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To begin with, we would like to know your opinion about the current situation.

1. In your opinion, is life in Italy today better, the same or worse than five years ago?

35.3	Better
36.4	The same
28.3	Worse
100	Total (N=1,499)

2. There is much talk about what should be done in Italy over the next 10 or 15 years. This card lists various goals. [Show Card 1] In your opinion, which of these goals is the most important, that is, which one would you put in first place? And which one would you put in second place?

1st	2nd	
45.2	24.9	Maintain order in the country
19.3	19.1	Increase citizens' opportunity to participate in government decisions
24.7	34.2	Control growth of prices
10.8	21.8	Guarantee freedom of opinion
100	100	Total (N=1,496; 1,480)

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3. I would like to understand your point of view on a few social problems. For each of the following problems tell me how important you feel it is: very, somewhat, not much or not at all.

Very	Some what	Not much	Not at all	Total	(N)	
69.1	27.8	2.4	0.7	100	(1,498)	Inflation, price increases
77.5	18.0	3.6	0.9	100	(1,495)	Unemployment
55.7	34.0	8.9	1.4	100	(1,493)	Inefficient public services
84.3	12.0	2.4	1.3	100	(1,493)	Organized crime
85.6	10.6	2.7	1.1	100	(1,494)	Drugs
74.5	20.9	3.7	0.9	100	(1,490)	Pollution
38.6	35.8	21.9	3.7	100	(1,493)	Foreign immigration
66.6	24.6	8.8	2.0	100	(1,490)	Political corruption

- 4-5. Now let's talk about your city/town. On the whole, in your opinion, here in... [name respondent's municipality] is life better, the same or worse compared to the national average?

And compared to the other cities and towns of... [name respondent's region]?

Compared to:

Nat'l avg.	Re-gion	
36.9	27.3	Better
43.3	57.2	The same
19.8	15.5	Worse
100	100	Total (N=1,491; 1,470)

6. Here in... [name municipality], compared to five years ago, is life better, the same or worse?

25.9	Better
48.9	The same
25.2	Worse
100	Total (N=1,498)

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7. Now I'm going to read you a list of problems that affect some Italian cities and towns. For each problem I would like to understand how serious it is here in... [name respondent's municipality].

	Very	Some- what	Not much	Not at all	Don't know	Total	(N)	
	36.8	28.5	24.5	5.5	4.7	100	(1,498)	Unemployment
	23.4	16.8	31.8	23.8	4.2	100	(1,495)	Organized crime
	35.1	30.9	21.1	8.9	4.0	100	(1,499)	Drugs
	30.3	33.5	24.6	9.6	2.0	100	(1,495)	Pollution
	22.3	23.3	24.8	11.1	18.5	100	(1,490)	Political corruption
	22.1	22.9	24.8	11.2	20.0	100	(1,494)	Quarrels among politicians
	17.1	20.0	34.5	24.2	4.2	100	(1,498)	Foreign immigration

8. For each of the following aspects of life here in... [name respondent's municipality] could you please tell me how satisfied you are: very much, somewhat, not much or not at all?

	Very	Some- what	Not much	Not at all	Don't know	Total	(N)	
	11.7	34.9	28.9	22.2	2.3	100	(1,499)	Traffic
	9.3	36.7	28.4	20.4	5.2	100	(1,499)	Public transportation
	12.2	50.4	23.7	9.1	4.6	100	(1,497)	Public office opening hours
	15.7	44.1	21.5	17.3	1.3	100	(1,495)	Urban hygiene
	19.5	55.5	16.0	7.2	1.8	100	(1,497)	Public lighting
	30.1	39.7	14.9	13.6	1.7	100	(1,498)	Water supply

9. How would you judge the municipal government of... [name respondent's municipality; if city elections have been held this year, add 'of course, I'm referring to the government that was in power before the May elections']? Is your judgment very positive, positive, negative or very negative?

3.5	Very positive
46.5	Positive
22.7	Negative
8.5	Very negative
18.8	Don't know
100	Total (N=1,477)

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Now I shall ask you some questions concerning your interests and attitudes.

10. When you are convinced of something do you ever try to win over people you know (friends, colleagues, relatives) so that they see things your way? Does this happen frequently, sometimes, rarely or never?

14.0 Frequently
20.8 Sometimes
31.9 Rarely
33.3 Never
100 Total (N=1,493)

11. How interested in politics are you: very much, somewhat, not much or not at all?

2.4 Very much
12.4 Somewhat
35.4 Not much
49.8 Not at all
100 Total (N=1,493)

12. Among the family members who live with you is anybody particularly interested in politics?

89.1 No —> question 13
10.9 Yes
100 Total (N=1,494)

Who, in particular? [do not read response categories aloud]

Yes	No	Total	(N)	
26.8	73.2	100	(139/162)	Father
4.0	96.0	100	(134/162)	Mother
40.2	59.8	100	(142/162)	Spouse
27.2	72.8	100	(142/162)	Children
35.7	64.3	100	(136/162)	Other

13. Have you ever tried to persuade anybody (including members of your family) to vote for a specific *political party*?

85.8 No —> question 16
14.2 Yes —> questions 14, 15, 16
100 Total (N=1,496)

[only if question 13='Yes']

14. And whom did you try to convince? Family members or others?

- 35.0 Family members
- 18.8 Others
- 46.2 Both family members and others
- 100 Total (N=211/213)

[only if question 13='Yes']

15. During the recent elections in May did you try to persuade anybody to vote for a specific *political party*?

- 33.1 No
- 66.9 Yes
- 100 Total (N=206/213)

16. Have you ever tried to persuade anybody (including members of your family) to vote for a specific *candidate*?

- 83.5 No —> question 19
- 16.5 Yes —> questions 17, 18, 19
- 100 Total (N=1,498)

[only if question 16='Yes']

17. And whom did you try to convince? Family members or others?

- 29.6 Family members
- 33.4 Others
- 37.0 Both family members and others
- 100 Total (N=245/248)

[only if question 16='Yes']

