data on the entity's membership, governance arrangements, source of funding etc.

MEDW is an international project that brings together a team of economists, political scientists, and psychologists from Canada, Europe, and the United States. Its goal is to study the impact of electoral rules on the functioning of democracy. Within the framework of one of its three components, a pre- and post-election panel survey is conducted in the national, regional, and European elections covered. This report is only about this precise component of MEDW.

The organizational structure of MEDW is made of a [team of researchers](#), a [executive board](#), and an [advisory board](#).

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A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey

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Internet links to the website of the responsible organization

<http://electoraldemocracy.com/>

The frequency or repetitions of the survey. Possible explanation of this.

The pre- and post-election panel survey is repeated for 26 elections in five countries. In each of the five countries, two regions are covered and at at least two election-levels. More specifically, the population of these two regions are surveyed for one national election and one regional elections. The population of the European countries covered will also be surveyed during the 2014 European election. Data collection started in 2010 with the German regional election in North Rhine-Westphalia and will end in October 2015 with the national election in Canada.

A description of the survey's content, i.e. both focused rotational and / or core modules of the survey

The questionnaire includes questions on campaign knowledge and attention, voting behaviour, economic situation, economic evaluation, ideology, political attitudes, duty to vote, expectations concerning electoral results, efficacy, and political knowledge and knowledge of electoral rules.

An outline of the type of sample and the main data collection methods used

About 2,000 eligible voters by region are surveyed during the week preceding the election for the pre-election wave. At least 1,000 of them are re-interviewed in the week following the election for the post-election wave. The sampling is a classic quota-based. The survey is conducted on-line.

An account of availability of the data to researchers, restrictions on access, etc.

The data is not yet available for external analysis.

Questionnaires, English version

Most questionnaires are not available. However, [the questionnaire](#) for the survey conducted in Lower Saxony, Germany, in January 2013 has been made available as an example.

The countries included in the different rounds

Canada, France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland.

Cumulative file

The data is not yet available for external analysis.

Publications based on data

[Publications based on MEDW data](#)

Analytical summary...

Sources

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from the website of the MEDW project.