

**Germany**  
**ISSP 2016 – Role of Government**  
**Study Description**

## ISSP Study Description Form

*Study title:* *Staat und Regierung*

*Fieldwork dates:* Start: 2016-04-05  
End: 2016-09-18

*Principal investigators:* *Prof. Dr. Christof Wolf, GESIS Leibniz-Institut für Sozialwissenschaften*

*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 (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: 1689

<i>Details about issued sample:</i>  Please follow the standards laid down in AAPOR/WAPOR, Standard Definitions: <a href="http://www.aapor.org/uploads/standarddefs_4.pdf">http://www.aapor.org/uploads/standarddefs_4.pdf</a> . The numbers in the parentheses are those used in Tables 2 and 3 of Standard Definitions.	1. Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size) *	N=5346 East=1683 West=3663
	2. Interviews (1.0)	N=1689 East=578 West=1111
	3. Eligible, Non-Interview A. Refusal/Break-off (2.10) B. Non-Contact (2.20) C. Other i. Language Problems (2.33) ii. Miscellaneous Other (2.31, 2.32, 2.35)	N=2416; East=750, West=1666 N=519; East=168, West=351  N=175; East=30, West=145 N=228; East=78, West=150
	4. Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview (3.0)	N=8; East=4, West=4
	5. Not Eligible A. Not a Residence (4.50) B. Vacant Residence (4.60) C. No Eligible Respondent (4.70) D. Other (4.10,4.90)	N=56; East=14, West=42 N=255; East=61, West=194

\* 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):* *German*

*Weight present:* *Data-set not weighted; weighting factor stored in weight variable.*

*Weighting procedure:* *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: 1.24958935 \*\*;  
weighting factor for Eastern Germany: 0.52025301 \*\*;  
recoding of the country variable is necessary*

*Known systematic properties of sample:* *none*

*Deviations from ISSP questionnaire:* *none*

*Publications:* *ISSP 2016 Methods Report on the German Study (forthcoming)  
For further information see ISSP bibliography on the ISSP homepage  
(<http://www.issp.org/biblio.htm>)*