

NES-Postpoll 1998-Findings (Actual Vote share)

Q1: While talking about the recent elections to the Lok Sabha, we find that some people were able to vote and some are not able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or not?

	N	(%)
1: No	689	8.5
2: Yes	7444	91.5
Total	8133	100.0

a: (***If yes***) Whom did you vote for in Lok Sabha Election 1998?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Congress	1907	23.4	25.8
	02: BJP	1890	23.2	25.6
	03: Janata Dal	337	4.1	4.6
	04: CPI	172	2.1	2.3
	05: CPI (M)	363	4.5	4.9
	06: BSP	347	4.3	4.7
	08: Independents	37	.5	.5
	09: Other smaller parties	183	2.2	2.5
	12: INC(S)	2	.0	.0
	13: INC (Secular)	14	.2	.2
	18: TMC	85	1.0	1.2
	21: Shiv Sena	209	2.6	2.8
	22: RJD (Laloo)	189	2.3	2.6
	23: BJD (Biju Janata Dal)	76	.9	1.0
	24: Lok Shakti (Hegde)	69	.8	.9
	27: Muslim League	28	.3	.4
	29: IN League	3	.0	.0
	30: RJP (Vaghela)	32	.4	.4
	32: SJP	2	.0	.0
	33: SP (Mulayam)	361	4.4	4.9
34: Samata	218	2.7	3.0	
35: BKKP	1	.0	.0	
41: RSP	40	.5	.5	

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	42: IPF/CPIML	24	.3	.3
	50: RPI	53	.7	.7
	52: Trinamul Congress	108	1.3	1.5
	53: Haryana Lok Dal (R)	37	.5	.5
	54: Bihar Jan Congress (J. Mishra)	1	.0	.0
	55: HGP	2	.0	.0
	64: Akali Dal (Badal)	64	.8	.9
	65: JMM	25	.3	.3
	66: HVP	38	.5	.5
	68: JMM (S)	7	.1	.1
	70: PWP	19	.2	.3
	74: Karnataka Vikas Party	1	.0	.0
	79: MDMK	21	.3	.3
	80: AIADMK	80	1.0	1.1
	81: DMK	148	1.8	2.0
	82: TDP(NTR)	7	.1	.1
	85: TDP (Naidu)	159	2.0	2.2
	90: AGP	24	.3	.3
	Total	7383	90.8	100.0
Missing	98: Don't know	61	.8	
	99: Not applicable	689	8.5	
	Total	750	9.2	
Total	8133	100.0		

b: (*If voted*) When did you finally make up your mind about who to vote for?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: On the voting day	1294	15.9	17.4
	2: Few days before to voting	2768	34.0	37.2
	3: When the names of the candidates were announced	873	10.7	11.7
	4: Before election campaign started	2173	26.7	29.2
	8: Can't say	336	4.1	4.5
	Total	7444	91.5	100.0

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Missing	9: Not applicable	689	8.5	
Total		8133	100.0	

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

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Did not know I was a voter	14	.2	2.0
	2: Out of station	188	2.3	27.3
	3: Not well	152	1.9	22.1
	4: Have no interest/is not feel like voting	97	1.2	14.1
	5: Prevented by some people from voting	10	.1	1.5
	6: Some body had already voted before I went to vote	42	.5	6.1
	7: Fear of violence	35	.4	5.1
	8: Any others	151	1.9	21.9
	Total	689	8.5	100.0
Missing	9: Not applicable	7444	91.5	
Total		8133	100.0	

Q2: In this election most of the parties had formed an electoral alliances. Suppose there was no alliance among the parties and all were contesting the election separately, which party would you have voted?