18. During the recent elections in May did you try to persuade anybody to vote for a specific *candidate*?

- 26.1 No
- 73.9 Yes
- 100 Total (N=246/248)

19. Have you ever asked anybody for advice on how to vote in an election?

- 77.0 No —> question 21
- 23.0 Yes —> questions 20, 21
- 100 Total (N=1,467)

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[only if question 19='Yes']

20. And did you ask for advice during the recent May elections?

40.2 No
 59.8 Yes
 100 Total (N=329/337)

21. I shall now read you some things that people sometimes say. As I read them would you please tell me how much you agree with them? [Show Card 2]

Totally agree	Agree	Dis-agree	Totally disagree	Total	(N)	
36.7	42.0	19.0	2.3	100	(1,463)	People like me don't have any say about what the government does.
50.1	39.9	8.0	2.0	100	(1,486)	Sometimes politics seem so complicated that you can't understand what's going on.
41.8	42.3	14.4	1.5	100	(1,473)	I don't think politicians care much what people like me think.
44.3	46.3	8.4	1.0	100	(1,442)	Usually the candidates we elect to Parliament lose touch with the voters pretty quickly.
20.4	34.1	32.4	13.1	100	(1,435)	If you trust a party, you vote for it without paying too much attention to specific mistakes.
11.6	32.0	38.7	17.7	100	(1,429)	In any election it's best to consider the candidates without worrying about their party label.
40.3	41.3	15.5	2.9	100	(1,457)	Parties are only interested in people's votes, not in their opinions.

22. Are you *currently* a member of a party (or a party's youth organization)?

8.2 Yes
 91.8 No
 100 Total (N=1,483)

23. Have you ever been a member of a party *in the past*?

14.0 Yes (includes current members recorded by question 22)
 86.0 No
 100 Total (N=1,405)

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[only if question 22 or question 23='Yes']

24. Which party? [open question; if more than one, record most recent party membership]

39.3	Partito Comunista Italiano (Pci)
34.9	Democrazia Cristiana (Dc)
13.4	Partito Socialista Italiano (Psi)
3.4	Partito Socialdemocratico Italiano (Psdi)
3.8	Movimento Sociale Italiano (Msi)
1.2	Partito Liberale Italiano (Pli)
0.7	Partito Radicale (Pr)
1.1	Partito Sardo d'Azione
2.2	Other parties
100	Total (N=168/197)

[only if question 22 or question 23='Yes']

25. In what year did you become a member of this party for the first time?

7.5	Up to 1945
17.0	1946-1950
5.9	1951-1955
6.1	1956-1960
6.1	1961-1965
7.6	1966-1970
12.5	1971-1975
12.6	1976-1980
9.1	1981-1985
12.9	1986-1990
2.7	Don't remember
100	Total (N=179/197)

26. Among your family members who live with you, is anybody a member of a party?

87.0	No
10.3	Yes
2.7	Don't know
100	Total (N=1,487)

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27. Are you personally acquainted with a politician (members of the Chamber of Deputies, senators, regional, provincial or municipal councilors)?

- 62.2 No
- 26.9 Yes, only municipal councilors
- 10.9 Yes, higher-level politicians
- 100 Total (N=1,483)

28. Over the last 4 or 5 years have you or any member of your family sought help from a politician in order to solve a problem?

- 88.7 No
- 11.3 Yes
- 100 Total (N=1,475)

29. Now I'm going to name a few political offices. Could you please tell me whether you recall the name of the politician who serves in each office (or served before the most recent elections) and his/her party affiliation? Who is...

% who knows

- 72.7 ... the mayor of... [name respondent's municipality]
 - 15.9 ... the president of the region of... [name respondent's region]
 - 52.0 ... the president of the Council of Ministers
- (N=1,499)

30. In Italy the municipal and regional governments, just like the national government, are made up at times of politicians belonging to just one party and at times by more than one party. It is not easy to remember with precision which parties are present at the different levels of government. For each of the organs I shall now mention [municipal government; regional government; national government] could you please tell me which parties you recall with certainty as being present (prior to the recent elections)? [do not insist if respondent is uncertain; in any case, record parties in the order they are mentioned]

Data analysis is limited to the presence/absence of the three major parties, i.e., the Democrazia Cristiana (Dc), the Partito Socialista Italiano (Psi) and the Partito Comunista Italiano (Pci), and combinations thereof in the government coalitions of each of the three levels of government in early 1990.

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R's perception	Actual gov't	
		City government:
56.7	72.1	<i>Dc present</i>
47.1	50.9	<i>Psi present</i>
39.2	38.1	<i>Pci present</i>
14.7	23.9	Centre-right coalition: Dc present, Psi and Pci absent
17.5	37.0	Centre-left coalition: Dc and Psi present, Pci absent
17.4	1.0	Grand coalition: Dc, Psi and Pci present
9.5	12.9	Leftist coalition: Psi and Pci present, Dc absent
5.3	14.0	'Red' coalition: Pci present, Dc and Psi absent
7.1	10.1	Dc and Pci present, Psi absent
2.7	0.0	Psi present, Dc and Pci absent
25.9	1.0	None of the three major parties mentioned/present
100	100	Total (N=1,500)
		Regional government:
39.7	78.9	<i>Dc present</i>
36.4	88.1	<i>Psi present</i>
21.7	21.1	<i>Pci present</i>
6.9	3.9	Centre-right coalition: Dc present, Psi and Pci absent
18.5	75.1	Centre-left coalition: Dc and Psi present, Pci absent
11.9	0.0	Grand coalition: Dc, Psi and Pci present
5.4	13.1	Leftist coalition: Psi and Pci present, Dc absent
2.1	8.0	'Red' coalition: Pci present, Dc and Psi absent
2.3	0.0	Dc and Pci present, Psi absent
0.6	0.0	Psi present, Dc and Pci absent
52.3	—	None of the three major parties mentioned
100	100	Total (N=1,500)
		National government:
73.6	100	<i>Dc present</i>
63.7	100	<i>Psi present</i>
25.1	0.0	<i>Pci present</i>
6.5	0.0	Centre-right coalition: Dc present, Psi and Pci absent
42.1	100	Centre-left coalition: Dc and Psi present, Pci absent
21.3	0.0	Grand coalition: Dc, Psi and Pci present
0.1	0.0	Leftist coalition: Psi and Pci present, Dc absent
0.1	0.0	'Red' coalition: Pci present, Dc and Psi absent
3.6	0.0	Dc and Pci present, Psi absent
0.1	0.0	Psi present, Dc and Pci absent
26.1	—	None of the three major parties mentioned
100	100	Total (N=1,500)
	31.3	Correct perception of city government coalition
	22.3	Correct perception of regional government coalition
	42.1	Correct perception of national government coalition

