

## **Political Participation: An International Social Science Council (ISSC) Workbook in Comparative Analysis (1963-1972)**

**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.**

The Political Participation Workbook (henceforth: PP) was developed and tested by the International Social Science Council and UNESCO. Herbert A. Asher, Bradley M. Richardson, and Herbert F. Weisberg merged data from existing national electoral studies to facilitate cross-national comparison. Other involved institutions include the ICPSR, the NSD, GESIS, and the Institute of Public Affairs at Dalhousie University.

### **A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey**

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### **Internet links to the website of the responsible organization**

There is no specific website for the PP. However, the following websites are available:

[The website of the ISSC](#)

[The website of UNESCO](#)

[The subsite for the PP at ICPSR](#)

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

The PP collected data from national electoral studies in the period 1963 – 1972.

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

The focus is on political participation in the narrow sense of election and campaign activities. This includes direct activities such as voting, participating in a candidate's campaign, contributing money, displaying buttons or bumper stickers, attending rallies, and discussing the campaign. It also includes more general measures of interest in campaigns and politics. Lastly, there are measures of party identification and demographics.

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

These varied from country to country, but were usually multistage stratified samples or multistage

area-clustered samples. The target population was the eligible voting age population in each participating country.

Personal interviews were conducted in all national election surveys. These are:

- The American National Election Study, 1972
- The German Election Panel Study, 1972
- The Canadian National Election Study, 1965
- Political Change in Britain, 1963-1970
- Norwegian Election Study, 1965
- Dutch Election Study, 1970-1973
- Australian National Political Attitudes, 1967
- Japanese National Election Study, 1967

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

The data are available at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan ([ICPSR](#)) only to users at ICPSR member institutions.

**Questionnaires, English version**

The questionnaires are not available.

**The countries included in the different rounds**

Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom, and the United States.

**Cumulative file of the various rounds**

Not relevant: This is a single study with no further rounds.

**Publications based on the data**

There is no particular bibliography for the PP.

**Analytical summary...**

**Sources**

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from the subsite of the PP at the ICPSR.