To: ICPSR Official Representatives  
From: ICPSR Staff  
Re: Informational Mailings

This is the first of a series of periodic "informational" mailings that will originate from the ICPSR Council and staff to the membership.

We expect that these mailings will be sent at regular intervals throughout the year of approximately every three months.

The mailings will include news and notes pertaining to the operation of the Consortium and its services. Such information might include: recent additions to the archives, announcements relating to educational activities, errors in codebooks, and changes in OSIRIS software documentation.

In addition we view these mailings as a mode of communication, not only between the staff and Council and the membership, but also as a mechanism for an exchange of ideas among representatives of member institutions. Therefore, we encourage Official Representatives and other interested individuals to communicate their views on ICPSR operations, policies and procedures to us for inclusion in future mailings.

This particular mailing includes the following:

1) Descriptions of recently acquired studies

2) Corrections to errors found in some study codebooks and other errata

3) Summer Program brochures and applications

In addition to these informational mailings there will also be periodic "bulk" mailings. These will include such items as codebooks, the Guide, and the Annual Report.

Within approximately two weeks you will receive such a bulk mailing containing the codebooks for: the 1961 German Election studies, the 1974 American Election Study, the Dutch Parliamentary Election Study, 1971, the General Social Survey of 1974, and a study of the Development and Measurement of Social Indicators.

In addition, for those Official Representatives who did not pick up copies at the recent meetings in Ann Arbor, the 1975 Summer Program Bibliography and Problem Sets will be included.

We hope that these mailings will serve as a useful means of increasing communication among the ICPSR community of scholars.
January 16, 1976

MEMO TO: Official Representatives
FROM: ICPSR Archive
SUBJECT: Updates and Corrections to Data Descriptions and Documentation

I. The following revisions to "A Guide to Resources and Services, 1975-1976" should be noted:

A. The following studies have descriptions appearing in the Guide but are not listed in the Author Index.


B. The Roll Call Voting Records for the Confederate Congress are incorrectly listed in the Author Index under Alexander Thomas (p. 299). The principal investigator was Professor Thomas Alexander.

C. The August 1969 German Election Study (ICPSR 7109), announced in May 1975 as being available by Fall 1975, is not presently available.

D. The following datasets announced in the Guide as being available in Winter 1975 through the Steinmetz Archive are not available at present:
"The Common Market Study," Institut Français d'Opinion Publique, Emnid Institute, NIPO, and Institut voor Marktuurkenning, N.V. (ICPSR 7357)

"European Citizenship Development," Ronald Inglehart (ICPSR 7358)

"Nipothese," Amsterdam Social Wetenschappelijk Data Archief (ICPSR 7361)

"Politics in the Netherlands," Geillustreede Pers N.V. and Interact (ICPSR 7360)

"Progressiveness and Conservatism," Cees P. Middendorp (ICPSR 7356)

"Religion in the Netherlands," Geillustreede Pers N.V. and Interact (ICPSR 7359)

E. The following related publications should be associated with the description of the Swiss Political Opinion Study (ICPSR 7095):


II. The following errata in documentation have been brought to the attention of the Archive:

A. The 1972 American National Election Study (ICPSR 7010)

1. In footnote 3, (vol. III, p. 689) the code for the sample county of Clayton in Georgia should be "004."

2. There is a wild code value of "080" in the third response to variable 546. The frequencies appear in vol. III, p. 901 and the code categories in note 14, on p. 816.
B. The 1972-73 Quality of Employment Survey (SSA 3510)

1. The tape location for variable 78 (p. 39) should read "LOC 122", and the tape location for variable 79 (p. 40) should read "LOC 123".

C. The Quality of American Life (SSA 3508)

1. The missing data codes for variable 293 (p. 155) should be specified as "MD=0 OR GE 98."

D. Dimensionality of Nations Project: Dyadic Data (ICPSR 5409)

1. The location of the year variable is in columns 76-79.

III. Professor Martin Gold, principal investigator for the 1967 National Survey of Youth (SSA 3509), has requested the following amended paragraph be used in the study description appearing in the Guide and be added to the codebook:

"The investigator requests that a senior researcher be the official recipient of the data and take full responsibility for any current or subsequent analyses of the data. He also requests that a description of intended use of the data be submitted to him for review solely in order to avoid duplication of effort. Therefore, please include this information when requesting the dataset."
January 16, 1976

