24 hours before elections (Senate Election) 1996
Czech Republic
SENATE ELECTION 1996

From the following list, please choose the parties which are, in your opinion, the most appealing, the least appealing, and for which you voted.

(SHOW THE CARD OF POLITICAL PARTIES)

1) In your opinion, which party is the most appealing? Please choose only one party.
2) In your opinion, which party is the least appealing? Please choose only one party.
3) And which of the parties did you vote for the Chamber of Deputies in May, this year?

q. 1 - no. of the most appealing party
q. 2 - no. of the least appealing party
q. 3 - no. of the party from 1996

4) If you took part in Parliamentary election please state why you voted for this party. Please choose only the most important reason.
   1) it is a strong party
   2) it bothers me the least
   3) there are strong people in it
   4) it has a good election program
   5) I trust it
   6) it offers a good outlook for the future
   7) it is led by appealing people
   8) other reason

5) Please try to remember which party you voted for the Czech National Council in the 1992.

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6) What is your present intention? Will you vote in the Senate election?

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6a) Can you state the reason of your decision
   1) I never take part in any elections
   2) I do not agree with the existence of the Senate
   3) there is no party running in my election district that would be acceptable for me
   4) there is not an acceptable candidate running in my election district
   5) I know nothing about the Senate so I have no reason to take part in this election
   6) as a whole, the electoral system for the Senate does not seem fair to me
   7) most of my friends (relatives etc.) will not vote, so I will not take part as well
   8) other reasons
6b) Can you state when did you decide? !!!!! Should be filled by all of the respondents !!!!!

1) Before September  
2) In September  
3) In October
4) In the first week of November
5) In the week of the 1st. round

!!!! RESPONDENTS, WHO REPLIED TO THE QUESTION NO. 6 "NOT AT ALL".
CONTINUE WITH QUESTION NO. 14 !!!!!

(SHOW THE CARD OF POLITICAL PARTIES)

ONLY FOR THOSE RESPONDENTS, WHO STATED CATEGORIES 2, 3, 4 (VOTERS)
FOR THE QUESTION NO. 6.

7) What senator will you vote for? Mention his (her) name.

7.1) name...........................................................................................................................................
7.2) What party do you identify him with? party number (card): ...............
7.3) What other candidate do you like? name: .................................................................................................................
7.4) What party do you identify him with? party number (card): ...............

8) What is going to be deciding for your vote?

1) party, that is represented by a candidate
2) personality, without regards to the party
3) combination of both: personality in a party that I support

9a) Which one of the statements describes your decision the best?

1) I want to support a party, even though the candidate does not satisfy me
2) I do not know the candidate well, but I trust the party that appointed him
3) it is a strong personality that persuaded me
4) it is well known personality that most of the people trust

9b) And what reason would you no. from 9a) ...............
put in the second position?

10) What do you expect from a future senator?

yes no
1) support of the local requests in our town / district 1 0
2) creation of new and better lows 1 0
3) ability to enforce interests of people same as I am 1 0
4) I do not expect anything special from him 1 0

11) Can you state how did you get to know the candidate that you want to vote for?

yes no
11.1) personaly 1 0
11.2) he was in our house and introduced himself 1 0
11.3) from a meeting 1 0
11.4) it is a well known person within our district 1 0
11.5) it is well known person throughout the Republic 1 0
11.6) from his political activity 1 0
11.7) from television 1 0
11.8) from radio 1 0
11.9) from a leaflet 1 0
11.10) from an advertisement 1 0
11.11) from people I know 1 0

12) How is your family going to vote like?

