

IPS Launches its Public Data Sharing Platform

In the last few months, IPS has been working to make selected survey datasets (for which key findings have already been released) available for academic and research purposes. The IPS Public Data Sharing Platform has now gone live, and as of 15 August 2017, there are eight datasets available upon request. These are from surveys done between 2011 and 2015, on topics ranging from media use during GE2015 to hawker food prices to perceptions of marriage and parenthood.



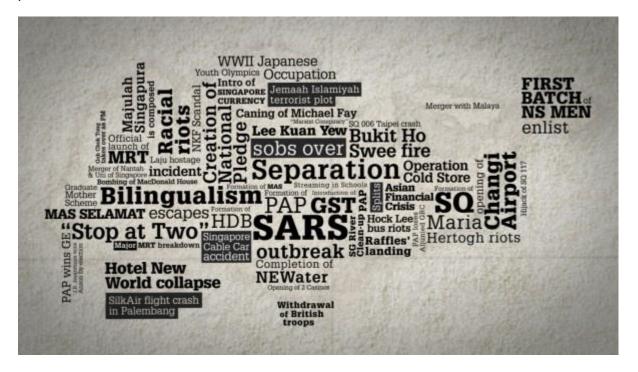
IPS conducted the POPS(7) – Perceptions of the Marriage & Parenthood Package survey in 2014, to evaluate the adequacy of the government's measures to encourage marriage and parenthood. (Image: <u>Channel NewsAsia</u>)

The datasets are "raw" in that they have not been processed to remove outliers and do not include any analysis of the mean or median, for instance. They are provided free of charge by IPS, but are subject to terms and conditions of use, as stated in the Data Use Agreement available here. For example, recipients of the datasets should not use the data for any commercial purposes.

This initiative by IPS comes as more researchers and publicly funded research bodies look at how they can share research data more openly to grow the reach of their work and encourage new insights and collaborations. Going by a 2014 survey of over 2,000 researchers by *John Wiley & Sons*, a global publisher, data sharing is more prevalent among life scientists, with fewer social scientists engaging in the practice.

Thus, in setting up the IPS Public Data Sharing Platform, IPS wanted to broaden the dissemination of social sciences research findings and share data that can boost public awareness and debate on issues that matter to Singaporeans. We also hope to be an educational resource for students, and anyone who wants to study in more detail the attitudes and sentiments of Singapore residents towards policy issues.

The Data Sharing Platform is managed for IPS by the IPS Social Lab, a centre for research on social perceptions, attitudes and behaviours. Said Dr Leong Chan-Hoong, the Head of the IPS Social Lab: "We want to nurture a culture of collaborative research. In sharing our data with everyone, it will encourage people to proactively explore issues that are of interest and importance to Singapore and Singaporeans, and hence a spirit of citizenry participation. The experience in the United States and Europe suggests that the sharing of survey data can lead to more informed policy debates, and consequently, a more robust decision-making process."



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The IPS Study on Perceptions of Singapore's History, conducted in 2014, set out to ask which are the influential Singapore stories and how would they contribute to the shaping of our national identity (Image: IPS)

To learn more about the IPS Data Sharing Platform or request raw datasets, please click here to view the Data Use Agreement and online application form. Learn more about the surveys for which raw datasets are currently available upon request below:

- >Survey on Political Traits and Media Use (2011)
- >Impact of New Media on GE2011
- >POPS(6) Perceptions of Singles on Marriage and Having Children (2011)
- >POPS(7) Perceptions of the Marriage and Parenthood Package (2013)
- >IPS Study on Perceptions of Singapore's History (2015)
- >Perceptions of Governance Survey (2015)
- >Internet and Media Use during GE2015 (2016)
- >The Makan Index A Survey of Hawker Food Prices (2016)

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