Germany
ISSP 2008 – Religion III
Study Description
## ISSP Study Description Form

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<th>Study title:</th>
<th>ISSP 2008 “Religion”</th>
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| **Fieldwork dates:** | Start: 2008-03-01;  
End: 2008-08-23 |
| **Principal investigators:** | name and institution  
Prof. Dr. Peter Ph. Mohler, GESIS |
| **Sample type:** | description of the sampling procedure  
Two stage random sample. Names and addresses from registers of inhabitants kept by municipalities. Adults of 18 and older living in private accommodation. |
| **Fieldwork institute:** | TNS Infratest Sozialforschung (Germany) |
| **Fieldwork methods:** | Self-completion questionnaire (CASI), interviewer in attendance.  
Background variables were asked face-to-face (CAPI). |
| **N. of respondents:** | number of respondents in the final ISSP file: 1706 |

### Details about issued sample:


| 1. Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size) * | N=4887  
East=1516 West=3371 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2. Interviews (1.0) | N=1706  
East=524 West=1182 |
| 3. Eligible, Non-Interview  
A. Refusal/Break-off (2.10) | N=2111  
East=681 West=1430 |
| B. Non-Contact (2.20) | N=261  
East=96 West=165 |
| C. Other  
i. Language Problems (2.33) | N=69  
East=9 West=60 |
| ii. Miscellaneous Other (2.31, 2.32, 2.35) | N=128  
East=38 West=90 |
| 4. Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview (3.0) | N=45  
East=17 West=28 |
| 5. Not Eligible  
A. Not a Residence (4.50) | N=41  
East=11 West=30 |
| B. Vacant Residence (4.60) | N=526  
East=140 West=386 |
| C. No Eligible Respondent (4.70) |  |
| D. Other (4.10,4.90) |  |

* When new sample units are added during the field period via a new dwelling units list or other standard updating procedure, these additional issued units are added to the starting number of units to make up the total gross sample size. Also, when substitution is used, the total must include the originally drawn cases plus all substitute cases. See AAPOR/WAPOR Standard Definitions, pp. 9-10 for further clarification.

| **Language(s):** | language or languages of the field instrument  
German |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| **Weight present:** | yes or no, whether a weighting factor exists in the data-set  
Not weighted |
| **Weighting procedure:** | exact description of the weighting procedure / algorithm  
Sample for eastern Germany deliberately over-samples the five eastern federal states. If all of Germany is taken as the unit of analysis (rather than the eastern and western states) weighting is necessary. Weighting factor for Western Germany: 1,17759009**;  
weighting factor for Eastern Germany: 0.59940556**; |
** recoding of the country variable is necessary

** Own calculation based on data of Microcensus 2007; figures provided by the German Federal Statistical Office.

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