

Survey of Canadian Political Attitudes

FICTITIOUS STUDY DESCRIPTION

DATA: SCPA.sav

INTRODUCTION: This data has been simulated to represent a fictitious study on Canadian political attitudes. The description below describes the data and the data collection scenario.

SCENARIO: This study investigates Canadian attitudes of various political issues. We randomly selected 60 males and 60 females ($n = 120$) between the ages of 18 and 30. We asked each respondent to indicate which one of the three major political parties (Conservatives, Liberals, NDP) they felt most reflected their own political views. Prior to a Federal election, we asked each respondent to think about the party that most reflected their views (from the previous question) and then rate how closely aligned that party's environmental policies are with their own environmental views. To determine if their ratings may change, we asked the respondents the same question two weeks following the Federal election. At that time, we also asked the respondents to complete a survey including seven other questions.

VARIABLES:

Variable Name	Label	Values	Measure	Question Item
Sex	Respondent sex	0 = Male 1 = Female	Nominal	Please indicate your sex. Male ____ Female ____
Age	Respondent age	None	Ratio	Please indicate your age in years. ____
Party	Federal party	1 = Conservatives 2 = Liberals 3 = NDP	Nominal	Please indicate which one of the three major political parties you feel most reflects their own political views. ____ Conservatives ____ Liberals ____ NDP
Vote	Vote in last election	0 = No 1 = Yes	Nominal	Did you vote in the last Federal election? ____ No ____ Yes
Trust	Level of trust in the political process	None	Interval	Using a scale of 1 (lowest level of trust) to 10 (highest level of trust) please indicate the degree to which you trust the political process.
HealthCare	Attitude toward private health care	None	Interval	Using a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree) please indicate the degree to which you agree with the following statement. "I believe that Canada should allow private health care."

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CorpTax	Attitude toward corporate taxes	None	Interval	Using a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree) please indicate the degree to which you agree with the following statement. "I believe that corporate tax rates should be increased."
Sentencing	Attitude toward tougher sentencing	None	Interval	Using a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree) please indicate the degree to which you agree with the following statement. "I believe that we should provide longer prison terms for violent crimes."
Military	Attitude toward military intervention	None	Interval	Using a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree) please indicate the degree to which you agree with the following statement. "I believe that Canada should be involved in military interventions in other countries."
Tuition	Attitude toward tuition fees	None	Interval	Using a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree) please indicate the degree to which you agree with the following statement. "I believe that the government should lower tuition fees."
Envir_Pre	Alignment of environmental policies pre-election	None	Interval	Thinking about the party that most reflects your own views and using the scale of 1 (not aligned) to 10 (highly aligned), rate how closely aligned that party's environmental policies are with their own environmental views.
Envir_Post	Alignment of environmental policies post-election	None	Interval	Thinking about the party that most reflects your own views and using the scale of 1 (not aligned) to 10 (highly aligned), rate how closely aligned that party's environmental policies are with their own environmental views.