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Variable distributions presented in this codebook have been generated from the SPSS files. Distribution tables present variable values, frequencies (n), frequency percentages (%), and valid percentages (v. %) which take into account missing data. All distributions are unweighted. If the data contain weight variables, these will be found at the end of the variables list. In some cases frequency distributions have been substituted by descriptive statistics. Categorised responses to open-ended questions are not always included in the codebook. Distributions may contain missing data. The note "System missing (SYSMIS)" refers to missing observations (e.g. a respondent has not answered all questions) whereas "Missing (User missing)" refers to data the user has defined as missing. For example, the user may decide to code answer alternatives 'don't want to say' or 'can't say' as missing data.

The codebook may contain attached files, the most common one being the questionnaire.

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Chapter 1

Study description

1.1 Titles

Titles and data version: Finnish Opinions on Security Policy and National Defence 1998: Spring

Titles and data version in Finnish: Turvallisuuspolitiikka- ja maanpuolustustutkimus 1998: kevät

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1.2 Subject description

Authoring entity

Advisory Board for Defence Information (ABDI)

Copyright statement for the data

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Depositor

Advisory Board for Defence Information

Date of deposit

2.7.2001

Keywords

armed forces; conflict resolution; conscription; defence; defence and state security policy; international alliances; international conflict resolution; national security

Topic Classification

Fields of Science Classification: social sciences

CESSDA Classification: conflict, security and peace; political behaviour and attitudes

Series description

The data belong to the series:

Finnish Opinions on Security Policy and National Defence

The Finnish Opinions on Security Policy and National Defence series includes all surveys conducted by the Advisory Board for Defence Information (ABDI). Their focus is on security policy, foreign policy and national defence. The FSD collections cover data from 1992. The surveys contain a set of core questions repeated over the years.

Abstract

In the survey, Finnish citizens' views on, for instance, military alliances and the funding of the Finnish Defence Forces were monitored. In addition, the respondents were asked to state their personal opinions on armed civil defence, military funding, and whether Finland should abolish the obligatory military service (conscription).

Background variables included the respondent's sex, age group, social group, education, and the place and area of residence.

1.3 Structure and collection of the data

Country: Finland

Geographic coverage: Finland

Analysis or observation unit type: Individual

Universe: Finns aged 15 - 79, excluding the Åland Islands

Collection date: 2.6.1998 – 14.6.1998

Data collector(s): Gallup Finland

Data producer(s): Advisory Board for Defence Information

Mode of data collection: Telephone interview

Type of research instrument: Structured questionnaire

Time period covered: 1998

Time method of the data collection: Longitudinal: Trend/Repeated cross-section

Number of variables and cases: The data contain 25 variables and 1000 cases.

Sampling procedure: Probability: Multistage

The number of respondents required by the sample was divided according to the old telephone area codes. From each code area, a set of telephone numbers was selected in relation to area's population. Number 1 was first subtracted from and then added to each sampled number. A call was made to actual numbers and the mathematical ones. Persons whose gender and age matched quota requirements were interviewed.

1.4 Use of data

Data appraisal

The variables identifying municipality of residence and postal code have been removed from the data.

Related publications

Alho, Olli T. (2002). Suomalaisten turvallisuuspoliittisten mielipiteiden kehitys 1990-luvulla. Helsinki: Helsingin yliopisto. Yleisen valtio-opin kansainvälisen politiikan suuntautumisvaihtoehdon pro gradu tutkielma.

Kekäle, Petri (1999). MTS-tutkimukset 1998. Helsinki: Maanpuolustustiedotuksen suunnittelukunta.

Updated list of publications in the study description at

https://services.fsd.uta.fi/catalogue/FSD1167?lang=en&study_language=en

Location of the data collection

Finnish Social Science Data Archive

Weighting

There are no weight variables in the data.

Restrictions

The dataset is (C) available for research only (including e.g. Master's, licentiate and doctoral theses).

