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**GUJARAT ASSEMBLY ELECTION STUDY - 2007  
 PRE-POLL SURVEY**

**INTERVIEWER'S INTRODUCTION:**

*I have come from Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (also give your University's reference), a social science research organization located in Delhi. We are studying the Assembly Election to be held in the month of December this year by interviewing thousands of people in Gujarat. The findings of this interview will be used for Television programmes and writing articles in newspapers. The name of the respondents interviewed in this survey will be kept strictly confidential. The Survey is an independent study and is not linked with any political party or government agency. Kindly spare some time for this interview and answer my questions, as I need your active cooperation for making this study successful.*

**FILL BEFORE STARTING INTERVIEW**

- F1.** AC Name (Code AC NO.): \_\_\_\_\_
- F2.** PS Name (Code PS NO.): \_\_\_\_\_
- F3.** Date of Interview: Date   / Month   / Year
- F4.** Time of starting the Interview:   Hrs:   Mins (Use 24 Hr clock. Eg: 8:10 am will be 08 Hrs: 10 Mins and 8:10 pm will be 20 Hrs: 10 Mins.)
- F5.** Name of the Investigator (Code Roll No.): \_\_\_\_\_
- F6.** Address of the respondent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Give landmark if R's house was difficult to locate) \_\_\_\_\_

**FILL AFTER COMPLEATING INTERVIEW**

- E1.** Time of completing the Interview:   Hrs:   Mins (Code total time for completing interview in minutes. Eg: If started at 20:10 and finished at 21:20, total time taken is 70 minutes)
- E2.** Were there any other people immediately present who might be listening during the interview?  
 1. No one    2. Spouse/Children    3. Other adult family members    4. Small crowd
- E3.** In how many questions did the respondent check with others for information to answer for questions?  
 1. None    2. One or two    3. Three to five    4. Five to ten    5. More than 10
- E4.** While answering the questions on voting preference in the Vidhan Sabha election, did the respondent use the ballot paper secretly or did she/he answered openly?  
 1. Secretly    2. Openly
- E5.** At some stage did you notice something that made you feel that the respondent was answering under some fear or pressure?  
 2. Yes    1. No    3. Not sure
- E6.** In your opinion did the respondent feel free while marking the ballot for Q.3, or do you think that she/he was hesitant while marking the ballot, or you can't say?  
 1. Felt free    2. Did not feel free    3. Can't say
- E7.** Investigator's signature (Sign in box):
- E8.** Name of the Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_
- E9.** Checked by the Supervisor:    2 Yes    1 No
- E10.** Supervisor's signature (Sign in box):

**INTERVIEW BEGINS:**

**Q1.** In the next few weeks assembly elections are to be held in Gujarat. Have you heard about it?

2. Yes 1. No

**Q2.** Will you vote in the coming election? 2. Yes 1. No 8. Can't say

**Q2a. (If Yes)** Would you definitely vote in any condition or is also possible that you do not vote for some reason? 1. Definitely vote 2. Might not vote for some reason 8. Can't say 9 N.A.

**Q3.** If Assembly elections are held tomorrow which party or candidate will you vote for? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box. If you don't find the symbol of the party you will vote for, please mark your vote in the blank space given below. **(Supply Yellow dummy ballot paper, record its number and explain the procedure)** \_\_\_\_\_ 99. NA

**Q4.** How sure are you that on the day of voting you will vote for the same party for which you voted now - have you made up your mind absolutely, would you decide only after the names of candidates are declared, or whom to vote for is something that can be decided only close to the day of voting?

1. Made up mind absolutely 2. Decide after candidates are declared  
3. Decision can be taken only close to polling day 8. Can't say/D.K.

**Q5.** Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Gujarat? **(Record the name and consult the code book for coding)** \_\_\_\_\_ 99. NA

**Q6.** Suppose Narendra Modi does not lead the BJP in the coming election, will you then vote for same party you voted in the secret ballot, or you might vote for some other party?

1. Same party 2. Different party 8. Can't say/DK

**Q7.** Whom did you vote for in the 2004 Lok Elections held in 2004? I mean the MP election for electing the government in Delhi. Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box. If you don't find the symbol of the party you will vote for, please mark your vote in the blank space given below. **(Supply white dummy ballot paper and explain the procedure)** \_\_\_\_\_ 99. NA (Not voted)

**Q8.** Now I will ask you to assess the developmental work done by the BJP government during the last five years. Do you think that the following have improved, deteriorated or remained the same?

- a.   
b.   
c.   
d.   
e.   
f.   
g.   
h.