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31. Lots of people use the terms 'left' and 'right' when they talk or think about politics. Here's a row of boxes lined up from left to right. Thinking about your political opinions, where would you place yourself? Point to the box that comes closest to your position, according to how much to the left or the right you feel yourself to be. [Show Card 3; if answer=5 or 6 → question 32; otherwise → question 33]

Left	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Right	Don't know	Total (N)
%	8.1	8.4	11.3	8.6	19.1	9.0	4.2	5.6	2.0	3.3		20.5	100 (1,342)
4.62 Mean (N=1,067)					2.35 Standard deviation								

[only if question 31=5 or 6]

32. You placed yourself in the middle of the row of boxes. Why did you place yourself there?

50.5 Strongly support a central position
 49.5 Don't really identify with the left/right distinction
 100 Total (N=341/377)

33. Lots of people also speak of parties in terms of 'right' and 'left'. Could you please indicate the position of the following parties in terms of left and right? [Show Card 4]

Left	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Right	Don't know	Total (N)
Democrazia Cristiana (Dc)													
%	2.5	1.0	1.4	3.2	21.7	21.4	7.9	8.0	4.9	11.2		16.9	100 (1,450)
6.41 Mean (N=1,205)					2.13 Standard deviation								
Partito Comunista Italiano (Pci)													
%	28.3	27.5	13.9	5.9	2.2	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.9	1.6		17.2	100 (1,450)
2.42 Mean (N=1,201)					1.82 Standard deviation								
Partito Socialista Italiano (Psi)													
%	3.9	9.9	22.1	19.9	12.1	4.6	2.5	1.5	1.9	1.0		20.6	100 (1,447)
3.96 Mean (N=1,148)					1.80 Standard deviation								

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Partito Repubblicano Italiano (Pri)

%	1.2	2.9	5.4	13.8	10.1	13.9	10.9	7.2	2.8	1.7		30.1	100 (1,437)
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5.56 Mean (N=1,005) 1.96 Standard deviation

Partito Liberale Italiano (Pli)

%	1.1	1.3	2.1	5.7	7.5	12.3	16.0	12.9	7.6	3.3		30.3	100 (1,443)
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6.60 Mean (N=1,003) 1.94 Standard deviation

Movimento Sociale Italiano (Msi)

%	1.6	1.5	1.0	1.1	2.0	2.4	2.5	5.7	11.7	44.7		25.9	100 (1,434)
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8.78 Mean (N=1,062) 2.17 Standard deviation

Partito Socialdemocratico Italiano (Psdi)

%	1.4	3.5	7.9	14.7	11.0	9.0	9.4	6.6	3.9	1.2		31.5	100 (1,436)
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5.33 Mean (N=984) 2.06 Standard deviation

Democrazia Proletaria (Dp)

%	27.2	11.9	6.0	6.4	3.5	2.1	2.6	2.7	1.8	1.4		34.5	100 (1,432)
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2.96 Mean (N=938) 2.47 Standard deviation

Partito Radicale (Pr)

%	10.4	9.9	9.7	8.5	5.3	4.2	3.7	3.3	2.2	2.2		40.6	100 (1,428)
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4.02 Mean (N=849) 2.54 Standard deviation

Liste Verdi (Lv)

%	4.2	6.4	9.3	8.5	8.6	5.7	2.7	2.7	2.1	2.4		47.5	100 (1,430)
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4.55 Mean (N=750) 2.37 Standard deviation

Liga Veneta

%	1.7	1.7	3.1	2.7	2.1	2.9	3.4	5.0	5.6	7.7		64.0	100 (1,425)
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6.79 Mean (N=513) 2.83 Standard deviation

Lega Lombarda

%	2.3	1.2	2.3	2.5	2.4	3.0	3.7	5.5	6.4	10.2		60.4	100 (1,422)
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7.10 Mean (N=564) 2.80 Standard deviation

Partito Sardo d'Azione

%	1.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.0	1.6	2.5	2.6	3.3	4.3		73.3	100 (1,412)
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5.93 Mean (N=376) 3.03 Standard deviation

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34. I shall now read you a list of national politicians. For each of them tell me whether you have ever heard of them and, if so, give them a score from 1 to 10 according to your opinion of them: 1 means a totally negative judgment and 10 means a totally positive judgment.

% who knows	Mean score	Std. dev.		(N) for mean score
98.5	6.92	2.68	Andreotti [Dc]	(1,341)
98.3	5.70	2.58	Craxi [Psi]	(1,321)
90.3	4.84	2.15	La Malfa (Giorgio) [Pri]	(1,016)
95.6	4.93	2.36	De Mita [Dc]	(1,200)
64.0	4.22	2.18	Cariglia [Psdi]	(590)
64.8	3.32	2.30	Rauti [Msi]	(656)
91.9	5.47	2.47	Occhetto [Pci]	(1,174)
96.3	3.78	2.50	Pannella [Pr]	(1,236)
82.5	4.41	2.12	Altissimo [Pli]	(914)
91.4	5.25	2.35	Forlani [Dc]	(1,077)
76.9	5.13	2.41	Ingrao [Pci]	(857)

35. Think for a moment about the parties you've voted for in the past, regardless of the type of election. For which parties, among the following, have you voted (at least once) and for which parties have you never voted?