Chapter 2

Variables

[FSD_NO] FSD study number

Question

FSD study number

Descriptive statistics

statistic	value
number of valid cases	1000
minimum	1167.00
maximum	1167.00
mean	1167.00
standard deviation	0.00

[FSD_VR] FSD edition number

Question

FSD edition number

Descriptive statistics

statistic	value
number of valid cases	1000
minimum	1.00
maximum	1.00
mean	1.00
standard deviation	0.00

[FSD_ID] FSD case id**Question***FSD case id***Descriptive statistics**

statistic	value
number of valid cases	1000
minimum	1.00
maximum	1000.00
mean	500.50
standard deviation	288.82

[K1] Considering the present state of the world, do you think that over the next five years Finland and the Finns will live in a more secure or insecure world than at present?

Question

Considering the present state of the world, do you think that over the next five years Finland and the Finns will live in a more secure or insecure world than at present?

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
In a more secure world	1	258	25.8	25.8
In a more insecure world	2	250	25.0	25.0
There will be no change in security	3	475	47.5	47.5
Can't say	4	17	1.7	1.7
		1000	100.0	100.0

[K2] In your opinion, should Finland continue its policy of military non-alignment or enter a military alliance?

Question

In your opinion, should Finland continue its policy of military non-alignment or enter a military alliance?

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Remain non-aligned	1	637	63.7	63.7
Enter a military alliance	2	268	26.8	26.8
Can't say	3	95	9.5	9.5
		1000	100.0	100.0

[K3] If Finland decided to enter a military alliance or seek a closer military co-operation with other countries, what would you see as the best option?

Question

If Finland decided to enter a military alliance or seek a closer military co-operation with other countries, what would you see as the best option?

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Defence alliance with Sweden	1	189	18.9	18.9
NATO membership, no foreign forces in Finland during peace	2	524	52.4	52.4
NATO membership with NATO forces in Finland also during peace	3	53	5.3	5.3
Full membership of Western European Union (WEU)	4	105	10.5	10.5
Military cooperation with Russia	5	22	2.2	2.2
Can't say	6	107	10.7	10.7
		1000	100.0	100.0

[K4] If Finland were attacked, do you think the Finns should in all circumstances take up arms in defence of their country, even if the outcome seemed uncertain?

Question

If Finland were attacked, do you think the Finns should in all circumstances take up arms in defence of their country, even if the outcome seemed uncertain?

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Yes, they should	1	766	76.6	76.6
No, they should not	2	174	17.4	17.4
Can't say	3	60	6.0	6.0

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2. Variables

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label	value	n	%	v. %
		1000	100.0	100.0

[K5] What is your opinion on the defence forces funding?

Question

What is your opinion on the defence forces funding?

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Funding should be increased a lot	1	33	3.3	3.3
Funding should be increased a little	2	233	23.3	23.3
Funding should be kept at present level	3	525	52.5	52.5
Funding should be decreased a little	4	127	12.7	12.7
Funding should be decreased a lot	5	49	4.9	4.9
Can't say	6	33	3.3	3.3
		1000	100.0	100.0

[K6] In your opinion, if Finland got involved in a war fought with conventional weapons, how well would the country be able to defend itself?

Question

In your opinion, if Finland got involved in a war fought with conventional weapons, how well would the country be able to defend itself?

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Very well	1	41	4.1	4.1
Fairly well	2	513	51.3	51.3
Not very well	3	332	33.2	33.2
Not at all well	4	61	6.1	6.1
Can't say	5	53	5.3	5.3
		1000	100.0	100.0

[K7] Do you think military service for men, which is compulsory at present, should become voluntary?

Question

Do you think military service for men, which is compulsory at present, should become voluntary?

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Yes	1	196	19.6	19.6
No	2	781	78.1	78.1
Can't say	3	23	2.3	2.3
		1000	100.0	100.0

[K8] Military service period in Finland will soon be one month shorter than before. Should the duration of the alternative civilian service be altered at the same time as well?

Question

Military service period in Finland will soon be one month shorter than before. Should the duration of the alternative civilian service be altered at the same time as well?

