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ABC NEWS PRIMARY ELECTION EXIT POLLS, 1985 (ICPSR 8595)

SUMMARY: These data were collected at polling places in Detroit (Part 1) and New York City (Part 2) as voters exited the polls on Primary Election Day, 1985. In Detroit, topics included vote choices for mayor and city clerk, problems facing the city, the quality of life in Detroit, and Coleman Young's performance as mayor. Voters in New York City were asked how they voted in the mayoral, city council president, and comptroller races. In addition, they were asked to evaluate the quality of life in New York, problems facing the city, and Edward Koch's performance as mayor. Demographic information recorded for all respondents in this collection include sex, age, education, race, income, union membership, and political orientation. CLASS III

UNIVERSE: Voters in the Detroit and New York City primary elections in September 1985.

SAMPLING: Polling places were chosen by random selection.

NOTE: The data contain blanks.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 2 data files

DATA FORMAT: Card Image

Part 1: Detroit

File Structure: rectangular

Cases: 797

Variables: 44

Record Length: 80

Records Per Case: 1

Part 2: New York City

File Structure: rectangular

Cases: 2,399

Variables: 61

Record Length: 80

Records Per Case: 1

Detroit

State code (1-2) Ballot Number (5-7)
Precinct code (3-4)*

Time Period:
1 [] (08)
2 []
3 []

(9007)

ABC NEWS POLL

SECRET BALLOT

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS FOR VOTERS ONLY. PLEASE FILL OUT BOTH SIDES. DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME

1. For whom did you vote for Mayor? (PUT A CHECKMARK IN THE BOX NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.) (09)

- Tom Joe Barrow [] A (1)
- Charles Carmel Costa [] (2)
- Coleman A. Young [] (3)
- Other (WRITE IN NAME) [] (4)

2. In the race for city clerk, did you vote for: (10)

- James H. Bradley [] B (1)
- Tracy E. Goodner [] (2)
- Reba Watson Hawkins [] (3)
- Morris Hood, Jr. [] (4)
- Did not vote for city clerk [] (5)

3. Would you say the overall quality of life in Detroit has gotten better, gotten worse or stayed about the same in the last few years. (11)

- Gotten better [] C (1)
- Gotten worse [] (2)
- Stayed about the same [] (3)

4. Please put a check next to the one item below which best describes what you like most about your mayoral candidate (CHECK ONE BOX ONLY) (12)

- Strong leader [] D (1)
- Fair to all income groups [] (2)
- Experienced in government [] (3)
- Honest [] (4)
- Would help the poor [] (5)
- Would handle city finances well [] (6)
- Has good, new ideas [] (7)

5. Put a check next to the one item below which you think is the city's biggest problem: (13)

- Crime in the streets [] E (1)
- Corruption in government [] (2)
- Bad public transportation [] (3)
- Not enough jobs [] (4)
- Bad public schools [] (5)

6. If any of the following describes you, check the box next to it: 13 1-DIGIT

- [] = BOX CHECKED
- Factory worker (14) [] F (1)
- City government worker (15) [] (2)
- Office worker (16) [] (3)
- Young professional under age 40 (17) [] (4)
- Retired (18) [] (5)
- Automobile worker (19) [] (6)
- Union member (20) [] (7)
- Frequent user of city bus system (21) [] (8)
- Victim of robbery, burglary or assault in last five years (22) [] (9)
- Work in downtown area (23) [] (10)
- Single parent of school-age children (24) [] (11)
- Landlord (25) [] (12)
- Own business in city (26) [] (13)

7. If you agree with any of the following statements check the box next to it: [] = BOX CHECKED 10 1-DIGIT

- When it comes to jobs, Detroit has a bright future (27) [] G (1)
- The public transit system is getting worse (28) [] (2)
- My choice for mayor was the best of a bad lot (29) [] (3)
- The People Mover was a dumb idea (30) [] (4)
- Downtown Detroit is on its way back (31) [] (5)
- If Erma Henderson had run for MAYOR I would have voted for her (32) [] (6)
- Mayor Young pays too much attention to downtown and not enough to the neighborhoods (33) [] (7)
- There is corruption in Mayor Young's administration (34) [] (8)
- There should be casino gambling on Belle Isle (35) [] (9)
- The FBI is out to get Coleman Young because he is black (36) [] (10)

8. Your sex is: (37)
Male [] H (1) Female [] (2)

9. The group that includes your age is: (38)
16-24 [] I (1) 40-49 [] (4)
25-29 [] (2) 50-59 [] (5)
30-39 [] (3) 60 or more [] (6)

STATE CODE = 23 = MICHIGAN

* INTERNAL CODES, UNDOCUMENTED BY P.I.

