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**British Institute of Public Opinion Polls, 1938**

**Documentation**  
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**Documentation for file 'bip052.tab'**

T BIPO#52  
November, 1938  
N = 1171

Issue date 1/22/85

ROPER CENTER - BIPO#52  
SURVEY IDENTIFICATION

1. COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM
2. TITLE: THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC  
OPINION
3. DATE: NOVEMBER, 1938
4. SURVEY NUMBER: BIPO#52
5. SURVEY ORGANIZATION: THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC  
OPINION

7. DUPLICATES AVAILABLE FROM  
THE ROPER CENTER

BOX U-164R

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268

SAMPLE INFORMATION

1. POPULATION UNIVERSE:
2. SAMPLING TECHNIQUE:
3. SAMPLE SIZE: 1171
4. METHOD OF SAMPLING:

NOTE

There is no information regarding the response codes to the open-ended question (Q1). Therefore they are not included in the codebook nor in the SPSS setup deck.

However, the data have been preserved and are included as a single block of data in column 19.

VAR: SURVNO

Width 2

Survey number.

Percentage Frequency

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100.0 % 1,171 52

Q1. How often do you go to the cinema?

{See Note}

VAR: FMLYGTHR

Width 1 Range (1,2) Missing 0

Q2. Are you taking part in a family gathering this Christmas?

Percentage Frequency

-----  
68.96 % 793 (1) Yes  
31.04 % 357 (2) No  
21 (0) No Answer

VAR: BECUSMRD

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q3. Do you think a woman should be barred from any form of employment simply because she is married?

Percentage Frequency

-----  
29.77 % 340 (1) Yes  
62.61 % 715 (2) No  
7.62 % 87 (3) No Opinion

VAR: DTHPNLTY

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q4. Should the death penalty be abolished?

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
37.21 %	435	(1) Yes
51.33 %	600	(2) No
11.46 %	134	(3) No Opinion
	2	(0) No Answer

VAR: WARDEBTS

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q5. How should our war debts to the United States be settled:

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
19.27 %	191	(1) By payment in full
30.37 %	301	(2) Reduced by agreement
50.35 %	499	(3) Cancelled altogether?
	180	(0) No Answer

VAR: POLCENSR

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q6. Do you think that the State should impose a political censorship of the British Press?

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
16.95 %	197	(1) Yes
69.36 %	806	(2) No
13.68 %	159	(3) No Opinion
	9	(0) No Answer

VAR: ARMPRFIT

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q7. Should the profits on the manufacture of armaments be limited by law?

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
80.84 %	941	(1) Yes
8.68 %	101	(2) No
10.48 %	122	(3) No Opinion
	7	(0) No Answer

VAR: JEWPERSON

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q8 Do you think the persecution of Jews in Germany is an obstacle to good understanding between British and Germany?

Percentage	Frequency	
73.53 %	853	(1) Yes
15.86 %	184	(2) No
10.60 %	123	(3) No Opinion
	11	(0) No Answer

VAR: POLGRPNG

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q9. Would you favour a new political grouping including M.P.s from all parties, under the leadership of Mr. Eden?

Percentage	Frequency	
37.24 %	432	(1) Yes
40.00 %	464	(2) No
22.76 %	264	(3) No Opinion
	11	(0) No Answer

VAR: CHAMBRLN

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q10. Are you satisfied with Mr. Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister?

Percentage	Frequency	
47.72 %	555	(1) Yes
42.82 %	498	(2) No
9.46 %	110	(3) No Opinion
	8	(0) No Answer

VAR: VOTE

Width 1 Range (1,4) Missing 0

Q11. In the last General Election did you vote?

Percentage	Frequency	
48.17 %	554	(1) Government
40.52 %	466	(2) Opposition
6.17 %	71	(3) Too young
5.13 %	59	(4) Didn't vote
	21	(0) No Answer

VAR: SEX

Width 1 Range (1,2) Missing 0

Respondent's sex.