MEMO TO: Official Representatives

FROM: ICPSR Archive

SUBJECT: Recent Additions to Archival Holdings

The following studies have been added to the holdings of the archive since the distribution of "A Guide to Resources and Services, 1975-1976" at the meeting of the Official Representatives:

William O. Aydelotte;
BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS ROLL CALL DATA, 1841-1847 (ICPSR 7384)
Roll call voting information for members of the British House of Commons, 1841-1847, are contained in this dataset. Included are individual roll call responses in member format for 186 votes (called "divisions"), political party membership and a limited amount of biographical data for each member of Parliament. The data were initially collected by William O. Aydelotte, University of Iowa. Class II

Related publications:
Aydelotte, William O.,
Aydelotte, William O.,
Aydelotte, William O.,

James A. Davis;
GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY, 1975 (ICPSR 7367)
1490 respondents, 4 cards of data per respondent, and approximately 102 variables. The data were collected by the National Opinion Research Center as the fourth in a five-year series of general social surveys. The survey was administered in March and April of 1975 to a national cross-section sample of adults 18 years of age and older.

The survey covers items viewed by the NORC staff and an advisory panel of sociologists as "mainstream" interests of modern academic sociology.
In addition to standard personal data items, the 1975 survey covers such areas of interest as race relations, the family, social control, leisure activities, education, morals, violence, and pornography. The data were obtained from the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. Class I

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UNITED NATIONS ROLL CALL DATA (ICPSR 5512)
Roll Call voting records for the Twenty-ninth Regular Session (September 17 - December 18, 1974) of the United Nations General Assembly. All of the data are stored in member format, with separate data files available for votes in the Plenary Session and seven standing committees. Class I

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UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL ROLL CALL RECORDS (ICPSR 0004)
United States congressional roll call voting records for the First Session of the Ninety-fourth Congress have been prepared by the ICPSR staff, and will be available to researchers after February 9, 1976. An extremely large number of roll call votes were taken in this Session of Congress; when Congress adjourned on December 19, 1975, over 600 roll call votes had been recorded in each chamber. The voting records for the Senate and the House are available in member format on magnetic tape. A machine-readable codebook documents the code categories used as well as the issues voted upon. Class I

George A. Lopez and Jean M. Stern;

THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (ICPSR 7385)
Twenty-six variables describing the identity, environmental attributes, and substantive concerns of 240 intergovernmental organizations listed in the 1970-71 edition of the Yearbook of International Organizations. Permission of one of the principal investigators is required for use of the data before January 1, 1977. Class II

Warren E. Miller, Elizabeth Douvan, William Crotty, and Jeane Kirkpatrick;

CONVENTION DELEGATE STUDY OF 1972: WOMEN IN POLITICS (ICPSR 7287)
A single dataset consisting of two distinct analytical parts. Information contained in 351 variables for a total of 2587 delegates to the Democratic and Republican national nominating conventions of 1972 who responded to a mail questionnaire (a response rate of 58%). Information contained in 732 variables is also available from personal interviews with 1336 respondents selected as a representative sample of delegates. The study focuses on the changing role of women in politics from one vantage point and one time point, that of the national conventions of the two major political parties in 1972. The nominating conventions provide a means of defining and identifying one of the elite segments of the national population as well as a very significant population of women in politics. The study consists of two parts: a pre-convention
mail questionnaire and a post-convention personal interview with a sample of delegates. The mail questionnaire provides information on the nature and composition of each of the national conventions in terms of the delegates' personal life histories, political expectations and aspirations, and attitudes towards candidates, issues, and groups in society and at the conventions. The personal interview builds upon the pre-convention instrument and examines in depth the candidate selection process, the convention proceedings, and the psychological factors involved in women's political activity. Either segment of the data may be analyzed independently or the appropriate subset of merged data may be selected.

