

ICPSR 8655

Survey of City Council Members in Large American Cities, 1982

Description

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Bibliographic Description

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Scope of Study

Summary: This datafile consists of the responses to a mail questionnaire sent to randomly selected city council members in large American cities. The study was designed to explore the relationship between local political structure and the personal characteristics, representational styles, and policy perspectives of city council members. The respondents were asked questions about a broad variety of topics, such as factors influencing their decision to run for council, perceptions of sources of conflict within the council and community, the political structure of their city, and perceptions of how well they represent the variety of constituencies within the community. Background information, such as age, sex, political party, principal occupation, and highest level of education attained is also provided on each survey respondent.

Subject Term(s): cities, community elites, community power, demographic characteristics, governing councils, governmental elites, leadership, local government, local politics, political elites, political party preference, representation, United States

Universe: City Council members in large American cities with populations between 50,000 and 1,000,000.

Data Type: survey data

Data Collection Notes: In order to preserve the confidentiality of respondents, certain variables have been omitted from the datafile and codebook.

Methodology

Sample: Stratified random sample.

Data Source: direct mail survey

Extent of Processing: DDEF.ICPSR

Access and Availability

Extent of Collection: 1 data file + SAS setup file + SPSS setup file + Stata setup file

Data Format: Card Image with SAS, SPSS, and Stata setup files

Original ICPSR Release: 1988-01-06

Version History: The last update of this study occurred on 2007-03-05.

2007-03-05 - SAS, SPSS, and Stata setup files have been added to this data collection.

Note: Detailed file-level information (such as LRECL, case count, and variable count) may be found in the file manifest.