		N	(%)
	01: Congress	2208	27.2
	02: BJP	2261	27.8
	03: Janata Dal	357	4.4
	04: CPI	152	1.9
	05: CPI (M)	402	4.9
	06: BSP	325	4.0
	08: Independents	33	.4
	09: Other smaller parties	221	2.7
	12: INC(S)	3	.0
	13: INC (Secular)	15	.2
	18: TMC	62	.8

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	N	(%)
21: Shiv Sena	195	2.4
22: RJD (Laloo)	215	2.6
23: BJD (Biju Janata Dal)	58	.7
24: Lok Shakti (Hegde)	41	.5
27: Muslim League	20	.2
29: IN League	2	.0
30: RJP (Vaghela)	26	.3
32: SJP	1	.0
33: SP (Mulayam)	351	4.3
34: Samata	111	1.4
41: RSP	35	.4
42: IPF/CPIML	26	.3
50: RPI	12	.1
51: RPK	2	.0
52: Trinamul Congress	80	1.0
53: Haryana Lok Dal (R)	34	.4
54: Bihar Jan Congress (J. Mishra)	1	.0
64: Akali Dal (Badal)	60	.7
65: JMM	12	.1
66: HVP	28	.3
67: JMM(M)	1	.0
68: JMM (S)	13	.2
70: PWP	21	.3
74: Karnataka Vikas Party	2	.0
79: MDMK	11	.1
80: AIADMK	129	1.6
81: DMK	180	2.2
82: TDP(NTR)	6	.1
83: KC(M)	2	.0
84: KC(J)	1	.0
85: TDP (Naidu)	158	1.9
90: AGP	27	.3
98: Don't know	3	.0

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	N	(%)
99: Refusal or blank	229	2.8
Total	8133	100.0

Q3: After the election, which party or front would you like to form the government at the Centre?

	N	(%)
1: Congress and its allies	2108	25.9
2: BJP and its allies	2673	32.9
3: United Front	1118	13.8
4: Congress and United Front	106	1.3
5: Jan Morcha	100	1.2
6: BSP	226	2.8
7: Others	341	4.2
8: Can't say/D.K.	1461	18.0
Total	8133	100.0

Q4: Who would you prefer as next Prime Minister?

	N	(%)
01: P.V. Narsimha Rao	65	.8
02: L.K. Advani	122	1.5
03: Atal Behari Vajpayee	2230	27.4
04: V.P. Singh	48	.6
05: Sitaram Kesri	60	.7
06: Kanshi Ram	157	1.9
07: Jyoti Basu	221	2.7
08: Laloo Prasad Yadav	149	1.8
09: Mulayam Singh Yadav	290	3.6
10: I.K. Gujral	333	4.1
11: Sharad Pawar	100	1.2
12: Sonia Gandhi	1305	16.0
13: Others	541	6.7
98: Can't say/D.K.	2513	30.9

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	N	(%)
Total	8133	100.0

Q5: Now, I would like to know your opinion about the coalition government. Some people believe that there is no harm in coalition government. Others believe that in special circumstances there is no alternative to it. While, for some others, coalition governments are not good for the country in any case. What is your opinion in this regard?

	N	(%)
1: There is nothing wrong in it	1400	17.2
2: It is only acceptable in extra ordinary situations	1259	15.5
3: There should be no coalition government in any case	2591	31.9
8: Can't say/D.K.	2883	35.4
Total	8133	100.0

Q6: How many Election campaign did you attend during this election?

	N	(%)
0: None	5847	71.9
1: Some (one-two)	1569	19.3
2: Many (more than two)	515	6.3
8: Can't say/D.K.	203	2.5
Total	8133	100.0

Q7: Different political parties were meeting organised by parties and candidates. Allotted time for electioneering on Radio & Television. How many such programmes did you saw or heard?

	N	(%)
0: None	4570	56.2
1: Some (one-two)	1956	24.0
2: Many (more than two)	1386	17.0
8: Can't say/D.K.	221	2.7
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Q8: Did any candidate, party worker or campaigner visited your house for your vote?

	N	(%)
1: No	4404	54.2
2: Yes	3385	41.6
8: Can't say/D.K.	344	4.2
Total	8133	100.0

Q9: During election people lend their support to the party or the candidate through different ways for e.g. organise and attend meetings, campaigning, give donations etc. Did you take part in any of these or any other activities?

	N	(%)
1: No	6659	81.9
2: Yes	1108	13.6
8: Can't say/D.K.	366	4.5
Total	8133	100.0

Q10: In the last 5 years Central govt. have made drastic changes in our economic policies (mobilisation of resources, tax, domestic and foreign companies, public & private sector and regarding factories and agriculture). Have you heard about these changes?

