

Toward a Secondary Analysis of the World Values Survey Data (4)

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the data from the World Values Survey which has recently attracted global attention. The 1990 version of this survey was conducted in 43 nations under the supervision of Ronald Inglehart at the University of Michigan. That university has established an international reputation for its social science data collection, management, and analysis. This paper first explains the development and growth of data archives in Europe and the USA, which is based upon a survey by Erwin K. Scheuch, "From a Data Archive to an Infrastructure for the Social Sciences," ISSJ, 1990. Because one of the most critical aspects of any empirical study is the ability to confirm the results through replication, the second part of this paper evaluates the French data used in Inglehart's World Values Survey.

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