Interview’s Introduction

I come from Delhi from the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies. (or give reference of your university). We are studying the Lok Sabha elections and interviewing thousands of ordinary voters from different parts of the country. The findings of these interviews will be used to write in books and newspapers without giving any respondent’s name. It has no connection with any political party or government. I need your co-operation to ensure the success of our study. Kindly spare some time to answer my questions.

Interview begins

1. While talking to people about the recent elections to the Lok Sabha, we find that some people were able to vote and some were not able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or not?  
   2. Yes  1. No

1a. (If yes) Whom did you vote for? Please mark your preference on this slip and put in this box. (Supply the pink dummy ballot and explain the procedure) Ballot No. 

1b. And what about the assembly elections -- who did you vote for? Please mark your preference on this slip and put in this box. (Supply the blue dummy ballot and explain the procedure) Ballot No. 

1c. (If voted) After you cast your vote did they put a mark on your finger? (Examine the mark and record.) 
   2. Mark found  1. Mark not found  3. Mark removed/disappeared

2. What was the reason for whom you voted in this election? (Record verbatim in respondents own language as close to respondents words.)

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Q3. (If voted) When did you finally make up your mind about who to vote for? (Read out the options 1 to 4) 
   1. On the polling day  
   2. A few days before polling  
   3. As soon as the candidates were announced  
   4. Before the campaign  
   8. Can’t say  
   9. Not Applicable (If not voted)
4. While voting, do you give more importance to the party, to the candidate, to your caste community or to something else?
   4. Something else   5. Can't Say

5. Now I will talk about the 1998 Lok Sabha election. Were you able to vote or not? (Distinguish from the Assembly Election held in same year in Rajasthan, Delhi and M.P.)
   1. Yes   2. No   3. Don’t Remember

5a. (If yes) Who did you vote for? (Supply the yellow dummy ballot and explain the procedure) Ballot No.  

6. What is your assessment of the work done by the central government (in Delhi) in the last one and a half years. Are you satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied?
   1. Not at all satisfied.   2. Somewhat satisfied

7. Who would you prefer as the next Prime Minister? (Record the name and consult the code book) 

7a. In your view what should the new government attend to on priority basis? Please mention 2-3 most important items. (Record verbatim in respondents own language)
   *1. ________________________________
   *2. ________________________________
   *3. ________________________________

8. In the last few years three governments were formed. First it was Congress govt. of Narsimhma Rao’s then it was UF govt. of Devegowda’s and Gujral’s and then the BJP alliance’s Vajpayee’s government. When you compare the work done by them, which govt. does you liked the best?
   1. Congress   2. BJP and its allies   3. UF
   4. No Difference   5. Can’t Say/D.K.

9. After the election results, which party or alliance would you prefer form the Government at the Centre? (Record exactly and consult the code book) 

10. Now I would like to know your opinion about the coalition government. Some people believe that there is no harm in coalition govt. Others believe that in special circumstances there is no alternative to it. While, for others, coalition governments are not good for the country in any case. What is your opinion in this regard?
   1. There is nothing wrong in it
   2. Acceptable only in special circumstances
   3. No coalition govt. in any case
   4. Can’t say/D.K

11. Do you think your vote has effect on how things are run in this country or you think your vote makes no difference?
   1. Makes no difference
   2. Has effect
   3. Others (Specify)

12. Now let us talk about the campaign during this election. How interested were you in the election campaign this year- great deal, somewhat or not at all?
   1. Not at all
   2. Somewhat
   3. Great deal
13. During the elections people participate in various activities. Did you participate any such activities stated below during the recent election campaign?

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<td>b. Helped organize meetings?</td>
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<td>c. Joined processions?</td>
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<td>d. Participated in door to door canvassing?</td>
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<td>e. Contributed or collected money?</td>
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<td>f. Distributed election leaflets?</td>
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14. Did any candidate, party work or canvasser come to your house during the campaign to ask for your votes?

2 Yes 1 No

14a. (If yes) For which party or candidate? *(Record first three in order mentioned and consult code book)*

1.___________________ 2.___________________ 3.___________________ 99. Inapplicable *(If no in Q.14)*

15. Have you heard of the recent battle* in Kargil?

(*Do not use the word war while translating)*

2 Yes 1 No

15a. (If Yes) Are you satisfied with the government’s action on Kargil issue?

2 Satisfied 1 Not satisfied 8 Can’t Say/DK 9 Inapplicable

15b. Did this battle affect your decision of who to vote for?

1 Has effected 2 Not effected 8 Can’t Say/DK 9 Inapplicable

16. Let us now talk about the work done by Vajpayee’s government during last one and a half years. I would read out some statements to which you may agree or disagree. Please tell me about each one whether you agree or disagree? In this governments rule:-

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<td>e. Injustice has been done to the Christians</td>
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17. Have you heard of Sonia Gandhi?