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
No, the service period should be the same as it is now	1	457	45.7	45.7
Yes, the service period should be shortened	2	366	36.6	36.6
Yes, the service period should be lengthened	3	141	14.1	14.1
Can't say	4	36	3.6	3.6
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV1] The respondent's gender

Question

The respondent's gender

Frequencies

2. Variables

label	value	n	%	v. %
Female	1	500	50.0	50.0
Male	2	500	50.0	50.0
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV2] The respondent's age

Question

The respondent's age

Descriptive statistics

statistic	value
number of valid cases	1000
minimum	15.00
maximum	79.00
mean	43.78
standard deviation	16.96

[BV3] The respondent's education

Question

The respondent's education

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Primary education	1	216	21.6	21.6
Lower secondary education, upper secondary education (vocational)	2	383	38.3	38.3
Upper secondary education (general), college level education	3	289	28.9	28.9
University or other higher education	4	111	11.1	11.1
Other	5	1	0.1	0.1
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV4] The respondent's economic activity and occupational status

Question

The respondent's economic activity and occupational status

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Worker	1	268	26.8	26.8
Intermediate level employee (clerical, technical, administrative)	2	137	13.7	13.7
Lower managerial/professional employee	3	94	9.4	9.4
Higher managerial employee	4	28	2.8	2.8
Entrepreneur, self-employed, own-account worker	5	83	8.3	8.3
Farmer	6	30	3.0	3.0
Student	7	135	13.5	13.5
Housewife/house husband, homemaker	8	19	1.9	1.9
Pensioner/Retired	9	192	19.2	19.2
Other	10	14	1.4	1.4
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV5] The respondent's employment status**Question**

The respondent's employment status

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Employed	1	564	56.4	56.4
Unemployed	2	56	5.6	5.6
Not in employment for other reason	3	379	37.9	37.9
Doesn't want to say	4	1	0.1	0.1
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV6] Type of municipality**Question**

Type of municipality

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Capital area (Helsinki, Espoo, Kauniainen, Vantaa)	1	164	16.4	16.4
City of Turku	2	28	2.8	2.8

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label	value	n	%	v. %
City of Tampere	3	30	3.0	3.0
Other town	4	390	39.0	39.0
Population centre in a rural area	5	214	21.4	21.4
Sparsely populated rural area	6	174	17.4	17.4
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV7] The gross annual income of the household (total income of all household members before tax) in Finnish marks

Question

The gross annual income of the household (total income of all household members before tax) in Finnish marks

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Under 60,000 FIM/year	1	74	7.4	7.4
60,001 - 84,000 FIM/year	2	69	6.9	6.9
84,001 - 120,000 FIM/year	3	152	15.2	15.2
120,001 - 150,000 FIM/year	4	104	10.4	10.4
150,001 - 200,000 FIM/year	5	121	12.1	12.1
200,001 - 250,000 FIM/year	6	119	11.9	11.9
Over 250,001 FIM/year	7	160	16.0	16.0
Didn't answer	8	201	20.1	20.1
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV8] If the parliamentary elections were held now, the candidate of which political party or group would you vote for?

Question

If the parliamentary elections were held now, the candidate of which political party or group would you vote for?

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Social Democratic Party (SDP)	1	120	12.0	12.9

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label	value	n	%	v. %
Centre Party of Finland (KESK)	2	195	19.5	20.9
National Coalition Party (KOK)	3	143	14.3	15.3
Left Alliance (VAS)	4	31	3.1	3.3
Swedish People's Party in Finland (RKP)	5	23	2.3	2.5
Green League (VIHR)	6	63	6.3	6.8
Christian League (SKL)	7	12	1.2	1.3
Progressive Finnish Party (NUSU)	8	5	0.5	0.5
True Finns (PS) (former Finnish Rural Party, SMP)	9	2	0.2	0.2
Some other party or group	10	20	2.0	2.1
I wouldn't vote	11	54	5.4	5.8
Can't say	12	213	21.3	22.8
I don't want to say	13	52	5.2	5.6
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	67	6.7	—
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV9] How certain are you that you would vote for the political party/group you mentioned?

Question

How certain are you that you would vote for the political party/group you mentioned?

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Very certain	1	268	26.8	43.6
Fairly certain	2	235	23.5	38.3
Not very certain	3	91	9.1	14.8
Not at all certain	4	14	1.4	2.3
Can't say	5	6	0.6	1.0
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	386	38.6	—
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV10] The candidate of which party or group did you vote for in the 1996 municipal elections?

Question

The candidate of which party or group did you vote for in the 1996 municipal elections?

