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- Methodology Norway -

1. Field questionnaires and accompanying material.

10 copies of each enclosed.

2a. Name and address of contractor:

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b. Name of study director:

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3. Cost of survey: \$4000.

4. Dates of interviewing.

Nov. 29. 1955 - Dec. 15. 1955.

As the mailing time to (and from) some of the interviewers far north is a week or even more, and to a number of other interviewers 3-4 days, the field work was not started at the same time in all parts of Norway. In Oslo and adjacent places the field work was started on Nov. 29-30., in farther off places somewhat later, depending on the mailing time. All interviewers living in places to where the mailing time is more than a day (express mail were offered double pay if they would complete the field work in five days. This worked, and thus the field work could be completed by Dec. 15. everywhere. The last completed ballots actually reached the Oslo-office on Dec. 20.

5. Number of completed interviews: 867 (out of 1102 names drawn)

6. Method of sample selection.

The sample is based on the population of voting age (21 years and over). Lists of all people with a right to vote (practically all over 21 years, there being altogether only some 3000 with their right suspended) are made out for every electoral district before every election. Each municipality (about 750 altogether) is an electoral district, and each of these is in turn divided into sub-districts, each one with a complete list of the voting population. These are the lists used for drawing the names for the survey. Our last election was in October 1955, so that the lists are very up-to-date.

The sample is a multi-stage one. First the following stratifications are made:

1. Large cities (Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim, Stavanger and Drammen)
2. Other cities
3. Large municipalities (Bærum, Fana and Strinda)
4. Other municipalities

In groups 1 and 3 above so many subdistricts have been drawn by random methods in each city or municipality that the number of cases in each will be about 10.

The total number drawn from each large city and municipality corresponds to the total voting population in those cities and municipalities.

In group 2 there have been drawn by random methods one city in each county, altogether 16 cities. The number of cases drawn in each city corresponds to the population of voting age in the cities in the county ("large" cities kept apart).

In group 4 there have been made a proportionate distribution of cases to the counties according to the population of voting age of the counties. In each county there have been drawn by random numbers so many municipalities that the number of cases in each is about 10. Inside each municipality drawn, one electoral subdistrict has been drawn by random methods. Altogether 69 sample points have been drawn in this category.

From every sampling point thus drawn lists of the population over 21 years (with a right to vote) have been collected. The actual names used in the survey were drawn by random methods from these lists.

Number of callbacks: 4, in cases where necessary.

Completion rate: 78,7% (867 out of 1102). The number of names drawn is high. This was done as a safeguard, because there was a transport strike and very heavy snowfalls in some districts.

Special circumstances: Transport strike (workers in the oil-industry and in the harbors), heavy snow-falls in some districts.

7. Validation of results:

The comparison between official statistics and the survey figures turned out as follows:

	Official statistics	XX-6
<u>Sex</u>	%	% (Figs.)
Women	51	51 444
Men	49	49 423
	<u>100</u>	<u>100 867</u>
<u>Age</u>		
21-29 years	20	18 159
30-49 "	43	47 404
50-64 "	23	22 189
65 years and more	14	13 115
	<u>100</u>	<u>100 867</u>
<u>Trade-union membership</u>		
Member trade-union	26-30	27 238
Not member trade-union	74-70	73 629
	<u>100</u>	<u>100 867</u>

There are no definite official figures concerning trade-union membership, only approximations.

Education

Elementary education	79	75 655
Middle "	20	23 196
Higher " (university)	1	2 16
	<u>100</u>	<u>100 867</u>