

Mass Survey 2012-13

PORTUGUESE DATABASE – CODEBOOK¹

This database is the result of conducting the research project titled “Elections, Leadership and Responsibility: Political Representation in Portugal a longitudinal and comparative perspective” based at the Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology of the Lisbon University Institute (CIES/IUL), coordinated by André Freire, José Manuel Leite Viegas, Marco Lisi and Ana Maria Belchior. The research assistant was Inês Lima. The goal of which is to study the process of political representation in the Portuguese parliament.

This project, besides the research network PARENEL/Legispar (Parliamentary Representation at National and European Levels), coordinated by Olivier Costa (CNRS Senior research fellow) and Eric Kerrouche (CNRS Senior research fellow) and based at Institut d’Etudes Politiques of Bordeaux (http://www.legipar.sciencespobordeaux.fr/PDF/PARENEL_EN.pdf) is also part of the Comparative Candidate Survey (CCS), coordinated by Hermann Schmitt and based at Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES) (<http://www.comparativecandidates.org/>); and also PARTIREP, coordinated by Christian Deschouwer and based at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (<http://www.partirep.eu/index.php?page=project&page2=survey&id=2>).

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From this research context, the Mass Survey was combined with a larger survey that also included questions from other surveys such as the CITREP (Citizens and Representatives in France and German) and the Irish Elections Study (IES), for example. To those questions the project coordinators added Portugal-specific questions to fulfill the project’s goals. In the end, the survey for the Portuguese population had 15 analytic dimensions and 63 major questions (many of which were further subdivided).

¹ For more methodological information about the surveys application please see: Lima, Inês e Silva, Sofia Serra da (2014), “Procedimento de recolha e tratamento de dados no estudo da representação política”, Freire, André; José Manuel Leite Viegas e Marco Lisi (coord.) *Crise Económica, Políticas de Austeridade e Representação Política*, Lisboa, Assembleia da República, Colecção Parlamento.

Methodological note on the survey's application

The study's universe was made up of individuals from 18 to 70 years of age, living in mainland Portugal. The sample consisted of 1209 interviews, with proportional distribution by NUT II region. This is a representative sample of the Portuguese population, stratified by age group, gender, education (up to 1st cycle / more than 1st cycle of schooling) for men, and by activity (active / inactive) for women. The random route method was applied in order to ensure the correct distribution of the selected households within each locality.

The sample selection and the data collection was the responsibility of GfK Metris market research firm, coordinated by the coordinator of the project team. The information was collected through direct and personal interview at the residence of respondents in CAPI system, based on a questionnaire previously prepared by the team. The fieldwork took place between 11 September and 18 October 2012, and were carried out by 57 interviewers, recruited and trained by GfK Metris, who received appropriate training on specifics of the study.

Universe: Constituted by individuals from 18 to 70 years old, and living in mainland Portugal.

Sample: Multi-stage probability sample:

1st) stratified by region and habitat;

2nd) random route to selection of households;

3rd) Selection of individuals in households taking into account birthday.

Consisting of 1,209 interviews, with the following distribution, proportional by NUT region:

Portugal NUTS II	Interviews performed
North	451
Center	278
Lisboa	350
Alentejo	84
Algarve	46
Total	1209

Homes and individuals selection

The households were selected as follows:

- Region vs. Habitat;

- Random selection of a significant number of sampling points;
- Applying the Random Route Method.

The individual selected within each household was the next doing birthday.

Escalões etários	Masculino	Feminino	Total	
18 a 24 anos	45	60	105	(9%)
25 a 34 anos	83	102	185	(15%)
35 a 44 anos	91	138	229	(19%)
45 a 54 anos	87	150	237	(20%)
55 a 70 anos	193	260	453	(37%)
Total	499	710	1209	
	(41%)	(59%)		

Data collection: face-to-face interviews.

Weighting

To avoid some detours relative population distribution regarding location, gender, age and education level, the results were weighted according the data from the INE (Census 2011), based on the following parallel matrix:

Região	Total
Norte	441
Centro	284
Lisboa	337
Alentejo	93
Algarve	54
Total	1209

Região	Género		Idade			Total
	H/M	18 a 24	25 a 64	65 e +		
Norte	H	22	147	39	441	
	M	22	157	54		
Centro	H	12	89	33	284	
	M	12	94	44		
Lisboa	H	15	110	32	337	
	M	15	121	44		
Alentejo	H	4	29	12	93	
	M	4	29	15		
Algarve	H	2	18	6	54	
	M	2	19	7		
Total		111	812	286	1209	