In order to preserve the confidentiality of individual respondents in this elite population, certain identifying variables will be permanently restricted from general dissemination. Aggregations of this information for statistical purposes which preserve the anonymity of individual respondents can be provided by the archive in accord with existing servicing policies. Class II

Related publications and papers:

Farah, Barbara and Warren E. Miller

Farah, Barbara and Wendy Hoag

Farah, Barbara

Farah, Barbara and Virginia Sapiro

Kirkpatrick, Jeane
The Presidential Elite, Russell Sage Foundation: New York (forthcoming)
Bruce M. Russett;

**BURDENS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (ICPSR 7388)**

Data relating to social and military expenditures in the United States. The information includes roll call voting records of United States Senators on selected issues in the Eighty-seventh and Ninetieth Congresses; state-level expenditures of the Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1961-1962 and 1967-1968; and cross-national data on defense and social expenditures for the United States, France, Britain, and Canada. Class II

Related publication:

Russett, Bruce M.,


United Nations Association of the United States of America;

**1975 CONGRESSIONAL SURVEY (ICPSR 7377)**

This survey of attitudes on foreign affairs of members of the United States House of Representatives was conducted in January 1975. Respondents were members of the House or their chief legislative assistants responsible for foreign affairs questions. Personal or telephone interviews were completed with 309 of the 435 House members. 45 variables, 1 deck per respondent.

The study investigated three main issue areas: attitudes toward the United Nations, attitudes toward foreign aid, and attitudes toward detente with the Soviet Union. The survey instrument was designed by members of the UNA-USA staff; initial data preparation was done by the Social Science Computation Center of The Brookings Institution. Class IV

Related publications:

MEMORANDUM

January 1976

TO: Official Representatives

FROM: Lutz Erbring, Director, Summer Program

SUBJECT: 1976 Summer Program

Enclosed are the descriptive brochures and application forms for the 1976 Summer Program. The package contains:

1. For your use:

   a. Member Institution Participation form to summarize requests for admission and financial support. Please check and return the form even if you do not intend to nominate anyone.

   * b. Compilation of "1975 Summer Program Reading Lists and Bibliography" for your office, to serve as an additional reference in counseling prospective applicants and guide their preparation

   * c. Experimental compilation of "1975 Summer Program Supplementary Materials and Problem Sets" for your office, to serve as illustrations of practicum materials developed by Summer Program staff; comments and reactions welcome.

   d. Sample copy of SRC Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques brochure; interested participants are welcome to attend segments of both ICPSR and SRC summer programs.

2. For distribution to prospective participants:

   a. Copies of brochure containing course descriptions, information on costs and University of Michigan admission status, housing information, etc.

   b. Copies of application form.

Please request additional copies of 1d, 2a, or 2b if you need them.

Please return the individual applications, with the summary form completed by yourself, to this office no later than April 2, 1976.

* Enclosed only for OR's who did not pick up these materials at the November meeting of representatives.
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PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The brochure has been further revised from previous years to reflect the continuing evolution of Program structure and content and to clarify Program and module descriptions. Modules are grouped into three general "tracks," roughly corresponding to the level of participant preparation in data analysis methods and quantitative research competence assumed by different Program components. (See pp. 5-11 of brochure.)

TRACK I: Data Workshops scheduled during the first session (June 28 - July 23), with option to continue (e.g., with Elementary Applied Regression Module) during the second session (July 26 - August 20). This part of the Program is geared to the needs of participants without prior training in statistics, primarily faculty interested in retooling for quantitative research, though it is also open to graduate students without easy access to introductory training on their home campus.

TRACK II: Method Seminars scheduled throughout both sessions of the Program structured around specific sets of quantitative techniques (as in previous years), geared to the interest of faculty and graduate students in the theory and practice of advanced analytic procedures. The module on Elementary Applied Regression is intended for participants with prior training in statistics but without sufficient background in basic methods of multivariate analysis (as assumed by Track II modules), especially those that do not have easy access to a good regression course on their home campus.

TRACK III: Selected modules geared to the interests of faculty and graduate students, either in keeping up with recent developments in particular technical areas (Advanced Methods Seminars) or in sharing topical research interests with peers and colleagues, focused on relevant data confrontation at an advanced level of analytic sophistication (Research Workshops; details will be announced separately). An Undergraduate Teaching Workshop has been added for participants (with teaching experience) who are familiar with basic quantitative research methodology and primarily interested in exploring data-based teaching strategies and developing teaching packages for their undergraduate political science curriculum.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Federal stipend funds for higher education programs remain frozen, and NSF support for the Consortium's Training Program is no longer available. The Consortium is continuing to explore different alternatives to generate stipend support for certain program components such as Research Workshops or certain groups of participants such as members of minority groups; participant support available from the ICPSR Operating Budget cannot, unfortunately, be raised above last year's level of $20,000, which is clearly inadequate.