[if respondent has never participated in an election —> question 37]

Never voted	Voted	Don't re-member	Total	(N)*	
58.1	34.6	7.3	100	(1,248)	Psi
84.2	11.0	4.8	100	(1,253)	Psdi
87.6	7.7	4.7	100	(1,250)	Pri
91.2	4.6	4.2	100	(1,247)	Pr
90.2	5.7	4.1	100	(1,246)	Pli
56.5	37.8	5.7	100	(1,249)	Pci
82.4	13.6	4.0	100	(1,244)	Lv
88.9	7.1	4.0	100	(1,244)	Msi
93.2	3.4	3.4	100	(1,250)	Dp
42.9	53.2	3.9	100	(1,248)	Dc
87.4	8.0	4.6	100	(1,247)	Regional parties (Lega Lombarda, Liga Veneta, Partito Sardo d'Azione, etc.)

* maximum (N)=1,475; 24 respondents have never participated in an election.

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[only if respondent has participated in an election]

36. Besides the parties I just mentioned, do you remember having voted for some other party in the past?

- 97.1 No
- 2.9 Yes [—> omissis: Which one?]
- 100 Total (N=1,354/1,475)

37. If elections were to be held, which of these parties would you consider voting for and which would you never vote for?

Would never vote	Could vote	Don't know	Total	(N)	
41.7	43.9	14.4	100	(1,328)	Psi
68.3	15.1	16.6	100	(1,325)	Psdi
71.9	12.9	15.2	100	(1,327)	Pri
81.3	5.5	13.2	100	(1,329)	Pr
76.3	9.5	14.2	100	(1,329)	Pli
51.4	34.7	13.9	100	(1,328)	Pci
57.5	27.0	15.5	100	(1,330)	Lv
80.6	7.6	11.8	100	(1,333)	Msi
82.2	5.1	12.7	100	(1,328)	Dp
39.3	49.7	11.0	100	(1,330)	Dc
66.9	16.0	17.1	100	(1,296)	Regional parties (Lega Lombarda, Liga Veneta, Partito Sardo d'Azione, etc.)

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38. Is there a party, among those mentioned, to which you feel closer with respect to the others? If yes, which one?

61.9	Yes —> question 39
35.3	Dc
26.9	Pci
17.8	Psi
5.8	Liste Verdi
4.1	Msi
2.3	Psdi
2.0	Pri
1.4	Lega Lombarda
0.8	Pli
0.7	Pr
0.4	Dp
1.2	Other parties
1.4	Don't know
30.3	No —> question 40
7.8	Don't know —> question 40
100	Total (N=1,499)

[only if question 38='Yes']

39. How close do you feel to this party: very close, rather close or just a sympathizer?

23.0	Very close
29.3	Rather close
47.7	Just a sympathizer
100	Total (N=739/833)

40. Considering all past elections, did you ever, at least once, *intentionally* not go to the polls, or return a blank ballot, or intentionally spoil a ballot?

	At least Never	once	Don't remember	Total	(N)	
84.9	12.2	2.9	100	(1,489)	Did not go to the polls	
88.8	7.6	3.5	100	(1,479)	Returned a blank ballot	
90.8	6.8	2.4	100	(1,479)	Intentionally spoil ballot	

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41. If you think about future elections, could you consider *intentionally* not going to the polls, or returning a blank ballot, or intentionally spoiling a ballot?

No	Yes	Don't know	Total	(N)	
75.6	13.8	10.6	100	(1,488)	Will not go to the polls
85.8	6.7	7.5	100	(1,479)	Will return a blank ballot
86.7	6.3	7.0	100	(1,477)	Intentionally spoil ballot

42. On May 6th and 7th administrative elections were held in Italy. Were you, or any of your family members, friends or acquaintances, candidates in any list?

81.8	No	—>	question 44
18.2	Yes	—>	question 43
100	Total		(N=1,499)

[only if question 42='Yes']

43. In what type of election were you/they candidates?

[do not read aloud the types of election]

Sub-munic.	Muni-cipal	Provin-cial	Re-gional	> 1 type	Total	(N)	
9.2	86.9	0.0	3.9	0.0	100	(26)	Respondent
7.7	74.3	8.2	6.1	3.7	100	(191)	Others

44. Lots of people don't vote when elections are held. Did you vote in the administrative elections on May 6th and 7th of this year?

94.5	Yes	—>	questions 46-55
5.1	No	—>	questions 45, 55
0.4	Don't remember	—>	question 55
100	Total		(N=1,492)

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[only if question 44='No']

45. For what reason didn't you vote?

[code answers without reading response categories, then —> question 55]

64.0 Circumstances beyond respondent's control (illness, trip abroad, etc.)

1.4 Unimportant elections

15.3 Protest against parties and voting

10.6 Lack of confidence in elections

7.4 Lack of interest

1.3 Don't know

100 Total (N=71/76)

[only if question 44='Yes']

46. Did you vote on Sunday or Monday; and approximately at what time? [round to nearest hour]

81.7 Sunday

11.3 7-9 a.m.

13.2 10 a.m.

10.2 11 a.m.

7.2 12 noon-1 p.m.

9.8 2-3 p.m.

10.1 4 p.m.

9.5 5 p.m.

10.3 6 p.m.

8.4 7 p.m.

10.1 8-10 p.m.

13.8 Monday

30.6 7-9 a.m.

30.6 10 a.m.

16.1 11 a.m.

22.7 12 noon-2 p.m.