(OVER)

10. What was the last grade of school you completed? (39)

- Some high school or less [] J (1)
- High school graduate [] (2)
- Some college [] (3)
- College graduate [] (4)
- Postgraduate [] (5)

11. Are you:

(40)

- Black [] K (1)
- White [] (2)
- Some other race [] (3)

12. Into which group below does your annual household income before taxes fall? (41)

- Under \$10,000 [] L (1)
- \$10,000 to \$19,999 [] (2)
- \$20,000 to \$29,999 [] (3)
- \$30,000 to \$39,999 [] (4)
- \$40,000 to \$49,999 [] (5)
- \$50,000 and over [] (6)

13. What's your religious preference? (42)

- Protestant [] M (1)
- Catholic [] (2)
- Jewish [] (3)
- Muslim [] (4)
- Islamic [] (5)
- Some other religion [] (6)
- No religion [] (7)

14. Which one of the categories below best describes most of your ancestors? (CHECK ONE ONLY) (43-44)

- German or Austrian [] N (1)
- English, Scottish or Welsh [] (2)
- Irish [] (3)
- Polish/other Slavic [] (4)
- Italian [] (5)
- Greek [] (6)
- Arab [] (7)
- Hispanic [] (8)
- Afro-American [] (9)
- Something else (WRITE IN BELOW) [] (10)

15. Does the chief wage earner in your household get paid an hourly rate, paid a salary or is the chief wage earner self-employed? (IF RETIRED, CHECK THE BOX THAT BEST DESCRIBES HOW THE CHIEF WAGE EARNER USED TO BE PAID.) (45)

- Hourly [] O (1)
- Salary [] (2)
- Self-employed [] (3)
- Unemployed [] (4)

16. Are you or is anyone in your household a union member? (46)

- Yes [] P (1)
- No [] (2)

17. In politics today do you consider yourself a: (47)

- Democrat [] Q (1)
- Republican [] (2)
- Independent [] (3)
- Something Else [] (4)

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Coleman Young is handling his job as mayor? (48)

- Approve . . [] R (1)
- Disapprove . . [] (2)

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the city council is handling its job? (49)

- Approve . . [] S (1)
- Disapprove . . [] (2)

PLEASE FOLD IN HALF AND PLACE IN "SECRET BALLOT" BOX. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

State code (1-2)
PRECINCT code (3-4)*

Ballot Number (5-7) 8595, 1 [] (X)
Part 2 2 [] *
3 []

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ABC NEWS POLL

SECRET BALLOT

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS FOR VOTERS ONLY. PLEASE FILL OUT BOTH SIDES. DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME

1. For whom did you vote for Mayor? (PUT A CHECKMARK IN THE BOX NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.) (09)

- Carol Bellamy [] A(1)
- Gilbert DiLucia [] (2)
- Herman D. Farrell, Jr. [] (3)
- Edward I. Koch [] (4)
- Frederick D. Newman [] (5)
- Judah Philip Rubenstein [] (6)

2. In the race for city council president, did you vote for: (10)

- Angelo Del Toro [] B(1)
- Joseph R. Erazo [] (2)
- Kenneth Lipper [] (3)
- Israel Ruiz, Jr. [] (4)
- Andrew J. Stein [] (5)
- Lorraine Stevens [] (6)
- Did not vote for council president [] (7)

3. In the race for comptroller, did you vote for: (11)

- Harrison J. Goldin [] C(1)
- Rafael Mendez [] (2)
- Dennis Speed [] (3)
- Did not vote for comptroller [] (4)

4. Would you say the overall quality of life in New York City has gotten better, gotten worse or stayed about the same in the last few years? (12)

- Gotten better [] D(1)
- Gotten worse [] (2)
- Stayed about the same [] (3)

5. Please put a check next to the one item below which best describes what you like most about your mayoral candidate (CHECK ONE BOX ONLY) (13)