Percentage	Frequency	
67.84 %	789	(1) Man
32.16 %	374	(2) Woman
	8	(0) Not ascertained

VAR: AGE

Width 1 Range (1,3)

Respondent's age.

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
24.08 %	282	(1) 21-29
55.00 %	644	(2) 30-49
20.92 %	245	(3) 50 and over

VAR: TELPH

Width 1 Range (1,2) Missing 0

Telephone.

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
20.06 %	219	(1) Telephone
79.95 %	873	(2) No telephone
	79	(0) No Answer

VAR: CAR

Width 1 Range (1,2) Missing 0

Car.

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
16.87 %	184	(1) Car
83.14 %	907	(2) No car
	80	(0) No Answer

VAR: RADIO

Width 1 Range (1,2) Missing 0

Radio.

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
76.23 %	869	(1) Radio
23.77 %	271	(2) No radio
	31	(0) No Answer

VAR: INCOME

Width 1 Range (1,4) Missing 0

Income level. (estimated by the interviewer)

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
11.66 %	136	(1) Above average
31.39 %	366	(2) Average
43.83 %	511	(3) Less than average
13.12 %	153	(4) Pensioner
	5	(0) No Answer

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**Documentation for file 'bip053.tab'**

T BIPO#53  
December, 1938  
N = 1868

Issue date 1/24/85

ROPER CENTER - BIPO#53

SURVEY IDENTIFICATION

1. COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM
2. TITLE: THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC  
OPINION
3. DATE: DECEMBER, 1938
4. SURVEY NUMBER: BIPO#53
5. SURVEY ORGANIZATION: THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC  
OPINION
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SAMPLE INFORMATION

1. POPULATION UNIVERSE:
2. SAMPLING TECHNIQUE:
3. SAMPLE SIZE: 1868
4. METHOD OF SAMPLING:

NOTE

There is no information regarding the response codes to the open-ended question (Q8a). Therefore they are not included in the codebook nor in the SPSS setup deck.

However, the data have been preserved and are included as a single block of data in columns 27 through 37.

VAR: SURVNO

Width 2

Survey number.

Percentage Frequency

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100.0 % 1,868 53

VAR: REARMANT

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q1. How should the increase in re-armament be paid for?

Percentage Frequency

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17.13 % 314 (1) By further taxation  
57.23 % 1,049 (2) By Government Loans  
25.64 % 470 (3) No Opinion  
35 (0) No Answer

VAR: VOLNTRED

Width 1 Range (1,2) Missing 0

Q2. Have you volunteered for any form of national service?

Percentage Frequency

-----  
19.73 % 356 (1) Yes  
80.27 % 1,448 (2) No  
64 (0) No Answer

VAR: INTENDTO

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q2a. If "NO": Do you intend to volunteer under the National Register Scheme?

Percentage Frequency

-----  
27.37 % 373 (1) Will volunteer  
39.55 % 539 (2) Won't volunteer  
33.09 % 451 (3) Undecided  
505 (0) No Answer/Not Applicable

VAR: DUKWNDSR

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q3. Would you like the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to make their home in England?

Percentage Frequency

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60.31 % 1,123 (1) Yes  
15.95 % 297 (2) No  
23.74 % 442 (3) No Opinion  
6 (0) No Answer

VAR: GMYVSUSR

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q4. If there were a war between Germany and Russia, which side would you rather see win?

Percentage Frequency

-----  
9.33 % 172 (1) Germany  
61.17 % 1,128 (2) Russia  
29.50 % 544 (3) No Opinion  
24 (0) No Answer

VAR: CHAMBRLN

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q5. Are you satisfied with Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister?

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
52.84 %	985	(1) Yes
38.41 %	716	(2) No
8.75 %	163	(3) No Opinion
	4	(0) No Answer

VAR: PRLMTBIL

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q6. A Bill now before Parliament abolishes flogging and birching except for offences committed in prison. Do you approve or disapprove?

