

Household Surveys on Social Behaviour in India
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Household Survey #1

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1. I want to ask you about the upcoming Lok Sabha elections to be held in 2014. These are the MP elections for electing the Central Government in Delhi. Which of the following issues will influence your voting choice the most?
Pick ONLY ONE:

- i. Changes in personal family income
- ii. Overall economic growth
- iii. Inflation/price rise
- iv. Access to government services and programs like MNREGA, PDS
- v. Corruption
- vi. Law and order problems
- v. Strong leadership
- vi. Greater opportunity and respect for persons of my caste or religion

- 2A. (Asked to half of the respondents) HOW MANY of the following candidates would you be willing to vote for?

A candidate who is wealthy.

A candidate who is poor.

A candidate who does social service but is not affiliated to any political party.

i. 0

ii. 1

iii. 2

iv. 3

2B. (Asked to other half of the respondents) HOWMANY of the following candidates would you be willing to vote for?

A candidate who is wealthy.

A candidate who is poor.

A candidate who can deliver benefits to me, but faces serious criminal cases.

A candidate who does social service but is not affiliated to any political party.

i. 0

ii. 1

iii. 2

iv. 3

v. 4

2AB. Did the respondent reveal specific choices for question Q2A/Q2B? (depends on whether 2A or 2B was asked to the respondent).

i. Yes

ii. No

3A. (Asked to half of the respondents) Thinking about elections in your constituency, how many of the following statements trouble you? Do not tell us WHICH statements trouble you only HOW MANY.

A corrupt candidate wins the election.

An uneducated candidate wins the election.

An educated candidate wins the election.

i: 0

ii. 1

iii. 2

iv. 3

3B. (Asked to other half of the respondents) Thinking about elections in your constituency, how many of the following statements trouble you? Do not tell us WHICH statements trouble you only HOW MANY.

A corrupt candidate wins the election.

An UPPER CASTE/OBC/SC/ST candidate wins the election. (After the respondent has stated his/her caste (and category), the respondent will randomly be given a group from the other three categories.)

A poor, uneducated candidate wins the election.

A wealthy, educated candidate wins the election.

i. 0

ii. 1

iii. 2

iv. 3

v. 4

3AB Did the respondent reveal specific choices for question Q3A/Q3B? (depends on whether 3A or 3B was asked to the respondent.)

i. Yes

ii. No

4. Would you prefer to vote for a candidate who belongs to a family of politicians? Yes/No?

i. Yes

ii. No

4A. If YES this is because: pick one of the following

- i. Family backed candidates are likely to succeed because of greater exposure to politics
- ii. Candidates from political families are better at doing politics because it is their occupation
- iii. Having relatives in politics makes it easier to deliver services

4B. If NO this is because:

- i. Too many people in the same family in politics leads to corruption
- ii: Family backed candidates prevent the best candidates from standing for elections
- iii: Candidates from political families are not representative of the common man

5. Would you vote for a candidate who delivers benefits to you even if s/he faces serious criminal cases?

- i. Yes
- ii. No

6. Would you be troubled if a UPPER CASTE/OBC/SC/ST candidate wins the election in your constituency? Yes/No? (After the respondent has stated his/her caste (and category), the respondent will randomly be given a group from the other three categories).

- i. Yes
- ii: No

7. Is it important to you that YOUR CASTE candidate wins the election in your constituency? Yes/No? (After the respondent has stated his/her caste (and category), the respondent will be given his/her category).

i: Yes

ii. No

8. I want to ask you about the last Lok Sabha elections held in 2009. These were the MP elections for electing the Central Government in Delhi. Which party did you vote for?

9. If Lok Sabha (MP) elections were held today what party would you vote for?