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STUDY DESCRIPTION

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TITLE OF THE STUDY: Perceptions of Sociopolitical Change in South Africa (Whites, Coloureds, Indians, Blacks), 1986

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Nic Rhodie

DEPOSITOR: Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

DATA COLLECTION AGENCY: MarkData (HSRC)

ABSTRACT: This survey forms part of a long-term project to study people's expectations of the future and perceptions of sociopolitical change. It was aimed at polling the views of the people of South Africa regarding the future, their confidence in the leadership and the group policy. In addition, a further aim was to collect data on people's views on political change which was taking place in South Africa.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: South Africa

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES: Sex, home language, age, income, education, marital status, South Africa citizen, religion.

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION: Face to face interview (except for Whites Survey 2 which was a postal survey) with a structured questionnaire

TYPE OF DATA: Survey

UNITS OF OBSERVATION: Individuals

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION:

February 1986, Blacks

March 1986: Whites (Survey 1), Coloureds

June 1986: Indians

November 1986: Whites (Survey 2)

LANGUAGE OF WRITTEN MATERIAL: Indians Field Report: Afrikaans, translated to English

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 5 data files in SPSS and hard copy documentation.

FILE SPECIFICATIONS:

File Name: Part 1 Whites Survey 1

Number of Cases: 1 067

Number of Records: 3 201

Records per Case: 3

Logical Record Length: 80

Number of Variables: 150

Number of kilobytes: 214 KB

File Name: Part 2 Whites Survey 2

Number of Cases: 849
Number of Records: 1 698
Records per Case: 2
Logical Record Length: 80
Number of Variables: 80
Number of kilobytes: 99 KB

File Name: Part 3 Coloureds

Number of Cases: 1 180
Number of Records: 2 360
Records per Case: 2
Logical Record Length: 80
Number of Variables: 107
Number of kilobytes: 172 KB

File Name: Part 4 Blacks

Number of Cases: 1 341
Number of Records: 2 682
Records per Case: 2
Logical Record Length: 80
Number of Variables: 89
Number of kilobytes: 174 KB

File Name: Part 5 Indians

Number of Cases: 1 412
Number of Records: 2 824
Records per Case: 2
Logical Record Length: 80
Number of Variables: 101
Number of kilobytes: 201 KB

PUBLICATIONS:

Rhodie, N.J., de Kock, C., and Couper, M. Coloured perceptions of sociopolitical change in South Africa: Findings of a sample survey undertaken in March 1986. Human Sciences Research Council. SN-258. 1987.

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NOTE: Only Part 3 Coloureds questionnaire contains coding for open-ended questions, which is in Afrikaans. Documentation for Part 5 Indians contains a field report.