4.5 Don't remember

100 Total (N=1,403/1,410)

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[only if question 44='Yes']

47. Did you go to the polls alone or were you in company?

- 36.0 Alone
- 64.0 In company
- 100 Total (N=1,407/1,410)

[only if question 44='Yes']

48. Do you remember, among the various types of elections, which were held here in... [name respondent's municipality; do not read alternatives]

[if only type of election indicated —> question 50a; if two or more types of election —> question 49]

- 73.4 Regional elections
 - 70.2 Provincial elections
 - 66.4 Municipal elections
 - 12.3 Sub-municipal elections
 - 3.9 Other types of election (parliamentary, European, referenda)
 - 17.7 Remembers there being elections, but doesn't remember what type
- (N=1,376/1,410)

[only if question 44='Yes' and more than one type of election mentioned in question 48]

49. In all the elections that were held on May 6th and 7th, did you always vote for the same party?

- 75.3 Yes —> question 50a
- 18.1 No —> question 50b
- 6.6 No response —> question 50b
- 100 Total (N=1,089)

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[only if question 44='Yes' and if respondent remembers at least one type of election on question 48]

50a. How did you vote?

50b. How did you vote in the regional elections? In the provincial elections? In the municipal elections?

One election or always same party	Reg.	Prov.	Mun.	Confused memory	
39.1	36.0	36.4	38.1	31.8	Dc
25.8	24.5	24.7	22.4	28.0	Pci
17.1	17.3	18.1	17.7	12.7	Psi
1.9	2.0	1.8	2.3	1.5	Pri
0.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.0	Pli
2.7	2.7	2.0	0.9	4.5	Msi
1.7	2.3	2.5	2.1	0.0	Psdi
0.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	Dp
0.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	Pr
4.1	5.5	3.8	5.0	5.5	Lv
2.9	4.7	4.8	6.6	2.3	Other
1.5	1.7	1.9	1.0	2.9	Blank or spoilt ballot
2.6	1.7	2.1	2.1	10.9	Doesn't remember
100	100	100	100	100	Total
(808)	(710)	(680)	(635)	(180)	(N)

51. In the elections in which you voted did you express any preferences for specific candidates? If so, how many?

Reg.	Mun.	Confused memory	
43.0	33.3	41.0	No
6.7	8.7	2.5	Yes, but doesn't remember how many
32.6	38.5	9.6	Yes, one preference/more than one preference
4.5	4.5	4.9	Doesn't remember
13.2	15.0	42.0	No response
100	100	100	Total
(1,010)	(913)	(244)	(N)

[if respondent voted for different parties —> questions 52, 53, 54;
otherwise —> question 55]

[only if respondent voted for different parties in question 50]

52. As you just said, in the different elections held on May 6th and 7th you voted for different parties. Did you vote for different parties because in some of the elections your favourite party wasn't present?
- 80.3 No, favourite party was always present
 - 19.7 Yes, favourite party was absent in at least one election
 - 100 Total (N=169/197)

[only if respondent voted for different parties in question 50]

53. Among the different votes you gave, is there one in which you identify more than the others?
- 36.0 No, they're all the same —> question 55
 - 40.0 Yes, I identify with a vote more than with others —> question 54
 - 24.0 No response —> question 55
 - 100 Total (N=197/197)

[only if question 53='Yes, I identify with a vote more than with others']

54. In which vote did you identify most: the one you gave in the regional elections, in the provincial elections or in the municipal elections?
- 49.4 Regional
 - 12.7 Provincial
 - 37.9 Municipal
 - 100 Total (N=70/79)

[only if interview takes place *before* June 3rd; otherwise —> question 57]

55. Do you know if there will be another election next June? If so, what kind of election?
- 6.8 Don't know
 - 1.5 Don't think there are any elections
 - 20.7 I *think* there's a referendum
 - 71.0 I'm *certain* there's a referendum
 - 100 Total (N=916)

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[only if interview takes place *before* June 3rd]

56. If a referendum were to be held, do you think you would vote?

15.8 Haven't thought about it, don't know

2.4 Depends on the topic

4.9 Yes, if I have no other commitments

63.9 Yes

13.1 No

100 Total (N=919)

[—> question 58]

[only if interview takes place *after* June 3rd]

57. On Sunday, June 3rd a referendum was held. Do you remember whether you went to vote? If so, a what time?

52.4 Yes

16.6 Doesn't remember at what time

10.3 7-9 a.m.

11.6 10 a.m.

12.0 11 a.m.

10.6 12 noon-1 p.m.

5.6 2-3 p.m.

5.0 4 p.m.

9.0 5 p.m.

8.0 6 p.m.

5.3 7 p.m.

6.0 8-10 p.m.

44.6 No

3.0 Don't remember

100 Total (N=579)

58. I would like to ask you a few questions about the last political [parliamentary] elections, that is, those for the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, which took place in June 1987.

Did you vote on that occasion?

86.0 Yes —> question 60

2.4 No (I was old enough but did not vote) —> question 59

6.5 No (because I wasn't old enough) —> question 61

5.1 Don't remember —> question 61

100 Total (N=1,487)

[only if question 58='No, old enough but didn't vote']

59. For what reason didn't you vote?

[code answers without reading response categories, then —> question 61]

- 68.9 Circumstances beyond respondent's control (illness, trip abroad, etc.)
- 0.0 Unimportant elections
- 5.2 Protest against parties and voting
- 12.7 Lack of confidence in elections
- 10.1 Lack of interest
- 3.1 Don't know
- 100 Total (N=28/36)

[—> question 61]

[only if question 58='Yes']

60. Could you tell me how you voted in the last elections for the Chamber of Deputies? And in the Senate elections?

[if R remembers parties voted but not the respective election, code in 'confused memory' columns]

Chamber	Senate	<u>Confused memory</u>		
		A	B	
33.6	32.7	17.6	21.0	Dc
21.5	21.3	41.0	33.7	Pci
12.2	12.0	23.4	26.4	Psi
1.9	1.5	0.0	0.0	Pri
0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	Pli
3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	Msi
1.2	1.0	18.0	18.8	Psdi
0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	Dp
0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	Pr
1.6	1.5	0.0	0.0	Lv
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Liga Veneta
0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	Lega Lombarda
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Partito Sardo d'Azione
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Other party
1.2	1.4	0.0	0.0	Blank or spoilt ballot
21.9	21.4	0.0	0.0	Don't remember
—	2.4	—	—	Couldn't vote (Senate only; min. age =25)
100	100	100	100	Total
(978)	(978)	(15)	(13)	(N)

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Now we would like to record your political attitudes as regards the future.