2 Yes 1 No 8 Can’t Say/D.K.

17a. (If Yes) Do you think she is good/appropriate for the post of Prime Minister?

2 Yes 1 No 9 Inapplicable

17b. (If No in 17a) Why do you think she is not good/appropriate for the post of P.M.?

1 Inexperience in politics 2. Poor leadership 3 Foreign Origin 4. Poor communication skill/LanguageHandicapp 5. She is a woman 6. Any Other 8. DK/Can’t say 9. Inapplicable *(If yes in 17a)*
18. Is there any political party you feel close to?  
   2 Yes 1 No

18. (If yes) Which is that party? (Record Exactly and use code book.)

19. Is there any political party for which you will never vote?  
   2 Yes 1 No

19. (If yes) Which is that party? (Record Exactly and use code book.)

20. Are you a member of any Political Party?  
   2 Yes 1 No

20. (If Yes) Which party? (Use code book.)

20b. (If No) Were you ever a member of any political party?  
   2 Yes 1 No

20c. (If Yes in 20b) Which party? (Use code book.)

21. People are generally concerned about what governments do—some are more concerned about what the Central government in Delhi does, while others are more concerned with what the state government does. How about you? Are you more concerned about what the government in Delhi does or about what the (name the State government) does?

   1 Interested in neither  2 State Government  3 Both
   4 Central Government  5 Other (Specify)

22. Now I will talk about some specific issues on which different people have different opinions. I will read out some statements to which you may agree or disagree.
   Do you agree that………..

   a. One should vote the way one’s caste community votes. 
   Do you agree or disagree?
   Agree  No Opinion  Disagree
   3   2   1

   b. India should make more efforts to develop friendly relations with Pakistan. Do you…..
   Agree  No Opinion  Disagree
   3   2   1

   c. We should be loyal to our own region first and then to India. Do you…..
   Agree  No Opinion  Disagree
   3   2   1

   d. Foreign companies should not be allowed free trade in India. Do you…..
   Agree  No Opinion  Disagree
   3   2   1

   e. Country should increase spending on army even if it increases the burden on ordinary people. Do you…..
   Agree  No Opinion  Disagree
   3   2   1

   f. War is the only solution to Indo-Pakistan problem. Do you…..
   Agree  No Opinion  Disagree
   3   2   1

   g. On the site where Babri Masjid was situated only Ram temple should be build. Do you…..
   Agree  No Opinion  Disagree
   3   2   1

23. Have you heard about the nuclear/atomic bomb test in Pokhran/Rajasthan conducted last year by Indian Government?  
   2 Yes 1 No

23a. (If yes) In your view was the Govt’s decision to make atomic bomb justified? 

   3. Approve  2 Disapprove  1 No opinion  8 Not applicable
24. Do you read newspaper?  
   2 Yes  
   1 No  
24a. *(If yes)* How often—regularly, sometimes or rarely?  
   3 Regularly  
   2 Sometimes  
   1 Rarely  
   9 Inapplicable  
24b. *(If regular or sometimes)* Which newspaper do you read? ____________________  
25. Do you listen to Radio?  
   2 Yes  
   1 No  
25a. *(If yes)* How often—regularly, sometimes or rarely?  
   3 Regularly  
   2 Sometimes  
   1 Rarely  
   9 Inapplicable  
26. Do you watch Television?  
   2 Yes  
   1 No  
26a. *(If yes)* How often—regularly, sometimes or rarely?  
   3 Regularly  
   2 Sometimes  
   1 Rarely  
   9 Inapplicable  
27. Which source did you trust most this time for election related news—Newspaper, Radio or TV. *(Use geometric codes)*  
   0 None  
   1 Newspaper  
   2 Radio  
   4 TV  
28. Election Commission allotted time to every Political Party for campaigning on DoorDarshan and Radio. How many of these telecast/broadcast have you seen and heard?  
   0 None  
   1 Some(one-two)  
   2 Many (more than two)  
   8 D.K./Can’t say  
29. This time newspapers and magazines carried several surveys to estimate which party will get how many seats in this election. Did you read it or hear about it?  
   1 Read  
   2 Heard  
   3 Neither read nor heard  
   8 D.K.  
29a *(If read or heard)* Where did you first read or heard?  
   1 Newspaper  
   2 Radio  
   3 TV  
   4 Hearsay  
   8 DK/Can’t say  
   9 Inapplicable  
29b Was your voting decision influenced by it?  
   2 Yes  
   1 No  
   8 D.K./Can’t say  
   9 Inapplicable  
29c. *(If yes)* In what way? *(Record Exactly)* ____________________________________  
30. Now I will read the names of some Countries. Have you heard the name of these countries?  
   Yes  
   No  
   Friend  
   Neither  
   Enemy  
   i. Nepal  
   2  
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   ii. America  
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   iii. Pakistan  
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   iv. Bangladesh  
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   v. China  
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   vi. Sri Lanka  
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   vii. Russia  
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   31. There is quite a bit of talk these days about different social classes. Some people say they belong to the middle class, others say they belong to the labour class, yet others say they do not belong to either of these classes but to some other class? Now thinking of people like you, to which class would you say you belong?  
   1 Middle class  
   2 Labour class  
   8 Other*(Specify)* ______________  
32. Who do you think is most likely to win from your parliamentary constituency?  
   *(Record exact party or candidate and consult party code)* ____________________________________
**BACKGROUND DATA**