	Improved	Remained same	Deteriorated	D.K.
a. Condition of roads...	1	2	3	8
b. Condition of Government Hospitals...	1	2	3	8
c. Supply of electricity...	1	2	3	8
d. Irrigation facilities...	1	2	3	8
e. Condition of Government School	1	2	3	8
f. Supply of drinking water...	1	2	3	8
g. Public transport...	1	2	3	8
h. Condition of law and order...	1	2	3	8





**Q26.** I will read out a few things that one often hears about the riots of 2002. Please tell me to which of these is your opinion closest to? (*Read out answer categories 1 to 3*)

1. Whatever happened had to happen, and it was also necessary.
2. Something was about to happen, but what happened was a bit too much.
3. Whatever happened was absolutely wrong
8. Can't say/No opinion

**Q27.** Now I will read out a few statements which we often hear. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one of them? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agreed or disagreed*).

Agree		Disagree		No Opinion (8)
Fully (4)	Somewhat (3)	Somewhat (2)	Fully (1)	

a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>a.</b> Whatever happened in Godhra and after that, Hindus-Muslims and everyone should forget it.	4	3	2	1	8
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b.</b> It is necessary that those who carried out the riots are punished.	4	3	2	1	8
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>c.</b> Whatever happened in the post-Godhra riots was necessary to teach a lesson to anti-national elements	4	3	2	1	8
d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>d.</b> After the riots many Muslim families have not been able to return to their villages.	4	3	2	1	8
e.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>e.</b> Something like the 2002 riots should never happen again.	4	3	2	1	8

**Q28.** One hears different things on Narendra Modi's attitude towards the BJP rebels. I'll read out few such statements. Please tell me which one of these three statements do you feel closest to? (*Read out answer categories 1 to 3*)

1. Narendra Modi is the leader of the BJP and what he did with the rebels is correct.
2. Modi should remain the BJP's leader, but such treatment of rebels is not correct.
3. Modi should not stay as the leader of the BJP
8. Can't say/No opinion

a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Q29.</b> Do you participate in the activities of ...	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>a.</b> Any political party	2	1
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b.</b> Trade Union	2	1
d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>c.</b> Caste/religious organisation	2	1
e.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>d.</b> RSS	2	1
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>e.</b> VHP	2	1

**Q30.** People have different opinions about the BJP Government in Gujarat. Some people believe that the economic policies of this Government have brought prosperity to the whole of Gujarat, whereas some believe that only the rich have benefited and others believe that no one has benefited. What is your opinion - the whole of Gujarat has become prosperous, only the rich have benefited or no one has benefited?

1. Prosperity has come
2. Only rich have benefited
3. No one has benefited
8. Can't say/No opinion

**Q31.** Now I will read out a few statements. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one of them? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agreed or disagreed.*)

Agree		Disagree		No Opinion (8)
Fully (4)	Somewhat (3)	Somewhat (2)	Fully (1)	

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|----|--------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government.  | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |   |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. In a democracy, it is appropriate that the opinions of the majority community should prevail.         |   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. Even if it is not liked by the majority, the government must protect the interests of the minorities. |   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. Minorities should adopt the ways of life of the majority community.                                   |   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
- Q32.** In an ordinary week, how regularly do you read the newspaper - daily, 5-6 times a week, 2-4 times a week, once or twice or never?
1. Daily                                      2. 5-6 times in a week                                      3. 2-4 times in a week  
4. 1-2 days                                      5. Never                                      8. Cant say
- Q33.** In an ordinary week, how regularly do you listen to news on radio - more than once a day, once a day, 5-6 times a week, 2-4 times a week, once or twice or never?
1. Once a day                                      2. More than once a day                                      3. 5-6 times in a week  
4. 2-4 times in a week                                      5. 1-2 days                                      6. Never                                      8. Can't say
- Q34.** In an ordinary week how regularly do you watch news on TV - more than once a day, once a day, 5-6 times a week, 2-4 times a week, once or twice or never?
1. Once a day                                      2. More than once a day                                      3. 5-6 times in a week  
4. 2-4 times in a week                                      5. 1-2 days                                      6. Never                                      8. Can't say
- Q35.** These days different political parties show advertisements on TV asking voters to vote for them in elections. How often have seen the advertisement of BJP on TV?
1. Never                                      2. 1-4 times                                      3. 5- 10 times                                      4. More than 10                                      8. Don't remember
- Q36.** And what about the Congress' advertisement . How often have you seen the Congress' advertisement on TV?
1. Never                                      2. 1-4 times                                      3. 5- 10 times                                      4. More than 10                                      8. Don't remember
- Q37.** Some people say that the Election Commission is right in transferring police officers as doing so is necessary for holding free and fair elections. Others say that transfers are not needed and the Election Commission is unnecessarily harsh. What is your opinion?
1. Transfers are necessary                                      2. Transfers not needed                                      8. No opinion
- Q38.** Now I will read out a few issues to you.. Please tell me which one of these issues will be most important to you in deciding whom to vote for in this election? (*Read out answer categories 1 to 5*)
1. Work done by the state government.  
2. Gujarat's image outside the state.  
3. Justice for the victims of Godhra and the riots after that.  
4. Narendra Modi's leadership  
5. Economic condition of people.                                      8. Can't say/No opinion
- Q39.** Now I will ask you about the 2002 Vidhan Sabha elections held five years ago. Whom did you vote for in that election? (*NO DUMMY BALLOT USED. Record exact answer and use Codebook for coding*) \_\_\_\_\_ 99. NA (Not voted in 2002 Vidhan Sabha)
- Q40.** Do you think that the present BJP government in Gujarat should be given another chance?
2. Yes                                      1. No                                      8. Can't say

