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ABSTRACT: This study was aimed at investigating the coloureds’ experience of the recent election of members to the House of Representatives. The objective was to attempt to determine what the coloured voters’ views were on the election itself, the major controversial issues that were involved in the election, the role of the different political parties and candidates, as well as how people felt about the value and meaning of the election. The information obtained in this way could be of great value especially to researchers interested in the socio-political development of the coloured people. The study was a self-initiated investigation by the Institute for Sociological, Demographic and Criminological Research of the HSRC.

SAMPLING: The standard coloured co-workers’ panel of the Opinion Survey Centre (OSC) was used. The sample was drawn countrywide but did not include non-urban areas (farms and smallholdings). A procedure of cluster sampling in randomly selected statistical regions, magisterial districts and enumerator sub-districts was used. Questionnaires were filled in by means of interviews.

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EXTENT OF PROCESSING: rlay.sada

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 1 data file in SPSS and machine-readable documentation and questionnaire.

Number of cases: 1186
Number of records per case: 2
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