Frequencies

2. Variables

label	value	n	%	v. %
Social Democratic Party (SDP)	1	149	14.9	16.0
Centre Party of Finland (KESK)	2	180	18.0	19.3
National Coalition Party (KOK)	3	151	15.1	16.2
Left Alliance (VAS)	4	41	4.1	4.4
Swedish People's Party in Finland (RKP)	5	31	3.1	3.3
Green League (VIHR)	6	46	4.6	4.9
Christian League (SKL)	7	12	1.2	1.3
Progressive Finnish Party (NUORS)	8	6	0.6	0.6
True Finns (PS) (former Finnish Rural Party, SMP)	9	5	0.5	0.5
Some other party or group	10	12	1.2	1.3
I didn't vote	11	147	14.7	15.8
Can't say	12	103	10.3	11.0
I don't want to say	13	50	5.0	5.4
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	67	6.7	—
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV11] The respondent's province of residence (according to the pre-1997 classification)

Question

The respondent's province of residence (according to the pre-1997 classification)

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Uusimaa	1	246	24.6	24.6
Turku and Pori	2	153	15.3	15.3
Häme	3	132	13.2	13.2
Kyme	4	66	6.6	6.6
Mikkeli	5	38	3.8	3.8
Kuopio	6	54	5.4	5.4
Central Finland (Keski-Suomi)	7	50	5.0	5.0
Ostrobothnia (Vaasa)	8	89	8.9	8.9
North Karelia (Pohjois-Karjala)	9	36	3.6	3.6
Oulu	10	93	9.3	9.3
Lapland (Lappi)	11	42	4.2	4.2
Ahvenanmaa (Åland Islands)	12	0	0.0	0.0
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	1	0.1	—
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV12] Region (NUTS3) of residence**Question***Region (NUTS3) of residence***Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Uusimaa	1	246	24.6	24.7
Finland proper (Varsinais-Suomi)	2	86	8.6	8.7
Satakunta	4	51	5.1	5.1
Tavastia (Häme)	5	28	2.8	2.8
Pirkanmaa	6	89	8.9	9.0
Päijänne Tavastia (Päijät-Häme)	7	35	3.5	3.5
Kymenlaakso	8	39	3.9	3.9
South Karelia (Etelä-Karjala)	9	27	2.7	2.7
Southern Savonia (Etelä-Savo)	10	29	2.9	2.9
Northern Savonia (Pohjois-Savo)	11	54	5.4	5.4
North Karelia (Pohjois-Karjala)	12	36	3.6	3.6
Central Finland (Keski-Suomi)	13	50	5.0	5.0
Southern Ostrobothnia (Etelä-Pohjanmaa)	14	53	5.3	5.3
Coastal region of Vaasa (Vaasan rannikkoseutu)	15	26	2.6	2.6
Central Ostrobothnia (Keski-Pohjanmaa)	16	10	1.0	1.0
Northern Ostrobothnia (Pohjois-Pohjanmaa)	17	70	7.0	7.0
Kainuu	18	23	2.3	2.3
Lapland (Lappi)	19	42	4.2	4.2
Ahvenanmaa (Åland Islands)	21	0	0.0	0.0
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	6	0.6	–
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV13] Major region (NUTS 2) (previous classification)**Question***Major region (NUTS 2) (previous classification)***Frequencies**

label	value	n	%	v. %
Uusimaa	1	246	24.6	24.7
Southern Finland (Etelä-Suomi)	2	355	35.5	35.7
Eastern Finland (Itä-Suomi)	3	142	14.2	14.3

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2. Variables

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label	value	n	%	v. %
Mid-Finland (Väli-Suomi)	4	139	13.9	14.0
Northern Finland (Pohjois-Suomi)	5	112	11.2	11.3
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	6	0.6	–
		1000	100.0	100.0

[BV14] Degree of urbanisation of the municipality of residence

Question

Degree of urbanisation of the municipality of residence

Frequencies

label	value	n	%	v. %
Capital area (incl. Helsinki)	1	162	16.2	16.3
Urban municipality	2	376	37.6	37.8
Densely populated, semi-urban municipality	3	198	19.8	19.9
Sparsely populated, rural municipality	4	258	25.8	26.0
System missing (SYSMIS)	.	6	0.6	–
		1000	100.0	100.0

Chapter 3

Indexes

3.1 Variables in the order of occurrence

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