	N	(%)
1: No	3871	47.6
2: Yes	2111	26.0
8: Can't say/D.K.	2151	26.4
Total	8133	100.0

a: (*If yes*) What is your opinion on these changes?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	Disapprove	789	9.7	37.4
	Approve	908	11.2	43.0
	Cant Say/D.K.	414	5.1	19.6
	Total	2111	26.0	100.0
Missing	Inapplicable	6022	74.0	

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	N	(%)	Valid (%)
Total	8133	100.0	

Q11: Many suggestions have been given by the people regarding the steps to be taken by the new government. I will read some of them. Let me know whether you agree with them or not?

a: The should be one-third reservation of seats for women in Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha in the same way as they are reserved in Panchayat.

	N	(%)
1: Disagree	812	10.0
2: D.K./No opinion	1674	20.6
3: Agree	5646	69.4
Total	8133	100.0

b: Foreign companies should be allowed free trade in India. Do you agree with this?

	N	(%)
1: Disagree	2954	36.3
2: D.K./No opinion	3571	43.9
3: Agree	1608	19.8
Total	8133	100.0

c: Community based laws related to marriage and property should be abolished. Do you agree with this?

	N	(%)
1: Disagree	2245	27.6
2: D.K./No opinion	2745	33.8
3: Agree	3142	38.6
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Q12: People have different opinion about democracy. Some people believe that democracy is better than any other form of government. Others believe that dictatorship is better than democracy in certain conditions. And, others believe that it makes no real difference between a democratic or any other form of government. What is your opinion about it?

	N	(%)
1: Democracy is preferable	4920	60.5
2: Sometimes Authoritarian	469	5.8
3: Makes no difference	521	6.4
8: Can't say/D.K.	2222	27.3
Total	8133	100.0

Q13: To what extent do the MLA and MP whom you elect care for your needs?

	N	(%)
1: Not at all	3708	45.6
2: Somewhat	2935	36.1
3: A great deal	1057	13.0
8: Can't say/D.K.	432	5.3
Total	8133	100.0

Q14: Now, we would like to ask the same question in respect to the political parties whom you vote that to what extent do they care for your needs?

	N	(%)
1: Not at all	3624	44.6
2: Somewhat	2921	35.9
3: A great deal	1115	13.7
8: Can't say/D.K.	472	5.8
Total	8133	100.0

Q15: When we ask the people as to who they are, we get different answers. Some call themselves Indian/Hindustani. Few of them say that they are Indian as well as (name their state identity like) Bengali, Behari, Oriya etc. While others identify themselves only with their state identity. How do you identify yourself (name their state identity) Bengali, Behari, Oriya or Indian?

	N	(%)
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	N	(%)
1: Indian	4095	50.3
2: Indian and state identity	1307	16.1
3: Only state identity	1601	19.7
4: Others	241	3.0
8: Can't say/D.K.	889	10.9
Total	8133	100.0

Q16: Ascertain again if the respondent had really voted.

	N	(%)
1: Not confirmed	702	8.6
2: Yes confirmed	6919	85.1
8: Could not be confirmed	512	6.3
Total	8133	100.0

B1: Age (In completed years)

	N	(%)
1: Up to 25 years	1796	22.1
2: 26-35 years	2336	28.7
3: 36-45 years	1636	20.1
4: 46-55 years	1098	13.5
5: Above 55 years	1267	15.6
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B2: Sex

	N	(%)
1: Male	4089	50.3
2: Female	4043	49.7
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B3: Level of Education R reached

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Illiterate	3412	42.0	42.1
	2: Literate-no formal education	451	5.5	5.6
	3: Primary school	1171	14.4	14.5
	4: Middle school	1013	12.5	12.5
	5: High School	1132	13.9	14.0
	6: College no-degree	406	5.0	5.0
	7: College-degree	366	4.5	4.5
	8: Post-graduate/Professional degree	149	1.8	1.8
	Total	8099	99.6	100.0
Missing	9: Not specified	34	.4	
Total		8133	100.0	

B4: What is/has been the main occupation of the respondent?