1) the same as I will; we have the same opinions
2) everyone of us differently
3) I do not know
13a) Will you vote in the second round if your candidate will get to the second round?
1) yes, and I will vote for him again
0) no, I will not vote a second time

13b) Will you vote in the second round if your candidate will not get to the second round?
1) yes I will vote again, if ..........................................................from the party........... stays
(name of a different candidate)
0) no, I will not vote for the second time

14) What characteristic should a senator have according to you? Mark what you prefer.
1 = characteristic on the left side; 5 = characteristic on the right side
1) behaves independently 1 2 3 4 5 he incites interest in his party
2) experienced politician 1 2 3 4 5 excellent expert
3) flexible 1 2 3 4 5 scrupulous
4) places emphasis on local problems 1 2 3 4 5 places emphasis on societal problems
5) demands human equality 1 2 3 4 5 demands freedom for every individual

15) How well do you think the society is informed about the Senate and its tasks.
1) very badly, nobody talks about it, no one knows anything.
2) rather badly, people do not know much about it
3) quite well, people have some idea
4) very well, most of people know what the Senate’s task is

16a) How well do you think you are informed about the Senate in comparison with other people.
3) I know more than others 2) I know the same as others 1) I know less than others

16b) How well do you think you are informed about the Senate and its tasks.
1) very badly, I do not know anything about it
2) rather badly, I do not know much about it
3) quite well, I have some idea
4) very well, I know what the Senate’s task is

17) Where did you get most of the information concerning the Senate. Pick random number of options.
17.1) from newspapers (from which one:.................................) 1 0
17.2) from radio (from what station: ...........................................) 1 0
17.3) from television (from which one: ......................................) 1 0
17.4) from people I know 1 0
17.5) in an election meeting 1 0
17.6) elsewhere ........................................................................ 1 0

18) Did you watch the interview with President Havel on Czech television last week?
1) yes, I watched it 2) no, but I heard about it 3) no, I know nothing about it

19) Has the interview improved your being well-informed about the Senate?
1) yes, considerably improved 2) yes, rather improved 3) no, has not improved at all

20) Did your opinion about the Senate changed after this interview?
1) yes, considerably 2) yes, rather 3) no, not at all
21) Has this interview influenced your decision to vote? 1) yes 0) no

22) Now we will focus on the Senate. Do you suppose that:
   1) Senate is a necessary and useful institution?
   2) Senate is an unnecessary institution, but since it is in the Constitution, it should exist.
   3) Senate is absolutely unnecessary institution, and it should be canceled.

23) Please state to what extent you agree with the following statements concerning the Senate.
   1 = I definitely disagree; 2 = I disagree; 3 = I neither disagree or agree; 4 = I agree; 5 = I definitely agree

23.1) Senate is an office for unemployed politicians. 1 2 3 4 5
23.2) Senate does not need to exist - it is unnecessary expense. 1 2 3 4 5
23.3) Senate is needed for keeping democracy 1 2 3 4 5
23.4) Senate will fortify influence of regions in federal politics 1 2 3 4 5
23.5) Senate deserves public trust. 1 2 3 4 5
23.6) Senate will fortify influence of big political parties. 1 2 3 4 5

24) Do you know how many senators the Senate consist of? 1) senators 2) I do not know

25) Based on the information you know concerning the Senate, decide, which is correct.
   yes 0 no

25.1) The Senate is a part of Parliament. 1 0
25.2) A majority electoral system means that if the majority of people do not participate in the election, election is invalid. 1 0
25.3) In this year’s election, are all the senators elected for 6 year terms. 1 0
25.4) Senate votes on the confidence in the government. 1 0
25.5) Without the Senate, the Constitution of the Republic is not fulfilled. 1 0

26) How do you evaluate before-election campaign to the Senate?
   1) campaign was week and unexpressive
   2) campaign was boring and uninteresting
   3) campaign was good and helped me to decide
   4) campaign was very expressive and interesting

27) In what direction is the situation in the Czech Republic heading?
   3) it is heading in a good direction 2) it is heading in a bad direction 1) it is heading nowhere

28) How satisfied are you with this year election to the Chamber of Deputies?
   very unsatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 very satisfied 6 7

29)Imagine that next week will be held a new election to the Chamber of Deputies. What party would you vote for? (party number from the Card of Political Parties) ..............................................