- Strong leader [] E(1)
- Fair to all income groups [] (2)
- Experienced in government [] (3)
- Honest [] (4)
- Would help the poor [] (5)
- Does not change mind on important issues [] (6)
- Would handle city finances well [] (7)
- Has good, new ideas [] (8)

6. Put a check next to the one item below which you think is the city's biggest problem (14)

- Crime in the streets [] F(1)
- Poor subway service and maintenance [] (2)
- The high cost of housing [] (3)
- Not enough jobs [] (4)
- Bad public schools [] (5)

7. If any of the following describes you, check the box next to it: 14 1-DIGIT
1 = BOX CHECKED

- Feminist who supports the ERA (15) [] G(1)
- Factory worker (16) [] (2)
- City government worker (17) [] (3)
- Office worker (18) [] (4)
- Young professional under age 40 (19) [] (5)
- Retired (20) [] (6)
- Union member (21) [] (7)
- Gay or lesbian (22) [] (8)
- Victim of robbery, burglary or assault in last five years (23) [] (9)
- Single parent of school-age children (24) [] (10)
- Frequent subway rider (25) [] (11)
- Apartment renter (26) [] (12)
- Landlord (27) [] (13)
- Own a business in the city (28) [] (14)

8. If you agree with any of the following statements check the box next to it: 1 = BOX CHECKED 9 1-DIGIT

- I strongly favor a nuclear weapons freeze (29) [] H(1)
- The public transit system is getting worse (30) [] (2)
- The Westway highway project should not be built (31) [] (3)
- There should be rent control for small businesses (32) [] (4)
- There should be a civilian review board for reported cases of police brutality (33) [] (5)
- I would like to see a black mayor some day (34) [] (6)
- Big developers should be forced to build low and moderate income housing (35) [] (7)
- My choice for mayor was the best of a bad lot (36) [] (8)
- Mayor Koch pays too much attention to Manhattan (37) [] (9)

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STATE CODE = 33 = NEW YORK
*INTERNAL CODES, UNDOCUMENTED BY P.I.

9. Your sex is: (38)
Male [] (1) Female [] (2)

10. The group that includes your age is: (39)
18-24 [] (1) 40-49 [] (4)
25-29 [] (2) 50-59 [] (5)
30-39 [] (3) 60 or more . [] (6)

11. What was the last grade of school you completed? (40)
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High school graduate [] (2)
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14. What's your religious preference? (43)
Protestant [] (1)
Catholic [] (2)
Jewish [] (3)
Black Muslim [] (4)
Islamic [] (5)
Some other religion [] (6)
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Polish/other Slavic [] (4)
Italian [] (5)
Greek [] (6)
Arab [] (7)
Hispanic [] (8)
Afro-American [] (9)
Asian/Oriental [] (10)
Something else (WRITE IN BELOW) [] (11)

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Hourly [] (1)
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Self-employed [] (3)
Unemployed [] (4)

17. Are you or is anyone in your household a union member? (47)
Yes [] (1) No [] (2)

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Edward Koch is handling his job as mayor? (48)
Approve . . [] (1) Disapprove . . [] (2)

19. Were any of the items below very important in making your mayoral choice? (5-BOX CHECKED 17 1-DIGIT)
My candidate's attitudes toward the civil rights of black people (49) [] (1)
My candidate's attitudes on women's rights (50) [] (2)
My candidate's stand on city finances (51) [] (3)
My candidate's stand on rent control for commercial businesses (52) [] (4)
My candidate's stand on housing (53) [] (5)
My candidate's stand on Westway (54) [] (6)
My candidate's stand on Israel (55) [] (7)
My candidate's stand on crime in the subways (56) [] (8)
Koch's statements on the Bernhard Goetz case (57) [] (9)
Bellamy's statements on the Bernhard Goetz case (58) [] (10)
Koch's handling of the case of medical examiner Elliot Gross (59) [] (11)
Recent books and plays written by or about Koch (60) [] (12)
Koch's personality and behavior in public (61) [] (13)
Bellamy's personality and behavior in public (62) [] (14)
Koch's campaign donations from the real estate industry (63) [] (15)
Bellamy's attempts to knock Farrell off the ballot (64) [] (16)
None of the above were very important (65) [] (17)

Region (66)*