

Civic Culture Survey (CCS, 1959-60)

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 Civic Culture Survey (CCS) was carried out by Gabriel A. Almond and Sidney Verba.

A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey

The CCS was one of the first comparative surveys to be conducted.

Internet links to the website of the responsible organization

There is no such website. There is, however, a [site for the CCS](#) at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR).

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

The CCS was conducted a single time, in 1959-1960.

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

The interviews focused on the respondents' basic political attitudes with emphasis on political partisanship, political socialization, and attitudes toward specific institutions as well as the political system and culture as a whole. Specific information was collected on respondents' political awareness and feelings of political efficacy and attitudes toward bureaucracy, police, political parties, campaigning, and various levels of government, as well as toward institutions such as school, family, and place of work. The number and types of organizations to which the respondents belonged were also recorded. Demographic data cover age, sex, race, marital status, number of children, religious preference, income, and socioeconomic status.

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

A multi-stage probability sampling procedure was employed in the United States and the United Kingdom, whereas multistage stratified random samples were employed in Germany, Italy, and Mexico. The target population was the adult population of the participating countries, normally 18 year-olds and older. The sample size was approximately 1,000 per country.

Data collection was completed through personal interviews.

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

The data are available at [ICPSR](#) only to users at ICPSR member institutions.

Questionnaires, English version

The questionnaire is not available. [The Codebook](#), however, includes all questions/variables.

The countries included in the different rounds

Germany, Italy, Mexico, the 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 Civic Culture Survey. However, one cannot ignore the principal work based on this survey: Almond and Verba's «The Civic Culture. Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations» from 1963.

In addition, the ICPSR has a [list of publications](#) based on or related to the CCS.

Analytical summary...

Sources

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