30) Please, can you state to what extent you agree with the following statements?
   1 = I definitely disagree; 2 = I disagree; 3 = I neither disagree or agree; 4 = I agree; 5 = I definitely agree

30.1) The government is so strong that no one can criticize or go against it. 1 2 3 4 5
30.2) Opposition is too strong. It is impossible for the government to govern. 1 2 3 4 5
30.3) The government is too weak. It cannot enforce its ideas. 1 2 3 4 5
30.4) The opposition is too weak. It is unable to prevent the government from doing anything. 1 2 3 4 5

31) How satisfied are you with this political situation?
   very unsatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 very satisfied 6 7
32a) Please state your opinion about an event that happened recently.
While submitting applications to the Central Election Committee (UVK), several candidates for the Senate were disqualified because of poorly filled out applications. Nevertheless, the Constitutional Court allowed the majority of them to participate.
   1) I agree with the decision of the UVK  2) I agree with the decision of the Constitutional Court  3) I do not know

32) State to what level do you agree with the following statements.
   1 = I definitely disagree; 2 = I disagree; 3 = I neither disagree or agree; 4 = I agree; 5 = I definitely agree

32.1) A politician must set an example by obeying everyday rules.
32.2) A politician has so much work that it is necessary to forgive him his mistakes.
32.3) Bad and bureaucratically laws which have no meaning should be canceled.
32.4) A law is for everyone, politicians alike.

33a) Which one of the following things should be, according to you, resolved first.? Pick one option.

   1) security of citizens  2) corruption  3) health care  4) educational system  5) housing  6) agriculture  7) export of Czech goods  8) small businesses  9) banking

33b) And which one of these things should be resolved second? .........................

34a) Imagine, that ODS wins markedly in the Senate election. According to you, it will cause:
   1) stability  2) instability  3) early elections

34b) Imagine, that CSSD wins markedly the Senate election. According to you, it will cause:
   1) stability  2) instability  3) early elections

34c) Imagine, that CSSD and ODS wins markedly the Senate elections and their power will be equal. According to you, it will cause:
   1) stability  2) instability  3) early elections

35a) Today’s political situation is difficult. Who, according to you complicates it.
Pick as many you want.

   35.1) CSSD  1  0  35.1) CSSD  1  0
   35.2) KDU-CSL  1  0  35.2) KDU-CSL  1  0
   35.3) KSCM  1  0  35.3) KSCM  1  0
   35.4) ODA  1  0  35.4) ODA  1  0
   35.5) ODS  1  0  35.5) ODS  1  0
   35.6) SPR-RSC  1  0  35.6) SPR-RSC  1  0
   35.7) other parties  1  0  35.7) other parties  1  0
   35.8) Parliament  1  0  35.8) Parliament  1  0
   35.9) government  1  0  35.9) government  1  0
   35.10) media  1  0  35.10) media  1  0

35b) And who, according to you, contributes the most to resolving difficult situations?
Pick as many you want.

36) When you summarize your political opinions, where would you place yourself in the political scale,
from left wing to right wing.

   extreme left  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  extreme right

37) Which one of the following statements do you agree with? Freedom and equality are both important,
but if I should pick one or the other I would consider to be more important:

A) individual freedom allows you to live free and develop without regulations.
B) equality means that no one is advanced and social differences are not that major.

   1) I agree with A  2) I agree with B  0) I do not agree with either
38) Which one of the following statements do you agree with.
A) Children should be taught, from when they are young, how to keep the rules of the society.
B) Children should be free to get to know on their own, what they can afford in their life and what they cannot.

1) I agree with A 2) I agree with B 0) I do not agree with either

39) There are two electoral systems used in our country:
1) According to the first system; a political party gets seats in the Parliament, based on the number of votes it receives from throughout the Czech Republic. A party can get into Parliament, if it is elected by more than 5% of the total voters.
2) According to the second system; a political party gets as many seats in the Parliament corresponding with the number of election districts in which the party won. A candidate wins if elected by more than half of the voters.