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
45.94 %	854	(1) Approve
45.24 %	841	(2) Disapprove
8.82 %	164	(3) No Opinion
	9	(0) No Answer

VAR: IFAPPRVE

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q6a. If "APPROVE": Should flogging and birching be abolished entirely?

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
70.12 %	589	(1) Yes
26.43 %	222	(2) No
3.45 %	29	(3) No Opinion
	1,028	(0) No Answer/Not Applicable

VAR: HOME

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q7. Do you own your home?

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
15.83 %	284	(1) Own home
8.86 %	159	(2) Buying it
75.31 %	1,351	(3) Pay rent
	74	(0) No Answer

VAR: OAPENSIN

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q8. Old age pensions are now 10s. a week. Should they remain

the same or be increased?

Percentage	Frequency	
7.23 %	135	(1) Same
87.41 %	1,632	(2) Increased
5.36 %	100	(3) No Opinion
	1	(0) No Answer

Q8a. If "INCREASED": To what sum per week...  
{See Note}

VAR: DOGPET

Width 1 Range (0,1)

Q9a. Do you keep a pet or pets?

Percentage	Frequency	
30.68 %	573	(1) Dog
69.33 %	1,295	(0) Not chosen

VAR: CATPET

Width 1 Range (0,1)

Q9b. Do you keep a pet or pets?

Percentage	Frequency	
26.61 %	497	(1) Cat
73.39 %	1,371	(0) Not chosen

VAR: BIRDPET

Width 1 Range (0,1)

Q9c. Do you keep a pet or pets?

Percentage	Frequency	
12.63 %	236	(1) Bird
87.37 %	1,632	(0) Not chosen

VAR: FISHPET

Width 1 Range (0,1)

Q9d. Do you keep a pet or pets?

Percentage	Frequency	
2.84 %	53	(1) Fish
97.16 %	1,815	(0) Not chosen

VAR: NONEPET

Width 1 Range (0,1)

Q9e. Do you keep a pet or pets?

Percentage	Frequency	
44.97 %	840	(1) None

55.03 % 1,028 (0) Not chosen

VAR: OTHERPET

Width 1 Range (0,1)

Q9f. Do you keep a pet or pets?

Percentage Frequency

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1.18 %	22	(1) Other
98.82 %	1,846	(0) Not chosen

VAR: BBCDDBRT

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Q10. Do you wish the B.B.C. to include in Sunday programmes a regular dance-band broadcast?

Percentage Frequency

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52.32 %	970	(1) Yes
32.36 %	600	(2) No
15.32 %	284	(3) No Opinion
	14	(0) No Answer

VAR: VOTE

Width 1 Range (1,4) Missing 0

Q11. In the last General Election did you vote?

Percentage Frequency

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40.27 %	735	(1) Government
31.67 %	578	(2) Opposition
10.41 %	190	(3) Too young
17.64 %	322	(4) Didn't vote
	43	(0) No Answer

VAR: SEX

Width 1 Range (1,2)

Respondent's sex.

Percentage Frequency

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69.91 %	1,306	(1) Man
30.09 %	562	(2) Woman

VAR: AGE

Width 1 Range (1,3) Missing 0

Respondent's age.

Percentage Frequency

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25.98 %	485	(1) 21-29
50.24 %	938	(2) 30-49
23.78 %	444	(3) 50 and over

1 (0) No Answer

VAR: TELPH

Width 1 Range (1,2) Missing 0

Telephone.

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
18.86 %	340	(1) Telephone
81.14 %	1,463	(2) No telephone
	65	(0) No Answer

VAR: CAR

Width 1 Range (1,2) Missing 0

Car.

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
15.04 %	271	(1) Car
84.96 %	1,531	(2) No car
	66	(0) No Answer

VAR: RADIO

Width 1 Range (1,2) Missing 0

Radio.

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
80.92 %	1,489	(1) Radio
19.08 %	351	(2) No radio
	28	(0) No Answer

VAR: INCOME

Width 1 Range (1,4)

Income level. (estimated by the interviewer)

Percentage Frequency

Percentage	Frequency	
11.72 %	219	(1) Above average
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