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Q1: Before you went to vote, did you know that electronic voting machines were to be used?

	N	(%)
1: No	86	6.5
2: Yes	1226	93.5
Total	1312	100.0

Q2: In your opinion, was this method better, worse, or no different to the earlier method of stamping a ballot paper?

	N	(%)
1: No difference	12	.9
2: EVM worse	42	3.2
3: EVM better	1200	91.5
8: Can't say/Don't know	57	4.4
Total	1312	100.0

Q3: While talking to people about the just concluded assembly elections, we found that some people were able to vote and some were not able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or not?

	N	(%)
1: No	106	8.1
2: Yes	1206	91.9
Total	1312	100.0

a: (*If not voted*) What was the main reason that you could not vote in this election?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Did not know I was a voter	2	.2	1.9
	2: Out of Station	10	.8	9.4
	3: Not well/too weak to go	31	2.4	29.2
	4: Have no interest/did not feel like voting	19	1.4	17.9
	7: Fear of violence at polling station	1	.1	.9
	8: Others	43	3.3	40.6
	Total	106	8.1	100.0
Missing	9: Not Applicable	1206	91.9	
Total		1312	100.0	

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- b: (*If voted*) When did you finally make up your mind about who to vote for, on the polling day, after campaign started or much before the campaign begin?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: On polling day	47	3.6	3.9
	2: After campaign started	151	11.5	12.5
	3: Much before campaign began	995	75.9	82.6
	8: Can't say/Don't know	12	.9	1.0
	Total	1206	91.9	100.0
Missing	9: Not applicable	106	8.1	
Total		1312	100.0	

- c: (*If voted*) Who did you vote for?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Congress	324	24.7	26.9
	02: BJP	60	4.6	5.0
	03: JD(united)	1	.1	.1
	04: CPI	61	4.7	5.1
	05: CPI(M)	187	14.3	15.5
	06: BSP	1	.1	.1
	08: Independent	1	.1	.1
	09: Others	7	.5	.6
	11: Kerala Cong (B)	34	2.6	2.8
	12: UDF-Independent	26	2.0	2.2
	13: LDF-Independent	59	4.5	4.9
	17: PDS	4	.3	.3
	18: TMC	1	.1	.1
	20: AIADMK and allies	1	.1	.1
	27: IUML	64	4.9	5.3
	28: INL	7	.5	.6
	30: Trinamul Congress and allies	1	.1	.1
	31: JD(S)	42	3.2	3.5
	39: RSP (B)	22	1.7	1.8
	40: Left Front	41	3.1	3.4
41: RSP	58	4.4	4.8	
42: CPI(ML)	1	.1	.1	

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	50: UDF	23	1.8	1.9
	58: JMM	1	.1	.1
	81: DMK	1	.1	.1
	83: MDMK	1	.1	.1
	85: TRC (Ramamurthy)	1	.1	.1
	87: KCM	55	4.2	4.5
	88: Kerala Cong. (Josheph)	73	5.6	6.1
	89: Kerala Cong. (Jacob)	38	2.9	3.2
	98: Don't know	10	.8	.8
	Total	1206	91.9	100.0
Missing	99: Blank/Refuse	106	8.1	
Total		1312	100.0	

Q4: Now I will talk about the 1999 Lok Sabha elections. Were you able to vote or not?

		N	(%)
	1: No	105	8.0
	2: Yes	1174	89.5
	8: Don't remember	8	.6
	9: Not a voter	24	1.8
	Total	1312	100.0

a: (*If Yes*) Who did you vote for?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Congress	476	36.3	40.6
	02: BJP	58	4.4	4.9
	03: JD(united)	13	1.0	1.1
	04: CPI	61	4.6	5.2
	05: CPI(M)	345	26.3	29.4
	08: Independent	1	.1	.1
	09: Others	8	.6	.6
	11: Kerala Cong (B)	1	.1	.1
	12: UDF-Independent	1	.1	.1
	13: LDF-Independent	32	2.4	2.7
	20: AIADMK and allies	1	.1	.1

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	27: IUML	53	4.0	4.5
	31: JD(S)	19	1.5	1.6
	34: Samta	1	.1	.1
	40: Left Front	38	2.9	3.2
	50: UDF	22	1.6	1.8
	87: KCM	32	2.4	2.7
	98: Don't know	14	1.1	1.2
	Total	1174	89.5	100.0
Missing	99: Blank/Refuse	137	10.5	
Total		1312	100.0	

Q5: Did you attend any election meeting during the recent election campaign?

		N	(%)
	1: No	992	75.6
	2: Yes	320	24.4
	Total	1312	100.0

Q6: Did you participate in any campaign activity like canvassing; organize meeting, joining procession, collecting money etc.?