## BACKGROUND DATA

**B1.** Do you have a Voter identity card\

1. Yes I have                      2. Photographed, but did not get it                      3. Have, but it has mistakes  
4. Do not have                      5. Had, but lost it                      7. Any other (*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

**B2.** Do you have a Ration card?      2. Yes                      1. No

**B2a.** (*If Yes*) Which Ration card do you have?

1. A.P.L (Black Card)                      2. B.P.L (Red/Pink Card)      3. Antyodaya      4. White Card      9. N.A.



**B3.** What is your age? (*In completed years*) \_\_\_\_\_

**B4.** Gender:                      1. Male                      2. Female

**B5.** What is your marital status?

1. Married                      2. Unmarried                      3. Living with someone, but unmarried  
4. Divorced/Separated      5. Widowed

**B6.** Till what level have you studied \_\_\_\_\_ (*Record exactly and consult code book*)

F	M

**B6a.** Till what level have your father and your mother studied?

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_



**B7.** What is your main occupation? \_\_\_\_\_  
(*Record exactly and consult code book & if retired, try to ascertain his/her previous occupation*)



**B7a.** What is/was/has been the main occupation of the main earner of the respondent's household? \_\_\_\_\_ (*Record exactly and consult the code book*)

**\*B7b.** (*If farmer*) Total agricultural land \_\_\_\_\_ (*in Acres*)



**B8.** What is your Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe name? (*Probe further, if Respondent mentions ambiguous surname*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*Consult state code book, or master list*)

**B8a.** And what is your caste group? (*Double check and consult SC/ST/OBC list for the state*)

1. Scheduled Caste (SC)                      2. Scheduled Tribe (ST)  
3. Other Backward Caste (OBC)                      4. Other

**B9.** Which religion do you follow?

1. Hindu                      2. Muslim                      3. Christian                      4. Sikh  
5. Buddhist                      6. Jain                      7. Parsi                      8. Other (*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

**B10.** Area/Locality:                      1. Village                      2. Town (Below 1 lakh)  
3. City (Above 1 lakh)                      4. Metropolitan City (Above 10 lakh)

(*If in doubt consult the electoral roll or census. If not stated on either then it is classed as a village*)

**B11a. (If Town/City) Type of house where R lives (own or rented)**

1. House/Flat/Bungalow with 4 or more bedrooms
2. House/Flat with 3 or 4 bedrooms
3. House/Flat with 2 bedrooms (With kitchen and bathroom)
4. House/Flat with 2 Pucca rooms (With kitchen)
5. House/Flat with 2 Pucca rooms (Without kitchen )
6. House with 1 Pucca rooms (With kitchen)
7. House/Flat with 1 Pucca rooms (Without kitchen )
8. Mainly Kutcha house
9. Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri/fully Kutcha
0. N.A.(Not applicable)

**B11b. (If Village) Type of house where R lives (own or rented)**

1. Pucca (both wall and roof made of pucca material)
2. Pucca-kucha (Either wall or roof is made of pucca material and of other kutcha material)
3. Kutcha (both wall and roof are made of kutcha material other than materials mentioned in category 4)
4. Hut (both wall and roof are made of grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo)
0. N.A

**B12.** Number of rooms in use in the household \_\_\_\_\_ (*Code total number. If more than 9, code 9*)

A	C

**B13.** Total number of family members living in the household? (Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ )  
(*Code total number. If more than 9, code 9*)

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j

**B14.** Do you or your family member have the following:

		Yes	No
a.	Car/Jeep/Van/Tractor	1	0
b.	Colour or B/W Television	2 Colour	1 B/W
			0 No
c.	Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped	1	0
d.	Telephone/Mobile telephone	1	0
e.	Electric fan/cooler	1	0
f.	Bicycle	1	0
g.	Radio/Transistor	1	0
h.	Pumping set	1	0
i.	Fridge	1	0
j.	Cow/Buffallow ( <i>Code total number. If more than 9, code 9</i> ) _____		0

**B15.** Total monthly household income? (*In Indian rupees*) \_\_\_\_\_

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