European Social Survey Policy Seminar

European’s Understandings and Evaluations of Democracy

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Aims of ESS

- chart stability and change & interpret how Europe’s social, political and moral fabric is changing
- achieve and spread higher standards of rigour in cross-national research
- introduce soundly-based indicators of national progress
- undertake and facilitate the training of European social researchers
- improve the visibility and outreach of data on social change

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Growing commitment to the ESS

**36 Countries** have taken part in at least one round of the survey:

- 26 EU states (not Malta)
- + 10 others:
  - Norway, Switzerland, Israel, Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, Croatia, Iceland, Kosovo, Albania

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Scope of the ESS

- Established 2001

- Biennial hour long face-to-face interviews with nationally representative samples of general (residential) population in 36 countries (to date)

- Core and rotating modules

- Rotating modules designed by teams following an open competition

- Now over 300,000 hour long interviews across over 30 countries

- Rounds 1-6 complete and archived

- Round 7 fields September 2014

- Rigorous scientific methodologies

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Methodology

- Equivalent Probability Samples (15+)
- International specifications – targets and protocols
- Fieldwork Questionnaire
- Rigorous questionnaire design and pre-testing
- TRAPD & SQP
- Detailed data specifications and checks
- Post hoc quality control and reports
- Round on round improvement
- Data freely available to all

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Core question topics

- Trust in institutions
- Political engagement
- Socio-political values
- Multi-level governance
- Moral & social values
- Social exclusion
- Immigration
- Security and terrorism
- National, ethnic, religious ID
- Well-being, health, security
- Demographic composition
- Education and occupation
- Financial circumstances
- Household circumstances
Rotating modules

Round 1
- Immigration*
- Citizenship, involvement and democracy (CID)

Round 2
- Family, work & well-being*
- Economic morality in Europe
- Health and care seeking

Round 3
- Personal and social wellbeing*
- Timing of life

Round 4
- Ageism
- Welfare

Round 5
- Trust in the police & courts
- Work, family & well-being*

Round 6
- Understanding / evaluation of democracy
- Personal and social wellbeing*

Round 7
- Health inequalities
- Immigration*
Use of the ESS

• 3053 publications
• 85% substantive, 15% methodological,

Over 68,000 registered data users to date
• Majority downloaders
• Used by academics, students, businesses, governments, think tanks, citizens

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Dataset: ESS3-2006, ed. 2.0

Respondent or household member victim of burglary/assault last 5 years

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N= 1,798.0

Note: In general, you must weight tables before quoting percentages from them. To apply weights, select the Weight icon and choose the appropriate type of weight (DWEIGHT should always be applied. The Population size weight (PWEIGHT) should additionally be applied if you are looking at tables combined. Users should note that the two weights currently available do not adjust for non-response in the sample. See the guide Weight about which weights to use.

Users of data are obliged to read the ESS Conditions of use.
European Social Survey Education Net

ESS EduNet is a training resource mainly developed for use in higher education. The ambition is to create a social science laboratory where theoretical questions can be explored using high quality empirical data. The resource is based on the European Social Survey.

ESS EduNet combines the elements of social science to an integrated whole: theory, data and methodology.

Topics
There are several topics available. The hands-on examples and exercises in the topics are designed to guide the users through the research process; from a theoretical problem to the interpretation of statistical results.

Data sets
The accompanying data are extracts from the ESS-survey available for online analysis or download. These extracts are especially prepared for the topics.

Instructional animations
These animated videos are created in order to answer some frequently asked questions.

- How to work with EduNet?
- How to open a dataset and create a cross table?
- How to download data from Nesstar?
- How to perform a descriptive analysis in Nesstar?
- How to draw a map in Nesstar?
- How to switch on the weight(s) in Nesstar?
Key Design Features

- How important is X for democracy in general
- How much each feature applies in specific country
- List wise VS pair wise administration
- Developing theory to actual question items
- Item non response
- Differences in meaning / context
- Need for dichotomous question formats
# ESS Round 6 Response Rates

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