

How the British Social Attitudes Survey is used?

Examples of some of the projects for which applications to use the BSAS were made in 2008

- Education and social change

Professor Lindsay Paterson (University of Edinburgh – Education)

Research on the relationship between education and various aspects of social and political change, including the impact of education on social mobility, social attitudes and social participation.

- Political participation and citizenship

Professor Susan Condor (Lancaster University – Psychology)

A mixed-methods investigation of the relationship between various forms of political identity, participation and citizenship.

- Analysis of religious participation

Dr Brian J Grim

Analysis of religious participation in the UK to compare figures with a survey of religious participation in the USA.

- Health and happiness

Professor David Blanchflower (University of Stirling – Economics)

Work on happiness and health and their determinants including blood pressure, obesity and height. These data will also be used to examine depression and mental health.

- Research

Mr Alex Dregan (University of Surrey – Sociology)

A range of surveys are used to examine the changes in the prevalence of sleep problems across different social and historical periods over the last four decades.

- Redistribution and Public Opinion

Dr Thomas Cusack

Project on changes in the labour market, inequality, and public preference for redistribution.

- Social networks and sustainability

Dr Marina Della Giusta (University of Reading – Economics)

The survey is used to help design a study of the functional role of networks and their access costs, as well as the characteristics of trust brokers.

- Longer Distance Travel in the UK

Dr Joyce Dargay (University of Leeds – Institute for Transport Studies)

This project will examine longer-distance non-regular travel within the UK by car, coach, rail and air. The main objective is to develop a forecasting model for long-distance travel by mode over a 20-year horizon which will be able to analyze the impact of various supply-side developments, policy measures and demographic and socio-economic developments.

- Religious change in the modern world

Professor David Voas (University of Manchester – Institute for Social Change)

Research on the role of age, period and cohort effects, and gender on religious involvement.

- Effects of Margaret Thatcher on attitudes

Dr John Simister (University of King's College London – Management Department)

Examines whether Mrs. Thatcher's election as UK Prime Minister changed attitudes to roles of women and men.

- Religion, identity and nation

Dr Michael Rosie (University of Edinburgh – Sociology)

Focus on Scotland and religious identity, extending to comparable societies elsewhere in the UK and Europe.

- Religion and urban restructuring

Dr Richard Gale (University of Birmingham – Sociology)

This project extends previous research on religious discrimination by looking at how religious groups and organisations response to urban restructuring and economic liberalisation.

What publications are based on the BSAS?

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