	N	(%)
01: Executives, Managers, Professionals and Officials	174	2.1
02: Professionals and officers	319	3.9
03: White-Collar	316	3.9
04: Class IV employees in govt./non-govt. sectors	219	2.7
11: Skilled workers	162	2.0
12: Craftsmen and Artisans (Group I)	266	3.3
13: Semi-skilled workers	339	4.2
14: Craftsmen and Artisans (Group II)	146	1.8
15: Unskilled workers	875	10.8
16: Domestic servants/maid servants	29	.4
21: Petty business	488	6.0
22: Small scale business	341	4.2
23: Medium scale business	72	.9
24: Large scale business	33	.4
30: Farmers with 10 acres or more of land	395	4.9
31: Farmers with 5-9.99 acres or more of land	595	7.3
32: Farmers with 1-4.99 acres of land	1193	14.7

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	N	(%)
33: Farmers with less than 1 acre of land	192	2.4
34: Share-cropper	101	1.2
35: Agricultural labourers with some land of their own	329	4.0
36: Landless agriculture labour	860	10.6
37: Tea/Cofee/Rubber plantation workers	22	.3
41: Poultry and dairy farming	21	.3
42: Fishermen	20	.2
43: Shepherd, Cattle Grazers, Toddy Tapers	40	.5
50: Unemployed/non worker	20	.2
52: House-wife	12	.1
80: Any other occupation	209	2.6
99: Not specified	347	4.3
Total	8133	100.0

a: *(If housewife, student or unemployed)* Main occupation of the main earner of the family

	N	(%)
01: Executives, Managers, Professionals and Officials	90	1.1
02: Professionals and officers	146	1.8
03: White-Collar	159	2.0
04: Class IV employees in govt./non-govt. sectors	104	1.3
11: Skilled workers	72	.9
12: Craftsmen and Artisans (Group I)	103	1.3
13: Semi-skilled workers	169	2.1
14: Craftsmen and Artisans (Group II)	55	.7
15: Unskilled workers	375	4.6
16: Domestic servants/maid servants	5	.1
21: Petty business	216	2.7
22: Small scale business	156	1.9
23: Medium scale business	40	.5
24: Large scale business	20	.2
30: Farmers with 10 acres or more of land	166	2.0
31: Farmers with 5-9.99 acres or more of land	248	3.1

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	N	(%)
32: Farmers with 1-4.99 acres of land	547	6.7
33: Farmers with less than 1 acre of land	96	1.2
34: Share-cropper	30	.4
35: Agricultural labourers with some land of their own	96	1.2
36: Landless agriculture labour	281	3.5
37: Tea/Cofee/Rubber plantation workers	8	.1
41: Poultry and dairy farming	10	.1
42: Fishermen	11	.1
43: Shepherd, Cattle Grazers, Toddy Tapers	16	.2
50: Unemployed/non worker	29	.4
51: Student	9	.1
52: House-wife	54	.7
80: Any other occupation	116	1.4
99: Not specified	4707	57.9
Total	8133	100.0

B6: Caste/Tribe

	N	(%)
10: Brahmin	266	3.3
11: Bhumihar	38	.5
12: Kshatriya	230	2.8
13: Kayastha	55	.7
14: Jain	53	.7
15: Vaishya	128	1.6
16: Sikh-high caste	109	1.3
17: Goldsmith	40	.5
18: Punjabi community	37	.5
19: Other upper caste	366	4.5
21: Jat	445	5.5
22: Sikh Jat	124	1.5
23: Bishnoi	12	.1
24: Chauhan Rajput	12	.1