61. Suppose that in a few months' time elections were to be called for the national parliament. Do you already have an idea of how you would vote on that occasion?

57.5 Yes —> question 62

42.5 No —> question 69

100 Total (N=1,496)

[only if question 61='Yes']

62. Is the party you intend to vote for the same party you've always (or almost always) voted for?

0.8 No, because I've never voted for a party —> question 63

8.2 No —> question 65

91.0 Yes —> question 63

100 Total (N=858/860)

[only if question 62='Yes' or 'No, never voted for a party']

63. Is this party the same party your original family has always (or almost always) voted for?

71.0 Yes —> question 73

29.0 No —> question 64

100 Total (N=782/788)

[only if question 63='No']

64. Is this because you've changed your views with respect to your family's, or is it because your original family didn't have a definite outlook or a homogenous one?

49.6 I have a different view

34.8 There was no definite view in my family

15.6 There was no homogeneous view in my family

100 Total (N=225/227)

[—> question 73]

[only if question 62='No']

65. Is this because you've never been committed to a stable or at least prevalent party, or is it because at one time you used to vote mainly for one party and later changed your views?

35.0 Never had a stable reference point —> question 73

65.0 Had a main party and later changed views —> questions 66, 67, 68

100 Total (N=70/71)

[only if question 65='Had main party and later changed views']

66. Does the party you used to vote for still exist?

100 Yes

0.0 No

100 Total (N=46/46)

[only if question 65='Had main party and later changed views']

67. And have you already voted for the party that you now prefer in national elections, that is, for the parliament, or would this be the first time?

52.1 Already voted in the past

47.9 This would be the first time

100 Total (N=46/46)

[only if question 65='Had main party and later changed views']

68. What made you change your party: mostly the characteristics of its representatives and candidates, or the political platform adopted by the party?

11.8 Mostly characteristics of representatives —> question 73

88.2 Mostly political platform —> question 73

100 Total (N=45/46)

[—> question 73]

[only if question 61='No']

69. Is this because you think that you wouldn't go to the polls, or is it because you still need other elements and indications before you decide?

10.2 Think I wouldn't vote —> question 70

89.8 Still need some elements and indications —> questions 71, 72

100 Total (N=634/637)

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[only if question 69='Think I wouldn't vote']

70. Why do you think that you won't vote in the next elections: because politics and elections don't interest you, or because you want them to understand your protest against all parties?

46.6 Not interested in politics

53.4 Make clear my protest

100 Total (N=63/65)

[—> question 73]

[only if question 69='Still need some elements and indications']

71. What kind of information interests you most: about people who will be candidates for the various parties, or about the policies the various parties intend to implement?

24.2 Information about candidates

75.8 Information about policies

100 Total (N=564/570)

[only if question 69='Still need some elements and indications']

72. As far as candidates are concerned, do you prefer somebody you or a family member knows personally, or is it better to examine their skills and their political ideas even if you don't know them personally?

26.3 Prefer personal acquaintance

73.7 Prefer examining skills and political ideas

100 Total (N=567/570)

73. Do you read the newspaper?

64.9 Yes —> questions 74-77

35.1 No —> question 78

100 Total (N=1,488)

74. [omissis]

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[only if question 73='Yes']

75. How frequently?

	1st	2nd	
	42.1	10.2	Every day
	27.1	10.2	3-5 days a week
	23.1	16.4	1-2 days a week
	7.7	11.5	Less than once a week
	—	51.7	No second newspaper
	100	100	Total (N=965/966; 955/966)

[only if question 73='Yes']

76. In the newspaper do you read items *about politics* regularly, occasionally or never?

	20.9	Regularly
	55.3	Occasionally
	23.9	Never
	100	Total (N=965/966)

[only if question 73='Yes']

77. During last April's election campaign did you read the newspaper more often than usual or with the usual frequency?

	11.7	More often than usual
	88.3	Usual frequency
	100	Total (N=964/966)

78. Do you watch the news on tv or listen to the news on the radio? If so, how often each week?

	Tv	Radio	
	33.9	11.8	More than once a day
	44.6	16.3	(Almost) every day
	10.0	6.3	3-4 days a week
	6.5	7.7	1-2 days a week
	2.0	8.7	Less than once a week
	3.0	49.2	Never
	100	100	Total (N=1,499; 1,489)

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79. During last April's election campaign did you watch tv newscasts or listen to radio newscasts more often than usual or with the usual frequency?
- | | |
|------|-----------------------|
| 12.1 | More often than usual |
| 87.9 | Usual frequency |
| 100 | Total (N=1,494) |
80. In general, from where do you get most of your information about politics: television, newspapers, weekly magazines or radio?
[two possible choices, in order of importance]
- | | 1st | 2nd | |
|------|------|------------------------|--|
| 62.5 | 17.8 | Television | |
| 18.5 | 31.8 | Newspapers | |
| 0.6 | 5.1 | Weeklies | |
| 2.4 | 13.2 | Radio | |
| 15.8 | 28.6 | None of these | |
| — | 3.5 | No response | |
| 100 | 100 | Total (N=1,499; 1,449) | |
81. During the recent election campaign did you attend any political speeches or rallies or any political debates?
- | | |
|------|-----------------|
| 8.2 | Yes |
| 91.8 | No |
| 100 | Total (N=1,494) |
82. During the recent election campaign were you visited or called by phone by a party activist or candidate?
- | | |
|------|-----------------|
| 19.4 | Yes |
| 80.6 | No |
| 100 | Total (N=1,490) |
83. Do you feel that the election campaign influenced your voting decision?
- | | |
|------|---------------------------|
| 5.0 | Yes —> question 84 |
| 87.9 | No —> question 85 |
| 7.1 | Don't know —> question 86 |
| 100 | Total (N=1,497) |

[only if question 83='Yes']

84. Is this because it clarified the parties' positions, or is it because it presented the candidates in a clearer manner?