		N	(%)
	1: No	1091	83.1
	2: Yes	221	16.9
	Total	1312	100.0

Q7: Did any candidate, party worker or canvasser come to your house during the campaign to ask you for your vote?

		N	(%)
	1: No	99	7.6
	2: Yes	1206	91.9
	8: Can't say/Don't know	7	.5
	Total	1312	100.0

Q8: What is your assessment of the work done by the LDF government in Kerala during the last five years. Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

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	N	(%)
1: Not at all	448	34.1
2: Somewhat Satisfied	521	39.7
3: Very Satisfied	313	23.8
8: Can't say/Don't know	31	2.3
Total	1312	100.0

Q9: Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Kerala?

	N	(%)
0: Can't say/Don't know	48	3.7
1: K. Karunakaran	172	13.1
2: E.K. Nayanar	258	19.6
3: A.K. Anthony	435	33.2
4: V.S. Achuthanandan	200	15.3
6: C.K. Padmanabhan	19	1.5
7: Any one from UDF	97	7.4
8: Any one from LDF	63	4.8
9: Others	20	1.5
Total	1312	100.0

Q10: Prior to this government, there was the UDF government led by Karunakaran. Which one do you think was better? The UDF or the LDF government?

	N	(%)
0: None	45	3.4
1: Both	82	6.2
2: LDF	525	40.1
3: UDF	619	47.2
8: Can't say/Don't know	41	3.1
Total	1312	100.0

Q11: After this election, which party or alliance would you like to form the next government in Kerala?

	N	(%)
01: Congress	69	5.3
02: BJP	26	2.0

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	N	(%)
03: JD(united)	1	.1
04: CPI	1	.1
05: CPI(M)	12	.9
09: Others	6	.5
10: DMK and allies	14	1.0
12: UDF-Independent	2	.1
13: LDF-Independent	2	.2
27: IUML	5	.4
40: Left Front	502	38.3
41: RSP	1	.1
42: CPI(ML)	3	.2
50: UDF	633	48.3
60: AGP-BJP allies	1	.1
70: Congress and allies	3	.2
80: MGR-ADMK	1	.1
87: KCM	1	.1
98: Don't know	13	1.0
99: Blank/Refuse	16	1.2
Total	1312	100.0

Q12: What is your assessment of the work done by the Vajpayee government at the Centre in the last one-and-half-years. Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

	N	(%)
1: Not at all	547	41.7
2: Somewhat Satisfied	545	41.6
3: Very Satisfied	142	10.8
8: Can't say/Don't know	77	5.9
Total	1312	100.0

Q13: 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 state in any case. What is your opinion in this regard?

	N	(%)
1: There is no harm	363	27.6

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	N	(%)
2: Acceptable in special circumstances	383	29.2
3: Not good in any case	475	36.2
8: Can't say/Don't know	91	7.0
Total	1312	100.0

Q14: How do you rate the present government of Kerala in terms of corruption? Is it very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, or not corrupt at all?

	N	(%)
1: Very Corrupt	369	28.2
2: Somewhat Corrupt	663	50.5
3: Not corrupt at all	228	17.4
8: Can't say/Don't know	52	3.9
Total	1312	100.0

Q15: How do you evaluate the performance of LDF Govt. (1996-2001) in the field of education?

	N	(%)
1: Good	396	30.2
2: Somewhat good	377	28.8
3: Not good	455	34.7
8: Can't say/Don't know	84	6.4
Total	1312	100.0

Q16: How do you compare the manifestoes of UDF, LDF and NDA. Which one is more appealing to you in terms of addressing problems related to people like you?

	N	(%)
1: UDF	465	35.4
2: LDF	460	35.1
3: NDA	43	3.3
8: Can't say/Don't know	343	26.2
Total	1312	100.0

Q17: Do you think that the law and order situation has improved considerably during the present LDF Government?

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	N	(%)
1: Yes	290	22.1
2: To some extent	352	26.8
3: Not at all	626	47.7
8: Can't say/Don't know	44	3.4
Total	1312	100.0

Q18: Have you heard of hooch liquor tragedy in Kalluvathukkal and other places. Whom do you blame for this?

	N	(%)
1: LDF	520	39.7
2: UDF	103	7.9
3: All political parties	524	40.0
8: Can't say/Don't know	164	12.5
Total	1312	100.0

Q19: Some say that left parties had moved out their ideology to more programatic kind of activities in coalition politics. Consequently, there are not much difference between LDF and UDF. How do you respond to this statement?

	N	(%)
1: Yes	413	31.5
2: To some extent	338	25.7
3: Not at all correct	422	32.2
8: Can't say/Don't know	139	10.6
Total	1312	100.0

Q20: Thinking of how you (or your family, in the case of first time voters) have voted in previous elections, how would you describe yourself? Were you LDF supporter, UDF supporter, supporter of any other party or supporter of no particular party?

