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IPS Post-Election Survey (Final)

Post-Election Survey, 2006, By Institute of Policy Studies

Hello, my name is ____ from Joshua Research Consultants. I am conducting a survey on how Singaporeans approach the general elections like the one held on the 6th of May. This is on behalf of the Institute of Policy Studies, an independent research organisation. It should take about 10 mins. Your views will be kept strictly confidential. They will be added to more than 1000 other responses. Can you help with this survey, please?

Demographic variables

S1) Are you a..... **(READ OUT)**

1. Singaporean Citizen
2. Permanent Resident **(THANK AND TERMINATE)**
3. Employment Pass Holder **(THANK AND TERMINATE)**
4. Work Permit Holder **(THANK AND TERMINATE)**
5. Others **(THANK AND TERMINATE)**

S2) Did you vote in the recent 6th May elections? **(Check quota)**

1. Yes
2. No

S3) Which age group do you belong to? Is it **(READ OUT and Check quota)**

1. Below 21 **(THANK & TERMINATE)**
2. 21-29 yrs
3. 30-34 yrs
4. 35-39 yrs
5. 40-54 yrs
6. 55-64 yrs
7. 65 & above

S4) Gender **(Check quota)**

1. Male
2. Female

S5) What is your current employment status? **(Do not read)**

1. Employer
2. Own account worker (e.g self-employed, free-lance)
3. Employee **(Go to S6)**
4. Unpaid family worker **(Go to S6)**
5. Full-time home-maker **(Go to S6)**
6. Full-time student
7. Retiree **(Go to S6)**
8. Unemployed **(Go to S6)**
9. Others Specify: _____

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S6) What is your current main occupation (**Do not read**)
(if not currently employed/self-employed, what was your last main occupation?)

Record _____

1. Legislators, Senior Officials, Senior Executives and Senior Managers
 2. Professionals
 3. Technicians, middle to lower-level managers, foremen, and supervisors
 4. Clerical Workers
 5. Service Workers and Shop and Market Sales workers
 6. Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers, Semiskilled Workers
 7. Cleaners, Labourers and Related Workers, Unskilled Workers.
99. Never worked / employed

S7) What is your monthly **household** income? (**Check Quota**)

1. None
2. Below \$1,000
3. \$1,000-\$1,999
4. \$2,000-\$2,999
5. \$3,000-\$3,999
6. \$4,000-\$4,999
7. \$5,000-\$5,999
8. \$6,000-\$6,999
9. \$7,000-\$9,999
10. \$10,000 and above

S8) What is your housing type?

1. HDB 1 room
2. HDB 2 room
3. HDB 3 room
4. HDB 4 room
5. HDB 5 room
6. HDB Executive Flat
7. Executive Condo\Private Condo\ Apartment
8. Landed Property
9. Others, pls specify: _____

S9) Ethnic group

1. Chinese
2. Malay
3. Indian
4. Others

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S10) What is the highest level of schooling completed?

1. None
2. Some Primary (have primary education but without 'O' / 'N' levels)
3. 'O' / 'N' levels (includes NTC 3 or equivalent)
4. Post – secondary ('A" levels, NTC ½ Cert. in Office Skills)
5. Diploma level (includes some Diploma education)
6. University level (includes some University education)
7. Post – graduate level
8. Other professional qualifications (ACCA, etc), pls specify:_____

On a scale of 1 to 5 (DO NOT READ OUT NEUTRAL)

1: not important at all, 2: not so important, 3: neutral, 4: important, 5: very important,

Please answer the following questions,

1) How important are the following in shaping your decision on
(who to vote/ who to support if you had voted)?

| | 1-Not important at all | 2-Not so important | 3-Neutral | 4-Important | 5-Very important |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 1a Your job situation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1b Cost of living, including cost of healthcare | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1c Upgrading | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1.d Facilities in the neighbourhood (Explain: Transport, polyclinic, wet markets, sports facilities, etc) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1.e Personality of the candidates | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1.f The work of the former MP (Explain: MP before May 6 elections) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1.g Fairness of Government policy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1.h Need for a good and efficient Government | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1.i Need for checks and balances in Parliament | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1.j Need for different views in Parliament | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1.k Issues in party manifestos | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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2) How important are the following characteristics in election candidates in shaping your decision on (who to vote/who to support if you had voted)?

| | 1-Not important at all | 2-Not so important | 3-Neutral | 4-Important | 5-Very important |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 2.a Honesty | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2.b Someone who can understand people like me | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2.c Someone who can reflect my views | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2.d Efficient | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2.e Hardworking (Explain: commitment to serving people.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2.f The party the candidate belongs to | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2.g Fair person (Explain: treats everyone fairly, regardless of race, religion, gender, age) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2.h Credentials (Explain: educational qualifications, work experience) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2.i Experience in grassroots and community work | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

On a scale of 1 to 5 (DO NOT READ OUT NEUTRAL)

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3) How important are the following communication channels in shaping your decision on (who to vote/who to support if you could have voted)?

| | 1-Not important at all | 2-Not so important | 3-Neutral | 4-Important | 5-Very important |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 3.a Radio | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3.b Local television coverage | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3.c Internet | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3.d Newspapers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3.e Word of mouth | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3.f Election Rallies | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3.g Party literature (Explain: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| manifesto, flyers, mailers etc.) | | | | | |
| 3.h Door-to-door visit of candidates | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3.i Grassroots workers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3.j Friends and family (Explain: includes colleagues) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1: strongly disagree, 2: disagree, 3: neutral, 4: agree, 5: strongly agree.

Please give us your opinion on the following statements, (DO NOT READ 9: 'Don't Know').

| | 1-Strongly Disagree | 2-Disagree | 3-Neutral | 4-Agree | 5-Strongly Agree | 9- Don't Know |
|---|---------------------|------------|-----------|---------|------------------|---------------|
| 4) The whole election system is fair to all political parties that want to contest the elections. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 5) The 'votes for upgrading' policy is fair because the government first rewards constituencies that supported its political party. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 6.1) (ROTATION) The PAP (People's Action Party) is a credible party. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 6.2) (ROTATION) The WP (Worker's Party) is a credible party. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 6.3) (ROTATION) The SDP (Singapore Democratic Party) is a credible party. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 6.4) (ROTATION) The SDA (Singapore Democratic Alliance) is a credible party. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 7) There is no need to change the election system because it has served Singaporeans well. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 8) It is always important to have elected opposition party members in Parliament. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 9) I had all the necessary information I needed to make a decision (about who to vote/ if I had to vote). | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 10) The Nominated Member of Parliament scheme plays a useful role today. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 |

Thank you for your time in participating in this survey.