

Getting Started with Secondary Data Analysis Worksheet – Catalogue and Documentation

Task – 15 mins

Part 1

Go to the *British Social Attitudes Survey, 2019 catalogue page* (https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=8772#!/details) and use it to find the answers to the questions below. We'll check the answers with a quiz at the end of the activity.

- 1) Which of the following topics does the BSA, 2019 cover?
 - a) Political party identification
 - b) Brexit
 - c) Crime
- 2) How often is the BSA conducted?
 - a) Annually
 - b) Monthly
 - c) Twice yearly
- 3) How many units did the BSA 2018/19 cover?
- 4) What does the variable with the name 'TVNews' measure?

(Hint: Try looking in the Variable list document – you can search within the document using CTRL-F).

5) What were the fieldwork dates for this study?



Part 2

First, Go to the UKDS catalogue (on the home page) and **search** for 'elections'.

Secondly, you are looking for qualitative studies, so **filter the results** by 'Qualitative and mixed methods data'.

Select: SN 8117 Qualitative Election Study of Britain, 2015.

Explore the catalogue page and documentation and answer the following questions:

- 1) How was the data collected for the Qualitative Election Study of Britain?
 - a) Questionnaires
 - b) Individual interviews
 - c) Focus groups
- 2) Was this the first, and only, Qualitative Election Study of Britain?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) Unsure
- 3) How many participants took part in the study?
- 4) Have a look at the documentation available. According to the flyer, how much were participants paid to take part?
 - a) £10
 - b) £20
 - c) £30
- 5) How could the data be re-used? What are some types of research questions that could be explored with the data?