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TITLE: The Public's Reaction to the Crime Problem [South Africa] 1983

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ABSTRACT: The aim of the investigation was to determine the attitudes of white, coloured and Indian people towards the crime problem in South Africa. The study was a self-initiated investigation of the Institute for Sociological, Demographic and Criminological Research of the HSRC.

METHODOLOGY:
INDIAN AND COLOURED: The standard coloured and Indian co-workers' panels of the Opinion Survey Centre (OSC) of the HSRC were used. The sample was drawn countrywide but did not include non-urban areas (farms and small-holdings). A procedure of cluster sampling in randomly selected statistical regions, magisterial districts and enumerator sub-districts was used. The size of each sample was about 1500 respondents. Questionnaires were completed by means of interviews.

WHITE: The 1980 postal panel of the OSC was used to collect data relating to white people. A random sample of 5000 people on the voters' roll were invited to take part in a postal questionnaire survey. Approximately 2000 people responded. As compensation and incentive the members either received a subscription a magazine of their choice paid for by the HSRC, or they came into consideration for prizes of bonus bond certificates if their questionnaires reached the OSC by a specified date.

DATE OF RESEARCH: October 1983

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 3 data files in SPSS and machine-readable documentation and questionnaire.

Part 1 Indian
Number of cases: 1 217
Number of records: 3 651
Number of records per case: 3
Logical record length: 80
Number of variables: 135
Number of kilobytes: 236 KB

Part 2 Coloured
Number of cases: 1 018
Number of records: 3 054
Number of records per case: 3
Logical record length: 80
Number of variables: 135
Number of kilobytes: 193 KB

Part 3 White
Number of cases: 1,616
Number of records: 4,848
Number of records per case: 3
Logical record length: 80
Number of variables: 126
Number of kilobytes: 262 KB

NOTE: The questionnaire for Part 1 (Indian) is the same one for Part 2 (Coloured). The only difference is the language question.

Part 1 data (Indian) has undocumented data in record 3, columns 16-28.

Part 2 data (Coloured) has undocumented data in record 3, columns 24-28.

Part 3 data (White) has undocumented data in record 3, columns 24-45.

PUBLICATIONS:
Esterhuysen, Rita; Persepsies van houdings jeens misdaad, wette en komponente van die strafregstelsel: 'n Tussengroepvergelyking/Perceptions of attitudes to crime, laws and components of the criminal law system: an intergroup comparison, (Ongepubliseerde bydrae tot die TGV-ondersoek/Unpublished contribution to the Intergroup Relations Investigation, 1984) [Original report is in Afrikaans].