

USIA – International Relations USIA XX Surveys (1955-1969)

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 USIA International Relations XX Surveys was organized by the United States Information Agency (the USIA), an independent foreign affairs agency supporting U.S. foreign policy and national interests abroad. This body was established in 1953 and ceased to exist in 1999.

Other institutions involved in the financing and organization of the survey were the ESF, GESIS, the Roper Center, the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, and the Institute for Political Science II at the University of Bamberg.

A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey

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Internet links to the website of the responsible organization

The USIA no longer exists, however an archive/a mirror of their website as it stood in 1999 is accessible at <http://dosfan.lib.uic.edu/usia/>.

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

The survey was conducted in 1955, 1956, 1957, 1962, 1964, and 1969; except in Germany where it at irregular intervals was conducted between 1952 and 1992.

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

The survey covered topics such as security policy, international politics, foreign policy, and evaluation of American and Soviet policy.

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

The target population was the population of the participating countries aged 21 and up. A multi-stage random sample procedure was employed.

Face-to-face interviews were conducted.

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

None of the links given to archived data are working at the moment of writing this report.

Questionnaires, English version

These are not available.

The countries included in the different rounds

Germany, Great Britain, France, and Italy.

Cumulative file

None available.

Publications based on data

There is no bibliography, however one single reference is given:

R. L. Merritt, The USIA Surveys, In: R. L. Merritt, D. J. Puchala (eds.), Western European Perspectives on International Affairs. Public Opinion Studies and Evaluations. Frederick A. Praeger, New York, 1968, pp. 3-31.

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Sources

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from [GESIS' list of cross-national survey programmes](#) based on population samples.