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	N	(%)
25: Patial	6	.1
26: Pillai	15	.2
27: Nambisan	13	.2
28: Okili Grunder	31	.4
29: Oth. Dominant PP	33	.4
30: Ahir,Yadav	364	4.5
31: Kurmi	164	2.0
32: Lodh	209	2.6
33: Keori	119	1.5
34: Vokkaliga	152	1.9
35: Patel	216	2.7
36: Nonia	19	.2
37: Gangwar	27	.3
38: Kamboj	44	.5
39: Other PP caste	6	.1
40: Carpenter	141	1.7
41: Barbar	112	1.4
42: Tailor	117	1.4
43: Dhunia	50	.6
44: Weaver	52	.6
45: Kahar	47	.6
46: Potter	91	1.1
47: Sikh-low caste	11	.1
48: Raj	6	.1
49: Dhobi	59	.7
51: OBC vaishya	108	1.3
52: Fishermen	64	.8
53: Tamoli	41	.5
54: Saini	16	.2
55: Khatik	13	.2
56: Rajbhar	12	.2
57: Sadhu	25	.3
58: Dhobi Sansi	28	.3

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	N	(%)
59: OBC Gr III	45	.6
60: Harijans	121	1.5
61: Weaver caste	117	1.4
62: Washerman	48	.6
63: Cobbler	240	2.9
64: Pasi	50	.6
65: Balmiki	92	1.1
66: Sikh Scheduled caste	55	.7
68: Matangi	43	.5
69: Other SC	87	1.1
70: Kannauras	35	.4
71: Bhil	90	1.1
72: Meena	61	.7
73: Bhil-Meena	22	.3
74: Damor	68	.8
75: Garasia	20	.2
76: Saharia	5	.1
77: Kokara	7	.1
78: Patelia	9	.1
79: Kathori	53	.7
80: Muslim-No Caste	334	4.1
81: Muslim-Low caste	118	1.5
82: Muslim High-caste	164	2.0
90: Hindu-No Caste	1278	15.7
91: Sikh-no Caste	15	.2
92: Buddhist-no caste	9	.1
93: Christians-churches	119	1.5
95: Others	99	1.2
99: Not Specified	404	5.0
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a: Caste group

	N	(%)
1: SC	1376	16.9
2: ST	661	8.1
3: OBC	3286	40.4
4: Others	2810	34.5
Total	8133	100.0

B7: Religion

	N	(%)
1: Hindu	6858	84.3
2: Muslim	715	8.8
3: Christian	128	1.6
4: Sikh	318	3.9
5: Buddhist	17	.2
6: Jain	38	.5
7: Parsi	11	.1
8: Others	36	.4
9: Not specified	12	.1
Total	8133	100.0

B8: Locality

	N	(%)
1: Village	6127	75.3
2: Town	1945	23.9
3: City(5,00,000+)	60	.7
Total	8133	100.0

a: (*If town/City*) Type of residential locality

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Kothi/Bunglow	207	2.5	10.7

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	2: Middle class flats (MIG/HIG)	610	7.5	31.6
	3: Lower class Flats	423	5.2	21.9
	4: Working class colonies	364	4.5	18.8
	5: Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri	176	2.2	9.1
	6: Urban Village	155	1.9	8.0
	Total	1934	23.8	100.0
Missing	9: Not applicable	6198	76.2	
Total		8133	100.0	

B9: Have you got voter's photo identity card?

		N	(%)
	1: No card, not photographed	1520	18.7
	2: Photographed but card not issued	1756	21.6
	3: Card issued but defective	438	5.4
	4: Card issued and in order	4347	53.4
	5: Others	59	.7
	9: Not specified	14	.2
	Total	8133	100.0

B10: Type of House

		N	(%)
	1: Pucca	2235	27.5
	2: Pucca-Kutchha	2060	25.3
	3: Kutchha	2717	33.4
	4: Hut	1071	13.2
	9: Not specified	49	.6
	Total	8133	100.0

B11: Place of interview

		N	(%)
	1: R's home	6719	82.6

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2: R's place of work	720	8.9
3: Public place	543	6.7
7: Others	141	1.7
9: Not specified	9	.1
Total	8133	100.0

B12: Was anyone else present at the time of interview?

	N	(%)
1: No one present (or only children under 14 present)	2904	35.7
2: Others present but they took no part	4425	54.4
3: Others took part	778	9.6
9: Not specified	26	.3
Total	8133	100.0

B13: Was the respondent cooperative?

	N	(%)
1: Very cooperative	5455	67.1
2: Cooperative but did not seem actively interested	2252	27.7
3: Uncooperative	377	4.6
9: Not specified	49	.6
Total	8133	100.0