- 18.9 Clarified parties' positions
- 54.9 Presented candidates in clearer manner
- 26.2 Both reasons
- 100 Total (N=65/74)

[—> question 86]

[only if question 83='No']

85. Is this because you had already decided what to do, or is it because the campaign didn't supply answers to your questions?

- 83.7 Already decided what to do
- 8.0 Campaign didn't supply answers
- 8.3 Both reasons
- 100 Total (N=1,225/1,316)

86. Over the *last two years*, have you performed any of the following activities?

	Yes	No	Total	(N)	
	12.7	87.3	100	(1,498)	Trade union or professional assemblies
	14.7	85.3	100	(1,498)	Strikes
	5.8	94.2	100	(1,498)	Political or union demonstrations
	17.4	82.6	100	(1,498)	Signature in favour of popular initiative legislation, petitions, referenda

87. I shall now name some types of associations and organizations. Please tell me whether you belong to an association or organization for each type.

	Yes	No	Total	(N)	
	21.3	78.7	100	(1,499)	Trade union
	13.5	86.5	100	(1,499)	Professional association
	10.1	89.9	100	(1,499)	Cultural and recreational associations
	12.7	87.3	100	(1,497)	Sports clubs and associations
	9.4	90.6	100	(1,497)	Religious associations

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88. Religiously speaking, do you consider yourself Catholic, Christian but not Catholic, a non-believer, or do you belong to another denomination?

- 82.6 Catholic —> questions 89, 90
- 9.9 Non-Catholic Christian —> questions 89, 90
- 4.5 Non-believer —> question 92
- 0.5 Other denomination —> question 92
- 2.5 No response —> questions 89, 90
- 100 Total (N=1,499)

[only if question 88='Catholic', 'Non-Catholic Christian' or 'No response']

89. During the last year have you ever gone to church? If so, how often?

- 9.8 No, never
- 30.1 Two-three times a year
- 12.1 Once a month
- 17.4 Two-three times a month
- 30.6 At least once a week
- 100 Total (N=1,374/1,424)

[only if question 88='Catholic', 'Non-Catholic Christian' or 'No response']

90- Have you received Communion during the last year? If so, when was the

91. last time you did so?

- 56.2 Yes
 - 5.5 Before Christmas
 - 6.2 Christmas
 - 33.9 Easter
 - 20.9 During last month
 - 28.6 During last week
 - 4.9 Yes, but unspecified period
- 43.8 No
- 100 Total (N=1,347/1,424)

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92. Each one of us feels close to his/her city, region or country. What do you feel most like? [Read following list of adjectives]. And what is your second choice?

	1st	2nd	
	36.3	15.5	[adjective designating resident of respondent's municipality]
	13.4	29.2	[adjective designating resident of respondent's region]
	36.4	31.9	Italian
	3.1	13.3	European
	10.8	10.1	Citizen of the world
	100	100	Total (N=1,484; 1,431)

93. Now I would like to ask you a few questions concerning a specific period of your life, that is, when you were fourteen years old. Think about that period in your life.

When you were 14 did your father ever go to church? If so, how often?

Did your mother ever go to church? If so, how often?

And when you were 14 did you ever go to church? If so, how often?

Father	Mother	Resp.	
7.5	2.1	—	Deceased or not living with R
18.4	7.2	8.1	Never
17.6	9.2	6.5	2-3 times a year
5.8	6.5	5.6	Once a month
8.7	14.7	13.6	2-3 times a month
32.5	55.8	63.5	At least once a week
9.5	4.5	2.7	Don't remember
100	100	100	Total (N=1,468; 1,473; 1,474)

94. When you were 14, was your father interested in politics? If so, how interested was he: very much, somewhat or not very much?

And what about your mother?

Father	Mother	
4.7	0.8	Yes, very much
11.1	2.2	Yes, somewhat
17.2	10.1	Yes, not very much
58.1	80.0	No, not at all
8.9	6.9	Don't remember
100	100	Total (N=1,378; 1,453)

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95. In that period was your father member of a party? And what about your mother?

Father	Mother	
12.4	3.7	Yes [—> omissis: Which one?] —> question 101
71.2	81.9	No —> question 96
10.7	9.8	Don't know —> question 101
5.7	4.6	Don't remember —> question 101
100	100	Total (N=1,371; 1,446)

[only if question 95='No', i.e., father/mother did *not* belong to a party]

96. Was there a party your father privileged when he voted? And what about your mother?

Father	Mother	
30.3	26.4	Yes [—> omissis: Which one?]
28.6	31.1	No
30.0	31.4	Don't know
11.1	11.1	Don't remember
100	100	Total (N=938/977; 1,130/1,183)

Personal Information

101. Sex

47.7	Male
52.3	Female
100	Total (N=1,499)

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102. In what city/town did your family reside when you were born?

60.1 Same city/town of current residence
39.9 Other city/town
100 Total (N=1,499)

Province of residence at birth

0.3	Agrigento	0.2	Modena
0.2	Alessandria	7.6	Napoli
0.3	Ancona	1.3	Novara
0.1	Asti	0.3	Nuoro
0.2	Avellino	0.1	Oristano
1.2	Bari	9.2	Padova
0.2	Belluno	0.4	Palermo
0.0	Benevento	0.2	Parma
0.1	Bergamo	0.1	Pavia
6.0	Bologna	2.5	Perugia
0.1	Bolzano	1.3	Pesaro
0.3	Brescia	1.4	Pescara
0.1	Brindisi	0.1	Piacenza
1.7	Cagliari	5.0	Pisa
1.7	Caltanissetta	2.2	Potenza
2.0	Campobasso	0.2	Ragusa
0.2	Caserta	0.1	Ravenna
4.5	Catania	0.2	Reggio Calabria
0.7	Catanzaro	0.1	Reggio Emilia
0.4	Chieti	0.1	Rieti
3.4	Cosenza	4.7	Roma
3.5	Cremona	0.4	Rovigo
0.1	Cuneo	0.5	Salerno
0.5	Enna	0.2	Sassari
0.5	Ferrara	2.4	Savona
0.5	Firenze	5.5	Taranto
0.7	Foggia	0.2	Teramo
0.1	Forlì	0.2	Terni
2.1	Frosinone	3.1	Torino
0.2	Genova	0.2	Trapani
0.1	Grosseto	1.5	Trento
0.1	Isernia	0.1	Treviso
0.2	L'Aquila	0.2	Trieste
0.3	Lecce	3.1	Udine
0.2	Livorno	0.2	Varese
0.1	Lucca	0.9	Venezia
0.1	Macerata	0.3	Vercelli
0.4	Mantova	2.4	No response
0.1	Massa	100	Total (N=1,499)
0.6	Matera		
0.4	Messina		
7.1	Milano		

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103. Since when do you live here in... [name respondent's municipality]?