Região	Género		Nível de instrução						Total
	H/M	Nenhum	Básico 1.º ciclo	Básico 2.º ciclo	Básico 3.º ciclo	Secundário	Pós-secundário	Superior	
Norte	H	36	59	36	35	24	3	18	441
	M	47	63	31	33	26	2	28	
Centro	H	24	38	20	24	17	2	11	284
	M	34	40	16	21	18	2	19	
Lisboa	H	26	32	20	29	25	3	24	337
	M	32	38	18	27	27	3	33	
Alentejo	H	9	12	7	8	5	1	3	93
	M	12	12	5	7	6	0	5	
Algarve	H	5	6	4	5	4	1	2	54
	M	6	6	3	5	4	1	4	
Total		230	306	159	194	157	16	146	1209

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Please describe your main occupation? (if currently unemployed or retired, refer to the last main job you held)– [variables in the survey database: CCS_Q56]

This open-ended question was recoded according the “Classificação Portuguesa das Profissões de 2010” CPP/2010, Classificação Internacional Tipo de Profissões de 2008 (CITP/2008) by Instituto Nacional de Estatística, I.P. (INE, I.P.).²

² Please see it in the following link:

http://www.ine.pt/xportal/xmain?xpid=INE&xpgid=ine_publicacoes&PUBLICACOESpub_boui=107961853&PUBLICACOESmodo=2

Codification of the habitat location (freguesia, distrito, região) - [variables in the survey database: CCS_Q63b. Freguesia]

This open-ended question was recoded according the information on Portal das Finanças and considered a six digit codification. Please find more details in the link: <http://info.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt/NR/rdonlyres/B365CA49-D07B-4FCD-B9BF-8FADCA0EF528/0/coddistconcfreg.xls>

Codification of "left" - [variables in the survey database:CCS_C10]

This open-ended question was recoded according people's opinion and ended with the following categories:

- 1 - Revolutionary/progressive policy
- 2 - Concern with social issues
- 3 - Concern labor issues
- 4 - Equal rights
- 5 - Communism
- 6 - Socialism
- 7 - Government of the people
- 8 - More liberal values (in customs)
- 9 - Totalitarianism
- 10 - Democratic Government
- 11 - Reference to the Socialist Party (PS)
- 12 - Reference to the Party Left Bloc (BE)
- 13 - References to the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP)
- 14 - References to the Democratic Coalition Unit (CDU)
- 15 - Opposition
- 16 - Radical Policy
- 97 - There is no difference / are all the same

- 95 - other answers
- 96 - nothing
- 98 – Don't know
- 99 - No answer

Codification of "right" - [variables in the survey database:CCS_C10]

- 1 - Give greater importance to the economic issues
- 2 - Protection of interests of big business
- 3 - Capitalism
- 4 - traditional values
- 5 - Development of the upper classes
- 6 - Defense of the Employers
- 7 - Fascism
- 8 - Democracy
- 9 - Privatization
- 10 - Dictatorial government
- 11 - Salazar
- 12 - Evolution and Social Mobility
- 13 - References to the Socialist Party (PS)

- 14 - References to the Social Democratic Party (PSD)
- 15 - References to the Party Democratic and Social Centre (CDS-PP)
- 16 - Liberalism
- 17 - Governance oriented for the good of society / people
- 18 - more moderate / balanced policy
- 19 - references to government / political situation
- 97 - There is no difference / are all the same

- 95 - other answers
- 96 - nothing
- 98 – Don't know
- 99 - No answer

Codification of "the most important problem in Portugal today?" - [variables in the survey database: CITREP_H23.1 & CCS_H23.2 & CCS_H23.3]

These open-ended questions was recoded according people's opinion and ended with the following categories:

- 1 - Unemployment and job insecurity
- 2 - Economic crisis and economic problems
- 3 - Deficit / public external debt / excess public spending
- 4 - Deficit in Public Budget
- 5 - Ineffective and slowness of Justice
- 6 - Corruption
- 7 - Education
- 8 - Lack of credibility of politicians, parties, system and political institutions
- 9 - Economic and social inequality / social problems
- 10 – crisis in values
- 11 - Malfunction of the political system
- 12 - Malfunction of the health system
- 13 - Insecurity
- 14 - cost of living / inflation
- 15 - Earnings / low pensions
- 16 - lack of money
- 17 - raising taxes / tax burden
- 18 - Troika / austerity policy
- 19 - poverty
- 20 - lack of support / incentives
- 21 - Uncertainty / pessimism
- 95 - other answers
- 98 – Don't know
- 99 - Do not answers

Codification of "What are the reasons to feel closer to this party than others?" - [variables in the survey database: EES_C11]

This open-ended question was recoded according people's opinion and ended with the following categories:

- 1 - Identifies up / closer to its political ideology
 - 2 - most in the interest of the people / workers
 - 3 - Have more confidence in this party
 - 4 - always been that party
 - 5 - For Sympathy / is sympathizer of this party
 - 6 - by Family tradition
 - 7 - At its former leader / leader / political party linked to
 - 8 - more moderate / balanced policy
 - 9 - governs best
 - 10 - More true / honest / sincere
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- 97 - no particular reason
 - 98 - other answers
 - 99 - Ns / nr

NORMS FOR QUOTATION

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