Therefore, we are limited to allocating one round trip air fare (foreign institutions: US travel portion) to each participating member institution, and to use the balance as a contingency fund, to be allocated on the basis of individual needs and circumstances, following your specific recommendations on the attached Member Institution Participation form.

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In view of this situation, Official Representatives are urged to explore every possible means of alternative funding for their candidates. In particular, a small but growing number of Official Representatives have been successful in persuading local campus sources not to withdraw student support during periods of off-campus study in the summer from students otherwise receiving financial assistance for on-campus study during the regular academic year.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Those of you familiar with past procedure may note that there is no change in admission policy.

Category A Members: 4 participants (faculty and students combined)
Category B Members: 2 participants (faculty members given preference)
Category S Members: 2 participants (faculty only)
Category C Members: 2 participants (faculty members given preference)
Category N Members: (as agreed in articles of affiliation)
Category F Members: (as agreed in articles of affiliation)

Official Representatives may nominate more than their allotted number of applicants, since not all member institutions use their full allotment. Participants in the special seminar on Historical Data Analysis and in the Undergraduate Teaching Workshop will not be counted in the admissions allotment. Note that these carry separate enrollment limitations.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

In general, it is recommended that institutions which themselves offer comparable training in the use of quantitative research techniques not nominate candidates for the corresponding Summer Program modules.

Each member institution nominates candidates in accordance with its own priorities, determining, e.g., whether faculty or student applicants are to be given preference, whether student applicants should be M.A. or Ph.D. candidates (or exceptional undergraduates), and which departments should be represented among the school's nominees.

A member may wish to nominate someone who has attended the Program in a prior year. Also, there have been an increasing number of participants from departments other than Political Science, and Official Representatives are encouraged to extend their contacts beyond the boundaries of their own department in identifying nominees from their institution.

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STEPS IN APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Official Representative disseminates information about ICPSR Summer Program on campus and contacts potential participants, both within and outside his/her own department, distributing brochures and applications.

2. Official Representative determines nomination priorities and individual needs for financial support and canvasses possibilities of locating assistance at the home institution.

3. Applications, along with the Member Institution Participation form, should reach the Consortium by April 2, 1976. A ranking of preferences for admission and specific recommendations for financial support among your candidates will be most helpful.

4. Consortium staff collates information from member institutions, determines admissions to the Program, and tentatively allocates supporting funds on the basis of recommendations from Official Representatives.

5. Official Representatives are notified of admission and tentative support decisions (subject to their confirmation) in April and receive forms for admission of participants to the University of Michigan. Those forms, completed by prospective participants and returned by Official Representatives, serve to confirm the intention of participants to attend.

6. Stipends are paid directly to participants as soon as fiscally possible after their arrival.

LE: bjb

Enclosures
ICPSR SUMMER PROGRAM, 1976
Member Institution Participation Form

(Name of Institution)

We have NO nominees for the Summer Program.

(Name of OR)

ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT:

TOTAL $ (Equals approximate U.S. round trip air fare to Detroit; $50 minimum)

Applicants (listed below) 1. $ 2. $ 3. $ 4. $

RANKING OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION

1. Name ____________________________ Faculty ____ Student

Planned enrollment:

____ Track I ____ Track II ____ Track III ____ History ____ Undergraduate

Amount and source of financial support available from your institution: ____________________________

Specific recommendation for additional ICPSR support: ____________________________

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2. Name ____________________________ Faculty ____ Student

Planned enrollment:

____ Track I ____ Track II ____ Track III ____ History ____ Undergraduate

Amount and source of financial support available from your institution: ____________________________

Specific recommendation for additional ICPSR support: ____________________________

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3. Name ____________________________ Faculty ____ Student

Planned enrollment:

____ Track I ____ Track II ____ Track III ____ History ____ Undergraduate

Amount and source of financial support available from your institution: ____________________________

Specific recommendation for additional ICPSR support: ____________________________

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4. Name ____________________________ Faculty ____ Student

Planned enrollment:

____ Track I ____ Track II ____ Track III ____ History ____ Undergraduate

Amount and source of financial support available from your institution: ____________________________

Specific recommendation for additional ICPSR support: ____________________________