1. Do you worship (Puja/Namaz/Ardas etc.)?  
   - 2 Yes  
   - 1 No

1a. *(If Yes)* How often?
   - 4 Daily  
   - 2 Occasionally  
   - 1 Only during festivals  
   - 8 D.K./Can’t say

2. Age (in completed years) ______________________

3. Gender :  
   - 1. Male  
   - 2. Female

4. Marital Status
   - 1. Unmarried  
   - 2. Married  
   - 3. Divorced/separated  
   - 4. Widowed etc.

5. Level of Education *(Record exactly and consult code book)* ______________________

6. Total land _______________________ (in Acres)

6a. Irrigated land ____________________ (in Acres)

7. What is/has been the main occupation of the respondent? *(Record exactly and consult code book)*  
   *(If retired, try to ascertain his/her previous occupation)*  
   _________________

8. *(If respondent is not the main earner)* Main occupation of the main earner of the family  
   *(Record exactly and consult code book)*

8a. Nature of employment
   - 1. Govt./Public sector  
   - 2. Organised Private sector  
   - 3. Un-organised sector  
   - 4. Self employed  
   - 9. Not ascertained

9. Exact Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe, name *(Probe further, if R mentions ambiguous surname)* ______________________ *(Consult code book)*

9a. Caste group *(Ascertain and Consult SC/ST/OBC list for the state)*
   - 1 SC  
   - 2 ST  
   - 3 OBC  
   - 4 Others

10. Religion :  
   - 1 Hindu  
   - 2 Muslim  
   - 3 Christian  
   - 4 Sikh  
   - 5 Buddhist  
   - 6 Jain  
   - 7 Parsi  
   - 8 Other *(Specify)* ______

11. Locality:  
   - 1 Village  
   - 2 Town  
   - 3 City (5,00,000+)

11a. *(If Town/City)* Type of house where R lives (own or rented)
   - 1 House/Flat/Bunglow  
   - 2 House/Flat with 3 or 4 bedrooms with 5 or more bedrooms  
   - 3 House/Flat with 2 bedrooms  
   - 4 Houses/Flat with 2 Pucca rooms  
   - 5 House with 1 Pucca room  
   - 6 Mainly Kutchha house  
   - 7 Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri

11b. *(If village)* Type of House where R lives (own or rented)
   - 1 Pucca (both wall and roof made of pucca material)  
   - 2 Pucca-Kutchha (Either wall or roof is made of pucca material and other of kutcha material)  
   - 3 Kutchha (both wall and roof are made of kutcha material other than materials mentioned in category 4)  
   - 4 Hut (both wall and roof made of grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo)

12. Have you got voter's photo identity card?  
   - 1 No card, not photographed  
   - 2 Photographed but card not issued  
   - 3 Card issued but defective  
   - 4 Yes, R has proper card  
   - 5 Card issued but lost  
   - 6 Any other *(Specify)*__________
13. Which languages can you understand, speak, read and write [Record in exact sequence as respondent replied, write the name of the language and put 3 in the relevant box(s)]

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14. Do you or your family own the followings:-

- House/Flat: 2 Yes, 1 No
- Car/Jeep: 2 Yes, 1 No
- Tractor: 2 Yes, 1 No
- Two wheeler: 2 Yes, 1 No
- Colour T.V.: 2 Yes, 1 No
- B/W T.V.: 2 Yes, 1 No
- Pumping set/tubewell: 2 Yes, 1 No
- Fridge: 2 Yes, 1 No
- Washing machine: 2 Yes, 1 No
- Telephone: 2 Yes, 1 No
- Cooking gas: 2 Yes, 1 No
- Bicycle: 2 Yes, 1 No

Not to be asked

Date of interview ____________________  Interviewer’s Name__________________________

Name of Respondent___________________  S.No. on Electoral Roll_____________________

State ____________________  PC Name__________________________________________

AC Name ________________________  PS Name____________________________________

Official No. of P.S.____________________________________________________________

Place of Interview: 1 R's home  2 R's place of work  3 Public place