39A) Decide, which one of both of the two systems seems to be more fair to you:
1-st system 2-nd system 0) I do not know

39 B) Decide, which one seems to you to be more convenient for the CR .
1-st system 2-nd system 0) I do not know

Statistical identifications of the respondent

40) Sex:
1) male
2) female

41) What is the highest level of education have you completed?
1) primary
2) vocational
3) secondary
4) university

42) In what year were you born? ...........................................

43) What social class or strata would you classify yourself?
lower 1 none of that 6
lower middle 2 refused this concept
middle 3 of differentiation 7
upper middle 4 refused the answer 8
upper 5 do not know 9

44) Region of the respondent:
1) Prague
2) Central Bohemia
3) South Bohemia
4) West Bohemia
5) North Bohemia
6) East Bohemia
7) South Moravia
8) North Moravia

45) Size of community of respondent's residence:
1) less than 2 thousands inhabitants
2) 2 - 5 thousands inhabitants
3) 5 - 10 thousands inhabitants
4) 10 - 50 thousands inhabitants
5) 50 - 100 thousands inhabitants
6) more than 100 thousands inhabitants
7) Brno
8) Prague

46) What is your employment? Pick one option.
1) worker
2) state employee
3) other employee
4) agricultural worker (collective/private)
5) businessman/woman
6) retired
7) housewife
8) student, pupil, aprentice
9) unemployed
10) other
Finally, let me include a few more questions about developing events.

47) Mr. Josef Lux, the vice-chairman, announced on the television that he was watched by the Protection Information service BIS. Have you heard about this scandal?
   1) no, I have not heard it
   2) I heard of it, but I did not pay any attention
   3) yes, I heard it and I watched its evolution

48) Which one of these statements corresponds with your opinion?
   A) This kind of scandals do not interest me.
   B) It is just a part of the pre-election politics.
   C) There are many scandals like that. They do not interest me.
   D) I do not believe, that something like that could happen.
   E) The news is very important. It changes the picture of our politics.

49) According to you, will this scandal have an impact on the upcoming vote for the Senate?
   0) I do not know
   1) no
   2) yes

50) Has this news influenced your decision whether to vote in the Senate election?
   1) no, this news did not have any impact on my original decision
   2) yes, originally I did not want to vote, but now I probably will vote.
   3) yes, originally I wanted to vote, but I will not vote now

51) In your opinion, will this scandal have an impact on people who are going to vote for the Senate?
   1) I do not know
   2) definitely not
   3) rather not
   4) rather yes
   5) definitely yes

52) Have this news had an impact on your own decision?
   1) no
   2) yes

53) In your opinion, which party will profit the most from this kind of news?
   T: Write your reply here from the card of the political parties (e.g. reply "no one" marked by the code 94).
   party number:.....................

54) In your opinion, what political party will suffer the most because of this news?
   T: Write in a reply here from the card of the political parties (e.g. reply "no one " marked by the code 94).
   party number:.....................
1) Did you take part in the first round of elections to the Senate?

2)yes 1) no (continue with question # 5)

2) Could you state, which candidate did you vote for?

2.1) name: .......................................................

2.2) What party do you identify him with?...............(party no. from card)

3a) When did you decide for this candidate? Pick one possibility.

1) Before September  4) In the first week of November
2) In September      5) In the week of the 1-st round
3) In October        3b) When did you decide to take part in the first round election to the Senate. Pick one possibility.

1) Before September  4) In the first week of November
2) In September      5) In the week of the 1-st round
3) In October

4) Has your candidate advanced to the second election round?

1) no  2)yes  0)Undecided

5) Can you state if you will take part in the second round election to the Senate? For all of the respondents.