	N	(%)
1: LDF supporter	534	40.7
2: UDF Supporter	507	38.7
4: Supporter of any other party	49	3.7
5: Supporter of no particular party	197	15.0
8: Can't say/Don't know	25	1.9
Total	1312	100.0

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

B1: What is your age?

	N	(%)
1: Up to 25 years	192	14.6
2: 26 to 35 years	330	25.2
3: 36 to 45 years	292	22.3
4: 46 to 55 years	216	16.5
5: 56 years and above	282	21.5
Total	1312	100.0

B2: Gender

	N	(%)
1: Male	617	47.1
2: Female	694	52.9
Total	1312	100.0

B3: What is your highest level of Education?

	N	(%)
0: Non literate	111	8.5
1: Below primary	194	14.8
2: Primary pass/Middle fail	280	21.4
3: Middle pass/Matric fail	318	24.2
4: Matric	222	16.9
5: Intermediate	82	6.3
6: Graduate or equivalent	63	4.8
7: Post Graduate	30	2.3
8: Professional degree	10	.8
9: N.A.	2	.2
Total	1312	100.0

B4: What is your exact Caste/Jati-Biradari/Tribe?

	N	(%)
01: Brahmin	9	.7

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	N	(%)
05: Namboodiri/Kshatriya	1	.1
09: Other Upper Caste	7	.5
13: Nair	136	10.4
14: Nambiar	35	2.7
19: Other PP	6	.4
20: Ezhuthachan	12	.9
29: Other Peasant OBCs	31	2.4
34: Badhai/Goldsmith	9	.7
36: Lohar/Black Smith	48	3.7
39: Other Craftsmen OBCs	11	.8
40: Kewat(Fishermen & Boatmen)	29	2.2
45: Traders OBC	7	.5
46: Toddy Tappers	230	17.5
49: Other Service OBC	41	3.1
50: Jatav (Leather Work)	2	.1
55: Mala	12	.9
59: Other Scheduled Caste	85	6.5
69: Other Scheduled Tribe	18	1.3
70: Ashraf	21	1.6
71: Mughals	4	.3
78: Muslim no caste	236	18.0
85: Upper Christian	254	19.4
86: OBC Christians	40	3.1
87: Dalit Christians	18	1.4
88: Christian no caste	7	.5
95: Hindu no caste	1	.1
99: N.A.	2	.1
Total	1312	100.0

a: What is your Caste Group?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Scheduled Caste	129	9.8	9.9
	2: Scheduled Tribe	23	1.8	1.8
	3: Other Backward Caste (OBC)	664	50.6	50.9
	4: General/Others	488	37.2	37.4

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	Total	1305	99.5	100.0
Missing	9: N.A.	7	.5	
Total		1312	100.0	

B5: Which religion do you follow?

		N	(%)
1:	Hindu	709	54.1
2:	Muslim	260	19.8
3:	Christian	331	25.2
4:	Sikh	3	.2
5:	Buddhist	6	.4
6:	Jain	3	.2
Total		1312	100.0

B6: Area/Locality

		N	(%)
1:	Village	1160	88.5
2:	Town	150	11.5
3:	City (500,000+)	1	.1
Total		1312	100.0

a: (*If Town/City*) Type of house where R lives

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: House/Flat/Bungalow (5+Bedrooms)	9	.7	6.1
	2: House/Flat (3 or 4 Bedrooms)	47	3.5	30.9
	3: House/Flat with 2 bedrooms	38	2.9	25.0
	4: House/Flat with 2 Pucca rooms	20	1.5	13.1
	5: House with 1 pucca room	12	.9	8.3
	6: Mainly Kutcha house	19	1.4	12.5
	7: Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri	6	.5	4.1
	Total	150	11.5	100.0
Missing	0: N.A.	1161	88.5	
Total		1312	100.0	

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b: (*If Village*) Type of house where R lives

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Pucca with 5 or more dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)	107	8.2	9.3
	2: Pucca with 3-4 dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)	151	11.5	13.0
	3: Pucca with 1-2 dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)	88	6.7	7.6
	4: Pucca-Kutcha 5 or more dwelling rooms	54	4.2	4.7
	5: Pucca-Kutcha 3-4 dwelling rooms	197	15.0	17.0
	6: Pucca-Kutcha 1-2 dwelling rooms	134	10.2	11.6
	7: Kutcha with 3 or more rooms	221	16.9	19.1
	8: Kutcha with 1-2 rooms	159	12.1	13.8
	9: Hut (both wall and roof made from grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo)	47	3.6	4.0
	Total	1158	88.3	100.0
Missing	0: N.A.	153	11.7	
Total		1312	100.0	

B7: What is the main occupation of the main earner of the family?

