

## **Political Participation and Equality in Seven Nations (PPESN, 1966-71)**

**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 PPESN was organized by Sidney Verba, Norman H. Nie, and Jae-On Kim. It was funded by the National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Carnegie Corporation.

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

The study resulted from data collected for the collaborative project “Cross-National Program in Political and Social Change” in seven nations. This project was, as mentioned, mainly organized by Verba, Nie, and Kim.

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

There is no such website. However, the ICPSR website contains a [subsite for the PPESN](#).

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

This is a single study, wherein the data was collected in the period 1966-1971.

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

The PPESN was designed to deal comprehensively with one aspect of the larger project: to evaluate and examine the ways citizens participate politically in local and national affairs and the processes that lead them to do so. Questions were asked to measure respondents' involvement in political organizations at both the local and national levels, participation in formal and informal community groups, the extent of individual contact with public officials, attitudes toward recent political and social changes, and interest in the political process. Demographic items specify age, sex, marital status, occupation, household composition, length of stay in community, size of community, education, home ownership, family income, political party identification, religion, race, union membership, position in union, and reason for joining union.

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

Sampling procedures vary by country. First a national representative cross-section sample was drawn of citizens in each nation. In Austria, Japan, the Netherlands, and the United States, these were representative of the whole nation. In India, Yugoslavia, and Nigeria, the cross-section samples pertain to specified sub-national regions.

In all nations except the US, these samples are multi-stages area probability samples. The US sample is a multi-stage area probability sample to the block level rather than to the individual level, with block quota techniques employed for the final selection of respondents.

In addition to the cross-section samples, mini-community samples for 60-100 communities were drawn; a sample of elites for each of these communities, and a certain amount of information on the demography and structure of each of these communities.

Personal interviews were conducted.

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

All data are available at the Inter-university Consortium of Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan (ICPSR). At ICPSR, download is contingent upon being logged in as a user at an ICPSR member institution.

#### **Questionnaires, English version**

The questionnaires are available through the codebooks.

[Codebook for Austria](#)

[Codebook for India](#)

[Codebook for Japan](#)

[Codebook for the Netherlands](#)

[Codebook for Nigeria](#)

[Codebook for Yugoslavia](#)

The United States dataset is found in the Cross-National Dataset. The codebook for this dataset may be [found here](#).

#### **The countries included in the different rounds**

Austria, India, Japan, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Yugoslavia, and the United States.

### **Cumulative file of the various rounds**

Not relevant; this is a single study.

### **Publications based on the data**

Main work: Verba, Sidney, Norman H. Nie, and Jae-On Kim (1978). *Political Participation and Equality. A Seven-Nation Comparison*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. .

At the bottom of the [ICPSR subsite for the PPESN](#), there is a bibliography under the heading "Related Publications".

### **Analytical summary...**

### **Sources**

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from the ICPSR subsite for the PPESN.