1) No, I will not vote in the second round  2) Yes, I will vote in the second round

6a) Can you state the reasons of your decision? Pick just one option.

1) I will never take part in any election
2) I do not agree with the existence of the Senate
3) there is no party running in my election district that would be acceptable for me
4) there is not an acceptable candidate running in my election district
5) I know nothing about the Senate, so I have no reason to take part in this election
6) majority voting system for the Senate does not seem to be fair to me
7) most of my friends(relatives etc.) will not participate in election, so I will not take part as well.
8) other reasons

5a) And which candidate will you vote for?

1) the same as in the 1-st election round.
2) candidate different from the 1-st round (name, party) .........................................................
3) I do not know who I will vote for

6b)Can you state the reason of your decision? Pick random amount of options.

1) I want to support a party or group of parties.
2) I want to support a candidate
3) my friends (relatives etc.) vote the same.
4) in this situation every vote is needed.
5) this is the only way to express myself to the present scandals.

7a)Which one of these statements describes your decision the best? Pick one option only.

1) I want to support party, despite its candidate does not satisfy me.
2) I do not know the candidate as well, but I trust the party that appointed him.
3) he has a strong personality and persuaded me.
4) he is well known personality, that most of the people trust.
8) When did you decide that you will / will not vote in the 2-nd round Senate election?

1) In Summer  
2) In September  
3) In October  
4) In the first week of November  
5) In the week of the 1st. round  
6) I will decide this week

9) What characteristics does your candidate for Senate have? Mark, the characteristics which are closest.

1 = characteristic on the left side; 5 = characteristic on the right side; 0 = I can not judge

1) behaves independently  2) experienced politician  3) flexible  4) places emphasis on local problems  5) demands human equality  0 he incites interest in his party  0 excellent expert  0 scrupulous  0 places emphasis on societal problems  0 demands freedom for every individual

10) Was your decision to vote (1-st election round) influenced by the speech of president Havel, which was broadcast on the CT last Thursday evening?

1) no, I did not watch it  
2) I watched the speech but it did not changed my decision  
3) yes, I watched the speech and it influenced my decision

11) The scandal that was caused by the vice-chairman of the government, J. Lux, being watched by the Security Information Service, stirred things up in the politics. Which one of the statements corresponds best with your opinion about this scandal. Pick only one option.

1) This kind of scandals do not interest me.  
2) It is just a part of pre-election politics.  
3) There are many scandals like this, and they have no great meaning.  
4) I do not believe that something like that could happen.  
5) The news is very important. It changes the picture of our politics.

12) Did this scandal influence your election for the Senate? Pick only one option.

1) no, I do not know about it at all  
2) I consider the scandal not to be important  
3) no, my decision was firm  
4) yes, I decided to vote / not to vote  
5) yes, I have changed the election of the candidate

13) How did the election campaign influence your decision?

1) not at all, it was weak  
2) not at all, it was boring  
3) the campaign was interesting, but I decided myself  
4) I was convinced by the campaign and its arguments

14) In what direction are things developing in the Czech Republic?

1) it is heading nowhere  
2) to the wrong direction  
3) to the correct direction

15) Watching the results of the Senate election in the CR, how are you satisfied?

very unsatisfied  very satisfied

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
16) Imagine that next week will be held a new election to the Chamber of Deputies. What party would you vote for?

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20) In what year were you born? ..............................................

21) What social class or strata would you classify yourself?  
lower 1  
lower middle 2  
middle 3  
upper middle 4  
upper 5  
one of that 6  
refused this concept 7  
of differentiation 8  
refused the answer 9  
do not know 10

22) Region of the respondent:  
1) Prague  
2) Central Bohemia  
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4) West Bohemia  
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1) worker  
2) state employee  
3) other employee  
4) agricultural worker (collective/private)  
5) businessman/woman  
6) retired  
7) housewife  
8) student, pupil, aprentice  
9) unemployed  
10) other