	N	(%)
01: Scientist	2	.1
02: Engineers	4	.3
03: Doctors	3	.2
04: Lawyers	1	.1
05: Accountants	5	.4
06: College/University Teachers	3	.2
07: Writers	1	.1
08: Modern Artist	1	.1
09: Other Higher Professional	1	.1
10: Science Technician	5	.4
11: Computer Operator	2	.1
12: Alternative Doctors	1	.1
13: Medical Technician	5	.4
14: School Teachers	23	1.7
15: Nursery Teachers	14	1.1

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	N	(%)
16: Folk & Commercial Artist	1	.1
18: Priests	7	.5
19: Other Lowers Professional	5	.4
20: Elected Official (Central)	1	.1
21: Elected Official (District)	3	.2
22: Managers	9	.7
23: Officer Class-I	8	.6
24: Officer Class-II	24	1.8
25: Class-III Employee	33	2.6
26: Superintendents	6	.5
27: Traditional Clerks	2	.2
28: Class-IV Employee	26	2.0
29: Other Administrative employee	11	.8
30: Big Businessmen	4	.3
31: Medium Businessmen	37	2.9
Small Businessmen	43	3.2
Petty Businessmen	39	3.0
34: Hawkers	2	.1
35: Sales Executive	9	.7
36: Salespersons	4	.3
37: Shop Assistants	18	1.4
38: Rentier	1	.1
39: Other Businessmen	15	1.1
40: Waiters	8	.6
41: Dhobi	3	.3
42: Barbers	3	.2
43: Ayahs, Maids	3	.2
44: Chowkidars	2	.2
45: Sweepers	3	.2
49: Other Service Workers	17	1.3
50: Mechanics	83	6.3
51: Electricians	18	1.4
52: Jewelers	1	.1
53: Tailors	12	.9
54: Weavers	21	1.6
55: Shoemakers	1	.1

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	N	(%)
56: Blacksmiths	3	.2
57: Carpenters	45	3.4
59: Other Skilled Workers	20	1.5
61: Measons	38	2.9
62: Potters	4	.3
63: Stone-Cutter	8	.6
64: Furniture	1	.1
65: Rickshaw-Pullers	7	.5
66: Unskilled Labours	125	9.5
69: Other Semi-Skilled Workers	48	3.7
70: Cultivators 20+ Acres	2	.1
71: Cultivators 10-20 Acres	8	.6
72: Cultivators 5-10 Acres	13	1.0
73: Cultivators 1-5 Acres	65	4.9
74: Cultivators 0-1 Acre	63	4.8
75: Tenant-5+ Acres	4	.3
76: Tenant-0-5 Acres	22	1.7
77: Plantation	9	.7
78: Agricultural Lab	126	9.6
79: Other Agricultural Workers	42	3.2
80: Live-Stick Firming	1	.1
81: Dairy Firming	3	.2
82: Poultry Firming	3	.2
83: Shepherds	2	.1
84: Forest Produce Gather	2	.2
85: Hunters	4	.3
86: Fishermen	28	2.1
89: Other Breeders	3	.2
90: House-Wife/Husbands	21	1.6
91: Students	4	.3
93: Unemployed	8	.6
95: Others Occupation	12	.9
96: Political Activist	6	.4
98: Unidentifiable	6	.4
99: N.A.	3	.2
Total	1312	100.0

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B8: Do you or your family own the following.

a: Car/Jeep/Tractor

	N	(%)
1: No	1226	93.4
2: Yes	86	6.6
Total	1312	100.0

b: Pumping Set

	N	(%)
1: No	933	71.1
2: Yes	379	28.9
Total	1312	100.0

c: Colour TV

	N	(%)
1: No	786	59.9
2: Yes	526	40.1
Total	1312	100.0

d: Scooter/Motor Cycle

	N	(%)
1: No	1096	83.5
2: Yes	216	16.5
Total	1312	100.0

e: Telephone

	N	(%)
1: No	933	71.1
2: Yes	379	28.9
Total	1312	100.0

f: Electric fan/Cooler

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N			(%)
1: No	431	32.9	
2: Yes	880	67.1	
Total	1312	100.0	

g: Bicycle

N			(%)
1: No	845	64.4	
2: Yes	467	35.6	
Total	1312	100.0	

h: Transistor/Radio

N			(%)
1: No	329	25.1	
2: Yes	982	74.9	
Total	1312	100.0	

i: Wrist watch/clock

N			(%)
1: No	92	7.0	
2: Yes	1219	93.0	
Total	1312	100.0	