57.4	Since birth
4.2	Since before 1941
5.2	Since 1941-1950
7.8	Since 1951-1960
10.0	Since 1961-1970
8.0	Since 1971-1980
7.4	Since 1981-1990
100	Total (N=1,477)

104. In what year were you born?

18.7	Up to and including 1925
16.6	1926-35
16.4	1936-45
17.8	1946-55
16.5	1956-65
14.0	1966-
100	Total (N=1,499)

105. What is your marital status?

24.3	Single
66.0	Married
8.2	Widow(er)
1.2	Separated
0.3	Divorced
100	Total (N=1,491)

106. Are you the head of your household?

46.0	Yes
54.0	No
100	Total (N=1,497)

107. How many people make up your household (yourself included)?

7.1	One
20.9	Two
22.5	Three
28.7	Four
13.4	Five
7.4	Six or more
100	Total (N=1,498)
3.46	Mean
1.44	Standard deviation

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108. Not counting housework and voluntary activities, how many members of your household (yourself included) have a regular dependent or independent job?

40.6	One
29.1	Two
7.9	Three
3.0	Four or more
19.4	No one
100	Total (N=1,492)

109. Do you have children? If so, how many and how old are they?

30.9	No
69.1	Yes
	How many?
30.1	One
43.5	Two
17.1	Three
9.3	Four or more
100	Total (N=1,483)

110- Now I would like to ask you some questions about your job, the head of household's job (if you're not the head of your household) and your father's (or guardian's) job when you were 14 years old.

Let's start with you. Do you have a job? If so, what kind of job? And the head of household? [if respondent is head of household, code respondent's data again in head of household column] And your father when you were 14?

Employed/unemployed

Resp.	Head	Father	
46.5	65.8	97.1	Employed
53.5	34.2	2.9	Not employed:
5.9	0.2	0.2	— Student
20.4	1.3	0.1	— Housewife
22.2	30.0	1.5	— Retired
0.3	0.0	0.0	— Obligatory military service
0.2	0.2	0.0	— Religious
4.4	2.0	0.2	— Unemployed (looking for a job)
0.1	0.1	0.8	— Not specified
100	100	100	Total (N=1,491; 1,483; 1,387)

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Type of job [if unemployed and if applicable, former job]

Resp.	Head	Father	
75.5	73.3	64.4	Employee:
1.3	1.7	0.9	— Executive, manager
0.9	1.3	0.9	— Middle management
4.3	2.6	1.4	— Teacher
10.7	10.4	5.9	— White collar
12.2	10.7	6.4	— Clerical white collar
3.3	3.9	2.5	— Upper level industrial blue collar
0.1	0.5	0.9	— Upper level agricultural worker
36.1	36.9	30.5	— Industrial blue collar
4.8	5.0	15.2	— Agricultural worker
1.8	0.4	0.1	— Domestic worker
24.5	26.7	35.6	Self-employed:
0.1	0.1	0.3	— Agricultural entrepreneur (≥15 employees)
0.5	0.9	0.8	— Industrial/service entrepreneur (≥15 emp.)
2.3	2.8	1.2	— Free profession
7.4	8.1	8.8	— Craftsman with 0-3 employees
0.5	0.8	0.3	— Craftsman with 4-14 employees
8.9	8.7	7.6	— Shopkeeper with 0-3 employees
0.3	0.1	0.2	— Shopkeeper with 4-14 employees
4.5	4.8	16.1	— Farmer with 0-3 employees
0.2	0.2	0.2	— Farmer with 4-14 employees
100	100	100	Total (N=970; 1,361; 1,399)

112. Do you pay rent for the house you live in, or is it owned by you or by your family?

32.8	Rent is paid
67.2	Own house
100	Total (N=1,488)

113. Do you have a telephone in your home?

89.1	Yes
10.9	No
100	Total (N=1,473)

114. What is your level of education? And your father's and mother's?

Resp.	Father	Mother	
2.4	10.6	13.7	Never attended school
10.7	30.0	33.0	Attended but didn't complete elementary school
31.7	38.0	38.7	Completed elementary school (at least 5 years)
30.1	12.2	10.0	Completed middle school (at least 8 years)
5.6	2.3	0.8	Professional diploma (at least 10 years)
15.7	4.7	3.2	Secondary school diploma (at least 12/13 years)
3.9	2.2	0.6	University degree
100	100	100	Total (N=1,491; 1,408; 1,426)

Thank you for your help.

Information supplied by interviewer:

203. The interview was carried out...

Yes	No	Total	(N)	
45.2	54.8	100	(1,485)	... with other people present
15.6	84.4	100	(1,432)	... with interruptions

204. The respondent...

Yes	No	Total	(N)	
84.5	15.5	100	(1,496)	... was co-operative
24.5	75.5	100	(1,485)	... was suspicious
25.3	74.7	100	(1,483)	... understood the questions with difficulty

205. The respondent was successfully contacted after...

47.6	... 1 attempt
35.1	... 2 attempts
17.3	... 3 attempts
100	Total (N=1,493)

206. The respondent belonged to...

49.0	... the original target sample
51.0	... the reserve sample
100	Total (N=1,481)