

Audit of Political Engagement 1-10 data

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The SPSS file contains a combination of all the data from the 10 years of Audit surveys.

This text file contains a couple of introductory notes to the data, but does not fully document it.

* You are free to access, analyse and report on the Audit data, as long as you do not misrepresent the data and you acknowledge the source of the information.

* The sample for the first four Audit surveys was the whole of the UK (inc. Northern Ireland). Subsequent surveys have been GB only.

* The reported data has only been for adults aged 18+, although some of the datasets include responses from 16-17 year olds.

* Users should be careful to filter and weight the data correctly for their purposes. The recommended way to analyse the dataset is to weight by the weight0 variable and filter using the Standard_Audit_filter variable.

* Users of the data are recommended to read the technical details for each survey they are using (found in Appendix A & B of each Audit report - see website for reports).

* Data reported in the Audits has generally been calculated to one decimal place and rounded accordingly, and percentages have been summed for ease of comprehension by non-specialist audiences. This may

account for minor discrepancies between reported data and your own calculations.

* The variable labels reflect the question wording used, but should be cross-checked with the exact wording in the questionnaire documents.

* Some of the Audit 8 data for Scotland was collected a month later due to weather conditions. There are separate weights and filters available if you particularly want to analyse that data.

* The Audit 9 survey was re-run in full a month after the original survey run due to an issue with the participation questions (Q4/Q5). Therefore an extra ~1000 respondents is available in the dataset, although they are not consistent with the annual pattern of surveys in late November/early December.

More information about the Audit of Political Engagement can be found here:

<http://www.hansardsociety.org.uk/research/public-attitudes/audit-of-political-engagement/>

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