

NES 2014 Data Usage Protocol

The Data Unit of Lokniti-CSDS will administer the following policies for the use of the National Election Studies (NES) 2014 pre-poll and post-poll datasets:

1. Until **31st December 2014**, data usage will be restricted to *only* those members of Lokniti network who have participated in designing the survey instruments and conducting the fieldwork.
2. The network members may use the survey findings in any scholarly or media-related writing. The network members, however, are requested not publish findings from these datasets with co-authors outside the Lokniti network until **31st December 2014**.
3. Access to NES 2014 datasets to the general public will be provided after **January 1, 2015**. Students and Scholars associated with the Lokniti network and CSDS can request access to the data from January 1, 2015. The data access to general public at large (not associated with the Lokniti network and the CSDS on regular basis) will be granted only after **January 1, 2016**. Please refer to detailed norms here: http://www.lokniti.org/dataunit_accessing_data.php
4. The Data Unit reserves the right to allow access to NES data on a case-by-case basis.